**Toasted Heretic - NEXT Week**

Well, we tried. But space disappears exponentially in these pages (I don’t know what that means but I always see it used in serious articles) and so we’re holding our interview with Julian and the other Heretics, plus a review of the band’s great new release, “Mindless Optimism”, until next week. That way they’ll get more space and we can use a bigger picture as well. Sounds good? (Editor raises three fingers and executes an air strike). And so we’re holding our interview with Julian and the other Heretics, plus a review of the band’s great new release, “Mindless Optimism”, until next week. That way they’ll get more space and we can use a bigger picture as well. Sounds good? (Editor raises three fingers and executes an air strike).

**Clifden To Celebrate Aviation Heroes**

In the early years of the 20th century two landmark events in the history of transport and communications took place. One was the first transatlantic radio messages sent station to station by Marconi, and the other, a short time later, was the first non-stop transatlantic flight. And it’s not as well known as it should be that both these momentous events took place literally yards from each other in a remote stretch of bogland just outside Clifden in Connemara.

This year June 15th, 1994, marks the 75th Anniversary of the first transatlantic flight and the 40th Anniversary of the second - the historic flight of Captain John Alcock and Lt. Arthur Whitten Brown, and to celebrate this pioneering achievement of a non-stop flight from St. John’s, Newfoundland, to a Clifden bog, a special two-week programme of events is being organised.

The majority of the events will be aviation-related, with a centrepiece aeronautical display on June 15th. Events of a cultural nature, embracing the community of St. John’s, Newfoundland, will also take place. In addition, a special golf tournament - The Clifden Wee Petals 11 p.m. £2 - will be held, and a commemorative booklet will be issued, and a television documentary will be made and broadcast.

The organising committee are anxious to hear from interested parties and anybody possessing transatlantic flight memorabilia. You can write to ‘The Adventure to Clifden’, Comb House, Main St., Clifden or fax 095 21714.

**Time Square, Anyone?**

Time Square, the new entertainment venue recently opened, is already attracting appreciative crowds, but there are still some people, eager to sample the fun, who are apparently having difficulty locating it. To ensure that nobody misses out on the excitement and music, just remember that Times Square is located directly behind The Pucan on Forster Street. Good luck, and have a ball!

**Fisk For Cuirt**

Distinguished journalist Robert Fisk, whose radio reports from the Middle East have made him familiar to RTE listeners, along with his regular contributions to the Independent., will deliver the 2nd Annual George Mac Beth Memorial Lecture in Nun’s Corner, and the other, a short time later, was the first non-stop transatlantic flight. And it’s not as well known as it should be that both these momentous events took place literally yards from each other in a remote stretch of bogland just outside Clifden in Connemara.

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**Galway's own Mainoin Cajan Band** will also play Leisureland at 11.30 p.m. on Sunday. As some of the venues have restricted capacity and many of the acts will be big draws, you'd be advised to get your tickets as soon as possible from Zhao & Mulligan Records.

**Rev. Michael D. Will Open Bewley’s Macken Room**

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This Friday, April 22nd, Galway will officially celebrate one of her native sons, the novelist, playwright and actor Walter Macken, when Michael D. Higgins T.D., Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, will officially open the new “Walter Macken Room” in Bewley’s Oriental Cafe on Middle Street. The reception will also celebrate the re-publication by Brandon Press of two of Macken’s best loved novels, “Rain on the Wind” and “The Bogman”. The same day also sees the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Galway Brogue’s, which just happens to be located on the very site of the Racquet Court Theatre where Walter Macken Sr., the author’s father, used to act.

**Harvey Wasserman’s “Healing Road” Workshop**

American professor and psychiatrist Dr. Harvey Wasserman, described as an interview with the Editor of “That’s Entertain­ment” as “a brother of souls and a teller of tales”, will offer a two-day workshop entitled “The Healing Road” on Saturday, April 30th, and Sunday, May 1st, at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dan Laughts. Dr. Wasserman will explore the nature of love, in deterritorialization and healing, fear and anxiety, and the spiritual aspects of mental health.

If you would like to register for the workshop and join Pro­fessor Wasserman on “The Healing Road”, you are advised to phone 063 98518 between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. for more information. If you’d like to be placed on his mailing list, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Dreamland Farm, Kilmallie, County Limerick.

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The list of musicians and singers taking part in this musical extravaganza runs the gamut from Martin O’Connor and Sean Keane, who appear together in the Great Southern on Saturday at 8 p.m., to the great Townes Van Zandt, who’ll play the second of two gigs (the other is at Rosin Dubh at 4 p.m. on Saturday) in O’Connor’s Warwick Hotel at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

One of the big concerts features Rory Black at Leisureland on Saturday at 8 p.m. on Sunday. The other is at Rosin Dubh at 11.30 p.m. on Sunday. As some of the venues have restricted capacity and many of the acts will be big draws, you'd be advised to get your tickets as soon as possible from Zhao & Mulligan Records.