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The Echo: It's what Boris grabs hold of in the morning

Sporting thought for the week:
Sessegnon gets it on his left hand foot - Iain Dowie

Chinese invade Ballyhaunis

Claretians across the globe were shocked this week to discover that the club's website had been hacked by a Chinese beating firm (below right), leaving members unable to follow the fortunes of the club's various teams.

Forensic investigators, working on behalf of the club's IT department, were finally able to trace the hack back to the small town of Ballyhaunis, in County Mayo.

Such a bizarre link left investigators intrigued as to why a worldwide Chinese casino would be filtering their gamblers

through Ballyhaunis? Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the sheer volume of ridiculous bets being placed from the county, meant that the Chinese felt it was what they called the "perfect wormhole" to infiltrate the cast iron barriers around the prestigious web address of www.stclarets.co.uk.

Information obtained by the investigators proved that in recent weeks the amount of bets placed in Mayo, on Mayo football related odds, had increased considerably since the team's back-

door victory over neighbours and arch-rivals, Galway.

The most popular bet was on who would embarrass the boys in green and red next, with Mayo themselves being the favourites. Others in-

cluded sizeable wagers on Andy Moran still playing county football in 2030, while many were trying to predict when Aidan O'Shea might actually score. Others were pondering if David Clarke would ever find a

team mate with one of his own kick-outs.

Thankfully the issue with the website is in the process of being resolved, which is more than can be said for Clarke's kick-out problems or O'Sheas's scoring woes!



The Hubby's Hobby

Claretians were shocked this week when pictures emerged of senior players Paddy Donaghy, Pat Lynott and Lawrence Weir all enjoying life on the high stool (right).

It is rumoured that the married trio have been meeting regularly since Weir tied the knot earlier in the summer, in what one barman in west London called "less of a drinking club and more of a support group".

Another pint puller, who regularly hosts the husbands, likened the get-togethers to a "mother and toddlers group - without the mothers."

A fourth, but permanently absent member of the group, Aidan

Donaghy, is said to be keen to be a regular participant in the gatherings, if only he was allowed,



No Healing This One

Dedicated Claretian Matt Healy was said to be traumatised this week when pictures emerged of team-mate and long-time friend, Luke Kelly (right), dressed identically to him, in a shirt that his mother Patricia is said to have bought Luke as a present, just for being Luke.

Healy, who only recently discovered that all his clothing was branded with the No 3 (inset), not because of his prowess in and around the edge of the square as a full back,

but more because he is his mother's third favourite son.

It now appears though that he is actually tied for that honour with a random bloke who he went to primary school with.

