

# The Claretian Echo



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The Echo: Don't lie to us, 'cos we'd never lie to you!

## Where's Wally Hughes?

St Clarets chairman John Kelly was said to be "fit to be tied" last weekend after finding out that his de-nouncement of all things showbiz within the club had gone unnoticed by fellow Claretians.

The Galway man was holidaying in Rome when news

broke that recent recruit Eamonn Hughes had decided to go out on the town dressed as Waldo of "Where's Wally" fame.

Given the Tyrone man's previously reserved nature, this was a move seen by many as a test of Kelly's authority within the club and also of Hughes's standing among his team mates.

So incensed was Kelly by the news, he had to be detained by the Vatican's Swiss Guard for a number of hours to allow him to "cool off a little".

Upon arrival back in London, Kelly was contacted by *The Echo* for comment and he simply said: "Eamonn is free to do as he pleases and dress as he pleases in his private life. We run a very open

and liberal club here. It's not a dictatorship... as much as I wish it were.

"However, I just wish that he would carry this enthusiasm for being invisible with him onto the football field, because he doesn't seem that capable of getting away from any of the defenders he has

been facing recently."

Despite repeated attempts by *The Echo* to contact Hughes, we have been unable to find him anywhere.

It looks like he's taking this Waldo thing pretty seriously! Let's hope he reveals himself before the Championship.



Anyone seen Wally Hughes?

### GFC Hollywood

St Clarets club chairman John Kelly is reported to be avid this week as news of the mesian aspirations of a number of the club's senior players spread across various social networking sites.

Kelly, who worked tirelessly throughout 2012 to rid the club of the dancing epidemic

that was threatening the very foundations of the senior team, appears to be facing a similar battle in 2013, but this time he's dealing with the Hollywood ambitions of some of his younger players.

The rumour-mill kicked into action when stay-away defender Conor Healy was spotted at an audition for the role of Joe Back (John Voight's rent-boy character) in the re-make of the controversial 1969 movie

However, the issue didn't stop there, and was heightened when Kelly's own son, Luke, arrived at a recent club social straight from his audition for the role of *Maverick* in the sequel to *Top Gun*; a sight that almost reduced Kelly senior to tears.

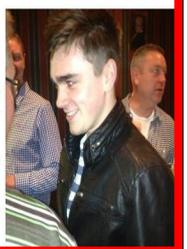
Finally, Twitter went viral when Gary Wynne announced that he had been picked to play *Che Guevara* in a new movie about *Fidel Castro's* life, although

*Hannibal Smith* from the *A-Team* for the audition is anyone's guess.

Speaking to *The Echo*, John-Kelly said: "I don't mind these boys having an interest in acting, but I wish they had decided that they wanted to pretend to be footballers. I could live with that."



Che's plan comes together!



Last week's Echo warning players of the impersonation habits

### All the thrills .... without the spills

Spare a thought for Claretian defender Liam O'Keefe who recently paid £11,500 for a dream safari holiday.

The Corkman was intending to use the warm weather trip as part of his individualised pre-Championship preparation programme.

Having spent weeks looking for the best deal, O'Keefe finally settled on one from an on-line company called

*Southall Safaris*, a company who claim they would make the holiday so effortless and comfortable that it would "feel like it was all taking place in your own back garden".

And they did - by leaving a concrete miniature elephant in O'Keefe's garden (right), along with an invitation to experience the thrills of safari without the spills of dysentery!

