

# Willie Clancy statue attacked by vandals; pipes replaced with spoons

Miltown Malbay residents were shocked today after discovering that the statue of Willie Clancy was vandalised, with his pipes being replaced with spoons. The statue was unveiled as a permanent tribute to the village's famous piper a few years ago and has stood proud on the mainstreet since. Until last night's despicable act which saw vandals attempt to make fun of the

uilleann piper. "This is a disgusting act of vandalism", said Harry Hughes. "Our team works hard organising this festival with many people coming to see the statue especially. There's nothing more no suspects at the moment but are looking at CCTV footage which appears to show a curly, red haired concertina player sneaking away from the area at 5 o'clock in the morning.



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## Friels establish a 'One-Way System' to ease traffic problems

Famous establishment Friels has brought in a new 'One-Way System' to ease traffic congestion inside the premises.

Popular with many musicians, the pub is always packed during the Willie Clancy week, drawing in great business.

However this has come at a cost in recent years with many people taking hours to make their way through the crowds.

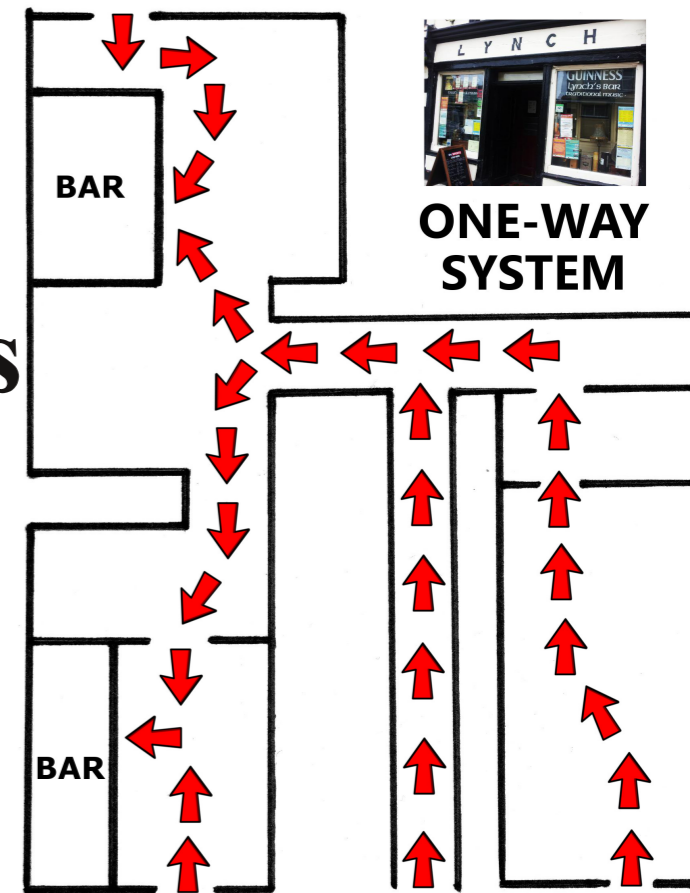
This new system has been designed to combat all this, says

manager Johnny Wilson. "We do get the crowds in sure, but we want to make it so that people are able to move freely and easily once they get inside.

This is new system eliminates any confusion people have about where to go. All people have to do is follow the arrows on the map."

The new system ensures that there is a constant flow and customers find their way directly to the bar.

Going against the arrows is forbidden so



once people arrive at the bar, they have no choice but to stay there. The directions already proved popular with the punters, with many calling it a huge improvement

previous years. "Jaysus 'tis great on last year. I dared anyone to try and make their way through the front bar last year on a busy night. Sure there wasn't even room to fart."

## The Drone Lonely Hearts

**Looking for the Peter Horan to my Fred Finn** - Single fiddler looking for duet partner for long romantic sessions, must have own (large) flute. Do you hold the key to my fiddle case?

**Piper seeks piper** - For exclusive pipe-tune based relationship, must be an avid reader of 'An Piobaire' and have access to an endless supply of terrible pipe puns.

**Session girl** - I told you to stop playing awful fiddle in the session in Blonde's. You threw a pint over me. We had a moment. Coffee?

**Concertina swingers** - Looking for like-minded concertina players for intimate get-together. There's 3 of us, need more...C. Begley.

**Lonely accompanist** - Sick of playing on my own. I enjoy standing behind things and a thrashing my strings...C. Lunny

**A chance meeting** - Man who was in the session in The Central playing the bodhran. You had no teeth and even less rhythm but you stole my heart. Meet me there tonight if you feel the same. I'll be wearing a Cavan GAA cap...and nothing else.

**Let's meet for a tune** - You: Concertina player, small yet muscular hands. Unibrow like a furry caterpillar crossing an oily, acne ridden desert. Me: Pretty much the same. Let's stop playing games.

**Easygoing female fiddler** - Seeking male, fiddle prowess not important, must be reincarnation of Michael Coleman.

**Fiddler seeking accordion player** - I've had my heart broken many times by non-compliant accordion players. Can you follow orders? Play a hundred miles an hour? Sell your soul to the Devil? Meet me in Michael A's...F. Gavin

**Broken hearted fiddler** - My guitar playing partner left me, seeking new love. Must have love of East Clare music, minimalist chords and curly hair. I'll leave my glasses in my bedroom window so you can find me...M. Hayes

**Bodhran player seeking bodhran player** - Urgh...argh...brains...me...like...hit...stick...you...like...too? Call...me...

# "I didn't stop to talk to anyone", man makes it down Miltown mainstreet in record time

A man has made it down the mainstreet of Miltown Malbay in record time, a feat that has broken many musicians.



The walk down the mainstreet is notorious for taking so long that many musicians stay away from the centre of the village.

However a local man has managed to break the previous

record of an hour and a half by over 5 minutes, setting the new

record at an hour and 25 minutes.

"The secret was I didn't stop to talk to anyone! Weaving your way through the people and the feckin' stalls is bad enough!"

The man has already identified his next record of trying to sit through a whole Kila concert without losing the will to live.

# "I'm just here for the free wine", says man at Willie Clancy CD launches

A man attending the annual Willie Clancy Summer School CD and book launches has told reporters that he is only there "for the free wine".

The launches, which are held every first Sunday of the festival in St. Josephs Secondary School, Spanish Point, are one of the first chances for people to pick up the newest releases.

This has made it extremely popular however many people believe that it is the spread of free red and white wine which has done this.

"I don't give a damn about some twat's new CD", said the man.

"Who wants to stand around all day listening to boring speeches about some dead guy or some new book with

crappy tunes. I'll have another glass of red thank you very much."

Many people have always questioned why so many musicians show up to these launches who don't have a new book or CD and mingle with people they will see all week anyway.

But the now slightly tipsy man has figured it out, "The wine, it's gotta be the wine...\*hic\*

Why would anyone stand around talkin' shite to someone they don't even like if there wasn't any free booze!"

The man, who was last seen angrily telling Cormac Begley his concertina is too big, has said his next free booze target is the green room of the Saturday night gala concert in the Community Hall.

# Marty Morrissey given freedom of Miltown in lavish ceremony



Irish television personality Marty Morrissey was awarded the freedom of his home town Miltown Malbay amid great fanfare yesterday evening.

Fresh from being voted Ireland's Sexiest Man, Marty received his crown in a lavish ceremony involving exotic dancers, leaping horses and a girating Davy Fitzgerald.

"This is a great honour! I can't wait to show the ladies my scepter tonight!"

# Miltown classes introduce X-Factor style auditions with teachers as judges

Due to take place in the community hall on Monday morning, say organisers

Summer School organisers shocked students this week by announcing that classes will be decided X-Factor style auditions in front of 3 judges.

Dividing students into different class levels has taken over the Monday morning of the school every year, as senior teachers listen to each person and decide how crap they are.

This year, organisers have introduced the X-Factor auditions in order to streamline the class dividing process with the help of 3 judges: Joe Burke, John Kelly and Noel Hill.

Willie Clancy Festival organiser Harry Hughes told The Drone: "This was the most logical way to deal with those long Monday mornings. The whole day used to be taken up with teachers listening to hundreds of



renditions of The Sally one and Noel Hill being the Gardens." Simon Cowell-type character.

"This way we can go through each student quickly with the added bonus of the live audience. The judges are the best in the business too and

will be giving their opinions after each performance."

It is thought that the judges will mirror the judges from the television show, with Joe Burke being the funny one, lessons. Sure all Irish musicians are poor."

# Armada Hotel hosts 2nd annual Willie Clancy knock-off, 'The Billie Slancy Fest'



The Armada Hotel in Spanish Point has hosted its 2nd annual Willie Clancy Summer School knock-off, 'The Billie Slancy Festival', to widespread ridicule.

Over the past few years the hotel has held back from getting into the spirit of the Willie Clancy Summer School. Instead they have been hosting their own combination of crusty ceili dancers and shit country music.

"We're having a great time already", say organisers. "There's a really trendy young crowd here compared to last

year. I'd say the average age is 65."

The hotel says that their celebration of the fictitious Billy Slancy is a nice compliment to the Willie Clancy and deny any bregrudgerly towards the festival.

"We don't take part because we think there's so much going on already! Not because we're miserable, not at all..."