



CJ Haughey celebrates seventy five

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FORMER Taoiseach Charles Haughey was in fine form yesterday as he celebrated his 75th birthday with family and friends at his Kinsealy mansion.

If the former Plaza Fail leader was worried about his impending appearance on Thursday at the Moriarty Tribunal, he gave no sign.

During the day Mr Haughey graciously received visits from trusted friends who brought gifts which included good bottles of wine and champagne.

And last night Mr Haughey and his wife Maureen were celebrating in low-key fashion with a dinner in Caruso's Restaurant in Malahide, one of The Boss's favourite eateries.

A source said that Mr Haughey was in excellent humour during the day and was delighted to hear from old friends.

He took a stream of phone calls from old pals who wished him a happy birthday. Among family members who joined him during the day were sons Ciaran, Conor and Sean.

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Top marks for irony in Mountjoy - these

MEET THE KILLERS WHO RUN AN ANTI-VIOLENCE COURSE

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MEET THE two violent killers who have been running an Alternative To Violence Project inside Mountjoy Prison!

One is evil Frank Daly, who stabbed a young woman to death because he 'couldn't help himself'.

Daly has also a lengthy record of indecently abusing children, attempted rape and assaults.

The other jailbird is dangerous Thomas Johnson, who blasted a have-a-go hero to death with a sawn-off shotgun during a bank raid.

And last night a prison source said: "It's astounding that these two violent thugs were picked to help turn other prisoners against violence."

"Daly in particular, is a vicious, violent gougier who has been in and out of jail since 1964. He has given nothing but trouble behind bars."

"In his time he has head butted prison officers and battered fellow convicts with anything he can lay his hands on."

"He was so violent that in the beginning he had to spend his time in isolation in the basement of Mountjoy."

The 'evil killers were chosen as facilitators for the Alternatives To Violence Project, which shows prisoners the evil of their ways and make them better people."

The course is run by the Quakers and is aimed at teaching prisoners how to live crime-free lives.

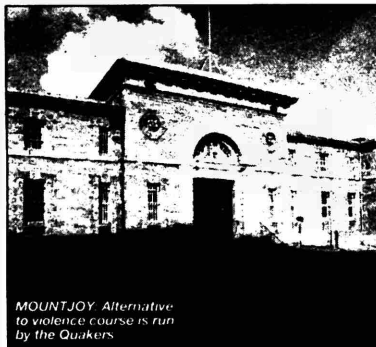
Diplomas

Daly and Johnson are pictured here with a classroom of other gougiers, including armed robbers and drug dealers, who completed the course.

The dangerous duo had the honour of handing out diplomas to a group of criminal graduates who recently completed the programme in the training unit of Mountjoy.

Smiling pupils include vicious armed robber Chris Gilroy, who earned himself a 10 year jail term last March when he went on a crime spree through six counties.

Gilroy used a variety of weapons including pistols, sawn-off shotguns, knives, screwdrivers, copper piping - even an



MOUNTJOY: Alternative to violence course is run by the Quakers.

umbrella - to carry out robberies in counties Galway, Westmeath, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Laois and Dublin.

Psycho Daly (51) from Ennis in Co Clare was jailed for life in 1984 for the brutal slaughter of a young woman, Denise Cox.

The fiend knifed her repeatedly in an unprovoked attack and then hid her body before dumping his weapon.

The slaying happened in August 1983 at the Tulla Road in Ennis. Daly spotted Ms Cox, who was in her early 20s, sitting on a wall near a pub.

Daly first stabbed her repeatedly in the chest before walking away. He then returned and knifed the terrified young woman in the back.

Just months earlier Daly had stabbed another man in the back in Loughrea in Co Galway in another unprovoked attack.

He got six months for malicious wounding on that occasion.

His horrendous and unstoppable life of crime

Farcical situation of the 'get out of jail sooner' workshop



STAR PUPIL: Vicious armed robber Chris Gilroy

began in April 1964 when he was only 15 years of age. He was given two years in Daingean borstal in Co Offaly for an indecent assault rap.

A year after getting out he moved to England, where he appeared in court on driving offences.

By 1970 he was back to his paedophile ways and indecently assaulted a seven and an eight-year-old girl. He got a three month suspended sentence in Dorking court.

And later that same year in Essex he was at it again, but didn't get off so lightly. He was jailed for eight years for attempted rape and assault.

Outcry

On his release he returned to his native Ennis and went straight back to his evil ways. In December 1976 he attempted to rape a 13-year-old girl and cause her grievous bodily harm.

And there was an absolute outcry the following March when he walked

free from Ennis Circuit Court - even though he pleaded guilty to the crimes.

He was discharged on condition that he enter Our Lady's Hospital for treatment and remain there pending the order of the court.

"Locals were incensed and terrified. They knew he was a savage animal and that their children weren't safe when he was around," said one resident.

A prison source added: "The Alternative To Violence Project is well meaning, but to have a psycho like Daly at the helm beggars belief."

Johnson (44) of Moateview Drive in Dublin's Coolock was sentenced to penal servitude for life for the 1987 killing of Michael Thackberry.

He was found guilty of the manslaughter of the 47-year-old father of four after an attempted hold up of an AIB bank in Artane, Dublin.

Mr Thackberry had given chase to the robbers and died after Johnson's sawn-off shotgun went off.

Johnson later appealed the life sentence, claiming the gun went off accidentally. His jail term was reduced to 15 and a half years.

Some prisoner insiders are scathing of jailbirds who take the course, believing that they only do it as a "get out of jail sooner card".

"They believe it will look good if they're looking for parole or caught re-offending when they get out," said a source.

"The reality is that some prisoners who completed the course went on to commit the most horrific crimes."

Executions

These include Eddie Ferncombe who took part in the brutal prison siege in Mountjoy in January 1997.

At the time he was serving nine years for killing a Mormon and a two year term for assaulting a prison officer in Limerick jail.

During the Mountjoy siege, mock executions were carried out on prison officers and syringes with Hep B infected blood held to their necks.

In 1998 Ferncombe (28) of Harelaw Drive in Dublin's Clondalkin pleaded guilty to falsely imprisoning a prison officer.

Since 1994 nearly 300 Mountjoy inmates have completed The Alternatives To Violence Project.

"It is a prison programme helping inmates learn new skills and attitudes that lead to fulfilling and crime-free lives," said a prison spokesman.

"The workshops aims to allow people to try out new and creative ways of resolving conflicts."

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