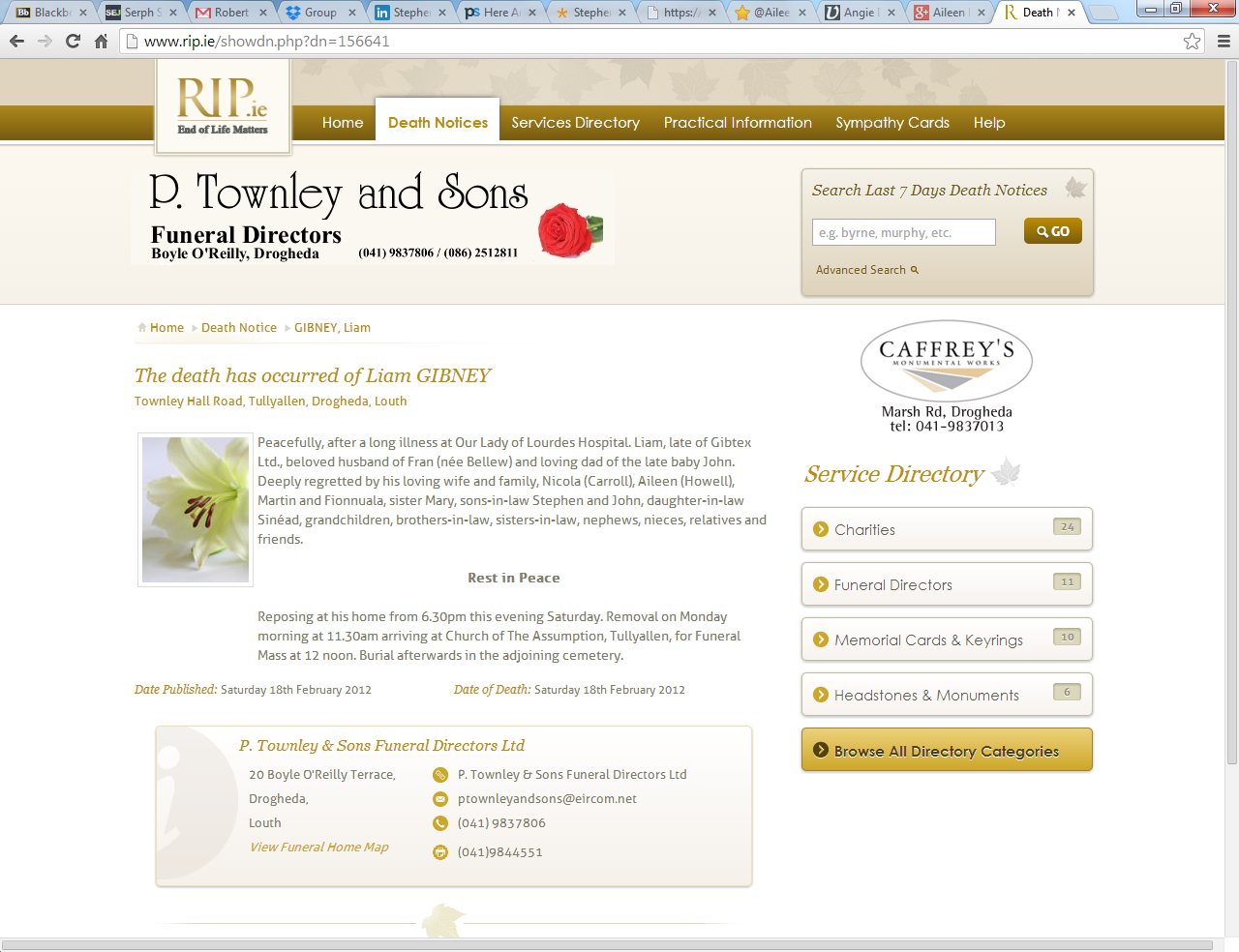
AILEEN   
Aileen Howell (27) from Dunleer, Co. Louth is mother to baby Jack and runs her own pregnancy wear site,[http://www.bumpbasics.com](http://www.bumpbasics.com/). Prior to this, Aileen was a programmer with Anglo Irish Bank in the IFSC. She loved her job, but while on maternity leave with her son Jack, realised that she couldnâ€™t face the return to work with a two-hour commute each way.   
â€œI used parental leave and looked for options for working from home,â€ she says.   
Aileenâ€™s dad, Liam, worked in retail and it was his suggestions, along with advice, from her husband, Stephen, that got her thinking.   
She identified a lack of maternity wear available online and set about doing research.   
When Aileen looked at sourcing her supplies, sheâ€™d the choice of manufacturing herself, buying from a label or buying ex-stock. She chose to buy from a known label and now has a wide range of products on her website.   
â€œI started small in June 2004 with a Â£500 sterling order of five products from Funmom,â€ she says. â€œOnce they took off, I was able to add new items. I now stock a range of products that includes maternity wear, Emma Jane maternity and nursing lingerie, and Buggy Buddies seat inserts for shopping trolliesâ€.   
By January 2005, Aileen had over 900 registered customers.   
  
As Aileenâ€™s background was in computers, she found it easy to set up her website using free software packages she downloaded. She set up under her Dadâ€™s company using his vat number and found this helped getting credibility with suppliers.   
â€œI hope to set it up as a private company and get a wage, in the next month or so.â€   
Last year, Aileen was inspired at a talk in Tallaght Institute of Technology on Innovation and Enterprise. This year she gave the talk - a sure sign of an entrepreneur.   
[http://www.bumpbasics.com](http://www.bumpbasics.com/) (041-6862815)

<http://www.magicmum.com/phpBB/viewtopic.php?p=172908&sid=d3fe645a21b6656b047ae1fa93e6e7a6>

Fathers death



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