

HUNT FOR SEA PLANE

PLANS to recover a World War II bomber that went down off Ireland have been boosted with hopes a US Coastguard study will help find the plane.

The four-engine Halifax - number LW170 - was forced to ditch off Donegal's coast in August 1945 after it sprang a fuel leak while on patrol from a base in Scotland.

By ANDREW BUSHE

Karl Kjarsgaard, an Ottawa-based airline pilot who is manager of the said it has received an evaluation of the drift computations of LW170 and the crew in a dinghy.

"These are vital for the sonar survey which we hope to conduct next summer.

"It is exciting news for our mission to locate and recover LW170 from her resting place."

Discussions have been held with scientists planning expeditions in the North Atlantic next summer near what is thought to be the resting place of LW170. Mr Kjarsgaard added: "I have been able

to underline to these scientific groups that not only is LW170 a historic treasure but she is also a scientific treasure as she is the ideal test bed for sedimentation and aquatic sea life experiments."

The 55-year-old has twice been to Dublin to meet with Geological Survey Office experts.

He added the Irish geologists are the only people he is aware of who have investigated the deep-water area of the Rockall Trough where the plane ditched.

He added: "It is very flat there and covered in marine clay and sediments."

Quit cigs with pals

SMOKERS with a new Year resolution to stub out cigarettes were advised yesterday to quit with a friend.

Nicorette, which has launched a "Quit Team" campaign, said giving up might be helped by the people around you.

A spokeswoman added: "Rather than go it alone, smokers and others looking to make positive lifestyle changes who enlist the help and support of a 'quit buddy' may find the process easier."

Brakes on mini bikes

GARDAI should clamp down on mini motorbikes to save lives, it was claimed last night.

Fianna Fail TD Pat Carey warned it was only a matter of time before a child was killed on the €700 bikes which were a popular Christmas gift.

The 50cc machines can travel in excess of 60mph.

Deputy Carey added: "These bikes are not toys, they are at best a nuisance and in many cases a danger to the rider and general public."

Irish Mirror finds the took place and talks to



DEATH WISH: McCann, left, set fire to his wife and foster child in Dublin semi

By GERALDINE COMISKEY

WITH more than one murder every week hundreds of families are now living next door to a murder scene.

Some addresses have become so notorious that they become part of the national consciousness because of their grisly past.

In England the home of mass killer Fred West at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, had to be demolished because of the horrific events which took place there.

The home of the Scissors Sisters at 17 Richmond Cottages, Ballybough, Dublin witnessed one of the country's most gruesome murders.

The two-storey house stands out among its well-kept neighbours in the terrace of Dublin's Summerhill Parade.

The grubby cream walls and garish pink door, the dirty windows and mismatched curtains are in keeping with a house divided into four tiny bedsits.

And downstairs is the flat where notorious Charlotte and Linda Mulhall butchered their mother's Kenyan lover in March 2005.

Their heinous crime only came to light 10 days later when Farah Swaleh Noor's headless and dismembered torso was found in the Royal Canal.

Blood was found in the floorboards, walls and the tiny bath cubicle where the sisters had spent five hours chopping up their victim.

The people next door were not willing to talk about what happened there.

The woman across the road said: "Nobody talks about it around here now."

"But it doesn't bother me now - not at all. I look across at it every day. I walk past it at one and two in the morning and I'm not afraid."

"I just say a prayer for him. No matter what he did, he didn't deserve to die like that."

She added that the house had a high turnover of tenants and was recently withdrawn from sale. She said: "Would you want to live in a place where that happened?"

Across the city at 39 Butterfield Avenue in leafy Rathfarnham an ordinary-looking semi-detached house holds a terrible secret.

This is where former swimming coach Frank

Nobody talks about it around here now.. he didn't deserve to die like that

McCann set fire to his wife Esther and foster baby Jessica on September 4, 1992. McCann was jailed for life and is still in prison, but a neighbour said a young couple had bought the house and planned to move in after Christmas.

Neighbour Andrew Daly said he does not remember the murder because he was only four at the time but added: "My parents talk about it. It doesn't bother me. I look at it and am aware what happened, but it's in the past."

He admitted he would not like to live next door but said the new owners did not seem troubled, adding: "I think they know but they don't care. It happened so long ago."

In Tallaght, Joan Casey's neighbours in Avonbeg Park could not believe it when the quiet pensioner was blasted by a gunman in the bedroom of her home at Noi.

Two men wearing balaclavas walked into the 65-year-old's room and shot her as she slept in April 2004.

Neighbour Colm O'Brien later told gardai he had heard two loud bangs and had seen two men walking calmly from the house, one carrying a shotgun.

The mother of five was a much-loved member of the community, who served as a Minister of the Eucharist in the local church and had lived there with her husband Dominic for 30 years.

The hitman is believed to have mistaken Mrs Casey, who was hidden under the blankets, for her son Gerard. Timothy Rattigan, of St Dominic's Terrace, Tallaght, was found guilty of her murder in June 2004 and jailed for life.

A neighbour said yesterday: "It's terrible when you know someone for years and they live across the road from you and they die like that."

"I used to think about it every time I looked across the road but I'm getting used to it now."

"I don't feel afraid walking past it because what's there to be afraid of? That woman was a saint. She's gone straight to heaven."

"I see the son and daughters going in and out but they keep to themselves. Their father got a pain in

IRISH DAILY Mirror reader offer

9 Carat Crystal Gold Studs

3 stunning sets to suit every occasion!

Combining versatility with elegance, our stunning sets of 9 carat gold crystal studs will complement your sense of style for any occasion from casual daywear to formal evening wear. Beautifully faceted, these earrings are designed and cut to give a brilliant sparkle.



The contemporary designs are 8mm square, 8mm round and 8mm pear shape.

This beautiful set is presented in an attractive ribbon gift box.

ONLY €119.95 plus €9.95 p&p

A very special gift!

72 Hour Despatch

To order call: **1890 719868** quote ref: IDM603

or post your order to Irish Mirror Reader Offers, Markettown, PO Box 10037, Dublin 6W. If you are not fully satisfied, return items in good condition within 21 days for a full refund.

Product	Qty	Price inc. p&p	Total
IDM603 9 CT CRYSTAL GOLD STUDS		€129.90	

I enclose a cheque for € _____ made payable to Markettown or debit my Mastercard/Visa/Lasercard account for the above total.

Card No _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date: _____ / _____ CVV: _____

Mr/Mrs/Miss: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

MGN Limited will use your information for administration and analysis. We may share your information with other Trinity Mirror Plc group companies or carefully selected third parties. We, or they, may send you details of other goods and services which may be of interest to you. Then information may be provided by letter, telephone or other means of reasonable communication. If you do not want your details to be shared with carefully selected third parties please tick the box here:



FOUL FIND: Hotelier mum was strangled in Goatstown home



TRAGEDY: Mum killed herself and two children in this Dublin home