

# CREGGAN News

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## 1st CHESHIRE REGT. FIND BLACK GOLD DUST IN CREGGAN????

We have had half a sock, now to crown the glory of the 1st Cheshire Regiment, on Thursday of last week the home of Mr and Mrs Fisher of Lislane Drive was ransacked by this reigiment from 13.50 hours to 14.20 hours. Mr Fisher was asked by the N.C.O. in charge of the raiding party if he had any shorts in the house. Poor lad, he was so embarrassed...him on the dole and only having one pair of shorts on him, he thought for the moment that they were going to take them off him...And the month of May not yet out....So, Mr Fisher said the only shorts he had were on him, but if they wanted them, he would give them the shorts, to stop them wrecking his home. With surprise on their faces and the light of victory (and I suppose a few pints from their C.O.) they grabbed young Mr Fisher and searched him. "Where are the shorts?" they asked. "I am wearing them". Oh, what a disappointment for the poor Britz...they can never understand the terminology of their own language. Still, we must excuse their ignorance as we all know, 57% of the Britz are illiterate...But anyway, to get back to my report...

The Britz, after a lot more searching, found a plastic bag half full of stuff. Sarcastically, Mr Fisher said, "Are you going to arrest us for that???", as he pointed to the plastic bag. But the Britz ignored him and after a while took the bag out to their Jeeps. The Fisher family gave a sigh of relief...safe at last? But next morning, the Britz were back again. This time they had an officer with them. They did not enter the house this time. The officer took them into the Fisher's coal shed. There they were seen nodding their heads as their officer held a piece of coal in his hand. Like a school teacher he was...Now what in hell's bells made the officer take his men back? Well, I'll tell you -- remember the plastic bag? Sure it was full of slack YES, s l a c k and the officer had to explain to his men how slack came from coal...

-- Creggan W asper

## DERRY HONOURED THIS YEAR, 1978

The city of Derry has been honoured this year: we have been asked to provide the main speaker for Bodenstown, in the person of Mr. J. Johnston.

Let's not disappoint the rest of Ireland. Get your name down now for the Bodenstown buses. Don't leave it until later or it may be too late! Buses will leave on June the 11th, EARLY. Come, and honour the Father of Irish Republicanism, Wolfe Tone.

## PDF FREE RAFFLE

Last month's free draw was won by Mr P. Bradley, 37 Iniscarn Road. Don't forget to hold on to your tickets for this month's free draw. The draw will take place this weekend. Thanks again to all who give so generously every week, to this great and just cause.

## The KINKY BRITZ Are At IT Again!

We have had quite a lot of complaints coming in to the Sinn Fein Centres about the stealing of clothes put out to dry on the clothes line. This is happening primarily in the Creggan and Shantallow areas. We have had this sort of thing before when the Grenadiers were here. THEY were SEEN doing this in the Creggan area. I don't suppose the 1st Cheshire Regiment is any different. So my advice to all you housewives is to take in your washing at night and let the Brits buy their own tights, etc., if they want to be so kinky...\*

## CONCERT \*\*CONCERT\*\*CONCERT\*\*CONCERT\* CONCERT

Get your tickets now for the BIG CONCERT to be held June 16th in the Brooke Park Activity Centre, Rosemount. This will feature the JACKTHORN, Belfast's famous Irish group, and a number of others. £1

UP AT THE GRIM...

Many Derry people who went up to the Crumlin Road Prison last Wednesday were told by a screw that their men folk "did NOT want to see them."

If this had been the case WHY did the screws let the people go through all the checkpoints inside the prison and ask the relatives and friends to wait in the visitors room until called. If the men on Remand had not wanted to see their friends all visitors would have been told at the outside gate that there were no visits today. I was one of the lucky ones: I saw Speedy and George McB for a few seconds.. They looked well, I would not have seen them but for the sound of their voices calling "Wasper, how's things with you."

It was worth all that long journey just to see them and hear their voices again. They wanted with all their hearts to see their families and friends. But one white-shirted B\_\_\_\_\_ of a Screw, looking for more signatures, wanted the men to sit down while waiting for their visitors. This the MEN refused to do.  
(WHEN I SAY MEN I AM TALKING ABOUT

I R I S H M E N.) Other prisoners accept this degrading order and sat down but still all the men in prison are not fighting for the same thing. I was always under the impression that a man was innocent until proven guilty. But here in Ireland, we know differently. Anyone who calls himself IRISH or herself IRISH is guilty in the eyes of the R.U.C. and the Quislings who call themselves Judges. The entire WORLD knows that the R.U.C. have robbed, tortured, and MURDERED the Catholics and Nationalists in the Six Counties for years. What justice can we expect from such Quislings and English lapdogs??? The only way forward for Ireland lies in the social and economic programme of Sinn Fein as outlined in Eire Nua.... I would advise all those interested in their country to get a copy of Eire Nua. It is only 20p and well worth the money...Get it and READ IT. If any other party has a better policy we would like to read it. What has the SLP? The Unionist? The DUP? The "Labour" Party? or the UDA in common? They all have this in common: they will accept a few crumbs from England and then sing praises of how generous the English are...SINN FEIN SAY A GA IN: DA MN YOUR CONCESSIONS, WE WANT OUR COUNTRY. We shall have our own country back again and WE SHALL PLAN OUR OWN DESTINY...So take off your English-made dark glasses, you men and women of Ulster, and read Eire Nua and JOIN US in the Fight for Unity and the writing of Robert Emmets epitaph...

WA SPER'S POSTBAG -- from Belfast:

I heard a voice speak to me last night,  
When all was quiet and still.  
"Be brave and carry on," it said,  
"You'll win, you boys, I know you will."  
We all know who put you there,  
We all know who put you there,  
As the truth of England's dirty, bloody  
deeds  
Travel with her name.  
You are not alone in H-Block,  
No matter what they say,  
Your friends and loved one are behind you  
Every step along the way.  
So now you're in prison, boys,  
Be proud -- it's no disgrace;  
You played your part for Ireland  
With all the courage of your race,  
You're all our brave soldiers, Irish by birth  
You fought to keep your motherland,  
A proud strong Nation on this earth.  
They'll try to break your resistance,  
In a hundred ways or more,  
But we know that this will strengthen you  
Make you even stronger than before.  
We are proud to stand beside you,  
As you bravely take your stand,  
So keep your good spirits up --  
Your victory is close at hand.  
There has to be a reckoning, a turning  
of the tide.  
So just take care, and don't despair -  
for right is on your side.  
The WAR will be over then,  
And all your suffering ends;  
You'll be proud and glad you took your part  
Alongside all your friends.  
So go to sleep and slumber  
With no feelings of remorse,  
And remember soon there'll come a day  
When true justice must take its course...  
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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO BILLY PAGE!

Happy 21st Birthday, Billy. All our very best, on this your 21st, from Moya and Patsy Duffy and Family.

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Happy 21st, Billy, from your old cage-mate Patrick. We'll drink on for you tonight!

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Happy Birthday, to Billy Page from Mary Starrs and Family.

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Happy Birthday to a dear Son and Brother They have you in their keeping, but we have you in our hearts. from the Page Family.

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Billy Page: The best of Birthday Greetings on your 21st, from Joy and Dot Keenan and Family.