

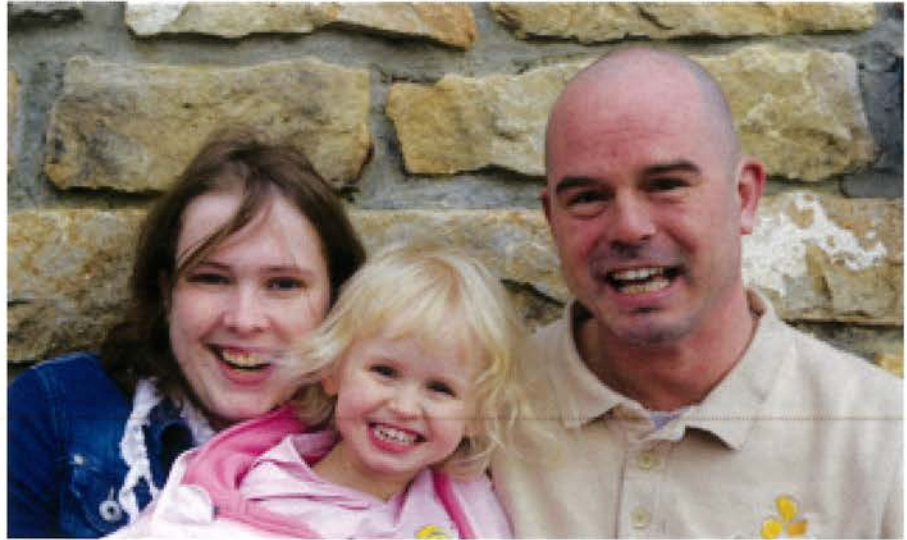
From the Netherlands to Ireland, one story of immigration

Tino Deijkers

I WANTED TO leave the Netherlands because it was too hectic, crowded and stressful and so I decided to move to Ireland.

Everything was planned but then just two months before the moving-date, I met my future wife, Hadassa. I told her about my plans for Ireland, and thought we might stay in contact, and see what the future brings. To my surprise she told me that she wanted to join me on this adventure. So we hooked our trailer with all our belongings behind the car and took the ferry from Roscoff (France) to Rosslare, arriving in Ireland on the perfect date, 17 March 2007, St Patrick's Day!

We had to drive all the way from the south of Ireland to Leitrim which took us 10 hours because we ended up in so many St Patrick's day parades with our car and trailer! Three days after arriving, Hadassa announced another surprise, "Darling, I am pregnant." This certainly worried us because we didn't arrive with a huge bag of money or any income security. I had a Dutch friend living in Leitrim and we decided to start our own tiling business, which only lasted for seven months with no earnings, so I was back to square one.



Hadassa, Cassandra & Tino Deijkers

I was a qualified and licenced welder, (both British (Lloyds) & German Licences), which mean my mig and gas weldings were tested by x-ray, for bending and strength. I had worked for many years in the Netherlands doing propeller repair. Having searched the internet to find propeller companies where I might find employment in Ireland, there were none to be found. That was odd

because there were so many boats on the river Shannon, so I started more research.

I went to the boat-hiring companies and marinas to find out where they sourced their propeller repairs. None were sourced in Ireland. Thus the idea was born to start my own propeller business for leisure and small fishing boats. To achieve funding for the expensive custom-

Tino and the Big One at Marine Propellers





Tino at work at Marine Propellers

made tools and equipments I received a small grant from the Leitrim Enterprise Board. The rest we had to work for. Hadassa worked as a care-nurse and I got help and support from some friends.

I would especially like to mention Dave Butler, a self-employed aerial and satellite dish installer who also was building his own house. Not only did he provide me with some employment he also

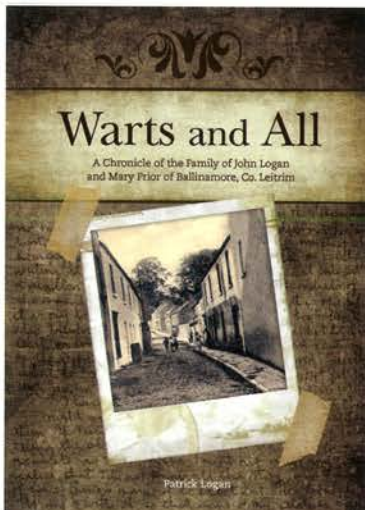
helped in many aspects of starting my business. Dave did this because he had help when he started and is hoping that I will do the same for someone else.

I did manage to earn enough money to get started, but because of the expense involved in purchasing tools and equipment, there wasn't much left for building a proper workshop. So I started in a small hot metal shed with no windows but I didn't mind because I was up and running as Leitrim Marine Propellers.

I started out quite slow initially only getting work for the major boat hiring companies like Carrickcraft and Emeraldstar. Later I contacted private marinas,

and launched my website: www.leitrimmarinepropeller.com and then reached the private boat owners. My wife Hadassa undertook courses for bookkeeping and does all the paperwork. Actually from the day we started, the business has been progressing steadily. We aren't there yet, but we believe the future is very positive. The drawings are ready for building a nice and comfortable workshop this winter.

We enjoy living in the countryside with our business at home and seeing our lovely daughter Cassandra grow up in such beautiful surrounding. They are absolutely right in that saying 'Lovely Leitrim'.



Warts and All by the late Dr Patrick Logan

is a history of the Logan family of Ballinamore, descended from John Logan and Mary Prior. The book launch in the County Library, Ballinamore on 26 March 2011, drew a large number of Logans from many parts of the world. A copy can be consulted in the County Library.

Patrick Logan was born in Ballinamore, Co Leitrim in 1911 where he grew up. He trained as a doctor and worked in the UK, Canada and Ireland, specialising in chest diseases. He was married to the late Patricia Corcoran, also a doctor and they had two children, Anna and Michael. He died in 1985.

Warmed by the Hearthstone by The Moran Family

Twelve members of the Moran family from Cloone, Co Leitrim trace their forgotten forebears; meet again their neighbors who have long since passed on, and recount memories of growing up on their farm in a time of cattle fairs on the street, going to Mass in the horse and trap and digging ridges with a loy. To the current generation of iPod click wheelers, satellite radios and gitzmotrons, this greying dozen might well be Mesolithic hunters.

