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# Sale of Renaults soar

## VISIT SEAN WHITE CAR SALES, ATHLONE

Renault has abandoned frugality in favour of fun and frolics and the change of tempo has certainly paid off, with a huge increase in the number of new Renaults being sold. To date in 2010, Renault have sold 17 percent more cars than they did in all of 2009.

Megane sales have jumped by 35 percent on last year, while sales of the Renault Clio are up a staggering 70 percent. In the past year Renault has more than doubled its market share in Ireland, now enjoying 9.3 percent of the market, with the Megane and Clio both in the top ten this year.

Why the sudden jump in sales? Price, price, price. Thanks

to the government scrappage scheme, a new Megane can now be purchased for €14,800, while the Clio is available from €11,280. Thus, you can secure Ireland's cheapest family hatchback or estate and Ireland's cheapest supermini. Competitors claim that Renault are buying market share, but let's face it, for car manufacturers there was never a better time to buy market share cheaply.

It's not just in Ireland that Renault sales are soaring. In 2009, Renault reclaimed the position of third-ranked brand in Western Europe, probably due to the success of the Megane. In terms of light commercial vehicles, the group's market share rose to 15.6 percent, up 1.2 points. Renault is France's best selling brand, with 23.5 percent share of the market. Globally, Renault sales volume

outside Europe stood at 34 percent of total sales.

Back to a more local standpoint, the increasing popularity of Renault vehicles is very evident to everyone at Sean White Car Sales in Athlone. The Athlone Renault dealership at Roscommon Road, Athlone is celebrating 25 years in business.

See for yourself why the Renault Megane and Renault Clio are appealing to so many customers in the region. Visit the state-of-the-art showroom at Athlone Renault, Roscommon Road, Athlone, telephone (090) 64 92887 or email athlonerenault@ocean-free.net

# Documentary explores Brendan Shine's family history

Athlone's Brendan Shine will be the focus of an upcoming documentary on RTE, which explores the events surrounding the death of his grand uncle Fr. James Coyle from Westmeath.

'Would you believe' will be broadcast on Sunday, 21st March at 10.25 pm. Singer Brendan Shine explores the story of the murder of his grand-uncle priest, which culminated in what has been described as 'the OJ trial of the early 20th Century'.

Well-known Irish singer, Brendan Shine discovers the shocking truth about the murder of his great-uncle, Fr. James Coyle, in Alabama in 1921. From the outset, Brendan knows



Brendan Shine pictured with US author Sharon Davies who has written a book about the story of Fr. James Coyle.

from family lore that his great-uncle was killed by a member of the Ku Klux Klan. During the course of making this programme he uncovers a story that caused a major scandal in the US at that time. One expert described the trial

as 'the OJ of the early 20th century'.

The trial of Methodist Minister, Rev. Edwin Stephenson, who confessed to the police immediately after the killing, became a show of force by the Ku Klux Klan. How

did a court acquit Stephenson, who turned himself into the police, and allow him to walk out of the courtroom a free man, and a local hero? Brendan also discovers that a future Supreme Court Judge played a pivotal role in the trial.

Brendan will discover that Fr. Coyle is considered a martyr for his faith among Catholics in Birmingham, and that there are calls to have him beatified, and eventually to have him canonised a saint. This programme combines interviews, archive footage, photographic material, and re-enactments of key moments. Brendan's journey to discover the story will be the vehicle through which the audience will become fully engaged. Filming took place in Ireland and in the US.

'A cross in Alabama' is produced and directed by Pat Shine. Pat is Brendan's cousin and hails originally from Waterford. He now resides in Bray, Co. Wicklow.

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## Major holistic and psychic fair in Athlone

A range of Ireland's top psychics, mediums, tarot and angel card readers will be in Athlone on Sunday next for a major holistic and psychic fair in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Athlone from 11am to 6pm.

Holistic and psychic fairs are a great place to meet and mingle with like-minded people and some of the best therapists in Ireland. You will always find a host of the best instructors with an array of workshop details to help you on your holistic journey. If it is good and holistic, there is a good chance you will find it at the Athlone holistic and psychic fair on Sunday.

Among the features of the forthcoming fair are life coaching, reiki, kinesiology, crystal healing, holistic massage, Indian head massage and aromatherapy.

Alternatively, you can explore aura photography, FairTrade products, handmade jewellery, as well as a range of books, cards, CDs and DVDs. There will be a range of health products on display, including Synergy health opportunity and natural skincare products.

It's a serious line-up of the region's finest offerings to help you eliminate stress in your life and bring your body back into balance.

Visit the fair in the Radisson Blu on Sunday afternoon next and don't forget to bring a friend.

## The Tree Tops to play at Charity Headshave in Coachman's Inn

The Tree Tops, a band that enjoyed great local success for many years and which reformed earlier this year will be the star attraction in The Coachmans Inn when they play at a major charity fund raiser in aid of Our Lady's Childrens Hospital in Crumlin this Saturday night 20th March. There will be a head shave on the night and great craic is assured.

The Tree Tops line up as follows: Billy Garvan (Drums) PJ Naughton (Bass) Tommy Healy (Keyboards) Alan Neilan (Guitar) and Jimmy Towey (Lead Vocals). The band reformed at the end of last year and played their first comeback gig in Regans in The Square in early January. They have gone from strength to strength since and have been very busy in the past few months.

