

# Celebration of Admiral Brown's life in library

A PRESENTATION on the life and times of Admiral William Brown, the Irish born founder of the Argentine Navy, will be held at Kerry County Library in Tralee on Tuesday March 3.

The event, organised by the Kerry Branch of the Admiral Brown Institute, is part of an international day of celebration to mark the anniversary of his death.

An exhibition on Brown's life and legacy will also open at the Library.

Though little known in Ireland, Admiral William 'Guillermo' Brown has

1,100 streets, six towns, 320 schools, 441 plazas and even six football teams named after him in his adopted homeland of Argentina.

His defeat of the Spanish navy led to the independence of Argentina and made him a national hero.

Irish celebrations will be held in his hometown in Mayo and in Tralee. Brown had close ties to Kerry all his life thanks to his friendship with The Liberator Daniel O'Connell.

To mark the anniversary a specially commissioned

memorial image, by local photographer Paudie Kennelly, will be presented to Mayor of Tralee Ted Fitzgerald following the opening of the exhibition.

Meanwhile in Foford Co Mayo a plaque dedicated to the former President of the Irish Admiral Brown Society the late JJ O'Hara will be unveiled.

The Memorial Plaque was donated by the Instituto Nacional Brown in Buenos Aires Argentina and the Kerry Branch of the Admiral Brown Institute.



Iron will... the legendary Mike Murphy, Dromid, winner of Rás Tailteann 1958, invited World Champion rower Paul Griffin, to his house, before Paul headed to Beijing to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games. Mike's philosophy as cyclist, acrobat, rower, weightlifter and sporting philosopher was simple, drink cow's blood, eat raw meat and vegetables and cycle at least 30 miles a day. PHOTO BY VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

## Killarney natives snap up awards

THREE Killarney photographers were snap happy at the weekend having been critically acclaimed at a national photojournalism awards ceremony held in Dublin.

Taking home prizes in the AIB Press Photographers Association of Ireland (PPAI) Photojournalism Awards 2008 were Julien Behal of The Press Association, Irish Times' photographer Bryan O'Brien and well known freelancer Valerie O'Sullivan.

Placing first in the politics category and second in features, Julien was delighted with his award which was presented at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dublin.

"I didn't expect it to be honest but it's a nice reward for the year's efforts."

Julien's politics entry featured Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness. His feature prize was for a moving portrait of a young boy in war-torn Sierra Leone.

"It was part of the GOAL project with Jerry Kennelly and we had to make a calendar for the charity. There is a lot of violence in the country and I wanted to show this in the picture," Julien, whose picture adorned the cover of Time magazine, stated.

Joining the former Woodlawn Park resident, Valerie O'Sullivan made it a double from the local estate. Valerie's picture of Olympic rower Paul Griffin at the home of 'Iron Man' Mike Murphy scooped second prize in the 'people category'.

The colourful shot tells the tale of two of Kerry's legendary sporting talents.

"To photograph Paul with Mike Murphy doesn't get any better. Mike is so chaotic and Paul is so regimental but when the two minds met they had their sporting life in common," Valerie explained.

Bryan O'Brien, from Lewis Road, is no stranger to the competition and has collected the overall prize of Photojournalist of the Year on no fewer than five occasions. This time around he collect third place in the sports feature category for his shot of St Mary's rugby fans in last minute agony.

"It's a great award. It's terrific to be recognised by your peers," Brian stated.



Rugby blues... Heartbroken St. Mary's school fans after a one-point defeat by Belvedere College in the Leinster Schools Senior Cup Final back in March. PHOTO BY BRYAN O'BRIEN, THE IRISH TIMES



Scars of the past... Sahr Ngekia, aged 7, in Kanikay Boys Shelter, a GOAL-sponsored project in Freetown, Sierra Leone, with scars on his arms from where he was tied up by his grandfather for three days, for losing a dollar. PHOTO BY JULIEN BEHAL, THE PRESS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND



At the AIB PPAI awards, which took place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, were winner photographers Bryan O'Brien (The Irish Times), from Killarney Co. Kerry, winner 3rd place Sports Feature Category; Valerie O'Sullivan, from Killarney (freelance) 2nd place winner in the People Category; and Julien Behal, from Killarney (The Press Association) 1st place winner Politics Category, with Donal Forde, managing director of AIB. PHOTO BY COLM MAHAON/IRISHMILLS



No looking back... former First Minister of Northern Ireland, Dr. Ian Paisley and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland, Martin McGuinness sit on a platform on the evening Dr. Paisley announced he was stepping down as First Minister. PHOTO BY JULIEN BEHAL

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