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Welcome to the latest edition of the IACI e-news.

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Irish Trivia

Who is Irish writer Cecilia Ahern's famous father?	Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern
What is said to have been used by St Patrick to teach the concept of the Trinity?	Shamrock
Which Irish band had hits such as Clare Island and Will It Ever Stop Raining?	The Saw Doctors
What is a Galway hooker?	It's a boat
What islands are famous for the heavy woollen knitwear worn by the local fishermen?	Aran Islands
What symbol has been associated with Irish flags since the 1640s?	A harp
What is Cashel Blue?	It's a cheese
What is a Kerry Blue?	A native Irish breed of dog
What is the main use of Wicklow's Glen of Imaal?	An Irish Army firing range
Who or what is Lughnaquilla?	A mountain in County Wicklow
Where in Ireland is the main training centre for the Irish Army?	The Curragh Camp in County Kildare
What iconic Dublin building was wrecked in the 1916 Rising and reopened in 1929, but still bears bullet marks today?	The General Post Office
Fifty years after the Easter Rising a massive statue of which British naval hero was toppled in an explosion in Dublin?	Lord Nelson
Dublin statues are famous for their nicknames. Who is the 'Tart With The Cart' in Dublin city centre?	Molly Malone
'The Time in The Slime' was a clock installed in the Liffey in the 1990s for what purpose?	The Millennium Countdown
What is St Brendan commonly known as?	The Navigator
What is the other main ingredient of champ with potatoes?	Scallions (spring onions)
What is 'a wake'?	A celebration of the life of the deceased
How many leaves does a shamrock have?	Three
Which Irish newspaper was first published on 5 September 1931?	The Irish Press
Who played the part of Eamon de Valera in the 1995 film "Michael Collins"?	Alan Rickman
Which Irish Columban priest spent 5 months in jail in the Phillipines during 1984?	Fr. Niall O' Brien

On this Day in Irish History

June

1st 1944 - Fianna Fáil wins the general election.

2nd 1942 - Speed limits are introduced to reduce wear on tyres.

4th 1984 - US President Ronald Reagan addresses both houses of the Oireachtas.

7th 1921 - James Craig is elected first Prime Minister of Northern Ireland.

1944 - Further rationing of electricity is announced.

1996 - Garda Jerry McCabe is shot dead by the IRA in Limerick.

2001 - Ireland rejects the Nice Treaty in a referendum.

8th 1886 - Home Rule Bill is rejected, triggering riots in Belfast.

9th 1903 - University of Dublin agrees to award degrees to women.

10th 1961 - Prince Ranier and Princess Grace of Monaco are received in Dublin.

1983 - Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams is elected MP for West Belfast.

11th 1843 - Tuam is the location of the first of a series of Monster Meetings calling for Repeal.

12th 1986 - Two giant pandas arrive at Dublin zoo.

13th 1951 - Éamon de Valera becomes Taoiseach with a tiny majority.

14th 1928 - Amendment to the Court of Justice Bill ensures certain judges must have competency in Irish.

15th 1977 - Fianna Fáil win the general election.

1988 - IRA kill six British soldiers in Lisburn.

16th 1871 - Westmeath Act allows detention without trial.

1904 - James Joyce meets Nora Barnacle, and later sets Ulysses on this day.

1922 - A general election in Ireland shows 75% support the Anglo-Irish Treaty.

1997 - National University of Ireland, Maynooth, comes into existence.

18th 1969 - French President Charles de Gaulle meets President De Valera in Dublin.

1992 - Referendum in the Republic approves the Maastricht Treaty.

20th 1890 - St George's covered market is opened in Belfast.

1936 - Irish government declares the IRA an illegal organisation.

22nd 1911 - Sinn Féin protest Irish participation in the coronation of King George V.
1932 - 31st Eucharistic Conference opens in the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin.

23rd 1914 - Government of Ireland Bill introduced to the House of Lords.
1929 - Pontifical High Mass at Phoenix Park marks the centenary of Catholic emancipation.
1993 - Dáil Éireann passes a bill to decriminalise homosexuality.

24th 1973 - Éamon de Valera retires from office aged 90.

25th 1938 - Douglas Hyde is inaugurated as the first President of Ireland.
1945 - Seán T. O'Kelly is inaugurated as the second President of Ireland.
1959 - Éamon de Valera is inaugurated as the third President of Ireland.
1966 - Éamon de Valera is inaugurated for a second term as President.
1970 - Bishops lift the ban on Catholics attending Trinity College Dublin.
1973 - Erskine Childers is inaugurated as the fourth President of Ireland.

26th 1887 - Highest temperature ever recorded in Ireland (33.3C, measured at Kilkenny Castle).
1949 - 80,000 people attend a Pioneer Total Abstinence Society meeting at Croke Park.
1991 - The wrongful convictions of the Maguire Seven are quashed.
1996 - Crime reporter Veronica Guerin murdered in Dublin.

27th 1963 - US President J. F. Kennedy addresses both houses of the Oireachtas.
1998 - The Republic of Ireland qualifies for entry into the Economic and Monetary Union of the EU.

30th 1922 - Anti-Treaty forces storm the Four Courts and take 33 prisoners.
1932 - The Tailteann Games open in Croke Park.
1981 - Fine Gael leader Dr Garret Fitzgerald is elected Taoiseach.