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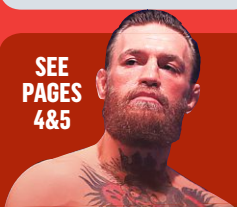


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Katie Taylor
with new
husband Sean
McCavanagh

We reveal Taylor's new hubby Sean McCavanagh is estate agent who helped her purchase US home as he speaks for the first time about love for boxer

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WORLD EXCLUSIVE: SECRETLY-MARRIED COUPLE

KATIE TAYLOR'S new husband spoke for the first time last night about the love of his life, telling us: "she's the best!"

The *Sunday World* can exclusively reveal that the Olympic and World champion boxer's partner is American Sean McCavanagh, a real estate broker from her adopted American state of Connecticut.

We can also disclose that Sean (47) was the agent who helped buy Katie's new five-bedroom house in December 2023 in Connecticut, for which she paid \$535,000 (€455,000).

Sean accompanied Katie (39) to her home county of Co Wicklow earlier this week, where they attended an event in Tiglin Men's Centre – a rehabilitation facility for those affected by addiction.

Speaking for the first time about being married to one of the most famous people in Ireland, he replied: "It's the best ever, she's the best!"

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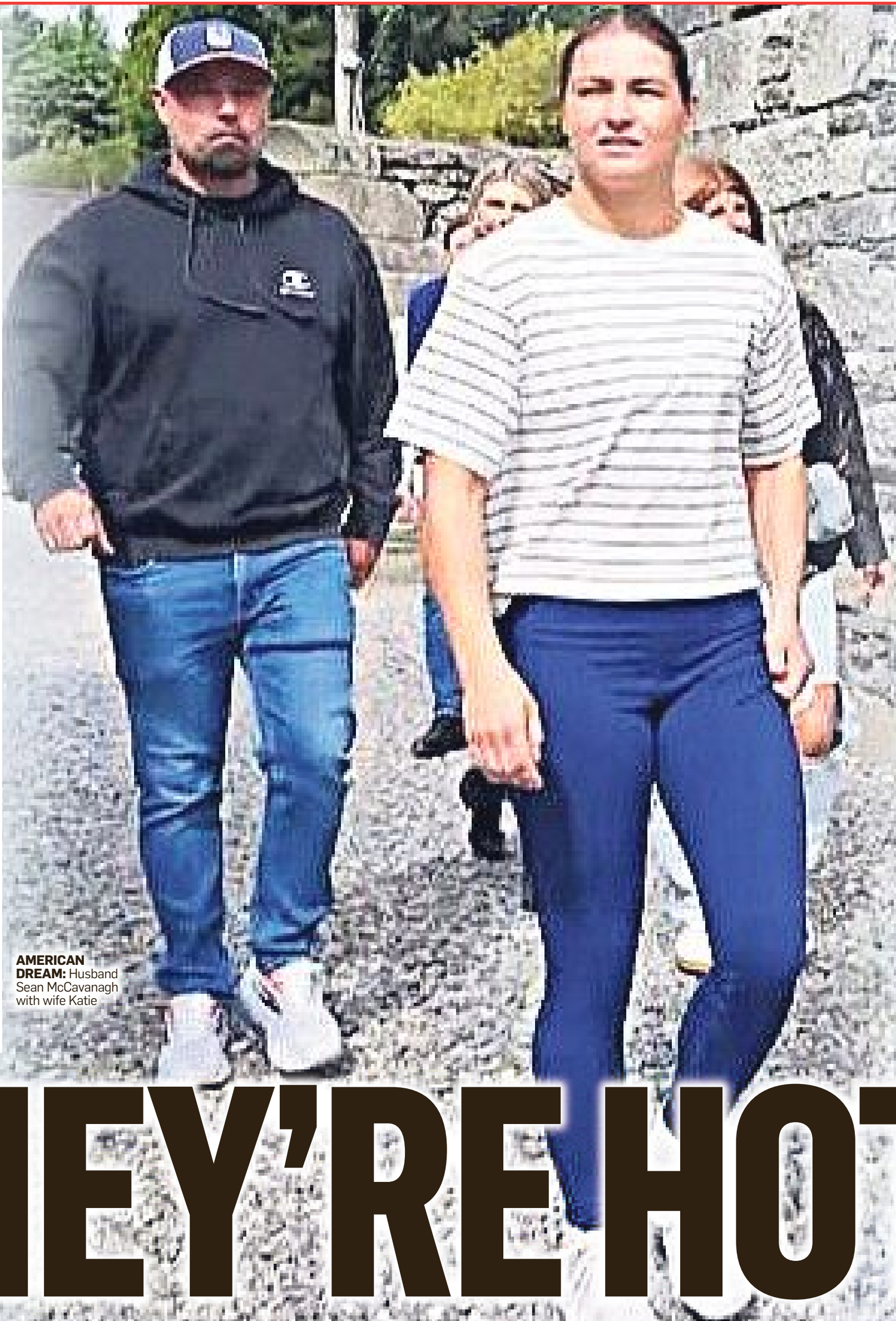
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Katie and Sean visited Tiglin men's rehabilitation centre in Ashford on Sunday. During the visit, Katie spoke about her journey to becoming the undisputed women's world champion.

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AMERICAN DREAM: Husband Sean McCavanagh with wife Katie

THEY'RE HOT

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■ **Katie Taylor's new man Sean is a real estate agent from Connecticut**

■ **Husband had helped her to purchase her home in the American state**



VISIT: Katie and Sean with Aubrey McCarthy at Tiglin



'I loved my time in Ireland. I'm home now'



FALLING OUT: Katie with dad Pete

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"Katie told her life story. She

spoke about how she got married, and she spoke about how her focus was on boxing for years, and about how she was the first woman to bring professional boxing to the Olympics. She's been a pioneer in a lot of areas," said Senator McCarthy.

"I introduced her to the guys and the girls. She spent three hours with us, we had tea, [her] mum Bridget [Taylor] was there. She spent time with the guys, and she spoke about her life and America."

"A lot of my guys and my girls

are in recovery. She really spoke to them about how you can turn your life around," he added.

He said he congratulated the happy couple on their marriage.

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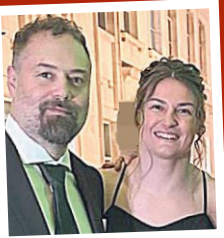


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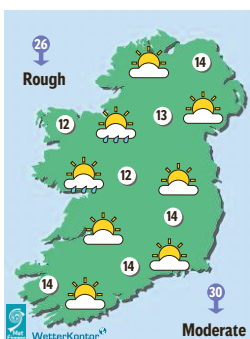
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EXCLUSIVE: SEAN McCAVANAGH'S FIRST WIFE

KATIE Taylor is now the stepmother of five children.

The *Sunday World* can exclusively reveal Katie's new husband is father to two sons and three daughters, aged from 11 to 23.

We can also disclose that Sean's former wife Alicia and mother of their kids died unexpectedly in October 2023.

Our pictures today show Katie, Sean and Alicia on holidays together with family members and pals in Boston four years ago.

While there, the group attended a Boston Red Sox baseball game in the city's Fenway Park. Sean and Alicia also attended Katie's fights in 2017, as did several members of their families.

Alicia, whose maiden name was Velardo, was tragically only 43-years-old when she died.

We also publish for the first time pictures of Katie (39) and Sean McCavanagh (47) at their red-carpet debut at a Game Undisputed boxing event in London in February, which she also attended with manager Brian Peters.

Back then she wore a wedding ring. However, she surprised the country when she brought her new husband two weeks ago to Tiglin Men's Centre in her home county of Wicklow, a rehabilitation facility for those affected by addiction.

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Katie stunned the sporting world on Thursday when she announced she would be taking a break from boxing "to attend to personal matters".

It is believed that world champion first met real estate agent Sean and Alicia through her Pentecostal Church links near her adopted hometown of Vernon in Connecticut in America.

RELIGIOUS

Alicia was a member of the Rockville Church of the Nazarene, as is deeply religious Katie.

The Church began as a small bible study in Rockville in 1986 and was founded by Pastor Ramond 'Flick' Grezel and his wife Susan.

"With much prayer and going door to door, the community quickly responded to Flick's teaching in God's word and many people were saved," says the Church on its website.

"Today the Church continues to focus on reaching people in the community who are outside the typical church circles."

Alicia was also active in a children's support group, and enjoyed walks, arts and crafts and also cooking elaborate meals for her family and friends.

She previously spoke how "I am THANKFUL for a fantastic marriage" and how "my kids make me a better person".

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In a 2018 documentary film on her career she made a rare revelation about her love life.

"Sometimes I think I'm a bit too single-minded where I only think about the next fight," she said. "I'm not too sure whether I want to get married, whether I want to have kids."

She added with a laugh: "I

don't think I'd be able for that. I can hardly look after myself.

"I've definitely had opportunities where I've been in relationships with guys and stuff, but it's never really worked out."

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Boxing legend faces her biggest challenge yet

DIED UNEXPECTEDLY LEAVING TWO SONS AND THREE GIRLS



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