

NEWS IN BRIEF

NO LACK OF FUNDS NOW

MEMBERS of Killarney Golf and Fishing club have voted unanimously to sell Lackabane Golf Course to commercial giant Liebherr. It's reported the Donald Steel designed course could sell for €6 million. Lackabane is the newest of the three courses at the Killarney Golf and Fishing Club and officially opened in 2000.

FLIGHTS GET 'GOW AHEAD'

PASSENGERS using the Donegal to Glasgow route are in for a double boost - Flybe and franchise partner Loganair are doubling the number of flights on the service and waiving baggage charges until the end of April. Scotland's Airline Loganair is increasing the number of weekly flights from three to six over the course of the summer.

PRIESTS PLAN HOLY SHOW!

FIVE Co. Offaly priests are to take a leap of faith out of a plane in aid of a local charity next month. Fr Pierre Pepper from Banagher said: "As it stands I'm an agnostic on this one as I haven't made up my mind whether I will jump or not!" The jump on May 20 is in aid of Offaly hospice. The event will take place in Birr airfield.

FRIARS TUCK INTO CRIME

THE American Friars, who set up a friary in Moyross in Limerick city five years ago, say that they have no plans to leave. Although Moyross has seen a dramatic decrease in criminality, Brother Shawn says their work in the community is not done. "If a neighbourhood still needs our presence then we stay," he said.

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THREATS: Simpson family were run out of pub

NOONAN'S BHOY IS BACK IN BUSINESS

Provo's son reopens notorious pub as Celtic fans flock in

By ALAN SHERRY

A MAN arrested over the attempted murder of a postman has started running a bar which was previously closed down amid allegations of intimidation.

Sean Noonan, a former director of his bankrupt Provo father John Noonan's security firm, is running Cuchulainn's pub on Summerhill Parade, in Dublin 1.

The pub was formerly the Castle, but closed down last year amid allegations that the Simpson family, who were running it, were threatened to stop trading.

The Noonans are not suspected of involvement in the alleged intimidation.

Intimidation

Rival publican John Stokes along with his pal Alan Ryan, from Donaghmede on Dublin's northside, were among four men charged with threatening publicans Shane Simpson and his brother Stephen to cease trading and "close within 24 hours".

The Castle reopened in February this year as Cuchulainn's under the management of Sean Noonan and is reportedly doing a roaring trade during Celtic games.

There is no suggestion Noonan had any links to the alleged intimidation of the Simpsons.

The pub has now established itself as the main Glasgow Celtic supporters bar in the capital's north inner city.

The Player's Lounge, which was run by John Stokes, was previously



BARMAN: Sean Noonan

QUIZZED: Andrew Noonan and dad John (right)



SECURITY: John Noonan with Bono

Gardai believe Gaynor's brother Daniel was hired to shoot innocent Robert because he was involved in a minor row in a pub with one of Noonan's associates.

Hitman Daniel was himself shot dead by rival criminal Keith Wilson in 2010.

John Noonan - who owes the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) more than €2.6 million - made a fortune providing security for high-profile celebs in recent years.

Two years ago he filed for bankruptcy and wound up his security company.

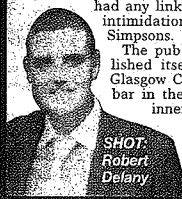
Controversy

However, his son Sean is continuing to enjoy business success. Last year the *Sunday World* revealed how he was also running The Waxie Dargle pub on Granby Row, in Dublin's city centre.

The Noonan family have caused controversy in recent years following Mr. Delany's shooting.

Protests were held after Andrew was appointed manager of Leinster Senior League football side Bluebell United.

The Delany family were at the forefront of the protests. Andrew has convictions for firearms offences dating back more than a decade.



SHOT: Robert Delany

ly the most popular Celtic bar, but closed down last year after being damaged in a fire. It has yet to reopen. Stokes's son Anthony is one of Celtic's star strikers and an Ireland international.

Cuchulainn's is also hoping to get custom from those attending matches in nearby Croke Park.

Sean Noonan was one of three members of his family to be quizzed by gardai in connection with the savage shooting of innocent dad-of-two Robert Delany on October 22, 2008. He was hit by a shotgun

blast, with 16 pellets lodging in his brain. He receives constant care and is never expected to recover from his injuries.

Sean, his brother Andrew and father John, a former IRA commander, were arrested by detectives at separate houses in Tallaght and Kildare in September 2010. They were all released without charge following hours of questioning.

Last year, Finglas criminal Robert Gaynor (23) was jailed for 18 months for robbing the getaway car used in the savage shooting.

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