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St Clarets GFC: Ecstasy = My Clarets²

Ghostly experience for Johnno

Briefs!

St Clarets die-hard Matt Healy was last weekend left counting the cost of his utterly pointless devotion to Hayes and Yeading FC.

At the start of the season, Healy not only put his shirt on Hayes getting promoted, but also his trousers.

Sadly, with Hayes finishing in the bottom six, Healy was forced to surrender the aforementioned shirt and trousers.



Healy and a fellow Hayes fan

Claretian superstar John O'Dowd has this week revealed the truth behind his phobia of hitch-hiking.

In an emotional interview with *The Echo*, the Cork man recalled an event that occurred during his student days in Galway, an event that has left him terrified of hitch-hiking ever since.

Once, while thumbing back from what he called a "mad rip" in Ennis, a storm broke, leaving O'Dowd exposed to the elements.

Suddenly, he saw a car coming towards him slowly and then stopping.

Without thinking, John got into the car ... only to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't running.

The car started moving again and as terrified John

looked ahead, he saw a curve approaching. Just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared from the darkness, and turned the wheel.

Shortly after, John, by now hysterical, saw a pub by the road, so he jumped out of the car and ran to seek sanctuary.

He rushed inside and started telling everybody about the experience he had just had.

A silence enveloped the pub as John told his ghostly story before getting up to leave.

Just as he walked out the door, four men walked in.

Unbeknown to John, these men held the key to his frightening experience.

As the men settled at the bar, they began to tell locals about the ordeal they had just had with their car breaking down, and how they had pushed it all the way to the pub, before cursing the fool who'd hopped into the car when they had stopped for a breather half an hour ago.



The four horse men on the Peugeot 306 pushing O'Dowd

Donaghy noise cancellation

St Clarets legend Mick Keane has had to take extreme measures in an attempt to get some peace and quiet.

Having had to listen to son-in-law Paddy Donaghy bleating on all Sunday evening about how Dublin didn't deserve to beat Tyrone in the National League Final, Keane went online and bought himself a pair

of hi-tech noise cancelling headphones. He now wears them permanently when Donaghy is about the place.

And Keane's lucky he did, as on Monday, Donaghy treated his two boys to another six-hour DVD marathon of Tyrone's greatest moments from 2003-08, featuring commentary by Paddy himself.



Peace perfect peace: Keane at home in his Donaghy-free zone