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"Lying is a thriving vocation"

Daniel Day-Luas

In Brief

Paddy Donaghy has been parading his two young lads around London, getting them to demonstrate what he calls the "dark art of defending".

Over Easter, Donaghy enrolled the boys in a special course on tackling in his native Tyrone and is said to be delighted with "the tricks the boys learned".



The "dark arts" demo

Cavan man Daniel O'Reilly was this week at the centre of a city-wide man-hunt after he vanished from his Finchley home last Friday.

O'Reilly was eventually discovered by British Transport Police sleeping on an empty tube train on Tuesday night, and when woken by officers, the rather intoxicated defender mumbled: "Is this the Luas to Stillorgan?" before wiping drool from his mouth.

Officers were concerned by this statement, given that they couldn't understand his Cavan accent and also knew nothing about the Dublin tram system, and believed the cry to be the call-to-arms of an extremist group, so immediately notified the anti-terrorist police.

Daniel was taken to the special holding cells at Paddington Green Police Station, where after several cups of strong coffee, he was able to explain to detectives exactly how he ended up in the condition he was in.

The likeable Gowra man explained that having read a story in last week's *Claretian Echo* about Chris Deasy giving out free booze to hobos on the underground, he had figured that he was better off just sitting on the tube waiting for the free booze, rather than going



Daniel clutching a can of his free booze.

out to work, and then having to spend his wages on buying the booze himself.

It appears from his condition that during his four day adventure underground, Daniel did meet Chris several times in fact!

One senior police officer, himself an avid reader of *The Echo*, was able to confirm O'Reilly's story and police released him charging him only for the three cups of coffee he had!

Donaghy slopes off

Claretian stalwart Aidan Donaghy has contacted *The Echo* directly this week to explain his absence from all team activities so far this year.

The veteran defender, normally Mr Reliable, is said to have received death threats from some outraged St Clarets players, including skipper "Red" Barry Lynch. As a result, Donaghy has decided to set the record straight.

"I've been taking part in some extreme weather training to help the

lads later in the year. I'm thinking All Ireland semi-finals and finals here, not your Mickey Mouse London stuff.

"There are going to be a few cold days later in this campaign on the road to Croke Park and I'll be ready for them" he explained to a staff reporter at *The Echo*, before dashing off to Snozone in Milton Keynes for another go on his snowboard.



Donaghy: preparing for the All Ireland series