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## Don't Pay The Ferryman



Lynott: cry for help

Veteran Claretian Patrick Lynott has finally opened up about his three-month absence from the St Clarets senior team at the start of the 2018 season.

“I was on a trip to Galway and went out to Clifden for the day” Lynott told *The Echo*.

“Looking out to sea I started to think about Valentia Island and my special friend Barry Lynch.

“I’d had a few pints at this stage and when I saw a local fisherman, I asked him whether he’d take me out to Valentia?”

“Like a muppet, I climbed into his currach and when we were in the middle of the ocean he stuck his hand out and told me it would be €50 to get me to Valentia.” Lynott continued.

“In no time at all, we could see land and he told me that it was Valentia. Ten minutes later, I was standing on the shore watching him sail away.

“I soon realised that this was just a small land mass in the middle of nowhere” an increasingly emotional Lynott explained.

“I walked about but saw no one and then kept an eye out to see if the fisherman would return but he didn’t. Night came and went, and in the morning I decided to write an SOS message in the sand to try and attract help from above.

“Beside it, I jokingly put *Mayo 4 Sam* just to let people know I was a GAA man” smiled Patrick.

“That though proved to be a mistake, as plane after plane flew over. The more I waved, the more they ignored me. That went on for three months. I forgot I was in Galway airspace.”

At this point Lynott broke down as he recalled his rescue.

“Thank God for refugees” he blubbered into a glass of water. “If it wasn’t for that boat load of Syrian’s floating out of control in the Atlantic looking for Las Vegas, then I’d probably still be out there.

“I guess the lesson is just as Chris de Burgh tried to tell us years ago – ***Don’t pay the ferryman, until he gets you to the other side!***” Patrick concluded.

## Scorpion Boy

Claretian custodian Liam Healy this week revealed to *The Echo* the secret behind his amazing “scorpion kick” save in last week’s championship encounter against Parnells.

The young keeper invoked the spirit of Columbia legend Rene Higuita with his incredible acrobatics when confronted with a game changing one-on-one situation with a Parnells’ attacker.



Team mates and management have lavished praise on Healy for his heroics, but as ever, the shy shot-stopper has been quick to deflect any praise from himself and instead laid the credit (quite literally) at the feet of one of his favourite ladies.

“I’m a great student of the game and I believe that there are important tips to be picked up from those that have gone before” Healy began.

“I watched several videos of Higuita playing for Columbia (left), and I’ve been practicing the scorpion kick in the back garden with my mum” he continued.

“I must confess, I was struggling to get my feet that far up behind me and to be honest, my feet very rarely leave the ground, aside from when I’m in bed or stretched out on the sofa.

“So the scorpion kick was proving a bit

of a challenge, but then my mum came up with the idea of bringing extra legs onto the pitch with me” Liam confessed,

“So, for the past few weeks I’ve been weighing up my options, mostly by trying to carry girls around over my shoulder and seeing which one was lightest.” (below)

“It seems to have paid off” grinned a delighted Healy, who is now being tipped to pip Stephen Cluxton for the All-Star goalkeeper award at the end of the year.

