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## JUST IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD...

### PLAQUE T.J. Westropp

A COMMEMORATIVE plaque to mark the centenary of the death of the noted antiquarian, historian and folklorist, Thomas Johnson Westropp (1860-1923) was unveiled on Wednesday, May 11, at the Westropp/Stacpoole burial vault located at St Beacon's graveyard in Kilpeacon, Greecora.

The plaque was sponsored by the Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society, Rev Liz Beasley and other members of Saint Beacon's parish were on hand to welcome the society members.

The main speakers at the event were George Stacpoole and local historian Martin Breen.

In addition to being a well-known antique dealer and owner of the Stacpoole Coffee House in



George Stacpoole pictured at the unveiling

Adare, George Stacpoole also happens to be the great great nephew of T.J. Westropp.

T.J. Westropp was born in 1860 at Attyflin, County Limerick, and went on to study at Trinity College Dublin qualifying as a civil

engineer in 1885.

During his lifetime, Westropp produced hundreds of academic articles, sketches and photographs which are held in repositories and private collections throughout Ireland and abroad.

### ROLIN O'Connor returns as Tina Turner

IRELAND'S own international success story, Rebecca O'Connor, is back by popular demand!

Rebecca O'Connor is the only tribute artist touring in the world that is personally endorsed by the legend herself Tina Turner.

After sold out shows throughout Europe and the UK back in 2019, Rebecca is set to return to Australia, Ireland and the UK with her new powerhouse show this summer.

Rebecca O'Connor is the only Irish artist to ever win the prestigious European TV competition 'Stars in Their Eyes' hosted by Matthew Kelly, in front of over 33 million viewers.

Rebecca brought her perfect rendition of Tina Turner to life as she wowed the audience. Rebecca continues doing just that, all over the world to packed out



Fancy seeing a Tina Turner act in Limerick? See below

houses!

Be prepared to stand in your seats as Rebecca delivers her flawless rendition of Tina Turner's greatest hits including: Nutbush City Limits, Proud Mary, River Deep, Mountain High, When the Heartache Is Over, Better Be Good to Me, and of course her anthem Simply the Best.

O'Connor will take to the Lime Tree Theatre stage Thursday, June 2 at 8pm

For more see [www.lime-treetheatre.ie](http://www.lime-treetheatre.ie)

### WOMEN'S SHED Information evening in Garryowen FC

WOMEN'S Shed Limerick is hosting an information evening in an effort to attract like-minded individuals to share their skills and passions as part of the new group.

The aim is to make it as easy as possible for any like-minded group of women in Limerick to set up, run and maintain a

women's shed. The information evening will take place on June 16, 7pm at Garryowen Rugby Club.

"A women's shed in Limerick will provide a place for women of all ages to talk and contribute where practical skills and knowledge can be shared," organisers said.

The first public information evening is designed to test the level of interest among local women in setting up the shed.

There is already a large

interest from the public, community members and politicians.

"We have also formed a committee which currently has seven officials. We have had several committee meetings; we have visited other sheds and we are very excited to hold our first public information evening," organisers continued.

Contact [womensshedlimerick@gmail.com](mailto:womensshedlimerick@gmail.com) to register your interest in the event.

### TAXIDERMIST Expo date confirmed

A LIMERICK taxidermist is bringing Irish wildlife back to life as part of a new exhibition featuring a lifetime's work.

This Irish Wildlife exhibition features 70 species of Irish birds and mammals compiled by Donal Mulcahy, a taxidermist originally from Cappanure, but now living in Pallaskey.

The exhibition will also feature an Irish Research



Taxidermist, Donal Mulcahy, Pallaskey

PICTURE: ADRIAN BULLER

Council funded project with Dr Katie Dwyer and colleagues at the Atlantic

Technological University Galway, in collaboration with Donal and artist Sabine Springer, highlighting pressures facing several wild bird species in Ireland.

It is hoped that the showcase will educate people as to the dangers of leaving even the smallest bit of litter behind on the beach, or riverside or elsewhere.

The exhibition launches this Saturday, May 28 at the People's Museum of Limerick, No. 2 Peery Square in Limerick city.

### CHARITY Past pupils raise funds for Ukraine

PAST PUPILS of one Limerick school have signalled their support for Ukrainian refugees in Limerick through a generous donation.

Crescent College Past Pupils Union President Kevin Cotter and Committee member Ms Orla Prendergast presented a cheque for €1,500 to Mr Eugene Quinn, Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Ireland.

Crescent College Past Pupils Union brings to-

gether former pupils and staff of the Sacred Heart College in the Crescent and Crescent College Comprehensive, SJ in Dooradoyle to "maintain and encourage friendships."

It supports pupils, staff, and the school through fundraising and by holding social events where past pupils can renew and strengthen those friendships.

From its head office in Dooradoyle, JRS Ireland is working in partnership with a range of agencies to assist high need refugee families and to improve access to support services, including interpretation

and trauma support.

Their tireless work is estimated to be helping 3000 Ukrainian refugees in Limerick and Clare.

Its European branch, JRS Europe, is working through its national offices in Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Hungary to provide shelter, food, medicine, and psychological support to people in Ukraine and to the refugees at reception centres.

Donations are welcome and can be made through the JRS Ireland website ([JRS.ie](http://JRS.ie)).

For more news see [www.limericklive.ie](http://www.limericklive.ie)



Crescent College Past Pupils Union President Kevin Cotter and Committee Member, Ms Orla Prendergast, presenting a cheque for €1,500 to Mr Eugene Quinn, Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service Ireland (on the right)

### AUCTION Poet's portrait to fetch fine art price

A PORTRAIT of the poet and Croom native, Michael Hartnett by Irish artist Edward McGuire RHA is included in the June 1 auction of Important Irish Art at Adam's Auctioneers in Dublin.

The painting, which dates to 1971, shows Hartnett wearing a collar and tie and overcoat, in front of a window where a bird is looking in and where ivy



Michael Hartnett by Irish artist Edward McGuire RHA included in auction

leaves are rapidly encroaching, is expected to achieve a price of €25,000 at the auction.

Hartnett, who was 30 years old when he sat for the portrait, had by then

published Poems 1958-1970, Secular Prayers, Anatomy of a Cliché, Thirteen Sonnets and Notes on my Contemporaries. He was widely considered Limerick's finest poet.

The painting, which was widely exhibited in Ireland and America, has been consigned to auction at Adam's by the estate of an Irish-American collector and is the first time that it has appeared at auction.

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