



ation to county councillors who will not contest the local elections in county Limerick: Cllr Cormac running in the new Limerick City North area), Cllr Paddy McAuliffe, Cllr James Houlihan, Cllr John airleach of Limerick County Council; Cllr Noreen Ryan, Cllr Eddie Creighton and Cllr Tom Neville

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manager and staff of the council.

"We might not always have agreed but it is fair to say we never really disagreed," he said.

Cllr Gallahue then presided over the presentation of Recognition of Achievement certificates to his six outgoing colleagues, before being presented

with one himself by county secretary John Gallahue.

All seven councillors were cheered and given a standing ovation by their fellow councillors.

The presentations were made to Cllr Jim Houlihan in appreciation of his 24 years' service as a councillor; Cllr Eddie Creighton in honour of his contribution

to the county during 18 years' service and to Cllr Cormac Hurley, Cllr Pat McAuliffe, Cllr Noreen Ryan and Cllr John Gallahue, each of whom has served as councillor for 10 years. Cllr Tom Neville was also recognised for his six years' service on Limerick County Council.

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Donal O'Regan

FOR Bangladeshis living in Ireland, Limerick was like Dhaka - their capital - for a night. Up to 500 people members of the community from all over Ireland came to Limerick for an evening of native food, song and dance.

Anwar Whury of Royal Dorbar restaurant, who was one of the organisers, said it was the biggest gathering of Bangladeshis ever in Ireland.

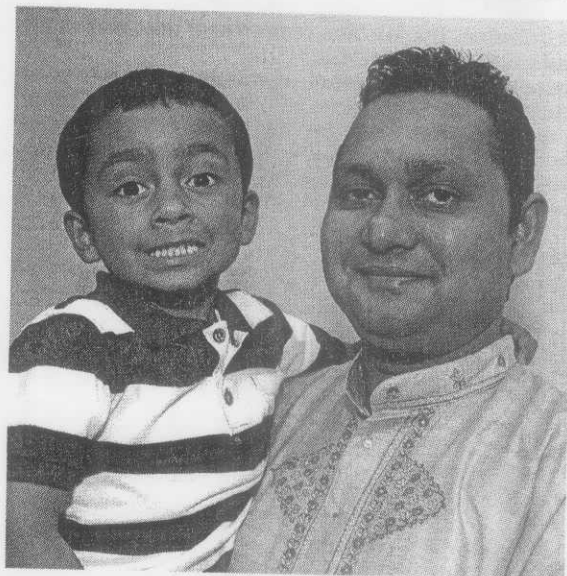
"It was like being at home for one night," said Mr Whury.

Cllr Joe Leddin, who was invited through his

dealing with the Bangladeshi community in Limerick, said it was celebration of their culture.

"It was like when I was Mayor and we travelled to Boston and to the various Irish centres there. Irish people went there to make a living and raise their families but they still kept in touch with Irish clubs in Boston. There was a sense of unity, togetherness and community. This was on a similar scale," said Cllr Leddin.

Right: Sharaf Hossain and his son, Shaim, Ellen Street, at the gathering (LL)



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Legends donate their medals to sports museum

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Athlete Jim Hogan from Athlaca: donated his medal to the sports museum at UL

TWO legends of Irish sport attended the sports museum at the University of Limerick Arena on Tuesday evening for the official handing over of two precious medals for the museum's collection.

Athlaca native Jim Hogan joined Cobh woman Sonia O'Sullivan for the ceremony and both came bearing gifts - Jim his European Championship marathon gold medal from 1966, Sonia her gold medal from the 3,000m race in the European Championships in Helsinki in 1994.

"My medal had been sitting in the drawer at home for 30 or 40 years, no one was able to see it, so I said I would hand it over to the museum," explained Jim who is good friends with world leading physiother-

apist Gerard Hartmann who spearheaded the opening of the museum.

Jim's pride and joy now takes pride of place in a glass cabinet sharing the

shelves with medals earned by Ronnie Delaney, Eamonn Coughlan and Sonia O'Sullivan.

"I am very proud to have my medal in the com-

pany of these great athletes. As far as I'm concerned we will never again see the likes of Sonia O'Sullivan - not in my lifetime anyway," Jim continued.

Jim was born in Athlaca in 1933 as Jim Cregan. During his career he won 12 Irish Championships and competed in the European Championships in Belgrade in 1962 and the Tokyo Olympics in 1964 competing for his native Ireland.

He went to England in 1960 to get work and he changed his name from Jim Cregan to Jim Hogan by deed poll to compete in Britain.

He had so many disagreements with Irish athletics officials that this influenced his decision to throw in the towel and break with Ireland and

compete for Great Britain.

Jim Hogan is to this day the only Irishman to have won a marathon title in a major international championship.

On the September 4, 1966 in Budapest Jim won the European marathon championship in a time of two 2 hours 20 minutes 4 seconds competing for his adopted country Great Britain.

Jim Hogan returned to Ireland in 1996 and now lives in Knocklong. He continues to have a deep interest in sport including horse racing.

After Tuesday evening's ceremony at the University of Limerick, he made a mad dash to Tipperary to see his horse, the aptly named Marathon Leader, race. While he didn't win, he still "ran a blinder", said Jim.

In brief

Cathedral hosts this year's Novena to St Anthony

THE annual novena in honour to St Anthony will take place this year in St John's Cathedral from Friday, June 5, to Saturday, June 13. The Novena used to take place in the Franciscan Church, Henry Street, but that is now closed. Sessions each week day at 10am and 5.45pm; Saturday at 10am and 6.30pm, and on Sunday at 10.30am and 7pm. The preacher will be Fr Colm Loughran, OFM, who has recently returned from Central America.

Gardai arrest man over apartment break-in

AN apartment on Mallow Street was broken into around last night.

There was nobody in the apartment at 11pm when the thief entered the property.

Gardai later arrested a man in connection with the break-in and brought him to Roxboro Garda Station for questioning. He was released without charge this Thursday morning and a file is being prepared for the DPP.

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