



HAVE YOUR SAY
Send us your stories, pictures and comments

Hotels.com wake up happy

Click here

News

- Jobs
- Cars
- Property
- Other Titles
- Services**

- Local & National
- World News
- Politics
- Property
- Health
- Education
- Business
- Environment
- Technology
- Belfast Telegraph Television
- Family Notices

wanted justice

Monday, 11 August 2008

"Those are for the kids". That was the last thing Alan Radford said to his sister Carol.

It was the evening before the Omagh bomb and the 16-year-old had just stopped by to drop off a couple of packets of sweets for his two young nieces.

Print Email

Search



Bookmark & Share

Digg It

del.icio.us

Facebook

Stumbleupon

nibusinessinfo.co.uk is provided by Invest NI and part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

NIBUSINESS INFO.CO.UK

Practical Advice for Business

It is a memory Carol cherishes. "He been down to the shop with his mum and he'd just popped in," she said.

What are these?

"And the last memory I have of Alan is him coming and putting two packets of sweets on the hall table.

"He was lovely like that, I'm just so proud of him."

The next time Carol saw her brother was four days later when his remains were brought back to the family home, less than a mile from where the Real IRA bomb had taken his life.

"I remember when they opened the coffin," said Carol. "I just thought that's not my brother, what have they done to him?"

"There wasn't a part of Alan's body not touched.

"It wasn't until I went to the inquest I realised how much damage they'd done.

"But even in the coffin you couldn't stop the flow of blood from his chest, they had to put plasters on him because of a gash through his eye and across his face.

"My brother Alan was just a boy, just a boy and they just cut him down in his prime."

Alan Radford had just finished his GCSEs at Omagh High School. His results arrived in the post days after he died. He'd achieved the grades he needed to pursue his dream of being a chef.

Omagh was and remains mixed and the bomb did not discriminate between faiths — Protestant and Catholic alike perished on Market Street. Alan was a Mormon.

Like a number of those bereaved at Omagh, Carol Radford believes victims do not have a place in the new political landscape and she is particularly critical of the suggestion that some form of truth and reconciliation process may help families who lost loved ones: "I don't want to tell my story, I want justice for my brother."

But does she hold out any hope that Alan's killers would ever face justice?

"In the present climate I doubt it very much. We're an inconvenience. But you just can't let it go, I can never forget what they did to Alan."



Carol Radford says her brother Alan was just a boy when he was killed by the bomb.

 [enlarge](#)

Post a comment

Limit: 500 characters

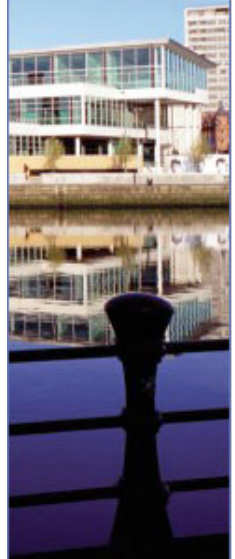
[View all comments](#) that have been posted about this article

* Name (only this field displayed)

* Email

* Town/City

Belfast
Telegraph
Television



**It's life
as we
know it**

* Country/State

Offensive or abusive comments will be removed and your IP address logged and may be used to prevent further submissions. In submitting a comment to the site, you agree to be bound by BelfastTelegraph.co.uk's [Terms of Use](#)

* Required field

Remember Me

Also in this section

- [Belfast brand was plan 'B'](#)

