

# Laughter and shock as locally shot film unfolded

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THE locally shot film 'Crashing the Wake' has had a number of screenings to approving audiences in Omagh Library.

The 15-minute film provoked reactions of laughter and shock as the story unfolded, and was warmly received by its audience.

The story revolves around Frank McCabe's wake. His son, George, has decided to hold an open wake where people can come and pay their respects.

Among these people is Jerry, Frank's former employee, who knows a thing or two about George and Frank, which other people don't. Jerry has been cut out of the will and is determined to use any means necessary to get back at both George and Frank.

The sets worked exceptionally well, especially the wakehouse which was eerily realistic.

A five minute film of the making of 'Crashing the Wake', gave an insight to the hard work and dedication that went into its making.

Vice chairman of Omagh District Council, Gerry O'Doherty said the film was something the district could be proud of.

"The involvement of people as extras in the film means that there was huge local involvement. We wish every success to the cast and

crew and hope that the film will travel all over the world, bringing a little of Omagh with it," he added.

The film was accepted into the Belfast Film Festival, and although it didn't win, the judges and audiences and other film-

makers were full of praise for it.

Crashing the Wake was written and directed by Omagh film-maker, Chris Baugh, and Arnstein Dybvik, from Norway, produced by Chee Keong Cheung, of Intense Productions.



Omagh District Council arts officer, Jean Brennan, left, with Roddy Tierney, local district councillor, Joe Byrne and Declan Forde at the first viewing of the locally-shot film, 'Crashing the Wake' PM1303



Omagh District Council vice-chairman, Gerry O'Doherty, at Omagh library where the locally-shot film, 'Crashing the Wake', had its first screening before being shown at the prestigious Belfast Film Festival. Included in the photograph are some of those involved in the production. PM1304