
In 1952, one member of the
CENSORSHIP BOARD reviewed
seventy books in a three-month period and
banned all seventy.

**THE IRISH ALPHABET DOES
NOT CONTAIN THE LETTERS
J,K,Q,V,W,X,Y OR Z.**

Ballygally Castle in County Antrim,
nowadays a hotel, is said to be one of the
most haunted places in Ireland, thanks to
Lady Isobel Shaw, who supposedly knocks
on doors at night. Lady Isobel was reputedly
locked in her room and starved by her
husband during the 17th century, until she
finally leapt to her death from a window.



**THE REAL NAME OF
DUBLIN'S HA'PENNY BRIDGE IS
THE LIFFEY BRIDGE.**

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The cliffs at Croaghaun, Achill Island, at
668 metres, are said to be the HIGHEST
SEA CLIFFS in Europe.



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The 70's Celtic Rock Band 'HORSLIPS' took
their name from a spoonerism on 'The Four
Horsemen of the Apocalypse' which became
'The Four Poxmen on The Horslypse', even-
tually shortened to 'Horslips'.

**CLARE IS KNOWN AS 'THE BANNER
COUNTY' BECAUSE OF ITS FORMER
TRADITION OF CARRYING
BANNERS TO POLITICAL MEETINGS.**



Ireland's most FAMOUS WITCH was Dame Alice Kyteler, born in Kilkenny in 1280. All four of her husbands died, and she was accused of poisoning them. In 1325, on the night before she was to be burned at the stake, she escaped and is believed to have fled to England. Her maid and follower, Petronilla de Meath, was burned instead. She was the first person in Ireland to be burned at the stake for witchcraft.



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The geographical centre of Ireland
is at a point in ROSCOMMON, 3km
south of Athlone.
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**SAINT BRENDAN IS SAID TO HAVE
DISCOVERED AMERICA A THOUSAND
YEARS BEFORE COLUMBUS.**
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The infamous Nazi
propaganda broadcaster, William Joyce,
aka LORD HAW HAW, was raised and
educated in Galway.
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The Europa Hotel in Belfast is the
world's most BOMBED HOTEL,
having been blasted 33 times.
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**OVER 40% OF THE PRESIDENTS
OF THE UNITED STATES HAD IRISH
ANCESTORS.**

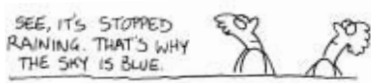


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Foxrock, Co. Dublin, is said to be the only
village in Ireland WITHOUT A PUB.

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In 1944 the CATHOLIC HIERARCHY
asked the Minister for Public Health to ban
tampons as they might 'stimulate young
girls at an impressionable age,' and the
Government happily complied.

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**MORE THAN 150,000 IRISH
MEN FOUGHT IN THE AMERICAN
CIVIL WAR.**

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Irish physicist John Tyndall (1820-1893)
was the first person to explain why the
SKY IS BLUE.



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The lowest ever AIR TEMPERATURE
recorded in Ireland was -19.1°C at Markree
Castle, Co. Sligo on 16 January 1881.



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The phrase 'BY HOOK OR BY CROOK'
is said to have been coined by Richard de
Clare, aka Strongbow during the Norman
invasion of Ireland when he stated that he
would take Waterford by landing his army
at either Hook Head or by Crook village.