

# Media Review - February 21 at 10.00 am

### UK Newspaper headlines - 'Business rates battle' and the £6bn bill

**BBC News** 

Accusations over the proposed changes to business rates make the front pages.

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

### No mention of RHI at DUP launch - and no chance to ask about it

**News Letter** 

Arlene Foster has launched the DUP's manifesto without a single reference to the RHI scandal – and then refused to take any media questions....

http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/no-mention-of-rhi-at-dup-manifesto-launch-and-no-chance-to-ask-about-it-1-7830342

## RHI two-week extension lobbied for by Foster and Murphy 'to cost £70m'

Belfast Telegraph

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/rhi-twoweek-extension-lobbied-for-by-foster-and-murphy-

to-cost-70m-35467250.html? utm\_source=ipad\_share&utm\_medium=ipad\_app&utm\_c ampaign=clickbacks

## Arlene Foster too ill with 'man flu' to take questions at DUP launch

Irish News

DUP leader Arlene Foster was too ill to take questions from the media at the launch of her party's manifesto. Before she began her speech at the manifesto launch in Belfast's Stormont...

http://www.irishnews.com/paywall/tsb/irishnews/irishnews/news/assemblyelection/2017/02/20/news/arlene-foster-too-ill-with-man-flu-for-questions-at-dup-manifesto-launch-938050/content.html

## DUP hides major donor, three years after openness pledge

**News Letter** 

The DUP has gone back on a statement that it would be happy to voluntarily publish its major donors, after confirming that it had received what appears to have been a huge donation from an unspecified source in England during the Brexit campaign.

http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/dup-hides-major-donor-three-years-after-openness-pledge-1-7830139

## Only 3 per cent of Assembly candidates speak fluent Irish

Irish News

Only three per cent of candidates in the upcoming Stormont election can speak fluent Irish, a survey by The Irish News reveals. http://www.irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/ 2017/02/20/news/assembly-election-3-of-candidatesspeak-fluent-irish-937246/

### Irish news - Coverage of brexit

Irish News

http://www.irishnews.com/news/brexit/

### Claims that Brexit checks inevitable in Ireland

Irish Times

... Once Northern Ireland joins rest of UK outside the EU customs union

http://www.irishtimes.com/business/economy/nospecial-deal-possible-to-stop-the-return-of-bordercontrols-1.2981088

### Brexit-bashing Lords receive £500k in EU pensions a year and aren't allowed to criticise Brussels... but won't say so in Brexit debate

The Sun

Peers will not be required to declare their pensions as a financial conflict if they speak in this week's debate on triggering Article 50

https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2899179/brexit-bashinglords-receive-500k-in-eu-pensions-a-year-and-arentallowed-to-criticise-brussels-but-wont-say-so-in-brexitdebate/

## The Maurice McCabe affair is our worst scandal yet

Irish Times
Fintan O'Toole write...

http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/fintan-o-toole-the-maurice-mccabe-affair-is-our-worst-scandal-yet-1.2979195?mode=sample&auth-failed=1&pw-origin=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.irishtimes.com%2Fopinion%2Ffintan-o-toole-the-maurice-mccabe-affair-is-our-worst-scandal-yet-1.2979195

Irish Independent

http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/callinan-postponed-murdered-detective-event-to-pass-slurs-to-td-says-mccabe-35464519.html

Clock is ticking for Taoiseach as controversy surrounding whistleblowing garda deepens
Ruth Dudley Edwards in Belfast Telegraph

### Conference on education reform taking place in Dublin

Irish Examiner

http://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/conference-on-education-reform-taking-place-in-dublin-777968.html

#### **Premier**

Reports that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have been awarded prizes in the Eden book awards - Archbishop Justin as Debut Author of the Year for Dethroning Mammon and the Archbishop of York for Best Series for Agape Love Stories, Hope Stories and Faith Stories <a href="http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/">http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/</a>
Archbishop-Justin-Welby-scopes-book-prize

### Times/Tel/Daily Star (scroll down)/TES/ HuffPo/Premier

Reports on a blog by the Church of England's Chief Education Officer Nigel Genders (see below) on how at a time when racial and cultural tensions appear to be on the rise, church schools are valued more than ever by people of all faiths and none.

http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/muslim-parents-choose-church-schools-because-of-spiritual-focus-sbf276rkg
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/
2017/02/20/muslim-parents-send-children-christian-schools-toprepare-life/
http://www.dailystar.co.uk/showbiz-tv/hot-tv/
590025/Extremely-British-Muslims-Channel-4-show-explores-young-Muslim-Brits
https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/church-england-muslim-parents-are-choosing-our-schools-spiritual
http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2017/02/20/
why-muslim-parents-are-sending-children-to-church-of-england-schools n 14873690.html

https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Ourschools-prepare-Muslim-kids-for-British-lifesays-CofE

#### **Times**

Report on the start of the debate in the House of Lords on the Government's Article 50 Bill which gives the Prime Minister Theresa May the power to formally begin the process of leaving the EU. The Bishop of Southwark, Christopher Chessun, is quoted.

http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/may-turns-up-to-keep-an-eye-on-peers-debating-article-50-8gx02mch2

#### Guard

Reports on the views of readers following the vote at the General Synod last week not to take note of the bishops report on marriage and same sex relationships

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/20/honour-love-whatever-package-it-comes-in-lgbt-christians-on-the-synod-vote

#### ITV

Report that Carlisle Cathedral has hosted an event to celebrate the contribution of migrants to the UK. The Cathedral is one of a number of venues across the country to sign up to the 'One

Day Without Us' national day of action. Rev Canon Michael Manley is quoted on the importance of migrants to the NHS. <a href="http://www.itv.com/news/border/update/2017-02-20/cathedral-celebrates-migrant-contribution-to-uk/">http://www.itv.com/news/border/update/2017-02-20/cathedral-celebrates-migrant-contribution-to-uk/</a>

#### Guard

Series on retirement examines 'could your 60s and 70s be the best years of your life?' Features interview with St Aldates Oxford congregation member and retired NHS consultant Dr Andrew Miller on his work with the Oxford Street Pastors Group. He was one of of six CofE members who were interviewed about their voluntary work for a CofE communications blog earlier this month. https://www.theguardian.com/membership/2017/feb/20/retirement-60s-best-decade-life-ageing-joy

#### **Express**

Report that St Michael and All Angels Church in Watford is set to receive between £8,000 and £12,000 at auction for an oil painting by George Henry Grenville Manton, found in a storage unit where it had been for 50 years while renovations took place.

http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/769672/ Church-lost-painting-Bonhams-auction

#### **BBC**

Report that experts are set to remove bells from the 12<sup>th</sup> century Myndtown Church in Shropshire, as part of a £220,000 restoration project <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-39026169">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-39026169</a>

#### Comment

#### Mail

Quentin Letts on the House of Lords debate on the Article 50 Bill. He makes reference to the Bishop of Southwark <a href="http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/">http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/</a> article-4243840/She-scowled-tail-swishing-QUENTIN-LETTS.html