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Sporting thought for the week:

“It must be said that Mayo’s surrender was total and abject” - Joe Brogly

Fab-4-For-Mayo

Rumours have been circulating all week concerning the whereabouts of St Clarets’ on “Fab Four” – the quartet of Mayo fans currently playing for the club.

Concerns were first raised around about 6.30pm on Saturday afternoon, when all four, Sean McDonnell, Jack and Mikey Lavelle, together with Ronan Gaughan



(pictured), disappeared from the senior team’s Whatsapp group, just about the same time as their beloved warriors in green and red were exiting the All Ireland Championship at the hands of Dublin.

Many Claretians believed that the four amigos had retired to a quiet saloon somewhere in west London to drown their sorrows. Others believed that they had adjourned to a secret location to begin to craft their letter to the Mayo County Board demanding the sacking of James Horan and the re-instatement of John Maughan as manager.

However, following some extensive research by *The Echo*, we can exclusively re-

veal that Mayo’s very own answer to *The Beatles* have actually deliberately maintained radio silence in order to help promote their new single: “*The Sound of Silence*”, a cover of the famous Simon and Garfunkel song, which is a tribute to the Mayo fans in Croke Park last Saturday during the second half.

Meanwhile, the B-side is said to feature a cover of the Ray Charles’ classic, “*Born to Lose*”.

In further “Fab Four” related news, Mayo fanatic Patrick Lynott, known to many as the “Fifth Beatle”, is said to have refused to join in the recording of the *Sound of Silence*, telling his fellow green and red loyalists: “Sound of Silence! I haven’t heard that since Ciara was born”, a reference to the endless sleepless nights his young daughter has gifted him.

Bonding Session

James Bond superfan, Daithi Colton, has opened up to *The Echo* about his failure to win the lead role as the next 007.

The Monaghan native has been enduring three-hour gym sessions, five-times a week, in the hope that he would get the nod when current secret agent Daniel Craig finally empties his Martini glass.

However, all of Colton’s blood, sweat and tears seems to be in vain, with film producers said to be currently considering casting a lady in the role instead.

This news though hasn’t put Daithi off the idea of playing the iconic spy, and he was last seen perusing the bikini section of the store PrettyLittleThing.



Bonded: Daithi and Daniel

Toe-Curley Experience

Enthusiastic learner driver Stephen Curley last week grabbed the opportunity to take part in a crash course in driving during his summer holidays from his work as a teacher.



Stephen Curley: Driving enthusiast

The Mayo-native, who has failed his test an impressive eleven times so far, took part in the course at a local driver training school.

However, things didn’t go as Stephen had hoped, and at the end of the week, the chief instructor pulled Stephen aside and explained to him that he wasn’t quite ready for the

open road yet.

A disgusted Curley contacted *The Echo* in an attempt to expose the driving school for its lack of teaching credibility.

In an interview with the paper’s senior reporter, Stephen explained: “It was a crash course. I think I managed to crash more than anyone else the whole week. I really don’t see why I didn’t pass.”

Undeterred, Curley insisted that he was determined to pass his driving test before the summer is over so that he can finally get his hands on the keys of the school mini bus.

Parents have been warned.



Accident waiting to happen: Curley