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St Clarets GFC: If you like a lot of chocolate on your biscuit join our club

DAMP Donaghy in Desert Dash

Residents of the County Tyrone market town of Coalisland were left speechless last Monday, when a 47-car motorcade swept through the town centre.

Shoppers lined the streets as the cavalcade came to a sudden stop in the middle of the town, allowing a large gentleman of Arabic origin to exit the lead vehicle and ask for directions.

After several moments of discussion and a great deal of hand waving, the gentleman got back into the car and the motorcade sped off in the direction of Derrylaughlin.

When quizzed by fellow Coalislanders about the Arab man's business, Tony Corr lowered his bottle of Buckfast tonic wine and informed them that the man had been looking for local business *Donaghy Adaptable Multi Purpose Canvas* or DAMP Canvas as it is commonly known in the awnings, tarpaulin and temporary shelter industry.

Upon further investigation by members of the local media, it was discovered that the motorcade was the entourage of Sheikh Hamad Al Hamand Bin Hamand Al Hamad, a Qatar-based billionaire.

When approached about the nature of the Sheikh's business with DAMP Canvas, journalists were directed to the company's London-based Chief Executive Mr Patrick Donaghy, who said that he was not at liberty to discuss the Sheikh's enquiry, but that he hoped to be able to tell them more after he had returned from an impromptu trip to Qatar.

However, DAMP's Chief Financial Officer, Aidan Donaghy, was a lot more forthcoming with the media and told them that the Sheikh had been most impressed by the event the Donaghy family had staged in a tent in a field next to their house last year for his wedding to Manpreet.

Sheikh Al Hamand Bin Hamand Al Hamad's motorcade in Coalisland

Apparently, having read reports of the event on the St Clarets GFC website, the Sheikh had decided that he wanted his fourteenth daughter to get married in a DAMP tent.

Aidan added that Patrick was currently in Qatar "pricing a job of global significance to their family owned company" and that they were "delighted to think that their DAMP tents would get an airing in the desert heat of Qatar".

Further to this news, sources close to the recently married Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have said that the couple regret not taking the DAMP alternative for their wedding and that they feel they were rushed into choosing Buckingham Palace as a venue for their reception under intense pressure from William's influential grandmother, Liz.

Friends of Kate have assured her she'll be able to have a DAMP tent next time she walks down the aisle.

Always keen to up-stage her sister, Kate's sibling Pippa has already booked a DAMP Canvas product for her wedding, despite the fact that no one has asked her yet.

Sources close to Pippa say she is anxious to walk down the aisle before model Jordan ruins the DAMP Canvas concept by chaving it up completely by requesting a tent in flamingo pink.

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Wallace's War

Residents in south west London were awoken last night as emergency services tried to bring an end to a dramatic domestic stand-off involving one of St Clarets greatest ever players.

Health and safety tsar Dermot Wallace, was left red-faced as his three daughters, Charlotte, Darcy and Abigail climbed onto the roof of their family home and hoisted a banner demanding an end to the "cotton wool regime" within which they are currently living.

Apparently frustrated by the strict H&S protocols introduced by the safety-conscious Wallace, the girls mounted their roof-top demo to try and force their father to lift some of the restrictions that he has imposed.

Wallace's wife Becky, told reporters that she did feel that the three girls had a valid point: "We've no knives in the house of any description nor glassware, and we don't own any electrical or gas equipment. Dermot feels it's all far too dangerous.

"Basically the house that has been decorated entirely in bubble wrap - the floors, walls and the ceilings. "Dermot takes his work very seriously" she continued. "And it's one of the things that I admire most. But I think the girls are trying to let him know that enough is enough."

The four-hour stand-off came to an end when two of the girls paraglided from the top of the house using only an umbrella while screaming "I'm Mary Poppins", while 3-month old Abigail performed a gymnastics routine along the ridge tiles.

Dermot was unable to comment afterwards as he was breathing into a paper bag, having suffered what was described as a "serious panic attack".