

# THE McALLISTERS

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**T**he May day musical celebrations on College Green came to an abrupt end halfway through the afternoon, thanks to the actions of an irate, off-duty verger from Bristol Cathedral.

Bristol outfit the McAllisters were half-way through their third number when the Head Verger, Mr. Hipple who lives in a house next to the Cathedral, stormed up to Mayday entertainments organiser Kevin Mitchell and demanded that the music be switched off. "Earlier in the day, the verger who was actually on duty asked us to turn the music down, which we did," Kevin told us. "But then this Mr Hipple marched up and said that if we didn't turn it off immediately he'd call the police because we were interrupting a service. He wouldn't even let the band finish the song they were playing, which was totally unreasonable."

While the McAllisters were still playing, Venue's on-the-spot newshound, Sian Davies, quickly nipped over to the Cathedral to see if there was any truth in Hipple's claims. "You couldn't hear a thing inside the Cathedral," she said. "The verger was obviously telling porkies."

It's a fact: after last year's Mayday celebration on the Green, during which live music was played all afternoon, the organisers wrote to the Cathedral asking if it had caused them any trouble. The reply assured them that the authorities were delighted with their efficient organisation.