

Glenville lady is world renowned

Rubbing shoulders with the world's most famous of people is nothing new to Glenville lady, Professor Anne Buttimer who has recently been honoured by the Swedish Society for anthropology and geography. A world renowned geographer, she has the distinction of being the first woman and the first Irish person to be elected president of the International Geographical Union.

Professor Buttimer, who came to live in Glenville when she was just eight years of age, was Professor and Head of the Department of Geography in UCD from 1991

– 2003. She has made significant academic contributions to the history and philosophy of geographical thought and practice; to human and cultural geography, particularly the temporal and spatial aspects of everyday life and, to the understanding of the interactions between science and policy. She has published 50 academic articles in peer-reviewed journals, and is the author or editor of 18 books.

In August 2000 Professor Buttimer was elected president of the International Geographical Union. In her role as president of the IGU she was invited to meet Pope John



• Ann after presenting the International Geographical Union's Planet and Humanity Medal to Mikael Gorbachev in June 2004 and (right), accepting her gold medal from the King of Sweden. (P)



Paul II in the Vatican and had the honour of awarding the International Geographical Union's Planet and Humanity Medal to Mikael Gorbachev in June 2004 and one month later, made the same presentation to Nelson Mandela in Durban, South Africa.

She was presented with the Johan August Wallberg gold medal by King Carl Gustaf of Sweden in recognition for her contribution to humanistic geography and the development of geography in Sweden. Professor Buttimer has a long association with Sweden, visiting

Fulbright Professor of Social Ecology at Lund University in 1976 having been a full time researcher there between 1977 and 1979 and again from 1982 to 1988.

Her association with Swedish geography continues to this day and her book with Bom Mels 'By Northern Lights' on the making of geography in Sweden, provides a comprehensive account on developments in science and society over several centuries. The book is now used in courses in vetenskapsteori throughout Scandinavia. The August Johan Wahlberg Gold

Medal is only one in a long line of awards and honours Professor Buttimer has received over her career that include an Association of American Geographers Honours Award 1986; Honours Award, Taiwan Geographical Society 1990; Ellen Churchill Semple Award, University of Kentucky 1991; Royal Geographical Society (UK) Murchison Award 1997; Royal Scottish Millennium Award 2000; Membre D'Honneur, Societe de Geographie 2001; Socio D'onore Societa Geografica, Italiana 2006; and Honorary doctorates from University of Joensuu, 1999 and Tartu University 2004.



• THREE PRESIDENTS - Dec 1st, 2004, Ann is awarded the degree of 'Doctor Honoris Causa' with (left) the President of the Estonian Academy of Science and (right), President of Finland, Tarja Kaarina Halonen who received the same honour.



LEFT - In 2000, representing the international geographical community as a guest at the Vatican; (above right) with Nelson Mandela after presenting him with the IGU's Planet and Humanity Medal and (right) with the King of Sweden after receiving her gold medal. (P)



CURTAIN CALL

News from around the theatres

The music of Vivaldi, Bach, Handel, Mozart and Tchaikovsky



• The Cologne New Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra who will play the final concert in the North Cork Classical Music 2009 series in Kilworth on Tuesday night next with a programme that includes Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons', Bach's 'Concerto in C Minor' for violin, oboe and orchestra, Handel's 'Hence Iris, Hence Away', Mozart's 'Divertimento' in D Major and Tchaikovsky's 'Nocturne'. Bookin on 022-26145 and 025-32227.

Jeff & Vida back in Kilworth

Jeff (Burke) and Vida (Wakeman) have made their way up the ladder of the Nashville music scenes with their rootsy, acoustic sound. This duo has the tendency to get the crowd's feet stompin' with music that reflects their passion for everything ranging from country to bluegrass.

Jeff and Vida entertain audiences with their skill string picks and beautiful harmonies and have attracted attention at various venues including the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and the legendary Ryman Auditorium (home of the Grand Ol' Opry).

Jeff and Vida are spending their year touring heavily and will drop in to Kilworth's Village Arts Centre on Monday night, August 31 (please note date - not Tuesday



as mentioned elsewhere). Tickets from John (087-7921771) or any Arts Centre outlet (025-32227).

'Dirty Dusting' returns to the Opera House

'Dirty Dusting', the record-breaking show returns to Cork Opera House with the original cast that includes Irish entertainment legend Adele King ('Twink') as one of a trio of little old ladies who are facing the axe from their cleaning jobs.

They might be past their best, beyond their sell-by date and over the hill but they certainly won't take threats of redundancy lying down. These game 'girls' set up a phone sex service, known as "The Telephone Belles", and that's when the fun really begins.

Their bosses don't know about it, their families would never guess and their very willing customers are none the wiser!

They're the only chat-line girls with dusters, attitude and their very own bus passes! Don't miss the original old-timers who become good-time girls in this year's must-see comedy - 'Dirty Dusting'. "The audience was squealing with delight at every turn." Metro (Ireland).

The Avondhu, in association with Cork Opera House, are giving away free tickets to the show (see Entertainment Pages).



• Adele King (Twink) in 'Dirty Dusting' at Cork Opera House.

'Dirty Dusting' runs from August 31 to September 5 at 8pm nightly with a matinee on Saturday 5th at 3pm. Tickets from €21, book online at www.corkoperahouse.ie or on 021-4270022.

'GREAT IRISH WRITERS' THIS THURSDAY

Neil O'Shea, actor and radio and TV performer brings an humorous evening's entertainment based on the comic writings of Swift, Wilde, Yeats, Shaw, Synge etc., to Kil-

worth's Village Arts Centre on this Thursday night (20th) commencing at 8.15pm.

The main emphasis is on humour, with pieces from the pens of Oscar

Wilde, Jonathan Swift, Percy French, Oliver Goldsmith, George Bernard Shaw, William Butler Yeats, Seamus Heaney, Sean O'Casey, J. M. Synge and Christy Browne.