

St Clarets: Setting new standards in standard setting

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Has young starlet Shane Buckley secured his first sponsorship deal?



Damn the cam

Things have gone horribly wrong for Mike Shea in his role as nanny to Barry Lynch, after he was spotted on the nanny-cam dirty dancing with Lynch's new mum Manpreet. (pictured above).

An understandably upset dad, Aidan Donaghy, told *The Echo* that he had to fire Shea, as there was no way anyone who danced that badly could be allowed near wee Barry. Meanwhile, Manpreet was unavailable as she was nursing two badly bruised feet.

Nice day for a Wool Wedding

Tensions are mounting in Tadhg Lee's household after he announced last week that he wanted to use his upcoming wedding to pay tribute to his wool wearing icon, the recently deceased Val Doonican.

Lee, a known knitwear enthusiast, insists that unless he is allowed to publically recognise the importance of the V-necked vocalist Val Doonican in his life, then the



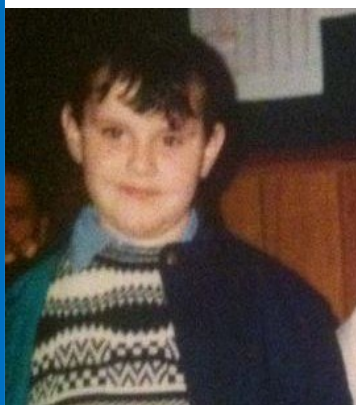
Hero: the late Val Doonican

upcoming nuptials may well have to be postponed – or even re-thought altogether.

So determined is Lee to have a woolly wedding, he has engaged the expert help of renowned sweater-wearing wedding planner Sean Killeen, himself a fan of "plain and purl" apparel. Between them they have weaved a plan to persuade bride-to-be Claire that a fully crocheted, lamb's wool wedding dress would be a real head-turner at the wedding celebrations.

Meanwhile, Tadhg has been spotted sampling a variety of yarns at a local haberdashery store, with rumours circulating that he is going to attempt to knit a bespoke green and white hooped Aran three-piece wedding suit out of Shetland wool for the big day.

Wheeler-dealer Paddy Donaghy is currently looking for a sponsor for Tadhg's one-of-a-kind wedding outfit.



Cashmere Casanova: Lee



Killeen: wedding planner

Out of Sight

Committed Claretian Sean McCarthy has launched a blistering attack on senior team manager Tony Murphy after he was once again over-looked for first team duty last weekend.

Speaking exclusively to *The Echo*, McCarthy explained how, despite an exhausting work schedule, he hasn't missed a single training session or game all season - this despite working 17-hours a day shooting the lead role

of his new movie **The Invisible Man**.

A-not-so-visibly upset McCarthy told *The Echo*, that despite winning every sprint at training and excelling in every drill, he feels that Murphy acts like he isn't even there, and that having once again been over-looked, he feels that he has to stand up and be counted.

"I'm dashing straight from the set every evening, often still in my costume, just to be at training. I'm first on the pitch and last of it, but I just get ignored. It's like I'm not there."



Sean (right), along with father Denis

When challenged on the omission of Sean McCarthy, manager Murphy simply said: "Who?"