

# Temple Bar stall among 11 joints hit by safe food order

A FOOD stall in Dublin's Temple Bar and a burger restaurant in Cork were among 11 food businesses served with enforcement orders last month.

Eight closure orders, two prohibition orders and one improvement order were served on food businesses by the Food Safety Authority in June for breaches of legislation.

Closure orders were served on the Son Of A Bun eatery on McCurtain Street in Cork; the Lebanese Kitchen in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15; and The Holy Grail Restaurant in Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

The Lebanese Kitchen was also served with a prohibition order against using the food in the fridges and freezers on the premises while The Holy Grail

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has since had its order lifted.

Another prohibition order was served to Gammells restaurant and bakery on Ranelagh Road, Dublin 6.

The Son Of A Bun burger joint has been open for nine months. Its owners Niall and Amanda O'Regan released a statement yesterday, saying: 'We are all devastated by this news.'

'It is a really difficult time for all concerned. Of utmost importance is public safety and we are working day and night to resolve this situation.'

Another five closure orders were served on New Dynasty Chinese Takeaway in Clarecastle, Co. Clare; New Yaadgar restaurant in Tullamore, Offaly; and The

New Leaf Restaurant in Tallaght, Dublin 24. New Yaadgar and The New Leaf have since reopened.

The Piece Of Cake food stall at Meeting House Square in Temple Bar Market, Dublin 2, was forced to close activity relating to storing foodstuffs that were likely to support the growth of pathogens, bacteria or viruses that can cause disease.

This order has since been lifted.

A successful prosecution against Keelaghan Wholesale Meats Ltd, Ashbourne Industrial Estate, Co. Meath, was also carried out last month. The business was convicted on six summonses and fined €16,000 along with €10,000 for costs.

FSAI chief Dr Pamela Byrne said: 'Negligent practices cannot and will not be tolerated.'

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## MORAL MATTERS

# My Brexit pals believe in a better Europe

**I**N the midst of all the hysteria following Brexit, it is easy to forget the real reasons why so many British people opted to leave the EU. No doubt there was an element of racism motivating some voters. However, it is simply unfair to condemn 52% of the British voting public as narrow-minded Little Englanders.

First, we should remember that we, in Ireland, have on two occasions rejected EU treaties. The fact that we were forced back to the polls to ratify the Treaties of Nice and Lisbon cannot obscure the reality that we too, have expressed serious worries regarding the EU project. Does that make us 'Little Irelanders'?

The EU is not Europe. This means you can reject membership of it while remaining a proud European. In other words, can we say that, in voting to leave the EU, the British no longer belong to the European family?

Those who castigated Britain for being anti-European following Brexit fail to understand the psyche of that nation. Twice during the last century, Great Britain defended European civilisation from German tyranny. They sacrificed everything in the name of European ideals and values to which they themselves contributed in no small way.

The memory of those wars still lingers in the minds of the older generation of Britons. It is easy for those who have never had to fight a war to declare their love for the EU and call for a reversal of the referendum result. However, for many British people, an EU dominated by Germany and France is an irony of history.

This is not to say that I welcomed the referendum result. I no more welcome the departure of Britain from the EU than those demanding a rerun of the vote. That is because I recognise the enormous impact it will have on every aspect of Irish life.

However, Irish life is not British life. The British experience in relation to Europe is not our experience. And we would do well to respect the fact that, having saved Europe from itself on two occasions, the British have a much more complex relationship with their European partners.

Furthermore, we all recognise that the original architects of what has become the European Union were motivated by a moral ideal. They hoped that a loose union of sovereign states, bound together by common interests, would ensure stability on a continent which had been ravaged by war. It was a magnificent aspiration, but one that has been eclipsed by a bureaucratic behemoth in Brussels.

We all complain about the democratic deficit at the heart of the EU, about its endless interference in the sovereign affairs of member states and its boot-boy tactics in relation to those who dare defy it. Were it not for the economic benefits, many mem-

bers would, I suspect, gladly follow Britain's lead. Indeed, all my young British friends bemoan Brexit for no other reason beyond the fiscal fallout. The economy is, of course, crucial, but it is certainly not everything. British identity cannot be reduced to the strength of the pound. It comprises the culture, history and religion of a nation that produced Shakespeare, Newton, Darwin and Dickens. The great novels of Thomas Hardy and Jane Austen capture the spirit of an enduring settlement that has shaped much of the world.

Travelling through the English countryside, you understand why those authors could write so beautifully of their home. For theirs is an identity formed, not only by the majestic landscape, but by the gentle customs and values of a proud people.

As I see it, Brexit was an attempt to reclaim something of that old spirit of home. It was an attempt by the British to reassert their right to forge their own future on the basis of a shared past. It was a bold statement of independence by the founders of the Magna Carta. Like most people, I distrust and dislike Ukip. However, Ukip supporters were not the only people who voted to leave the EU.

My friend Sir Roger Scruton supported Brexit, and yet he is a quintessential renaissance man who shares none of Ukip's sinister parochialism. Furthermore, isn't there just a hint of moral hypocrisy in the response of those, such as Sinn Féin, who decried Britain's right to self-determination and independence? After all, if Sinn Féin had its way, Ireland would not be a member of the EU.

**F**OR most ordinary British people, the decision to leave the EU was a patriotic one. However, patriotism is not nationalism, and certainly not the dangerous nationalism of the far right. While nationalism is a politics of exclusion, and sometimes even hatred, patriotism is rooted in love. It is rooted in a love of home, of shared values and customs that enable us to identify this place as ours.

That may be difficult for the children of 'Cyberia' to digest. However, having twice rescued the continent from fascism, many of their parents and grandparents believe Britain has earned the right to govern itself as it sees fit. It did not defy Nazi aggression with a view to being swallowed up by a bureaucratic behemoth. It did so in defence of the European idea that inspired the likes of Charles de Gaulle and Winston Churchill.

That idea was of a great continent of sovereign nations bound by culture, religion and a shared commitment to liberty. That the EU has drifted so far from that noble idea should give us all cause for concern. Hence, instead of berating the British for leaving, we should ask why that idea has been betrayed by the very people who once swore to defend it.

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