

BELFAST TELEGRAPH

ADVERTISEMENT

Belfast Telegraph - IPR Website of the Year

Search Site

Advanced Search

- Loadzajobs.co.uk
 - Propertynews.com
 - Belfast Telegraph TV
 - Family Notices
 - Ads For Free
- Belfast Telegraph**
- Home
 - News
 - Local & National
 - World news
 - Politics
 - Environment
 - Education
 - Letters
 - Opinion
 - Technology
 - Breaking News
 - Northwest Edition
 - Business
 - Business Telegraph
 - Sport
 - Health
 - Features
 - Columnists
 - Entertainment
 - Homefinder
 - Weather
 - Archive
 - Calendar 2008
 - Telegraph Travel
 - Shopping Directory
- Inside Belfast**
- Jobs
 - Training
 - Dating
 - Casino
 - Bingo
 - Reader Offers
 - Diners' Club
- Services**
- RSS
 - Media Kit
- Other Titles**

[Home](#) > [News](#) > [Local & National](#)

Local & National

I always said trial was a farce and this proved it

- Email Article
- Print Version
- Search
- +Most Emailed
- +Most Read

Related Articles

- Police chiefs face questions on Omagh after not guilty verdicts
- No end to the anguish
- Judge condemns police as only man to be tried for Omagh bombing is acquitted
- Senior detective accepts the controversial verdict
- Judge turns on police investigation as Hoey walks free
- Raucous applause for acquittal of bomb accused
- Viewpoint: We need a professional inquiry
- Sean Hoey cleared of Omagh bombing charges
- The history of a trial without precedent
- Omagh trial was a farce: relative
- Case flawed from the outset

Clare Weir talks to Kevin Skelton, who lost his wife in the Omagh atrocity

Friday, December 21, 2007

In Omagh, it was business as usual yesterday.

Local people went about their daily business, much in the way they had done so almost 10 years ago, on the day that the Real IRA blast blew the town apart.

Just a handful of relatives turned up to the videolink screening of the verdict at Omagh College, among them the family of Geraldine Breslin, as well as Kevin Skelton, who lost his wife Philomena.

One of the most outspoken voices of those bereaved by the 1998 blast, he predicted back in August that Sean Hoey would be freed and described the trial as "a farce".

Mr Skelton's views echo those of the other relatives.

He too has called for a full cross-border public inquiry and has been scathing about the police inquiry.

"I am not one bit surprised," he said outside the court screening.

"I said this was a farce from day one and this has proved it. The people of Omagh and the families of their dead have had their faces rubbed in the muck again.

"When are people in charge going to get a grip and give us justice, this is ten years on. I feel the same as I have always been feeling.

Don't miss . . .

Cheers!



The best wine in the world (and it only costs £30)

Still Shameless: TV's biggest slob



David Threlfall on playing Frank Gallagher

Nazi dog stuns Germans



Pet's salute lands owner in jail for five months

What a scoop



The ad men were right - Guinness is good for you

ADVERTISEMENTS

ADVERTISEMENTS

Sunday Life

Ireland's Saturday Night

Community Telegraph

"There will never be anybody convicted of the Omagh bombing. One swallow doesn't make a summer.

"We need to get a cross-border public inquiry until we get the truth and we will not stop until we get the truth. I've no regrets about what I have said in the past.

"I feel very badly let down. It doesn't matter what we do as regards Omagh.

"The politicians can't even decide what to write on a piece of stone in the middle of the town."

But he says he and the other families will battle on using whatever means they can.

"There are people who think this town wants to bury what happened, draw a line under it in the sand but I am not prepared to let that happen or we will never get justice.

"Your man (Hoey) got a fair trial and the judge was critical of the police. I will now be looking at legal avenues to see what we can do."

However speaking to reporters as he weighed up the ruling, Mr Skelton admitted: "I knew he wouldn't go down for Omagh but I didn't think he'd walk altogether."

More articles in Local & National

- [Paisley house is now in his name](#)
- [Prison warning to drivers using mobiles](#)
- [Man arrested over couple burned alive](#)
- [Six-year-old boy fights for his life after crash](#)
- [Paul Quinn's parents meet Secretary of State](#)

ADVERTISEMENTS

Best of 2007

Records



Music stars reveal their pick of this year's tunes

Gigs



The pick of this year's finest concerts and performances

Films



Our experts reveal their pick of the year's movie releases

Books



Authors reveal their pick of this year's finest writing

In Pictures

- [Jan & Feb](#)
- [March](#)
- [April](#)
- [May](#)
- [June](#)
- [July](#)
- [August](#)
- [September](#)
- [October](#)
- [November](#)
- [December](#)

Video

A taste of tinseltown



Mischa the belle of Belfast city for movie premiere

Festive farewell to Belfast choir



Conductor Harry Grindle bows out on high-note

What's the big Ikea?



The iconic Swedish superstore opens

BT Woman of the Year



Applauding Ulster's most exceptional women

Omagh blaze tragedy



Special report on Northern Ireland's worst house fire

Belfast Telegraph Property Awards



Celebrating excellence at the inaugural awards gala

Best view in town



Special multimedia



report on Belfast Wheel

Fashion Week



Ulster struts the catwalk with a stylish confidence

Carl Verheyen



Interview with one of the world's best guitarists

Final moments of Uboat diver



The last dive of Dublin man Michael Hanrahan

Big Man's big fry



First Minister's vision is outlined over breakfast

Ulster's boy wonder



Watch our interview with golf sensation Rory McIlroy

Twelfth parades



Watch the video of this year's parade in Belfast

Paisley interview



Exclusive: First Minister Ian Paisley talks to Ed Curran

In Pictures . . .

News

- [Ulster Fry event](#)
- [The Twelfth](#)
- [Bull Run](#)
- [Award-winners](#)
- [Flooded Ulster](#)
- [Sunny Northern Ireland](#)
- [Devolution Day](#)
- [Assembly Elections](#)
- [Maze tumbles](#)
- [Blair quits](#)
- [Last watchtower](#)
- [Carrick-a-rede](#)

Events

- [Derry Xmas](#)
- [Boss is back](#)
- [Xmas: what a turn on](#)
- [Property Awards](#)
- [50 Cent](#)
- [Enrique Iglesias](#)
- [Halloween](#)
- [Fantasy Fest](#)
- [Rolling Stones](#)
- [Oxegen 07](#)
- [Beach Party 07](#)
- [Balmoral Show](#)
- [Razorlight](#)
- [St Patrick's Day](#)
- [Mardis Gras](#)
- [Justin Timberlake](#)
- [Brit Awards 07](#)

Sport

- [Spain 1 Norn Iron 0](#)
- [Win over Denmark](#)

[Windsor win](#)
[Golf: Rory McIlroy](#)
[British Open](#)
[Copa America Final](#)
[N Ireland v Sweden](#)
[Six Nations](#)
[World in Sport](#)

Eye on the World

Malise Ruthven



How the Saudis exported a hardline ideology

Apocalypse now?



Hersh predicts major conflict if US attacks Iran

Burmese junta? Knickers to that



'Panties for peace' is latest ploy by Burma activists

Conquering sectarianism



Can Ulster be the blueprint for Iraq's future?