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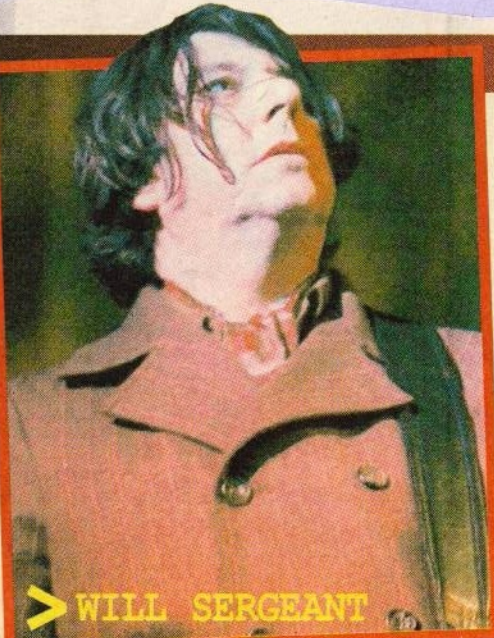
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HANDBAG HITS ITS TEENS:
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> WILL SERGEANT

Strictly go dancing with Will

IT'S hard to believe Dublin's longest-running club night will be celebrating a marathon 13 years of partying on the supposed quietest night of the week.

Club founder Martin Thomas and his Rock 'n' Roll Rescue Squad are suitably proud that their club — which now also operates in Sligo and Limerick — has welcomed more than quarter of a million punters through its doors.

It all started at U2's now defunct club The Kitchen but in recent years the weekly mix of "music with words" from the '60s and '80s has been housed at Ri-Ra.

That's where this year's festivities will

climax on bank holiday Monday, October 29, with Echo & The Bunnymen's guitarist Will Sergeant at the helm.

"The club hunted me down after seeing my playlists and said I would go down a treat in their '60s room," he told Clubmix of his first DJ date in Ireland.

Nuggets

"I've been DJing since the late '70s but only on a regular basis for the past four years. I play a mix of Kraftwerk, Eno, the odd bit of punk, psychedelic, Northern soul, bits of Krautrock," he said.

No Bunnymen classics or remixes then? "I wouldn't enjoy doing that. People sometimes expect it though. They think it's going to be an '80s night. With the excep-

tion of Gang of Four or Wire, I hate playing '80s records."

Bunnies fans can console themselves with the news that Will and Ian McCullough have completed a new album, the follow-up to 2005's warmly-received set Siberia.

Will revealed the new release will be out in the new year, but his main focus now is digging out nuggets to bring to Dublin, and fans are in for a treat.

Ahead of all that the Handbag celebrations kick off on Saturday, at its newly-opened branch at The Bodega Club in Dun Laoghaire.

And on Sunday at Whelan's in Dublin, Dexy's Midnight Runners' frontman Kevin Rowland is back by popular demand following his sensational set in the summer.