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## Media Review - February 20 at 11.00 am

### **UK Newspaper headlines - Brexit 'blackmail' and 'plotting' peers**

BBC News

Stories on pre-negotiation warnings from European politicians and to "remainer" peers make the front pages.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-39023937>

### **Peers in Brexit Bill battle told to come clean on EU payouts**

Daily Telegraph

More than 20 peers who are expected to force changes to the Brexit Bill this week are still earning tens of thousands of pounds from Brussels. Lord Mandelson, Labour's former communications director, Lord Kinnock, the party's former leader, and Lord Patten, who served in Margaret Thatcher's cabinet, all still receive EU pensions. Many other former MEPs and European commissioners are also receiving

payouts from a Brussels pension pot estimated to

[https://digitaledition.telegraph.co.uk/editions/edition\\_HU9ET\\_2017-02-19/data/284635/index.html](https://digitaledition.telegraph.co.uk/editions/edition_HU9ET_2017-02-19/data/284635/index.html)

## **Jeremy Corbyn tells Tony Blair to respect the result**

BBC News

The Labour leader opposes Tony's Blair's call for a movement to challenge the Brexit decision.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-39016392>

## **Anti-Brexit campaigners create 'mock customs post' amid hard border fears**

The Journal

<http://www.thejournal.ie/brexit-protest-border-3247042-Feb2017/>

## **Murdered Gardas son calls for public enquiry into State arming of terrorists**

News Letter

The son of a Garda officer murdered by republicans has said the Irish government is blocking his attempts to see state files on the killing – and has called for a public inquiry into claims that it armed and protected the killers.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/murdered-garda-son-calls-for-arms-collusion-inquiry-1-7829156>

## **Farmers Union hits back on RHI allegations**

News Letter

There has been an “attempt to dramatise” leaked emails and “confusion” over the role of the Ulster Farmers’ Union in a report on the botched RHI scheme, the UFU has said.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/rhi-scandal-wrong-to-blame-farmers-says-ufu-chief-1-7829020>

## **SF leader backs candidate over his response to Edgar Graham's murder**

News Letter

Sinn Fein leader Michelle O’Neill backed party colleague and law lecturer Peter Doran who has faced criticism for not condemning the IRA murder of another legal academic Edgar Graham during the Troubles.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/sf-leader-backs-candidate-over-responses-to-edgar-graham-murder-1-7829087>

## **Edgar Graham’s murder was a bid to instil terror – and by goodness, it did**

News Letter

Ben Lowry writes

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/opinion/ben-lowry-edgar-graham-s-murder-was-a-bid-to-instil-terror-and-by-goodness-it-did-1-7828398>

## **Irish language needs to be taken out of politics**

Irish News

Patrick Murphy writes. The great strength of the demand for an Irish language act is also its great weakness: no one knows what it means.

<http://www.irishnews.com/opinion/columnists/2017/02/18/news/patrick-murphy-irish-language-needs-to-be-taken-out-of-politics-934428/>

## **Death of 'sex as sin' brought confession era to an end - priest**

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/death-of-sex-as-sin-brought-confession-era-to-an-end-priest-1.2979848>

## **Rebel Catholic conducts Protestant's burial**

News Letter

Rebel Catholic bishop Buckley buries Protestant Peggy (107), 'a shining example of tolerance'

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/rebel-catholic-bishop-buckley->

[buries-protestant-peggy-107-a-shining-example-of-tolerance-35463815.html?utm\\_source=ipad\\_share&utm\\_medium=ipad\\_app&utm\\_campaign=clickbacks](http://buries-protestant-peggy-107-a-shining-example-of-tolerance-35463815.html?utm_source=ipad_share&utm_medium=ipad_app&utm_campaign=clickbacks)

## **Jewish community is cherished but vulnerable**

News Letter

The rise of anti semitism in recent years is by no means confined to Britain and Ireland - it has been a feature in a number of countries.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/jewish-community-in-ni-is-cherished-but-vulnerable-1-7829199>

## **Guard**

Report that the Home Office has agreed to look again at asylum applications for unaccompanied child refugees with direct links to Britain, under the Dublin convention, after it emerged that several had returned to the site of the former Calais camp in a renewed effort to make the crossing to the UK. The report notes that the Archbishop of Canterbury and other public figures have condemned the sudden closure of the scheme to admit lone child refugees under the 'Dubs amendment' to the Immigration Act. <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/feb/19/home-office-agrees-to-review-asylum-claims-of-child-refugees-in-france>

### **ITV/Yorks Post/York Press**

Reports that hundreds of people marked the opening of Tadcaster's new bridge with a day of celebration. The Archbishop of York held a short service on the bridge and said he hoped the town would emerge stronger than ever following the devastating floods on Boxing Day 2015.

<http://www.itv.com/news/calendar/2017-02-19/archbishop-of-york-celebrates-tadcaster-bridge-reopening/>

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/tadcaster-unites-for-bridge-re-opening-party-1-8397998>

### **Sky News/Sun/Mail/Metro/HuffPo**

Reports that children as young as five are ringing a charity helpline to hear bedtime stories because parents are too drunk to read them. The articles notes that the All Party Parliamentary Group on Children of Alcoholics, supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury, launched a manifesto last week to help the 2.6 million children being brought up by alcoholic parents.

<http://news.sky.com/story/children-of-alcoholics-ringing-helpline-for-bedtime-stories-10774143>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/living/2903285/kids-as-young-as-five-calling-up-hotlines-for-bedtime-stories-because-parents-are-too-drunk/>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-4239504/Children-alcoholics-phone-helpline-bedtime-stories.html>

<http://metro.co.uk/2017/02/19/children-of-alcoholics-are-calling-helplines-to-hear-bedtime-stories-6459605/>

## **Letters**

**Times** (scroll down) **Tel** (scroll down)

Various letters on the debate on the CofE bishops' report on marriage and same-sex relationships, held at the General Synod last week.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/brexit-blair-and-the-battle-for-britain-s-future-8mf5xmz70>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/2017/02/20/letters-brexit-judges-attempted-take-sovereignty-belonging-people/>

## **Obituaries**

**Times/Guard/Herald** (Scotland)

Singer and pianist Peter Skellern, who was ordained an Anglican priest in the Diocese of Truro.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/peter-skellern-hbrvx8xt9>

<https://www.theguardian.com/music/2017/feb/19/peter-skellern-obituary>