



PETITION: Chris Martin

Music fans are left out in the Cold

BY GERARD COUZENS

COLDPLAY, who are playing in Dublin's Phoenix Park tomorrow have incurred the wrath of fans after sound problems marred a concert in Barcelona.

Thousands of people have signed an online petition calling on the band to perform a second gig free or give them their money back.

Frontman Chris Martin has been warned he faces being branded a thief if he tries to ride out the storm.

The sound problems started just 30 seconds after the band took to the stage following the apparent failure of three amplifier towers.

Petition

More than 2,600 concertgoers had signed an online petition calling on Coldplay to perform a free gig or refund their money.

Several branded the concert a fiasco and said it was the band's job to make up for the problems.

Hundreds of fans ended up booing instead of singing along to Coldplay's hits and some even walked out before the end.

The band admitted there had been a problem but claimed on their blog it had been nipped in the bud by the third song.

A band spokesman said: "This could easily have turned into a gig-spoiling nightmare but there are many very experienced and skilled people who weren't about to let that happen."

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A Turkish court has ruled that a woman who cut off her boyfriend's toddler faces three years in jail if his surgically re-attached penis functions properly... and eight years if it doesn't.

THANK GOD I AM ALIVE...

A DEVOUT Catholic believed prayers saved his life while trapped in a lift.

But he was killed when a stone altar fell on him when he went to church to give thanks.

Gunther Link, 45, died instantly as the ancient monument crushed him in Weinhaus Church, Vienna.

ANOTHER SUNDAY WORLD EXCLUSIVE

A GRAN RESULT

Top marks for Charlotte as she aces Junior Cert at 64

BY GERALDINE COMISKEY



SO PROUD: Charlotte left school 51 years ago but that didn't stop her getting fantastic results

WHILE most Junior Cert students celebrated with a night on the tiles, glamorous granny Charlotte Lambert toasted her exam success in a rather quieter way.

As the country's 55,000 teenage scholars were getting ready to party, Charlotte's first port of call after collecting her results was...the church.

"I went into the Pro-Cathedral for Mass at 5.45 to thank God," the Northside Dublin granny said.

After lighting a candle, it was off to light up the town - with a quiet meal.

Charlotte and hubby William celebrated in local restaurant, McHugh's in Raheny. "We had the early bird menu and two glasses of wine," she says.

Celebrate

At 64, the brainy granny was the eldest in her class at the Adult Education Centre in Mountjoy Square, where she studied part-time for a year.

The granny of seven, whose youngest grandchild is just a year old, will have plenty of tips for her younger grandkids.

Unlike today's kids, she didn't have the advantage of secondary school education. "I left school when I was 13 and I was married by the age of 19," says Charlotte.

From then on she was kept busy, rearing four children and juggling house-keeping with her job in the Smurfit carton factory on the city's northside.

Charlotte decided to go back to school three years ago after she was made

redundant.

"I had a lot of time on my hands. I never had the time before to do anything like this," she said.

She signed up for the Junior Cert course at the Adult Education Centre - but didn't think she would stick it out.

"I had lost my confidence when I left school - I thought I'd be no good at studying."

"I never thought I'd be able to sit down for two-and-a-half hours and do an exam."

Studying two subjects - maths and English - for two mornings a week was no mean feat for a woman who left school 51 years ago.

"After the class finished at one o'clock, I'd go to Francis Xavier Church on Gardiner Street church for Mass. I lit a few candles and prayed to pass."

She did better, getting two honours - an A in maths and a C in English.

At a time when Minister for Education Batt O'Keefe is worried by the high fail rate for subjects at ordinary level, Charlotte's achievement is all the more remarkable.

Charlotte says she's lucky her husband, retired printer William, backed her up when she went back to school: "He thinks it's brilliant," she says.

"He was very supportive. He'd mow the grass and do things around the house."

And it looks like he'll be doing the same again - as Charlotte plans to tackle the Leaving Cert next.

"I never would have thought about it a year ago. But I was so surprised when I got my Junior Cert."

"I think more adults should try it. Just because you left school early doesn't mean you can't go back."

TWIN STARS ARE SEEING DOUBLE!



ACES: Andrew and Brian Hughes celebrate their marks

WHEN Castlknock Community College received their Junior Cert results this week they thought they were seeing double.

The school's two star pupils are twin brothers Andrew and Brian Hughes who both landed themselves in the top 20 kids in the country on Wednesday morning.

Andrew managed an incredible 10 As and a B while brother Brian went one better and blitzed every subject, receiving 11 As.

The pair are also tipped to become hurling stars in the near future as they share the captaincy of their local team - the Castlknock GAA Club.

"I thought I would do okay, but I had

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no idea I would get 11 As," an excited Brian tells the *Sunday World*. "I went out with my mates afterwards and we had great craic."

Operation

"Unfortunately Andrew couldn't come out too as he had a hernia operation on Monday so had to take it easy."

Andrew pipes up: "I wasn't too put out by the operation. I knew a long time ago I wouldn't be able to go out no matter how well I did."

"We're great mates but there has been a lot of slagging since I got a B in

Irish. I'm thrilled with how I've done but of course we compare with each other. We're twins!" the modest 15-year-old reveals.

As if brains weren't enough, the deadly duo are hot shots with a sliotar and both tog out for the Castlknock GAA Football and Hurling Under-17s teams.

"If we could play for Dublin in Croke Park it would be a dream come true," says Brian.

Andrew is quick to agree: "We have both chosen the same subjects for the Leaving Cert and both want to either do Art or Medicine in college but hurling is our priority."