

seem to suit gardai. Officers serving mostly behind desks at Garda Headquarters in the pleasant setting of Phoenix Park have an average of 9.12 sick days leave per annum.

The embarrassing figures are based on a survey of all

would continue to work the roster system that had been in place since the 19th century.

She included studies done in other countries, which clearly demonstrate that gardai working the roster system in Dublin are a danger to themselves and to the public,

erised system for monitor sick leave. Under the current system, sick leave is still written in by hand in the statutory and gardai have to fill a number of forms, which rarely, if ever, seen by supervisors — the same system applied in the 19th century

Discreet, safe and fun way to meet a partner

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AS PREVIOUS members of a dating agency, two entrepreneurs have come together to set up a fresh-thinking, totally private and confidential introduction agency for unattached individuals based on the failings and limitations of past experiences.

The agency — Two's Company — is the brainchild of Jennifer Haskins and Bill Phelan. Despite being in the same dating agency for years, they didn't meet through it and have both questioned why.

"If the agency had been more thorough in profiling us, we believe that we could, and should, have met through them — so we have used our experiences as the basis for this business, focusing our attention on the personal element on which old-fashioned matchmaking was based," said Jennifer.

With the two main dating agencies ceasing to operate in Dublin in the past year, Jennifer and Bill saw a gap in the market for a tailor-made, personalised service which wasn't internet-dependent and didn't reveal profiles or photographs on the internet.



TEAM: Bill Phelan and Jennifer Haskins. Photo: Tony Gavin

"The cornerstone of what we do is confidentiality and discretion," says Bill. "This lets our members use our services without fears or concerns. The experience should be exciting and fun, but above all safe."

Having a male perspective through Bill was very important to the agency's approach. "Men have a very different approach to meeting people," says Jill. "We have several high-profile male clients whose main concern is confidentiality and professionalism. They require a high level of discretion; they want a service that can introduce them to women of similar backgrounds and interests, who share the same standards."

"While women naturally require the above, they want

emphasis on safety. They are comfortable that we meet and interview every client and that we only agree to work for people who are committed to finding a partner," she said.

"We invest in cars, property, holidays, fashion — are yet one of the most important elements of our life — our close personal relationship. The material things can fill the gap temporarily, but life partner or soulmate can enhance our lives in a more profound and permanent way," said Jennifer.

To celebrate St Valentine's Day, Two's Company would like to offer the first 25 new members their choice of dinner for two, or a beauty treatment voucher. Phone 1850 241 241 for more information or to make an appointment

Ownership shine wears off for K Club investor

NIAMH HORAN

BLAME coincidence, traffic or even the natural elements — but don't blame the K Club.

That was the official line this week from the world-class golf resort as the name of Gerry Gannon, who co-owns

and tear". This despite the fact that the names on four spaces beside it — including one belonging to business tycoon Dermot Desmond — remain devoid of weathering.

As a source explained: "Now his name is gone from the spot, club members are

for it. His name has just weathered off because there are a lot of drivers, delivery trucks and the like, who use his space outside the front door of the club to turn their vehicles."

The well-placed source also said that there were no plans to replace the name, unless