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The Echo: Where phone tapping isn't a crime ... It's a way of life

Wrong Direction

Gilly's Gaff

The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Tomas Gilmore in recent months has finally been solved. It's emerged he's been acting as a body double for a Qatari prince ... well at least until he was spotted drinking a pint of Harp (below). Unlike the pint, that didn't go down too well!



Claretian coach Ciaran Linehan was this week said to be distraught after failing in his attempt to take the place of Irishman Niall Horan in boy band *One Direction*.

With Horan recently lamenting his inability to "find love", rumours began to circulate that the band were losing patience with the singer they describe as being like "a wet blanket on a damp turf fire".

Having failed in an audition for Boyzone back in 1993, Ciaran sensed an opportunity to fulfil his lifetime ambition of fronting a boy band, so he sent a hastily recorded demo DVD to *One Direction's* manager Simon Cowell.

Sadly for Ciaran his impres-



Wrong... it's just all wrong: Ciaran fluffs his big chance

sion of Stevie Wonder failed to hit the mark with Cowell and he wasn't helped by the fact that he spent the entire demo facing the wrong way.

Cowell is reported to have been unimpressed, saying:

"Let's be honest ... we're trying to get rid of one tuneless singer from the band, we really don't need to bring in another. And anyway, tone deaf Irishmen are Louis Walsh's area of expertise."

Mac in no-Wynne situation

St Clarets legend John McDermott was this week reported to be in a state of shock after hearing that long-time admirer Gary Wynne is to move in with girlfriend Sophie.

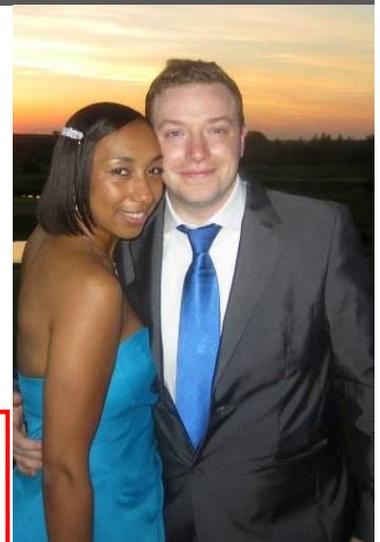
The news, which Wynne posted on Facebook last Wednesday (**below**), is said to have come like a bolt-

out-of-the-blue for McDermott, who had long basked in the glow of the Fermanagh native's man-love.

And as if this news of the change in Wynne's personal circumstances were not enough for McDermott to deal with, he was then informed in the same post that Gary was heading to

see Beyonce at Twickenham... without him.

A source close to McDermott simply said: "John's devastated. He and Gary had made plans a long time ago to go to the Beyonce gig together. They spent the entire winter practicing their dance moves. Words fail him at this moment."



Gary and Beyonce fan Sophie

Gary Wynne

Wednesday via BlackBerry PlayBook tablet app

Excited!! Moving in with Sophie on Saturday and then off to Twickenham to see Beyonce and co!! — with Sophie Mataba.