

SATURDAY SMILERS
JUST A FEW LITTLE JOKES TO GET YOU THROUGH THE WEEKEND...

WHAT do you call a blind doe?
No eye deer.

A **LAWYER** is parking his BMW outside a shop in Manhattan, and as he opens his door to get out, a taxi sideswipes his car — taking the whole door off.
The lawyer hops out and starts screaming at the cab driver: "You idiot, you hit my brand new BMW, you ripped the whole door off! Do you have any idea how much this is going to cost?"
"I'm a lawyer! I'll sue you so bad your grandchildren will feel it!"

The cab driver sighs and says: "You lawyers are all the same, only care about material things. Your door got ripped off, yet you didn't realize you also lost your arm."
The lawyer looks down to see his left arm missing, looks back at the cabbie and yells: "My Rolex!"

A **UNIVERSITY** professor is driving home drunk one Saturday night...
He gets pulled over and the garda comes up to his window and asks him: "You were speeding, you ran a red light and you appear to be drunk, where are you going?"
The professor replies: "I am currently on my way to a lecture concerning the dangers of drinking, smoking and staying up late."
The garda says: "Who could possibly be giving that kind of lecture at this time?"
The professor responds: "My wife."

I **LOST** my Rolex at a party. About an hour later, I saw some guy stepping on it while he was harassing some woman at that party.
Infuriated, I immediately went over, punched him and broke his nose.
No one does that to a woman — not on my watch.

WHEN YOU FLUSH THE TOILET AND THE WATER STARTS RISING

I **TOLD** my girlfriend her eyebrows were drawn on too high.
She seemed surprised.

WHAT do you call a man lost in the ocean?
Bob!

The woman hanging out her laundry: Peg.
The man painting a picture: Art.
The man stealing cash: Rob.
The lady playing tennis: Annette.
The lady with one leg: Eileen.
The man driving a truck: Laurie.
The lady planting flowers: Daisy.
The man hiding rabbits: Warren.
The man hiding in the bushes: Russell.
The man holding a shovel: Doug.
The man who lost his shovel: Douglas.
The man stealing goods: Robin.
The lady in the garden: Rose.

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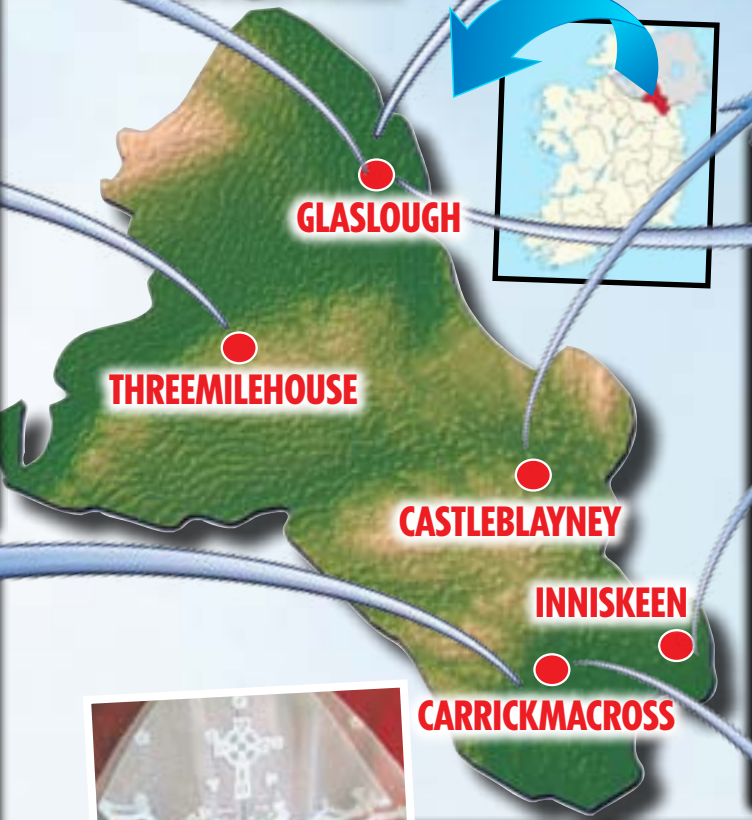
Sam More Open Farm

IF YOU love animals, then this farm in the delightfully named Threemilehouse is a must-visit.
As well as farmyard beasts, there's a good selection of more exotic animals to admire — including a cute albino hedgehog (left) — while farmer Seamus Keenan is always ready to keep the craic going.
My son Oran (main) really enjoyed feeding the animals, while I even got to grips with a thankfully friendly boa constrictor (far left).
● Sam More Open Farm is open year-round. Call 086 232 2601

Blasta street food

HELPING to modernise Monaghan are Sean and Nikita of street food vendors Blasta — serving up tapas-style treats like sliders (inset) and pulled pork tacos since earlier this year.
We sampled their fantastic fare in Glaslough — but they could pop up anywhere as they cater for multiple events.
● The Blasta food van is at An Poc Fada in Monaghan town on Wednesdays and at the farmers' market on Fridays. Email them at Blastafoodporn@gmail.com

HERE at R&R we love to go off the beaten track and discover exciting new places.
Located just an hour-and-a-half's drive from Dublin, Monaghan is hardly a 'hidden' gem as such — but it is certainly often overlooked as a travel destination.
However, the Farney County has plenty of attractions, both new and old, for visitors — and it caters especially well for families, with lots to keep the kids amused.
ROHAN SMYTH and family took a two-day whistlestop tour of Monaghan to see what was on offer — and found that even a whole week wouldn't have been enough to take in all the things to see and do...
● See MonaghanTourism.com for more on events, activities and holidays in the area



Lough Muckno & Old Coach Inn

A GOOD way of working up your appetite can be found at Lough Muckno Leisure Park in Castleblayney. Take a walk in the beautiful grounds or bring the kids to the playground (inset) for a good run around.
In the town itself, the Old Coach Inn is your best bet for dinner afterwards, offering some great food and service.
● For reservations at The Old Coach Inn, call 042 974 0993

Glaslough Heritage Trail

GORGEOUS Glaslough is one of Ireland's most picturesque villages and well worth taking the time to explore.
We took a self-guided tour with the new Glaslough Heritage Trail app — and it proved a very handy and informative way to get around and see the sights.
These include the stunning Castle Leslie (main), its front lodges (inset bottom) and the old railway station (inset top).
● The Glaslough Heritage Trail app is free of charge and available for Apple and Android devices

Glaslough Chocolates

NOW here's something both kids and adults can sink their teeth into.
Trish Murphy-Thom's Glaslough Chocolates shop is a one-woman operation at the moment — but the success of its sweet treats (try the tremendous truffles) are bound to see it expand further.
● See glasloughchocolates.com

Treacys Hotel

BRAND new to Monaghan — having just opened last month — is the latest from the Treacys Hotel group, who also have properties in Waterford, Wexford and Clare.
Located just outside Carrickmacross, it has been built on the site of the former Oasis Hotel — which I'm told used to boast a cracking nightclub back in the day before closing in 2009.
We stayed in a family room for the two nights, and there was plenty of space for our toddler and six-month-old to get comfortable without us all being on top of each other.
Friendly
The hotel looks fabulous with great views of the countryside and the friendly, helpful staff and delicious food (the place is highly recommended) all mean that it's bound to be a hugely popular place to stay in the weeks and months to come.
When we were going home, I asked my son Oran if he was looking forward to sleeping in his own bed again and he said 'Dada, I just want to sleep in hotels'... I don't think there's any higher praise than that!
● A family room rate at Treacys costs €135 per night based on two adults and two children and including a full Irish breakfast

Brehon Brewhouse

OK, THIS one isn't really for the kids — but as parenting is thirsty work, it makes for a very refreshing pit-stop.
Sited on a farm near scenic Inniskeen, brewer Seamus McMahon and Brehon have gone from strength to strength since starting in 2014.
Craft beers are all the rage these days — so this is a great place to go if you want to see how the magic happens.
● Brehon offer tours of their brewery with beer tastings. See brehonbrewhouse.ie

Carrickmacross Heritage Trail (inc Lace Gallery & Workhouse)

THERE is plenty to keep you busy in the picturesque town of Carrickmacross.
We visited its famous Lace Gallery, which dates back to 1820 and whose intricate designs (above) were chosen by royals Princess Diana and Kate Middleton for their weddings.
We also went on the Heritage Trail, a fascinating guide to the history of the town — as well as paying a poignant visit to the town's restored workhouse (left), which housed the poor during Famine times.
● A free, 90-minute guided walk of Carrickmacross takes place at 11am every Saturday morning meeting at the Courthouse on Main Street. The Lace Gallery (carrickmacrosslace.ie) is open Mon-Sat, 9.30am-5.30pm. The Carrickmacross Workhouse is open for tours Monday-Friday and weekends by appointment (carrickmacrossworkhouse.com)