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TUBRIDY IS CONG KING

IT IS famous for its famous visitors, and now Cong is honouring stars by creating a Hollywood boulevard style site.

Soon the Quiet Man bronze statue will be surrounded by bronze casts of celebrities and public figures' hands.

The first person to be honoured by the Cong Hands of Fame Awards will be Ryan Tubridy on Sunday, October 12.

ISLAND FAB FOR BUYER

DORINISH Island off the west coast of Ireland, which was once owned by John Lennon, is now on the market for for just €300,00.

Made up of two smaller islands joined by a natural stone causeway, it measures 19 acres.

The famous Beatle purchased the uninhabited island as a holiday home for his family in 1967 for less than \$3,000.

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RUFF JUSTICE

Locals go barking mad at dog st capital tag.. but they've cleaned up their act**



PAWS FOR THOUGHT: Locals are cleaning up after dogs



FILTHY: Ger on street and (right) Brid O'Mahony and Buddie



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IT'S BEEN branded the "dog s**t capital of Ireland".

But locals in a midlands town claim to have cleaned up their act.

The people of Mountmellick, Co. Laois, were barking mad when an RTE 2fm show gave them the unflattering title.

Presenters Hector Ó hEochagáin and Ronan Casey gave the town the turd degree on their show, after they read a council report in the *Laois Nationalist* paper.

Councillors had described their disgust at having to walk on the road because the paths were plastered in doggy-do.

Scraped

Two years on, the town has finally scraped off its filthy reputation - and even got the thumbs-up from Ronan, who stopped off in the town en route to the Electric Picnic.

"I had a good walk around the town and I have to say



CLEAN: Dean McGuirk



WELL GROOMED: Ann Kiernan

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Mountmellick is not the dog s**t capital of Ireland because it's so clean," he announced.

Of course, the *Sunday World* newshounds are always ready to sniff out a good story, so we headed down to Mount-smelly to get the (pooper) scoop.

And, while we found five plops on the main street, it seems the town has shed its turd-rate tag.

Indeed, Mountmellick's canine population would give even the posh pooches at Cruft's Dog Show a run for their money.

American Eskimo dog Buddy and his pal were enjoying a poochie pampering session in the local grooming parlour Soggy Paws.

Buddy, who belongs to Soggy Paws owner Ann Kiernan, and reg-

ular client Holly paw-sed for photos for the *Sunday World*.

"These two would never poo on the path. They're well trained. But I'd bring a bag every time I take Buddy for a walk, just in case he does a poo," said Ann.

And Ann said Irish dog-owners should copy the Americans, who never leave home without a poop-scoop.

"In Chicago, where I lived, if you let your dog do a poo on the path outside someone's house, they'd shoot you!" she laughed.

Up the road, another Buddie turned out to be a filthy cur. The Yorkshire terrier's owner, Brid O'Mahony, revealed she and hubby Gerard are Buddie's personal servants.

Dirty

"We have to clean up after him all the time. I always carry a plastic bag with me when I'm taking him out for a walk."

Indeed, Buddie is a dirty dog in more ways than one, Brid revealed.

"He has six pups across the road. I had to get him neutered before he got any more of the neighbours' dogs pregnant. He's a very bold boy!"

And while Mountmellick may have lost its 'dog s**t' moniker, it can certainly be called Ireland's 'ruffest' town.

"Mountmellick is a real dog-lovers' town. Every second person has a dog here. I think it's actually a very clean town, considering the number of dogs - if they were all pooing on the path it would be covered in the stuff," said barman Dean McGuirk (24).