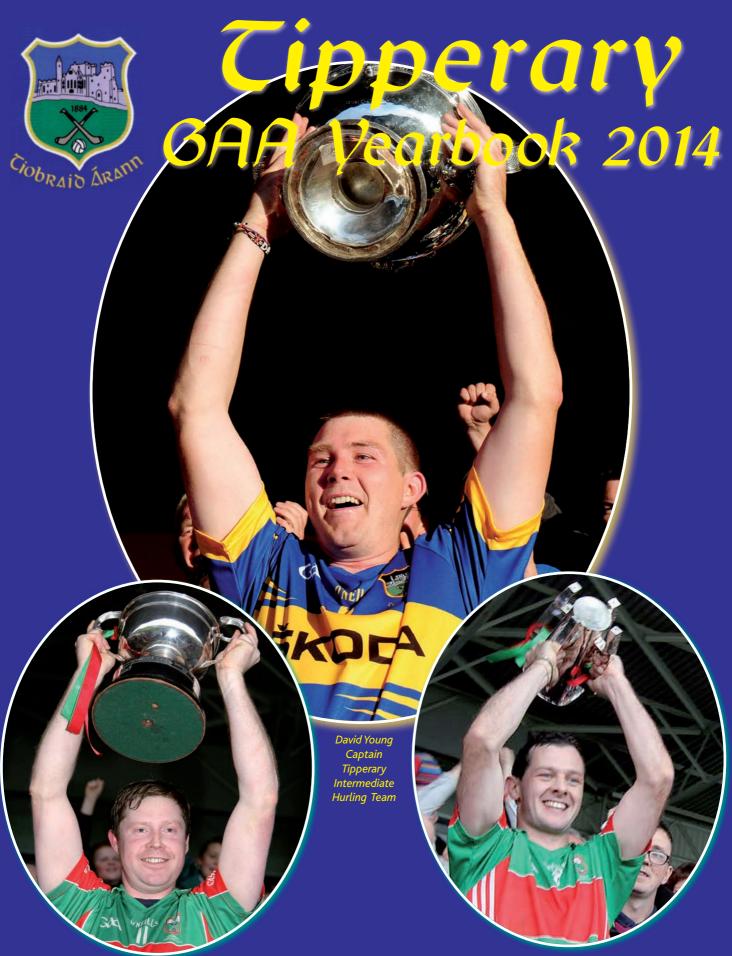
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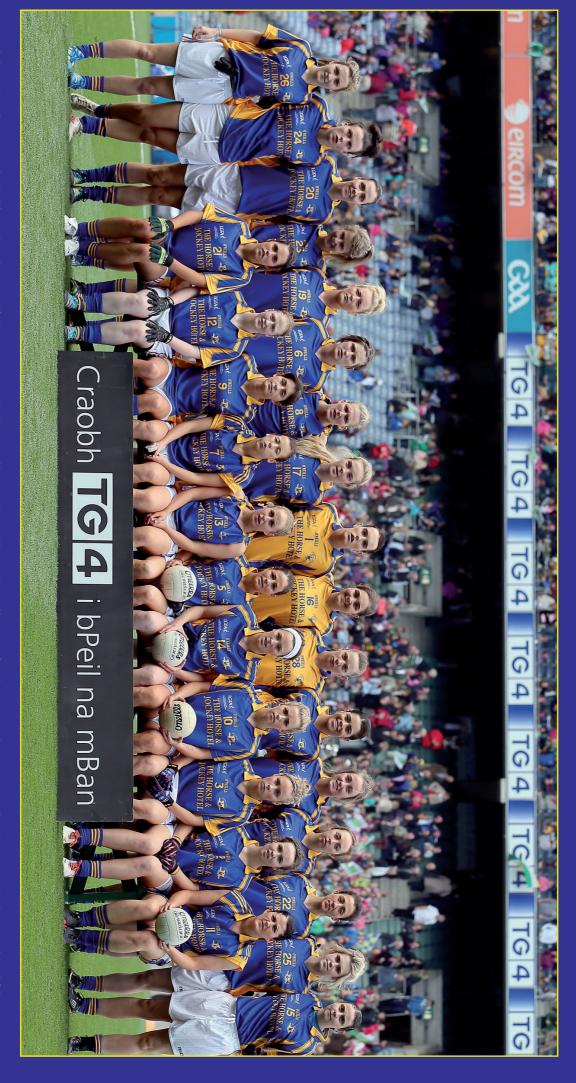


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## Message from County Chairman 2013 A Year of Superstition

uirim fáilte arís roimh bliainiris Thiobraid Árann, gabhaim buíochas leis on gcoiste foilseachain agus molaim é go lucht a léite.

Any of us who happened to be born in Ireland in the thirties or forties will know that Ireland in those times and indeed for generations before was a place full of superstitions. Superstition applied to nearly every aspect of Irish life from farming to fishing to life in general and of course sport and Gaelic Games were not spared either from its all pervading influence. The infamous Biddy Earley was blamed for a long time for thwarting Clare's ambition for All Ireland glory although she seemed to come on board when thirteen was in the equation, many a club also had the suspicion that a curse was put on them by someone they offended to keep them from ever winning a county title. It was said that the introduction of electricity to rural Ireland in the early fifties consigned the phisogues and old wives tales as they were called to the scrapheap. The electric light bulb had removed the shadows and the darkness that hung around many aspects of Irish life. What's in the genes however doesn't ever go far away and only needs a little prompting to come to the fore again.



The year ending in thirteen was an ideal opportunity to prompt the revival of superstitions, first of all we had a problem with car number plates as it was assumed that superstitious people would avoid the number thirteen and car sales would suffer and so we got 131 and then 132. Not being of a superstitious nature myself, I ignored all these factors and looked forward to a year of great success. My confidence however was shaken in early January when a prominent GAA person in the county informed me that Tipperary had never won anything in a year ending in a three. My answer was "a load of rubbish". I then tried to turn it into a positive by saying well if that's the case, it's the challenge we have to overcome to win in a year ending with a three in it.

We did take on that challenge at every level in hurling and football with tremendous work and preparation being done by all our management teams and players alike. Our lack of success was not for the want of effort by everyone concerned and I am sure the year ending in a three never crossed anyone's mind only my superstitious friend. Fortunately the year ending in a three phisogue only applies to senior All Irelands as Michael Ryan and his men brought a ray of sunshine to all our hurling followers with magnificent back to back Munster and All Ireland titles victories in intermediate hurling. All Ireland victories in Scór at Bord na nOg and adult level showcased our talent and commitment to our culture.

My sincere thanks to all those who in keeping with the voluntary ethos of the Association have kept the flag flying high at club and county level in this year of superstition. A special thanks to our publications committee who have produced another splendid publication which will be enjoyed by followers of the blue and gold at home or abroad.

I look forward to the dawn of a new year when hope springs eternal once again in the hearts and minds of Tipperary followers at home and across the globe. Not being of course of a superstitious nature I am thankful however that a year ending in a three doesn't happen again for another ten years.

Mile Buíochas go Leir

Seán Ó Nuinseain Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Thiobrad Árann



This picture is of the Tipperary team in the 1942 Munster senior hurling final. Played in the Athletic Grounds, Cork, Tipperary were badly beaten by 4-15 to 4-1 by Cork. Back l-r: Arthur O'Donnell (Boherlahan-Dualla) selector, Bill O'Donnell (originally from Golden, then playing with Eire Óg, later Divot, a columnist with the Nationalist), Jimmy Cooney (Carrick, Army & The Cooney Case in 1938), Peader Flanagan (Templederry), Dinny O'Gorman (Holycross-Ballycahill), Ger Looby (Boherlahan-Dualla), John Maher (Thurles Sarsfields & captain in 1945), Johnny Leahy (County Secretary), Tomás Malone (originally from Westmeath, played a leading part in the War of Independence, later principal in Nenagh Vocational School, chairman of North G.A.A. Board 1939-1944). Middle l-r: Willie O'Dwyer (Boherlahan-Dualla and later President of Tipperary county board), Johnny Ryan (Moycarkey Borris), Martin Loughnane (Roscrea), Tommy Doyle (Thurles Sarsfields), Ger Coffey (Boherlahan-Dualla, captain, his brothers, Flor & John, was on the 1945 side), Tommy Treacy (Killea), Ger Cornally (Thurles Sarsfields). Front row, left to right: Dinny Doorley (Borrisokane), Jimmy Maher (Boherlahan-Dualla, goalkeeper), Michael Burke (Cashel King Cormacs).

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## Tipp's minimal presence in championship

by John O'Grady

n an extraordinary hurling year, Tipp's part was both brief and modest. We had interrupted Kilkenny's prolonged dominance in 2010. If, and when, the Cats would again prove vulnerable, Tipp were generally fancied to be the ones to benefit. We are, after all, their main challengers from 2009 to 2011 in repeated All Ireland finals, and reached the semi final in 2012. Our one victory, however, now stands as the bright exception to their rule. We began the past season as two-year holders of the Munster title and optimism was rising on foot of

the return of Liam Sheedy's colleague Eamonn O'Shea as county manager, with Michael Ryan and Paudie O'Neill as his partners. Reaching the League final, if somewhat fortunately, was a creditable preamble to the championship, and the three point defeat at Nowlan Park did not take from the fact of getting there.

There was to be, unhelpfully, a pattern of "away" venues for team and management to fulfil. We owed Kilkenny since they came to Thurles in the 2009 league decider. Further obligation as regards Limerick in the championship was a negative factor - they had given us home advantage the year before and indeed gave us a tough battle on that occasion -Brian O'Meara's goal at the Killinan end set up the successful rally from eight points down. John Allen would have no trouble in motivating his men for our return visit to the Gaelic Grounds. Limerick, indeed, had a record of giving Tipp problems – witness their victory at the third attempt back in 2007 against Keating's side. Realism suggested that we would do well to cope if they could build up a head of steam in front of the home following. They could and did on June

it 1-7 to 0-7. The home defenders were breaking through Tipp's mild tackles repeatedly. John O'Dwyer came on for Shane Bourke when play resumed and he certainly made an impact with 0-3 from play as Tipp registered 1-6 to 0-2 in the third quarter to go four up and appear to have gained command in much the same way as at the Stadium a year before. O'Dwyer's goal, set up by "Bonner" Maher, had the look of a key moment. Limerick were far from fading and they came with a surge for eight points against Tipp's two. Fouling in defence gave



**Jason Forde** fights to keep possession under pressure from Kilkenny.

#### **CHOICE OF OPENER**

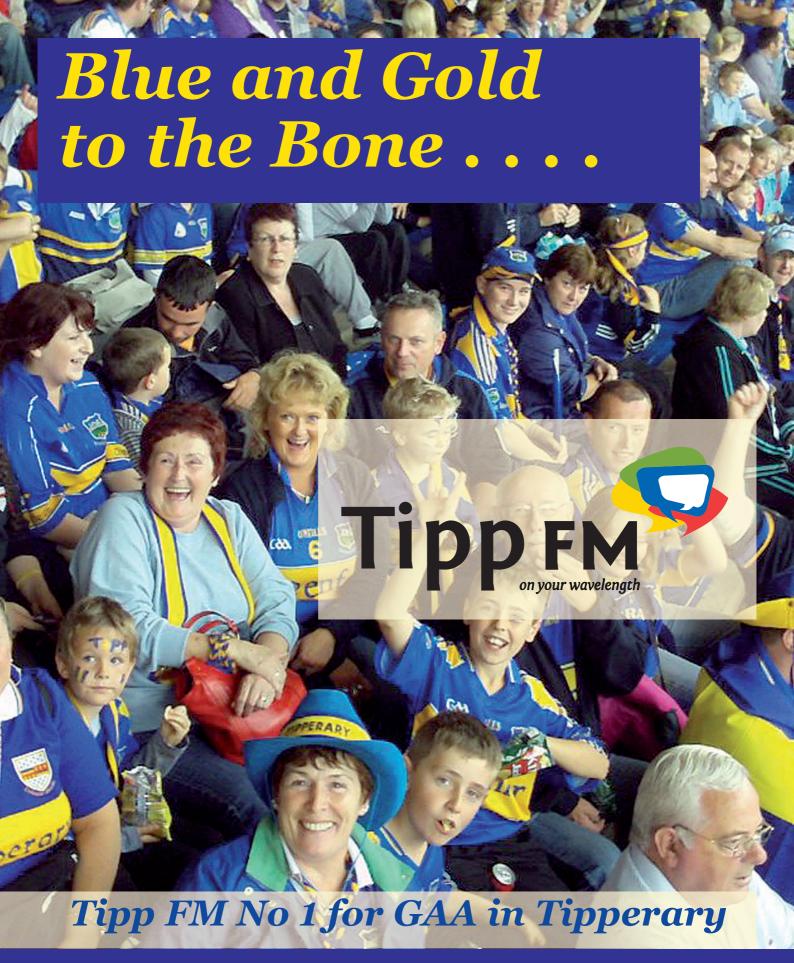
The mentors' choice for the initial defence of the provincial crown was as follows: Cummins; Stapleton, Curran, Cahill; Bergin, O'Mahony, Padraic Maher; Brendan Maher, Shane McGrath; Pa Bourke, Patrick Maher, John O'Brien; Shane Bourke, Callanan, Noel McGrath. There was a piquant aspect about Cummins' adding to his record quota of championship appearances. It was against Limerick in the first replay in 2007 that his string of "caps" was broken by the choice of Gerry Kennedy (Killenaule) for five games in a row, ending with the loss to Wexford. Here he was resuming his remarkable role. As things turned out, he was to be one of our leading lights. At the other end of the pitch we were starting minus two of our biggest names in veterans Eoin Kelly and Lar Corbett. Both saw service in the emergency which developed. So did young Killenaule forward John O'Dwyer, Conor O'Brien and Brian O'Meara. Pa Bourke's presence was due to illness to Jason Forde. In the half back sector Kieran Bergin was somewhat of a surprise pick, perhaps appropriately in the place vacated after 2010 by his clubmate Declan Fanning and never filled adequately in the meantime.

#### **TOBIN GOAL A BLOW**

Limerick had played Kilkenny in a "friendly" in the build up to the game, and apparently had shown promising form. They had the boost moral as well as mathematical of a Tobin goal on nineteen minutes to go 1-5 to 0-3 ahead. Tipp narrowed the gap before half time with Callanan and Noel McGrath points to leave Hannon two of these. When Dowling levelled the scores the home support responded in full voice. Cummins made a great double stop from James Ryan and Graeme Mulcahy. From ninety yards, Dowling gained the lead, followed by Niall Moran to sustain their drive. Eoin Kelly had us back within one. Such as Walsh and Condon showed grit in repelling Tipp's advances. Donal O'Grady and finally Hannon extended the margin to a conclusive three (1-18 v 1-15). Invasion followed the last whistle while Tipp absorbed the loss of our Munster title and our fall into the Saturday section of the All Ireland series. Limerick were to go on to a Munster triumph over Cork but failed to live up to it when meeting neighbours Clare in the semi final. There were three Munster counties in the last four. Tipp were not among them, nor were Kilkenny, whom we met in the qualifier phase. The luck of the draw was certainly not with Tipp as Clare drew Laois, and we not only met the Cats but, significantly, had to travel to Nowlan Park to face a side bent on recovery from defeat by Dublin. The Qualifier games can impose on a county an "away" fixture that would not be the case in the regular championship. With better fortune, they can draw for a home assignment, of course, but the system is not designed for equity but more for the size of attendance and receipts.

#### **NOWLAN PACKED**

Kilkenny's H.Q. was thronged to its limit and, naturally, with a predominantly Cats majority for a game unique in its calendar





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shot ahead of both Leinster and Munster finals. It presented to Tipp a task which few of the contenders would have relished, or survived, and which made our three points defeat neither a surprise nor grounds for severe criticism.

Our lineout: Cummins; Conor O'Brien, Paddy Stapleton, Cahill; Brendan Maher, O'Mahony, Padraig Maher; Woodlock, Shane McGrath; Patrick Maher, Noel McGrath, John O'Brien; O'Dwyer, Kelly, Corbett. Mid week reports of a possible injury to Paul Curran were found to be accurate on the day. This left our inner defence perhaps lacking in physical power for the close work. The moving of Brendan Maher to wing-back left room for Woodlock as partner to Shane McGrath at midfield. Up front, both Kelly and Corbett were back. "Bonner" Maher's wing forward placing and that of Noel McGrath on the forty would have been reversed by some observers. John O'Dwyer's impact against Limerick gained him a starting spot at right corner. We were again forced to call in five reserves in course of play and perceived problems - Callanan (for Corbett), Bergin (for Shane McGrath), Forde (for Patrick Maher), Gearoid Ryan (for John O'Brien), O'Meara (for Kelly).

The call for Callanan came early as Corbett pulled up short in a move to the ball. It was a disturbing episode, the consequences of it much debated, all the more because Lar had not only scored a heartening goal but forced two pointed frees – one thought, optimistically, of Corbett's great part in the 2010 final. His exit was the day's first bad omen and no help towards attacking combination.

Fear of an immediate Killkenny offensive and breakthrough were allayed by Tipp's steady start, four points to three before the boost of the goal. There followed a spell of thirteen minutes without a Tipp score as the home side had five in a row.

O'Dwyer and Callanan put us level at the break, 1-6 to 0-9, and well in the hunt on a ground where successes had been few for several years.

#### **GOAL MISSED**

Kieran Bergin for Shane McGrath was a change on resuming. Callanan answered a Larkin flag. John O'Brien had us in front. Came a crucial lost opportunity of rocking Kilkenny on scoreboard, pitch, stand and terrace. Woodlock darted strongly up the left from his midfield berth, the transfer to Eoin Kelly was perfect, into the Mullinahone man's grasp in front of goal, apparently free from marking. Goalie Murphy ought to have little prospect of a save. Eoin wound up for a pile driver but J.J. Delaney, flinging himself across its path, had the good fortune to deflect the shot off arm or shoulder for a "65". The Cat's escape was endorsed by a wide from the placed ball and Tipp's chance of a substantial lead had been frustrated. The Cats took four of the next five points, regaining the lead through Larkin, Richie Hogan and Walter Walsh, who matched a Noel McGrath one. Our forward substitutions, four in all, failed to impose our share of possession. Cummins kept us in it with fine stops, one of the best from Ruth. Bergin and Woodlock left the margin a single point but the last three clinched the issue against us – Larkin, Richie Power and Colin Fennelly the scorers. The "clean sheet" - a rare achievement against them - availed Tipp nothing in a 0-20 to 1-14 reckoning. A bold challenge had been thwarted by aerial supremacy and physical power. The July departure, of course, provided criticism, but it might have been tempered by tribute to a decent effort in difficult circumstances. Manager O'Shea saw it as a transition period and expressed faith in the younger material to come through in the seasons ahead.



 $\textbf{\textit{Michael Cahill, Tipperary, makes his clearance against Kilkenny despite Colin Fennally's intervention.}$ 



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#### National Hurling League Review:

## Spring hints of summer fate

By J.J. Kennedy

arly in 2013 Tipperary contested the first two hurling deciders of the season – and lost both. We didn't appreciate it at the time but the Waterford Crystal final was a harbinger of things to come as Clare demolished our efforts at Semple Stadium; the league final at Nowlan Park was to follow a familiar script, one to be repeated later in the summer.

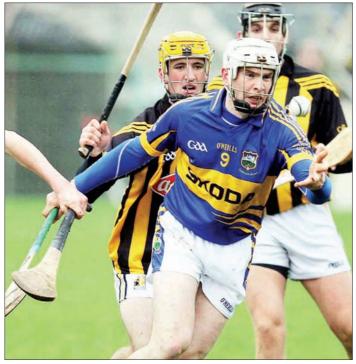
Eamonn O'Shea and his new cabinet of Paudie O'Neill and Michael Ryan launched into the new season on a wave of goodwill. The linkage with 2010 brought an obvious feel-good factor but pretty soon the new season would deliver a few sharp jolts. The first of these came in early February with the Waterford Crystal final.

Our bid to retain the Crystal trophy began on January 27 at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh, where John Allen brought his Limerick side, no doubt conscious of a certain June date later in the season. However, if you looked for signposts to the championship in this encounter you'd be very mistaken. Tipp led by two at half time, 0-10 to 0-8, despite facing the wind; by the end the home side had cruised to victory on a 0-22 to 1-9 score line. June 9 would be a different story.

The following Sunday, February 3, we faced the students of LIT at Dolla in the semi-final of the competition. In a strange sort of game Tipperary were in cruise control in the first half, leading 0-13 to 0-3 at half time. However, a student rally in the second half had the home team in some discomfort. The lead shrunk to just two points with three minutes remaining before a late Mikey Heffernan goal sealed out the deal for Tipperary on a final score-line of 1-20 to 2-12.

#### **Crystal Final**

A week later, Saturday February 9, Clare came to Thurles for the final under lights; it was a repeat of the previous year's decider at Sixmilebridge, won by Tipperary on a score line of 1-21 to 2-12. This time, though, there would be no reprise of the



**Brendan Maher** led his team by example against Kilkenny at Semple Stadium in March.

2012 outcome.

If you wanted an early season omen of how the hurling year would eventually pan out then this was surely it. In my column the week after I tried to sum it all up as follows: "It was a chastening experience as Clare led Tipperary a merry dance, out-running and out-manoeuvring the home side to an even greater extent than the end margin might indicate ... when Tipperary put out a decent formation in a competition final and get whacked so heavily it's not easy to dismiss the outcome ... They're (Clare) superbly fit (even scarily so for the time of year) and they're developing a running game that seems particularly suited to the players available. They certainly stretched Tipp to breaking point with many of our lads left chasing shadows".

The raw statistics of the game tell the story. A 'Bonner' Maher goal in the first half was one of our few bright moments as we trailed by 0-14 to 1-8 at the interval. In the second half Clare's grip on proceedings intensified. Shane O'Donnell - a name destined to feature prominently in September - hit a goal and Clare eventually romped home by eight, 1-21 to 1-13, a scoreline that hardly did justice to their superiority. Near the end Conor O'Brien picked up a second yellow card.

We might not have appreciated it at the time but we'd just witnessed an omen for the future.

#### Cowed by Cork

So, with the season preliminaries put aside we readied ourselves for the league launch a fortnight later. Shane McGrath was appointed team captain with Brendan Maher as his deputy and we prepared for a difficult 'away' opener against Cork. With Sarsfields unfortunately out of the All Ireland race their players were available for our visit to Pairc Ui Rinn on Saturday evening February 23 so we travelled in some hope with rumours of background discontent down Leeside.

What a shocker! The floodlights lit up Pairc Ui Rinn but we'd have preferred a black-out to hide our embarrassment. Noel McGrath landed a free for an opening point but then it all went badly askew. Cork simply went to town giving us the proverbial lesson and launching into a point-fest. They led fourteen-to-two at half time and approaching the three-quarter stage the board read nineteen-to-three. This was humiliation for Tipperary.

The final quarter brought some light relief with subs like Adrian Ryan, Lar Corbett and Jason Forde improving matters and Eoin Kelly sneaking a late goal but, taken in the round this was a walloping for Tipperary. Only John O'Dwyer of our starting formation showed any potential. It ended 0-26 to 1-11, the hurling world baffled by such a dysfunctional showing from Tipperary. And with Kilkenny to visit Thurles for round two Eamonn O'Shea must have wondered why he bothered returning.

#### **Pride Restored**

A fortnight later then, Sunday March 10, Kilkenny came to Thurles with both sides badly in need of points after opening round defeats, Kilkenny having lost to Galway. Given past history between the sides this was bound to be a tense affair with bragging rights on offer and nobody prepared to blink.

Not surprisingly Tipperary fielded a strengthened side with Conor O'Mahony back at number six, Brendan Maher back at midfield and Lar Corbett fielding at number eleven. Eoin Kelly was positioned on the edge of the 'square'.

Kilkenny got an early break on a Ritchie Hogan goal but Tipp bagged two before the interval. The first had a touch of

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good fortune as a Conor O'Mahony delivery flew off the helmet of 'Bubbles' O'Dwyer into the Kilkenny net but the second was a Corbett special with a neat flick beating the advancing goalie. The net effect was to send Tipp into an interval lead of six, 2-11 to 1-8.

However, Kilkenny had the wind in the second half and there was sure to be a kick-back from the All Ireland champions. In the third quarter Tipp held their own but then Kilkenny mounted a major push to cut the lead to a single point with still twelve minutes to play. It was now intense, Tommy Walsh collecting a second yellow in the heat of battle and Noel McGrath following him shortly afterwards.

It all came down to a nerve-tingling finish. Points from Shane Bourke and Eoin Kelly pushed us back three in front. Kilkenny responded with a Ritchie Power point from a free and a Paddy Hogan point from play to leave just the minimum between them once again as the seconds ticked away. In the end Tipp did just enough to hold out for a precious onepointer, 2-17 to 1-19.

After the embarrassment of Cork this was pride-restoring. The team had shown nerve and resolve in the crisis and suddenly our league campaign was back on track.

#### Easy at Salthill

The following week, Monday March 18, Tipperary faced an 'away' clash with Galway at Pearse Stadium, Salthill. Despite our recent healthy record against the Tribesmen this still looked like a difficult trip if Tipp were to build on the Kilkenny win.

We got away to a flying start with a Brendan Maher goal from a sideline 'cut' helping the side into a 1-5 to 0-1 lead after just ten minutes. Galway fought back but then Tipp hit their second goal when Lar Corbett set up Shane Bourke for the 'kill'. It was going to be a high-scoring affair. Joe Canning buried a twenty-metre free for Galway but Tipp still held a commanding interval lead, 2-13 to 1-9.

Galway hit back strongly in the third quarter to cut the lead to just three but then John O'Dwyer had a third goal for Tipp to rock the locals back on their heels once more. Goals win games, they say, and in the end Tipperary's scoring spree was just too much for Galway with Corbett flicking in a fourth and a further run of points rounding off a thoroughly convincing 4-22 to 1-20 victory. John O'Dwyer was man-of-the-match and memories of that opening game down Leeside were by now starting to fade.

#### Fade-out at Waterford

However, just as we were settling into a winning pattern the next outing produced an upset. On Sunday March 24 we headed to Walsh Park in Waterford confident that our newfound bounce would harvest another brace of league points. Unfortunately a major fade-out in the final minutes would prove costly.

Despite playing with a strong wind in the first half we could only manage parity by half time. In bitterly cold conditions Jamie Barron hit the game's only goal for Waterford midway through the first half so that the teams retired level, 0-9 to 1-6, at the interval.

We introduced Brendan Maher and Eoin Kelly for the second half and a general improvement in Tipperary's play saw them open up a lead. Heading into the final ten minutes we led by five, 0-16 to 1-8, but then back-pedalled to the end as Waterford came with a winning surge. Six unanswered points from the Deise left Tipperary stunned, Kevin Moran landing the match winner for the locals. It ended 1-14 to 0-16.

It was a missed opportunity for Tipperary but with erratic results throughout the series everything now depended on the final round of games to sort out table positions.

#### Clare Crushed

For the decisive round five of the series Clare came to Thurles on Sunday March 31. Memories of the Crystal final were, no



Brian O'Meara, Tipperary, gets in deep with Waterford's Michael Walsh and Liam Lawlor at Walsh Park.

doubt, still fresh as the 5,459 patrons gathered for the game. However, this was to be an altogether different experience for the home fans.

Given the requirements of the occasion Tipperary dispensed with experimentation and sent their 'A' team into action: Stapleton was back at corner back; O'Mahony resuming at number six; Brendan Maher on at midfield; Corbett in a lead role in attack beside 'Bubbles'; Kelly recalled. That selection made a statement and the players responded.

Corbett set up Kelly for a first half goal and we led by eight at the interval. The pattern continued in the second half with Corbett smashing in our second goal, tennis-style, as the goalie tried to hand-pass to safety. Later the Clare defence got into a tangle to give away another goal, Kelly getting the credit, and eventually it ended 3-19 to 1-14 for the home team. It was all very stress-free and decisive as Clare hit one of those low days. Tipperary knew the requirements of the occasion and rose to

So a five-game league series that began on a 'low' by the Lee ended on a 'high' at the Stadium. The reward for Tipperary then was a semi-final place against Division 1B winners Dublin, the game to be part of a double-bill of semis at the Stadium on April 21, Kilkenny and Galway completing the programme.

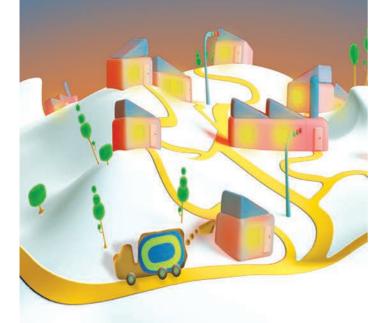
#### Semi v. Dublin

Probably the most surprising aspect of the Tipperary line-out for the game was the positioning of Conor O'Mahony at full back with Padraic Maher at centre. In line with the springtime rotation policy Brendan Cummins was back in goal. Brendan Maher reverted to wing back with the McGraths, Noel and

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Shane, teaming up at midfield. Eoin Kelly was unavailable in attack with Seamus Callanan starting at full.

Dublin had the opening score with a David Treacy point from a free but thereafter it quickly went downhill for the metropolitans. In the opening ten minutes Shane Bourke and 'Bonner' Maher had goals for Tipperary as the Dublin defence was ripped apart. Tipperary were rampant and Dublin misfired all over. Later in the half Callanan netted a penalty as all the Tipperary forwards got on the score-sheet as well as midfielder, Noel McGrath. Effectively the game was over at half time with Tipperary leading by twelve, 3-11 to 0-8.

The second half was a formality. Substitute Mikey Heffernan got a fourth goal as Tipperary ran out winners by fifteen, 4-20 to 0-17. Seamus Callanan was top scorer on 1-7. In the end it was all too easy for rampant Tipperary.

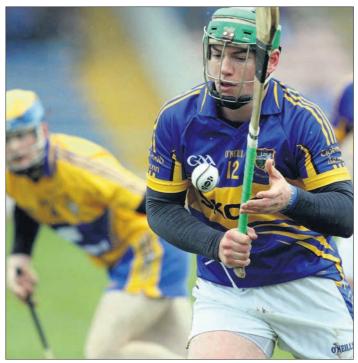
#### **Final Failure**

With Kilkenny coming through handily enough in the other semi-final the stage was set for yet another Tipp/Kilkenny head-to-head, this time for league honours in the intimidating atmosphere of Nowlan Park. The headline item from team selection was the promotion of Killenaule's Kieran Bergin who made his debut at wing back. Padraic Maher was retained at number six with Conor O'Mahony on his right. Conor O'Brien was corner back in the absence through injury of Paddy Stapleton. Brendan Maher was restored to midfield beside Shane McGrath while Eoin Kelly was a late inclusion at full forward when Jason Forde was unable to start.

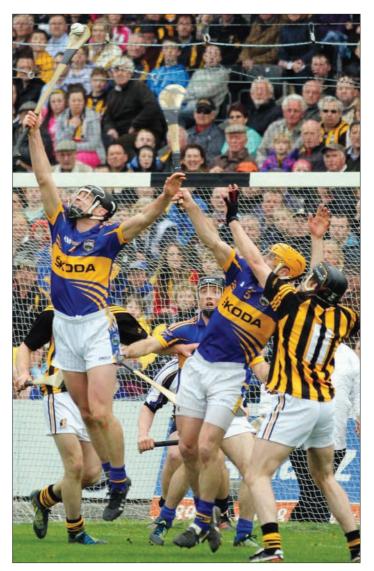
An attendance of 21,447 packed into Nowlan Park for a game which carried plenty of baggage from past years. It was sure to be another sparky affair between these intense rivals with much at stake.

Kilkenny made a blistering start to the game with Michael Fennelly powering through for a goal in the opening minutes. They led 1-2 to nil after just three minutes and memories of the previous August were hovering like nightmares in the minds of Tipperary fans. However, there was to be no such capitulation this time. Eoin Kelly pointed a free for our opening score and as the half progressed Tipperary got a foothold in the contest. A Seamus Callanan point in the twentieth minute saw Tipp come within a flag of the leaders, 1-3 to 0-5.

However, once more it was man-of-the-match Michael Fennelly who broke Tipperary hearts with a second goal to stretch the lead back out to four points. Still Tipperary kept



John O'Dwyer sets up a Tipperary attack against Clare in the Allianz NHL at Semple Stadium.



Paul Curran blocks the ball against Kilkenny in the Allianz NHL Final at Nowlan Park.

battling with Brendan Maher a strong feature at midfield where Noel McGrath was playing a very effective roving role. We had a brief chance of a goal nearing half time but 'Bonner' Maher fluffed his effort and we went in trailing by just two points at the interval, 2-7 to 0-11.

Although Tipperary now had to face the wind they were still very much in the contest if the attack in particular could find more latitude. The game stayed tense. Early in the second half J.J. Delaney and Lar Corbett were red carded after a bout of wrestling on the ground. Corbett sustained cracked ribs in the incident and the role of the Kilkenny goalie in the event caused a lot of Tipp annoyance also.

The game stayed tight for the remainder of the trip but Tipperary could never make that break to hit the front. Defensively we were doing well, Kieran Bergin's debut a success story, while the efforts of Brendan Maher - our best player - and Noel McGrath were reaping rewards around midfield. However, there was little threat in attack. The statistics tell the story; apart from Noel McGrath the other five forwards scored just two points between them from open play; four of the starting forwards were substituted and Lar Corbett was sent off.

In the end Kilkenny took the honours by three points, 2-17 to 0-20, Fennelly's first half goals the deciding items. From a Tipperary perspective it was a day of mixed emotions. We hadn't won but we had been close enough to offer hope for another day. Unfortunately that 'other day' would see us back at Nowlan Park again in the summer where nothing would really change.



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## Minor hurlers beat All-Ireland champions but exit to Munster champions

By **Shane Brophy** (Nenagh Guardian)

2014 will be a year the Tipperary minor hurlers will rue what might have been as they relinquished their Munster and All Ireland titles at the provincial semi-final stage.

Limerick knocked Tipperary out at Semple Stadium before going onto win the Munster title by beating a Waterford side who recovered to win the All Ireland title, all after Tipperary had beaten the Deise county in the opening round in April.

Taking on a side backboned by members of the Dungarvan Colleges side which had won the All Ireland Colleges title, Tipperary had the toughest draw possible when the ventured to Walsh Park on April 10th last but after a slow start, recovered to record an impressive 2-19 to 1-16 victory with full forward Josh Keane top-scoring with 2-9.

The Golden Kilfeacle clubmans free-taking kept Tipp in touch in the early stages when Waterford held the upperhand, particularly in the air. Dual star Colin O'Riordan gradually began to exert his influence at centre forward and it was his ball-winning ability in the final quarter, which proved crucial in Tipperary making the winning push. Conor Lanigan came into the game when it opened up in the last fifteen minutes, scoring three points from play along with impressive midfielder Willie Connors.

Defensively Tipperary were under pressure but dealt capably; Austin Tierney and Jason Ryan were tenacious in their defending with the latter having an engrossing duel with the powerful DJ Foran. Barry Heffernan was the pick of the half back line, having an outstanding second half in particular and with Ronan Maher having a quiet outing at centre back with Tom Kirwan on the left wing, Tipperary can feel there is more to come in terms of performance.

Goalkeeper Brian Hogan got away with a short puckout which almost went wrong early on when it came back off the post but there after went onto have a strong outing with his lengthy puckouts a huge asset.

Tipperary v Waterford: Brian Hogan; Austin Tierney, Jason Ryan, Darragh Peters; Barry Heffernan, Ronan Maher, Tom Kirwan; Tom Fox, Willie Connors (0-3); Sean Ryan, Colin O'Riordan (0-2), Shane Hennessy (0-1); Conor Lanigan (0-3), Josh Keane (2-9, 1-0 pen, 0-7f), Mark McCarthy.

SUBS: Kevin Dunne for Hennessy; James Mackey for McCarthy; Fionan O'Sullivan for S Ryan.

The reward for the victory was a semi-final against Limerick in Semple Stadium on Wednesday, 26th June.

Despite the lengthy break due to the state exams, Tipperary looked to be in a good position with a game behind them against a Limerick side who had a bye into the semi-finals but it was the large Limerick following (it sounded like they outnumbered Tipp)

in the 3,314 attended swarmed onto the field at the final whistle, just as they had done in the senior clash between the sides just over two weeks beforehand. They had witnessed a superb comeback by their side who outscored Tipperary 1-7 to 0-3 in the final 22 minutes to progress to their first provincial final in the grade since 2005.

Limerick deserved their win for their strong second half performance, particularly in defence where they shut down the Tipp attack superbly well, restricting them to just five points. Once they managed to quell the ball-winning effectiveness of Colin O'Riordan and Sean Ryan, Tipperary struggled in attack, bar Josh Keane having his moments. The loss of Sam Conlon through injury in the second half was also a major blow as his

ball-winning a direct running was causing problems for the Limerick defence.

Despite their struggles in attack, there was enough breaking ball there for them to get onto but more often than not it was Limerick who powered onto the breaks.

While a lot of focus has been put on the forwards for their part in this defeat, Tipp's defence came under ferocious pressure in the second half with only Ronan Maher at centre back playing anywhere up to his potential. Tom Fox and Barry Heffernan didn't dominate as they did in the early stages while behind them, Dean Coleman and sub Thomas Morrissey caused the full back line major problems late on, with Morrissey winning the all-important 53rd minute penalty which Ronan Lynch converted, the ultimate difference between the sides.

Over-elaboration was another feature of the Tipperary performance, with upto five good point scoring opportunities being spurned in each half as players tried to work a goal chance, similar to some of their performances last year in the run to the All Ireland Final. Also a number of the forwards were greedy in attack, failing to play in a teammate in a better position.

Whether it was the eleven-week lay-off or the fact that 14 of the panel had sat their state exams in the past few weeks, but Tipp didn't look as sharp as Limerick and the longer the game went on, the more apparent it became.

Tipperary v Limerick: Brian Hogan; Ross Mulcahy, Jason Ryan, Darragh Peters; Tom Fox (0-1), Ronan Maher, Barry Heffernan; Willie Connors (0-1), Tom Kirwan; Conor Lanigan (0-1), Colin O'Riordan (0-4), Sam Conlon (0-1); Sean Ryan, Josh Keane (0-7, 4f), Mark McCarthy.

Subs: Tommy Nolan for Conlon; Donnacha Quinn (0-1) for Lanigan; Austin Tierney for Peters; Fionan O'Sullivan for Connors.

Tipperary Minor Hurling panel: Tom Kirwan (Ballybacon/Grange); Dale O'Hanlon (Carrick Swan); Ronan Heffernan (Clonoulty/Rossmore); Tommy Nolan (Drom & Inch); Tom Fox (Eire Og Annacarty, Captain); Josh Keane (Golden Kilfeacle); Colin O'Riordan (JK Brackens); Willie Connors, David Sweeney (Kildangan); Darragh Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Paul Maher (Kilsheelan/Kilcash); Brian Hogan (Lorrha); Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers); Michael Dunne (Mullinahone); Andrew Coffey, Barry Heffernan, Shane Hennessy, James Mackey, Donncha Quinn (Nenagh Eire Og); Conor Floyd (Newport); Sam Conlon (Roscrea); Sean Ryan (Sean Treacys); Austin Tierney (Shannon Rovers); Fionan O'Sullivan (Skeheenarinky); Kevin Dunne, Conor Lanigan, Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Mark McCarthy, Jason Ryan (Toomevara); Gavin Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane).

Management: William Maher (Ballingarry) – Manager; Brian Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Martin Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Noel Morris (Loughmore/Castleiney) - Selectors.



Tipperary Minor Hurling team 2013 v Limerick. Back row: Gavin Ryan, Thomas Nolan, Mark McCarthy, Darragh Peters, Brian Hogan, Tom Fox (Captain), Ronan Maher, Tom Kirwan, Andrew Coffey, Donnacha Quinn, David Sweeney, Austin Tierney, Fionan O'Sullivan. Front: Kevin Dunne, Conor Lanigan, Sam Conlon, Josh Keane, Colin O'Riordan, Jason Ryan, Ross Mulcahy, Barry Heffernan, Sean Ryan, Willie Connors, Paul Maher

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## Intermediate hurlers salvage Tipp's year

By Shane Brophy (Nenagh Guardian)

Tipperary's sole All Ireland victory in 2013 came in the form of the Intermediate team retaining their title with a second successive victory over Kilkenny, this time in Nowlan Park on the last Saturday in August.

It was a remakable achievement considering Tipperary had to find almost a different team as the 19-players who featured in the 2012 decider against the cats at Semple Stadium were deemed in eligible under the rules of the competition.

However manager Michael Ryan was able to draft in 2010 All Ireland senior medal winners Darragh Egan, Timmy Hammersley and David Young with the latter captaining the side to what was a strong panel which also contained former under 21 panel members Denis Maher, Ruairi Gleeson, Padraig Heffernan and Willie Ryan.

The future of the competition remains in some doubt however with only seven counties taking part, with the Munster counties still seeing some value in it. However with Wexford pulling out of the Leinster championship, Kilkenny were the only team left and they played Galway in an All Ireland semi-final with the Munster champions going to the All Ireland final.

Tipperary got the defence of their title underway with a 0-20 to 0-15 win over Limerick at the Gaelic Gounds on June 9th.

Hammersley's ten points grabbed the headlines, with seven of those converted from placed balls. Between the sticks, Egan preserved a clean sheet and one superb double save in the closing stages left the supporters in awe. Tipp had to work hard for their victory after recovering from a sluggish start. They fell 0-0 to 0-3 down within three minutes as Limerick roared out of the blocks but by half-time, Tipp had rallied to lead by 0-10 to 0-8.

Tipperary v Limerick: Darragh Egan; Sean O'Brien, Micheal Butler, Tom Treacy; Willie Ryan (0-1), David Young, Padraig Heffernan; Joey McLoughney (0-3, 1 s-cut), Seán McCormack; Orrie Quirke (0-1), Timmy Hammersley (0-10, 6f, 1 65), Pat Molloy (0-2); Ruairi Gleeson (0-1), Denis Maher, Paudie Greene (0-1).

Subs: Padraig O'Leary (0-1) for Maher; Michael Ivors for Greene, Alan Hogan for McCormack.

The victory put Tipperary into the final against Cork at Semple Stadium which took place on Friday, 19th July which the premier county won, 0-19 to 0-18.

A game which lacked the intensity expected of a provincial final, ended in a welter of excitement as Cork staged a late revival going into injury time when sub Bill Cooper had a chance to force extra time but elected to try and create the match-winning goal but Tipp goalkeeper Darragh Egan saved from Michael O'Sullivan with Peter O'Brien and Barry Lawton missing chances in the follow-up as Tipp managed to win a free in the ensuing scramble, which was quickly followed by the final whistle.

The final whistle was greeted by an element of relief as Tipp had twice led by four and three points respectively in the second half but couldn't shake off a Cork side whose centre forward Peter O'Brien top-scored with twelve points, although ten came from frees with Tipp's indiscipline in their half back line a notable

As well as his goalkeeping, Darragh Egan proved to be a matchwinner in terms of his long range free-taking, converting three in the second half. Willie Ryan also had a solid game at wing back while David Young found Peter O'Brien a tough opponent on the forty. Joey McLoughney struggled to impose himself at midfield where Cork dominated for stages with Sean McCormack coming into the game in the second half.

Orrie Quirke began brightly, scoring two early points but didn't build on it. Former senior panellist Danny O'Hanlon showed glimpses of his potential, scoring two excellent points from distance but didn't feature on the ball enough while Thomas Butler had an effective first half as a target man but tired after the break.



Ruairí Gleeson goes on a solo run chased by Cork centre-back Ross Cashman in the Munster Intermediate Final.

Tipperary v Cork: Darragh Egan (0-3f); Sean O'Brien, Micheal Butler, Tom Treacy; Willie Ryan, David Young, Padraig Heffernan; Joey McLoughney (0-2, 1f), Sean McCormack; Orrie Quirke (0-2), Timmy Hammersley (0-6, 5f), Danny O'Hanlon (0-2); Ruairi Gleeson (0-2), Thomas Butler (0-1), Paudie Greene.

Subs: Pat Shortt (0-1) for Greene; Pat Molloy for O'Hanlon; Padraig O'Leary for Butler; Brian Fox for Quirke.

A six-week gap followed before the All Ireland final took place on Saturday, 31th August in Nowlan Park where Tipperary won more convincingly than the 2-14 to 1-14 scoreline suggests. 15 wides as well as a number of missed goal chances kept the home side with a punchers chance but Tipperary held out to win the title for the seventh time.

The elimination of the Under 21 hurlers from the All Ireland series proved hugely beneficial with Niall O'Meara drafted into the panel and the wing forward provided the drive and leadership which helped his side in no small way to winning the game, scoring four points in the process.

Sean O'Brien, Tom Treacy and Padraig Heffernan were also leading performers, particularly Treacy who pressed O'Meara close for man of the match with a powerful game from corner back. Padraig Heffernan missed entire 2012 Under 21 campaign through injury and he brought great physical presence to the half back line, while his delivery of the ball into the attack led to a number of scores. David Young's positioning at centre back was superb and played a captains role in the closing stages when Kilkenny piled on the pressure.

Brian Fox was busy at midfield while sub Joey McLoughney was likewise when introduced before half time, playing in a free role in the second half as Tipperary played with just five forwards

















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which handed some impetus to a Kilkenny side who didn't have the threat which required Tipp to keep things extra time at the back in any case.

Apart from O'Meara, Tipp lacked a consistent threat in attack. Ruairi Gleeson contributed massively with 2-1 from play, but lived off scraps for long periods while Timmy Hammersley contributed some pressure frees in the second half as Tipp got little from big men Thomas Butler and Danny O'Hanlon, who was forced off with a recurrence of a hamstring injury at half time.

Tipperary v Kilkenny: Darragh Egan (0-1f); Sean O'Brien, Micheal Butler, Tom Treacy; John O'Keeffe, David Young, Padraig Heffernan; Brian Fox, Willie Ryan (0-1); Orrie Quirke, Thomas Butler, Niall O'Meara (0-4); Ruairi Gleeson (2-1), Danny O'Hanlon (0-1), Timmy Hammersley (0-5, 2f, 1 65).

Subs: Joey McLoughney for Quirke; Pat Molloy for O'Hanlon; Conor Kenny (0-1) for Butler; Pat Shortt for Molloy.

Tipperary panel: Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers); Michael

Ivors (Ballingarry); Conor Kenny, Sean McCormack (Borris-Ileigh); Tom Treacy (Cappawhite), Kevin Lanigan, Danny O'Hanlon (Carrick Swan); Willie Ryan (Clonakenny); Thomas Butler, Timmy Hammersley, Padraig Heffernan, John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty/Rossmore); Micheal Butler, Liam Ryan (Drom & Inch); Brian Fox, Kevin Fox (Eire Og Annacarty), Thomas Lowry (Holycross/Ballycahill); Darragh Egan, Ruairi Gleeson, Martin Minehan (Kildangan), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Pat Molloy (Moycarkey/Borris); Sean O'Brien (Newport), Denis Stapleton (Sean Treacys); Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers); Orrie Quirke (Silvermines); Padraig O'Leary (Templederry Kenyons); Denis Maher, Michael Russell (Thurles Sarsfields), Darren Delaney, Joey McLoughney, David Young (Toomevara); Paudie Greene, Pat Shortt (Upperchurch/Drombane)

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## **Tipperary win New York Senior Hurling title**

The Tipperary Hurling Club in New York were successful in winning the New York Senior Hurling Championship after a gap of 10 years when they accounted for Galway in the final on a scoreline of 2-18 to 1-17. In an excellent final played in August at Gaelic Park, Tipperary trailed by 1-9 to 1-8 at the interval, their goal coming from Kilruane MacDonaghs native Brian O'Meara. There was little between the teams in the second half until Shane Bourke from the JK Brackens club back home scored Tipperary's second goal with five minutes remaining. Galway created chances in the closing stages but Craig Harford made two good saves in the Tipperary goal to ensure the Michael Flannery Cup was going to rest with Tipperary this winter.

The 13 a side Tipperary team lined out as follows in the final - Craig Harford; Donagh Maher, Paul Shutte; Colm Forde, Padraic Maher, Francis Kennedy; David Tracey, Cian Maher; John Sheedy, Brian O'Meara, Shane Bourke; Paul Loughnane, David Loughnane. Subs used - Pat Egan and Fintan Meehan



Thurles natives Padraic Maher and long-time Tipperary New York club stalwart Theresa Crowe with the Michael Flannery Cup



Tipperary - New York Senior Hurling Champions Back l-r - Donnacha Dwyer, Paul Loughnane, Cian Maher, Brian O'Meara, Pa Ryan, Shane Slattery, John Sheedy, Brendan Maher, Padraic Maher, Paul Shutte, Liam O'Grady, Jim Costigan, Mike Kennedy. Front 1-r - Fintan Meehan, Colm Forde, Denis Treacy, Francis Kennedy, Shane Bourke, Craig Harford, Donagh Maher, Jer Morris, Pat Egan, David Loughnane, Eddie Hogan, Martin Dunne

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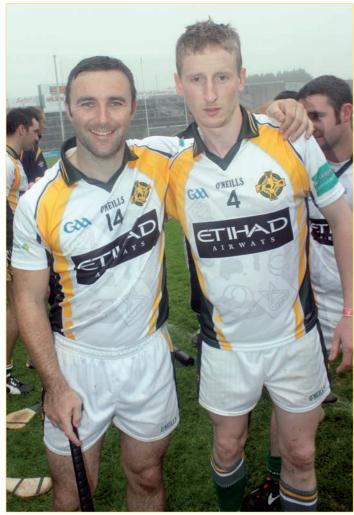
## Much Tipperary involvement at inaugural International Hurling Festival

By Larry Cooney

Hurling celebrated the year of The Gathering with a novel and outstanding international festival in Co. Galway on the third week of September involving 16 teams from all over the world. Although the majority of teams included Exiles who had taken the game to foreign climes a number of teams also included 'home-grown' natives such as the Buenos Aires team from Hurlingham, Argentina.

London's Kilburn Gaels who included Killenaule brothers Keith (team captain) and Peter were crowned top international team after they defeated fellow London club St. Gabriel's in an All-London final at the end of an unforgettable finals day in Pearse Stadium, Galway on Saturday September 21st. That match was refereed by Ballinasloe-based Clogheen man Christy Brown.

St. Gabriel's had edged out surprise team Australia in the semi-final who went on to take the Shield title after their victory over a New York team managed by Borrisoleigh man Donncha O'Dwyer. The New York team also included Roscea men Michael Maher and Enda O'Connor along with Templemore man Patrick Egan. Among the Shield winning Australia team was Bansha man Pat Marnane, now living in Brisbane and Gortnahoe-Glengoole man Sean Lehart. Drangan man Ollie Ryan was also a member of the Chicago team who also contested the Division 1A Group with Australia and London teams St. Gabriel's and Robert Emmett's, who included Moycarkey's Aidan Ryan.



Tipps in Australia – (l-r): Pat Marnane - Brisbane and Sean Lehart - Perth



Tipperary representatives on New York team - (L-R) Michael Maher, Donncha O'Dwyer and Pat Egan



Kennedy Brothers - Keith and Peter who were members of the victorious Kilburn Gaels team



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#### **U-21 Hurling Review:**

#### No Silverware but foundations set for the future

By Noel Dundon (Tipperary Star)

ad we known on the night of the Bord Gais Energy Munster U-21 hurling final the way the season would unfold for the Bannermen and the sublime hurling they would play en-route to double All-Ireland glory, perhaps we would not have been as pessimistic about the Premier County's future leaving Semple Stadium.

Clare had subjected Ken Hogan's men to a 1-17 to 2-10 defeat as they put back-to-back titles together in front of 8,296 spectators. They had ten of the 2012 side which started the Munster final and their confidence and experience showed as the gulf in class emerged - Tipp's standard bearer Jason Forde bagging 2-7 of the sides total, with the second goal coming right at the very death to put a decent look on the scoreline

Clare, fielding six of the starters from their senior quarter-final victory over Galway, were excellent in the first half. Tipp didn't have a shot at goal from play until the 30th minute and while Clare registered seven wides, they also managed to rack up 1-9 in the opening half. Tipp, by contrast, didn't manage a score from play as six pointed frees from Forde represented the sum total of their efforts.

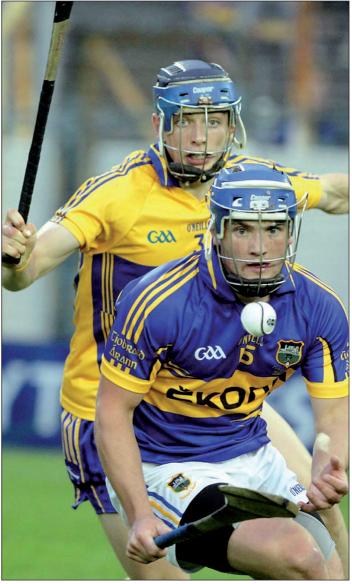
Yes it was a disappointing finale to the season for the U-21's but there were better days and impressive play as they meandered their way to the decider. A seven point (2-18 to 2-11) win over Limerick in the first round with Forde hitting 1-8 was a great start to the campaign - the Limerick sides potent attackers were all but nullifed and it took a cracking goal late on from Shane Kenny to add respectibility to the scoreline. Tipp's strong start, moving into a six point lead by the 21st minute, laid the foundations, and when Forde bagged a 52nd minute goal, that was that - Aidan McCormack's goal before half time helping Tipp to a 1-11 to 0-4 interval lead having hurled into the breeze.

Without question though the showing against Cork in the semi-final was the most impressive. The Rebels came to Semple all of Tipp's u-21 action for the season was at home - and were skinned, annihilated, with Tipp being the better team by a long shot. The 5-19 to 2-13 victory didn't seem likely shortly after the break when a Mark Sugrue goal for the Rebels brought them to within a point of their rivals - they had trailed by 2-9 to 0-11 at the break with Forde and Bill Walsh goals boosting Tipp's credentials.

But, that Sugrue goal really seemed to light a spark in Tipp, in midfield especially where Justin Cahill and Brian Stapleton stepped up their game and began to take control. The defence, anchored well by Cathal Barrett, Andrew Ryan and Michael Breen at the back, Tomas Hamill controlling the centre, again got to grips with the Cork attack. But Tipp's classy forwards in the remaining 28 minutes outscored Cork 3-10 to 1-2 - one-way traffic all the way to the end. The third goal scored by Walsh again, on 41 minutes, after he was put in by sub John McGrath; the fourth goal a penalty converted by Forde after a foul on the same Walsh (46 minutes); the fifth (53 minutes) the icing on a now very rich cake, wing-forward Tommy Heffernan capitalising on a defensive error to goal from a narrow angle.

Nine scorers in all from play for Tipperary, both midfielders and all six starting forwards on target, sub McGrath also getting in on the action. The win gave cause for much hope and with the seniors already out of the championship, full concentration was focused on the under-21s. The up-coming final against Clare would be a huge game for the county - pity then that Tipp were unable to get to the same levels they had reached against Cork. They weren't let.

An indifferent campaign then for Tipp. It was all going well until they met that superb Clare outfit - they eventually won the



Liam McGrath gets possession against Clare in the Bord Gais Energy Munster U-21 Final at Semple Stadium.

All-Ireland pulling up and it was Tipp who came closest to them throughout the season. 2013 might not have been the most memorable in the grade for Tipp but a number of players did put up their hands in a shout for a shot at the senior grade. It might not have been silverware in 2013, but perhaps the foundations have been laid for success in other grades in the seasons to come.

That's the hope anyway.

The Tipp team which lined out in the Munster Final: Darragh Mooney (Éire Óg Annacarty); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), Michael Breen (Ballina), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara); Joe O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Tomás Hamill (Killea) Seamus Kennedy (St Mary's, Clonmel); Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons); Tommy Heffernan (Éire Óg Nenagh), Jason Forde (Silvermines), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields), Bill Walsh (Carrick Swan), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney)

Subs for Tipperary: John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Heffernan (28), Colin O'Riordan (JK Brackens) for Cahill (36), Tadhg Gallagher (Kildangan) for Walsh (41), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Stapleton (49), Michael O'Brien (Thurles Sarsfields) for McCormack (57).

## Minor footballers miss out three-in-a-row

By Shane Brophy (Nenagh Guardian)

ipperary began their quest for an unprecedented three-ina-row of provincial titles, by travelling to Cusack Park in Ennis to play Clare in the first round on Saturday, 19th April.

Charlie McGeever's charges did what they had to do against a game Clare side who started the game much the better but when the visitors got into their groove, they played some fine football and kicked some great scores. Tipperary didn't dominate possession with Clare's midfield impressive but when they did attack, they were only sporadic but when they did, showed their class with the inside forward line of Alan Tynan, Tom Kirwan scoring 1-7 from play between them in a 1-10 to 0-8 victory.

Tipperary v Clare: Jack Brady; Willie Connors; James Feehan, Danny Owens; Luke Boland, Ross Mulcahy, Kevin Fahey; Mark Russell, Colin O'Riordan; Michael Meagher, Josh Keane (0-2, 1f), Liam Casey (0-1f); Alan Tynan (1-2), Tom Kirwan (0-4f), Paul Maher (0-1).

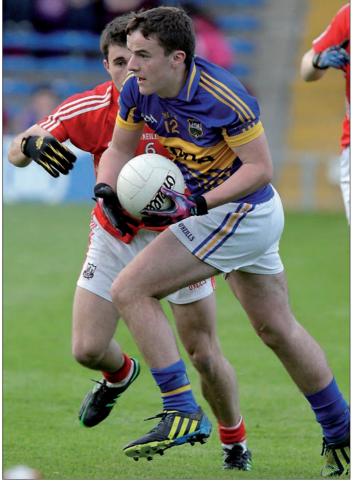
SUBS: Paul Shanahan for Meagher; Emmet Moloney for Casey; Michael Connolly for Feehan; Michael O'Connor for Boland.

As in the previous year, the victory actually put Tipperary into the most difficult semi-final when they hosted a Cork side who had the benefit of two jousts with Kerry, winning the replay.

Cork came into the game at Semple Stadium on May 15th with high expectations but they were completely dominated by Tipperary, led from midfield by captain Colin O'Riordan who was outstanding in all aspects of the game, particularly his fielding.

It gave Tipperary a platform to begin attacks but eleven-points was a poor return in terms of possession they enjoyed as they also shot as many wides, eight of which in the first half when Tipp were utterly dominant and should have had the game wrapped up by then.

When Tipp found their scoring rhythm, they managed to open a seven-point lead after 40 minutes, by which time Cork had scored just once. However, they had to withstand a massive rebel fightback in the final quarter as Tipperary began to sit back a little too much and despite continuing to break down Cork attacks, didn't counter-attack with the same ruthlessness but went onto record a 0-11 to 0-8 victory.



Ciaran Lowry prepares to move on the ball under pressure from Cork's Captain Stephen Cronin in the semi-final.

**Tipperary v Cork:** Jack Brady; Danny Owens, James Feehan, Willie Connors; Kevin Fahey, Ross Mulcahy, Luke Boland; Liam Casey (0-1), Colin O'Riordan; Paul Shanahan, Josh Keane, Ciarán Lowry; Alan Tynan (0-7, 5f), Tom Kirwan, Paul Maher (0-2).

SUBS: Stephen Quirke (0-1) for Shanahan; Michael Connolly for Boland; Mark Russell for Casey.

Lady luck didn't shine on Tipperary as their three-in-a-row

ambitions were denied by Kerry in the provincial decider played in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney on Sunday, 7th July.

The home side were deserving victors, but they got a helping hand in the form of Tipp's Josh Keane being red carded two minutes before half time. In temperatures reaching 24 degrees, playing with a man disadvantage was always going to be decisive, but only after a brave Tipperary effort, going down 0-15 to 0-10.

When Keane was dismissed for a second bookable offence, Tipperary trailed already by four points and a heavy defeat could have been on the cards. However, Tipperary showed their character to kick four unanswered points either side of half time to restore parity but once Kerry found their way again, aided by some



Alan Tynan about to take on Monaghan's Kevin Loughran in the All Ireland minor quarter final in Longford.

generous refereeing calls, there was no way back.

Regardless, Kerry showed the greater craft and cohesion, created some fine openings and did over elaborate at times, particularly late in the game when Tipperary were flagging. Kerry were also more efficient, shooting just three wides compared to Tipperary's eight, while the premier county also missed a penalty but Shane Ryan's save from his Tipp counterpart Jack Brady's came in the final play of the game so it wouldn't have changed the overall result.

While Tipp did dominate at midfield with Colin O'Riordan and Liam Casey giving and exhibition of fielding and scoring (five points from play between them), Charlie McGeever's side struggled to breach a mass Kerry defence with Alan Tynan the only starting forward to score from play as the ball wasn't quick enough coming into the inside line of the Inane Rovers clubman, Tom Kirwan and Paul Maher. Tipperary enjoyed positive impact from the bench in the second half with Padraic Louram and Stephen Quirke offering pace and power.

Tipperary v Kerry: Jack Brady; Willie Connors, Jimmy Feehan, Danny Owens; Kevin Fahey, Ross Mulcahy, Luke Boland; Liam Casey (0-3), Colin O'Riordan (0-3, 1f); Paul Shanahan, Josh Keane (0-1f), Ciaran Lowry; Alan Tynan (0-3, 2f), Tom Kirwan, Paul Maher.

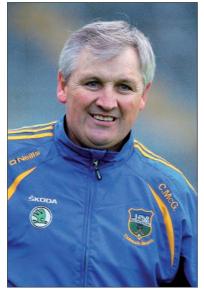
Subs: Padraig Louram for Shanahan; Stephen Quirke for Boland; Padraig White for Kirwan; Michael Connolly for Fahey; Tommy Nolan for Owens.

The loss put Tipperary into an All Ireland quarter final against Ulster champions Monaghan which was played in Pearse Park,

Longford on the August Bank Holiday Monday.

The Ulster champions outscored Tipperary by five points to two in the closing stages to win a tight encounter, 0-12 to 0-9.

With the wind behind them in the first half, they didn't build on a positive start when they scored four points in the first nine minutes but five points for the remainder of the game was never going to be enough, even with the defence hitting their target of keeping Monaghan under 14 points. Indeed such was the excellence of the Tipp defence, they exited the championship having failed to concede a goal which is some achievement.

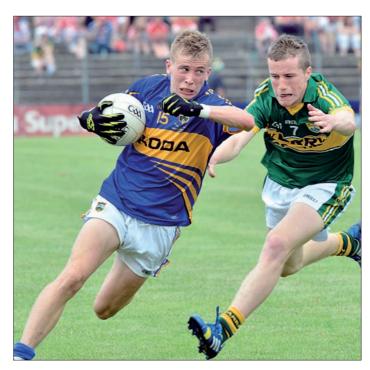


Tipp minor football manager, Charlie McGeever

Tipp struggled to breach an equally solid Ulster team's defence with the difference between the sides being Monaghan's attack where Michael O'Dowd, Conor McCarthy and Ferghal McMahon were a constant menace with the ultimate difference between the sides being the Ulster champions scoring ten of their twelve points from play while Tipp could only manage

Jimmy Feehan was outstanding at full back while centre back Ross Mulcahy was a powerhouse, particularly in the second half when he took it on himself to instigate a number of attacks. Colin O'Riordan was the best midfielder on view but Tipp couldn't get him into threatening positions as they would have liked as Monaghan, who were a little porous through the middle in the first half, sealing up this leak as the game went on.

Up front, Alan Tynan top-scored with five points but got limited ball in open play while Paul Maher had to drift out field to get possession. Key players Josh Keane and Tom Kirwan struggled to influence the game as the management would have



Paul Maher about to be tackled by Robert Wharton in the Munster MFC final in Killarney.

hoped while of the bench, Stephen Quirke made another impressive impact for a player who has just turned sixteen and should have a positive influence over the next two years.

Tipperary v Monaghan: Jack Brady; Danny Owens, Jimmy Feehan, Willie Connors; Ciaran Lowry, Ross Mulcahy, Kevin Fahey; Liam Casey (0-1), Colin O'Riordan (0-1); Paul Shanahan (0-1), Josh Keane, Padraig Louram; Alan Tynan (0-5, 4f), Tom Kirwan, Paul Maher (0-1).

Subs: Stephen Quirke for Kirwan; Michael Connolly for Connors (blood); Mark Russell for Casey; Gerry Cronin for Louram; Tommy Nolan for Shanahan.

Tipperary panel: Gerry Cronin, Tom Kirwan (Ardfinnan); Ciaran Lowry (Arravale Rovers); Jack Brady (Ballina); Liam Casey, Niall McKenna, Michael O'Connor (Cahir); Michael Connolly, Kevin Fahey, Padraig Louram, Padraig White (Clonmel Commercials); Emmet Moloney, Tommy Nolan (Drom & Inch); Josh Keane, Shane O'Connell (Golden Kilfeacle); Michael Meagher (Grangemockler/Ballyneale); Alan Tynan (Inane Rovers); James Bergin, Colin O'Riordan (JK Brackens, Captain); Willie Connors (Kildangan); James Feehan (Killenaule); Eoin Keogh, Paul Maher (Kilsheelan/Kilcash); Mark Russell (Lattin Cullen); Luke Boland, Ross Mulcahy, Danny Owens, Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers); Paul O'Leary (Nenagh Eire Og); Paul Shanahan (Upperchurch/Drombane)

Management: Charlie McGeever (Clonmel Commercials) manager; Jim Mullins (Drom & Inch), Kevin Mulryan (JK Brackens), Shane Stapleton (Golden Kilfeacle) - selectors.



Spot the ball- Kevin Fahey and Josh Keane getting to the ball ahead of Ryan McAnespie of Monaghan in Longford.

## A sensational final - the 1917 All-Ireland

by Seamus Leahy

Then Tipperary swept to victory in the All-Ireland final of 1916 there was an overwhelming sense of relief in the county. It had been eight years since they had last lifted the All-Ireland trophy. Never before had a longer period elapsed without a senior hurling title being taken by the Premier County.

Kilkenny, after a late arrival to the list of All-Ireland winners, had enjoyed a period of dazzling success with seven wins in the ten year between 1904 and 1913 before being halted again in their tracks by Tipp's Boherlahan selection. So the win had a particular sweetness for Tipp and as the two captains walked off the field together the veteran Sim Walton told the younger Johnny Leahy, "We were the better hurlers," The Boherlahan man's reply, "But we were the better men" would become part of Tipperary's hurling lore.

Due to the huge turbulence in the GAA ranks created by the Easter Rising and the subsequent arrest of so many of its members, it had been impossible for the GAA to fulfil many, if not most, of its fixtures in 1916. But in the last weeks of the year there was a mass release of prisoners and the GAA immediately took the decision to complete as many outstanding fixtures as possible. It happened to be an unusually severe winter and when the football final was played in the week before Christmas the pitch had to be covered with hay on the previous night as protection from frost.

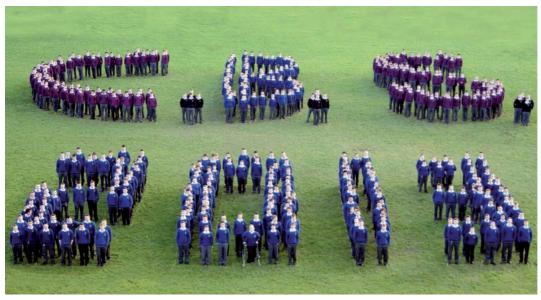
When, four weeks later, on January 21st, 1917, the hurling final of 1916 was played there was an unusually small crowd in attendance - somewhat less than six thousand was the agreed estimate - due mainly to the fact that there were no special trains running, an extremely important factor at a time when motor transport was negligible. But the game itself was a thriller, with Tipp scoring four goals in the last quarter, and there was a degree of excitement not matched since the Thurles Blues had taken the title in 1908. All over the county there was a feeling that glory days had come again and the successes of Tom Semple's reign were about to be repeated.

And for much of 1917 it seemed as if that was going to be so. With the 1916 title firmly under their belt, the Tipp men faced the 1917 campaign with confidence. Having disposed of a strong Clare team they faced a powerful Limerick side which included the legendary 'Tyler' Mackey and the almost equally legendary half-back line of Lanigan, Hough and Keane - commonly referred to by journalists accustomed to the terminology of reports of the Great War as the 'Hindenburg Line'. Again without any train excursions, the game attracted to the Cork venue ten thousand spectators who saw one of the great games of the period end in a draw. But Tipp won the replay by a margin which left no doubt as to their superiority. Indeed that Limerick were no pushover was proved in the following year when they captured the county's second All-Ireland.

But if Tipp were banking on another meeting with Kilkenny in the final of that year, they were - like so many others mistaken. It was not Kilkenny but Dublin who were waiting in the long grass for the Tipp men to emerge from their rugged Munster campaign. And for those who had not seen them demolish Sim Walton's Kilkennymen in the Leinster final, there was a warning sounded by 'Vigilant', one of the best-regarded sports commentators of the day who wrote of that game, "Let me say at once that the better team won.....Dublin from the very

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The entire student body of St. Joseph's C.B.S. Nenagh stand united together to create a very memorable photograph which was included in the Time Capsule which was buried in the floor of the New Wing of the Secondary School on 29/11/2013.

Best wishes to all Tipperary GAA teams in 2014

start showed superior tactics in passing the ball and in every movement and motion that makes for combined play, and in speed they were the superior side."

But few in Munster took sufficient notice.

The Dublin selection was in the hands of the Collegians club captained by the remarkable Dr. John Ryan who was mainly responsible for establishing University College Dublin as a major force in hurling and was for many years President of the College Athletic Union. A hulking six feet three from Caherline near the Tipp-Limerick border, he believed that there was an important place in hurling for methods of training normally associated with preparations for athletes. It was reported that under him "track gallops, baths, massage and handball took the place of older methods." Indeed he left nothing to chance and very shortly after he had qualified as a doctor he made a point of attending the Tipp-Limerick Munster final.

"I have a team of young fellows in Dublin that can beat the pick of the two teams today," he confided to 'Carbery', the doyen of all hurling commentators, who immediately assumed that the big man was, as he described it, "drawing the long bow". But the big man was merely making an assessment of how he could use training methods normally associated only with athletes to overcome whatever advantages in pure hurling skills Tipp might enjoy.

So Tipp arrived on October 28, 1917 to a Croke Park which now had the rubble of O'Connell St. creating Hill 16 to provide a fine new viewing point for spectators normally accustomed to viewing outdoor events from a standing position on flat ground. Once again they were led by Johnny Leahy who was upset by the news as he boarded the train in Thurles that his younger brother Jimmy had been grabbed by police and entrained to Cork Jail on a charge of publicly wearing the uniform of the Irish Volunteers. The team opted to walk from the then Kingsbridge Station rather than use the tramway system associated in the public mind with William Martin Murphy and his vendetta against James Connolly. And on their way through the city they paused at the GPO to recite a decade of the Rosary for the repose of the soul of Thomas Ashe who only a month before had died as a result of force-feeding at the hands of the prison authorities. They were firm favourites to win their second All-Ireland in a year, though it was later conceded that this may have been very much to their disadvantage.

That they were at a disadvantage was well recognised by halftime when Tipp, having trailed through the entire first half were still behind by two points despite a fierce onslaught in the dying minutes which seemed to many onlookers to presage a turning point in the game. But there was no turning point. By the end of the second half history had been made and the experts confounded when Dublin were a goal and two points in front. One of the heroes of the Dublin side was Tommy Daly of Clare, still a medical student, though his performance was almost equalled in the other goal by Jack O'Meara of Toomevara.

But the real hero of the day was a Tipperaryman in the Dublin colours who, working in Dublin, had been playing with the Faughs club for a number of years. He was Bob Mockler of the Horse and Jockey, described in a preview of the game as "one of the best-known and most popular players in Ireland" who needed "no introduction to any lover of hurling." And indeed this was so, since he had played with Semple's men as far back as 1908 before he moved permanently to Dublin. He was a towering centrefield player capable of taking scores from behind his own centrefield line – and that in days when the sliotar was much heavier and less water-resistant than now. He would win three All-Irelands with Dublin, captaining the winning team in 1920, and when he won another in 1924 he and Dr. Tommy Daly were the only survivors of the 1917 team still in the Dublin colours. His contribution to the epic 1917 win was a goal and two points, all scored from long range.

And there were other Tipperarymen on the Dublin side that day: Martin Hackett of Toomevara whose brother, Stephen, was

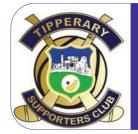
left corner back for Tipp; Hugh Burke of Lorrha who early in the game retired through injury; Jim Cleary of Kilruane and Tom O'Brien, described as "another Tipperaryman who learned his hurling with Faughs". But Jimmy Murphy, the speedy and hardas-nails half-forward from Horse and Jockey who had won the 1916 All-Ireland with Tipp and was now resident in Dublin and playing with the Rapparees club, refused to play against his former colleagues. His absence from the Tipp forward line of the previous year was considered a vital loss.

There were other Dublin players whose names would not be soon forgotten. Brendan Considine at the age of seventeen had won an All-Ireland with his native Clare in 1914. He had worked in Thurles as a bank clerk and the sheer novelty of a bank-clerk walking to what is now Semple Stadium carrying a hurley used bring householders to their doors along Parnell St. In that epic final of 1917 he came on as a sub early in the game for the injured Hugh Burke and scored what was described by a teammate as "a sizzling goal". His work based him in several counties over the years and in the 1950s he was well-known in Nenagh as a bank-manager and a familiar figure at games in MacDonagh Park and on the golf-course.

There was Tommy Moore who would be known to a couple of generations of hurling followers as the proprietor of a very popular GAA pub off Dublin's O'Connell St. Many years later he gave his recollections of the game: "The match was played in the middle of the day at 12 o'clock and don't forget that I was working in the bar business and had to be back at work at halfpast-one. I was staying in digs at the time and after I had my breakfast about 8.30 I went to Mass and then walked to Jones's Road where the match was being played. We took the field at 12 o'clock and came off winners after as tough and hard a game as ever was looked at. When you played against those Tipperary fellows you knew all about it. Seasoned campaigners ever one, and as hard as the anvils they hooped their hurleys on....Well the final whistle saw us All-Ireland champions and saw me and a lot of the lads with the marks of battle on us. Then we made a dash for the dressing room, tore into our clothes and went helter-skelter to our jobs. I had eaten my breakfast at 8.30 that morning and all that I had between that and seven o'clock was a drink of water. These were tough times, tough games and tough men that played them."

And there was Frank Burke who had fought in the GPO during the 1916 Rising, having followed Padraic Pearse from St. Enda's school where he himself had been educated, and where he would himself become headmaster a few years later. He had learned his hurling at St. Enda's and would win hurling All-Irelands in 1917 and 1920 and football All-Irelands in 1921, 1922 and 1923. He was a candidate for the position of General Secretary of the GAA in 1929 and Johnny Leahy, unable to bring himself to vote against an old opponent with such a distinguished national record, and feeling that Padraig O'Caoimh was the best candidate, chose to absent himself from the Central Council meeting which would make the appointment. Padraig O'Caoimh was duly elected and when Frank Burke died in the 1980s this scribe wrote to his son, Eanna, telling him of how Johnny Leahy had so much regretted not being able to vote for him in the crucial election. Back came a gracious letter telling how Frank Burke had accepted that the GAA had made a wise choice in electing O'Caoimh. For two participants that may have been the final line drawn under the epic final of 1917.

But there is another tailpiece to the story. When Johnny Leahy died in 1949, it was at the end of two weeks of unconsciousness induced by a stroke. During those two weeks those who sat by his bed heard him repeatedly murmuring of games played in the long ago, but the name of Bob Mockler kept recurring. The old captain had always considered that the man from Horse and Jockey was the difference between Tipp and Dublin in 1917 and of all the games he had played in his long hurling life, that All-Ireland final was obviously with him at the end.



## Tipperary Supporters' Club Report

By John Coman, Public Relations Officer

2013 was a year which saw the Tipperary Senior Hurling team reaching the Allianz Hurling League Final but finished on a disappointing note for supporters with defeat to Limerick in the Munster Senior Hurling Semi-Final and to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship.

For 2013, Shane McGrath of Ballinahinch was appointed as Captain with Brendan Maher of Borris-Ileigh as Vice-Captain. Following wins over Limerick and LIT, Tipperary were beaten by Clare 1-21 to 1-13 in the Waterford Crystal Munster Cup Final before the start of the Allianz Hurling League. Like the Senior Team, the Tipperary Supporters Club was out early in the year with the launch of the 2013 membership in the Horse and Jockey Hotel on 16th January.

Eamon O'Shea, Senior Hurling team manager, performed the launch before a large attendance which travelled from far and wide and included Brendan Maher, Vice-Captain, along with Paul Curran and Eoin Kelly. County Board Officers were also present along with Michael Ryan, Assistant Manager. Eamon launched the Membership and he thanked the Tipperary Supporters Club for all their help and urged all Tipperary Supporters to join.

Ryan Motor Power, the official SKODA dealership in Tipperary was welcomed as the continuing sponsor of the Tipperary Supporters Club Membership Scheme. Visit the Ryan Motor Power website at http://www.ryanmotorpower.com or call 052 6180323.

The membership scheme in 2013 has again been successful and, despite it being a another difficult year for many people, a large number of supporters again joined up and received the free gift which was a specially produced unique Tipperary Supporters Club knitted hat. Other features of membership were a special car sticker, membership card, draws for 5 pairs of stand tickets to each of Tipperary's Munster and All-Ireland SH Championship games and a deluxe All-Ireland Hurling Final weekend with a pair of stand tickets to the game and two nights' accommodation at the 4 star Louis Fitzgerald Hotel www.louisfitzgeraldhotel.com . Details of all prize winners are on www.tippsupportersclub.com and many members joined on line there. The direct debit scheme went from strength to strength, which saves greatly on administration and costs, a major point for any organisation which relies totally on voluntary effort. Louis Fitzgerald has kindly provided a very



At the Tipperary Supporters Club membership launch at the Horse and Jockey. Back from left: John Coman PRO, Supporters Club, Ronan Power representing the sponsors Ryan Motor Power, Bryan Maher Assistant Treasurer, Bill Maher MH Captain 2012, John McGrath, Sean O'Meara IH selector and Michael Ryan Assistant SH manager. Front L/R: John Tierney Chairman Supporters Club, Eamon O'Shea SH Manager, Sean Nugent County Chairman, Willie Maher MH Manager and Joe Tuohy secretary Supporters Club.

attractive 25% discount on accommodation at the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel for Tipperary Supporters Club members, log on to www.tippsupportersclub.com for further details.

We want to extend the membership base further and anybody who would like to sell Supporters Club membership is welcome to contact Supporters Club PRO, John Coman on 087-9087105 or by email at info@tippsupportersclub.com. If joining by post please send a cheque or postal order for €30 payable to Tipperary Supporters Club to Jim Reidy, 13 Castleknock Close, Dublin 15.

The 26th Club Annual General Meeting took place in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin on 3rd April. On behalf of the players Michael Ryan, SH Assistant Manager, thanked the Club for the support given to the squad and management team. The meeting was also addressed by Seán Nugent, County Board Chair and by William Maher, Minor Bainisteoir. Liam Myles, President, Tipperary Association, Dublin addressed the meeting and reminded those present of the upcoming Tipperary Person of the Year 2012 award.

Grants of over €60,000 were made in 2012 to cover expenses incurred in the preparation of the Tipperary SH Panel including



## TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP A GREAT SUCCESS

The Tipperary Supporters Club Junior Membership which was launched in 2007 has become a major success. Membership is completely FREE and already well over a thousand Junior Members have logged on to www.tippsupportersclub.com to register for the many benefits as follows:

- 10% discount on all purchases in the GAA Shop, Lár na Páirce, Thurles
- weekly draw for prizes which have included draws for match tickets, Tipperary Supporters Caps, Keyrings and Radios.
- a weekly email to members with all the news of competitions, prizes etc
- draws to be Match Mascots for the Tipperary SH team at the NHL home games. The mascots and their families has a great day out which included meeting the team captains and being guests of TippFM at the live radio commentary, where they got a lovely welcome from the TippFM team www.tippfm.com. In that regard we would like to thank Paddy Finucane for all his support prior to his retirement during the year.

There will be lots of prizes and events in 2013 too so if you are a Tipperary Supporter and under 18 years of age join for FREE on www.tippsupportersclub.com . The Junior Membership is one of the many ways that the Tipperary Supporters Club supports underage hurling in Tipperary. A special thanks is due to Jim Reidy for all his work on Junior and Adult memberships. .



Committee members, County Board officials, Tipperary players and Management at the Annual General Meeting on 3 April in the Louis Fitzgerald

catering and accommodation, travel expenses, training gear and hurling boots, physical training and medical expenses. Condolences were expressed to all those who suffered bereavements since the previous AGM, especially to the family of the late Chris Lacey. The following were elected as officers for the coming year: John Tierney (Chairman), Joe Tuohy (Secretary), Eamonn Buckley (Treasurer), Bryan Maher (Assistant Treasurer), John Coman (PRO) and John Malone (Membership Officer).

Following a very competitive Allianz Division 1A campaign Tipperary finished top of the table and defeated Dublin 4-20 to 0-17 in the Semi-Final. Tipperary headed for Nowlan Park for the Final on 5th May and were beaten by Kilkenny on the scoreline of 2-17 to 0-20.

The Annual Golf Classic was again a major fund-raising and social success in the Club's calendar. For the thirteenth year in succession the County Tipperary Golf and Country Club at Dundrum House Hotel was the venue on 16th and 17th May, just before the Championship season began. The Crowe Family again provided excellent facilities and a friendly welcome (http://www.dundrumhousehotel.com/golf-hotel). The event was again very enjoyable with almost 60 teams taking part and was a great fundraising success thanks to the generosity of the sponsors of teams and tee boxes. In conjunction with the event, we were delighted to host the launch and draw for the Tipperary Supporters Club All-Ireland Under 16 Tournament.

In the preparation for the Munster and All-Ireland Championships, the Supporters Club was delighted to assist team management with financial and logistical support towards the expenses of training, travel, accommodation and specialist injury treatment, including elements of intensive training camps.

Following the 1-15 to 1-18 defeat to Limerick Munster Senior Hurling Semi-Final, Tipperary again faced Kilkenny in Nowlan Park in the All-Ireland Championship , in a fixture which had been looked forward to with great anticipation in hurling circles after the previous Championship meetings, Tipperary had to accept defeat to Kilkenny (1-14 to 0-20). After a huge contest, it was a disappointing outcome for the players, management and supporters.

The Tipperary Supporters Club provided significant support for under age hurling in Tipperary, including financial assistance with the expenses of underage hurling teams. Also, the Tipperary Supporters Club was again delighted to sponsor the All-Ireland Under 16Tournament, which is organised very professionally every year by County Tipperary Bord na nÓg. Kilkenny won this year's A final beating Tipperary on a score of 2-4 to 0-8 after two late goals.

Tipperary hearts were lifted with the fine campaigns of the Intermediate Hurlers in retaining both the Munster and All-Ireland titles with a totally now team from 2012, beating Kilkenny in Nowlan Park 2-14 to 2-11. The Intermediate Management Team of did not seek re-appointment after the Championship and Tipperary supporters will join us in thanking them for their great successes and in wishing them all the very best for the future.

We must also pay major tribute to Brendan Cummins, who decided to retire after a record-setting number of Senior Championship appearances. In addition to his legendary achievements on the field, Brendan was also very helpful in many of the activities of the Tipperary Supporters Club over those years. Go néirí go geal leat sna blianta atá romhainn!

The Tipperary Supporters Club will continue to work with the County Board and other units to implement the sections of the Premier Plan, the Strategic Vision and Action Plan for the GAA in Tipperary 2011-2015 relating to the Club in the chapter on Financial Excellence.

We were disappointed with the decision of Bank of Ireland not to continue with the Tipperary GAA Credit Card, following a review and subsequent reduction in the number of all their affinity credit card schemes.

The Club would like to thank all those who helped in its activities during the year including members, sponsors, County Board officials, team management and of course the players who gave generously of their time for Club events. You can keep in touch with all the news and events for 2013 by logging on to www.tippsupportersclub.com and all members are kept up to date on draws, prizes etc by regular email newsletters. This year we continued the very popular text service for current members giving them immediate information on the team selections for both Senior Championship and Allianz Hurling League. Another way in which supporters can show their backing for the team is by applying for the Bank of Ireland Tipperary GAA Credit Card (see www.tippsupportersclub.com for more details).

John Coman Public Relations Officer **Tipperary Supporters Club** 



Templederry Kenyons Golf team members receiving their prize at the Tipperary Supporters Club Golf Classic in Dundrum. From left: Tom Hogan, Terry Ryan, Michael Bourke County Vice Chairman, John Tierney Chairman Tipperary Supporters Club, Michael Ryan and Pat



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## Tipp senior footballers restore pride after Munster chastener

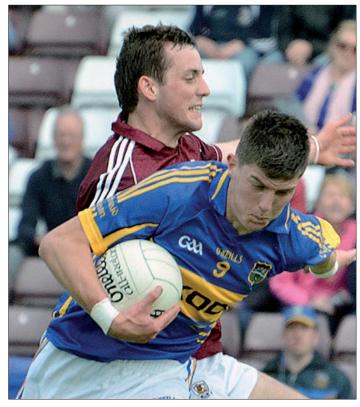
By John Guiton

The newspaper headlines following Tipperary senior footballers two championship outings in 2013 reflected their contrasting displays. "Tipp Hammered By Rampant Kerry" ran the headline after the Blue and Gold slumped to a 2-19 to 0-8 defeat in the Munster quarter-final in Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney. "Brave Tipperary Go Down With A Fight" headed a report on Tipp's gutsy performance in narrowly falling to Galway (1-12 to 0-11) in the All-Ireland qualifiers in Salthill.

Yes, Tipp went down fighting as underdogs to the Westerners, a fifteen minute spell after half time proving their undoing. Manager Peter Creedon, his selectors, and the team had the huge consolation in defeat of having restored pride in a game that might well have brought them a famous victory. Despite missing several key players Tipperary really showed what they are capable of achieving when they string together in cohesive fashion the many facets of their game.

Stung by the comprehensive seventeen point defeat at the hands of the Kingdom, they were hell bent on redemption as they made the long journey to picturesque Salthill. Facing Galway in their own backyard was a formidable challenge, but Tipp went at it with fierce determination from the throw-in, and their work ethic and commitment was truly admirable. They led three times in the opening period, and radio stations-national and local- were buzzing with what they termed the "the big news" that Tipp were just a point in arrears at half-time (0-6 to 0-5) and possibly heading for a memorable championship scalp. Indeed, Galway were flattered to be in front at the break after Tipp had missed a few scoring chances- a couple of frees went abegging.

Creedon's men seemed to be perfectly poised if they could maintain the first-half pattern. However, they lost their shape somewhat in a period after the restart that saw the home county hit 1-3 in twelve minutes. Indeed, Galway's worries seemed to be at an end as they entered the last fifteen minutes of a tough game firmly in control. However, the contest was far from over.



Steven O'Brien being tackled by Galway's John O'Brien in the All Ireland SFC Qualifier game in Pearse Stadium.

Undaunted, Tipp pressed forward and incredibly hit five unanswered points as the Galwegians struggled again to keep their heads above water. They had to endure a few heartstopping scares as Tipp came close with goal chances, what a goal would have done for them! Galway held on for dear life to the four point margin, but, the relief etched on their faces at the



The Tipp senior football team which was defeated by Kerry in Munster senior quarter final. Front l-r; Hugh Coghlan, Peter Acheson, Lorcan Egan, Gearóid Slattery, Philip Austin, Ian Fahey, Aldo Matassa, Barry Grogan, Alan Campbell, Paul Fitzgerakd, Robbie Costigan, John Coghlan, Bernard O'Brien, Alan Moloney, Ciarán McDonald,Donal Lynch. Back l-r: George Hannigan,Andrew Morrissey, Peter Acheson, Robbie Kiely, Darren Lowry, Donnagh Leahy, Brian Mulvihill, Timmy Daltrron, Paddy Codd, Shane Leahy.



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Tinn's Ciaran McDonald holds on to possession despite the tackle of Kerry's Declan O'Sullivan.

full time call summed up their torrid afternoon against an understrength Tipp combination.

Apart from their display of heart and courage, Tipp played a nice brand of football that did so much to erase the painful memories of Killarney and give them renewed hope for 2014. Getting out of division four of the National League has to be a priority, and Tipp should be able to build on their progress in 2013. The solid first-half performance and a very strong finish in Salthill highlighted the teams strengths and no doubt they will work on them in their preparations for the league.

Thankfully, the signs from the Galway game were greatly encouraging after the painful provincial slide in Killarney. Tipp were hugely competitive against Kerry in 2012, losing out by a very respectable six point margin, and they carried great hope into this year's contest. However, the home county hit the ground running this time and were rarely, if ever, in difficulty after they built on a 0-11 to 0-4 interval lead-ten of their points were scored from play. Kerry's movement and use of the ball was superb as they chalked up a huge victory that paved the way for their eventual Munster title triumph over old rivals Cork. Indeed, they gave as good as they got before fading out to Dublin in a cracking All-Ireland semi-final.

Tipp boss Peter Creedon is nothing if not sincere and straighttalking, and he did not try and conceal his disappointment at the defeat to Kerry. "We were simply not able to cope with what Kerry brought to the table. Kerry played to a higher standard and that is what we have to reach" he said. That said, Peter felt some aspects of his sides football in the first half were good and encouraging. He said the dismissal of Barry Grogan was a big blow to Tipp at a time when there was just seven points between the teams. "We kept on playing with fourteen men and I thought we should have had a penalty which would have given us a nice little breather" Peter added.

The affable Tipp supremo pointed out that Tipp played with four players across the half-back line in an effort to cope with Kerry. "We tired to counter attack as fast as we could but the Kerry back line were excellent and we found it difficult to get

the ball into our half-forward line." he said.

Peter has a relatively young side at his disposal and he was very heartened by the manner of their response to the bad defeat to Kerry. In the aftermath of the performance against Galway he opined-"We should have won the match. Had we taken our scores in the second-half we would have won the match. Considering the injuries and the number of senior players we were without the guys played fantastically. It was just unfortunate that the ten minute spell at the start of the second half cost us-there was only one team in it in the last quarter and that was us.".

Creedon talks with enthusiasm of "the great character" in the squad. "Results (championship) would suggest we made no progress, but, I think it is clear to see that we have made massive progress and there is a real ambition in the squad." he added. Tipp are determined now to "move on." Looking forward to commencing preparations for the national league and championship of 2014, Peter is confident that his side "will continue to make progress." Yes, Tipperary may have had mixed fortunes in 2013, but, they continue to take inspiration from their outstanding success at underage level in recent years and no stone will be left unturned in their efforts to advance their league and championship hopes in 2014.

Tipp team versus Kerry in the Munster quarter final: P Fitzgerald; J Coughlan, P Codd, C McDonald (0-1); R Kiely, D Leahy, A Campbell; G Hannigan, R Costigan; C Sweeney (0-3), I Fahey, P Acheson; A Moloney, B Grogan (0-3), P Austin (0-1). Subs-S Leahy for A Campbell, B Mulvihill for A Moloney, A Matassa for R Kiely, L Egan for G Hannigan, H Coughlan for I

Tipp team versus Galway in All-Ireland qualifier: P Fitzgerald; A Morrissey, P Codd, D Lynch; B Fox (0-1), J Coughlan, D Leahy; L Egan, S O'Brien; H Coughlan (0-1), P Acheson (0-1), I Fahey; C Sweeney (0-6), P Quirke, G Hannigan. Subs: R Costigan for L Egan, B Mulvihill for D Lynch, B O'Brien (0-2) for I Fahey, A Matassa for S O'Brien, R Kiely for D Leahy.



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# Tipperary intercounty football season review - McGrath **Cup and Allianz National Football League Division 4**

Compiled by Jackie Cahill

IPPERARY'S 2013 senior intercounty football season began in style when the Premier County beat Cork in the opening round of the McGrath Cup, on Sunday, January

Peter Creedon's visitors to Páirc Uí Rinn secured a 2-9 to 1-9 win - and a first competitive victory in senior football against Cork since 1944. Cork named a strong starting 15 but Tipp had a matchwinning contribution of 1-6 from Aherlow Gaels forward Barry Grogan. Bill Maher chipped in with a goal, fellow 2011 All-Ireland MFC medallist Philip Quirke added two frees and experienced forward Philip Austin landed a point for Tipp.

At full-back, captain Paddy Codd enjoyed an outstanding game and by half-time, Tipp had established a 0-7 to 0-4 lead. Grogan netted a second half penalty and approaching the finish, Tipp had a comfortable 2-8 to 0-6 lead. A late burst from Cork, including a goal from Ciaran Sheehan, cut the deficit back to three points but Tipp held on to set up a semi-final showdown against Waterford.

At Sean Treacy Park in Tipperary town, on Sunday January 20, Tipp scored a 1-12 to 2-8 victory over the Déise, in a fixture that went to extra time. A few hundred spectators watched the sides fought out a dour encounter, before Barry Grogan's decisive 83rd minute goal finally settled matters.

With eight minutes of normal time remaining, Paul Whyte scored Waterford's first goal and that score handed the Déise, managed by former Kildare selector Niall Carew, a 1-6 to 0-7 lead. But Tipp, with substitute Brian Fox playing a pivotal role, responded and a late fisted point by Fox tied the scores at 0-10 to 1-7 and took the match into extra-time.

Sub Liam O'Lionain looked to have won it for Waterford when he netted a scrappy goal from close range in the final minute of the first period of extra-time.

In bitterly cold conditions, Tipp were now three points behind, 0-11 to 2-8, but they rallied again and 1-1 in extra-time, including Grogan's golden goal, snatched the win and ensured progress to a second successive McGrath Cup final.

Six days later, and back at Sean Treacy Park, Kerry won the McGrath Cup decider by 1-12 to 1-5. 839 spectators watched Kerry collect the title for the third time in four seasons. Darran O'Sullivan, scorer of 1-3, was a constant thorn in Tipperary's side with the O'Sé brothers, Marc and Tomás, dominant in defence. Kerry finished with eight different players on the scoresheet and were 1-7 to 0-2 ahead at half-time. O'Sullivan buried a clinical 16th minute goal and Kerry never looked back from there.

Tipp didn't register from play until the 47th minute and their consolation goal ten minutes later was a fluke effort as Grogan's '45 somehow found its way into the net. But Tipp's march to a McGrath Cup final - and that landmark victory over Cork fuelled real hope that the team could gain promotion from Division 4 of the Allianz National Football League.

But on Sunday, February 3, disaster struck when Tipp suffered a home defeat against Carlow, 0-16 to 1-14, in their opening League fixture of the campaign.

Carlow corner forward Daniel St Ledger was stretchered off with a serious injury in the first half and the Barrowsiders lost wing back Kieran Nolan to a second yellow card midway through the second half. But the 14 men, with the aid of a second half breeze, held firm and emerged one-point winners at Semple Stadium. With Brian Fox, Alan Maloney and Barry Grogan in good scoring form, Tipp were six points clear approaching the break, in front of an official attendance of 474.

But Carlow struck for a crucial goal from Paul Reid on the stroke of half-time and when Willie Minchin added a point,



Tipperary's Brian Fox goes down under pressure from London's Edward Finnigan in Allianz Football League.

Anthony Rainbow's men were in touch, trailing by 1-6 to 0-11 at the midway point.

Tipp now needed a victory against Waterford at Fraher Field on Saturday, February 9, but another defeat left Creedon's staring at the wrong end of the table. Waterford led by 1-1 to 0-0 after six minutes, with Paul Whyte netting an early penalty.

At half-time, Tipp were just a point behind, 0-6 to 1-4, but a fortuitous goal from Robert Ahearne in the second half ended the visiting challenge.

It was an evening to forget for Tipp but on Sunday, March 3, a first League victory of the season was secured at Semple Stadium, against London. The Exiles suffered a 1-7 to 2-12 defeat, with just 251 spectators present in Thurles. Conor Sweeney and George Hannigan scored the crucial goals for Tipp and Sweeney's 29th minute strike helped to open up a 1-6 to 0-3 lead. Hannigan's superb pass created the opening for Sweeney and provider turned poacher in stoppage time at the end of the game when Shannon Rovers player Hannigan palmed home Hugh Coghlan's delivery from close range.

That goal settled Tipp's nerves after Padraig McGoldrick had cut the gap back to three points when he goaled a 69th minute

Promotion to Division 3 remained an unlikely prospect at this stage in the season but that all changed with victories against Munster rivals Clare and Limerick on successive weekends.

On Saturday, March 9, Tipp earned a fully merited 1-13 to 0-10 win against hosts Clare at Cusack Park, Ennis. Tipp, with a strong breeze in the opening half, led by 0-9 to 0-5 at half-time before Hugh Coghlan's late goal made the game safe.

Both sides finished with 14 men as Clare's Enda Coughlan and Tipperary's Alan Maloney received red cards towards the end.

Tipp had now claimed back-to-back League victories and that became three-in-a-row with a dominant display against Limerick at the Gaelic Grounds on Saturday, March 16. Maurice Horan's Limerick squandered two penalties as the Shannonsiders lost for the first time in Division 4. Tipp's leading marksman Barry Grogan missed a penalty too as he blazed his second half effort over the bar. Limerick's Ian Ryan saw his 29th minute penalty saved by Tipp goalkeeper Paul Fitzgerald and Ger Collins dragged his 53rd minute penalty wide. Tipp led by 0-7 to 0-5 at half-time and kicked on for a valuable win.

On Sunday, March 24, Tipp made it four wins on the spin with arguably their best display of the League campaign, in the first

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Con Hogan Chairman of the Semple Stadium Committee makes a presentation to Philly Butler, who retired as groundsman in the Stadium.

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half at least.

A 2-15 to 0-14 result left Tipp in second place behind Limerick at the head of affairs - two points behind the Shannonsiders, and level with Offalv.

Against Leitrim, Barry Grogan led the way in the scoring stakes with a haul of 2-3, as 351 spectators looked on. Grogan netted his opening goal in the ninth minute and was on target again in stoppage time at the end of the first half. Grogan's brace helped Tipp to lead by 2-10 to 0-4 at the break and the game was effectively over. Leitrim salvaged some pride by outscoring the hosts by 0-10 to 0-5 after half-time but this was a disappointing display from the Westerners, who saw their own promotion hopes disappear.

The scene was now set for a winner-takes-all promotion shootout with Offaly on Sunday, April 7 and Tipp travelled to Tullamore full of optimism. But the Premier County left O'Connor Park thoroughly deflated and on the wrong end of a disappointing five-point defeat, 1-8 to 2-10. Offaly secured Division 3 football for 2014 – with Tipp left to face the harsh reality of at least another season in the basement tier. It was a massive pity that Tipp could not secure the result they needed.

And with Limerick beating Clare in the other big game of the day, even a draw would have sufficed for Tipp. Tipp were level three times in this fixture – and trailed by a point with just 13 minutes remaining. But Robbie Costigan's sending-off with five minutes of normal time remaining, for a second bookable offence, was the final nail in Tipp's coffin.

Tipp were just two points down – 1-7 to 2-6 – when Peter Acheson (hamstring) and Michael Quinlivan (knee) limped out of the game. Barry Grogan's 57th-minute free cut the deficit back to just a single point but the remainder of the game was thoroughly forgettable from a Tipp point of view.

Grogan's free was Tipp's last point of the game and following



Adlo Matassa (Tipperary) and Gary Reynolds (Leitrim) go high to gain possession during the Allianz NFL game at Semple Stadium.

Costigan's dismissal, following an off the ball incident that also saw Offaly's Richie Dalton booked, the challenge wilted.

Graham Guilfoyle, Ken Casey (free) and Brian Connor added three points to seal a win that flattered Offaly.

The Faithful County had a matchwinning contribution of 2-1 from ace forward Niall McNamee, with the gifted Rhode forward netting in both halves.

Alan Maloney was Tipperary's leading scorer on the day, notching 1-3, as the League ended in disappointment for the men in blue and gold.

# Friends of Tipperary Football

The staging of a Fun Cycle and Golf Classic were the major highlights of a very busy and successful year for The Friends of Tipperary Football.

On a pleasant Saturday April 20th last hundreds of cyclists took part in the fun cycle, the first of the Friends major fundraisers in 2013. Cyclists and cycling enthusiasts from all over County Tipperary, and indeed much further afield, hit the roads of the county in early morning and steered their way to the finishing point some hours later in Dr Morris Park in Thurles. The 'Friends' were delighted with the turnout of participants and were deeply appreciative of their efforts. The committee also expressed its gratitude to the very many people who subscribed so generously to the fundraiser and the many people who helped organise it.

Similarly, it was a great source of delight to the 'Friends' to receive such massive support from all over the county and adjoining counties for the staging of the golf classic in the popular Thurles Golf Club on Saturday August 17th. Among those taking part in the event were many past and present Tipperary GAA stars. The 'Friends' are very grateful to all associated with the event, particularly those who organised it.

Chairperson of 'Friends' Pete Savage and the committee are grateful for sponsorship received for all events held in 2013. They acknowledge the support of Tipperary GAA fans within and outside of our county. The Friends were honoured to make a number of presentations to county teams and schools teams over the season. To the extent possible, the Friends of Tipperary Football aim to support the development and promotion of football in the Premier

The 'Friends' kicked off the year with their annual general meeting in January. At a well-attended convention held in

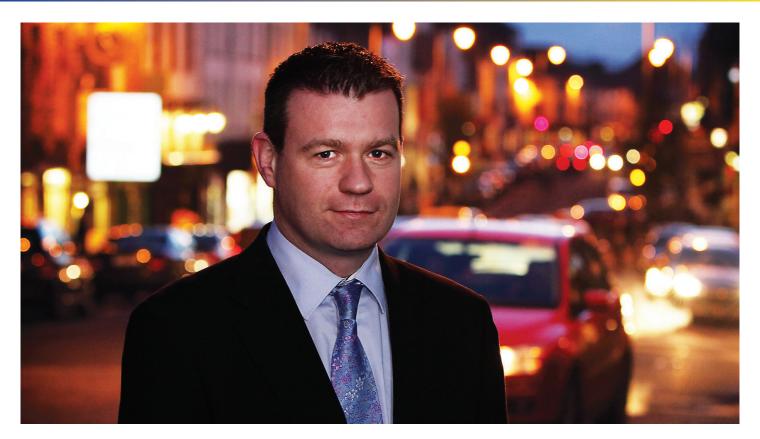
Horse and Jockey, the committee honoured its colleague and former Tipperary player and manager Seamus McCarthy. Many glowing tributes were paid to Seamus for his sterling service to football in the county stretching over a number of decades. Chairperson of the 'Friends Pete Savage' led the tributes to his "lifelong friend" Seamus and gave a comprehensive account of the career of the Bansha native. Presentations were made to Seamus and his wife Margaret to mark the special occasion.

The 'Friends' extend their congratulations to Seamus on his distinguished role as selector on the Ireland team for the International rules games staged last October. It was a great honour for the Galtee Rovers man and he thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

John Guiton, PRO, 'Friends.'



Pictured at presentation to Seamus McCarthy who retired as secretary of the Friends of Tipperary Football recently from left, Joe Hannigan (Football Board Chairman), Eddie Lonergan (former secretary Football Board), Pete Savage (former Chairman Football Board), Seamus McCarthy, Sean Nugent (County Chairman) and Michael Power (former secretary Football Board).



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# U-21 footballers pushed hard but fell to Cork in decider

By Noel Dundon (Tipperary Star)

Tipperary's bid to break Cork's strangehold on the Munster U-21 football silverware failed in the provincial final at Semple Stadium, but the story doesn't end there for the Premier County. With successful minor manager David Power at the helm, Tipperary enjoyed good wins over Waterford in the quarter final and then Clare in the semi-final, to set up a date with the Rebels in the showcase game of the season in the competition.

There was much cause for optimism throughout the campaign from a Tipp perspective and although silverware was not to be our lot, a few of positives can be drawn from the season, with quite a few players showing their capabilities and perhaps holding their hands up for a crack at the senior squad. Indeed, in the matches with Waterford and Clare, both won convincingly on scorelines of 1-17 to 0-9 and 1-12 to 0-7 respectively, Tipperary played some great football and proved that they are up there in the higher echelons at this stage. The key now is to continue progressing and push on towards the trophy cabinet in the coming seasons.

Tipperary used the ball very well during the season and were well capable of cretaing scores. Defensively, they were solid enough too and this augurs well for the future especially when it comes to taking on the big boys of the code. Perhaps a little more incisiveness is required at times from midfield to attack, but this will come - Rome wasn't built in a day, as they say.

Tipperary actually led at the break in the Munster Final by 0-5 ot 0-4 in what was a very tight game. But, a Mark Sugrue goal was key to Cork winning their third consecutive U21 Munster title in front of a crowd of 1,775 in Semple Stadium and in a blistering five-minute blast in which they scored as many points set them on their way to glory. Sugrue's emphatic 47th minute finish, after some neat work by Luke Connolly and Brian Hurley down the left wing before squaring the ball, put them five ahead and virtually out of Tipperary's sight with a final scoreline of 1-



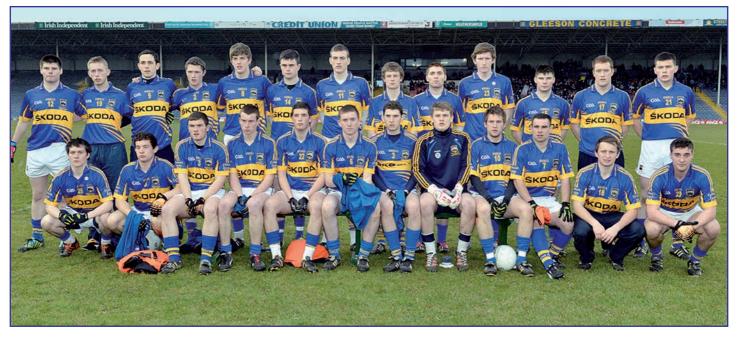
Donagh Leahy gets the ball away to safety against Cork in the Cadbury Munster U-21 Final.

17 to 0-9 not really acurately reflecting the effort from a Premier perspective.

It was a disappointing end to the campaign for Tipp but they can take heart. They will re-build for the 2014 season and the hope is that the experience gained can help when the ultimate push for senior honours materialises.

Tipp lined out in the Munster Final as per: G Slattery; N O'Sullivan, D Kearney, C O'Sullivan; N O'Meara, S Kennedy (capt.), P Dalton; S O'Brien, D Fitzell; B Maher, I Fahey, D Leahy; L McGrath, M Quinlivan, S Leahy. Subs: J Lonergan for Maher (25); P Quirke for Kearney (41); B Hewitt for Fahey (43); TJ Ryan for Quinlivan (inj 51); M O'Sullivan for O'Meara (58).

The management team had Tipp well drilled but had to give best to a Cork team which had a number of notable names in



The Tipperary U21 Football panel Munster finalists against Cork.

Front l-r: T.J. Ryan, Niall O'Meara, Liam McGrath, Conor O'Sullivan, Billy Hewitt, Seamus Kennedy, Darragh Kearney, Gearóid Slattery, Bill Maher, Paddy Dalton, Michael O'Sullivan, Jonathan Ryan.Back l-r: Donagh Leahy, Liam Treacy, Dylan Fitzelle, Niall O'Sullivan, Steven O'Brien, Michael Quinlivan, Ian Falty, Jason Lonergan, Adrian Maguire, Philip Quirke, Shane Leahy, Padraic O'Meara and John Callaghan.



Colman Kennedy, receiving the Minor Football award from Ed Donnelly, Munster GAA PRO, Munster Council Chairman Sean Walsh and John Mullins, CEO, Bord Gais, Energy, sponsor, at the Bord Gais Energy / Munster GAA awards ceremony in the Malton Hotel, Killarney.



David Butler receiving the Intermediate Hurling award from Ed Donnelly, Munster GAA PRO, Munster Council Chairman Sean Walsh and John Mullins, CEO, Bord Gais, Energy, sponsor, at the Bord Gais Energy / Munster GAA awards ceremony in the Malton Hotel, Killarney.



John Ferncombe receiving the Handballer of the year award from Ed Donnelly, Munster GAA PRO, Munster Council Chairman Sean Walsh and John Mullins, CEO, Bord Gais, Energy, sponsor, at the Bord Gais Energy / Munster GAA awards ceremony in the Malton Hotel, Killarney.



Patrick "Bonner" Maher receiving the Senior Hurler of Year award from Munster Council Chairman Sean Walsh and John Mullins, CEO, Bord Gais, Energy, sponsor, at the Bord Gais Energy | Munster GAA awards ceremony in the Malton Hotel, Killarney.



John McGrath receiving the Minor hurling award from Ed Donnelly, Munster GAA PRO, Munster Council Chairman Sean Walsh and John Mullins, CEO, Bord Gais, Energy, sponsor, at the Bord Gais Energy/Munster GAA awards ceremony in the Malton Hotel, Killarney.



Shane Brophy, centre, Head of Sport with the Nenagh Guardian, with the Mick Dunne Memorial Award for Best Local Newspaper at the 2012 Camogie Association Awards, sponsored by RTE. Pictured with Aileen Lawlor, 4th from right, President of the Camogie Association, and Tipperary representatives l-r, Jim Symons (PRO Tipperary Camogie Board), Eamon Browne, Liz Howard, Rose Mannion, Deirdre McDonnell, Eimear McDonnell and Liam Mannion.



Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Liam Ó Néill presents Michael Dundon, from Thurles, with the 2011 Hall of Fame Award at the GAA McNamee Awards 2011 & 2012 at Croke Park.



The full forward on the inaugural Bord Gáis Energy Under 21 Team of the Year was Tipperary's Jason Forde. The ever present Forde was a thorn in the side of any team he faced this year and scored an impressive 5-23 over the course of Tipp's Munster campaign. Pictured with Jason is Ger Cunningham, Bord Gáis Energy Ambassador and Team of the Year Judge.



Con Ryan, orginally from Golden, with The Lar Foley Hall of Fame Award. Bronnadh ag Cairde Iomana Atha Cliath - Presented by Friends of Dublin Hurling in grateful appreciation for outstanding service and commitment to Dublin Hurling.

# Honoured on County Final Days



### Loughmore/Castleiney 1988 County Senior Hurling Champions

Back row: (from left) Denis McGrath, Ned Ryan, Jim Maher, Martin Meagher, Mick McGrath (K), John Cormack, John Mockler, John Kennedy, Timmy Cullen, Joe Kiely (rep. his brother Dinny), Phil Morris, Liam Cormack, Tonnny Gleeson, Richard Stapleton. Front: Tom McGrath (K), Pat McGrath, Pat Cormack, Michael McGrath, Eamonn Brennan, Seamus Bohan, Eamonn Sweeney (Captain), Fr Peter Brennan, Pat Gleeson, Frankie McGrath, Tom Larkin, Tom McGrath, Stephen Maher, Tomás Gleeson (Flag Carrier).



### Clonmel Commercials 1969 & 1971 County Senior Football Champions

Back I-r: Tony Smith, Johnny Ryan, Jimmy Hewitt, Gearóid Smith, Kieran McGrath, Evonne O'Connell, Tom Pollard, Denis O'Donoghue, Matt Ruth, Bernard O'Doherty, Maurice Patterson, Brendan O'Keeffe, Paddy O'Donoghue, John McNamara, Timmy Ryan. Seated, I-r: Eamon Lonergan, Jimmy Harney, Pat Fitzgerald, Mick Egan, Michelle O'Connell (for Mary O'Callaghan), Mickey O'Connell, Donal Boyle, Michael Burke, Paudie Butler, George Collins, T. J. Corby, Liam Kane.

# Ger Ryan steps down as County PRO

By Ed Donnelly

hen taking on such a task of honouring the work completed by the outgoing Tipperary PRO Ger Ryan, it seemed only right to seek the opinions of those who worked closely with him. The sheer volume of the replies received however not only is a testament to the esteem with which Ger is held but it also sets this particular author the unenviable task of trying to do so using a limited number of words.

Martin Breheny (Irish Independent) probably summed it up best - "Ger ensured that each word, 'Public', 'Relations' and 'Officer' stood independently as three legs supporting a very solid stool. He always recognised that communicating with the public, via the media, was an essential part of his role. To deliver that in the manner he wanted, it was necessary to have open and honest relationships with the media,

whether dealing with straight-forward, sensitive or controversial issues. He achieved it through a personable manner, whatever the circumstances. As for the 'officer' wing of his responsibilities, he was always efficient, helpful and never made any request appear like a chore. Unquestionably, Ger built on the high standard Tipp PRO's have set over the years."

Ger's communication style is certainly one of his strengths and is an important characteristic of anyone involved in public relations. Phrases like "transparently honest, fair, efficient, personable, polite, approachable, affable and highly organised" sum up the numerous testimonials written by members of the media when asked about the Templederry native. Damian Lawlor (Sunday Independent) describes Ger as "Pleasant, professional, passionate about Tipp and progressive; an official that the GAA should deem a role model and clone." Throughout all of the compliments, Ger was also called out as someone who would not be shy about highlighting something which was incorrect or did not show Tipperary in a positive light. Ger is not shy about standing up for the Premier County. Ger's excellent relationship with the media saw him being honoured with the 2011 Gaelic Writers Association Public Relations Officer of the Year, a fitting recognition for the role he has played in the past

Of course, PR and media is just one aspect of the role of Public Relations Officer. Ger took his role as one of the Senior officers within the Tipperary County Board very seriously. County Chairman Sean Nugent when asked for a contribution about Ger said "Ger was a pleasure to work with, he was a valued friend and inspired confidence in those around him. He was an excellent adviser in media matters and had the ability to handle controversial matters in a sensible and sensitive manner. Ger had his finger on the pulse of the GAA in the County and at National level as well and this enabled him to be on top of his game in dealing appropriately with issues as they arose."

Another role which was less revealing to the general public was Ger's role as Liaison Officer to the Tipperary senior hurlers over a number of years. Such a role is crucial to the success of any team, something which former manager Liam Sheedy is very appreciative of – "Ger struck up a fantastic relationship with the players and backroom team and added huge value across the three years I was involved. He just gets things done and his people skills ensure he brings everyone with him. I personally will be forever indebted to the fantastic job he did as



Pictured at the 2011 Cadbury Gaelic Writers Awards, from left, Ger Ryan, PRO of the Tipperary County Board, Jim Carney, RTE commentator and Tuam Herald, and the late John A. Murphy, Irish Examiner GAA

PRO in Tipperary and the outstanding support he gave to me and everyone involved in the senior set up".

The role of liaison officer involves not only the relationship between County Board and the management but also with the players. The recently retired Brendan Cummins said "As long as I know Ger he has been totally committed to ensuring that all road blocks to the Tipperary team performing on big days have been removed. His relationship with both management and players has added huge value to our set up over the years and I'm sure will continue into the future." The newly appointed Tipperary senior hurling captain Brendan Maher and vicecaptain Noel McGrath both lauded Ger's role in ensuring that the players were always well looked after.

The day to day role of a PRO also involves a lot of administrative tasks. Ger's weekly Tipperary GAA Scene column was at all times informative with a wide ranging readership in the local newspapers and online. The template used by Ger in organising media nights for various Tipperary teams ahead of the Championship has been followed by many other counties while the very informative press packs issued were of invaluable benefit to everyone looking to conduct a preview ahead of a game. These organisational skills also helped Ger to be in charge of numerous homecomings of Tipperary teams. According to Seamus O'Doherty, Secretary of the Tipperary Communications committee since 2008, "Ger handled victories, defeats, conflicts and resolutions with great integrity and was always a friendly face, when representing the county at home or beyond."

Paul Byrnes from RTE and the Sunday Game calls out Ger as "without doubt one of the best PROs I have ever worked with in any sport." In an era where many sporting organisations have full-time professionals looking after their PR needs, such praise from RTE is indicative of the outstanding work Ger Ryan did while operating in a voluntary capacity.

While Ger won't be a County Board officer next year, it will allow more time to devote to his role as Chairman of the Medical, Scientific & Welfare committee in Croke Park, a position which shows that his ability is recognised at national level. I am sure that Ger will still be involved in some capacity in Tipperary GAA circles in the coming year and I look forward with interest to see how he shapes the next chapter in his GAA story. Whatever the future holds for Ger, we thank him for his many years of service to Tipperary GAA and hope he enjoys a well-deserved rest.



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# **Brendan Cummins - greatest goalkeeper**

By Christy O'Connor

(This article first appeared in the Sunday Times on October 20, 2013 and is re-produced here by kind permission of the writer.)

he best save of Brendan Cummins' career is also his personal favourite. In the 2004 Munster semi-final against Waterford, Paul Flynn doubled on a ball 12 metres from the Tipp goal and met it on the meat. It was heading straight for the top left corner until Cummins dived and turned the ball out for a '65 with a miraculous one-handed save.

Flynn put his hands on his head in disbelief. Waterford's Eoin Kelly patted Cummins on the back. The Waterford supporters on the terrace respectfully applauded Cummins' genius. The save was so good that a critical part of the play is routinely forgotten. The ball Flynn doubled on came from a rocket that Cummins had just parried from Paul O'Brien.

That save was the very essence of Cummins because his brilliance often cloaked other excellence. Two years ago, TG4 selected the 25 best saves seen on TV. Cummins featured more

than any other goalkeeper with three saves. That save from Flynn was amongst them but at least seven other Cummins' stops should have ranked ahead of his two other saves which featured on that TG4 list. Cummins' excellence has been such a continuum that his saves just bled into each other and painted his profile with the rich colours of his brilliance.

His performance against Kilkenny in the 2003 All-Ireland semi-final is always the most vivid reference point for epic Cummins saves. Yet, his monumental display against Kilkenny in the 2006 league was vastly more impressive and, technically far superior. The bravery of his outstanding display in the 2001 League final against Clare was another far more shining example of when it felt like Cummins was singlehandedly taking on the

The last decade was the golden age of hurling goalkeepers; Davy Fitzgerald, Damien Fitzhenry, Donal Óg Cusack and James McGarry are amongst the game's greatest. Brilliant goalkeepers went before them; Tommy Daly, Paddy Scanlon, Seánie Duggan, Tony Reddan, Ollie Walsh, Noel Skehan, Damien Martin, Seamus Durack, Ger Cunningham, Tommy Quaid. Yet Cummins was the greatest of them all.

Some historians, connoisseurs and romantics may disagree but how could they? Cummins was not a natural talent or stylist but in terms of shot-stopping, handling, bravery, physical presence, striking and pin-point accuracy, Fitzhenry is the only other goalkeeper who had that rich amalgam of talent.

The changes in the rules from when the opposition could charge the keeper give the modern keepers a distinct advantage. Lack of old TV footage also denies any true comparison between generations. Yet, apart from Fitzgerald and Fitzhenry, no other keeper made as many point-blank, reaction and bullet saves as Cummins.

The best way to judge a keeper is often by the number of errors that span a career. In 73 championship appearances, Cummins conceded 89 goals. Forensically examining those 89 goals, there are only 11 which Cummins would feel he could have done better for. Only one of those - on his debut against Waterford in 1995 – could be considered a poor goalkeeping error.

Cummins always regarded Eugene Cloonan's decisive goal from a close in free in the 2000 All-Ireland guarter-final as a



Colin Fennelly, Kilkenny, has his shot saved by Tipperary goalkeeper Brendan Cummins in the All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final, Kilkenny v Tipperary, Croke Park in 2012.

mistake but Cloonan loaded that ball with top-spin. He should have saved Aidan Fogarty's goal in the 2012 All-Ireland semifinal when he attempted to swat-stop the ball but there was still enough pace on that shot to deem it a decent strike.

Cummins' first 'big-time' save was a brilliant and critical stop from Denis Byrne in the 1995 All-Ireland U-21 final but he was merely a solid keeper with an ordinary puckout during the first five seasons of his senior career. Similar to Ger Cunningham, he pioneered catching balls going over the crossbar and he gave an impeccable handling exhibition in the 1999 drawn Munster semifinal against Clare. Cummins finally exploded on to the scene in 2000. After 2002, he completely changed his fitness approach, particularly focussing on flexibility. His game soared to a completely new level.

Cummins was the ultimate professional. He had huge mental strength but he was also unbelievably superstitious. Part of the reason he always wore three jerseys was because nerves used to eat him alive and he got cold when he was so nervous. He used a heavier hurley than any other modern goalkeeper, which underlined the power in his arms and wrists. He was a big strong man and how he used that frame showcased how he radically altered the nature of modern shot-stopping.

His philosophy for one-on-ones was to get his frame within three feet of the striker to stop the ball taking an angle so Cummins could save it with his body. That technique required huge bravery but Cummins stopped so many of those shots because he learned to read the striker's body shape through his

As his aura and class grew, he kept evolving. Puckouts are the single biggest adjustment that goalkeepers have had to make and Cummins embraced that challenge. He didn't have the accuracy or control of Cusack but the immense range of his puckout turned it in to a key strategic weapon for Tipp.

Cummins was 38 this year but age hadn't dimmed his brilliance. He kept five clean sheets in his last ten championship matches. Making more championship appearances than any other hurler underlined his excellence but Cummins doesn't need stats or medals to confirm his status as he departs the game.

He was the greatest goalkeeper of all.

# TIPPERARY YEARBOOK END OF YEAR QUIZ

1st Prize – Tipperary GAA Inter-County and Club Season Ticket (value of €200)
2nd & 3rd Prizes - €50 vouchers for the Tipperary GAA Shop at Lar na bPairce, Thurles

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1.	Name the two captains who guided Loughmore/Castleiney to the County Senior Hurling & Football titles respectively?
2.	In what position did Tipperary finish after the group stages of the Allianz Hurling  League?
3.	Who became the new sponsors of the Tipperary Club Hurling & Football Championships in 2013?
4.	Which county knocked Tipperary out of the All Ireland Senior Football Championship?
5.	Who was the referee for both of Tipperary's defeats in the Senior Hurling Championship?
6.	Name the Tipperary Intermediate Hurling team manager who guided the premier county to back-to-back Munster and All Ireland titles?
7.	At wh <mark>at</mark> venue did the Tipperary Under 16 Camogie team defeat Galway to win the All Ireland title?
8.	Against which county did Niamh Lonergan kick the winning point as the hooter sounded in the All-Ireland Intermediate Ladies' Football semi-final?
9.	How many Tipperary senior hurlers were nominated for All-Stars in 2013?
10.	Which venue hosted the McGrath Cup final between Tipperary and Kerry?
11.	Who refereed the County Senior Football Championship final?
12.	Name the club who were relegated after losing the Senior Hurling Relegation final?
13.	Which club ended Clonoulty/Rossmore's attempt to win the West Senior Hurling title for a seventh year in a row?
14.	Which Tipperary school reached the Dr Harty Cup final in 2013?
15.	Who was the captain of the Tipperary Intermediate Hurling team which won the All Ireland title?
16.	Who scored the two goals for Tipperary in the All Ireland Intermediate Hurling final?
17.	Which county defeated Tipperary in the final round of the Allianz Football League and pipped them to promotion from division 4?
18.	Which club won the County Junior 'A' Football title?
19.	Who is the new manager of the Tipperary Under 21 Hurling team for 2014?
20.	Who was the manager of the Tipperary Senior Camogie team in 2013?
21.	Name the club which knocked Thurles Sarsfields out of the County Senior Hurling Championship?
22.	Who are the County Junior 'A' Hurling champions?
23.	Who was goalkeeper for Tipperary in the National Hurling League final against Kilkenny?
24.	How many games did the Tipperary senior footballers win in National League Division 4?
25.	Which club won the County Under 21 'A' Football title?
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Αl	l entries must be submitted on this page (no copies) and sent to <b>Tipperary Yearbook Quiz, c/o John</b>
Sr	mith, Bohernamona Road, Thurles. Closing date is Friday, 18th January 2014

# BBC 'Great Railway Journeys' at Semple Stadium

n June 2012, the former Conservative Minister, Michael Portillo, visited Semple Stadium to record a programme section for the fourth series of the BBC Great British Railway Journeys television series. Programme researchers had visited the stadium previously and recorded some footage, as well as outlining the recording schedule which would take place three weeks later. The series is hugely popular in Ireland and the United Kingdom and for the fourth series, the last five episodes were filmed in Ireland, with they being aired from Monday 4 to Friday 8 February 2013. The slot time for the Semple Stadium section was six minutes, and this programme aired on BBC 2, on Tuesday 5 February. Following the railway guide book of George Bradshaw, Michael Portillo traces the route networks which Bradshaw recorded in his guide to see what remains of the world Bradshaw witnessed and he compares them to what remains today.

In what may be described as the Semple Stadium episode, Michael Portillo interviewed Pat Bracken, Thurles, who is a PhD research candidate at the International Centre for Sports History and Culture, at De Montfort University, Leicester. Pat is currently researching the growth and development of Victorian sport in Co. Tipperary, from 1840 to 1880. Michael asked Pat about the growth and development of hurling and how the emergence of the railways in Victorian Tipperary impacted on the growth of sport. They also spoke about the capacity of the ground, with Michael Portillo being especially taken by its capacity in comparison to the overall population of Thurles. Several of the county hurling and camogie stars were also on hand to display their skills, and Michael interviewed both Noel McGrath and Joanne Ryan, as he



Noel McGrath explains to Michael Portillo the rudiments of rising the sliotar.

learned more about the art of hurling and the skills needed to master the game. Noel then demonstrated to Michael how to rise the sliotar, which he was successfully in.

Resplendent in a Tipperary tracksuit, off camera Michael Portillo stated that he was probably the first British Minister to run out the tunnel at Semple Stadium.



Pat Bracken, Joanne Ryan, Michael Portillo and Noel McGrath during filming of the BBC programme, 'Great British Railway Journeys', at Semple Stadium, in June 2012.

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The Lorrha Quiz team runners up in the All County Tipperary Quiz final in the Dom: Pauline McIntyre, Niall McIntyre, Sean Nugent, County Chairman; Maria Brophy and Aidan McIntyre.



Seamus Ryan, Borris-Ileigh receives his prize as runner up in the individual category of the All County Tipperary Quiz final..



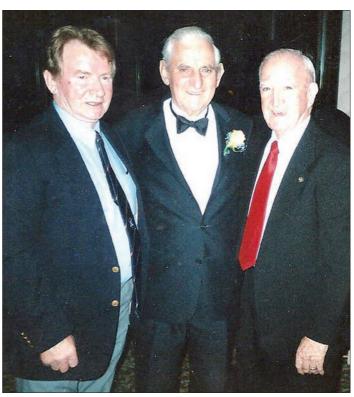
Sean Nugent County Chairman making a presentation to Paddy Finucane, recently retired from Tipp-FM Sport, who was quiz master in the All County Table Quiz Final last March.



Sean Nugent County Chairman presenting the prize of a weekend for four in New York to Clonoulty Rossmore after the final of the All-County Table Quiz in the Dome. From left: John O'Gorman, (Club secretary) Caitriona O'Gorman, County Chairman Sean Nugent (County Chairman), Laoise O'Keeffe and Cathal O'Donoghue.



Tipperary Association Dublin President Liam Myles with Mickey 'Rattler' Byrne (Hall of Fame award recipient) and Martin Quinn (Tipperary Person of the Year) at the annual awards held at Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Dublin.



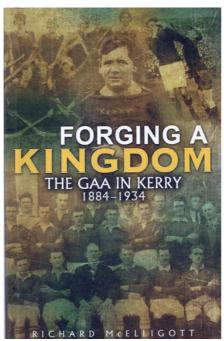
A trio of past Tipperary All-Ireland goalkeepers: Donal O'Brien (SH, 1961 & 62) (RIP), Tony Reddin (SH, 1949, 50, 51), Mick Fogarty (JH 1953)

# Recent G.A.A. Publications

By Seamus J. King

Forging a Kingdom: The G.A.A. In Kerry 1884-1934 is the standout publication among the G.A.A. books this year. Close to 500 pages, it shows how the extablishment of the G.A.A.in the county ushered in a sporting revolution and how Kerry had become one of the bastions of the Association by the end of the first fifty years.

This is a scholarly work by Dr. Richard McElligott, a native of of Kilflynn, who completed his Ph.D on the early history of the G.A.A. with the School of History and Archives, U.C.D. He brings to the work a broad range of knowledge on the history of the G.A.A. together with a rigorous academic discipline. It is a major work of history that puts virtually all existing county histories in the shade.



### Caid before Football!

In the light of the excellence in football

later achieved by Kerry players, the description of the game of caid as played in the county before the foundation of the G.A.A. is revealing:

'Matches were usually played between teams of men from two neighbouring parishes, the ball being thrown up among them at an agreed central point. The game was played cross-country over fields and hedges, and tripping, pushing and wrestling or 'handigrips' were all recognised methods used to try and impede the progress of opponents. Fast runners were often placed on the outside of the large crush of men wrestling for the ball to enable them to gain ground quickly when their side succeeded in moving the ball out to them. The winning team was the one that first managed to bring the ball 'home' to their own parish.' Surprisingly like rugby?

For a county that was later to become such a prominent presence in the association it was late forming a county board. Not until late 1888 was the board formed and this was chiefly due to the efforts of the main founding father, Maurice Moynihan, who went on to spearhead the spread of the association in the county.

According to the author the spread of the G.A.A. in the county was due more to the economic and political climate at the time than to the influence of the I.R.B. He goes on to expand on the diverse reasons for forming clubs in the county. He cites examples of clubs formed by teachers who had trained in Dublin, learned about the G.A.A. and set up clubs where they started to teach. Also, following the tradition of landlord involvement, he cites the case of J. F. Fitzgerald in Cahersiveen, who facilitated the setting up of the club by giving a field.

### The Parish

One of the greatest influences in the formation of the club was the parish. The G.A.A. grafted itself on to the parish and by doing so exploited long held traditional local allegiances and rivalries. The club became an integral part of the local community almost immediately. Another influence in the

formation of clubs was the National League, the local organisation of the Irish Parliamentary Party. In many instances the personnel in charge of the club and the league were the same.

It took some time for clubs to learn the rules of the game and there were many examples of differences in interpretation. The author cites the example of a game between Waterville and Cahersiveen when every 'real or supposed infringement of the rules took place . . . (the referee) was immediately surrounded by both teams .... this unseemly practrice became so frequent that ten minutes play alternated with five minutes argument.' Both teams were described as 'utterly oblivious of the functions of the referee', and the 'official himself seemed fairly bewildered.'

The author also has this comment to make on the accepted mantra that the G.A.A eased the tensions in the county following the Civil War, According to him 'The reality, though, was much more complex. While the G.A.A. did play a role in Kerry in helping t heal the wounds of civil conflict, it could not wash away all that enmity through the process of winning All-Irelands. Tensions and conflicts within the Kerry G.A.A. frequently threatened to split the association there in the fifteen years following their All-Ireland success in 1925.'

I have only scratched the surface of this fascinating book. The chapter notes and bibliography extend to over sixty pages and are a study in themselves. The book is published by Collins Press and retails at  $\in$  17.99.

### A Great Goalkeeper

I mention *My Father: A Hurling Revolutionary* by Con Power for two reasons, even though the book was published in November 2009. Sub-titled The Life and Times of Ned Power and written

by his son, I somehow missed it at the time it was published.

Most people remember Ned Power because of the famous photograph, a classic action shot that has appeared in numerous locations around the world. The photographer was a man named Louis McMonagle and it was entitled 'Hell's Kitchen'. It's a mixture of 'physical force, danger, speed and pure skill'. I have used the photograph



The iconic photograph of the magnificent Ned Power catching the ball in the 1962 Munster championship game against Cork

and wrongly attributed it to the 1959 Munster championship game whereas it was taken on June 8th, 1962 in a Munster semifinal match between Cork and Waterford.

It seems as if Ned Power is at the top of his game in the picture. In fact he was far from that. He had been dropped from the county side following an uncharacteristically poor display in 1961 and his playing days appeared over. Then after a frustrating year he got a phone call that he was wanted again. He gave vent to his feelings and said that 'he must have been the best of a bad lot.' 'So along he came and the months and weeks of pent-up frustration and preparation for this moment launched him into a sparkling display that peaked with that famous leap into the sky, caught magically here for eternity.'

The second reason I mention the publication in this yearbook is because Ned Power's widow recently presented his All-Ireland

winning medal of 1959, a Munster medal and his Oireachtas medal to Lár na Páirce. The museum was thrilled to get this collection and will display it, together with the famous photograph, in a special case in the near future.

You can read all about the man, the photograph and how Ned Power brought revolutionary ideas to coaching when his playing days were over in this biography.

### D. J. & Sean Óg

There are two other books that will while away the winter hours the biographies of D. J. Carey (with Martin Breheny, Blackwater Press) and Sean Óg Ó hAilpín (with Michael Moynihan, Penguin Ireland).

DJ A Sporting Legend is a major publishing event. The player left such an impression from his playing days that seven years after he retired, his biography should create such a stir, including an appearance on the Late Show. DJ's is a fascinating tale of a hurling genius who had to endure as much invasion of privacy as some of the media stars and whose decision to retire in 1997 drew such an avalanche of letters to him.

The interest in Sean Og Ó hAilpin is different, the public fascination with a player whose father was from Fermanagh and mother from Fiji, neither notable places for hurling, as some commentator remarked. To this fascination was added a player of admirable behaviour who set standards of behaviour on the field of play for all players to follow.

### **Rover Review 2013**

There is a virtual famine in G.A.A. publications from the county this year. The only one I have come across is a publication called the Rovers Review 2013. Produced by Liam Hogan and the Shannon Rovers club, this is really an annual and has appeared since 2006. It has 64 pages of text and pictures relating to the achievements of the club during the year.



Mrs Gretta Power, presenting her late husband's All-Ireland medal to Seamus J. King for Lár na Páirce museum



Officers and guests at the launch of the Mid Tipperary GAA Board written history in Young's The Ragg. Picture 1-r: Jonathan Cullen (Mid Board Secretary and M.C. for the night), Michael Bourke (Chairman of Mid History Committee and Vice Chairman of Tipperary Co Board), Sean Nugent (Chairman Tipp Co Board), John Devane (Chairman Mid Tipp Board), Paddy Barry (North Tipp Leader Partnership), Martin Bourke (author of Mid History), Pat Cullen (Mid Board President) who launched the book.



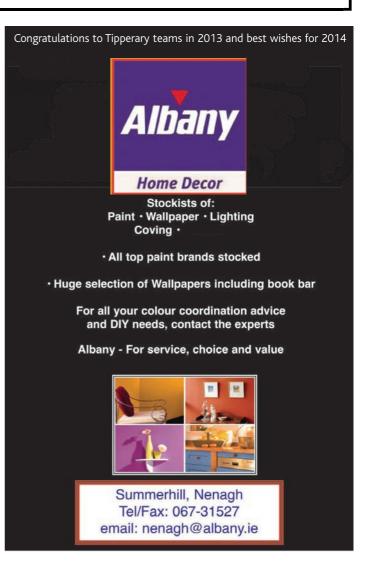
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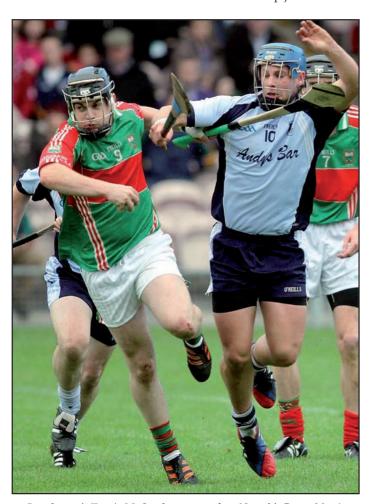
# Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling **Championship 2013**

By Seamus J. King

oughmore-Castleiney won their third county senior hurling championship at Semple Stadium on October 13, when they shaded the final by the minimum of margins, 1-17 to 1-16, against Nenagh Eire Óg. It was an occasion for great emotion and jubilation and it gave particular pleasure to a team that had gone into the contest as underdogs and which seemed to be justified when they were led by six points after twenty minutes. However, the game began to turn in their favour during the final ten minutes before the interval as they tacked on two points and Nenagh failed to score. Victory was eventually achieved through a tremendous second-half performance, particularly by a very effective half-back line and an outstanding display by Noel McGrath. The victory was all the more appreciated in that it was achieved twenty-five years after their first victory in the grade and on a day when that team was being honoured at Semple Stadium.

The format of the championship was the same as in 2012 with the 32 senior teams playing in their respective divisional championships down to semi-final stage. The 16 teams that qualified went straight into the Dan Breen Cup. The remaining 16 went into Round 1 or a qualifier for the Dan Breen Cup, with the 8 winners qualifying and the 8 losers going into the Seamus O'Riain Cup. The 4 losers in the first round of the latter played in the relegation competition.

The 8 winners of Round 1 of the Dan Breen Cup joined the 8



Loughmore's Tomás McGrath gets away from Nenagh's Pearse Morris during the Clean Ireland Recycling County SHC Final.



Nenagh's Andrew Coffey gets away from Loughmore's Noel McGrath at Semple Stadium during the Clean Ireland Recycling County SHC Final.

losing divisional semi-finalists in an open draw with repeat games avoided for Round 2. The 8 winners from Round 2 played off among themselves in Round 3 and the winners joined the four divisional final losers in Round 4. The 4 winners played the four divisional final winners in Round 5 or quarter-finals.

### Round 1

Seven of the eight games in Round 1 were played on the weekend of the 15/16 June, with the final game played on the 19th. Roscrea, Holycross-Ballycahill, Kilruane-MacDonaghs, Portroe, J. K. Brackens, Templederry Kenyons, Nenagh Eire Óg and Burgess came through.

### Round 2

The 8 teams joined the 8 beaten divisional semi-finals in an open draw and the games were played between June 21 and July 8. The teams that came through were Borris-Ileigh, Toomevara, Moycarkey-Borris, Templederry-Kenyons, Roscrea, Nenagh Eire Óg, Upperchurch-Drombane and Burgess.

The eight teams played off among themselves between July 27 and August 17 with Nenagh Eire Óg, Roscrea, Borris-Ileigh, and Toomevara successful.

### **Divisional Finals**

In one of the best South finals for years Killenaule defeated Carrick Swans by 1-22 to 2-16 at Clonmel on July 27. The game will be remembered for the 14 points scored by John 'Bubbles' O'Dwyer and the goal scored by former county player, Pat Kerwick, two minutes from the end which sealed the game. The Swans led by the minimum, 2-7 to 0-12, at the break and were unfortunate not to get a draw.

In contrast the North final at Nenagh a day later was a completely one-sided affair in which Kildangan produced a big display to trounce Silvermines by 5-15 to 0-8. The game was over

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at half-time when they led by 5-7 to 0-3.

Eire Óg upset the odds with a clear victory over six-times champions, Clonoulty-Rossmore, in the West final played at Dundrum on August 10. Clonoulty went into the game as favourites to make it seven in a row but, after the opening twenty minutes there was no doubt as to the destination of the O'Dwyer Cup as Eire Óg went on to win by 4-17 to 1-17.

A three-goal blitz by Drom & Inch between the twentieth and

twenty-fifth minute of the first half decided the destiny of the Johnny Leahy Cup in the Mid final played at Boherlahan on August 11. They led by 3-10 to 0-4 at the interval and there was no way back for Loughmore-Castleiney, who were behind by 3-10 to 1-11 at the end.

### Round 4

Round 4 matched the winners of Round 3 with the runners-ups in the divisional finals and these games were played on August 24 and September 7. Nenagh Eire Óg defeated Silvermines by 1-21 to 0-8 at Cloughjordan and Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Roscrea by 0-21 to 2-11 at Templemore on the same day. The remaining two games were played at Holycross on September 7. Borris-Ileigh, defeated Carrick Swan by 1-17 to 2-8 and Clonoulty-Rossmore got the bestter of Toomevara by 1-23 to 2-16.

### Quarter-Finals

The quarter-finals were played on the weekend of September 14/15. Three of the four divisional champions bit the dust on the weekend. At Templemore Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Killenaule by 2-17 to 1-15 and Nenagh Eire Óg defeated Drom Inch by 1-15 to 2-11. At the Ragg Kildangan and Clonoulty-Rossmore drew, 0-14 to 1-11, while Borris-Ileigh, defeated Eire Óg by 2-16 to 1-11.

In the replay of thedrawn game, played at Dolla on September 21, Kildangan defeated Clonoulty-Rossmore by 3-13 to 2-13.

### Semi-finals

The semi-finals were played at Semple Stadium on September 29. Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Borrisileigh by 1-17 to 2-12. For most of the game the winners set the pace. Playing against the breeze in the first half they led by 1-5 to 0-7. The game remained close during the third quarter but then Loughmore-Castleint opened up a five-point lead, 1-15 to 1-10 with nine minutes to play. Borris-Ileigh, had the best of the exchanges during that period, reducing the lead to two points and they even had a last-minute chance to shade it had Brendan Maher's effort not gone narrowly wide.

The second game, between Kildangan and Nenagh Eire Óg, ended in a draw, when Kildangan forced a replay thanks to a fine comeback. With a quarter of the match to go Nenagh Eire Óg led by 4-11 to 1-11 and seemed home and hosed. However, Kildangan resurrected their act to outscore their opponents by 1-8 to 0-2 in the final thirteen minutes, culminating in an equalising point by Ruairi Gleeson in the first minute of added time.

The replay of the drawn semi-final was played at Semple Stadium on October 6, with Nenagh Eire Óg coming through by 1-17 to 0-12. Not a memorable game the result was never in doubt after the first twenty minutes. A Richie Flannery goal in the twenty-first minute gave Nenagh the decisive edge. They held an interval lead of 1-10 to 0-6, looking slicker and making better use of possession. Kildangan needed a goal in the second half but it never came and Nenagh were comfortable winners by 1-17 to 0-12 at the final whistle.

### The Final

And so, everything was set for the final at Semple Stadium on October 13. Nenagh Eire Óg were installed as favourites on the basis of the scalps they claimed during the campaign, the most notable being holders, Thurles Sarsfields, and Mid and North title holders, Drom Inch and Kildangan. They appeared to have grown in stature with every game. They also had a hunger based on a long famine since their first title in 1995, with the team



Man of Match Noel McGrath sets up a Loughmore/Castleiney attack despite the attentions of Nenagh's Mark Flannery and Kevin Tucker.

containing one player, Kevin Tucker, from that side as well as the manager. Liam Heffernan.

Their opponents, Loughmore-Castleiney, looked anything but county final material, when they were swamped by Drom & Inch in the Mid final. They got themselves back into contention with victories over Roscrea, Killenaule and eventually Borris-Ileigh, some would say the easier side of the draw. They suffered the loss of staunch defender, Eddie Connolly, in the semi-final and were regarded as a team with lesser hurling capacity than Nenagh. However, they did have a great ability to punch above their weight and to have a steely determination and never-saydie spirit when it came to tight clashes.

Nenagh justified the favourites tag in the opening quarter as they raced into a 1-5 to 0-2 lead and had Loughmore-Castleiney on the back foot, the goal coming from Paddy Murphy. However, they appeared to relax after that and Loughmore outscored them by 0-4 to 0-2 in the second quarter to be only four points adrift at the interval on a scoreline of 1-7 to 0-6. When it is realised that Loughmore hit eleven wides during the period, they were still very much in the game.

With the help of the breeze Loughmore took the game to Nenagh in the second-half. Noel McGrath began to have a growing influence on the game. John Meagher began to wield a powerful influence, especially in the final quarter. The game began to go Loughmore's way and they drew level, 1-15 each, with five minutes to go. As Loughmore had done in the first half, Nenagh hit a few bad wides. Loughmore edged ahead and **Congratulations to Tipperary Hurling teams** and best wishes to Tipperary GAA in 2014

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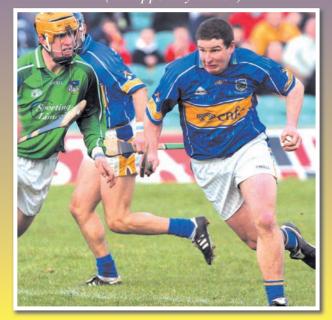


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in a nail-biting finish Nenagh laid seige to the Loughmore goal and had a couple of chances of grabbing the equaliser but heroic defending saved the day for Loughmore and when the final whistle sounded they had a point to spare on a scoreline of 1-17 to 1-16.

Loughmore Castleiney: Shane Nolan, Tommy Long, Derek Bourke, Joseph Hennessy, Aidan McGrath (0-2), John Meagher, Tom King, Ciaran McGrath (capt.), (0-1), Tomás McGrath (0-1), John McGrath, David Kennedy (0-1), Noel McGrath (0-7), Liam McGrath (1-2), Evan Sweeney (0-1), Cian Hennessy (0-2). Sub: Micheal Webster for David Kennedy. Also: John Scully, Willie Eviston, John Ryan, Lorcan Egan, Johnny Campion, Tommy Maher, Henry Maher, Brian McGrath, Denis Brereton, Shane Hennessy, Paddy Moynihan, Eddie Connolly, Liam Treacy. Selectors: Declan Laffan,

Cathy Doran. Nenagh Eire Óg: Nichael McNamara, Mark Flannery, Noel Maloney (capt.), John Brennan, Daire Quinn, Hugh Maloney, Billy Heffernan, Barry Heffernan, Kevin Tucker, Pearse Morris (0-3), Michael Heffernan (0-8), Tommy Heffernan (0-1),

Seamus Bohan, Pat McGrath. Trainer: Alan O'Connor. Physio:

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Date	Venue	Home Team Score	Away Team Score	Referee
Round 1				
15/06/2013	Templemore	Roscrea 3.16	Cashel King Cormacs 0.11	Martin Ryan
15/06/2013	Templemore	Holycross Ballycahill 0.18	Moneygall 0.15	Phil Ryan
15/06/2013	Toomevara	Kilruane MacDonaghs 0.16	Borrisokane 0.09	Kieran Delaney
16/06/2013	Borrisoleigh	Portroe 3.23	Golden Kilfeacle 0.09	John Butler (M)
16/06/2013	Moneygall	JK Brackens 3.13	Lorrha 0.09	John O'Brien
16/06/2013	The Ragg	Templederry Kenyons 6.20	Boherlahan Dualla 1.07	Fergal Hickey
16/06/2013	The Ragg	Nenagh Eire Óg 0.15	Thurles Sarsfields 0.12	Fergal Horgan
19/06/2013	Boherlahan	Burgess 1.17	Carrick Davins 0.13	Willie Clohessy
Round 2				
21/06/2013	The Ragg	Borris-Ileigh 5.18	JK Brackens 0.09	Phil Ryan
22/06/2013	Nenagh	Toomevara 3.21	Kilruane MacDonaghs 1.26	A. Sherlock
22/06/2013	Borrisoleigh	Moycarkey	Borris 1.14 Portroe 1.12	John McCormack
23/06/2013	Templemore	Templederry Kenyons 3.21	Ballingarry 0.10	Fergal Horgan
23/06/2013	Templemore	Roscrea 2.14	Knockavilla Kickhams 2.11	Willie Clohessy
28/06/2013	Boherlahan	Nenagh Éire Óg 1.18	Mullinahone 0.09	Johnny Ryan
30/06/2013	The Ragg	Upperchurch D/bane 1.19	Holycross Ballycahill 0.15	Kieran Delaney
08/07/2013	Newport	Burgess 0.22	Cappawhite 1.11	John McDonnell
Round 3		4. 4		
27/07/2013	Templemore	Nenagh Éire Óg 2.18	Upperchurch Drombane 1.17	John McCormack
04/08/2013	Templemore	Roscrea 1.12	Moycarkey Borris 1.11	Fergal Horgan
10/08/2013	Nenagh	Borris-ileigh 1.24	Burgess 4.12	Johnny Ryan
17/08/2013	Nenagh	Toomevara 0.24	Templederry 2.17	Pat Gibson
Round 4	Cl III	N 1 5' 6 424	6.1	
24/08/2013	Cloughjordan	Nenagh Éire Óg 1.21	Silvermines 0.08	Johnny Ryan
24/08/2013	Templemore	Loughmore Castleiney 0.21	Roscrea 2.11	Pat Ivors
07/09/2013	Holycross	Borris-ileigh 1.17	Carrick Swans 2.08	John O'Brien
07/09/2013	Holycross	Clonoulty Rossmore 1.23	Toomevara 2.16	Noel Cosgrove
Quarter Fina		Laurence Cartleine 217	Villanavila 1.15	Can Fitanatuial
14/09/2013	Templemore	Loughmore Castleiney 2.17	Killenaule 1.15	Ger Fitzpatrick
14/09/2013 15/09/2013	Templemore The Ragg	Nenagh Éire Óg 1.15 Kildangan 0.14	Drom & Inch 2.11 Clonoulty Rossmore 1.11	John McCormack Keith Delahunty
15/09/2013	The Ragg	Borris-ileigh 2.16	Éire Óg Anacarty 1.11	Johnny Ryan
Quarter Fina		Bollis-ileigii 2.10	Elle Og Allacalty 1.11	Johnny Kyan
21/09/2013	Dolla	Kildangan 3.13	Clonoulty Rossmore 2.13	Paddy Ivors
Semi Finals	Dolla	Kildarigari 3.13	Cloriouity Rossiliole 2.13	raddy Ivois
29/09/2013	Semple Stadium	Loughmore Castleiney 1.17	Borris-ileigh 2.12	Fergal Horgan
29/09/2013	Semple Stadium	Nenagh Éire Óg 4.13	Kildangan 2.19	Johnny Ryan
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06/10/2013	Semple Stadium	Nenagh Éire Óg 1.17	Kildangan 0.12	Keith Delahunty
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13/10/2013	Semple Stadium	Loughmore Castleiney 1.17	Nenagh Éire Óg 1.16	John McCormack
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Nenagh's Daire Quinn gets ahead of Loughmore's Noel McGrath.

Andrew Coffey (0-1), Paddy Murphy (1-2), Ritchie Flannery (0-1). Subs: Paul Ryan for Andrew Coffey, Donncha Quinn for Billy Heffernan, Johnny Slattery for Paul Ryan. Also: Kevin Flynn, Sean Geaney, Adam Gratton, Killian Gleeson, Alan Kelly, James Mackey, Conor Ryan, Donncha Heffernan, David Hackett, Niall Cahill, Eoin Fitzgibbon, Gary Howard, Michael Collins, Brendan O'Brien, Philip Hickey, Darragh Walsh, Daire Gleeson.

Manager: Liam Heffernan. Coach: John Fitzgerald. Selectors: Enda Costello, Noel Coffey. Physios: Paul Dillon, Eddie Hynes.

Man of the Match: Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) Referee: John McCormack (Kickhams)

Attendance: 7,195.

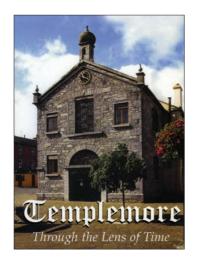
### Seamus Ó Riain Cup

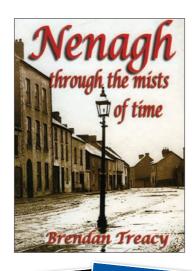
The 8 teams defeated in Round 1 of the Dan Breen Cup contested the Seamus Ó Riain Cup. The quarter finals were played on the weekends of June 21 and 28, with victories going to Borrisokane, w ho defeated Golden-Kilfeacle by 3-13 ro 2-14, to Thurles Sarsfields, who defeated Boherlahan by 2-20 to 1-7, to Lorrha, who defeated Moneygall by 3-16 to 0-12, and to Carrick Davins, who defeated Cashel King Cormacs by 0-15 to 0-14.

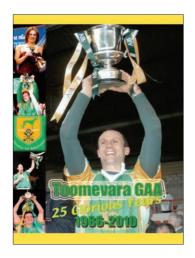
In the semi-finals Carrick Davins defeated Lorrha by 3-18 to 2-14 at Templemore on July 20, and Thurles Sarsfields defeated Borrisokane by 1-24 to 2-16 at the same venue on July 26.

The final was played at Clonmel on August 18 and Thurles Sarsfields made history when they won the Ó Riain Cup for the

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first time. They also made history by becoming the first club to win the Dan Breen and Ó Riain Cups.

Fielding no more than five of their regular senior team the winners had little difficulty in claiming the spoils of victory. Davins, with the breeze in their favour, led by 0-5 to 0-3 at the end of the first quarter and held their own in the first half to trail by just a point, 2-7 to 1-9, at the interval, their goal coming from Ger Robinson just before the break.

Sarsfields showed more urgency in the second-half and dominated the game, adding 1-11, while confining Davins to 0-4, to leave the final score 3-18 to 1-13 in their favour. Afterwards captain, Michael Cahill, received the cup from county board chairman, Sean Nugest.

Thurles Sarsfields: Kevin Smith, Pa Dunne, Kevin O'Gorman, Barry Dwyer, Michael Cahill (capt.), David Corbett, Aidan Ryan, Stephen Cahill (0-1), Tommy Doyle, Jamie Stapleton (1-1),

Jim Corbett, Pa Bourke (0-10), Cian Treacy (0-4), Pa Crone (2-2), John Maher. Subs: Michael Dwyer, Rory O'Shea, Eoin Russell, Kevin O'Gorman.

Carrick Davins: M. Hackett, K. Condon, L. Mackey, S. Cronin,

Loughmore's Joseph Hennessy contests a dropping ball with Nenagh Eire Og's Ritchie Flannery.

Clean Ireland Recycling Seamus Ó Riain Cup at a Glance				
Date	Venue	<b>Home Team Score</b>	Away Team Score	Referee
Quarter Fina	l			
21/06/2013	Templetuohy	Borrisokane 3.13	Golden Kilfeacle 2.14	Noel Cosgrove
21/06/2013	Holycross	Thurles Sarsfields 2.20	Boherlahan Dualla 1.07	Pat Gibson
23/06/2013	Cloughjordan	Lorrha 3.16	Moneygall 0.12	Philip Kelly
28/06/2013	Fethard	Carrick Davins 0.15	Cashel King Cormacs 0.14	PJ Nolan
Semi Final				
20/07/2013	Templemore	Carrick Davins 3.18	Lorrha 2.14	Willie Clohessy
26/07/2013	Templemore	Thurles Sarsfields 1.24	Borrisokane 2.16	Michael Murphy
Final				
18/08/2013	Clonmel	Thurles Sarsfields 3.18	Carrick Davins 1.13	John McCormack

Clean Ireland Recycling Senior Hurling Relegation at a Glance					
Date	Venue	Home Team Score	Away Team Score	Referee	
Semi Final					
14/07/2013	The Ragg	Moneygall 1.14	Cashel King Cormacs 0.10	John O'Brien	
14/07/2013	New Inn	Golden Kilfeacle 1.15	Boherlahan Dualla 2.12	Philip Kelly	
Semi Final Rep	lay				
26/07/2013	New Inn	Golden Kilfeacle 0.00	Boherlahan Dualla 0.00	Keith Delahunty	
Final					
09/08/2013	Holycross	Boherlahan Dualla 1.19	Golden Kilfeacle 2.12	Johnny McDonnell	
Final Replay					
18/08/2013	New Inn	Cashel King Cormacs 3.13	Golden Kilfeacle 0.09	Pat Gibson	

W. O'Dwyer, R. McGrath, M. Ryan, P. Harris (0-2), A. Foran (0-1), J. J.Butler (0-4), N. Butler (0-2) G. Robinson (1-2), S. Moroney (0-1), J. J.Ryan, S. Butler (0-1). Subs: O. Power, J. Moroney.

Man of the Match Award: Cian Treacy (Thurles Sarsfields) Referee: John McCormack (Kickhams).

### **Clean Ireland Recycling Senior Hurling Relegation**

The four teams beaten in the first round of the Seamus Ó Riain Cup battled out the relegation playoff. The two semifinals were played on July 14. At The Ragg Moneygall defeated Cashel King Cormacs by 1-14 to 0-10, and at New Inn Boherlahan-Dualla and Golden-Kilfeacle played a draw, 2-12 to 1-15.

The reply, also at New Inn, on July 26 was abandoned because of a serious injury to one of the players and was eventually played at Holycross on August 9. Boherlahan-Dualla defeated Golden-Kilfeacle by 1-19 to 2-12.

The final between Cashel King Cormacs and Golden-Kilfeacle, was played at New Inn on August 18. The game was expected to be close but it turned out to be guite one-sided. A pair of goals at either side of the interval propelled Cashel into a commanding lead and Golden had no answer to the pace and intensity of their play. In the end Cashel were ahead by 3-13 to 0-9, having led by 1-10 to 0-7 at the interval.

Cashel King Cormacs: Owen Quirke, Paddy Morrissey, Ross Doyle, Brian Minogue, Michael Killian O'Dwyer, John Darmody, Simon Delaney (0-1), Edmond O'Dwyer (0-1), Dylan Fitzell, Michael Coleman (0-1), Lee Burke (0-1), Philip Taylor (0-1), Robert Anglim (1-1), Adrian Cummins (1-1), Jonathan Grogan (1-6),. Subs: James Cummins for Robert Anglim, Jonathan Walsh for Lee Burke.

Golden-Kilfeacle: Declan Donnelly, Chris Ryan, Aidan O'Connell, Kevin Moloney, Brendan Moloney (0-1), James McCarthy, James Hayes, James O'Connell, Daithi Bargary, James Casey, Josh Keane (0-7), Damian Fogarty, John Colohan, Paddy Ivers, Seanie O'Halloran. Subs: Cathal Hayes for James cCarthy, Christopher Ryan (0-1) for Johnlohan, Aidanarty for James, S.Stapleton for D. Bargary, S. Ryan for S O'Halloran.

**Referee:** Pat Gibson (Burgess)





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### Man of the Match Awards -**County Senior Hurling Finals** 1989-2013

(Presented by John Quirke, Jeweller, Cahir.)

At the 2013 county senior hurling final at Semple Stadium, John Quirke, Jeweller, Cahir presented the Man of the Match award to the winner, Noel McGrath, Loughmore-Castleiney. It was the twenty-fifth anniversary of his first presentation of the award in

During that period one player has received the award on three occasions. John O'Brien (Toomevara) was presented with it in 2000, 2001 & 2006. Two players have received it twice, Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara) in 1999 & 2004, and Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) in 2009 & 2010. John O'Brien and Padraic Maher also have the distinction of receiving the award in successive years.

On three occasions during the period the award went to a player from the defeated team. In 1989 Michael Doyle (Holycross-Ballycahill) won, in 1993 Michael Cleary (Nenagh Eire Óg) received the award, and Seamus Butler (Drom Inch) was the recipient in 2005.

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Year	Man of the Match Award	Club
1989	Michael Doyle	Holycross-Ballycahill
1990	Stephen Dwan	Holycross-Ballycahill
1991	Raymie Ryan	Cashel King Cormacs
1992	Phil Shanahan	Toomevara
1993	Michael Cleary	Nenagh Eire Óg
1994	Pat King	Toomevara
1995	Eddie Tucker	Nenagh Eire Óg
1996	David Ryan	Boherlahan-Dualla
1997	Michael Heffernan (S)	Clonoulty-Rossmore
1998	Tony Delaney	Toomevara
1999	Paddy O'Brien	Toomevara
2000	John O'Brien	Toomevara
2001	John O'Brien	Toomevara



John Quirke (Quirke Jewellers) presents the 2013 Co. SHC final Man of the Match award to Loughmore/Castleiney inter-county hurler Noel McGrath. On left Sean Nugent, county chairman.

2002	Eoin Kelly	Mullinahone
2003	Ken Dunne	Toomevara
2004	Paddy O'Brien	Toomevara
2005	Seamus Butler	Drom Inch
2006	John O'Brien	Toomevara
2007	Evan Sweeney	Loughmore-Castleiney
2008	Eoin Brislane	Toomevara
2009	Padraic Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
2010	Padraic Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
2011	Johnny Ryan	Drom Inch
2012	Aidan McCormack	Thurles Sarsfields
2013	Noel McGrath	Loughmore-Castleiney



Loughmore/Castleiney captain Ciarán McGrath is presented with the Dan Breen Cup by Caroline Walsh (Financial Controller, Clean Ireland Recycling). Also in photo is Michael Bourke (County Board Vice-Chairman), Sean Nugent (County Board Chairman) and Bill Ryan (Clean Ireland Recycling) following the county senior hurling final.

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### Changing formats of the Co. Senior Hurling Championship

By Liam Hogan

There was a time when the GAA was criticised for being too conservative. No so when it comes to the Tipperary county board. Change has been constant especially since 1960 with the board changing or tweaking the format of the county senior hurling championships no less than fifteen times.

Phil Purcell introduced the first change in 1960. In his report to the county board, the county secretary suggested the number of teams in the county championship increase from four to eight. It received favourable support. This led the way for four quarter finals with divisional winners playing runners up from another division etc etc. However the idea didn't sit well with some clubs and two very one sided results jolted the idea. As a result the following year's championship was reduced to six teams, two each from North and Mid with the South and West winners completing the

The six team championship remained until 1966 when Marlfield club put forward a motion that the finalists in South and West be allowed to take part in the county championship. This was passed and lasted for two years

In the 1960 to 68 period, four clubs won the county championship. Sarsfields were the kingpins with five while Carrick Davins won two. Toomevara and Roscrea had one each. Each year the county champions were also divisional winners except Thurles Sarsfields in

### **Change Three Years Later**

Holycross with the help of Moneygall put forward a motion at convention, which saw the open draw became a reality in 1969. The championship would be run on an open draw basis with each division operating their championship separately. There was no link. The open draw lasted eight years with modified tweaking involved from year to year while still surviving yearly attempts to see it

However, in 1977 the open draw came to an end. Four clubs, Lorrha, Gortnahoe-Glengoole, Holycross-Ballycahill and Cashel King Cormacks called for change. The motion was carried by 148 to

In the eight years of the open draw, four teams captured the Dan Breen -

Roscrea: 1969, '70, '72, '73; Moneygall: 1975, '76. Moyne-Templetuohy: 1971.

Thurles Sarsfields: 1974. Roscrea twice 1969 and '70 as well as Moneygall in 1975 were the only teams to capture a divisional and county championship double

in that period.

### New Era

The format reverted to an eight-team championship, which lasted until 2000. Each division provided two each, usually the four divisional champions plus the divisional runners up or the winners of the Crosco Cup (West), Cahill Cup (Mid) or the Hogan Cup (North) depending on the system that each division agreed on.

Winning a divisional and county final double became popular again especially in the period 1977 to 1991 when Moycarkey-Borris in 1984 and Borris-Ileigh in 1986. Throughout the nineties, the ratio dropped with Toomevara successful in 1994, '99 and 2000.

Twelve teams captured the Dan Breen in this era.

Toomevara: 1992, '93, '94, '98, '99, '00. Kilruane MacD: 1977, '78, '79 '85. Borris-Ileigh: 1981, '83, '86. Clonoulty-Rossmore: 1989, '97.

Moycarkey-Borris: 1982, '84.

Boherlahan: 1996, Nenagh Eire Og: 1995, Cashel 1991, Holycross-Ballycahill 1990, Loughmore-Castleiney 1988, Cappawhite 1987, Roscrea 1980.

### The Naughties

In 2001, the mood for change returned. A committee was set up to find a new format. They decided to divide the twenty eight teams into four groups of seven. This would run in conjunction with straight knockout system in each division with the winners entering the county championship at a later date. There would be plenty of games. However the foot and mouth disease hit Ireland and the plan had to be altered. Instead the twenty eight teams were divided

into seven groups of four. With seven group winners, one winner Clonoulty-Rossmore received a bye to the quarter final and the remaining six formed three play-offs with the winners entering the county quarter final along with the four divisional winners.

This complicated format was changed in 2002. This time, the teams that reached the divisional semi finals (16) played for the Dan Breen. The system lasted two years. Twenty five teams entered the 2004 championship and they were divided into six groups, five by four and one group of five. The winner in the group of five received a bye to the quarter finals with the remaining group winners thrown into a hat with - one receiving a bye to the quarter finals forcing the other four involved in two play-offs with winners taking their place in the quarter finals joining the divisional winners to make eight quarter finalists.

There was change again in 2005. There were 26 teams entered in the SHC - nine in North Tipp; seven in Mid Tipp; six in West Tipp and four in South Tipp.

Each division would operate on a straight knockout basis. The first round loser (14) would enter a group basis, divided into four, two groups of four and two groups of three. Each group winner would enter the county championship proper joined by the beaten divisional semi finalists on a straight knockout with the beaten divisional finalists joining in the next round and the four divisional winners joining ranks at quarter final stage.

The latest formula lasted three years. In early 2008 the county board under a motion from Fr Sheehys was passed. They proposed two competitions, the Dan Breen Cup proper with sixteen teams and a secondary competition to be named after Seamus O'Riain Cup after the former president of the board. In addition the motion was successful in abolishing relegation and allowing each division run its operations as they saw fit with the four respective semi finalists taking their place in the Dan Breen. The remaining twelve would seek silverware in the new Seamus O'Riain Cup competition.

The following year (2009) saw more change with the finalists from the Seamus O'Riain allowed enter the Dan Breen Cup. The pair would join ranks in round two grouped with the six winners from round one which comprised of the eight defeated semi finalists and the four divisional runners up. The four divisional champions joined in at quarter final stage. The format for 2010 was the same as the previous year.

It was change again in 2011. Thirty two teams remained in the race for the Dan Breen. Each division continued to operate on their league basis with the sixteen teams reaching the semi finals gaining automatic entry to the Dan Breen. In another twist, the remaining sixteen teams would operate in the opening round of the Dan Breen Cup. In other words, a format similar to the All-Ireland Senior football championship but the beaten teams in the first round (eight) would take part in the Seamus O'Riain Cup. Another change saw the dreaded relegation battles return. The system to last till 2013 inclusive.

Five teams won the Dan Breen between 2001 and 2013.

Toomevara with (5)

Thurles Sarsfields (4)

Loughmore-Castleiney (2)

Drom Inch and Mullinahone one each.

There were five divisional/county championship double winning teams. Sarsfields in 2005, 2010 and 2012. Mullinahone in 2002 and Toomevara in 2003.

Under the chairmanship of Sean Nugent, the vote for change was unanimous after the new format was prepared and worked on by a working group set up by the CCC. The motion was presented by the J K Bracken club on behalf of the CCC and passed at convention.

In a landslide victory clubs opted to divide the 2014 championship into a County A and County B areas with sixteen teams in each grade, divided into four groups of four. The teams would be placed in either Roinn A (Dan Breen) or Roinn B (Seamus O'Riain Cup) and the identity of the clubs would be based on its performances in the 2013 county senior hurling championship. After the group stages, sixteen teams would enter the knockout stages involving the four group winners in A plus the four runners-up in A, the winners of each group from Roinn B as well as the four divisional champions

In addition, the motion sought the inclusion of relegation. Teams would be relegated from Roinn A to Roinn B with two clubs from Roinn B relegated to Intermediate ranks each year up to 2017.

# County Senior Football Championship 2013

By Eamonn Wynee, Clonmel Nationalist

## Double delight for history-makers Loughmore/Castleiney

oughmore/Castleiney's defeat of Aherlow Gaels in the County Senior Football Championship Final secured the club's 12th title and their first since 2004.

However a much greater historical significance was attached to the success.

When captain Derek Bourke hoisted the O'Dwyer Cup into the November air at Semple Stadium, it completed a quite remarkable achievement.

With the Dan Breen Cup already safely in the locker it meant they had secured the double, winning both the County Senior Hurling and Football Championships in the same year, and becoming the first club in Tipperary to do so.

An attendance of 1,746 turned up at Thurles Stadium for the football final to witness history in the making. The winning margin of 10 points, 3-10 to 0-9, was an accurate reflection of Loughmore's superiority over their opponents from West Tipp.

The victory assumed even more magnificent proportions when their gruelling schedule of matches was taken into consideration; that schedule saw them in action on seven successive weekends in both hurling and football. 14 players who appeared at some stage of the football final were also on duty in the hurling equivalent.

In full back John Meagher they had the man of the match, while Lorcan Egan and Tom King were equally vigilant in defence. King scored their first goal in the 7th minute when he planted a low shot in the net following good work by John McGrath and Evan Sweeney.

John McGrath pushed King close for the man of the match award with an impressive scoring tally of 1-9, mostly from frees, which included an eyecatching effort from near the sideline in the 11th minute. Elsewhere they had outstanding performers in Noel McGrath, Cian Hennessy, Evan Sweeney, Liam McGrath and the old warhorse David Kennedy, who at 37 is their oldest player.

Loughmore held a slender enough lead, 1-4 to 0-5, at the break after a closely contested half, before Aherlow's spirited resistance was broken early in the new half.

Loughmore's Aidan McGrath had a point before a 50 metres free from dead ball specialist John McGrath in the 4th minute flew all the way to the net to open a 6-points gap. After that there was never any doubt that Loughmore would be denied that historic double, as they wrote another glorious chapter in the club's proud and illustrious history.

The fight seemed to drain from Aherlow as they realised the enormity of the task facing them. John McGrath scored the next 4 points, 3 from frees and one from a '45, as confidence coursed through the Loughmore veins. They sauntered into an even bigger lead 10 minutes from the end when Cian Hennessy sprayed an ambitious pass across the pitch, Noel McGrath helped it onto Evan Sweeney and the corner forward steered a low shot past Aherlow goalie Shane Leonard.

It took Aherlow 21 minutes to open their second half account, the point coming from Bernard O'Brien. And while the game had long since slipped beyond their reach they recovered some of their composure after that merciless Loughmore onslaught, that saw them score 2-5 without reply, to put some respectability on the scoreboard in the closing minutes.

For a club that was almost unable to field a team but for a combination with Lattin-Cullen, reaching this final represented progress of sorts for Aherlow, in spite of that heavy defeat.



Loughmore/Castleiney captain Derek Bourke lifts the O'Dwyer Cup.

County player Barry Grogan wasn't as effective as usual, as he found John Meagher a difficult opponent, while Thomas Hanley, Thomas Fahey, Bernard O'Brien, John Hennessy and captain Mark Hanley never threw in the towel.

The teams that lined out on that historic occasion in Thurles on November 3 were:

Loughmore/Castleiney - Dominic Brennan, Tommy Long, John Meagher, Lorcan Egan, Tom King (1-0), Ciaran McGrath, John Ryan, Noel McGrath, David Kennedy, John McGrath (1-9 including 1-7 frees and 1 '45), Aidan McGrath (0-1), Cian Hennessy, Liam McGrath, Miceal Webster and Evan Sweeney (1-0). Substitutes - Derek Bourke (captain) for Miceal Webster (22 minutes), Willie Eviston for David Kennedy (51 minutes), Tomas McGrath for Aidan McGrath (55 minutes) and Shane Hennessy for Cian Hennessy (58 minutes).

Aherlow Gaels - Shane Leonard, Mark O'Brien, John Hennessy, Ed O'Meara, Mark Hanley (captain 0-1), Shane Russell, Sean Mullins, Seamus Grogan (0-1), Thomas Fahey (0-2), Thomas Hanley (0-2), Barry Grogan, Laurence Coskeran, Sean

### **Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Football Championship**

### Group 1 Round 1

13/04/2013 at Cahir, Commercials 2.13 Galtee Rovers 0.4. Referee, Sean Lonergan 13/04/2013 at Golden, Éire Óg Annacarty 1.7 Cahir 1.5. Referee, Martin Doyle

#### Round 2

10/05/2013 at Ballylooby, Cahir 0.10 Clonmel Óg 1.4. Referee, Martin Doyle 14/05/2013 at Golden, Galtee Rovers 2.7 Eire Óg Annacarty 0.7. Referee, Brian Tyrell **Round 3** 

5/06/2013 at Cahir, Galtee Rovers 0.10 Clonmel Óg 1.4. Referee, Keith O'Brien 19/06/2013 at New Inn, Éire Óg Annacarty 2.8 Commercials 0.11. Ref: Derek O'Mahoney

20/07/2013 at Cashel, Galtee Rovers 0.10 Cahir 0.5. Referee, Sean Lonergan 20/07/2013 at Monroe, Commercials 1.8 Clonmel Óg 1.6. Referee, Paddy Russell

Round 5
16/08/2013 at New Inn, Eire Óg Annacarty 1.19 Clonmel Óg 1.7. Referee, David Grogan 16/08/2013 at Newcastle, Commercials 5.10 Cahir 1.5. Referee, Keith O'Brien

### Group 2 Round 1

13/0.4/2013 at Littleton, Moyne/Templetuohy 1.7 Killenaule 0.9. Referee Keith O'Brien Round 2

11/05/2013 at Clonoulty, Arravale R. 3.19 Moyne Templetuohy 0.10. Ref Derek O'Mahoney Round 3

12/06/2013 at Pairc Ciocaim, Dundrum, Aherlow Gaels 0.17 Moyne Templetuohy 0.6. Referee, Sean Lonergan

10/08/2013 at Cahir, Arravale Rovers 1.9 Killenaule 0.8. Referee, Keith O'Brien

### Round 4

20/07/2013 at Cashel, Aherlow Gaels 2.12 Killenaule 2.7. Referee, Derek O'Mahoney Round 5

16/08/2013 at Cashel, Aherlow Gaels 1.13 Arravale Rovers 2.8. Referee, Derek O'Mahoney

### **Group 3 Round 1**

21/04/2013 at Boherlahan, JK Brackens 1.7 Kilsheelan Kilcash 0.10. Ref Derek O'Mahoney 21/04/2013 at Templetuohy, Loughmore/Castleiney 0.11 Moycarkey Borris 0.8. Referee, David Grogan

### Round 2

10/05/2013 at Templetuohy, Moycarkey/Borris 0.13 JK Brackens 0.12. Referee, David Grogan

10/05/2013 at Fethard, Kilsheelan/Kilcash 1.14 Mullinahone 0.5. Referee, Michael O'Donnell

### Round 3

27/05/2013 at Templetuohy, Loughmore/Castleiney 2.8 JK Brackens 0.13. Ref Keith O'Brien 10/08/2013 at Cloneen, Moycarkey/Borris 4.14 Mullinahone 0.15. Referee, Martin Doyle

#### Round 4

20/07/2013 at New Inn, Kilsheelan/Kilcash 2.13 Moycarkey Borris 0.6. Referee, Donal Cahill 20/07/2013 at Littleton, Loughmore/Castleiney 1.15 Mullinahone 1.9. Referee, Brian Tyrell Round 5

24/08/2013 at Templetuohy, JK Brackens 0.15 Mullinahone 1.6. Referee, Sean Lonergan

### **Group 4 Round 1**

13/04/2013 at Clonmel, Moyle Rovers 2.9 Ardfinnan 0.5. Referee, Paddy Russell 14/04/2013 at Templemore, Thomas McDonaghs 1.6 Fethard 0.7. Referee, John Kelly

#### Round 2

11/05/2013 at Kilsheelan, Moyle Rovers 3.14 Fethard 0.9. Referee, Keith O'Brien 11/05/2013 at Drombane, Thomas McDonaghs 1.14 Ardfinnan 0.7. Referee, Sean Lonergan 12/05/2013 Fr. John Kenyons conceded a walkover to Aherlow Gaels

#### Round 3

20/07/2013 at Monroe, Ardfinnan 3.9 Fethard 0.8. Referee, David Grogan 20/07/2013 at Kickham Park, Dundrum, Moyle Rovers 1.15 Thomas McDonaghs 1.5. Referee, Keith O'Brien

### **Preliminary Quarter Finals**

21/09/2013 at New Inn, Galtee Rovers 1.10 Kilsheelan Kilcash 0.10. Referee, Tom McGrath 22/09/2013 at Moneygall, JK Brackens 2.8 Thomas McDonaghs 1.6. Referee, David Grogan 27/09/2013 at New Inn, Arravale Rovers 1.23 Cahir 3.10. Referee, Brian Tyrell

### **Quarter Finals**

4/10/2013 at Clonoulty, Loughmore/Castleiney 0.16 Arravale Rovers 1.12. Referee, Sean Lonergan

6/10/2013 at Boherlahan, JK Brackens 0.8 Moyle Rovers 1.4. Referee, David Grogan 6/10/2013 at Cahir, Aherlow Gaels 2.8 Galtee Rovers 0.6. Referee, Derek O'Mahoney 6/10/2013 at Cashel, Commercials 1.20 Éire Óg Annacarty 1.6. Referee, Paddy Russell

### Semi Finals

20/10/2013 at Cashel, Aherlow Gaels 0.12 JK Brackens 1.8. Referee, Sean Lonergan 20/10/2013 at Cashel, Loughmore/Castleiney 0.8 Commercials 0.7. Referee, Keith O'Brien

### Final

3/11/2013 at Semple Stadium, Loughmore/Castleiney 3.10 Aherlow Gaels 0.9. Referee, Derek O'Mahoney

Cunningham, Cathal Dillon and Bernard O'Brien (0-3 including 1 free). Substitutes - Mark Russell for Cathal Dillon (16 minutes), Brendan Hanley for Sean Mullins (38 minutes), Sean Kiely for Sean Cunningham and Anthony Leahy for Laurence Coskeran (both 47 minutes) and Thomas O'Donoghue for Shane Russell (57 minutes).

The referee was Ardfinnan's Derek O'Mahoney.

The occasion was also heavily tinged with emotion -Loughmore manager Declan Laffan said the illness suffered by their player Eddie Connolly had galvanised the club as a unit.

"They really used that as an inspiration to drive them on. It was an extra force", he stated moments after their victory. Shortly before the final Eddie Connolly underwent surgery to remove a brain tumour.

Loughmore reached the summit at the conclusion of a championship in which 41 games were played by 18 teams. As to be expected those matches produced more than their fair share of thrills, spills and talking points.

With all the teams divided into four groups, Loughmore started out on the championship road on April 21 with an 0-11 to 0-8 defeat of Moycarkey/Borris.

Six months and five matches later they were crowned champions. They won their three group matches - even if they were pushed all the way in one of those games by JK Brackens, whom they beat by a point (2-8 to 0-13) - to qualify for the quarter-finals as group winners.

They had another close call in the quarter-final against Arravale Rovers in Clonoulty on October 4, emerging with a narrow 0-16 to 1-12 win after extra time.

In a contest that would have done justice to the final itself, Arravale gave a quality performance and forced extra time with Shane Leahy's point. However Loughmore proved the stronger in extra time, despite John McGrath missing a penalty when his effort rattled the crossbar.

The calibre of Arravale's performance was of the highest order and would surely have taken their championship challenge a stage further against any other opposition. Paddy Dalton was an inspiring figure with Ger Mulhair, Shane and Donagh Leahy, John Hayes and Robbie Kiely also to the fore.

In the semi-final in Cashel Loughmore faced their old foes, the holders Clonmel Commercials. Loughmore edged home by a point, 0-8 to 0-7 in a game in which Commercials were well below their best, despite the hard work of Kevin Harney, Michael Quinlivan, Kevin Fahey, Jason Lonergan and Ian Barnes. A lack of scoring power proved their undoing, as they scored just one point in the opening half and only 3 from play over the



Aherlow's Seamus Grogan and Loughmore's David Kennedy eye the ball during the Clean Ireland Recycling County SFC Final at Semple Stadium.



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Yet for all that they could have won had a rasper from Michael Quinlivan not been turned over the bar by Loughmore goalie Dominic Brennan midway through the second half.

Commercials had breezed through their quarter-final against Eire Og Annacarty Donohill by 1-20 to 1-6. And while they atoned for their surprise 3-points defeat by the same opponents in the group stages, with hindsight it wasn't the best preparation for a semi-final against such battle-hardened opponents as Loughmore.

Thanks to Damien O'Brien, Richard Ryan and Brian Fox Eire Og were competitive in the first half, at the end of which they trailed to Jason Lonergan's goal (1-5 to 0-5), but they completely lost their way on the turnover.

In the other semi-final Aherlow Gaels had Barry Grogan to thank for his late intervention against Mid champions JK Brackens. Grogan's composure in front of goal was the big difference between the sides, as he kicked three points in the last five minutes to turn the tide in favour of his team, who won by 0-12 to 1-8.

Brackens' challenge unravelled in the closing stages and they missed the steadying influence of former county man Kevin Mulryan, who was on honeymoon. They were well served by goalkeeper Mervyn Braddish, who made a terrific save from Bernard O'Brien 10 minutes from the finish; Cathal Scully, who grabbed their goal in the first half; and that talented dual player, Colin O'Riordan.

O'Riordan was the star of the show when the Templemore side defeated Moyle Rovers in the quarter-final to put them through to their first semi-final since 1998, and within sight of their first final in 77 years. David Ryan, Tommy Kennedy, Brian Guidera, Stephen Owens, John Dunne and Kevin Mulryan played solid supporting roles to O'Riordan's outstanding exhibition.

Rovers, however, had only themselves to blame as they kicked 15 wides.

This defeat marked the end of a poor year for Moyle Rovers, who last won the title in 2009. Too many failed to deliver but Ronan Desmond, Alan Campbell, Ross Mulcahy, Sean Keating and Conor Conneally were never found wanting in their final game of the championship.

Galtee Rovers made their exit at the quarter-final stage at the hands of Aherlow Gaels - despite having beaten their West neighbours in the divisional semi-final a couple of months previously.

With the scores tied at 0-5 each at the interval, the Bansha outfit were undone by two second half penalties by Thomas Fahy as Aherlow got there in the end by 2-8 to 0-6. Rovers depended largely on Denis Peters and Christopher Higgins in



Loughmore's Noel McGrath gets past Aherlow's Thomas Hanley in the Tipperary County SFC Final at Semple Stadium.



Loughmore/Castleiney full-back John Meagher receives the Clean Ireland Recycling County SFC Final 'Man of the Match' award from John Quirke Jewellers Cahir.

attack. Denis Peters troubled the Aherlow defence with his strong running while Andrew Morrissey was also prominent. There were more disappointment in store for Galtees when they lost the West final to Arravale Rovers.

In the first round of knockout matches Galtee Rovers beat Kilsheelan/Kilcash by a late goal from supersub Mark O'Brien.

An emerging Kilsheelan team, who also reached this year's South Final (where they lost to Commercials) were encouraged by the performances of Michael McHugh, Conor Davin Murphy, Tommy Ryan, Adrian Walsh and captain Pakie Larkin, although the game was theirs for the taking when they led by 7 points in the first period.

At the same stage Arravale Rovers needed extra time, and a little luck, to fend off Cahir's stiff challenge.

In a pulsating affair played under lights at New Inn, the game looked over at half time when Rovers led by 6 points. However Cahir took the game to their opponents after the break, forcing extra time, although they were unlucky not to have won in normal time when Rovers were dramatically rescued by late points from substitute John Bourke and Timmy Dalton.

Cahir's chances were dealt a severe blow when Mikey O'Connor was sent off with 3 minutes remaining in the first half. He was followed to the sideline by Paddy O'Flaherty near the end of regulation time. But they refused to let those setbacks knock them out of their stride, as they made a great contribution to a marvellous match.

Gerard Hally, Robbie Costigan, Liam Casey, James McGrath, Paddy O'Flaherty, Benny Hickey and Aidan Casey all had their moments for a spirited Cahir team.

In the other knockout game JK Brackens beat the North combination side Thomas McDonaghs, the 2011 champions, by 5

In the group stages the decline into which Fethard football has slipped was both noticeable and startling. The Blues lost all three games against Thomas McDonaghs (1-6 to 0-7), Moyle Rovers (3-14 to 0-9) and Ardfinnan (3-9 to 0-8).

Fethard have won the most titles of any club, 21, but their last success was in 2001.

As the curtain fell on another championship, thoughts were already turning to next year.

Can Loughmore become the first club to retain the title since Moyle Rovers completed a three-in-a-row from 1998 to 2000? Are Commercials capable of returning to the summit, after their 2012 success, on the back of an enviable underage record that has seen them win four County Minor championships-in-a-row? Will Arravle Rovers build on the promise of recent years and capture the O'Dwyer Cup for the first time since 1985? Can Moyle Rovers or Ardfinnan revive former glories? Or will a surprise packet emerge from the pack?

Roll on 2014.

# Loughmore/Castleiney carve their way into county history

### As they capture senior hurling and football County titles

By Pat Healy PRO

he start of 2013, when training commenced in February, was no different from any other over the past thirty two years. Ambitions to claim County titles would always be high on the list, especially at senior level.

Having taken minor and U/21 doubles in recent years, it was widely acknowledged that a great potential of talent lay within the club.

A backroom team of Declan Laffan, as manager and selectors Pat McGrath and Seamie Bohan were the men saddled with the task of producing a winning formula.

The start of the championship for the hurlers was a major first round outing v County and Munster champions Thurles Sarsfields in The Ragg and while not a game of real knockout hurling it was a fine contest that went to extra time following a 0-18 to 1-15 draw. At the end of extra time we emerged narrow winners 0-23 to 1-19.

In the Mid semi final a 0-15 to 0-12 win over Moycarkey pitched us against Drom in the Mid final.

A big crowd flocked to Boherlahan for the Mid final on Sunday evening 11th August and following an opening ten minutes in which we missed many scoring opportunities we lost our second Mid final in a row on a 1-11 to 3-20 scoreline. A disappointing but deserving defeat.

Following this defeat the players and mentors got together to address various shortcomings, and with some of our temporary exiled players home, training seemed to take off. Roscrea were defeated in round 4, 0-21 to 2-11.

Killenaule were our quarter final opponents and in warm conditions in Templemore we came through 2-17 to 1-15 and a County semi final place was secured.

Borrisoleigh were the opposition on Sunday 29th September in The Stadium and following a mixed performance overall the North team had to give best on a 1-17 to 2-12 scoreline. Following this game Eddie Connolly took ill and was taken to hospital. As the seriousness of the results spread among team members and parish hurling and football was not on the minds, but Eddie, despite an operation was not prepared to sit back and let the games come second. He was back at training sessions and the lads rallying around him to the man, everyone dug deep to prepare for County final.

On October 13th Nenagh were the team standing between us and a third County title. Following a hard fought first half we trailed 0-06 to 1-07 at the interval. However, a blistering second half performance from the team, scoring 1-11, they gained a narrow victory 1-17 to 1-16 for Ciaran McGrath to take the steps of Ardan o Riain to accept the Dan Breen Cup from County chairman Sean Nugent. Following an outstanding performance Noel McGrath was the Man of the Match recipient.

Following an after match meal the team made their way to Loughmore Parish Centre where they were met with a huge attendance of young and old as each player and mentors were introduced on stage.

It was a sad day for the Treacy/McGrath families as a great follower Nancy Treacy, nee McGrath passed away that morning, mother of former secretary and player John and Pat and grandmother of Liam who missed most of the year through injury. We offer our deepest sympathy.

The Munster club quarter final pitted us against Limerick



**Loughmore Castleiney victorious captains** Derek Bourke holding the O'Dwyer Cup (County SFC) and Ciarán McGrath lifting the Dan Breen Cup (County SHC) in Loughmore.

champions Na Piarsigh in Semple Stadium on Sunday 27th October. A great buzz surrounded this fixture as we felt it was a competition we could make progress in but it was not to be, as despite the dismissal of two players we held the lead into injury time only for a late goal knocked us out 2-18 to 3-17 and a huge disappointment for all.

**Football:** Following a very poor season in 2012 our senior footballers commenced 2013 hoping to make amends. With the championship structures changed to give teams more games, we were pitted in group B with Moycarkey, J K Brackens, Mullinahone and Kilsheelan/Kilcash.

Our opening group game was against Moycarkey on 21st April in Temletouhy and after a struggle we came away 0-11 to 0-08 winners. Our next game was against Moycarkey again, this time in the Mid championship and this time in terrible conditions we were lucky to force a draw 0-08 to 1-05. The replay took place in much better conditions and this time emerged comfortable winners 2-13 to 1-07 and a place in the Mid final.

Our next group game was v J K Brackens and after hugely close encounter victory was narrowly achieved by 2-08 to 0-13. Mullinahone were beaten 1-15 to 1-04 and in the final group game Kilsheelan/Kilcash, who were also in group contention were defeated comfortably 2-17 to 0-06 to take group honours and a place in the County quarter final.

The Mid final took place on Sunday September 1st in Templetouhy v J K Brackens. With a place already booked for the quarter finals it seemed like all were happy with this as we gave a very poor performance overall and lost out 1-09 to 2-10.

A very heavy schedule was now in store with both codes at knock out stage. In the quarter final we were drawn against Arravale Rovers under lights in Clonoulty on Friday night October 4th. This game proved to be a cliffhanger from start to finish as it had everything that is good in football from both sides and at the end of sixty minutes of play the sides were deadlocked 0-12 to Arravale's 1-09.

Despite the cool night air that was now prevailing no one was leaving as compulsory extra time took place. Just nine days before a County hurling final was not the ideal situation for the



### Loughmore/Castleiney County Senior Hurling & Football Champions.

Back row: (1 to r) Paddy Moynihan, Joseph Hennessy, Johnny Campion, Tom King, John Ryan, Dinny Brereton, David McGrath, Richie Maher, Tommy Maher, Lorcan Egan, Liam Treacy, Shane Hennessy, Willie Eviston, John Scully, Kieran Kiely (Equipment). Middle row: Pat Healy (PRO), Jim Nolan (Treasurer), Kevin Stapleton (Equipment), Cathy Doran (Physio), Eddie Connolly, Micheal Webster, Henry Maher, Pat McGrath (Selector), Declan Laffan (Manager), Seamus Bohan (Selector), John McGrath, John Meagher, Alan O'Connor (Trainer), Tom McGrath (Secretary), Dick Egan (Chairman), Fr Padraig Corbett (President). Seated: Joseph Nyland, David Kennedy, Cian Hennessy, Liam McGrath, Noel McGrath, Shane Nolan, Derek Bourke (Football Captain), Ciaran McGrath (Hurling Captain), Dominic Brennan, Tomás McGrath, Aidan McGrath, Evan Sweeney, Tommy Long, Brian McGrath.

men in green and red but to their eternal credit they stormed through an excellent twenty minutes of extra time to run out 0-16 to 1-12 winners.

The County semi final on 20th October was played in Cashel Sportsfield with County champions, and hot favourites for the title, Clonmel Commercials our opponents. This turned out to be a hard fought close encounter as we held a 0-03 to 0-01 half time lead and in a nip and tuck second half the game ended goal less 0-08 to 0-07 and the County champions out of the race.

The build up for the final was certainly unique for although it was the third occasion the club was bidding for a senior double in 1983 and 1987 we had lost the hurling deciders, this time Dan was safely secured, now to put O'Dwyer alongside him.

The villages, houses, roads and cars were proudly flying the club colours as flags flew from every vantage point. Sunday November 3rd was D Day as we faced Aherlow Gaels in the final at Semple Stadium. At this stage big media attention was on the bid for double honours in the County. Thankfully this did not seem to affect the players or management who seemed to get on and take it as just another game.

From the throw in the drive and hunger to succeed was very evident in their play and when wing back Tom King got on the end of a clever Evan Sweeney pass to crash the ball to the town net they were on their way. The brilliant free taking of John McGrath, who scored 1-09 and a top class display from full back John Meagher, and a third goal from all over the field Evan Sweeney was enough to send captain Derek Bourke to Ardan O Riain to collect the  $O^\prime$  Dwyer cup from football board chairman Joe Hannigan on the final score 3-10 to 0-09. John Meagher was awarded Man of the Match.

So for the first time in the proud history of Tipperary G.A.A.

the County double was achieved, a truly historic occasion for the club and parish of Loughmore/Castleiney.

Following the after match meal a huge crowd greeted the team on their return to the Community Centre as the celebrations unfolded.

For the second time in three weeks we were representing the county in the Munster club championship, this time as football County champions. We had to make our way to the lions den of Dr. Crokes, Killarney on Saturday 16th November.

A huge crowd from the parish and County were on hand to support the team, and it will always be an outstanding memory for the players, in particular to get a standing ovation from the supporters as they made their way to the dressing rooms from the warm up (truly remarkable). However, despite being very much in the game just four points adrift after forty minutes, it was a bridge too far against All Ireland favourites as they turned the screw in the final quarter for a 1-05 to 3-16 victory.

So the most historic year for the club and County with history in the making has ended. And no doubt the names of all the players will be etched in the minds of young and old for their heroics in creating history.

Finally the work put in to achieve such honours involves a lot of work by a lot of people, far too numerous to mention but it would be remiss not to thank the entire panel of players, management of Declan Laffan, Pat McGrath, Seamie Bohan, team trainer Alan O'Connor, Tommy Dunne, physio Cathy Doran, equipment Kieran Kiely, Kevin Stapleton, hurley and water carriers, sponsors, club officers and our huge support throughout. Also to Fr. Corbett for his blessings before the

A year to be cherished for ever.

# Commemorating Maurice Davin – A statue unveiled in Carrick-on-Suir

By Ger Ryan, PRO, Tipperary County Board

Saturday June 1st 2013 will be remembered as a special day in the history of the Gaelic Athletic Association and the town of Carrick-on-Suir. A most impressive statue was unveiled of Maurice Davin, native of Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir and cofounder and first President of the GAA, outside Davin Park, the GAA grounds named in his honour and shared by two of the town's GAA Clubs – Davins and Swan.

The imposing 8ft 9 inch statue, crafted from Kilkenny limestone by renowned Clare sculptor, Barry Wrafter, was unveiled by his successor, the 37th Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Liam Ó Néill. In his welcome in the commemorative programme for the event, the current Uachtarán summed up Maurice Davin - "An accomplished boxer and boatman, he also excelled in hammer throwing and weight casting in general but it was his love of our native language and pastimes, and his subsequent efforts to cultivate and promote Gaelic games that will forever define his legacy". Tipperary County Board Chairman, Sean Nugent, echoed this theme when noting, "His legacy lives on in the living GAA; it lives on in his home town of Carrick-on-Suir in the clubs of Carrick Swan, Carrick Davins, and St. Mollerans and in every GAA Club in Ireland and abroad. This statue like the GAA has solid foundations. It's set in stone and perpetuates the memory forever of a unique Irishman, Maurice Davin".

Davin's contribution as a founder and first President of the GAA changed the sporting and cultural landscape of Ireland forever. The strength of our Association today in Ireland and throughout the world is testament to the foresight of its founding fathers, among whom Davin was pre-eminent.

The idea for the memorial statue was first mooted when Alan Faulkner, great grand nephew of Davin, suggested it to Bobby Fitzgerald on Saturday January 14 2012 at a funeral they both attended. Ideas such as this are often discussed at funerals, games and other events and more often than not they remain simply a good idea but without any follow up. Thankfully on this occasion Bobby Fitzgerald took action and a committee of able and dedicated people was formed and their work bore great fruit eighteen months later on June 1st 2013. Bobby Fitzgerald chaired the committee and the other members were Sean Nugent, Alan Faulkner, Denis Landy, Sinead Dunne, Dick Lanigan, Noel Russell, Pat Walsh (grand nephew of Davin) and Eoin Kelly. Their commitment to erecting a fitting tribute to Maurice Davin was evident from the outset and the resulting statue is something of which they can all be very proud. They showed great energy, foresight and dedication to honouring the memory of one of Carrick's greatest sons.

The programme of events commenced on Saturday June 1st at 12 noon when Liam O'Neill laid a wreath at the grave of Maurice Davin at Churchtown cemetery and the grave was also blessed. In his article written for the commemorative programme, Liam Cahill tells us that "Churchtown graveyard is on the Waterford bank of the River Suir, midway between Carrick-on-Suir and Kilsheelan, in the parish of Dysart".

The highlight of the afternoon was the unveiling of the statue by Liam O'Neill, in front of over one thousand people at 3pm. People had travelled from far and near and the large attendance heard tributes to Davin and his legacy from Bobby Fitzgerald, Sean Nugent, Joe Brennan, Chairman of the South Tipperary GAA Board and of course Liam O'Neill. Robert Frost, Chairman

of the Munster GAA Council was also present. All in attendance were mightily impressed when the statue was unveiled in public for the first time. Bobby Fitzgerald described the statue in the programme – "The sculpture is made of Kilkenny limestone and involves a pedestal with a bit of cloth folded over as this gives a relaxed pose so that it is easier on the viewers' eyes. It merges into the background so all you will see is the figure of Maurice Davin essentially. The statue is slightly over life-sized to give it more presence and power. His name has been engraved with hand cut lettering by Barry Wrafter to give it a distinctive image. The committee felt it important when the monument is viewed from a distance that it will give a commanding presence that will act as a tourist attraction of significant cultural and historical



Front l-r: Sean Kelly MEP, former President GAA, Liam O'Neill President GAA, Pat Walsh, Sean Nugent County Chairman, Joe Brennan South Board Chairman. Back L/R: John Ryan, Ger Ryan County PRO, Eamon Buckley County Treasurer, Joe McDonagh former President GAA, Alan Faulkner.

significance. The commission sculpture took nine months to complete having been worked on every day during that time"

Liam O'Neill found himself in big demand as many present wanted to avail of the unique opportunity to get a photograph with the only two Presidents elected unopposed to the Association's highest office and honour.

Following the unveiling the local GAA clubs hosted refreshments for all present and then it was onto the Carraig Hotel for the launch of the Maurice Davin and Local GAA Club Exhibition by Iar Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Seán Ó Ceallaigh. Commemorative medals were also presented to the committee members and those involved with organising the Davin Commemoration events.

Davin's athletic prowess was remembered on the Sunday when there was a one mile fun run, led by Irish Olympian, Eamonn Coughlan and an athletics family fun day in Davin Park.

The unveiling of the Maurice Davin statue was an overdue and deserved tribute to an outstanding Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary and Irish man. For those present, it was a reminder that without Davin, we may never have had the opportunity to forge the friendships, passions, loyalties, rivalries, entertainment, history, sense of place and community, and ambition to live and die for the honour of the parish, club and county that so encapsulate the wonderful organisation that Davin and his cofounders established at Hayes Hotel in November 1884. It was a privilege to be present and an honour to witness the wonderful statue. Our thanks are due to those who both saw the need for this tribute and had the ability and commitment to make sure it happened.

## Club Developments

### **Sean Treacy's open new Dressing Room facilities**

A huge milestone for the club was achieved in May of last year as Sean Treacy's officially opened their fantastic new dressing room facilities. The structure, which comprises of dressing rooms, showers, referee's room, meeting rooms and indoor hurling arena, was blessed by Fr Dan Woods and officially opened by County Board Chairman, Sean Nugent. This was followed by

Mass in the upstairs arena celebrated by Honorary President Fr Woods.

An Under 15 game between Sean Treacys and Clonakenny was played and following a terrific battle a determined Sean Treacys prevailed in this encounter though both sides displayed great commitment and plenty of skill on the day.

As outlined on the day this facility is a credit to everyone in the club and will be a long standing testament to all efforts and thanks to all those who participated on the day of the opening and throughout the planning and building process.



Sean Nugent (County Chairman) after cutting the ribbon at the official opening of Sean Treacy's new clubrooms, with Pat Stapleton (Club Chairman) and Mike Hanly, Inset: Plaque unveiled at the official opening.



The Tipperary contingent after Munster's 1-22 to 0-15 victory over Connacht in the 2013 M Donnelly Interprovincial Hurling

Back row (left to right) – Lar Corbett, Patrick "Bonner" Maher, Brian O'Meara, Pa Bourke, Paul Curran, Shane McGrath Front row (left to right) - John Casey (Physiotherapist), Brendan Maher, Liam Sheedy (Manager), Eoin Kelly



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# Sean Ghael Awards 2013



South Sean Ghael Recipients, Front L/R: Michael Prendergast Kilsheelan Kilcash, John English Ballybacon Grange, Tommy O'Sullivan Mullinahone, Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh, Pete Savage Ardfinnan, Sean Fitzpatrick Newcastle.Back L/R. Joe Brennan, Rep. for Pat O'Doherty Carrick on Suir, Sean Nugent, William Lonergan Carrick Swans, Micheál Ó Meara Commercials, Tom Cusack.

West Tipperary Sean Ghael recipients. Front L/R: Jackie
Bourke Aherlow, Peter O'Sullivan Cashel, Teddy Gould
Rosegreen, Micheal Ó Muircheartaigh, Joe Lonergan Kickhams,
Liam O'Dwyer Éire Óg. Back L/R: Roger Kennedy, Seamus
McCarthy, Tom English, Rev Fr. Christy O'Dwyer Arravale
Rovers and Sean Treacys, Sean Crowe Lattin Cullen, Seamus
O'Donoghue Arravale Rovers and Sean Nugent.

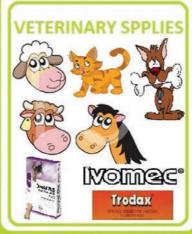
Mid Tipperary Sean Ghael recipients. Front L/R; Liam Quinn Holycross/Ballycahill, Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh Guest of honour, Teresa McGrath Loughmore/Castleiney. His Grace Most Rev Dr. Dermot Clifford,Niall O'Dea Thurles Crokes, Thady Maher Clonmore. Back L/R John Costigan, Tony Wall Sarsfields, Mick Carroll Dúrlas Óg,Liam Hennessy Moycarkey Borris, Tommy Ryan Upperchurch Drombane, Michael Bourke and Sean NNugent County Chairman.

North Tipperary Sean Ghael recipients: Front L/R: Bernie Colclough Inane Rovers, Martin Bourke Toomevara, Mary Kenny Borrisoleigh, Micheál Ó'Muircheartaigh, Pakie Jones Newport, Michael Boycie Hogan Éire Óg. Back L/R; Sean Nugent, Noel Morris, Phil McIntyre Lorrha, Pat McGrath Burgess, Pat O'Brien Silvermines and Tim Floyd.

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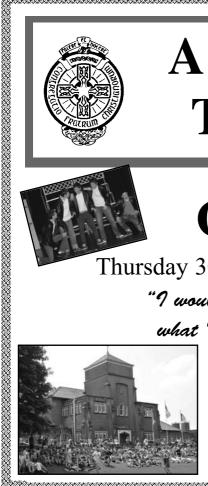




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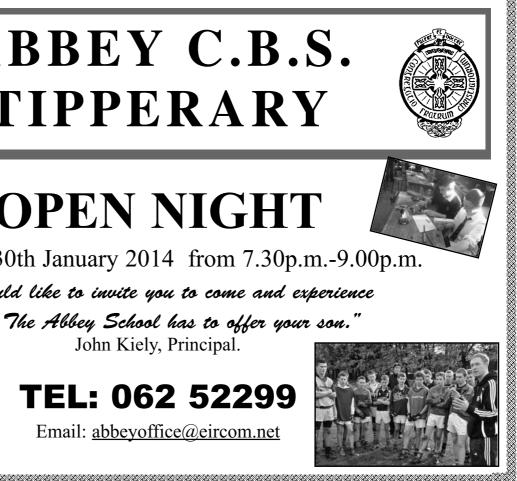
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# **Impact of Emigration on GAA Clubs** in Mid Tipperary

By: Andy Fogarty PRO Mid Tipperary GAA Board



Since the recession started in 2008 it has had a devastating effect on GAA clubs in the country and in particular small rural clubs. Some clubs are witnessing several players leaving each year. Most of the players who are leaving are recent university graduates and young skilled trade professionals, who are unable to find employment in the country. Kilmovee Shamrocks GAA club in Mayo highlighted some time ago the devastating effects of emigration on their squad — by picking a team made up entirely of players who have moved abroad. It is a phenomenon that is not confined solely to small clubs. Intercounty players have also been forced to leave these shores to look for work. Fourteen players on Leitrim's county panel emigrated in 2012 and several others are currently unemployed. Louth lost 11

The GAA approved 642 international transfers up to April of this year, with a total of 238 players emigrating to Australia, 302 players moving to North America to cities such as Boston, Chicago and San Francisco and the remainder moving to the UK. The Sunday Business Post covered a story recently that GAA clubs across Ireland are losing up to 250 players a month because of emigration according to official figures produced by the Association.

I conducted a survey recently on the impact of emigration on clubs in the Mid Tipperary Division. The survey covers the period July 2008 to June 2013. The results of the survey which is based on information

received from each of the clubs in the Division show up some interesting information and it would be very worthwhile to conduct a similar survey in the other Divisions to see how they compare with the Mid Division.

The main findings of the survey are:

- Over the past 5 years since the recession started 118 players have emigrated with only 19 returning i.e. a net loss of players to their clubs and to the Division of 99 during the period. A massive loss of players.
- Gortnahoe- Glengoole has lost the most players to emigration over the past five years with 20 players emigrating and no players returning home during the period. Gortnahoe who contested two county Intermediate hurling finals in 2010 & 2011 have lost approx 12 players from those teams.
- Moyne-Templetuohy this year's county Intermediate hurling beaten finalists come in second with 14 players emigrating and 3
- Upperchurch Drombane has the highest number of players who had emigrated returning at 6.
- Thurles Gaels has the least number of players emigrating at 1.
- Approx 84% of players who have emigrated have not returned.
- The average number of players per club who emigrated was 8.4

#### **Results of Survey Conducted:**

	Period :	Period :	Period:
	2008-2013	2008-2013	2008-2013
	Players Emigrated	Players Returned	Net Loss to clubs
Gortnahoe-Glengoole	20	0	20
Moyne- Templetuohy	14	3	11
Drom & Inch	12	5	7
Thurles Sarsfields	10	0	10
Upperchurch - Drombane	10	6	4
Loughmore-Castleiney	9	0	9
Moycarkey-Borris	8	0	8
Boherlahan - Dualla	8	1	7
Clonakenny	8	2	6
Holycross-Ballycahill	7	0	7
Knock	4	0	4
JK Brackens	4	2	2
Killea	3	0	3
Thurles Gaels	1	0	1
Total	118	19	99

The survey highlights that very few players are returning home and there is a possibility that clubs could lose these players who have emigrated indefinitely. Another important issue having a big effect on GAA clubs is temporary emigration, i.e. where players who are college students are emigrating to the USA on a J1 visa for the months in-between college as there is very little summer work to be found in Ireland. As a lot of GAA championships games are played in the summer months, this can have a serious impact on GAA clubs.

# Sam Melbourne (1923-2013)

Horse & Jockey native, Sam Melbourne, passed away on August 7, 2013 in his ninety-first year.

He carved out a special niche for himself in G.A.A. history as a collector of G.A.A. memorabilia.

Commencing his collection in 1937 with a hurley he received from fellow Moycarkey-Borris man, Johnny Ryan, who won an All-Ireland that year, his collection eventually included over three hundred hurleys from former great players in every county in Ireland. Later the collection also included G.A.A. photographs, whistles, jerseys, footballs and sliotars, newspaper cuttings and trophies all relating to the history and deeds of great hurlers and footballers.

Sam was well ahead of his time in seeing the value of collecting such material. At the time he started his collection most hurling gear was worn out or broken and eventually discarded. To have seen the value of collecting and conserving such G.A.A. related material revealed Sam's very special foresight.

Having moved from Horse & Jockey, he set up a sports shop at Thurles in the early fifties and continued there until he moved to Dublin in 1956. During all this time his collection grew and when someone suggested he take it on tour, he jumped at the idea. One of the first places he took his exhibition was to Ballycotton on the suggestion of Jack Lynch and Bertie Troy. He never looked back after that.

He used to load up his collection in a Hiace van on a Friday evening and drive to some G.A.A. club or community centre anywhere in the country, set up his exhibition on Saturday and return to Dublin on a Sunday evening. He would give a talk, answer all kinds of questions and even add to his collection during the visit. He admitted it was a wonderful time of his life and he used to love doing it.

However, age was catching up with him and by 1988 he wanted to off-load the collection. The Tipperary county board of the



Sam Melbourne

G.A.A. purchased it in that year and it formed the basis of the museum that is now Lár na Páirce. Later still Sam handed over his collection of scrapbooks to the Local Studies Section of the County Library.

Sam Melbourne was a very special man and all G.A.A. people owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his efforts at preserving so much G.A.A. memorabilia, which would have been lost other wise. A visit to Lár na Pairce will help one to appreciate what he did and it is only right and fitting that his collection has found a permanent home in this museum.

Sam is survived by his wife, Charlotte, and his children Edgar, Desmond, Alan and Ruby. He is buried at St. Mary's Churchyard, Clonsilla, Dublin. (S.J.K.)



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### G.A.A. Rivalries

by Seamus J. King

friend of mine recalls a customer from Holycross coming into his store in Boherlahan prior to the 1996 county final for which the local club had qualified after many years in the hurling wilderness.

My friend was full of enthusiasm and excitement about Boherlahan's success and was perplexed by his customer's apparent indifference.

Will you not be shouting for Boherlahan on Sunday?' he eventually asked.

'No,' came the reply. 'If Boherlahan were playing China tomorrow, I'd be shouting for China!

An extreme example, perhaps, of the intensity of the rivalries that exist between clubs, and also counties, where the G.A.A. is concerned, but such rivalry is the stuff of success, the motivation that drives clubs on.

In fact it has often been said about such local rivalries that the motivation is as much negative as positive. As the man mentioned above put it the important thing was not who won, as long as it wasn't your rival who was successful.

The founding fathers of the G.A.A. pulled a great stroke when they based the club on the territory of the parish. They knew the strength of attachment of Irish people to land and place.

The intensity of this rivalry can be as great between counties. Tipperary is surrounded by more counties than any other in Ireland, eight in all. When it is realised that virtually all the strong hurling counties are included, Offaly, Laois, Kilkenny, Waterford, Cork, Limerick, Clare and Galway, it is understandable that many rivalries exist.

The feeling is usually more intense in border areas. The Limerick-Tipperary feeling is strongest in the Newport-Castleconnell area and has a long history. The story is told of Tyler Mackey, the father of John and Mick, bringing a team of Ahane players to Newport for a challenge one day. At the time the great Ahane team would normally beat Newport out the gate but on this occasion Newport triumphed. Tyler was so disgusted at this humiliation that he made the players walk home. The great cant at the time was 'Come on Ahane!' The Newportians took pleasure in adding a rider: 'As far as Newport!'

The intensity of the rivalry can ebb and flow depending on the hurling fortunes of the county. When I was growing up in Lorrha, which is in the very north of the county, in the nineteenforties and fifties, the hurling fortunes of Galway and Offaly were at a low ebb. Then when both counties began to come good in the eighties, I was enthusiastic for their success.

Of course I had left the area for a long time and hadn't realised that whatever latent rivalry was there in my time had now come very much into the open with Galway's and Offaly's emergence as meaningful rivals to Tipperary on the hurling field. My brother was none too pleased with this development: 'Shure you can't go into Portumna or Birr anymore but you have to listen to them!'

I suppose as a true blue Tipperary man he had a point but there was no recollection of them having to listen to Tipperary people doing their shopping in both towns for decades!

Probably the rivalry with Kilkenny is at its most intense at the moment. Tipperary supporters find it hard to live with their rival's many recent successes especially as they remember that Tipperary dominated Kilkenny on the hurling field up to 1967. The boot is very much on the other foot now as Kilkenny are way out in front in achievement and ability. Tipperary's All-Ireland win in 2010 was supposed to break the black and amber monopoly but it failed miserably and Kilkenny, Cody and King Henry were top dogs in the hurling world until this year. It's very difficult for a Tipperary person to accept that the county has seven All-Irelands more than Tipperary.

One of the most interesting hurling rivalries is with Cork. It's as old as the G.A.A., in fact predates it by a number of years. It is unusual in that it carries a high level of mutual respect. But it has gone through periods of great intensity as well. The fifties was a time when this was at its greatest. This was the period of the great Christy Ring, a player most feared by opposing players and supporters. He seemed to be the embodiment of every skill and cunning. It must have been this that caused my mother to get upset. Not a woman for going to matches but she would listen intently to Micheal O'Hehir's broadcasts and occasionally she'd get up off her chair and walk around to stop the palpitations in her heart: 'Oh, that Ring! He's a terrible man!'



The Tipperary club in Boston captured the senior hurling title there for the first time since 2010 thanks to a hard earned 2-19 to 3-13 victory over Galway in August. In an evenly contested first half, Galway took an early lead only for Tipperary's Kevin Kelly to score his side's first goal after ten minutes. Good play from man of the match Denis Maher and the accurate free-taking of Kieran Morris helped Tipperary to a 1-10 to 1-9 interval lead. Tipperary stretched their lead midway through the second half thanks to a John Roche goal and despite conceding two second half Galway goals, Tipperary held out for a deserved three point win. The Tipperary team and scorers in the final were as follows - James Logue, David Buckley, Robert O'Donnell (0-1), John Prendergast, Andy McRedmond, Sean McGarr, Cronin Dempsey, Sean Moriarty, Kevin Kelly (1-2), Denis Maher (0-1), Kieran Morris (0-12, 0-7 frees), John Roche (1-1), Neil Foyle (0-2)

### **Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol 2013**



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2013 was a year to remember for all associated with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. Our hurling finals staged over two hugely enjoyable days in Semple Stadium on June 6th & June 7th were a huge success. This year we staged twenty eight hurling finals over two days. More schools than ever got an opportunity to play in the Cathedral of Hurling which was something we were very conscious of. Almost a third of Tipperary schools who participate in Cumann na mBunscol activities got to walk out on the hallowed turf of Semple Stadium on County Final Day. Our football finals are scheduled to take place at different venues around the county at the time of writing and these promise to be wonderful occasions for all involved. Hopefully our football finals will also grace Semple Stadium in the not too distant future. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol were also recognised at a National Level with awards for the County Cóiste, Ballagh National School and Dualla National School. In handball we had a huge number of schools participating. This ensured a very enjoyable and competitive handball competition. Sincere thanks to Paddy Collins for helping to co-ordinate the handball competition.

Approximately 170 schools are currently affiliated to Cumann na mBunscol in County Tipperary with a large number of schools contributing to our website:

http://cumannnambunscol.tipperary.gaa.ie/. Photos, match reports, Reporter of the Week, Player of the week and Cumann na mBunscol events and fixtures can all be accessed on the site. Our website has proven very popular among pupils and teachers throughout the county. At the time of writing, our website has received in excess of 24,000 hits. Our Twitter Account @TippCumanNamBun which we set up over two years ago continues to attract new followers. Our Twitter following is steadily rising and we now have over 600 followers. Twitter affords us the opportunity to get our message out instantly to all involved with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Sports Editors of the Tipperary Star, Nenagh Guardian, The Nationalist and South Tipp Today for all the coverage they allocated to Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol in 2013.

Cumann na mBunscol would like to extend a special thanks to all the teachers for their total dedication and commitment to the development and promotion of Gaelic games in Tipperary. The Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Officers continue to work tirelessly as the administration demands of our games continue to grow. There is also huge support from parents, GAA Development Officers and local clubs who provide huge assistance to the schools in their parishes. Well done to all of these people. Finally, best of luck to all the schools involved in this year's competitions and always remember: "Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí".

### 2013 Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Officers

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Anacarty NS U11 E Hurling Winners

#### NATIONAL CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL AWARDS SUCCESS FOR TIPPERARY SCHOOLS AND TIPPERARY COISTE

Two Tipperary Schools received National Awards at the National Cumann na mBunscol Awards Ceremony which was held in Croke Park on Friday, November 30th. Ballagh NS and Dualla NS were two of four schools in Ireland selected for National Awards in the 'Small School of the Year' Category. Each school had submitted books/publications which outlined everything done in the respective schools to promote and develop Gaelic Games.

The Tipperary Coiste was also honoured with a National Award in the Public Relations category.

### 2012 COUNTY FOOTBALL FINAL RESULTS **UNDER 13 FOOTBALL**

A: St. Marys CBS beat Scoil Ailbhe

B: Two Mile Borris beat Cashel BNS

C:Grange beat Moycarkey

D: Ballylooby beat Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea

E: Boherlahan beat Ardcroney

F: Ballyneale beat Toomevara

G: Kilbarron beat Anacarty

H: Cappawhite beat Lorrha-Redwood

I: Kilvemnon beat Ballinaclough

### Cumann na mBunscol stands for fair play in Sport. This is our Fair Play Charter:

We are playing for enjoyment, to be with our friends and to make new friends.

We promise to try our best to improve our skills, to help our team-mates and to obey the rules of the game.

We enjoy having older people watch us play.

We ask that they applaud rather than criticise our efforts and the efforts of our opponents.

Remember that we are learning a game that should give us a lifetime of enjoyment.

We may have to risk making mistakes in order to learn,

please give us that chance. We thank the referee for giving time to take charge of the

game. We promise to respect the referee's decisions. We ask the older people to do the same. We promise to respect our opponents. We shake hands before and after the game.

#### **UNDER 13 LADIES FOOTBALL**

- A: Mount Bruis beat Ballylooby
- B: Boherlahan beat Rathkeevin
- C: Rahealty beat Moyne
- D: Cloneen beat Loughmore
- E: Anacarty beat Mullinahone
- F: Bansha beat Poulacapple

#### **UNDER 11 FOOTBALL**

A: St. Peter and Pauls beat Tipperary CBS

A1: St. Peter and Pauls B beat Carrick CBS B

B: Templemore beat Cashel BNS

B1: Templemore B beat Gaelscoil Clonmel B

C: Ballylooby beat Boherlahan

C1: New Inn BNS B beat Rosegreen B

D: Rahealty beat Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea

No D1 as no one from D1 entered B teams.

E: Lissenhall beat Cappawhite

E1: Newcastle B beat Leugh B

### **UNDER 11 LADIES FOOTBALL**

A: Mount Bruis beat Boherlahan

A1: Gaelscoil Durlas B beat Our Ladys of Mercy Cahir

B: Sisters of Charity beat Gaelscoil Durlas

C: Rosegreen beat Ballylooby

#### **County Hurling Finals 2013**

The annual Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie Finals took place in Semple Stadium Thurles over two days on Thursday, 6th June and Friday, 7th June. Played out in front of large crowds in sweltering tropical conditions, this year's finals will live long in the memory. Thomastown NS are not likely to forget these finals in a hurry as they annexed a historic three titles over the two days. The beautiful weather definitely added to the occasion and was in stark contrast to the awful weather conditions we had to endure in 2012. Thanks are due to Semple Stadium custodian David Hanley for the warm welcome he extended to all the schools and to Jimmy Purcell and Andy O' Gorman for ensuring that everything ran smoothly. A special thank you is also due to our referees Christy McLoughlin, Fergal Horgan, John Bob Ryan and Jimmy Sweeney plus our very capable Transition Year, 2nd Year and 5thyear students for their enthusiasm, initiative and energy over the two days. Special praise is also due to Cumann na mBunscol Secretary Aodán Wrenn, Treasurer Jerry McDonnell, Assistant PRO Paudie Fahey and Chairman Paddy Kelly for organising such a successful two days. The Cumann na mBunscol Officers were assisted greatly in coordinating and organising everything prior to and during the finals by GDA Officer Andy Ryan. Andy ensured that both digital scoreboards were in operation during the finals thus adding to the prestige of the occasion for our young players. Half time and full time score updates were tweeted from all twenty eight finals and we had a great response to the games on Twitter from people all over the world. We would also like to thank all the spectators who donated so generously to our 'voluntary contribution bucket' over the two days. We were astounded by the generosity and goodwill of people. Most importantly, special praise should also be afforded to all the talented boys and girls who graced the hallowed turf in the cathedral of hurling over the two days. It must have been very difficult at times playing in such sweltering conditions. I would like to thank all the teachers and coaches of the teams for their co-operation preceding and during the finals. All fifty six team lists were submitted on time prior to the big days. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol are very fortunate to have some of the most dedicated and committed teachers around in our county. They are setting a terrific example for all our young boys and girls. DVDs of the 2013 Hurling Finals are available from Michael Trehy Video Productions and all orders will be taken on 086 2755805. Teachers of the different schools can place their orders with Michael. Prices: Single Match: €20. Double Match Box Set: €25. All match reports and photos of the Finals will be posted in the coming weeks on the Tipperary Allianz Cumann



Anacarty NS U13 E Camogie Winners



Ayle NS U11 A1 Camogie Winners



Ballinaclough NS U13 H Hurling Winners



Boherlahan NS U 11 A Camogie Winners

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http://cumannnambunscol.tipperary.gaa.ie/. For further information on all matters relating to Cumann na mBunscol please email Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol PRO John Manley of Dualla NS at pro.cnmb.tipperary@gaa.ie. Chairman, Paddy Kelly would like to extend his thanks to Tipperary's County Board and of course to all those at Semple Stadium who contributed to making the Finals so successful.

#### Results

U-11 Roinn E1 Hurling Drangan 'B' 9-01 Leugh 'B' 1-0

U-11 Roinn E Hurling l Anacarty 3-12 Leugh 3-05

U11 A Camogie l Boherlahan 4-1 St. Mary's Nenagh 2-1

U-13 A Camogie St. Mary's Nenagh 9-1 Holycross 3-1

U-13 F Hurling Toomevara 6-13 Anacarty 2-07

U-11 C Hurling Upperchurch 0-9 Borrisoleigh 0-5

U-11 D Hurling Thomastown 5-04 Kilruane 2-12

U-11 C1 Hurling Borrisoleigh 5-06 New Inn 3-03 U-11 C Camogie Rosegreen 4-02 Ballina 2-01

U-11 D1 Hurling Rosegreen 'B' 3-6 Gaelscoil Carrick 'B' 3-6

U-11 A1 Camogie Ayle 'B' 4-02 Rosegreen 'B' 1-0

U-13 C Camogie Cashel G.N.S. 5-04 Ardcroney 1-04

U-13 B Hurling St. Mary's C.B.S. 0-07 Two Mile Borris 0-04

U-13 G Hurling Lorrha 5-10 Rossmore 5-09

U13 D Camogie: Lissenhall 5-04 Dunkerrin 2-01.

U13 A Hurling Scoil Ailbhe 6-05 St. Colmcilles Templemore 1-02

U-13 E Hurling Thomastown 5-08 Ardcroney 5-05

U-11 B1 Hurling Cashel 'B' 7-05 Gaelscoil Dúrlas 'B' 1-0

U-11 A Hurling Templemore 6-04 St. Peter & Paul's 2-04

U-11 A1 Hurling Carrick on Suir 'B' 3-02 Templemore 'B' 1-02

U-11 B Hurling Cashel 8-07 Gaelscoil Dúrlas 5-02

U-11 B Camogie Lissenhall 7-7 New Inn G.N.S. 1-1

U-11 D Camogie Thomastown 4-02 Dunkerrin 1-01

U-13 C Hurling Moycarkey 3-6 Kildangan 1-12

U-13 B Camogie Boherlahan 5-04 Presentation Thurles 1-00

U-13 D Carrig, Nenagh 4-07 Drom 3-05

U13 H Hurling: Ballinaclough 8-05 Ballagh 5-06

U13 E Camogie: Anacarty NS 2-10 Ballinree 3-00

### TIPPERARY PRIMARY GAME TEAMS 2013

Tipperary Primary Game Girls Football Team which played Kerry on May 26th: 1. Ellen Mc Keogh (Birdhill NS), 2. Sarah Delaney (Boherlahen NS), 3. Áine Delaney (Clonmore NS), 4. Laura Stocksborough (Moyglass NS), 5. Gillian Kemp (Emly NS), 6. Anna Carey (Gaelscoil Chluain Meala), 7. Marie Creedon (Rahealty NS), 8. Niamh Long (Inch NS), 9. Emma Murphy (St. Olivers), 10. Shannon Brennan (Skeheenarinky NS), 11. Niamh Ryan (Moyne NS).

Tipperary Primary Game Boys Football Team which played Kerry on May 26th: 1. Ben Owens, St. Mary's N.S., 2. Seán Butler, Scoil Ailbhe, 3. Conor Bourke, Emly, 4. Ríain Quigley, Clerihan N.S., 5. Ben Quinn, Shronell N.S., 6. Kieran Lambert, Grange N.S., 7. Peter O'Dowd, St. Peter & Paul's, 8. Rhys Shelly, Moycarkey N.S., 9. Owen Tynan, Scoil Eoin Naofa, 10. Conor Ryan, Loughmore N.S., 11. Andy Byrnes, Thomastown N.S.

### TIPPERARY PRIMARY GAME HURLING TEAM V

LIMERICK 1. Darragh Nolan Ballinaclough NS, 2. John Ryan Boherlahan NS, 3. Kevin McCarthy Ballinree NS, 4. Timmy Corcoran Mount Bruis NS, 5. Jack Ryan Holycross NS, 6. Sean Hayes Puckane NS, 7. Ian Holloway Ballyneale NS, 8. Barry Coffey Nenagh CBS, 9. Gearoid O'Connor Templetuohy NS, 10. Bryan McLoughney Carrig NS, 11. Tony Byron Thomastown NS. Roghnóirí: Pat Buckley Ayle NS, John Manley Dualla NS, Paddy Kelly Scoil Eoin Naofa NS, Roscrea, Conor Doyle St. Colmcilles Templemore.

### TIPPERARY PRIMARY GAME CAMOGIE TEAM V

**LIMERICK** 1. Leah Harkin, Borrisoleigh NS 2. Margaret Quigley, Ballinree NS 3. Kaitlin o' Halloran, Carrig NS 4. Karin Blair, New Inn GNS, 5. Rachel O'Connor, St Mary's, Nenagh 6. Kellie Quirke, Ballagh NS 7. Niamh Keane, Cloneen NS 8.



Boherlahan NS U13 B Camogie Winners



Borrisoleigh BNS U11 C1 Hurling Winners



Carrick CBS U11 A1 Hurling Winners



Carrig NS Ballycommon NS U13 D Hurling Winners

Caoimhe Perdue, Cashel GNS 9. Casey Hennessey, Boherlahan NS 10. Emma Flanagan, Birdhill NS 11. Áine O' Dwyer, Rosegreen NS. Selectors: Michael Corcoran, Upperchurch NS, Tammy Cullen, New Inn BNS, Michelle Skehan, Clonoulty NS.

### Cumann na mBunscol Tipperary Handball Winners 2013 Girls:

U11 Singles: Isobel Farnan Ballina N.S. Bt Rachel Shanahan Lissenhall N.S. 22-12

U11 Doubles: Megan Morris/ Emily Gould Ardcroney N.S. Bt Olivia English/Caitlin Lang Ballyporeen N.S. 19-18 U13Singles: Orla Molloy Ardcroney N.S. Bt Shona Lang

Ballyporeen N.S. 22-12

U13Doubles: Katie Morris/Laura Shinnors Ardcroney N.S. Bt Eimear Tuohy / Sarah Madden Lissenhall N.S. 22-6

U11 Singles: Conor Mc Kelvey Lissenhall N.S. Bt Ben White John the Babtist Cashel 22-12

U11Doubles: Adam Fogarty / Matthew Power Ballina N.S. Bt D.J McGrath/ Conor Byrne Carrig N.S. 22-13

U13Singles: Sean Mc Adams Ardcroney N.S. Bt Daire Madden Kylepark N.S. 22-19

U13Doubles: John Mc Grath / Sean Hayes Kildangan N.S Bt Matthew Spain/Devlin Courtney Ardcroney N.S. 19-18.



Cashel BNS U11 B Hurling Winners



Cashel BNS U11 B1 Hurling Winners



Cashel BNS U11 B1 Hurling Winners



Drangan U11 E1 Winners



Gaelscoil Carrick U11 D1 Hurling joint Winners



Kildangan NS U13 C Hurling joint Winners



Lissenhall NS U11 B Camogie Winners



Lissenhall U13 D Camogie Winners



Lorrha Redwood NS U13G Hurling Winners



Moycarkey NS U13 C Hurling Joint Winners



Rosegreen NS U11 D1 Hurling Joint Winners



Rosegreen NS U11 C Camogie Winners



Scoil Ailbhe NS Thurles U13 A Hurling Winners



St. Colmcilles NS, Templemore U11 A Hurling Winners



St. Mary's GNS Nenagh U13 A Camogie Winners



Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team 2013 v Limerick



Tipperary Primary Game Football Teams 2013



St. Mary's CBS, Clonmel U13 B Hurling Winners



Thomastown NS U11 D Hurling Winners



Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team 2013 v Limerick



Toomevara NS U13 F Hurling Winners



Upperchurch NS U11 C Hurling Winners



National Awards: (l-r) Paul Duggan, Cumann na mBunscol Naisiúnta; Joe Carmody, Principal Ballagh NS (receiving Small School of the Year Award); Jimmy O'Gorman, former Munster GAA Chairman; Pat McGivern Cumann na mBunscol Naisiúnta.



National Awards: (l-r) Paul Duggan, Cumann na mBunscol Naisiúnta; Paddy Kelly, Chairman Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol (receiving Small School of the Year Award on behalf of Dualla NS); Jimmy O'Gorman, former Munster GAA Chairman; Pat McGivern Cumann na mBunscol Naisiúnta.

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Knockavilla N.S. - County Football Champions 2013. Back l-r: Mr T. Comerford, Seanie Lambe, Brendan Barron, Bryan Buckley, Josh Browne, Reuben Bourke, Hugo Bourke, Stephen Browne, Eric Ryan, Jack Ryan and Mr. K. Moran. Front l-r: Seamus Heffernan, Ben Loughman, Devon Ryan, Barry McCarthy, Joe Fitzgerald, Ben Ryan, Lorcan Carr and Conor Horgan. (Absent from picture is Jordan Horgan)

### **Historic Treble for Thomastown National School in Semple Stadium**

Thomastown National School made history in 2013 when they won three county finals in the Cumann na mBunscol hurling and camogie competitions. Over the course of two days June 6/7, history was made when Thomastown became the first school to win three county finals at Semple Stadium in the same year. These magical two days are sure never to be forgotten by all the pupils, staff and parents connected with the school. These titles, in addition to the under 11 county boys football title which was secured in November 2012 and the under-13 hurling and under-13 boys football mean that the school has won six county titles over the course of the past two years. This year the school won the County Tipperary Primary Schools hurling skills competition for the second year in a row and also came second in the County Tipperary Primary Schools football skills competition. In May 2013, another unique piece of school history was created when Andy Byrnes and Tony Byron earned a place on the Tipperary Primary Go Games football and hurling teams that played Kerry in Killarney and Limerick in the Gaelic Grounds.



Thomastown NS - Under 13 County Hurling Champions 2013 Back l-r: Jack Kennedy, Callum McCarthy, Darragh Kennedy, Eimear Heffernan, Billy Ashford, Andy Byrnes, Tony Byron, Brian Barlow, Lee Esmonde, Eoin Marnane, Eoin O'Sullivan Ryan, Jamie Collins. Front l-r: Robby Byron, Alan Flannery, Niall Hogan, Kevin Hally, Richie Crowe, Conor Farrell



Thomastown NS - 2013 Under 11 Camogie panels (County Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Champions). Back l-r: Amy McLaughlin, Aoife Burke, Siobhan Condon (teacher), Jennifer Fogarty, Middle l-r: Molly Keane, Aisling Lonergan, Rianna Marnane, Jane McLaughlin, Eimear Heffernan, Rebecca Farrell, Leonie Farrell. Front l-r: Kate Grogan, Kate Flannery, Lucy Fogarty, Sarah O'Donnell, Loren Burke, Sinead Crowe.



Thomastown NS - 2012/2013 Under 11 Hurling and Boys Football Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol County Champions with Michael Brick Walsh (Waterford hurler). Back l-r: Eimear Heffernan, Adam Cleary, Michael Coman, Michael Brick Walsh, Jack Leamy, Thomas Fogarty, Luke Keane, Bobby Smith. Front 1-r: Conor Farrell, Darragh Kennedy, Robby Byron, Jack Lonergan, Darragh Hogan, Paddy Crowe, Brian Marnane (Absent from photo – Callum McCarthy and Eoin Marnane)



# Tipperary Ladies' Football

### Long year for the Tipperary Intermediate Ladies Footballers

The Tipperary Ladies Footballers had a long season, beginning in early January and ending up in Croke Park on All-Ireland Finals Day. While trophies proved elusive, the team made great strides during the year which can hopefully be built upon in 2014.

On January 13th, Tipperary travelled to Lattin Cullen GAA Club for their first match in the Jim Kennedy Cup. This is a competition which is dedicated to Clonmel man, Jim Kennedy, the first President of Ladies Gaelic Football Association. 2013 was the first year that Tipperary competed in the competition and the Premier Ladies started on a successful note defeating a Cork team without their stars by seventeen points. The following weekend Tipperary travelled to Mary Immaculate College, Limerick to meet the home side. It was another crisp Sunday in January and Tipperary were yet again the stronger side. This second victory ensured the Tipperary Team a place in the Final.

Bansha was the venue for the Jim Kennedy Cup Final on Sunday January 27th where old rivals Tipperary and Waterford provided another thrilling game. By the twentieth minute Waterford had scored seven points to Tipperary's two but Tipperary kept the pressure on and reduced the deficit to two points by the half time whistle - Waterford 0-7 Tipperary 0-5. Tipperary came out the stronger in the second half of the match and managed to equalise with Waterford with three minutes to play. However, a last minute point from Waterford gave them the victory on a score line of 0-10 to 0-9. Afterwards, the Jim Kennedy Cup was presented to the Waterford captain by Jim Kennedy.

The following week Tipperary Ladies Gaelic Football Team started their Tesco Homegrown National Football League campaign in Bansha, Co. Tipperary. Their first opponents were Wexford who they defeated by four goals which was a great start to the League. The following week they made the journey to Longford to be beaten by three points in a game that was both tough and physical.

On the 17th February Tipperary Ladies went to Borrisoleigh to meet Leitrim and this was to be a game of two halves with Tipperary overcoming Leitrim in the first half, half time score Tipperary 3-8 Leitrim 1-3. But Leitrim came out the stronger in the second half and the final score was Leitrim 5-7 Tipperary 3-10. This was to be the first of their two meetings as they met later in a playoff for a Semi Final place.

Wicklow conceded the next game which gave Tipperary an extra week to rebuild on their loss to Leitrim which they managed to do and in Sean Treacy Park Tipp Town, Tipperary overcame Down with a victory by 4 goals 7 points, Tipperary 5-11 Down 1-4. On the strength of this victory Tipperary had to make the long journey to Silverbridge in Armagh to take on the Orchard County Ladies. This was a nail-biting game with only a point separating the two teams, Armagh taking the victory. A week later on April 7th they met Sligo in the impressive Sligo IT Complex. This was expected to be a tough game but Tipperary defeated Sligo by a goal and seven points. With other results in Division 3 having gone Tipperary's way, Tipperary finished level with Longford and Leitrim on 12 points in joint 3rd place ensuring a three-way playoff for the final semi-final places.

The draw for the playoff was made the following Monday night, Longford got the bye and Leitrim and Tipperary had to meet again in Clara, Co. Offaly the next Sunday. In a truly nailbiting match Tipperary held out to win the match by one point. We had a Semi Final to look forward to now on the 28th April and Armagh were the opponents. The match took place in St.

Lomans's GAA Club, Mullingar and after an exciting match, Tipperary were defeated by two points, thus ending their Tesco Homegrown National Football League.

**Tipperary Management team** - Sean O'Donovan (Manager), Derry Peters (Trainer), Elaine Powell (Physio) and Kay Lyons (Admin).

Team Members for Tesco Homegrown National Football League:- Sheelagh Carew (Cappawhite, Captain), Claire Carroll (Galtee Rovers), Edith Carroll (Galtee Rovers), Jayne Clancy (Cappawhite), Brid Condon (Aherlow), Siobhan Condon (Aherlow), Sinéad Delahunty (Foxrock-Cabinteely, Dublin), Jennifer Grant (Brian Boru's), Kelly Hackett (Moycarkey Borris), Edel Hanley (Aherlow), Patricia Hickey (Brian Borus), Helen Kennedy (Cappawhite), Samantha Lambert (Ardfinnan), Niamh Lonergan (Moyle Rovers), Katie Lyne (Moyle Rovers), Aisling McCarthy (Cahir), Mairead Morrissey (Brian Boru's), Ann O'Dwyer (Cappawhite), Mary O'Dwyer (Cappawhite), Jackie O'Gorman (Brian Borus), Aoife Ryan (Cappawhite), Barbara Ryan (Moyle Rovers), Shauna Ryan (Ballymacarbery), Caitriona Walsh (Moycarkey Borris), Orlagh Walsh (Boherlahan).

On Sunday 23rd June Tipperary Ladies Football Team travelled to Fraher Field, Dungarvan to commence their Munster Championship against Waterford. This game was neck and neck until the fifty seventh minute when a side line ball by Waterford's Michelle Ryan went all the way to the Tipperary net, a score which secured Waterford's five point victory - Waterford 2-17 Tipperary 2-12.

Following this defeat Tipperary met Limerick in Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town on Sunday 30th June and despite a slow start, Tipperary finished strongly to win - Tipperary 4-16 Limerick 2-10. This victory ensured Tipperary a place in the Munster Championship Final against Waterford in Castletownroche, Co. Cork on Saturday 13th July. Waterford were seeking their fifth Munster title in a row but it was the underdogs Tipperary who started brightly to hit the front thanks to an early Gillian O'Brien goal. Waterford eventually got in to the game, scoring a goal of their own and by the interval, there was very little between the sides – Waterford 1-7 Tipperary 1-6. The third quarter was Tipperary's most impressive as they built up a three point lead. However, an Aileen Wall goal for Waterford in the 51st minute put her side back in front where they stayed to the finish to retain their Munster crown -Waterford 2-13 Tipperary 1-13.

A Round 2 Qualifier in the All-Ireland Championship awaited Tipperary with Limerick as their opponents. Played in Mungret, Tipperary put in an impressive second half display to secure victory by 4-20 to 1-10 to set up an All-Ireland Quarter-Final against Longford. This was not a game to be taken lightly as Longford had beaten Tipperary during the League earlier in the year. Tipperary fought hard for a victory but as the final whistle of normal time blew the teams were level Tipperary 3-9 Longford 3-9. Extra time was required to separate these teams. Tipperary found the determination to continue and add another two points to their score line while Longford could only add a point. Tipperary claimed the victory Tipperary 3-11 Longford 3-10.

Tipperary Ladies now had a semi final in Semple Stadium to look forward to and for this team it was their premiere in the Semple Stadium, Thurles. This semi final was an even more thrilling game than we, the supporters had seen all year. Fermanagh looked to have the game in hand when they had



Tipperary - All Ireland Ladies Gaelic Football Intermediate Championship runners-up

Back l-r - Sarah Everard, Siobhan Condon, Aoife Ryan, Laura Dillon, Kelly Hackett, Claire Carroll, Jennifer Grant, Aisling McCarthy, Patricia Hickey, Jackie O'Gorman, Helen Kennedy, Rachel Kenneally, Dara Walsh, Sinead Delahunty, Katie Lyne, Hazel Shanahan, Edel Hanley. Front l-r - Shauna Ryan, Cathriona Walsh, Sheelagh Carew, Barbara Ryan, Niamh Lonergan, Anne O'Dwyer, Gillian O'Brien, Lorraine O'Shea, Samantha Lambert, Brid Condon, Mairead Morrissey.

built their lead up to eight points at the start of the fourth quarter but Tipperary were tireless and never gave in. A Mairead Morrissey goal brought Tipperary back to within touching distance but with a minute left on the clock, Fermanagh were still in front by four points. What happened next became the talking point of All-Ireland for the following week. A Niamh Lonergan point from play reduced the deficit to three points before Claire Carroll intercepted a short Fermanagh kick-out and lobbed the goalie to bring the sides level. As the teams prepared for extra time, there was still time for one last dramatic play as Tipperary worked the ball to Niamh Lonergan. As her rushed shot sailed through the Thurles air, the buzzer sounded and time seemed to stand still as the ball sailed through the uprights for a point and an unlikely and dramatic victory for Tipperary. It was a game which showed the true character of the team.

An All-Ireland Final and Croke Park was the next step for this team with Cavan our opponents. Tipperary went into the Final as underdogs something they laid to rest in the first quarter of game as they took the lead thanks to a Mairead Morrissey goal. Cavan however, came back into the second quarter and reduced Tipperary's lead to one point at the half whistle Tipperary 1-7 Cavan 0-9. In the second half Cavan mounted the pressure and Tipperary's legs began to give way. Tipperary were forced into errors and Cavan took advantage of this. In the twenty sixth minute of the second half Aisling Doonan, Cavan was fouled for a penalty which Bronagh Sheridan netted. Tipperary fought on and added two more points to reduce their deficit. As the final whistle blew, Cavan were victorious on a score line of 1-14 to 1-12. While ultimately disappointed to lose, Tipperary gave of their all and they left Croke Park with pride and honour in themselves, their team and their management.

This Tipperary Team had a tremendous year and gave all their supporters so much good football. Thanks to all the Management Team and players and best wishes for 2014.

Tipperary Management team - Sean O'Donovan (Manager), John Kinahan (Trainer), Mary O'Shea (Selector), Gerry McGill, Elaine Powell (Physio) and Kay Lyons (Admin)

Team Members for TG4 All Ireland Intermediate Championship Final:- Sheelagh Carew (Cappawhite), Claire Carroll (Galtee Rovers), Brid Condon (Aherlow), Siobhan Condon (Aherlow), Sinéad Delahunty (Foxrock-Cabinteely,

Dublin), Laura Dillon (Ardfinnan), Sarah Everard (Moyle Rovers), Jennifer Grant (Brian Boru's), Kelly Hackett (Moycarkey Borris), Edel Hanley (Aherlow), Patricia Hickey (Brian Borus), Rachel Kenneally (Aherlow), Helen Kennedy (Cappawhite), Samantha Lambert (Ardfinnan), Niamh Lonergan (Moyle Rovers), Katie Lyne (Moyle Rovers), Aisling McCarthy (Cahir), Mairead Morrissey (Brian Boru's), Gillian O'Brien (Moyle Rovers), Ann O'Dwyer (Cappawhite), Jackie O'Gorman (Brian Borus), Lorraine O'Shea (Mullinahone), Aoife Ryan (Cappawhite), Barbara Ryan (Moyle Rovers), Shauna Ryan (Ballymacarbery), Hazel Shanahan (Moyle Rovers), Caitriona Walsh (Moycarkey Borris), Dara Walsh (Clonmel Commercials).



Mairead Morrissey (right) and Claire Carroll (left) - 2013 Tesco Homegrown NFL Team of the League Division 3. Tipperary Ladies Gaelic Football players Claire Carroll and Mairead Morrissey have been named in the 2013 Tesco Homegrown National Football League Team of the League for Division 3. Claire Carroll (Galtee Rovers) in the position of centre back and Mairead Morrissey (Brian Borus) at left half forward. The players received their awards on Thursday 30th May in Croke Park. Congratulations to both girls for a brilliant League competition.



Moyles Rovers Feile Peile na nOg. Back l-r: Frances Ryan, Rachel Timlin, Louise Norris, Cora Maher, Roisin Breen, Aoife McEntegart, Sarah Garrett, Chloe Boland, Sarah O'Dwyer, Claire Moore, Amy Norris, Lily Finch Clement, Amy Broderick, Rachel Browne, Ed Bourke. Front l-r: Emma Moore Kelly, Simone Heneghan, Amy Mulcahy, Kelly Ryan, Jenny Everard, Rowena Dowling, Kirsty Crotty Ryan, Orla Burke, Emma Cronin, Aine Fitzgerald, Cathy O'Dwyer, Emma Tobin

# Moyle Rovers represent Tipperary at Féile Peile na nÓg 2013

To take part in All Ireland Final is a rare and precious achievement. This great opportunity and honour fell to Moyle Rovers Under 14 Ladies Football team, who played Kilkenny City in the All Ireland Féile Peile na nÓg Final on Sunday, June 30th in Derry.

The opening game of Féile was on Friday, 28th June against one of the host clubs Lifford and Moyle Rovers claimed a comprehensive victory on a score line of 5-9 to 0-0. Their next match was against Buncranna on Saturday morning. Their defence was effective again in this game with a score line of 5-7 to 0-0. The last game was against Cavan champions Baileboro but heartbreak awaited Moyle Rovers as Baileboro won by a point, 1-6 to 1-5. Moyle Rovers went into a playoff against Mungret of Limerick. This was a short game which Moyle Rovers won by two points, a semi final awaited them now. Dunboyne of Meath was their opposition and they were stunned by two late goals from Moyle Rovers to ensure their victory.

In the Final, Kilkenny opened the scoring with a point and following some sustained attacks and with the aid of the fresh breeze Kilkenny scored two goals which knocked the wind out of Moyle Rovers sails. Halftime score was 2-2 to 0-0. The Moyle Rovers girls came out fighting for the second half and managed to score a goal and a point before Kilkenny tacked on a late goal. Kilkenny 3-2 Tipperary 1-1.



Sheelagh Carew (Tipperary captain) with Joe Murray (referee) and Caroline O'Hanlon (Armagh captain) prior to the National Football league semi final.

On the 18th July the Ladies Gaelic Football Association returned to Hayes Hotel, Thurles to celebrate the anniversary of their foundation. Pictured here are ten members from the original committee who were present on the night Back I-r: Tom Kenny (Offaly), Frank Kearney (Galway), Brendan Martin (Offaly), Mick Fitzgerald (Kerry), Liz Gorman (Offaly). Front I-r: Sally Duggan (Tipperary), Anne Slattery (Tipperary), Biddy Ryan (Tipperary), Marie McAleer (Roscommon), Anne Kearney (Galway).





Completed Mosaic "The Horse & Jockey

# Tipp ladies football world record

On Saturday 6th July Tipperary Ladies Gaelic Football attempted to break a world record and create the Largest Football Mosaic. In Moyle Rovers GAA Club 1,600 blue and yellow balls awaited the people of Tipperary to do this. Will McGarry, local engineer designed the Mosaic with the words of the main sponsor for Tipperary Ladies Football - "The Horse & Jockey" - featuring in the centre with the yellow balls against the blue ball background. At twelve o'clock the first ball to the Mosaic was laid by Tipperary Ladies Football Chairman, Mr. Tommie Campbell. Once the first row was complete, young and old from Tipperary Ladies Football Clubs placed footballs into the Mosaic with 1,455 balls in total used to create a Mosaic of 76.6m². This exceeds the current record held by the Bank of Montreal by approximately

19m² and Tipperary Ladies Gaelic Football are now awaiting confirmation from official sources to confirm that they are now the new record holders.

In conjunction with the Mosaic there was an Under 10 and Under 14 Non-competitive Blitz being played on the club grounds. A large number of clubs participated in the blitz under the glorious sunshine.

A great day was had by all on what was a momentous occasion for Tipperary Ladies Gaelic Football and which generated much positive publicity for Ladies Football within the county. A special thanks to all the hard working members who organised the day so well. Congratulations to anyone who laid a football and helped build the mosaic.



 $Some\ of\ the\ people\ involved\ in\ the\ World\ Record\ Attempt.$ 

# **Tipperary Post Primary Blitz**

Tipperary Ladies Gaelic Football Association held their first Post Primary Schools Blitz on Wednesday May 15th in Rockwell College. This very successful event was organised by Tony Smith, Rockwell College and Tipperary's Development Officer, Siobhan Condon. Thirteen schools took part in the blitz with a total of fifteen teams entered with approximately 225 players seeing game time. There were six pitches available on the day with thanks to Rockwell College and each team had at least three games to play. Following a great day's entertainment, the honours went to Loreto School Clonmel, winners of the A competition while Rockwell College won the B competition. Thanks to all the schools who took part in what we hope will become an annual event going forward.

A Competition- Quarter Finals: Cashel Community present School defeated Presentation, Clonmel and Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir defeated St. Annes, Tipperary Town. Semi Finals: Ursuline Convent School, Thurles defeated Cashel Community School and Loreto School, Clonmel defeated Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir. Final: Loreto School, Clonmel defeated Ursuline School, Thurles.

**B Competition -** Quarter Finals: Scoil Ruain Killenaule defeated Ursuline Convent School, Thurles and St. Ailbe's, Tipperary Town defeated CTI, Clonmel. Semi Finals: Rockwell College defeated St. Ailbe's, Tipperary Town and Our Lady's, Templemore defeated Scoil Ruain, Killenaule. Final: Rockwell



Winners of Tipperary's Post Primary "B" Blitz, Rockwell College - Chairman Tommie Campbell presenting the cup to the captain, Laura Morrissey



Winners of Tipperary's Post Primary "A" Blitz, Loreto Clonmel - Chairman Tommie Campbell presenting the cup to the captain, Orla Burke

College defeated Our Lady's, Templemore

List of Schools:- Ursuline Convent School, Thurles (2 teams), Scoil Mhuire, Carrick On Suir (2 teams), Presentation School, Clonmel (2 teams), Loreto School, Clonmel, Cashel Community School, St. Anne's, Tipperary Town, Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir, CTI, Clonmel, Our Lady's School, Templemore, Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, St. Ailbe's, Tipperary Town and Rockwell College.

### **U-14 Tipperary Ladies County team**

On the 2nd March, Tipperary Ladies Under 14 Team started their Munster Championship in Kildysart and Clare were their opponents. This was a tough game to start the year with but Tipperary claimed a one point victory in a high scoring game Tipperary 5-6 Clare 5-5.

Bruff was the venue for the following week where Tipperary met Limerick in a heart stopping game. The teams battled hard for the duration of the game and after a period of injury time, the sides finished level scoring five goals and four points each.

For Tipperary's next match they travelled to Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford. A late venue change due to inclement weather unsettled both teams resulting in a low scoring first half after which the sides were level at 0-2 apiece. The second half saw Waterford take control with two goals and a point and though Tipperary narrowed the deficit with a late goal, Waterford were in front on a score line of Waterford 2-4 Tipperary 1-4.

This defeat meant that Tipperary would compete in the Munster C Final in May in Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town. Tipperary took time to settle as Clare dominated the first half. Tipperary fought hard to come back in the second half and Jean Kelly's 52nd minute goal for Tipperary proved decisive in giving the home side the title - final score Tipperary 4-7 Clare 3-6.

St. Brendan's Park, Birr was the venue for the All-Ireland semi final against Leitrim on the 8th June. This was a day of intense heat as temperatures of 25°C were recorded. The first half was a close affair Tipperary only managing to go in three points up at half time Tipperary 1-6 Leitrim 1-3. The second half was to be Tipperary's as they pulled away from Leitrim with no small thanks to Sarah Duggan's four goals. Tipperary 5-11 Leitrim 2-5.

The All Ireland Final against Wexford on June 22nd in Nowlan Park, where Kilkenny awaited Tipperary.

Wexford got off to a quick start scoring a goal and three points in the opening quarter. Tipperary got back in to contention when Kate Davey scored a goal in the 25th minute and by the interval, Wexford led by 1-5 to 1-1.



Edel Hanley, Aherlow receiving Player of Match from Anthony O'Brien, Munster Vice President in the Munster Intermediate Club Championship Final.

Tipperary scored their second goal early in the second half when Kirsty Crotty Ryan set up Niamh Keane. Though Wexford responded with a point soon afterwards, Tipperary were now well in contention and pushed hard to get back on level terms. Despite the pressure, Wexford stayed in front and the Leinster champions secured their victory courtesy of a penalty goal from Kate Hendrick in the 58th minute. Wexford 2-7 Tipperary 2-3.

Tipperary Under 14 Panel: Kate Barlow (Clonmel Commercials), Chloe Boland (Moyle Rovers), Christina Brennan (Templemore), Orla Burke (Moyle Rovers), Anna Carey (Clonmel Commercials), Megan Coen (Fethard), Sarah Corby (Arravale Rovers), Hollie Corcoran (Clerihan), Emma Cronin (Moyle Rovers), Kirsty Crotty Ryan (Moyle Rovers), Sarah Duggan (Arravale Rovers), Kate Davey (Fethard), Katelyn Flemmining (Cappawhite), Aoife Gahan (Boherlahan), Ciara Hayes (Fethard), Clodagh Irwin (Thurles Sarsfields), Niamh Keane (St. Patrick's), Jean Kelly (Cappawhite), Aoife Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Cora Maher (Moyle Rovers), Claire Moore (Moyle Rovers), Laura Morrissey (Brian Borus), Lara O'Dwyer (Lattin-Cullen), Molly O'Meara (Fethard), Aoife O'Shaughnessy (Ardfinnan), Emer Quirke (Lattin -Cullen), Laura Stocksborough (Fethard). Team Management Panel: Manager - Mark Ryan; Coach/Selector - Pat Morrissey and Siobhan Condon; Player Welfare - Georgina O'Dwyer; Medical Officer - Liz Barlow

### Enda McDonnell R.I.P.

The death occurred on October 13th of Enda McDonnell, Wanganui, Gortnagoona, Roscrea. Enda died peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family, following an illness which he bore with great courage and fortitude.

Aged 62, Enda was born and reared in Templemore. On finishing school in Templemore Vocational School he secured employment in Duggan Brothers where he trained to be a carpenter. He married Olive Coonan in 1973 and they both sailed to Brisbane Australia. He played a big role in the promotion of the GAA there, assisting in the setting up of a GAA club in Brisbane. He returned three years later and immediately threw in his lot with the Templemore and Clonmore clubs.

Enda's primary interest centred on the playing and promotion of gaelic games and he had a long association with the GAA, as a player and in later years as an officer/committee member. He played in goal on the Templemore U-161/2 team that won Mid and County football honours in 1966. That year also, he played a prominent role at midfield on the U-15 football team that beat Loughmore Castleiney in the Mid final, before going down to Ardfinnan, after a replay, in the county final. In 1967 he won divisional honours at U-161/2 football level, before losing narrowly to Arravale Rovers in the county final. He won three successive Mid minor football titles in 1967, 1968, 1969, and played in two county finals, losing to Clonmel Commercials and Inane Rovers. His displays in 1969 earned him a place at wing back on the Tipperary minor football team, that was defeated by Kerry in the championship. He won a Mid U-21 football title in 1971, only to lose out to Clonmel Commercials in the county final. A year later he won divisional and county junior football honours.

He played on the unsuccessful Clonmore teams of 1976 and 1977, before winning two divisional titles, No1 junior hurling in 1978 and intermediate hurling in 1979, and his high workrate and no-go-back attitude made him a difficult player to curtail. He contested unsuccessfully the mid senior football finals of 1976, 1978, and 1980. He won a Mid intermediate football medal in 1982, and a year later was a member of the Clonmore team that lost to Moyne Templetuohy in the intermediate hurling final. In 1984 he played junior hurling with Killea, and the following year was wing back on the junior football team that was defeated by Thurles Sarsfields in the Mid final by 2-8 to 1-8. His playing career ended in the late 80s, having given over twenty years of loyal and faithful service to the GAA.

On the Vocational schools front, he played wing forward on the Templemore teams that won the North Tipp senior and junior football championships of 1967 and the following year he won a North Tipp U-17 football title, beating Newport in the final, 2-9 to 1-3. In 1968 he was on the North Tipp hurling team that won the All Ireland, defeating Antrim by 7-15 to 4-2.

As well as playing he took a keen interest in the administrative side of the Association and was an officer/committee member for a long number of years. In 1968, while still a young boy, he attended the Eire Og annual convention, no doubt encouraged by his father Johnny who was very prominent in the local club at the time, and two years later, at the age of 19, took on the onerous job of club secretary. He was assistant secretary for the next two years, prior to his departure for Australia in 1973. In the early 80s he was again very involved in the running of the club and served in numerous positions - committee member, vice-chairman, assistant secretary, PRO- before taking over as Chairman in the late 80s. He was Eire Og chairman in 1991 when talks between the clubs in the parish were taking place that eventually led to the formation of JK Brackens in 1992, and he served on that executive up to 1999 as a committee member and later PRO.

In later years he took a keen interest in the promotion of ladies football and he re-organised the Templemore club in the early 2000s after a lapse of three years, and under his stewardship the



Late Enda McDonnell

club reaped considerable success. In 2004 he was elected Vice Chairman and fixtures secretary of Tipperary ladies football, two roles he carried out in a very professional manner. In 2007 he was elected Chairman and his first major assignment was the staging of the annual Congress in the Abbey Court Nenagh. He held the position for five years and when he stepped down in 2012 he took on the role of PRO, a position he held up to the time of his death. In January 2013 he was elected President of Munster Ladies Football and despite his illness he carried out the role in his usual efficient manner. The highlight of the year for him was his presence at the All Ireland ladies football finals in Croke Park on the last Sunday of September, seeing his beloved Tipperary perform in the intermediate final and the celebrations marking the forty years of ladies football. The following week he was again in Croke Park as one involved in the selection of the Ladies Football All Stars.

He was very interested in the cultural side of the GAA and was involved in the JK Brackens Scor committee and represented the club on stage over a twelve year period. He won his first Mid Scor title in 'Novelty Act' in 1994 and he added a further five titles as well as five in 'Question Time'. He won three county 'Novelty Act' titles (1995, 1997, 1999), and five county 'Question Time' titles (1999, 2001, 2002, 2005).

Enda was a devoted husband, father and son. Himself and Olive were like two peas in a pod, always together. There was nothing he wouldn't do for his family and he was a regular caller at his mother Josie's house. When Olive was ill over 18 years ago, Enda took over the helm, caring for Olive and keeping the household going.

It was only fitting that his funeral cortege was flanked by Guards of Honour from J K Bracken's, Templemore Eire Og, Clonmore GAA, Templemore Ladies Football, Tipperary Ladies Football and Munster Ladies Football.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Olive, son Fearghal, daughters Éanna and Orlaith, mother Josie, daughter-in-law Jenny, sons-in-law Michael and Ronan, grandchildren Micheál, Oisín, Caoimhe, Aoibheann and Doireann; brothers Tom and John, sisters Mary and Ann, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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## Joe McGrath Senior Club Championship

Four clubs entered the Joe McGrath Tipperary Senior Ladies Football Championship - Cappawhite, Brian Borus, Moyle Rovers and Cahir. The clubs played off on a round-robin basis during the summer months before the semi-final pairings were decided.

The first semi-final was held in Bansha on Saturday August 24th with Cappawhite getting the better of Moyle Rovers. Six days later, Brian Borus defeated Cahir at the same venue in the other semi-final. The scene was now set for the County Final in Monroe on a beautiful September evening.

The game began at a fast pace with Mairead Morrissey scoring a point from Brian Borus straight from the throw-in followed by a pointed free a minute later. Sheelagh Carew, Cappawhite started their scoring in the fourth minute with a point but they did not register another point until the twelfth minute by which time Brian Borus had managed to score five points. In the fourteenth minute Patricia Hickey, Brian Borus added another point from play to stretch the lead for Brian Borus to 0-6 to 0-2 at the end of the first quarter. Cappawhite gradually settled into the game with two quick points in the sixteenth and eighteenth minute before taking the lead in the 24th minute as Sinéad Buckley scored a goal. Neither team scored again before the half time whistle blew with Cappawhite in front by a point -Cappawhite 1-4 Brian Borus 0-6.

Supporters of both teams expected an exciting second half but alas this was not to be. Cappawhite raced in to a three point lead soon after the second half began and this was followed by another goal from Sinéad Buckley in the eighth minute stretched Cappawhite's lead to five points. Brian Borus had no reply to this and in the forty fifth Sinéad Buckley netted the ball again to complete her hat-trick. Brian Borus tried valiantly to engineer a comeback but could make no headway against the resolute Cappawhite back line. Cappawhite added another three points in the final quarter to run out winners on a full-time score of Cappawhite 3-9 Brian Borus 0-7.

After this victory Cappawhite went on to play The Banner, County Clare in the Munster Club Semi Final in Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town. Despite their best efforts, the Banner were victorious on the day by seven points.

### **Intermediate Championship**

Aherlow Intermediate Ladies football team had a very successful year in 2013 at Intermediate Level. Success started for them when they defeated Ardfinnan to win the County Intermediate League Final and this was followed with County Intermediate Championship success over Moycarkey.

In the Munster Club Intermediate Quarter-Final, Aherlow had



Cappawhite captain, Angie McDermott receiving the Joe McGrath Cup from Ann Maire McGrath.

five points to spare over Scartaglen (Kerry) to set up a semi-final showdown with Mungret St. Paul's (Limerick). In a game played at Sean Treacy Park Tipperary Town, Aherlow looked to have the game in hand at half time when they had created a lead of seven points but Mungret St. Paul's had a different idea. In the fiftieth minute they took the lead and put Aherlow under pressure but Aherlow had Edel Hanley in reserve. Edel Hanley came off the bench in the final minutes of the game to secure the winning points for them. Aherlow 2-7 Mungret St Pauls 1-9.

The Tesco Munster Intermediate Club Championship Final was held in Fitzgerald Park, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick and Boherbue, County Cork were Aherlow's opponents. Boherbue started the game at a quick pace and had the ability to score goals something which was evident in the first half when they netted three balls to create a lead of five points at the half time interval. Boherbue 3-2 Aherlow 0-6.

Aherlow battled well in the second half but unfortunately, it was not their day. They were victorious in the half but unfortunately they just could not get enough to get the win and were defeated by two points. Boherbue 3-6 Aherlow 0-12. Edel Hanley received the Player of the Match Award which was presented to her by Munster Ladies Gaelic Football Vice President, Mr Anthony O'Brien.



Cappawhite - County Senior Champions. Back l-r: Kevin Mullins, Tommy Peters, Laura Mullins, Ciara Coughlan, Tracy Maguire, Claire Mullins, Deirbhle Hennessy, Sheelagh Carew, Helen Kennedy, Aoife Ryan, Marie McHugh, Sandra Barry, Joanne O'Doherty, Rebecca Cummins, Mary Claire Ryan, Niamh Juilan, Marie O'Neill, Michelle Caplis, Mary O'Dwyer, Derry Peters, Una Ryan. Front l-r: Sinead Buckley, Elaine Kelly, Ann O'Dwyer, Niamh Loughman, Aisling Loughman, Angie McDermott, Jayne Clancy, Shauna Quirke, Mairead Crowe, Jean Kelly, Catriona Fitzgerald, Siobhan Costello, Siobhan O'Neill, Sarah O'Neill

### **Tipperary Ladies Football County Results**

### **County Championship Final Results**

Date
14th September
25th August
25th August
6th October
14th September
12th September
21st September

### **County League Final Results**

Competition	Date
Frankie O'Brien Cup	24th May
Intermediate League	3rd June
Wally Costigan Monumental Works Perpetual Cup	26th May
Junior B League	26th May
Junior C League	25th May
Junior D League	25th May

#### **Match Result**

Cappawhite 3-9 Brian Borus 0-7 Aherlow 5-8 Moycarkey 1-5 Boherlahan 5-18 Clonmel Commercials 2-8 Galtee Rovers 3-16 Fethard 4-4 Three Friars, Kilkenny 1-7 Moyle Rovers 0-3 Aherlow B 4-7 St. Pat's 1-9 St. Ailbe's 3-7 Lattin 2-5

#### **Match Result**

Cahir 1-7 Moyle Rovers 0-8 Aherlow (Winners) v Ardfinnan Boherlahan 6-12 Moyne Templetuohy 1-4 Gortnahoe 3-6 Galtee Rovers 2-7 Fethard (Winners) v Three Friars, Kilkenny St. Pat's 4-19 Lattin Cullen 0-3

### **Tipperary Under 16 Championship**

Competition	Teams	Date	Venue	Winners
Under 16A	Cahir v Templemore	Mon 6th May at 3pm	Littleton	Cahir
Under 16B	Mullinahone v Cappawhite	Fri 3rd May at 7.30pm	Boherlahan	Mullinahone
Under 16C	Brian Borus v Boherlahan	Fri 3rd May at 7pm	Bansha	Boherlahan
Under 16C Plate	Thurles Sarsfields v Lattin Cullen	Mon 6th May at 2.30pm	New Inn	Lattin Cullen
Under 16D	Holycross v Ballyporeen	Mon 6th May at 3.45pm	New Inn	Holycross

### **Tipperary Under 14 Championship**

Competition	Teams	Date	Venue	Winners
Under 14A	Moyle Rovers v Lattin Cullen	Mon 3rd June at 3pm	New Inn	Moyle Rovers
Under 14B	Templemore v Fethard	Mon 3rd June at 7pm	Littleton	Fethard
Under 14C	Thurles Sarsfields v Boherlahan	Mon 3rd June at 6pm	Ballycahill	Boherlahan
Under 14D	Ardfinnan v Galtee Rovers	Mon 3rd June at 5pm	New Inn	Ardfinnan
Under 14D Plate	Holycross v Clonmel Óg	Mon 3rd June at 5pm	Littleton	Holycross

Tipperary Under 12 Championship				
Competition	Teams	Date	Venue	Winners
Under 12A	Aherlow v Mullinahone	Wednes 26th June at 6pm	Mullinahone	Aherlow
Under 12B	Templemore v Moyle Rovers	Wednes 3rd July at 7pm	Templemore Garda Pitch	Templemore
Under 12C	Fethard v Slievenamon	Tues 25th June at 7.15pm	Mullinahone	Slievenamon
Under 12D	Moycarkey v Boherlahan	Thursday 27th June at 8pm	Ballycahill	Moycarkey
Under 12D Plate	Moyne Templetuohy v St. Ailbe's	Friday 28th June at 7.30pm	Solohead	St. Ailbe's



Aherlow (players only), Tipperary County Intermediate Champions: Front l-r: Deirdre Mullins, Chloe Frewen, Kate O'Meara, Julie O'Meara, Anne Marie Fahey, Maeve O'Gorman, Brid Condon, Rachael Kenneally, Laura Ivory, Gráinne Condon, Gráinne Ryan, Caoimhe Meaney. Back l-r: Libby Grogan, Blathnaid Watters, Gráinne Wade, Claire Mullins, Áine Staunton, Edel Hanley (Capt), Louise Grogan, Aoife Meaney, Katie Crowe, Siobhan Condon, Émer McCarthy, Máire Condon, Gráinne Blackburn, Emma Burke.





# ipperary Camogie

Jim Symons, Tipperary Camogie P.R.O

This year saw Tipperary Camogie Senior and Intermediates under a new management team. Managing both teams were Connor Ryan (Nenagh) Manager, Geraldine Kinnane (Drom & Inch) Coach, Darrel Tucker (Burgess/Duharra ) Trainer and Maureen Connolly (Drom & Inch) Selector, with Fiona Connolly (Physio) and Noreen Kelly-Ryan (Frst Aid) also on board. We also started the year with a new sponsor Skoda main dealer Ryan Motor Power Clonmel.

SENIOR TEAM Daily Star League Division 1. We travelled to Pairc Ui Rinn on February 24th for our first match which was against Cork, both sides were understrength and in poor conditions Tipperary lost 1.06 to 1.03. Semple Stadium was our next match venue where we lost to Kilkenny 2.09 to 1.08. Our next two matches resulted in heavy defeats to Derry and Offaly ending a poor league campaign.

Liberty Insurance All Ireland Senior Championship. Tipperary lost the services of two senior players former captain Joanne Ryan and Julie McGrath with serious leg injuries which was a serious blow to our team.

In our first two matches at home to Cork and away to Offaly we were second best losing 1.05 to 2.15 to Cork and 0.10 to 1.15 to Offaly. Our final group game gave us a well deserved win 2.16 to 2.06 against Dublin to earn ourselves a quarter final place against Galway. In the quarter final played in O'Moore Park Tipperary suffered their heaviest defeat of the year going down 0.09 to 2.19.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP. Tipperary defeated Limerick 2.11 to 0.13 in the semifinal but lost the final to Cork 2.06 to 1.14

INTERMEDIATES: Daily Star League Division 2. Our intermediate league team had a poor league competition losing to Cork, Kilkenny and Kildare, whilst conceding their match to Down. This was a very young team on a big learning curve and the experience will stand to them.

Liberty Insurance All Ireland Intermediate Championship. After making the semi finals last year we were optimistic about our prospects this year but it was not to be. We started well with

a win over Wexford 2.10 to 2.07 then the narrowest of defeats to Galway 1.10 to 1.11 and looked as if we would qualify for the semi finals but a very poor performance and heavy defeat by Meath 0.06 to 4.14 ended what promised to be a fine season.

MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP. nfortunately, in spite of their best efforts, the intermediate team lost in the semi final to Waterford 1.06 to 2.18.

MINORS: ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP. The management team of Tim Maher, Vincent McKenna, Maureen Connolly and Physio Fiona Connolly had our minors well prepared for the championship when the weather and a school final delayed their opening match by two weeks. First up was an away match in Kilkenny, in a very close contest Tipperary lost 1.09 to 1.11. On a wild day in Dublin Tipperary came away with a hard fought win 0.13 to 1.07. We next had a halfway venue match again in Dublin against Derry. Tipperary ran out easy winners 10.15 to 1.03. giving us a semi final match against Cork. This match was a very tight affair with Cork winning 1.10 to 0.10. Tipperary minors will be back next year with a good chance of winning.

MUNSTER MINOR FINAL. Tipperary retained their Munster minor title defeating Cork 1.13 to 1.11 in a tough game played in Martinstown Co.Limerick.

U 16 A ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP. Tipperary won this years All Ireland championship in fine style culminating with their win in the final in O'Moore Park against Galway.

The championship started with a hard fought match in Thomastown Co Kilkenny in gale force conditions. Tipperary came out winners 2.10 to Kilkenny 1.11. Tipperary had an easier match against Clare winning 7.10 to 2.10. Next up was an away game against Galway which Tipperary won 3.11 to 2.09 putting them into a semi final match against Dublin. Tipperary went in as favourites to beat Dublin and had an easy enough game to win 3.15 to 1.04.

The final in O' Moore Park was very exciting with Galway looking to reverse their previous defeat. However Tipperary got off to a flying start with player of the match Niamh Treacy scoring two quick goals to settle Tipperary's nerves. The match from then on was very even and Tipperary ran out winners 4.06 to 2.08. Captain Rosin Howard receiving the U16 A trophy in front of a very happy large Tipperary crowd.



Tipperary Senior Camogie Panel 2013. Back l-r: Cora Hennessy, Micheala Graham, Siobhan McGrath, Sabrina Larkin, Rita Bourke, Sarah Fryday, Cait Devane, Amy Kennedy, Mairead Teehan, Ereena Fryday, Julie Kirwan, Bríd Quinn, Ciannait Walsh. Front l-r: Caoimhe Kennedy, Orla McInery, Clare Kennedy, Jill Horan, Gemma Grace(c), Nicole Walsh, Noreen Flanagan, Julieann Bourke, Caoimhe Maher, Teresa Ryan, Tara Kennedy, Aoife Ryan, Louise McLoughlin.



Tipperary Intermediate Camogie panel 2013: Back l-r: Ciara McGrath, Paula Kelly, Ciara Holohan, Tara Kennedy, Ciara Johnston, Maria Ryan, Patricia McGrath, Antionette Kennedy, Ruth Barry, Siobhan Bourke, Siobhan O' Neill, Sinead Corcoran. Frontl-r: Brid Quinn, Andrea Loughnane, Aoife Ryan, Caoimhe Kennedy, Aoife McGrath, Aoife McLoughney, Orla McInery Louise McLoughney, Claire Kennedy, Deirdre Dunne.

Manager Brian Boyle and selectors Ailish Maher, Mary Howard and Frances O'Brien can be pleased with the way they prepared the team for this competition. The same managment team were also over the U16 B team.

In the Munster Under 16 A championship, Tipperary retained their title defeating Cork, 3.09 to 0.09 in the Munster final played in Mitchelstown.

**U16 B All Ireland Championship.** Such is the depth and quality of U16 camogie in Tipperary that it was possible to enter a second team to compete in the B championship mostly against other counties' first teams .The girls did the county and

themselves proud missing the semi finals by a whisker. In their first match they played Dublin and were blown off the field with a very high wind which came up in the second half. They were unlucky to lose the match 3.06 to 1.07. Our next match was a halfway venue in Newcastle Co.Dublin against Antrim. In an exciting and high scoring game Tipperary won 5.13 to 5.07. This win was followed by a long trip to Down where the girls won 3.06 to 2.06 leaving us to play Wexford for a semi inal spot. This match went down to the wire and a late goal by Wexford denied Tipperary a win. Final score Tipperary 2.11 Wexford 3.10. An end to a great competition for the Tipp girls. They will be back stronger next year.





Tipperary Under 16 'B' Camogie team: Back l-r: Nicola Loughnane, Leanne Rafferty, Clodagh Sheldon, Sarah Quigley, Catriona Skehan, Jessica Ryan, Amy Seymour, Michelle Collins, Alanna Mullaney, Ciara Floyd, Emma Sinclair, Niamh Hayes, Grainne Gleeson. Front l-r: Emma Ryan, Mary Power, Saoirse Gleeson, Jean Kelly, Elaine Fitzpatrick, Niamh Ryan, Niamh Costello, Aislinn O'Brien, Sinead Meagher, Eimear Murphy, Tara O'Brien, Sarah Stakelum, Rachel Spillane, Shonagh Cleary.



Tipperary Minor Camogie Panel 2013. Back l-r: Mairead Eviston, Shauna tooher, Mairead Teehan, Julie Ann Bourke, Alanna Morris, Caoimhe Maher, Megan Ryan, Tara Kennedy(capt), Jenny Logue, Leah McKeogh, Sinead Quigley, Julie Murphy, Aileen Duggan, Lorna O'Dywer, Maria Kinane, Pamela Morris, Katrina Doughan, Aileen Hogan, Eva Ryan. Front 1-r: Aisling Mulryan, Shauna Curtin, Niamh Treacy, Aine McCarthy, Eimear Cahill, Courtney Ryan, Elaine Murphy, Ciannait Walsh, Sarah Coonan, Nicola Butler, Gillian McKenna, Laura Loughnane, Roisin Howard, Sinead Kennedy.



Presentation of trophy and player of the match after Munster Minor Camogie final: L-r: James Moynihan (Munster Vice Chairman,) Tara Kennedy (Captain), Mairead Teehan (Player of the Match ), Marion Graham (Munster Secretary)



Cahir won the County U16 'A' Championship for the second year in a row. Back l-r: M Howard, E Kennedy, E O'Donnell, A Keating, S Burke, K Halpin, L Casey, J Coffey, L Noonan, K Arbuckle, C Casey, G Quirke, E O'Gorman, C Keating. Front l-r: M Casey, D Buckley, R Howard, E Flannery, A Moloney, K Farrell, R O'Donnell, R Costigan, A Corcoran, C Condon, R Finnane.



Borris-Ileigh Intermediate League. Back l-r: Julie Kelly, Lousie Fahy, Deirdre Corcoran, Lauren Butler-Ryan, Mary Bradshaw, Shauna Rabbitte, Carmel O'Brien, Marie Ryan, Niamh O'Donoghue, Vivian Gleeson, Eimear Ryan, Moira Dooley. Front l-r: Nora O'Brien, Michelle Ryan, Nicole Walsh, Grace O'Mahoney, Noirin Stapleton, Niamh McGrath, Jane McCormavk, Aisling Kiely, Cliona Bourke and Cloda Scanlon.



Burgess-Duharra - Co Senior Camogie champions. Back l-r. Elaine King, Margaret Hogan, Mary Ryan, Grainne Gleeson, Amy Seymour, Stephanie Madden, Jenny Grace, Karen O'Brien, Ruth Barry, Maeve Moloney, Caoimhe Maher, Amy Kennedy, Tara Kennedy, Gemma Grace, Aisling Cremin, Ciara Mc Keogh, Aisling Gregan, Lyndsey O'Grady, Ciara Holohan. Front l-r. Aideen Nealon, Danielle Curtin, Triona Cleary, Sinead Quigley, Amanda Egan, Deirdre Mc Donnell (Capt), Sinead Quinlan, Trish O'Halloran, Sarah Hayes, Aine Mulcahy, Aine Murphy, Eimear Mc Donnell, Jenny O'Halloran.



Drom/Inch U14 A team: Front l-r: Ciara Nyland, Orlaith Maher, Hannah Kinane, Niamh Long, Aine Greed, Katie Ryan, Caoimhe O'Brien, Amy Gleeson, Aoife O'Halloran, Eimear McLoughlin, Claire Dempsey, Leanne Ryan, Eamon Long (Mentor). Back: Noleen O'Halloran (Mentor), Kellie Reed, Christina Brennan, Grace Glasheen, Ciara Dempsey, Laoise McGrath, Emer McGrath, Mary Bourke, Clara Ryan, Ruth Butler, Megan Long, Clodagh Kinane, Grainne Long, Kirsty Cunningham, Jennifer Cahill, Katie Bourke, Emma larkin, Bridget Bourke (Mentor). Two mentors at back are Joanne Ryan and Mattie McGrath. Children at front are Sean Dempsey, Amy Lillis, Orla McLoughlin.



Annacarty Co. Intermediate Champions 2013.

Front l-r: Sarah O'Neill, Siobhan O'Neill, Orla Walsh, Anne O'Dwyer, Kate O'Neill, Emma Kelly, Katie Aherne, Joanne O'Doherty, Tina Roche, Aisling Loughman, Karen Fox, Shauna Quirke, Catriona Fitzgerald.

Back: Mary O'Dwyer, Noirin O'Dwyer, Leanne Hayes, Ciannait Walsh, Sheelagh Carew, Niamh Laughman, Tina Barry, Marie McHugh, Aoife Ryan, Emma Richardson, Ena Meagher, Michelle Caplis.



Borris-Ileigh - County Junior 'A' Champions 2012 and County League Champions 2013. Back l-r; Aisling Kiely, Niamh McGrath, Grace O'Mahony, Lauren Butler Ryan, Mary Bradshaw, Shauna Rabbitte, Moira Dooley, Catherine Ryan, Clóda Scanlon and Carmel O'Brien. Front l-r: Niamh O'Donoghue, Noirín Stapleton, Teresa Ryan, Chrissy Kenny, Nicole Walsh, Michelle Ryan, Julie Kelly, Marie Ryan, Deirdre Corcoran, Jane McCormack, Nora O'Brien and Aoife Delargy.



Annacarty Co. U16 C Camogie Champions 2013. Front l-r: Jean Kelly, Orlaith Dee, Eibhlis McDonald, Karen Fox, Aoife Lennon, Courtney Quinn, Rachel O'Carroll. Back: Sinead Buckley, Aoife Ryan, Katelyn Fleming, Lauyrn Hogan, Elaine Kelly, Louise Dalton, Sarah Duggan, Sinead White.



Kilruane MacDonagh - Co Junior 'A' Camogie champions. Back l-r: Martin Tooher (selector), Carmel O'Brien, Niamh Costello, Noreen Maher, Katie Kennedy, Joyce Tooher, Marcey Keogh, Tricia Hogan, Helen Hogan, Katie Quinlisk, Georgie Finn, Clodagh Hodgins, Shauna Tooher, Frances Cleary (selector). Middle l-r: Freddie Williams (selector), Fiona Ryan, Claire Kennedy, Roisin Cahill, Lisa Cahill, Sarah Coonan, Shauna Heffernan, Lynsey Dunne, Orla Williams (captain), Aine Kennedy, Maria Hogan, Emer Starr, Ciara Grace, Emma Cleary, Marie Ryan, Pat Shanahan (Manager). At the front: Barry Shanahan, Eibhin Darcy, Mary Walsh, Lily Dunne, Jennifer Hodgins, Jack Dunne, Paraic Coonan. Absent from photos are selectors John Cahill and Martin Walsh.



Nenagh Eire Og - Co. Junior 'B' Camogie League and Championship winners. Back l-r: (players only) Danni Harrington, Kara Mullqueen, Sarah O'Connor, Elaine Slattery, Amy Heffernan, Mary Dillon, Ali Darcy, Rachel Maher, Julie Moylan, Cliona Curran, Claire Collins, Alice Darcy. Front 1-r: Ciara McGrath, Paula Ryan, Zoe Gratton, Aileen Duggan, Alanna Morris (Captain), Holly O'Brien, Saoirse Gleeson, Aislinn O'Brien, Judy Mullqueen, Michelle Collins, Jemma Morris.



Our Lady's Templemore Munster Junior Camogie Champions. Back l-r: Shannon Tierney, Sarah Keane, Noeleen Brereton, Danielle Healy, Katie Bourke, Hannah Dooley, Eilish Hassett, Aoife Kennedy, Orla Cahill, Sarah Hayes, Aoife O'Halloran, Miriam Campion, Leanne Gleeson. Front l-r: Clara Ryan, Christina Brennan, Lynsey Fennell, Aimee Gleeson, Caoimhe O'Brien, Kate Cashman, Elaine Fitzpatrick, Sarah Buckley, Niamh Treacy, Ciara Manton, Aine Greed.



Ballina Camogie club capped a memorable Feile weekend by winning the Division 4 final in the Gaelic Grounds. Back l-r: Leanne Conroy, Kellie Fogarty, Anna Conway, Sophie McGrattan, Grace Keely, Michelle Lotter, Clare Maguire, Shona O'Sullivan. Middle l-r Maeve O'Leary, Aideen O'Hagan, Ellen Lane, Eve McCarthy-Gilligan, Laura Storan, Eimear O'Brien, Aoife Graham, Katie Dunne. Front l-r: Aine Sherin, Lauren Gough, Hannah Finnerty, Rebecca Power, Hazel McMahon, Leah O'Brien, Ciara Collins



Drom & Inch Senior League Front l-r: Deirdre Dunne, Geraldine Kinane, Catriona Shortt, Miriam Campion, Michelle Shortt, Mairead Eviston, Aoife McGrath, Sarah Moore, Emer Cahill, Sinead Corcoran, Ann Eviston.

Back: Siobhan McGrath, Norma Harrington, Niamh Lillis, Antoinette Kennedy, Siobhan Bourke, Ciara Johnston, Patricia McGrath, Emer Shanahan, Gillian Gleeson, Trish McGrath, Karen Purcell, Edel Nyland, Rosanna Kenneally, Ashling Butler, Niamh Connolly, Lorraine Bourke. Two little mascots: Jamie Dadie, Amy Lillis.



Nenagh Eire Og - Feile Camogie. Back l-r: Sinead Long, Maeve Hassett, Rachel Browne, Ciara Phelan, Aishling Kennedy, Vanessa Tynan, Rita Bourke, Fiona Hennessy, Eva Duggan, Lily Purcell, Kristin Howard, Rachel O'Connor, Caoimhe Costello, Kathy Coffey, Leah Kelly. Front l-r: Niamh Sheridan, Eimer Ryan, Katie Morris, Laura Tierney, Kate O'Connor, Meave Coffey, Rebecca McGrath, Hazel McAuliffe, Sarah Kennedy, Leah Sheedy, Caroline Browne, Ruth Hasseett.



Rachel Hogan (Chairperson Leinster Camogie) presenting trophy to Tipperary captain Rosin Howard after the All Ireland Under 16 'A' Camogie final.

### **Camogie Development Squads**

Pat Sheridan, Tipperary Camogie Development Officer

Camogie is a very marketable product and a big effort must be made so camogie will reach the four corners of Tipperary. At the moment Tipperary camogie is making every effort to catch up with the other counties and are bridging the gap with successes in under 14, under 16 and under 18 teams.

The Under 13 development squad consisted of over 60 girls. This is the first year Tipperary camogic entered teams at this level. This development helped the girls become more familiar with the format of the competitions. The players were competitive in all competitions and enjoyed their experience.

The Under 14 development squad consisted of over 80 girls. The girls competed in the A, B and C competitions and contested the semi finals in most blitzes during the year.

The Under 15 development squad consisted of over 30 girls. This number was small in comparison to the other squads as Tipperary entered the All Ireland Under 16B championship for the first time. The squad played in three blitzes winning the shield final in the Clare blitz and winning all their games in the All Ireland semi final.

The Go Games introduced nationally have finally been accepted by all clubs in Tipperary and the Go Games are now been played at Under 8's 10's and 12's.



Kilruane MacDonaghs Under 12 County Shield winners Back (l-r):Evanna McCarthy, Laura Shinners, Louise Torpey, Bonny Conroy (Capt), Ali Mulcahy, Amy Hill, Michaela McGrath. Front l-r: Cliodhna Nevin, Molly O'Brien, Orla Molloy, Tara O Brien, Katie O'Meara.



St Mary's Convent, Nenagh - Munster League winners 2013. Standing l-r. Elaine King (trainer), Eimer Starr, Claire Kearns, Cliona Curran, Triona Cleary, Rachel Maher, Alana Morris, Janette Collins, Aisling Cremin, Leah McKeogh, Mary Walsh, Tara Kennedy, Aileen Duggan, Sinead Meagher, Grainne Ryan, Niamh Gallagher, Clara Burke, Danielle Curtin, Danielle Duignan, Aisling Gregan, Holly O'Brien, Elaine Reidy, Ger Dullea (coach). Kneeling l-r. Sinead Quigley, Nicola Butler, Shona O Donoghue, Ciardha Maher, Caoimhe Maher (capt) Roisin Ryan, Sara Butler, Judy Ryan Mulqueen, Aisling Keating.



Colaiste Phobal Roscrea - Munster and All Ireland Colleges Senior 'C'
Camogie winners

### **Burgess-Duharra Camogie Club**

2013 saw Burgess-Duharra achieve back to back senior titles for the first time in our history when we defeated Drom by two points at the end of a very tense final. Also this year, we won our first Munster Junior title when we defeated Valley Rovers from Cork in the final of the Munster League.

Seniors: Having contested the county league, where we lost to the eventual winners, Drom in the semi-final. We turned our attention to the Championship and retaining the Bernie O Dowd cup. Our first outing was against Moycarkey and that victory was followed by wins over Drom and Clonoulty which saw us top the group and set up a semi-final against neighbours Toomevara. As ever this was a tough hard fought game but the girls came through at the end and a rematch of the 2102 final with Drom was their reward.

After a fast start where we had a commanding lead, Drom fought back and narrowed the gap to two points which set up a thrilling last five minutes. With their backs to the wall, our girls showed great fighting spirit to hang on for a deserved victory and Deirdre Mc Donnell hoisted the cup to the cheers of our many supporters.

This win took us into a Munster semi-final and an away match against the reigning All Ireland Club Champions Milford in their own back yard. Milford proved too strong for us on the day but this group of girls can be very proud of the year they had and we thank them for the pride and enjoyment they brought to the club.

Juniors: Our Juniors got the year off to a great start when they captured the Munster league and in doing so captured a first Munster Junior title for the club. They had four group games which they came through and set up a semi-final against Sixmilebridge where a fine victory lead them to the final in Charleville where Valley Rovers would be the opposition. This was a tight affair and we found ourselves trailing by two points at half-time but a great fight back in the 2nd half saw us come through for a two point victory which lead to great scenes of

celebrations for the players and supporters. Our Championship campaign saw us exit at the group stage but having lost several players to the Senior team and some injuries, the remainder of the squad put in a great effort and were unlucky not to progress any further but the future bodes well.

A big thank you to the players and management teams of both adult teams for their hard work throughout the year.

**Juveniles:** At u8 and u10 level, we participated in several blitz competition and the girls really enjoyed them. Great credit must go to Frances, Mairead Mary and Eric for their work with this group.

Our 12s, 13s and 14s had a very busy year with blitzes, League and Championship being contested and despite no finals being reached compliments must be given to this group of girls who performed really well with limited numbers. Mike, Mairead, Timmy and Ailis are to be thanked for their work here.

Our Minors performed well in and reached a county semifinal where they were beaten by Cahir.

Intercounty: We had many players who lined out for Tipperary teams at different grades throughout the year. On the Senior team we had Gemma Grace who was captain, sisters Amy and Tara Kennedy, Ciara Holohan, Ruth Barry and Caiomhe Maher, while on the Minor team we had Caoimhe, Tara and Sinead Quigley who captured the Munster title.

At u16 we were represented by Amy Seymour, Grainne Gleeson, Aine Gillespie, Shona O Donoghue, Tara O Brien and Ciardha Maher, with Shona, Tara and Ciardha on the Tipperary team that won Munster and All Ireland titles in what was a great year for this grade.

Una Quigley, Katie Flatherty, Ciara Griffen, Mary Reidy, Rebecca Ryan Kaitlin O Halloran and Danielle Nealon were part of the Tipperary u13, u14 and u15 teams in 2103.

The club would like to thank its players, management, committee, supporters, Burgess GAA club and our sponsors for all their efforts throughout the year.



Burgess-Duharra U-12 Camogie team.

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Pictured in Anacarty at the launch of the 2013/2014 County Board Draw in West Tipperary were, L/R: Eileen Ryan Secretary Éire Óg, Sean Nugent County Chairman, Vinny Ryan Éire Óg Chairman, Damien O'Brien County Board Draw winner in April, Tara Feeney, Peter Byrne County Board Draw Chairman, Liam O'Brien winner of the promoters prize, Sarah Ryan, D.J.Gleeson Éire Óg Draw Promoter and Ronan O'Brien.



### Kilmacud - Crokes 'Daintree Paper' All Ireland Sevens Cup 2012.

Clonoulty-Rossmore camogie club won the Kilmacud-Crokes All-Ireland Sevens in 2012, beating Shannon Rovers in the final by 5-10 to 0-11. Owing to an editorial error the picture of the heroines was omitted from last year's book, so we include it now.

Cora Hennessy gave an outstanding performance and received the 'Player of the Tournament' trophy. Back l-r: Bernadette Ryan, Cait Hennessy, Noirin Ryan, Sarah Fryday, Teresa Bourke. Front l-r: Julie Murphy, Eva Ryan, Cait Devane, Clodagh Quirke, Cora Hennessy.

# Thurles Sarsfields International Hurling and **Camogie Festival**

The third annual Thurles Sarsfields International Hurling and Camogie Festival which was held in Thurles on July 12th and 13th was a flagship event for IPB Insurance sponsored "The Gathering" in North Tipperary, and attracted hundreds of visitors from the United States, Great Britain, Northern Ireland and from the four provinces in Ireland.

Twelve teams contested the Semple Cup, the main hurling competition, and with holders Kilburn Gaels of London, going out in the semi-final, victory went to Causeway of Kerry who defeated Emeralds of Urlingford in an exciting final. The Semple Cup was presented to the winners by Mrs Anne Gunning, daughter of GAA legend Tom Semple, and her brother, Martin, who travelled from the U.S. with his family for the occasion.

The Carew Cup, B section, was won by Setanta of Dublin, while the Culhane Cup (runners-up section)went to Setanta, Donegal. Teams from St Louis and Indianapolis competed for this trophy.

Eight teams, including St Louis and Indianapolis, took part in the camogie tournament, which was won by Patrickswell of Limerick who beat Indianapolis in the final. They were presented with the Helen O'Mara cup by the late Helen's son, Tony.

The Road Bowling competition on the Friday of the festival, attracted some of the top exponents of the game with victory going to the Cork combination who received the Cusack Cup and their trophies from Susan Greene, President of the Irish road Bowling Association. A novel feature of the event was an exhibition game between members of Sarsfields Club.

A huge attraction this year was the Caman Abu tournament, a Croke Park initiative to promote recreational hurling. Sixteen

teams representing local businesses and pubs packed the Sarsfields pitch on the Wednesday for the qualifying rounds and again on Friday night when the finals were held. Winners here were Tesco, with An Post taking the B section. Trophies were presented by Mr Pat Daly of Croke Park.

Introduced to the festival for the first time was a Throw Ball competition for the handicapped which was held at Sarsfields Centre and which proved very enjoyable for the participants and spectators alike.

Each evening's programme was rounded off with refershments and musical entertainment at the Sarsfields Social Centre.

Approx one hundred club members were involved in various capacities in the staging of the event which was an outstanding success in terms of promoting hurling in weaker counties and abroad, and in attracting visitors to Thurles for the Munster hurling final weekend.

Despite the constraints of All-Ireland qualifiers at Semple Stadium on the Saturday, a huge programme of games and events was completed on schedule, and our visitors expressed their delight at the hospitality accorded them and are looking forward to next year.

At the conclusion, Festival Chairman, John Enright, thanked all who had made it possible, particularly IPB Insurance, the sponsors, "The Gathering" committee of North Tipperary Co Council, headed by Attracta Lyons, and the GAA authorities in Tipperary and Croke Park.

Review meetings have been held and already plans are taking shape for the staging of next year's event, drawing on our experience of the past three festivals.



St. Patrick's College - Fergal Maher Cup Champions Back (l-r): Fr. Tom Fogarty (president of St. Patrick's College; Dan Doheny (Kilkenny); Liam Cullen (Tipperary); Aaron Staunton (Galway); Dean O'Toole (Wexford); Cathal McCarthy (Cork); Robert Barron (Wexford); Rory Hickey (Kilkenny); Liam Kennedy (Manager). Middle (l-r): Aimee Kelly (Club Secretary); Jason Corcoran (Kilkenny); Colm Cummins (Limerick); Dean O'Connor (Wexford); PJ Trant (Kilkenny); Brian Kennedy (Kilkenny); Ailbe Power (Tipperary); Cathal McNamara ( Limerick). Front (l-r): Fionn Carew (Limerick): Kevin Foley (Wexford); Barry McLoughlin (Tipperary -Captain); John Cullinane (Kilkenny); Evan Walsh (Kilkenny); Anthony Roche (Wexford)

# St. Patrick's College reclaim Fergal Maher Cup

St. Patrick's College captured the Fergal Maher Cup for the second time in March. The Thurles based college recorded an impressive 4-19 to 1-7 victory over St. Mary's of Belfast in the final of the third tier colleges competition at Carnmore in Galway. The side is made up of players from many different hurling strongholds around the country, including, Kilkenny, Wexford, Limerick, Cork and Galway. In addition to the winning captain Barry McLoughlin (Thurles Sarsfields), Tipperary were represented by Moycarkey-Borris clubman Ailbe Power and Thurles Sarsfields Liam Cullen. In the final, Rory Hickey from Lisdowney, Kilkenny stole the show with an incredible personal

tally of 4-5.

St. Patrick's College panel - Barry McLoughlin (Thurles Sarsfileds - Captain), Rory Hickey (Lisdowney, Kilkenny); Kevin Foley (Raparees-Starlights, Wexford); Cathal McNamara (Doon, Limerick); Cian Ryan (Windgap, Kilkenny); Evan Walsh (O'Loughlin Gaels, Kilkenny); Brian Kennedy (St. Lachtains, Kilkenny); Jason Corcoran (John Lockes, Kilkenny); Anthony Roche (Raparees-Starlights, Wexford); P.J. Trant (Graigue-Ballycallan, Kilkenny); Ailbe Power (Moycarkey-Borris); Dan Doheny (John Lockes, Kilkenny); John Cullinane (Thomastown, Kilkenny); Rob Barron, St. James, Wexord); Dean O'Toole (Kilaneran, Wexford); Liam Lacey (St.Patrick's Ballyragget, Kilkenny); Liam Cullen (Thurles Sarsfields); Cathal McCarthy (Balinadee, Cork); Colm Cummins (Doon, Limerick); Fionn Carew (Doon, Limerick); Aaron Staunton (Mountbellew-Moylough, Galway).



Abbey School U14HC Westcourt Cup winners. Back l-r; Brian Hally, Mike O'Dwyer, Jack Lowry, Conal Donovan, Cormac Maher, Darren O'Dwyer, Conor Leahy, Shane Ryan, Gavin McCormack, Stephen O'Brien, Nathan Murphy-Crowe, Conor O'Dwyer, Joe Bradshaw, Connie O'Halloran, Arnold O'Dwyer, Timmy Clarke, John Hickey, Eoin McCormack, Matthew Moroney, Donncha Looby, Jim Ryan Coach, Eoin Nagle. Front l-r: John O'Rourke, Tadhg O'Connor, Micheál Sharpe, Niall Heffernan, Jack Fogarty, Jordan Doyle, Kieran Breen (Capt), Zac O'Halloran, Conie Bradshaw, Gerard O'Dwyer, William O'Mahony.



Colaiste Phobal Ros Cre, Munster Senior A Hurling Vocational Champions 2012-2013.

Front l-r: Evan Fitzpatrick, Michael Campion, Lee Cashin, Brian Davis, Enda Moloney, Conor Sheedy (Captain), Darryl Ryan, Cian Rigney, Joe Moloney, Liam Carroll, Wayne McCartney. Middle I-r: Willie Smyth (Trainer) J.P. Cleary, Tomás Duane, Ciarán Cleary, Aaron Kirwan, David Murray, Des Daly, Seán Fogarty, Patrick Egan, Pat Devereux, Ciarán Coller. Back l-r: Ian Kennedy, Jamie Dooley, Diarmuid Cleary, Anthony Devereux, Shane Sampson, Craig Delaney, Daniel Delaney, Adrian Cleary, Sam Conlon, Brian Larkin, Jamie Ryan, Daniel Doughan.



Our Lady's Templemore, Corn Ui Cathain champions 2013. Back l-r: Tom Byrnes, Kieran Byrne, Olah Ondrej, Patrick Foley, Rory Nolan, Michael O'Connell, Gearoid O'Connor, Nick Keane, John Ryan, Jack Ryan, Mark Newman, Seamus Bourke. Front l-r: Jack Laffan, Jack Shanahan, Conor Nesbitt, Andy Mullen, Sean Maher, Martin Ryan, Jamie Ryan, Sean Ryan, Niall Fogarty, Sean Hayes, Joseph McGrath, Cillian Coonan, Luke Patterson, Dara Nolan, Conor Ryan.

Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore who defeated Abbey CBS in the Munster Senior B Football Final. Front l-r: Gary Russell, Thomas Nolan, Colin O'Riordan, Jamie Bergin, Dean McEnroe, Jason Ryan, Jack Fogarty, David Ryan, Tommy Brett. Middle: Robert Ryan, John Joe Ryan, Robert O'Connell, P J Bourke, James Bergin, John McGrath, Denis Brereton, Tommy Maher, Bill O'Connell, Colm Kinnane, Padraig Hogan. Back l-r: Fergus Leonard (Trainer), Joseph Nyland, Brian Kennedy, Dylan Carey, Joey Maher, Sean Paddy Guerins, Liam Murphy, Michael Campion, Emmet Moloney, Kevin Ahearn, Rory O'Dwyer, Tom Byrnes, Patricia Higgins (Principal).





St Mary's Newport Munster College Senior 'C' winners. Back l-r: John Ryan, Matty Connolly, Rob Houlihan, Jason Ryan, Conor Floyd, Mark O'Halloran, Liam Duffy, Daniel Carew, Oisin O Reilly, Brian McAuliffe, Conor Byrnes, Michael Quigley, Kealen Floyd, Aidan Moloney, Kevin Mulcahy. Front l-r: Karl Cusack, Paul O'Halloran, Cillian Byrnes, Adam O'Brien, Pa Ryan, Darragh McGrath (Capt), Brian Carey, Davey Gleeson, Darragh Kennedy and Jack Delahunty.

# Third Level Colleges round-up

By Ed Donnelly

The 2012/2013 Third Level Colleges season proved to be successful on a number of fronts from a Tipperary perspective. While a number of Tipperary players lined out for their respective colleges in the Fitzgibbon Cup, Tipperary colleges earned success on the double courtesy of LIT Tipperary's win in the Ryan Cup while St. Patrick's College Thurles retained the Fergal Maher Cup. The successes of both Tipperary colleges are featured elsewhere in this year's Yearbook.

The Fitzgibbon Cup Hurling weekend was hosted in March by GMIT with the final being played at Pearse Stadium Galway. The semi-finals played on Friday March 1st pitted Mary Immaculate College Limerick (Mary I) against a Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) team managed by Colm Bonnar. Despite playing much of the game with 14 men, Mary I ran out 1-17 to 1-15 winners helped by a combined 1-13 from John Conlon (Clare) and Luke O'Farrell (Cork), forwards who would grace Croke Park on All-Ireland Final day later in the year. The WIT goal was scored by Michael Sheedy (Portroe) while other Tipperary players involved with WIT this year were Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha), Tomás Hamill (Killea), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Aidan McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Kieran Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Jim Walsh (Carrick Davins) and Tommy Kavanagh (Borris-Ileigh).

The second semi-final saw University College Cork (UCC) put in a strong second half performance to defeat University College Dublin (UCD) by 1-20 to 0-14. Conor Lehane (Cork) led all scorers with nine points for UCC while James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane) added three points and Waterford's Brian O'Sullivan scored UCC's goal. UCD (managed by Nicky English) were too reliant on captain Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) who scored eight of his team's points while Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Og) chipped in with a point from centreforward.

The final between UCC and Mary I on Saturday March 2nd saw eight of the thirty players hail from the Premier County. After a tight first half, UCC led by 0-9 to 0-7. Second half goals by

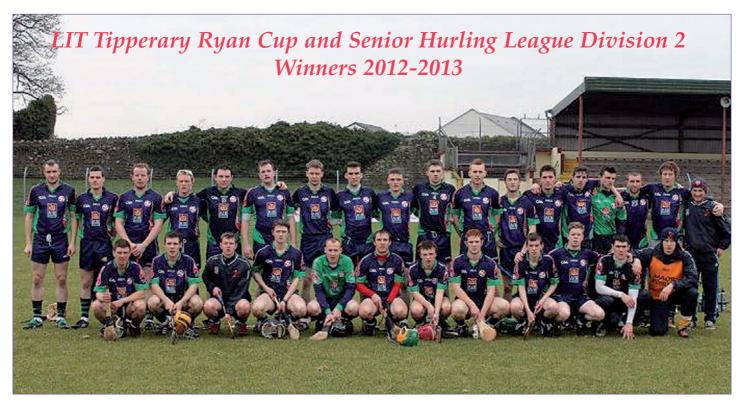
Cork duo Conor Lehane and Seamus Harnedy propelled UCC to a deserved 2-17 to 2-12 victory. The UCC starting line-up included corner-back Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), wingback James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane) and centre-forward Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh) who scored a point. The UCC panel also included Bobby Bergin (Clonakenny), Liam Butler (Moyne-Templetuohy) and Pat Lupton (Drom & Inch). Mary I included five Tipperary players in their starting line-up including goalie Stephen Nolan (Toomevara), corner-back Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), wing-back Éanna Hogan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), midfielders Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) and Sean Curran (Mullinahone) who scored three points.

In the Sigerson Cup Football competition, favourites Dublin City University were upset by Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) in the semi-final while UCC got the better of the hosts Athlone IT by 1-20 to 1-9. In the semi-final, the UCC starting line-up included midfielder Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) and corner-forward Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), the latter chipping in with a valuable goal and five points. Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) was introduced as a second half substitute for UCC. In the final, DIT proved too strong for UCC, winning by 3-8 to 0-7 with Conor Sweeney finishing as UCC top scorer with three points.

At season's end, the Irish Daily Mail Future Champions Teams of 2013 were announced. In Football, both Peter Acheson (wingback) and Conor Sweeney (wing-forward) were honoured while in Hurling, Noel McGrath (midfield) and Michael Sheedy (centreforward) were the Tipperary players honoured. Finally, the success of LIT Tipperary in the Ryan Cup was recognised as Kildare native and LIT Tipperary player Martin Fitzgerald was selected as centre-back in a line-up which included six players who would start the 2013 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final, namely William Egan (UCC, Cork), Colm Galvin (Mary I, Clare), Seamus Harnedy (UCC, Cork), Luke O'Farrell (Mary I, Cork), John Conlon (Mary I, Clare) and Conor Lehane (UCC, Cork). Once again if proof were needed, the third level colleges competitions are providing the platform for the young hurlers of Ireland to make an impression on their respective inter-county managers.



Delegates from Thurles CBS that attended Tipperary GAA Youth Forum in the Dome Thurles last December. Back l-r: Mattie Stakelum, Billy McCarthy, Cathal Moriarty, Jack Skehan, John Croke, Darragh Coffey, Sean Fitzgibbon. Front l-r: JJ Darmody, Chris McCullagh, Aaron Ryan, Robbie Long, Ronan Gleeson, Conor Cassidy, Colin Lee, Michael Troy.



Back I-r: James Collins, Eoin McMahon, Philip Ivors, James Gleeson, Paul Fahy, Mark Gennery, Brendan Egan, Martin Fitzgerald (captain), Ian Maher, Fergal Brennan, Denis Maher, Tommy Doyle, Jim Nelligan, Jaime McCormack, Kevin Smith, Phil O'Sullivan, Tom Dorney, T.J Garvey Front l-r: James McDonnell, Simon Smith, Rory Fleming, Niall O'Sullivan, James Logue, Adam McCarthy, Shane McGrath, Tom Ryan, Brian Kearney, David Collins, Rob Bressnan, Brendan Maher (Manager) Absent from photo: Tom McEvoy

# LIT Tipperary GAA Club

Academic Year 2012 – 2013 proved to be a very exciting and successful year for LIT Tipperary. This was the 2nd year of participation for the 3rd Level Tipperary College (formerly Tipperary Institute) under the LIT banner. A new professionalism has been brought to sports in the college and performances and success on the pitch are starting to follow.

In this academic year the College footballers under the guidance of Ferghal McDonnell, Wayne Fanning and Toby Kavanagh reached the Corn na MacLeinn Quarter Final narrowly losing out to a strong Southern Regional College (Newry) team who went on to win the competition.

The Ladies footballers under the tutelage of Derry Peters and Toby Kavanagh reached the All Ireland semi final narrowly losing out to the Mater Dai Institute in a hard fought game in Dublin.

The Ladies also reached the Division 5 league final losing out to LIT Limerick on penalties. This was a very high scoring game played in terrible conditions. The game finished 2-12 apiece after full time and then 4-13 to 3-16 after extra time. The game finally finished after sudden death penalties.

The hurlers managed by Brendan Maher competed in Division 2 of the National League. In the group stages the LIT Tipp team lost their opening game to IT Tralee away in Tralee while beating Fitzgibbon Cup finalists Mary I and also St Patricks College Thurles. The league quarter final was a one sided affair against an outclassed Athlone IT side while the semi final was a hard fought victory over a strong St Marys Belfast team. The final to pit LIT Tipperary against the only team to beat them so far in IT Tralee. The game was played in atrocious conditions and how 60

minutes of hurling was played is a miracle. It was a hard fought game right till the end but LIT Tipp shaded it 16pts – 9pts. That was the first piece of silver wear for the lads but it wasn't to be the last.

When the Ryan Cup kicked off LIT Tipp were seeded after winning the league so convincingly. First up for the LIT Tipp outfit were an Athlone IT side that were much improved from the league quarter final. LIT Tipp came through with tough win in this game which would stand them in good stead for the rest of the tournament. The semi-final was a very tight game against a strong Queens University Belfast side. This game was played in Athenry and LIT Tipp came out on top by one goal on a score line of 1-19 to 3-09.

The final of the Ryan Cup which is part of the Fitzgibbon Cup Weekend and hosted by GMIT, was to be an interesting battle between LIT Tipp and IT Tralee. Both teams were starting to get to know each other well by now. LIT Tipp on this occasion were a much more powerful, determined and clinical team coming out on top on a scoreline of 1-25 to 2-09. LIT Tipp captain Martin Fitzgerald collected the Ryan Cup while LIT Tipperary midfielder Shane McGrath picked up the Man of the Match

It was a very proud year for the management team of Brendan Maher (Manager/Trainer), Toby Kavanagh, Fr. Jimmy O'Donnell and Wayne Fanning (Sports Officer).

LIT Tipperary captain Martin Fitzgerald also received a college's all-star award at centre back for his performances throughout the season. Martin was the only player outside of Fitzgibbon cup to receive one. This was also a first for the College as no student had ever received one before.



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#### **Ballad Section**



#### The Munster Bus

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'Twas in the year of '91 \* That year of sport renown. A coach load dull of hurling men Set out from Dublin town.

There were lads from every county, togged out for the melee. But the leader was that rebel Cork -The bould O'Mahony.

Down Naas dualway they sped along, a road without a turn. Until they reached Newbridge Main Street and to the Keadeen did adjourn.

One more pick-up along the way right upon the Curragh plain Fáilte aboard to Tipp's John White+ and his caseload of champagne.

So now they've left the Pale behind amid laughter and applause. Just one pit stop upon the Heath Germans call this a Peedlepause.

And now the singings started with big Rory holding forth but it's the legendary Sean Ó Siochain who stands proud and clears his throat.

Ah he 'jumped for joy beneath the sky, for life held no print nor plan, When the boys of Barr na Sraide went hunting for the wran.'

At Morrisseys of Abbeyleix the bus come to a halt, with a charge to the bar led by Dick Tobin for cgarettes and balls of malt.





At last we come to Hurling's Home 'Welcome to Tipperary' The Tipp quartet line up for snaps with the goalie from Harare.

The coach now takes a sharp right turn near the Mecca of all hurlers **Destination Liberty Square** the blue and gold town of Thurles.

At Brennan's bar the troops tog out in the turf shed there was a stable. Pints of stout to bate the band and 'mate teas', if you're able.

At Festival Lane in bright sunshine An Filiocht Sean Brophy muses: 'There's living poetry all around on how to beat the Corkmen's ruses.'

The rebel's hordes are on the march above beyont the railway bridge A sea of red, a sight to dread for 'true blues' manning the ridge.

But the premier folk ascend at last The blind fiddlers playing longside with pride and purpose they stride along We shout for honour and for pride.

The teams line out for the parade the red/white – blue and gold prepare for battle - the clash of the ash for the brave, the true, the bold.

The ball is in, the game is on, The clash of Titans started The sliotar sails high into the sky No place for the fainthearted

But who will claim the silverware when this battle it is ended. Could it be Tipp's day to win the fray or will Cork's title be defended?

<sup>\*</sup>Although 1991 is mentioned the poem is meant to represent the full ten years.

<sup>+</sup>A bookie from Lorrha

#### 5 Years - An Age in the World of Instant News!

Ger Ryan, PRO, Tipperary County Board

Tipperary GAA was to the forefront of online media communications by late 2008 when I took over the role of PRO from the highly innovative and technologically savvy Ed Donnelly. Thanks mainly to Ed continuing in his role as website administrator and becoming lead moderator of Tipperary's social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook, Tipperary GAA remains very much at the leading edge of online communications. However the changes in that 5 year period have been phenomenal and we have moved from a world where online news was something of a novelty to one where there is demand for instant news and information through a multitude of different sources.

5 years ago the key tools of a PRO for communicating information were the local newspapers, the county website, a number of GAA focussed websites and the Tipperary email list of registered Tipperary GAA fans. There were also a number of online forum sites such as PremierView, which continues to exist today, where users are anonymous and the difference between fair opinion and malicious rumour and innuendo are not always obvious.

5 years ago the Tipperary GAA Scene local newspaper column was a primary source of information about third level college games and participants from Tipperary. Nowadays such information is instantly available on Twitter and Facebook and would be old hat by the time it could be published in the GAA Scene. There is a continuing decline in local newspaper circulation numbers and coupled with the decline in advertising revenue, the pressure for space has increased thereby in some cases limiting the opportunity to publish GAA related news. This in turn creates an even more important role for online media and websites for communicating information.

Email is now the official means of communications to all GAA units – the days of writing letters to club secretaries with fixtures and other information are well and truly gone. But email is too slow for many people nowadays! In fact by the time our Competitions Control Committee gets to send out fixtures officially, and they are not slow to do so, the news has generally been available on social media for hours. The era of the smartphone means that people in meetings communicate news as soon as a decision is made. The demands of the public are such that many feel they can't be asked to wait an hour for news to be announced officially – surely the world would not end by waiting a little longer.

Tipperary GAA has almost 14,000 followers on Twitter these days – oh that we could get most of them to come and support our teams, what a difference that would make! On a more serious note, Twitter gives people the world over the opportunity to keep in touch with any subject of interest to them. It does increase their demand for instant information too of course – I had an email once from a man wondering why news of a divisional junior B result was not on the Tipperary website within an hour of the game ending! His interest was commendable but surely the demand a little unreasonable.

When we ran our telethon in 2012 to raise funds for intercounty teams social media became a great source for raising funds. Tweeting details of the event resulted in contributions from USA, Canada, Australia and the Middle East all while we had inter-county players manning phones in Lar na Pairce on a Saturday afternoon. We could not even have attempted to find or contact these people without Twitter.

Twitter is also a fantastic medium for keeping in touch with a game for those who can't attend. But think of the tweeter! If it's a close and exciting game, the tweets often dry up as the game nears its climax – interest in the game supersedes the earlier dedication to making sure there's a tweet a minute.



Ger Ryan

This world of instant news demand is best illustrated by the reaction to significant events. During the last 5 years the two most challenging events to manage from public relations and media perspectives were the Liam Sheedy resignation in 2010 and the Lar Corbett withdrawal from the senior hurling panel in early 2012. Although a mere 15 months apart, they posed entirely different challenges with the main difference being that Twitter was less prevalent in 2010.

The Sheedy resignation generated the most calls in any day that I received as PRO from media and other interested parties – in excess of 200 plus many more texts. It was close to being unmanageable but having had the opportunity of a couple of days to prepare for it, we got through it although we had to make the announcement at 9am in the morning when we had hoped to hold it until that evening. One person in the know had told a family member who could not resist the chance to announce such important news so we had to move. Having got the information out, we then had to move to denial mode as people without any concrete evidence started to challenge the reasons for his departure. The county board statement was parsed, analysed, challenged, turned inside out – the conclusion of many was that there was something being hidden. Telling the truth simply as the management team and county board did was not good enough for some people. In a world of spin and instant news, there had to be something more to it. There wasn't but that did not deter suspicious minds. However, we got through it and the furore died down.

The Lar Corbett departure was not manageable. The first problem was that we only had 10 minutes advance warning and despite Lar being decent enough to tell me in advance, the notice was simply too short and the prevalence of Twitter too powerful to prevent utter chaos ensuing from an information management point of view. There were so many stories, comments and calls that it took a team of 4 or 5 of us working together in Lar na Pairce in excess of 4 hours to get to a position where we could issue a coherent statement. First there was confirmation that it was true, then there was denial of all sorts of crazy stories as to his reasons, then there was wonder about the impact on the

team, the demand for interviews with Lar and the management, demands as to what we were going to do to get him back. Everyone had an opinion and many were not that anxious to let the facts get in the way of their opinions. And the stories continued to abound on social media. It was without a shadow of doubt the worst day in my term as PRO. But thankfully it was one of only a few bad days - the vast majority were very enjoyable. And we did have time to manage Lar's return – it was stage managed with all interested parties well lined up on the day of the announcement.

Another challenge in this world of instant news is that newspaper journalists are under much more pressure to get stories and get them quickly. Many are freelance and need to produce results in order to have an income and in this respect I have much sympathy for their plight. The pressure on some of them was evident throughout the process which led to the appointment of Eamon O'Shea as manager. A decision was taken by the committee selecting the new management team that there would be no announcement until the process of selecting a manager was complete. We stuck rigidly to that plan but yet the County Chairman, Sean Nugent, and I, were put under tremendous pressure by some journalists to comment on rumours and stories in relation to the appointments. It was a learning process that sticking to your word does not always prevent you from being pressurised by a media that is itself under pressure. That said the majority of the media respected our approach and overall we are fortunate in the community of GAA journalists. Most of them are decent, honourable people, willing to promote the GAA and report objectively on its games and activities. The media are an important force in any society and their right to question and reflect in a constructive manner is an important source of feedback, information and commentary. However, they need the time and space to do this and I would

hope that quality analysis and reporting will not become victims of the world of the soundbite and the 140 character tweet.

Perhaps I am old fashioned but I still struggle with a world where people record and publish much of their life's activities on social media. Where is the respect and need for privacy gone? Social media bring many benefits and overall they are great tools in the hands of a PRO but where will it all end? The importance of being first rather than being correct is a race to the bottom in standards that needs to be challenged. Maybe like all great movements of change and we are currently in the middle of this technological revolution, the end result will see the best coming through while the rest gets weeded out and dropped along the way. Maybe we will see even more changes in the next 5 years when we see children filming their mothers watching the All Ireland final and then posting it on YouTube as happened in Clare this year, I suppose nothing can be ruled out.

It is wonderful that the GAA creates such demand for news and information. But we need to remember that it remains a voluntary organisation built on its strength in local communities throughout Ireland. We need to respect that voluntary ethos in our demand for news, in our expectations of players and in our scrutiny of their lives outside their playing activities as well as in our commentaries on their playing performances. Whether, it's Facebook, Twitter or an online forum, if you are making comment, please ask is it one you would like it made about you or a member of your family. The GAA's guidelines on social media emphasise respect, fair comment and protecting the Association's reputation and observing its rules. Its use of social media at national level is a powerful example of how to communicate news and information, many counties and clubs follow this example and do an excellent job. Social media are here to stay, how we choose to use them will determine the impact they make and they problems they cause.

#### **Tipperary Poc Fada Final**



Tipperary Poc Fada winner, Darren Cuddihy (Toomevara) being presented with his prize by Dinny Maher, County Games Manager (left) and John Smith, County Coaching Officer (right).

The county finals of the Under 16 and Senior Poc Fada took place on Saturday 8th June.

Six competitors assembled in Lisvernane and made the trek up the Galtee Mountains where the course was laid out on the foot of Galtee Mór.

The three Senior competitors were Gordon Peters, representing the host club Aherlow, Shane Hassett represented Drom/Inch and the eventual winner Darren Cuddihy representing Toomevara.

The Under 16 competitors were Ciaran Thorpe Drom/Inch, Paul Carroll Burgess and Shane Stapleton Sean Treacys.

The senior course was 3 KM long and from the start a keen contest ensued. The course demanded not only the ability to puck as long as possible but also the ability to plot a route and place the puck. Ravines, streams and dyke's were dotted along the course, this mixed with the underfoot conditions made it a test of strength and endurance as well. The senior competition became a two horse race between Darren and Shane after Gordon paid a couple of visits to the aforementioned ravines. Darren eventually got the better of Shane crossing the line with an impressive 29 pucks, one better then Shane. Darren had been very competitive throughout with his planning and decision making and was a worthy winner.

The Under 16 was also well contested with all three competitors in it to the last puck. Over a shortened course the players traded blow for blow with Shane Stapleton coming out on top with 25 pucks. Second went to Paul Carroll and Ciaran Thorpe came in third.

Thanks to Aherlow club for their assistance with the event and in particular Pat and Michael Moroney who were responsible for laying out the course. Signage was in place on roads leading to the event location which proved very beneficial. Refreshments were also provided at the finish line for all involved.

# **Tipperary All-Ireland Men's Inter-county Roll of Honour**

By John Ryan

#### **HURLING:**

**All-Ireland Senior Hurling titles (26) (3rd place):** 1887, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1906, 1908, 1916, 1925, 1930, 1937, 1945, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1958, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1971, 1989, 1991, 2001, 2010.

**All-Ireland Junior Hurling titles (9) (Tied 2nd place):** 1913, 1915, 1924, 1926, 1930, 1933, 1953, 1989, 1991.

**All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling titles (7) (Tied 1st place):** 1963, 1966, 1971, 1972, 2000, 2012, 2013.

**All-Ireland Under-21 Hurling titles (9) (4th place):** 1964, 1967, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1985, 1989, 1995, 2010.

**All-Ireland Minor Hurling titles (19) (2nd place):** 1930, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1947, 1949, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1976, 1980, 1982, 1996, 2006, 2007, 2012.

**All-Ireland Under-16 Hurling titles (11) (1st place):** 1988, 1989, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010.

**All-Ireland Under-14 Hurling titles (11) (1st place):** 1983, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2001, 2004, 2009, 2011.

**All-Ireland Vocational Schools Inter-county Hurling titles (14) (2nd place):** 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1974, 1978 (All North Tipperary), 1988, 1990, 2004, 2010, 2011 (All Tipperary)

All-Ireland Masters (O-40) Hurling titles (6) (1st place): 1992, 1994, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2003

Overall All Ireland Inter-county Hurling titles total: 112 (1st place)

#### **FOOTBALL:**

**All-Ireland Senior Football titles (4) (Tied 9th place):** 1889, 1895, 1900, 1920

All-Ireland Senior Football 'B' titles (1) (Tied 2nd place): 1995

Tommy Murphy Cup Senior Football titles (1) (Tied 1st place): 2005

All-Ireland Junior Football titles (3) (9th place): 1912, 1923, 1998

All-Ireland Minor Football titles (2) (Tied 12th place): 1934, 2011

All-Ireland Vocational Schools Inter-county Football 'B' titles (6) (1st place):

1993, 1997, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

Overall All Ireland Inter-county Football titles total: 17 (7th place)

Overall All-Ireland Inter-county Hurling & Football titles: 129 (2nd place).

# All-Ireland Men's All-Grades Inter-county Hurling & Football Titles Rankings

By John Ryan

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No.	County	Hurling Titles	Football Titles	Total Titles
1.	Cork	99	51	150
2.	Tipperary	112	17	129
3.	Kerry	45	81	126
4.	Kilkenny	98	0	98
5.	Galway	57	27	84
6.	Dublin	18	50	68
7.	Mayo	17	30	47
8.	Tyrone	11	25	36
9.	Meath	19	15	34
10.	Wexford	23	9	32
11.	Westmeath	24	5	29
12.	Limerick	27	2	29
13.	Down	15	11	26
14.	Kildare	18	7	25
15.	Armagh	19	5	24
16.	Antrim	20	4	24
17.	Laois	18	5	23
18.	Roscommon	12	10	22
19.	London	16	6	22
20.	Donegal	9	12	21
21.	Clare	15	3	18
22.	Carlow	15	3	18
23.	Derry	7	11	18
24.	Louth	6	11	17
25.	Waterford	15	2	17
26.	Wicklow	10	7	17
27.	Offaly	12	5	17
28.	Longford	9	5	14
29.	Cavan	1	10	11
30.	Monaghan	3	6	9
31.	Sligo	4	3	7
32.	Fermanagh	2	4	6
33.	Leitrim	2	3	5
34.	Warwickshire	4	0	4
35.	South Down	2	-	2
36.	Fingal	1	-	1
37.	Hertfordshire	1	0	1
38.	New York	0	0	0

All Information has been gathered through Newspaper articles, Match reports, Match Programmes and Personal Accounts from multiple county board officers, past players and journalists from around Ireland.

I would like to thank all who helped me compile this information.

This is the first time that every All-Ireland title in hurling & football has been put in one place.

This research started in March 2012.

The Grades that were included in this are: All-Ireland U-14 A, B, B2 & C Hurling; All-Ireland U-16 A, B, B2 & C Hurling; All-Ireland Vocational Schools Inter-county A & B Hurling & Football; All-Ireland Minor A, B & C Hurling & All-Ireland Minor Football; All-Ireland U-21 A, B & C Hurling & All-Ireland U-21 Football; All-Ireland Junior A, Special Hurling & All-Ireland Junior Football; All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling All-Ireland Senior B Hurling & Football; Tommy Murphy

Lory Meagher, Nicky Rackard & Christy Ring Cups; All-Ireland Senior Hurling & Football; All-Ireland Masters Hurling & Football.

### Re-opening of Lár na Páirce GAA museum

ár na Páirce GAA museum in Thurles was officially reopened by Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael Liam Ó Neill on Friday, October 11 as a result of a major refurbishment, which was made possible through a generous grant from North Tipperary Leader Partnership. The museum was initially opened by President Mary Robinson in November 1994.

The refurbishment took the form of an upgrading of the exhibits through the installation of improved lighting, more extensive audio presentations, an increase in visitor interactivity and improved video presentation. The intention was to bring the presentation of theexhibits up to modern standards and to provide a better experience for the visitor. Another improvement was the installation of carpeting throughout the museum.

The official re-opening involved informative tour of the museum and its exhibits by Seamus King. There are exhibits that illustrate the rich history of the GAA not only in Tipperary and across the island of Ireland. Items on display included famous trophies and medals, photos of notable contests, team jerseys and the hurleys of star players.

Guests were amazed at how much was learnt about our GAA heritage in the tour around the museum. Anyone who wants to spend an hour or so learning about the GAA and its role in Irish society, should make sure you drop in and follow the new audio tour - it's a great way to spend a morning or afternoon. The new audio tour gives the background behind all the exhibits and turns the history in the museum alive. Whether you're 6 or 60, it's sure to be of interest.

The organisers are confident that this major investment will pay off for the Lár na Páirce GAA museum and the county with increased tourism visitors to the wider area. The original intention was to create a visitor attraction in the town of Thurles, which would attract people into the area. It is hoped now that the refurbished Lár na Páirce, together with the many other interesting visitor attractions in the Thurles area, will entice visitors and tourists to spend a day, and hopefully, a night also

Liam O'Neill, President of the GAA officially opened the museum doors with the help of two local school children, Tomás Kelly of Grange National School and Ellie Ryan of Scoil San Isadóir in Boherlahan, who had won the right to help the President as a result of winning a pre=launch competition for national schools..

Seamus King, Chairman of Lár na Páirce GAA museum, welcomed Liam and the large crowd who came out to see the museum after its refurbishment and thanked North Tipperary LEADER Partnership for their support. As Seamus told the attendees "Without North Tipperary LEADER Partnership's financial help, the current development wouldn't have been possible. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank the company, their CEO, Michael Murray and Trish Purcell who was in charge of our application."

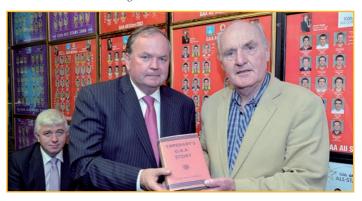
He spoke passionately about the museum saying "Lár na Páirce is an important museum of Gaelic Games, a storehouse of the culture and traditions of our most popular national pastimes. It is part of what we are, a valuable and treasured expression of our heritage. We should be proud of it, delighted to be part of it and cherish it more carefully by ensuring that it is protected and transmitted to our posterity by places such as Lár na Pairce." He also told the attendees that the "museum has another purpose, which is of importance in these difficult economic times. One of the original purposes was that it should be an important visitor attraction. We hope now that these new developments and a more active marketing strategy will ensure that this original purpose is realised and that more and more visitors will associate Thurles with an important collection of our sporting heritage and an urgent reason for visiting the town, where the G.A.A. was founded."



At the re-opening of the Lár na Páirce museum were from left: Most Rev Dr. Dermot Clifford, Patron GAA; Tony Reddan, Seamus King and Liam O'Neill, President GAA.



Some members of the original Lar na Páirce Committee present at the relaunch of the Museum, from left: Éamon De Stafford, Liam O'Donoghue, Tom Casey, Seamus King, Tom O'Donnell and Noel Morris.



Seamus King making a presentation to GAA President Liam O'Neill at the reopening of the Lár na Páirce museum in Thurles.



Members of the North Tipperary Leader Group at the re-opening of the Lar na Páirce Museum, from left: Michael Murray, Trish Purcell, Noel Coonan T.D., Liam O'Neill, President GAA and Pauline Coonan.

Michael Murray, CEO of North Tipperary LEADER Partnership said that his company were delighted to be associated with the project.

The museum is open Monday to Saturday 10 to 17-30. Visits cost €12 for a family of 4, €5 for an adult and €4 for an OAP. Other prices may be had on request to larnapaircemuseum@gmail.com



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Clare Slattery, Nuala Connolly and Michael Geaney of Nenagh Eire Og's Healthy Club Project attended a workshop in Croke Park in October. They are pictured with

## Nenagh Éire Óg and the GAA Health Club Project

The GAA Healthy Club Project is the first of its kind in a sporting context and is a combined partnership between the GAA and the health sector which aims to help GAA clubs in responding to the wide and varied health needs of the members, while extending the positive influence out to the wider community.

A call for expression of interest was issued to all GAA clubs across the 32 counties last December and 18 clubs were selected to participate. There were 5 clubs in Munster selected and Nenagh Éire Óg was the only club in Tipperary. The other clubs in Munster selected were Middleton (Cork), St Paul's (Limerick), Beaufort (Kerry) and St Finbarr's (Cork).

Uachtarán CLG, Liam O'Neill and Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Health, Dr. Tony Holohan, jointly launched the project in Croke Park on the 11th March 2013. "The GAA Healthy Club Project aims to highlight and re-enforce the great work already being done by clubs while assisting them in identifying and responding to the most important health issues amongst their membership and in their communities," Liam O'Neill said at

The launch of the Nenagh Eire Og Healthy Club Project took place on May 27th 2013 in the Éire Óg Complex. Along with the many club members present, were various community representatives. A number of initiatives were launched in association with the club, including the completing of an online questionnaire. We asked club members, supporters and the wider community to fill out the questionnaire in order to help and guide us to ensure that our project is a success. Following on from the results of our questionnaire, we are now undertaking a number of initiatives in putting health, well being and building community at the heart of everything we do. The following are some of the areas we intend to focus on:

· mental well-being and resilience development

- Community interaction and inclusion
- · drug and alcohol awareness
- · activities for older and non-playing members
- the promotion of health and well-being through physical

In addition, as part of our Anti-Bullying campaign, we ran a poster competition in the primary schools in Nenagh. Children of other nationalities were also invited to complete their poster slogans in their own

language. This was a very successful campaign and we had a huge response from the children in all the

The GAA Healthy Club Project is a very exciting new project aimed at enriching the lives of club



members, players and the wider community, and all involved on the project team are looking forward to rolling it out further in the coming months.

#### Healthy Club Project Team:.

Michael Geaney, Project Leader, Nuala Connolly, Project Administrator, Thomas Moylan, Clare Slattery and Greg Browne.

Further information on the Healthy Club Project can be got by logging on to www.nenagheireog.com and follow the link to the Healthy Club Project Page.

Nenagh Eire Og Healthy Club Project - be part of our team

## North Tipperary Review 2013

#### Hibernian Inn Senior Hurling Championship (Frank McGrath Cup)

Kildangan 5 - 15 Silvermines 0 – 08 in Nenagh Referee Philip Kelly, Ballinahinch

#### Denis Meats Intermediate Hurling Championship (Fr Hewitt Cup)

Ballina 1 - 21 Shannon Rovers 1 - 11 in Nenagh Referee: Kieran Delaney, Toomevara.

#### Watch Centre Junior 'A' Hurling Championship (O'Keeffe Cup)

Knockshegowna 2 – 12 Toomevara 0 – 15 in Nenagh Referee: T.P. Sullivan, Nenagh Éire Óg

#### Watch Centre Junior 'B' Hurling Championship (Dan Gleeson Cup)

Templederry Kenyons 0 – 16 Ballina 1 – 10 in Newport Referee: Anthony Sherlock, Kildangan

#### Ger Gavin Minor 'A' Hurling Championship (Spike Nolan Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg 4 - 22 Toomevara 3 - 20 in Cloughjordan *Referee: Pat Gibson, Burgess.* 

#### Ger Gavin Minor 'B' Hurling Championship (Nealon Trophy)

Ballina 1 – 16 Burgess 0 – 15 in Dolla Referee: Philip Bergin, Roscrea.

#### Junior 'A' Hurling League (Denis Carroll Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg 0 – 13 Borris-Ileigh 0 – 11 in Dolla Referee: Anthony Sherlock, Kildangan

#### Junior 'B' Hurling League (Raymond Hogan Cup)

Templederry Kenyons 3 - 19 Portroe 1 - 13 in Cloughjordan

Referee: Shane Hodgins, Knockshegowna.

#### Junior 'C' Hurling League (North Board Shield)

Borris-Ileigh 3 - 09 Portroe 2 - 09 in Borrisoleigh Referee: Jim Lees, Newport

#### Under 21 'A' Football (North Board Cup)

Borrisokane 1 - 06 Burgess 1 - 05 in Ballinderry Referee: T.P. Sullivan, Nenagh Éire Óg

#### Under 21 'B' Football (North Board Trophy)

Ballinahinch Gaels 1 - 08 Moneygall/Clonakenny 1 - 03 in Templederry

Referee: Pat Gibson, Burgess.

#### Minor 'A' Football (Gunnell Cup)

Newport Gaels 2 - 09 Ballina 2 - 03 in Portroe Referee: Liam Hogan, Shannon Rovers

#### Minor 'B' Football (Burke Cup)

Kildangan 1 – 08 Borrisokane 2 – 04 in Cloughjordan Referee: Dan Darcy, Kilruane MacDonagh

#### Competitions not completed:

#### Under 21 'A' Hurling (Delaney Memorial Cup):

Kilruane MacDonagh 0-20, Burgess 0-7 in Dolla

Referee: Michael Murphy, Toomevara

Under 21 'B' Hurling

#### Junior C Hurling Championship Final (Ulster Bank Cup)

Silvermines 2-23 Borris-Ileigh 0-6 in Dolla

Referee: Jim Lees, Newport Junior Football Final

Shannon Rovers v Inane Rovers Intermediate Football Final Kildangan v Borrisokane

#### 2012 Competitions completed in December 2012

#### Junor 'C' Hurling (Ulster Bank Cup)

Ballinahinch 1 – 13 Borrisokane 0 – 11 in Templederry Referee: Jim Lees, Newport

#### Under 21 'A' Hurling (Michael Delaney Cup)

Kilruane MacDonaghs 0 - 14 Toomevara 0 - 11 in Newport

Referee: Philip Kelly, Ballinahinch

#### Under 21 'B' Hurling (Peter Nolan Cup)

Kildangan 2 – 16 Roscrea 2 – 14 in Templederry Referee: Pat Gibson, Burgess

#### Junior Football (Gilmartin Cup)

Shannon Rovers 3 – 09 Borrisokane 1 – 08 in Ballingarry

Referee: Ger Fitzpatrick, Roscrea

#### Intermediate Football (Brian O'Reilly Cup)

Winners: Kildangan

#### **North Board Officers 2013**

President: Matt Hassett, Toomevara Vice President: Donie Nealon, Burgess Chairman: J ohn McGrath, Ballinahinch Dan Kennedy, Roscrea Vice Chairman: Secretary: Eugene Ryan, Moneygall Assistant Secretary: Gerard McKeogh, Ballina Willie Lennox, Shannon Rovers Treasurer: Catherine Gleeson, Kildangan Assistant Treasurer: Public Relations Officer: Liam Hogan, Shannon Rovers

Trustee: Dan Kennedy, Roscrea

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Language and Culture:

Bord na nÓg Rep:

Referees Rep:

Club Reps:

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Development Officer: Jackie Meagher, Toomevara.

#### **Competitions Control Committee:**

Chairman; Vice Chairman;

Secretary; Treasurer; Marian Minihane Martin Healy.

Noel Carey, Templederry; Anne Hickey, Portroe; John Gleeson, Ballina



Kildangan - The Hibernian North Senior Hurling Champions. Back 1-r: Tommy Connors, Gary Byrne, Liam Kelly, Paul Flynn, Tadhg Gallagher, Darragh Egan, Joe Gallagher (Captain), Eoin Kelly, Ruairi Gleeson, Martin Minehan, Eoin Gleeson, Stephen James Gleeson, Darren Moran, Eanna Gleeson, Paddy Coen, Shane Seymour, Donnacha Mulcahy, Jim Minehan, Johnny Horan, Michael Quigley. Front l-r: Paddy Lynch, Willie Connors, Brian Kelly, Dan Hackett (with son Ruairi), Hughie Flannery, Fergal Hayes, David Sweeney, Gerry Slattery, Jack Loughnane, Tom McLoughlin, Cathal Hanrahan, Alan Flynn, Eoin Meagher, Paddy Gallagher, Paraic Kelly.



Kilruane MacDonaghs North U-21 'A' Champions. Back l-r: Caoilainn Conroy, David Mooney, Aiden Boyle, Thomas Hogan, Kieran Cahill, Conor Cleary, Eanna Hogan, David Reddan, Jack Peters, Justin Cahill, Conor Doheny. Kneeling: Alan Darcy, Bob Dooley, Conor Austin, Thomas Cleary, Niall O'Meara, Eoin Williams, Robert Austin, David Williams, Stephen Cleary.



Nenagh - Junior 'A' Hurling League. Back l-r: Michael Ryan (selector), John O'Donoghue, Donnacha Heffernan, Philip Hickey, David Hackett, Paul Ryan, Kevin Flynn, Darragh Walsh, Brian Maxwell, Brian Quinn, Michael Collins, Christy McLoughlin (selector), James Mackey, Gary Howard, Martin Martin (selector). Front: Niall Cahill, Conor Ryan, Alan Kelly, Adam Gratton, Eoin Ftzgibbon (capt), Andrew Coffey, Donnacha Quinn, Daire Gleeson, Bob O'Brien, Pearse Morris.



Newport Gaels - North Minor 'A' Football Champions Back l-r: Evan Gleeson, Oisin O'Reilly, Conor Floyd, Mike Quigley, Liam Duffy, Harry Reid, Kevin Mulcahy, Rob Houlihan, Martin Shinners, Brian McAuliffe, Darragh McGrath. Front l-r: Kevin Connolly, Matthew Connolly, Daniel Delaney, Corie Mooney, Aidan Moloney, Daniel Carew, Pa Ryan, Jack Delahunty, Kealan Floyd



Knockshegowna Junior Hurling team 2013. Back l-r: Susan O'Brien (First Aid), Pio Downey, Ger Fogarty, Padraic Killeen, Scott Hodgins, Collie Browne, Adrian Browne, Eamon Murphy, Michael O'Brien (Capt), Richard King, Jack King, Michael Kennedy, Declan Costello, Denis Cahill, Joe Mooney (Sel), Donal Franks (Coach) Dinny King. Front l-r: Barry Carroll, Sean Cleary, Dermot Cooper, Rory Mounsey, Fergal Bond, Damien Bond, Darra Brown, Michael Rafferty, Graham Gohery, Brian Bond, Jos Cleary, Shane Hodgins, Ger Brennan (Sel).



Borrisokane U-21 Footballers - North 'A' Champions. Standing: (1 to r) Sean Hartnett (Captain), David Kennedy, Seamus Moriarty, Andrew Nevin, Shane Stapleton, Brian Donnelly, Enda Brennan, CJ Gavin, Brian Dooley, Francis Kelly, Ian Quigley, David Coen. Kneeling: Shane Nevin, Brian Davis, Paddy Gavin, Eanna Dooley, Peter McSherry, Niall Cahalan, Ger Reddan, Gary Power, Barry Aherne.



Borris-Ileigh Junior Hurling League. Back l-r: Gerry Treacy, Mick Small, Pauric Maher, Martin Ryan, Conor Walsh, Cathal O'Connell, Aidan Walsh, Kieran Maher, Seamus Howard, Timmy O'Connell, Ciaran Hackett, Shane Kenny, Shane McCormack, Liam Ryan, Patrick Tynan, Seamus Doolan, Philip McCormack Front l-r: David O'Connor, Danny Ryan, Tommy Mockler, Benny Harkin, Toby Kavanagh, Diarmuid Kinane, Rory Ryan, Martin Hayes, Declan Ryan, Jack Hogan, Matthew Vahey, Tomas Ryan, John Fitzgerald, Thomas Fahy



Burgess Senior hurlers that won the Dr. Fogarty Senior Challenge Cup. Back row: (1 to r) Dinny Ryan (Chairman), Tadgh O'Halloran, Bill O'Flaherty, Andrew Dunne, John O'Dwyer, Jack O'Flaherty, Timmy Hogan, Donagh Maher, Michael O'Flaherty, Eoin 'Tossy' Hogan, Damien O'Brien, Peter Gill, Noel Gleeson, Jonathan Mulqueen, Kevin Nealon, Brian Sherlock, Brian Hogan, Pat Cremin (Manager), Shane Ryan (Selector). Kneeling: William Ryan, Daniel Ryan, Brian Tucker, Eoin Hogan, Stephen Murray, Niall McGrath, Shane Maher (Captain), Conor Quigley, Paddy Hogan, Pat Stanley (Selector), Dinny Darcy (Selector), Michael O'Dwyer, Joe Sherlock.



Templederry Junior B League. Back 1-r: Seamus Kennedy (selector), John Collins (selector), John Kennedy, Noel O'Connell, Cathal Ryan, Damien Dunne, Ger Hogan, Ronan Kinane, James Hogan, Billy Corcoran. Michael O'Leary, Joe Shanahan, Dan Shanahan, Tom Ryan, Philip Kennedy, Padraig Hogan, Odhran Murphy. Ciaran Carey, Sean McLoughney, Ger Ryan (Selector). Front l-r. Donal McGrath, Denis Corcoran, Diarmuid Corcoran, Dale Donnelly, Pio Kennedy, John Harkin, Brendan Hayes, Michel Ryan, Matthew Hogan, Dylan Carey and Mark Gleeson.

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Kildangan Minor B Back l-r: Barry Hogan, Dan O'Meara, Jim Minehan, Sean Webb, Decky McGrathy, Ciaran Kelly, Andy Loughnane, Willie Connors, Tommy Mulqueen, Ben Banaghan, Cathal Hayes, Darren Moran, Paul McGrath, Liam Minehan (Selector). Front Row: Danny Sweeney (Selector), James Quigley, Hugh Geaney, David Sweeney, Eoin Meagher, David Cawley (Captain), Colm Cawley, Fergal Hayes (Selector)



Templederry Junior B. Back l-r. John Collins (Selector) Michael O'Leary, Sean Mc Loughney, Ronan Kinane, Mark Gleeson, Ciaran Carey, Joe Shanahan, Noel O'Connell, John Kennedy, Donal McGrath, Diarmuid Corcoran, Ger Hogan, Seamus O'Leary. Ger Ryan (Selector) Front 1-r: Seamus Kennedy (Selector) with daughter Clara, Donie Kennedy with his daughters, Odhran Murphy, Tom Hogan, Pio Kennedy (Capt), James Hogan, Brendan Hayes, Philip Kennedy, Dale Donnelly, Padraig Hogan, Cathal Ryan with his daughters.



Nenagh Éire Óg North Minor 'A' Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Liam Quinn (first aid), Eddie Hynes (physio), Gerard O'Gorman, Brian Gubbins, Brian Tuite, Michael Collins, Paul O'Leary, James Mackey, Anthony Walsh, Brian Flynn, Michael Hallinan, Niall O'Gorman, Adam Carey, Aaron Hogan, Aodhan Geaney, Gavin O'Connor, John Cahalan, Michael McNamara(selector), Con Morris(selector), Greg Browne (selector). Middle l-r: Barry Heffernan, Peter O'Reilly, Christopher Ryan, Gerard Mitchell, Oisin Ryan, Killian Gleeson(capt), Jack Molamphy, Shane Hennessey, Aidan Healy, Jack Sheedy. Sitting: Donnacha Quinn, Andrew Coffey, Philip Hickey, Gary Howard, Conor Ryan, Luke Kennedy.



Roscrea - James Holohan Cup winners. Back l-r - John Carroll, Diarmaid Fitzgerald, Conor Bergin, Daryl Ryan, Liam England, Sean Fitzgerald, Conor Sheedy, Keith McMahon, Jason Fitzpatrick, Paul Breen, Ethan Flynn, Shane Davis, John Pyne. Front - Paul Delaney, Michael Campion, Tommy Fitzgerald, Denis Moloney, Jamie Bergin, Mark Ryan, Enda Fitzgerald (with his two sons Conaill and Donagh), Sam Conlon and Darragh Spooner

Roscrea captain Enda Fitzgerald is presented with the James Holohan Cup by Bridget Holohan (widow of James Holohan) and Sean Nugent (County Board Chairman)



# Ballinahinch Gaels - North and County Under 21 'B' Football Champions

A combination of Ballinahinch and Newport proved to be a successful joint venture. The first game of the North championship was played in late February and proved not the best start for the Gaels losing out 1-07 to 1-05 to Portroe. Shannon Rovers gave us a walkover which due to other results meant we played Ballina in a North semi-final on the 23rd March. In another low scoring affair Ballinahinch Gaels came out on top 1-07 to 0-04 to qualify for the final.

In the North Final another combination team was in opposition. Moneygall/Clonakenny the U21 champions in 2012 were now competing in the North. Ballinahinch Gaels made a great start to the game and lead 0-6 to 0-1 at half-time. In the second half the Moneygall/Clonakenny combination came more into it, with Ballinahinch Gaels keeping their efforts at bay, a goal from Pa Floyd gave breathing space and the held out to win by five points.

**Team:** RJ Ryan; Rob Houlihan, Joe Conneely (Capt), Paddy Kelly; Blaine Lenihan, Sean Ryan, James O'Connor; Kevin Mulcahy, Martin Carey; Odhran Floyd (0-2), Pa Floyd(1-2), Pa Ryan; Aidan Moloney (0-2, 1f), Daragh McGrath (0-1), Shane Lenihan. SUBS: John Ryan for D McGrath; James Healy for P Kelly; Frank Troy for P Kelly.

In the County semi-final they faced the South champions Carrick Swans. Swans dominated the first half but missed numerous chances and the teams were tied at half-time 0-5 to 1-02. However four goals from Ballinahinch Gaels in the final 16 minutes of the match swept aside the strong challenge from the South champions. The more direct route proved successful with

Aidan Moloney getting a hat-trick, and Brendan Ryan and Frank Troy completing the goal scoring spree.

The manner of victory in the semi-final meant the team headed into the county final against Upperchurch-Drombane with confidence. Ballinahinch had last won the county title in 2001 with Newport having never won the title so history was there to be made for this team. In what proved to be testing windswept and at times damp conditions this was to be the proverbial game of two halves. Playing with the breeze in the first half Ballinahinch exploded out of the blocks and dominated the half, with a healthy 0-6 to 0-1 lead going in at the break. In the opening minute of the second half Pa Floyd got a crucial goal following great forward play between Darragh McGrath and Aidan Moloney. The goal catapulted the Gaels well ahead but this was to be their last score of the contest and for the next 29 minutes had to focus on keeping the opposition at bay. Every player worked to keep Upperchurch restricted and they held out to win by two points in the end 1-06 to 0-07. Following a tough campaign big celebrations began when Joe Conneely raised the cup for Ballinahinch Gaels.

**Team:** RJ Ryan; Paddy Kelly, Joe Conneely (Capt), Robert Houlihan; Conor Floyd, John Ryan Bawn, James O'Connor; Kevin Mulcahy, Martin Carey; Pa Ryan, Odhran Floyd, Aidan Moloney (0-2); Brendan Ryan (0-1), Pa Floyd (1-0), Darragh McGrath (0-3, 2f). SUBS: Blaine Lenihan for Mulcahy; David Ryan for P Floyd; Frank Troy for B Ryan; Kevin Fitzpatrick for Carey. James Healy, Thomas Kennedy. Management team: Cormac McGrath, Martin Ryan, Joe Floyd and David Hickey.



Ballinahinch Gaels – County and North Under 21 'B' Football Champions. Back l-r: Martin Ryan (L) Assistant Manager, Tom Kennedy, Kevin Mulcahy, Daragh McGrath, Pa Floyd, James O'Connor, David Ryan, Conor Floyd, Joe Conneely, Brendan Ryan, Blane Lenihan, Kevin Fitzpatrick, John Ryan, RJ Ryan, Mike Quigley, James Healy, Cormac McGrath (Coach). Front l-r: Odran Floyd, Shane Lenihan, Frank troy, Rob Houlihan, Pa Ryan, Paddy Kelly, Martin Carey, John Ryan Bán, Aidan Moloney, Colm Lees.

Silvermines Junior C team with mentors, winners of the Junior 'C' North Final. Back row: Martin Steed (Manager), Ger Grace (Selector), Paul O'Brien, Conor Delaney, Séamus Hogan, Mark Dunne, Denis Ryan, William Power, Mark Bourke, Alan Cunneen, Timmy Kelly, Tj Timmons, Brian Daniels, Evan Grace, Mark Kennedy, Shane Gallagher, Ciaraín Timmons (Trainer). Front row: Fergal Timmons, John Kennedy, Colm O'Brien, Kelvin Young, Shane Daniels, Shane Horan, Michael Abbott, Anthony McGrath (Captain), Adrian Young, Kieran Kennedy, Brian Dwyer. Absent from picture: Shane Egan.





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#### A special and significant year for Ballina

allina won promotion to Intermediate ranks in 1996 and in the intervening 17 years the Club has sought and worked towards intermediate North and County titles with the ultimate aim of achieving senior status for the club. Having lost four North Intermediate finals in the last decade and with many of the players still involved who had experienced these disappointments, there was a steel and determination to this year's campaign. All came good on Sunday 25th August when Ballina won their first North Intermediate title defeating Shannon Rovers in the final.

This tremendous boost and a good start to the county championship earlier in the year gave Ballina the impetus to step up and seriously contest a county championship. With wins at the playoff stages against Clonakenny and Lattin -Cullen, Ballina qualified for the county final against Moyne -Templetuohy and on a historic day in Thurles .. the goal was achieved. The pride, the sense of satisfaction and the sheer unbridled joy on the faces of the Ballina players, their mentors and their many supporters told its own story.

While it is this team who will go down in the history books as the Ballina team which brought the Jacksie Ryan cup to the parish of Ballina and Boher for the first time this win is for all

those players, mentors and supporters who have played and worked for the blue and white for many, many years. It now rests on the shoulders of the present group of players to pass on the pride in the jersey to the young players of the future.

In winning the North and county Minor B championship this year our.minors have contributed significantly to Ballina's success. This group of players have been together since they were Under ten and have proven themselves all along the way as a hard working and ambitious group of young men. Defeated in the North A final in football earlier in the year they targeted a North final in hurling where they defeated Burgess, Ballybacon in the county semi final and a strong Sean Treacy-Emly side in the county final.

Ballina Junior B team contested the North final losing out to Templederry in the final. With this level of success and with very good numbers in our juvenile club where excellent work is being done at ground level the future for Ballina looks bright.

Not to be forgotten in Ballina's special year is the contribution of our Feile winning Camogie team. The overall performance of the Camogie club show them going from strength to strength. Beal an Atha Abu.!



Ballina North and County Intermediate Champions. Back l-r: Adrian King (Selector), Brian McKeogh, James Murtagh, Eoin Kent, Aaron Devane, Brian O'Connor, Aidan Hanley, Gerry O'Brien, Patrick Cosgrave, Martin McKeogh, Steven O'Brien, Kevin Cosgrave, Domhnall McKeogh, Stepehn Stritch, Des Morgan, Niall Sheehy, Patrick Kennedy, Eamon Hayes, Conor Maguire, Adrian Power, Diarmuid Healy, Martin McInerney (Selector). Front: TJ O'Connell, Paul Ryan, Daniel Frawley, Jack Collins (Mascot), Sean Collins, Thomas Collins, Fergal Collins, David Hickey (Captain), Donal Kent, Michael Breen, Eoin Sheehy, Sean McKeogh, Martin Kennedy, Eamonn Sullivan, Brian Stritch, Rody Kennedy.



Ballina North and County 'B' Minor Hurling Champions. Back 1-r: J O'Dea, M.Acton, E.Sheehy, C Sheerin, D Bradshaw, B.King, L.Mcgrattan, J.Collins, C Maguire, R Burke, B. Connolly, J.Brady, A Power, J Murtagh, K.Noonan, B Floyd, E Healy, M Hurley, M Collins. Front l-r: T O'Halloran, M. Power, E McGrath, J. Slevin, T McGrath, T.Conway, P O'Leary, D Finnerty, P O'Hagan, D Kelly, A Hanley, P Donovan, C O'Leary, L.Kennedy.

# Mid Tipperary Review

#### **2013 Mid Final Winners**

Competition	Winner	Runner Up	Venue	Referee
Senior Hurling	Drom-Inch	Loughmore-Castleiney	Boherlahan	Johnny Butler
Senior Football	JK Brackens	Loughmore-Castleiney	Templetuohy	Paddy Russell
Intermediate Hurling	Clonakenny	Moyne-Templetuohy	Templemore	Tom McGrath
Intermediate Football	Upperchurch-Drombane	Holycross-Ballycahill	Templetuohy	Jonathan Cullen
Junior A Hurling	Moycarkey Borris	Drom-Inch	Templetuohy	Sean Bradshaw
Junior A Football	Drom-Inch	Loughmore-Castleiney	The Ragg	Liam Shanahan
Junior B Hurling	Holycross-Ballycahill	Killea	The Ragg	Michael Heffernan
Junior B Football	Moycarkey Borris	Moyne-Templetuohy	The Ragg	Andy Murray
Under 21 A Football	Loughmore-Castleiney	JK Brackens	Templetuohy	John Kelly
Under 21 B Football	Upperchurch-Drombane	Gortnahoe-Glengoole	Drombane	Kevin Butler
Minor A Hurling	Holycross-Ballycahill	Thurles Sarsfields	Boherlahan	Johnny Ryan
Minor A Football	Drom-Inch	Thurles Sarsfields	Templemore	Martin Ryan
Minor B Hurling	Boherlahan Dualla	Loughmore-Castleiney	Holycross	Michael Heffernan
Minor B Football	Upperchurch-Drombane	Loughmore-Castleiney	Templemore	Eddie Costello

#### **MID-TIPPERARY OFFICERS**

	MID-TIPPERARY OFFIC	ERS
Position	Officers	Club
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P.R.O.:	Andy Fogarty	Thurles Sarsfields
Trustee:	Mattie Rvan	Drom-Inch



The Thurles Sarsfields panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Mid Tipp Junior Hurling League Div 2 Final.



Thurles Sarsfields, Under 21 'A' Co. Champions 2012. Back l-r: Kevin Smith, Aidan Ryan, Pauric Crone, Tommy Doyle, David Maher, Dylan Bourke, Rory O'Shea, Michael Russell (capt), Denis Maher, Pa Dunne, Donal O'Gorman, Pa Phelan, Stephen Maher, Paddy Carroll, Jack Linneen, David Corbett, Myles Fitzgerald. Front: Paul Maher, Kevin Dunne, Michael O'Dwyer, Ronan Maher, Michael O'Brien, Stephen Cahill, Cian Treacy, Conor Lanigan, Mark Lanigan, Aidan McCormack.



The Clonakenny Panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Roadstone Provinces Mid Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Final. Back l-r: Liam Mullally, John Costigan, William Ryan, Nicky Ryan, Mark Ryan, David Cody, Prionsios Matthews, John O'Meara, Donnacha Murray, Willie Costigan, Allan Abbott, Martin Joe Murray, Jonathan Cody. Front l-r: Ger Byrne, Brian Shanahan, Seamus Nolan, Bobby Bergin, John Joe Ryan, Stephen Russell, Niall Matthews, Michael John Carroll, Donal Greed, Michael Costigan, Pa Ryan, Conor Ryan, Brian Mullally, Paul Bergin.



The Drom Inch panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Centenary Agri Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Final. Back 1-r:?, Michael Costello, Oisin Jordan, Michael Campion, Eddie Costello, Michael Purcell, Liam Ryan, Eamon Buckley, Seamus Callinan, David Collins, Enda Walsh, Jamie Moloney, ?, Brendan Larkin, ?, Robbie Long, Joe Egan, Kevin Ahearne. Front l-r: Eric Woodlock, Paddy Kennedy, Shane Hassett, Kevin Butler, Seamus Butler, Johnny Ryan, Damien Young, Micheal Butler, James Ryan, David Butler, James Woodlock, Paul Collins, Matthew Ryan, Declan Ryan, Martin McGrath, Matthew Buckley.



The Upperchurch Drombane Panel that defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the Kia Moters Horse and Jockey Mid Tipperary U21 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Padraig Shortt, Tommy Stevens, Nathan Delaney, Sam Bourke, Eugene Bourke, Seamus Armstrong, Ger Fogarty, Sean Harty, PJ Boirke, Ailbe O'Donoghue, Robert Murphy, John Ryan. Front l-r: Diarmuid Grant, James Murray, Gerard Grant, Paul Ryan Capt, Paul Shanahan, Kieran Shortt, Padraig Greene, David Bourke.

#### Successful year on and off the field for Thurles Gaels

hurles Gaels officially re-opened our newly developed field at Kickham Park, Mill Road, Thurles on Saturday August 3rd 2013. It was a momentous occasion filled with fun, food, a cracking game of hurling, topped off with live music.

This €100,000 development was a massive undertaking for a young club which began life in 2005 after an amalgamation between Thurles Kickhams, Thurles Fennellys and Rahealty. Two mens' vision and work behind the scenes deserve a special mention, Kieran O' Dwyer (Fennellys) and Seamus Doran (Rahealty).

First game, first captain, first score, first title, are the up side of a new club and this year was no exception. In 2013 we fielded a minor team in both football and hurling for the first time. In Castleliney we played Loughmore in a Mid minor 'B' football match and while the result didn't go our way the ocassion greatly out weighed any scoreline. Later in the year we lined out at minor 'B' in the Mid hurling championship, great credit is due to all who played, especially those who were playing championship hurling for the first time.

Our first U16 title came this year against Clonakenny in a keenly contested football Mid-Final at The Ragg. Scores were hard to come by and had Mattew Longes' fierce shot not been expertly stopped by keeper Andy Mickelsons, we might still be waiting for our first title. Andy was one of the stand out performers on the day. Score of the day came from Man of the Match Sean O'Gorman, as he brilliantly fielded the ball, beat his man and on the run he pointed from thirty five metres out. It was his driving runs on a wet day that settled the team who went on to play to their potential and book their place in history.

We now have mens football/hurling, a Ladies football team (2012 Peil Ná mBan winners), and teams at all age levels. We will enter the Scór Ná Nóg/Páistí for the first time this year, as we aim to "foster a spirit of earnest nationality". This was how

historian T.E. O'Sullivan described the aims of the then newly formed GAA in 1884.

And with the next generation in mind, it was clear that development of our field was needed. We had drainage put in place and then had the field leveled with new goalposts and nets. John Darmody, who like us, is rightly proud of the end result, did magnificent work and we thank him. We also moved our entrance and resurfaced our car park. This makes every visitors experience safer and more enjoyable and a big thank you must go to the patrons of Thurles, whose generosity made this possible. A mention also to John Kelly, Pat Kerwick, John O'Gorman, Colm Ryan, to all who manned the committees and collection tables, Mackeys, Carews, Irwins, Dorneys, Dwyers and many more. There is one man at the club we are very grateful to have Larry Kavanagh, his fundraising and drive make him our player of the year, every year.

The opening ceremony was well attended and got under way with some well chosen words as Gaeilge from Conor Ryan, reminding us of the history associated with Kickham Park and of the joy of knowing it will provide a home for many more Gaels in the future. Fr. Hennessey then led the collective in prayer as he blessed the grounds. It was then to the cutting of the ribbon. Thurles Gaels were honored to have Michael Gleeson to cut the ribbon. Michael had been instrumental in the survival of Thurles Kickhams and Kickham Park, he was both humbled and proud to be asked.

The whole occasion was regarded a huge success due to the numerous meetings recorded by secretary Paul Mahoney, the expert managing of purse strings by Brian Fitzgibbon. To our P.R.O Adrian Mc Ginley for getting the word out there and the super work of our Ladies footballers guaranteeing a bumper raffle. And to the future stars of Thurles Gaels and Gortnahoe who played a few entertaining games, which surprisingly ended in a draw.



**Upperchurch/Drombane** - Clean Ireland Recycling Challenge Cup champions.



The Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipperary Minor A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Gavin Dunne, Donal Mulcahy, Brian Dwan, Peter Gavin, John Croke, Kieran Hennessy, Matty Stakelum, Luke O'Meara, Shane Ryan, Jack Skehan, Liam Moloney, Ray Nally, Brian Hanrahan, Cian Hehir, Shane Shelly. Front l-r: Callum O'Connor, Jamie Hartnett, Aaron Ryan, Jack Carey, Ciaran Maher, Eddie Murphy, David Carroll, Jamie Woods, Paraic Russell, Conor Ryan, Kieran O'Dwyer.



The Victorious Moycarkey Borris Panel that defeated Drom Inch in the Roskeen Construction sponsored Mid Tipp Junior A Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R Michael Bryan, Robert Doran, Peter O Brien, Stephen Kirwan, Ciaran Maher Mossy Bracken, I Gary O Connel, Brian Moran, Phil Kelly Capt, Ger Carey, John Bergin, Jeff Fallon, Kieran Shorthall, Aidan Maher, Tony Flanagan, Robert Clancy. Front Row L to R Matty Ryan, Peter Kinane, Pat Ralph, Gerry McGuire, Donie Bergin, Jamie Fanning, Eamon Flanagan, John Kelly, Niall Heffernan, Joseph Sullivan, David Ryan, Michael Roche.



The Upperchurch Drombane panel that defeated Golden Kilfeacle in the County U21 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Padraig Hayes, Seamus Armstrong, PJ Bourke, Ailbe O'Donaghue, Ger Fogarty, Eugene Bourke, Padraig Shortt, Paul Ryan (Capt), Sean Harty, Roberty Murphy, James Murray, David Bourke, Nathan Delaney, Michael Greene. Front l-r: Diarmuid Grant, Gerard Grant, Paul Shanahan, Padraic Greene, John Ryan, Ciaran Shortt, Sam Bourke, Owen Shortt.



The Moyne
Templetuohy Panel that
defeated Clonakenny in
the Richie Ryan
Templetuohy Bus and Cab
Hire Mid Tipperary
Junior Hurling League
Division 3 Final.



Holycross Ballycahill panel and selectors that defeated Killea in the Thurles Wholesale Cash and Carry Mid Tipperary Junior B Hurling Final Replay.



The Thurles Sarsfields panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Vale Oil Mid Tipperary U21 A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Patrick Crone, Kevin Smith, Aidan Ryan, Miles Fitzgerald, Jamie Stapleton, David Maher, David Corbett, Rory O'Shea, Tommy Doyle, Michael Russell Capt, Denis Maher, Pa Dunne, Dylan Bourke, Padriac Phelan, Paul Maher, Jack Lineen. Front l-r: Paddy Carroll, Conor Lanigan, Stephen Cahill, Mark Lanigan, Cian Treacy, Michael O'Dwyer, Michael O'Brien, Ronan Maher, Stephen Maher, Kevin Dunne, Philip Purcell, Aidan McCormack.



The **Drom & Inch panel** that defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the O Mahony Print Templemore Mid Tipperary Junior Hurling League Division 1 Final.



Boherlahan Dualla Panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipperary Minor B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Michael O'Sullivan, Dara Dwan, Jimmy Cawley, Sean O'Connor, William Purcell, Jordan Moore., Evan Dwan, Colm Dwyer, Kieran O'Sullivan Capt., Cillian Maher, David Ryan, John Walsh, Jason Hayes. Front l-r: Richard Dwyer, James O'Sullivan, Shane Dwan, Niall Manton, Tomas Ryan, Laurence Devane, John Purcell.



Drom and Inch Mid and County Junior 'A' Football Champions. Back l-r: Mick O'Sullivan, Seamus Callinan, Liam Ryan, Michael Purcell, Eamon Buckley, Robert Ryan, Johnny Ryan, Eddie Costello, ,Jerome Ryan Capt, David Collins, Paul Kennedy, Keith Nolan, Enda Walsh, Paddy Kennedy, Paul Kennedy, John Lewis. Front l-r: Martin McGrath, Jamie Moloney, Michael Costello, Kieran Young, Declan Ryan, Michael Campion, James Woodlock, Brian Hennessy, Michael Everard, David Butler, Shane Hassett, Joe Lupton, Robbie Long, Brendan Larkin, Michael Butler, Kevin Butler, Kevin Ahearne

Moycarkey Borris County JHC 'A' winners Back L/R; - Kieran Shortall, Jamie Costello, Michael Roche, Cathal Ryan, Matty Ryan, Eamon Flanagan, Jeff Fallon, Ciaran Maher, Jamie Fanning, Peter Kinane, Tony Flanagan, Brian Moran, Gerry McGuire, Robert Clancy, Stephen Kirwan, Joseph O'Sullivan, Richard O'Keeffe, Micheal Bryan.Front L/R; - Pat Ralph, Paddy Maher, Niall Heffernan, Mossy Bracken, David Ryan, john Bergin, Robert Doran, Phil Kelly (Captain), Ger Carey, Donie Bergin, Aidan Maher, Gary O'Connell, John Kelly, Peter O'Brien





The Drom Inch panel that defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the Murphy Office Supplies Mid Tipperary Minor A Football Final. Back l-r: Thomas O'Meara, Robbie Long, Michael Campion, Mikey Connors, Robert Ryan, Emmet Moloney, Pauric Campion, Joey Maher, Rory O'Dwyer Capt., Colm Kinane, Conor O'Meara, Mark O'Brien, Liam Dempsey. Front: Brian Hennessy, Ciaran Thorpe, Kevin Hassett, Paul Kennedy, Brendan Larkin, Thomas Nolan, Kevin Ahearne, Jamie Bergin, Paul Hennessy



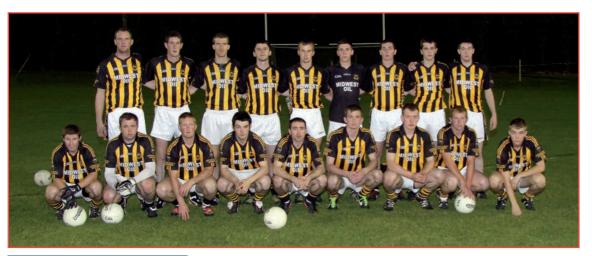
The JK Brackens panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Gleeson Quarries Mid Tipperary Senior Football Final played in Templetuohy. Back l-r: Liam Murphy, Shane Scully (capt), Tommy Kennedy, Darren Owens, Stephen Owens, John Dunne, Mervyn Bradish, Kevin Mulryan, Lorcan Egan, Seán Patrick Guerins, David Keating, Michael Kennedy, James Bergin, Padraic Keely, Keith Kennedy, Aidan Fogarty Front l-r: Damien McBride, Johnny Nevin, James Farrelly, Brendan Guider, Killian O'Neill, Colin O'Riordan, David Ryan, Dean McEnroe, Alan O'Riordan, Cathal Scully, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Shane Cashman, Shane Bourke, Páidí Bourke



The **Upperchurch Drombane panel** that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoole in the CM Signs sponsored Mid Tipperary U/21 B Football Final.



The victorious **Drom Inch** panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Jim and Anne Kennedy sponsored Mid Tipperary Junior A Football Final.



The victorious

Upperchurch Drombane
panel that defeated
Holycross Ballycahill in
the AIB Thurles sponsored
Mid Tipp Intermediate
Football Final.



Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated JK Brackens in the CM Signs sponsored Mid Tipperary U/21 A Football Final. Back l-r: Brian McGrath, Joseph Nyland, Padraig Hennessy, Liam Treacy, Lorcan Egan, Richard Maher, Padraig Egan, Martin Meagher, Evan Egan, Tommy Maher, Mark Butler, Benny Harkin, Denis Brereton. Front l-r: Kevin O'Connell, Eamon McGrath, Joseph Hennessy, John Meagher, Liam McGrath, Tomas McGrath, John McGrath, Robert O'Connell, Bill O'Connell.



The victorious Moycarkey Borris panel after they defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Jim Kennedy Publican Thurles Mid Tipperary Junior B Football Final



The Upperchurch Drombane panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Murphy Office Supplies Mid Tipperary Minor B Football Final. Back: Nathan Delaney, Conor Ryan, Robert Murphy, T.J. Butler, Brian Sheridan, Ronan Gleeson, Cathal Purcell, Darragh Carey, Loughlin Ryan, Ger Grant, Patrick Bourke. Front: Gavin Ryan, Dylan Sheridan, Niall Grant, Paul Shanahan Capt., Toby Clancy, Jack Butler, Dean Carey, Brian Harty

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# South Tipperary Review

#### **Cumann Luthchleas Gael Thiobrad Arann Theas 2013**

#### **South Board Roll Of Honour 2013**

Grade	Teams and Scores		Venue	Referee
(1) Senior Hurling July 27th	Killenaule 1-22	Carrick Swans 2-16	Clonmel Ke	ith Delahunty
(2) Clonmel Oil Senior Football Sept 1st	Commercials 1-12	Kilsheelan/Kilcash 0-6	Monroe	S Lonergan
(3) Clonmel Credit Union Inter Fo Sept 22nd	<b>otball</b> Ballyporeen 1-13	Commercials 0-7	Newcastle	Martin Doyle
(4) Martins Fruit & Veg Inter Hurl Oct 10th	ing Ballybacon Grange 3-18	Fr Sheehys 2-6	Cahir	Paddy Ivors
(5) John Quirke Junior Hurling A Sept 8th	Ballylooby/Castlg 2-14	Skeheenarince 1-13	Cahir	Brian Tyrell
(6) Garrabridge Lighting Junior Fo Oct 28th	<b>Potball A</b> Ballingarry 2-10	Newcastle 1-11	Clonmel	Derek O'Mahony
(7) Junor Hurling B Oct10th	Killenaule 3-18	Cahir 1-10	Fethard	Brian Tyrell
(8) Mulcahy Construction Junior I Oct 12th	Football B Clonmel Og 2-4	Moyle Rovers 1-6	Clonmel	Willie Barrett
(9) O'Donoghues Motor Factors U March 18th	<b>21 Football A</b> Ardfinnan 2-18	Ballyporeen 0-3	Clonmel	Sean Lonergan
(10) Hall Alarms U21 Football B March 29th	Carrick Swans 4-7	Killenaule 0-9	Monroe	Miceal O'Donnell
(11) Sureprint Minor Football A Sept 20th	Commercials 2-11	Moyle Rovers 0-8	Ballyporeen	D O'Mahony
(12) Minor Football B July 14 th	Ballyporeen 2-13	Killenaule 0-9	Clonmel	B Tyrell
(13) Chadwicks Minor Hurling A Oct 13th	Carrick Swan 2-16	Kilsheelan/Kilcash 0-7	Clonmel	P Shelley
(14) Minor Hurling B Oct 5th	Ballybacon Grange 2-9	Killenaule 2-8	Clonmel	Fergal Horgan

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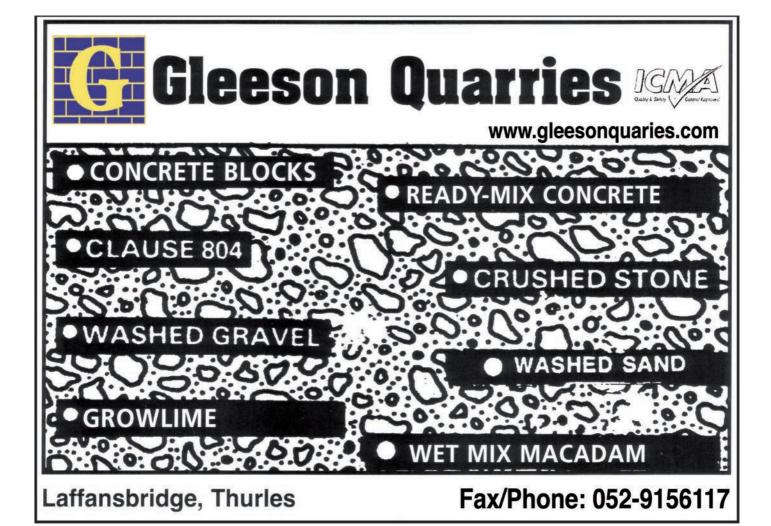
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Killenaule South Junior 'B' Hurling champions. Back I-r: John Cooke, James Gleeson, Jonathan Berry, Niall Berry, Joseph Meagher, Aiden Walsh, Aiden Leahy, Mark Doyle, Martin Fennelly, James Doyle, Conor Prendergast, Paul O'Dwyer, Jonathan Gleeson. Front 1-r: Dessie Taylor, Robbie Blake, Kenny Lawrence, John Cleary, Michael Fitzgerald (Captain), Kenneth Browne, Daragh Blake, Rory Loughman, Kenneth Cleary, Vinny Hannigan.



Clonmel Commercials panel that defeated Drom Inch in the Clean Ireland Recycling County Minor 'A' Football Final. Back l-r: Keith Fahey, Padraig Looram, Robert Lyons, Kevin Fahey (capt), Eric Walsh, Ross Dennehy, Jake McDonald, Sean Gunne, Jack Kennedy, Michael Nugent, Kyle Peters, Joey Doyle, Michael Boland Front l-r: Ross Peters, Ritchie Gunne, Padraig White, Liam Ryan, Stephen Kelly, Michael Connolly, Graham Kelly, Shane Moloney, Jamie Ahearne.



Ballyporeen - South Minor 'B' Football Champions Back l-r: Patrick English, Kevin Slattery, James Hannon, Jason Cahill, Adam Macken, Lorcan English, Aaron Macken, Michael Kearney, Riain O'Callaghan, Fionnáin O'Sullivan, Cormac Roche, Ian Lynch, Tadhg O'Mahoney, Danny Cahill. Front l-r: Donie Cahill, Noel Vaughan, John Ryan, Cealach Hennessy, William English, Ciaran Cahill, David Russell, James Hackett, Adrian English, Tommy Breedy. Absent from photo: Eoin Kearney (coach).



Killenaule South Senior Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Jonathan Gleeson, Paul O'Dwyer, Aiden Walsh, Thomas Keaveney, James Feehan, Joe Ceaser, Aiden Leahy, Kevin Prendergast, Patrick Kerwick, Declan Fanning (Captain), Gerry Kennedy, Daniel Guinan, Kieran Bergin, Michael McGrath, Niall O'Dwyer, John O'Dwyer. Front l-r: Vinny Hannigan, Kenneth Browne, Michael Fitzgerald, Rory Loughman, Dominic Blake, Damien McCormack, Pat O'Connor, Joe O'Dwyer, Michael Doyle, Paddy Codd, Stephen Browne, Tony Doyle, Stephen Hannigan.



Clonmel Og - South Junior 'B' football champions. Back l-r: Ivan McMemamin, Christy Alwyard, Aidan Fox, Stephen Alwyard, Gino Lonergan, Dwaine Burns, Kevin Mcgrath, Noel O'Connor, Riche Tobin, Dean Madigan, Shane Fehilly, Brian Bates, Richie Crowe, Terry Kearns, Jonathan O'Donoghue, Martin Boland, John O'Connor, Stephen Kearns. Front l-r: Conor Arrigan, Paul Cagney, Darren Boland, Paul Landers, David Peters (Capt), Eric Smith, Darren Burns, Peter Kellerher, Garry Cunnighan, Paddy Wack O'Donnell, Eoghan Alwyard.

Ballyporeen - County and South Intermediate football champions. Back l-r: Paddy O'Gorman (Trainer & Selector), Dave Russell, John Martin, John O'Callaghan, Shane Lynch, Bobby Breedy, Danny Barrett, Tommy Sweeney, Darragh Lyons, Eoin Kearney, Francis Martin, Dave Hyland, Fionnan O'Sullivan, Paudie Fitzgerald, Michael Sweeney (Manager). Front 1-r: Pat O'Farrell (Selector), Eoin Morrissey, Neil Barrett, Mikey Sweeney, Tomas Martin, Conor Sweeney (captain), Wiliam English, Sean English, John Carey, Riain O'Callaghan, Michael John Meaney, Seamus O'Callaghan, Anthony Crotty, Shane Molan, Declan Hickey (Trainer & Selector). Absent from photo: Jack English, Danny English, Tomas Molan, Jason Cahill, Paul Hyland.





The Kilsheelan Kilcash panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the County Junior A Hurling Championship Final in 2012. Back l-r: Donnacha Lonnergan, John Roche, John Kehoe, Adrian McGuire, Paul Kennedy, Patrick Larkin, Shane Prendergast (Captain), Niall Walsh, Adrian Walsh, Thomas Ryan, Alex Harte, Keith Robinson, Sennan O'Halloran Bill Maher, Eoin Kehoe. Front 1-r: Edward Sweeney, Ian Coughlan, William Ryan, Sean Ryan, Kevin Guiry, Kevin Larkin, Conor Davin Murphy, David Corcoran, James Ryan, Tadgh Lonergan.

Carrick Swan - South Under 21 'B' Football Champions Back l-r, Gavin O'Halloran, Darragh Gibbs, Dale O'Hanlon, Scott Hogan, Colin Loughman, Bill Barrett, Danny Fitzpatrick, Lee Grace, Sean Dunphy, Jamie Long, Colin Waters, Lee Wall, Dale O'Mahony, Sean Boland, Rowland Fitzpatrick, Sean Dowley. Front l-r: Derek Burrows, Mikie Loughman, Jamie Torpey, Evan Hogan, Bill Walsh, Martin Griffin, Dean Murphy, Jack Walsh, James O'Hanlon.





Ballybacon Grange: South Minor B Hurling Champions 2013. Back l-r: Thomas O'Leary, Padraig Cunningham, Bernard McHugh, Gerry Cronin, Evan Barrett, Darragh Boyle, Colin O'Gorman, Sean Nagle, Eoin O'Brien, Shane Keating, Eoghan Keating, Adam Ross Lambert, Evan Burke, Cathal Boyle, Donal McCarthy, Michael Shone, Brian Coffey. Front l-r: Tommy Mason, James Shine, Mark Kelly, Daniel Cunningham, Philip Walsh, Tom Kirwan, Michael Hogan, Michael Barlow, Jason Burke, Darren Slattery, Colm O' Shaughnessy, Sean Maher, Gavin Whelan, Declan Walsh.



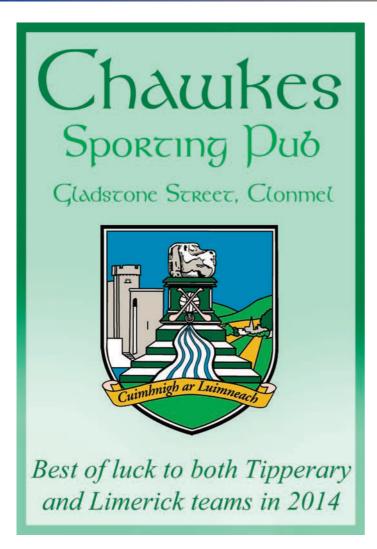
Ballylooby/Castlegrace - South Junior 'A' Hurling Champions. Standing 1-r: Derek Coffey (Manager), Brendan Hunter, Kieran O'Donnell, Brian O'Donnell, John Fennessey, James Morgan, Stephen Morgan, Eamon Gleeson, Pat Wilkinson, John F. Whelan (Captain), David Fox, Colm Flynn, Michéal Murphy, Patrick Fitzgerald, Enda Kendrick, Shane Whelan, Richie Morrissey (Selector), Eamon Ryan. Front l-r): Jamie Coffey, Pierse Murphy, John Cooney, Sean Lonergan, David O Halloran, Brian Reidy, Danny Morgan, Brian Beary, Paddy Kenneally, Ger Beary, Luke Murphy, Richie Flynn, Bryan Fitzgerald, Patrick Morrissey, Conor Morrissey, Pat Morrissey. Absent from photo are Barry Cooney, Michael F. Murphy, William Dunne, John McCarthy.

Ballybacon Grange: South Intermediate Hurling Champions **2013.** Back l-r: Peter Hally, James O'Mahoney, Sean Nagle, Alex Kirwan, Gerry Cronin, Aidan Savage, Aaron Cowan, Aaron Lonergan, Thomas Maher, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Tom Kirwan, Brendan Cummins. Front l-r: Micheal O'Sullivan, Nigel Carrigan, Daniel O'Regan, Joey Phelan, Philip Walsh, Johnny English, Craig Carrigan, Martin Ryan, Eoin Walsh, Billy Hewitt, Brian Dillon, Philip Murphy. Team Mascots: Adam Carrigan, Ronan Myles.





Ardfinnan - County and South Under 21 'A' football champions. Back l-r: Aoibhinn Maher, Sean Maher, Stephen O'Brien, Nigel Carberry, Philip Murphy, Darren Bray, Aaron Cowan, Tom Kirwan, Shane Fagan, Colm Nugent, Stephen Lambert, Christopher Lambert, Neil O'Sullivan, Gerry Cronin, Evan Barret, Thomas Maher, Aidan MacNamara, Dean O'Mahoney, John Phelan, Clara O'Brien. Middle l-r: Nigel Carrigan, Eoin Lambert, Oisin O'Flynn, Sean Nagle, Aaron Lonergan, Michael Goonan, Daniel O'Regan (Captain), Michael O'Sullivan, Cian O'Mahoney, Luke O'Brien, Leslie Boyle, Emmet Cowan. Sitting l-r: Jonathan Ryan, James O'Mahoney, Michael Myles, Ronan Myles, Adam Carrigan, Billy Hewitt, Shane Ryan, Jack Keating, Darragh O'Brien.







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Carrick Swan - South Minor 'A' Hurling Champions Back l-r: Dale O'Hanlon, Darragh Gibbs, Dean Walsh, Dale O'Mahoney, Seán Dunphy, Aidan Brunnock, Ben Cooney, Glenn Kerwick, Luke Gahan, Bill Barrett, Cian Foley, Shane Torpey, Scott Hogan, Danny Fitzpatrick. Front l-r: Gavin O'Halloran, Kevin Faulkner, Dean Waters, Tommy McGrath, Eric O'Halloran, Lee Wall, Derek Burrows, Dean Faulkner, Daniel Walsh, Jack Cooke, Eric Diffilly

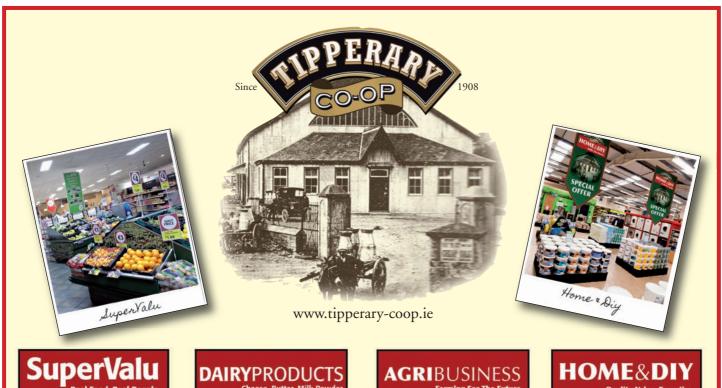




The 1987 Ballyneale team were honored at the club social on the 25th anniversary of winning the South Junior Hurling Final. Front 1-r: Peadar McGinley, Myra Phelan for Seamie Phelan RIP, Christina Dignam for Christy Dignam, Peggy Lyons for Jim Lyons and Peter Lyons. 2nd row l-r: Johnson Lyons, Eddie Maguire, Tommy Keating, Timmy Bolger, Al Murray, Walter Crowley. 3rd row l-r: Eamon Phelan, Jim o Meara, John O'Toole, Eamon o Meara, Tom Murray, Richard Tobin. Back l-r: Michael Murphy, Eugene Cuddihy, Val Needham, Pat Meehan, Declan Hahessy, Michael Freaney, Tom Needham, Frank Murphy, Toss Lonergan.

The Grangemockler team that won the 1962 County Junior football final were honoured last year at the club social to mark their 50th anniversary. Front l-r): Elizabeth Lanigan for Val Lanigan RIP, Bernie Power ne Strang for 'Junior Power' RIP, Maise o Shea for Dick O'Shea RIP, Michael Hogan, Michael Lyons. Middle l-r: Billy Meagher, Jimmy O'Shea, John Blanchfield, Cha Houlihan, Pat Flynn for Pat 'The Tatcher' Flynn RIP, Michael Murray. Back l-r: John Murray, Theo English (special guest), Paddy Tobin, Sean Walsh for John Walsh, Jimmy Bolger for Martin Bolger, Paddy Ryan for Jack Ryan RIP, Paul Lyons, Harry Tobin, Eamon Hogan, Tommy Keating for Noel Keating, Jim Healy, Jimmy Meagher.





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# West Tipperary Review

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Sean Treacy/Emly - West Minor 'B' Hurling Champions. Back l-r: David Hennessy, Kevin Browne, Donal Condon, Dylan Fahey, Tommy Lyons, Sean Burke, Shane Stapleton, James Condon, Gary O'Brien, Ger Egan, Sean Ryan, Mattie Feehan, Tom Ryan, John Carey, Noel McMahon. Front l-r: J.J Ryan, Andrew McGrath, Simon Maher, Patrick Carey, Paul Ryan, Brian Carey, Andy O'Brien, Patrick Deegan, Darragh Kennedy, Willie Mackey, Mike McGrath.



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Kickhams JHC 'A' winners. Front l-r: Brendan Ryan, Shane Morrissey, Gary Heelan, John O'Brien, Oisin Slattery, Killian Loughman, Brendan Farrell, Padraig Morrissey, Oisin O'Mara. Back l-r: Fergal O'Brien, Stephen Griffey, Aidan Butler, Kevin Farrell, Conor Horan, PJ Collins, Ger Farrell, Tommy Comerford (Capt), Thomas Ryan, Rory O'Dwyer, David Horgan, Dan Breen, Peter Comerford, Aidan Slattery (Selector), Pat Mc Cormack (Selector), Missing from photo (Selectors) Jimmy Farrell, Padraig Slattery (Snr).

#### Knockavilla Kickhams U21FC 'B' Champions.

Front L/R: Brendan Ryan, Padraig Slattery, Patrick Ryan, Elliot Thompson, Conor Butler, Brian Hand, Fionn Hogan, Oisin O'Mara, David Butler, Alan Hayes, David Heelan, Timmy Byrnes. Back L/R: Tommy Landers, Eoin Carew, Oisin Slattery, Dean Kelly, Cathal Morrissey (Capt), Johnny Ryan, Dean Thompson, Stephen Griffey, Gary Heelan, Jamie Quinn, David Ryan, Tomas Hayes, Walter O'Carroll, Willie Ryan.





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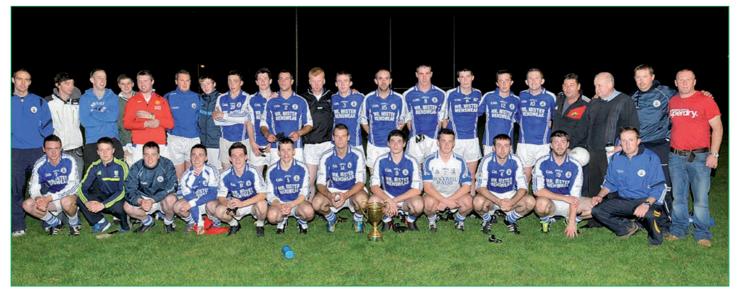
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Rockwell Rovers - West & County Junior 'B' football champions. Back l-r: Niall Craig, Kevin Riordan, Kevin Hally, Jack Moloney, Paddy Keating, Stephen Boland, Alex Purcell, James Dudley, Willie Flynn, James Heffernan, Diarmuid Lonergan. selector Gerry Ryan, Manager Donal Moloney, Martin Boland. Front l-r: Ml Fahey, Brian Riordan, Robbie O'Halloran, Mikie Barron, Dermot O'Brien (capt.), David Brennan, Colm Heaney, Kevin Heaney, Oliver Hally, Manager Kieran Durkan. Lucky mascots: Teresa O'Halloran, Ella & Caoimhe Heaney, Brian Hally, Emma & Maria Durkan and Lucy Quinn.



Rosegreen Junior Football Championship 'A'. Back l-r: Donal Coman, Michael Griffin, Keith Phelan, Vinnie Downey, Cathal Ryan, B. J. Goold, Nick Maher, Pa Ryan, Trevor Downey, Mark Harnett, Frank Culleton (Capt), Killian Ryan, Michael Golden, Gary Martin, J. P. Burns. Front: Michael Lowney, Ger O'Connor, David Quirke, Joe Breen, Adrian Gleeson, Mike Kelly, Denis Golden, Sean Cormack, Cormac Ryan

# **Arravale Rovers Adult Hurling and Football Club**



Arravale Rovers SFC. Back L/R: Denis Kenneally (Selector), Matty Doherty (Selector), Ger Mulhair, Peter Mulhair, Tony Byrnes, Sean O'Meara, John Hayes, Bryan Lowry, James Hogan, Paddy Dalton, Brian Jones, David Cleary, John Bourke, Pearse Richardson, Stephen Quinn, Stephen Spillane, Roger O'Connor, Andy Lacey, Pat Kelly (Selector). Front L/R: Tadhg Duggan (Selector) Michael O'Dwyer, Shane Leahy, Timmy Dalton, Robbie Kiely, Darren Lowry (Capt.), Damien Kiely, Ciaran Lowry, Donnagh Leahy, Ted Lowry, Eric Higgins, Sean Dalton (Selector), Ivan Flynn (Selector). Missing Brian Glasheen.

#### A special and an historical year for the Arravale Rovers GAA club.

From a Juvenile perspective Arravale Rovers captured two County Hurling titles. On the 11th August in Annacarty Arravale Rovers claimed the West U12 'B' hurling title for the first time since 1996. A week later they accounted for Ballina in the Semi Final and then on Aug 24th the Arravale faithful headed to Holycross where they faced Boherlahan/Dualla. After a game of determination and the never say die attitude, and despite being

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well behind at times, Arravale Rovers finally claimed the County U12 'B' Hurling championship for the first time in the clubs history. Arravale Rovers were not finished there and added two more titles at U14 'A' Hurling winning the West for the first time in 26 years defeating Cashel in the Final. Arravale Rovers then accounted for Roscrea in the County semi final. The final was played in Cashel and the Rovers ground out a historic hard fought victory over Mid Tipperary champions Durlas Óg. So the County U14 'A' Hurling trophy headed back to the West, and for a second time got a welcome reception in Sean Treacy Park.

So 2013 will be remembered with fondness for Arravale Rovers Juvenile Club. It was a momentous year as the club won eleven trophies altogether including not one but two underage Hurling county titles at under twelve and under fourteen levels. Throughout the year the young players showed determination ambition and bucket loads of talent to succeed in competitively fought games. Every team had to earn their victory playing against the odds. County titles were a huge challenge playing against both Boherlahan Dualla in the U 12HC 'B' and Dúrlas Óg in the U14HC 'A' finals. In Hurling trophies were won in The Garda Cup U11 B, U12 B Hurling League, U14 Feile Hurling, 14 HC 'A' and U14 HL. In Football notable successes were seen in Under 16 FC 'A', County Peil na nÓg, Under 14FC'A', Under 12F Shield, Under 12F' E' and U14 Football Shield. The club would like to thank all mentors, coaches, volunteers and anyone who gave of their time in both successful and unsuccessful teams during the year. Without every ones help nothing would be won.

The Arravale Rovers Senior Club too had an historic year. In Hurling Arravale Rovers won their first West Intermediate Hurling title after a gap of sixteen years, when they defeated Sean Treacys in the final. A few weeks earlier the sides met in the Crosco Cup final with Arravale Rovers coming out on top to win a first ever Crosco Cup title.

For the first time since 1972 Arravale Rovers hold the West SFC, U21 FC 'A' and MFC 'A' trophies at the same time. Arravale Rovers claimed their fifth U21FC 'A' Football title in a row, and won the West MFC 'A' for the first time since 2010 and won a second West SFC title in three years. The Footballers also claimed a first ever County Adult Football League title.

2013 will also be remembered as the year Arravale Rovers held both the West Senior Football and West Intermediate Hurling trophies in the same year for the first time.

A great achievement by all concerned and the future looks bright.



Arravale Rovers MFC 'A'. Back L/R: Gerard Halligan, Cian Ryan, Pearse Richardson, Shane Hogan, Niall Leahy, Darragh Crowe, Ciaran Lowry, Conor Kissane, Tony Byrnes, Paul O'Connor, Brian Glasheen (Selector), Michael O'Dwyer (Selector). Front L/R: Daniel Kelly, Oscar O'Dwyer, Andy Cummins, Tommy Lowry, Eoghan Lonergan, Darragh Coughlan, Ted Lowry, Ciaran Leahy, John Bourke (Selector).



Arravale Rovers --- County SFL Back L/R: Ivan Flynn (Selector), Tadhg Duggan (Selector), John Hayes, Pearse Richardson, Donnagh Leahy, Stephen Spillane, Paddy Dalton, Peter Mulhair, James Hogan, Brian Jones, John Bourke, Tony Byrnes, Eric Higgins, Stephen Quinn, Roger O'Connor, Andy Lacey, Denis Kenneally (Selector). Front L/R: Ger O'Dwyer, Robbie Kiely, Ciaran Lowry, Ger Mulhair, Damien Kiely, Darren Lowry (Capt.), Shane Leahy, Timmy Dalton, Sean O'Meara, Bryan Lowry, Michael O'Dwyer, Sean Dalton (Selector), David Cleary.



Arravale Rovers --- U21FC 'A'. Back L/R: Andy Lacey (Selector), Micheal Ryan, Tony Byrnes, Emmett Fitzpatrick, James Hogan, Paul O'Connor, Gary O'Callaghan, Pearse Richardson, Brian Glasheen (Selector), Shane Leahy, Matty Doherty (Selector)Front L/R: Paddy Dalton, Eoghan Lonergan, James Kinane, Donagh Leahy, Ciaran Lowry, Darragh Coughlan, Peter Mulhair, Ted Lowry, Ivan Flynn (Selector).





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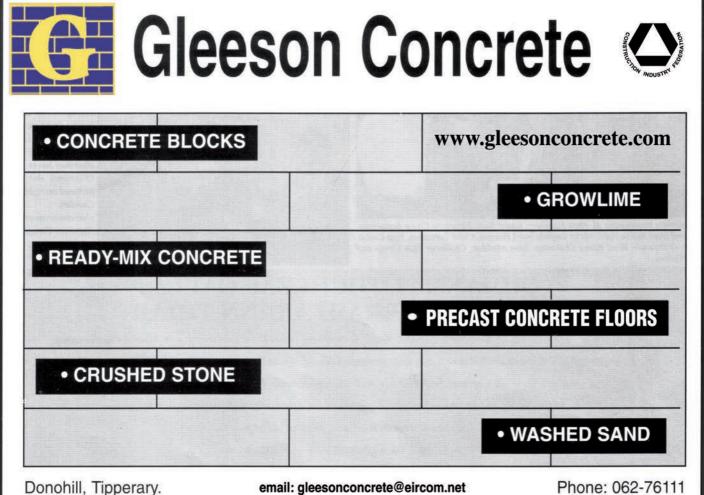
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#### Arravale Rovers Crosco Cup first time winners

Back L/R: Shane Leahy, Michael Lonergan(Selector), Damien Quinlan (Selector), Darragh Crowe, Pearse Richardson, Micheal Ryan, Ted Lowry, Darragh Crowe, Sean Spillane, Roger O'Connor, Eric Higgins, Ned Lowry, Stephen Spillane, Peter Hayes, Peter Mulhair, Brian Jones, Frank Spillane (Selector). Front L/R: Paddy Delaney (Selector), Timmy Dalton, Ger O'Dwyer, Bryan Lowry, Donagh Leahy, Michael O'Dwyer (Capt), Eoghan Lonergan, Gerard Halligan, Tommy O'Dwyer, Johnny Lowry, Fintan Ryan, Paddy Dalton, Darren Lowry.



Rockwell Rovers - West Minor 'B' Football Champions. Back l-r: C Walsh, N Ryan, O Ryan, C Hickey, D Fanning, D Quinlan, T Kerwick, J Tobin, J Walsh, C Hayde, D Heffernan, K Bergin. Front l-r: L Fahey, D Barron, K Blair, O Cleary, John Keating (Capt) J Keating, JRyan, M Wilson C O'Connell

# Eire Og Annacarty/Donohill bridge twenty-seven year gap to capture West Senior Hurling title 2013

By Eileen Ryan

At 9.20pm on Saturday 10th August 2013 the pitch in Dundrum, one hour after the West Senior Hurling Final had ended, was still littered with smiling Eire Og players and supporters, all reluctant to leave. They were savouring the moment and who could blame them? They had waited twenty seven long years for this and had just beaten their main nemesis over the past few years, Clonoulty/Rossmore by three clear goals on the scoreline 4.17 to 1.17.

In fact eleven of the starting fifteen were not born when Eire Og last won the West Senior Hurling Final in 1986, coincidentally in Dundrum also. Their opponents that day were Golden. Of course there was a sense of déjà vu for one man who came on as sub in the closing minutes of the 2013 final, the inimitable John Quinn. He had not only played in 1986 but was a sub in 1981 and so had just won his fourth West Senior Hurling Medal, having won with the Eire Og / Golden combo in 2004.

Another connection to the 1986 team is the "Fox Factor". The manager, Kevin Fox was part of this team though he did not play, having incurred a broken leg in the semi-final versus Cappawhite. His two sons, Brian and Kev and nephew Tom are part of the present squad. Pat and Seamus Fox, their uncles, played in 1986.

Liam O'Dwyer at wing-back on July 27th 1986, is an uncle to Eoin Kennedy, Brian and Kev Fox.

Donal O' Dwyer's father P.P. O'Dwyer was a sub in 1986. The captain, Tom Gleeson was from the Donohill end of the parish as is the 2013 captain, Padraic O'Dwyer.

For the record the Eire Og West Senior Hurling Champions of 1986 were: Tom O'Rourke, Liam White, John Hanly, Tom Gleeson, Jacko Breen, Pat Fox, Liam O'Dwyer, Martin Quinn, Michael Ryan, Bill Burke, Matthew Ryan, Seamus Fox, John Quinn, Seamus Hanly, Anthony Crosse and subs: P.P. O'Dwyer, Tim Ryan (L), P.J. Doherty R.I.P., Sean Breen, Tim Coughlan, John Ryan and Kevin Fox(injured). The selectors were Austie O'Brien, D.J. Gleeson and Connie Walshe. The final score was Eire Og 2.09 Golden 1.10. The referee was George Ryan (Lattin).

In 2004 the Eire Og/Golden combo won the West Senior Hurling Final on Sunday 22nd August in Dundrum beating Clonoulty by just one point on the score 2.12 to 1.14 and going on to contest the County Final, though losing it to Toomevara. Many of the present panel were involved, such as the O'Brien brothers, Conor, Ronan and Damian, John Quinn, Dan Hogan, Michael

McGrath and Patrick Aherne. Liam Mooney, father of Darragh the present goalkeeper was centre-back and he was flanked by Vincent Ryan who was a selector in 2012.

Eire Og played their hurling at Intermediate level from 2002 to 2006, culminating in the winning of the Intermediate Hurling County Final in 2006, beating Moycarkey/Borris comprehensively. Kevin Fox was a selector alongside Vinny Ryan and Tom English. Players who came through and are part of the 2013 squad are Dan Hogan, Michael O'Dwyer, Brian Fox, Conor O' Brien, Padraic O'Dwyer, Patrick Horan, John Quinn, Damian O' Brien, Ronan O'Brien, Eoin Kennedy, Kev Fox and Michael McGrath.

The 2013 manager, Kevin Fox has been involved with Eire Og all of his life as player, club officer, selector and in management. In 2001 he brought an  $U/12~{\rm ``B''}$  team to a county final, and though not winning, it laid the foundation and brought many of the players to Intermediate and Senior success. Most of these players have been under Kevin's tutelage since U/8 and U/10. These lads are Darragh Mooney, Richard Ryan, Kev and Brian Fox, Diarmaid Ryan, Padraic O'Dwyer, Seanie Ryan, Eoin Kennedy, Jeremy Furlong, Richard O'Doherty, Eoin Bradshaw and Willie O'Neill. Tom Fox and Donal O'Dwyer have just come through county Minor ranks. Tom was captain of Tipperary Minor Hurling team 2013 and both he and Donal won Munster and All-Ireland Minor Hurling medals in 2012. Corner back Philip McGrath came on to the team in 2012 following a cruciate ligament injury to Diarmaid Ryan and has held on to this position. Up to this his expertise would have been with the big ball. He is son of selector P.J. McGrath. The average age profile of the starting fifteen was 24.6 years.

Following their elevation to Senior status in 2007 they were facing relegation again in 2008 but for changes in the county championship structure. They ended up contesting the West Final versus Clonoulty, played in Dundrum on August 31st.

Eire Og were poor on the day scoring only nine points and losing by seven 1.13 to 0.09. Eight of the starting fifteen in 2008 started in the West Final of 2013. Manager was Kevin Fox with selectors Anthony O'Neill and Pat English. Eire Og contested the West Final of 2010, under the new management team of Liam Mooney, Pakie Hallissey and John Kelly. They lost to Clonoulty by nine points on the score 2.15 to 1.09. From this squad there have been some retirements in the personnel of Ollie Kelly, Donie Horan, Philip McLoughlin, Brian Ryan and Shane Hennessy while



Éire Óg SHC: Front L/R: Kevin Fox, Manager, Seanie Corcoran, Brian Fox, Donal O'Dwyer, Daniel Hogan, Michael O'Dwyer, Philip McGrath, Conor O'Brien, Paudie O'Dwyer, Jeremy Furlong, Ronan O'Brien, Richard O'Doherty, Damien O'Brien, Jamie O'Dwyer. Back L/R; David Breen, Eoin Kennedy, Diarmuid Ryan, Kevin Fox, Tom Fox, Darragh Mooney, Richard Ryan, Paul Downey, Willie O'Neill, Pat Aherne, Dinny Crosse, Peter O'Dwyer, Eoin Bradshaw, Michael Bradshaw, Mikie McGrath, John Quinn, Christopher Breen, John Bourke.



Éire Óg /Emly MHC 'A'. Back L/R: Callum Fanning (G), Gearoid Loughman(E), Eric Grogan (G), Jamie English(E), Kevin Power(G), Tom Fox(E), Sean Daly(G), Shane Power (G), Evan Heffernan (E), Eoin Brennan(E), Stephen O'Dwyer(G), Christopher Breen(E), Kenneth Collins (G). Front L/R: Dylan Gubbins (G), David Byron (G), Michael O'Brien (E), Daire Egan (G), Darren McGrath (G), John Ryan (E), David Finnane (G), Peter O'Dwyer (E), Kevin Lonergan (G). Absent from photo: Michael Bradshaw (E).

Wesley Ryan and John O'Shea have emigrated. Eire Og did not make the final of 2011 but were back again in 2012 under new trainer, Paul Sexton and management team of Kevin Fox, Vincent Ryan and P.J. McGrath. Unfortunately they lost to Clonoulty by eight points 1.22 to 2.11. They progressed to the County Semi-Final, collecting the scalpels of Borrisoleigh and Portroe along the way until they came up short against Thurles Sarsfields. This involvement stood them in good stead as they captured the West Senior Football Title for the first time with the same squad of players.

The 2013 season began in early January under the same management minus Vincent Ryan. Trainer Paul Sexton, a native of Bruree, Co Limerick but now domiliced in Donohill continued to put the lads through their paces. From early in the year the main focus was on winning the West Senior Hurling Title and no stone was left unturned in this aspiration both on and off the field. Our physio, Sandra Molloy was extremely busy keeping bodies fit and able while also taking on psychological matters and instilling in the players a will to win mentality.

The quest for the O'Dwyer cup began in early April on a league system. Eire Og had victories over Cashel 1.17 to 1.11, Cappawhite 1.13 to 0.14, Golden 3.21 to 0.09, Kickhams 0.21 to 0.10 and lost to Clonoulty 0.09 to 3.10. After a close game with Kickhams in the semi final Eire Og pulled away in the closing five minutes to win by five points 1.18 to 1.13. In these games 5.99 was scored and 4.67 conceded.

And so the scene was set for the 2013 West Senior Hurling Final on Saturday 10th August in Dundrum, Eire Og v Clonoulty, their fourth meeting at this stage in five years. Undoubtedly the favourite's tag was with Clonoulty as they were bidding for their seventh successive title, a feat never achieved, and still not. Referee was John O' Brien from Arravale Rovers. Eire Og were at full strength, all injuries subsided and proceeded to lay down a marker right from the throw-in going into an early lead of three points to one but Clonoulty got seven unanswered points between the 14th and 22nd minutes. Eire Og then responded with four unanswered points before Ronan O' Brien struck for a goal at a crucial stage just one minute before the break, leaving the half-time score 1.09 to 0.09 in favour of Eire Og. Spirits were high and the second half began at a frantic pace with both teams notching up two points each before Ronan O'Brien collected from Eoin Kennedy, after a massive puck-out from goalie, Darragh Mooney and slammed to the net. Each side had two further points and then Eoin Kennedy again provided Tom Fox with the pass for Eire Og's third goal. Entering the final quarter Eire Og were comfortably in front by 3.14 to 0.14 and it was really one-way traffic to the end with Eoin Kennedy getting his own goal when

Ronan O'Brien's shot came off the upright. Clonoulty got a goal towards the end but it was only a consolation. Both teams scored seventeen points but the old adage "goals win matches" certainly was the case in this game where the final score was 4.17 to 1.17.

It was a tremendous victory made all the sweeter by being underdogs and the manner in which it was won. At the final whistle, players, substitutes, team management, club officers and supporters jumped with elation and met each other with hugs, kisses, tears of unbridled pride and joy and much backslapping. It was all for the honour of the little village. Some time elapsed before Padraic O'Dwyer could make his way to accept the O'Dwyer Cup from proud West Board Chairman and above all fellow Eire Og man, Tom English. Paudie delivered a wonderful and gracious acceptance speech thanking all involved with this great victory.

The victorious team was: Darragh Mooney, Michael O'Dwyer, Richard Ryan, Philip McGrath, Kev Fox, Brian Fox, Diarmaid Ryan, Tom Fox, Dan Hogan, Paudie O'Dwyer, Conor O'Brien, Donal O'Dwyer, Seanie Ryan, Eoin Kennedy, Ronan O'Brien.

Substitutes were: Damian O'Brien, Michael McGrath, John Quinn, Eoin Bradshaw, Jeremy Furlong, John Bourke, Richard O'Doherty, Patrick Aherne, Willie O'Neill, Paul Downey, Cathal Coughlan, Jamie O'Dwyer, Dinny Crosse, Michael Bradshaw, Patrick Horan, David Breen.

Management: Kevin Fox (Manager), P.J. McGrath (Selector), Paul Sexton (Trainer) and Sandra Molloy (Physio).



Éire Óg West U21HC 'B'; Winners. Front l-r: Christopher Breen, Donal O'Dwyer, John Ryan, Gearóid Loughman, Peter O'Dwyer, Jamie O'Dwyer, Seanie Ryan. Back l-r: Evan Heffernan, Michael Bradshaw, Sean Breen, Eoin Bradshaw, Cathal Coughlan, Jamie English, Cathal Ryan, David Breen, Darragh Mooney, Dinny Crosse, Tom Fox, Josh Quinn.

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Golden Kilfeacle JHC 'B'. Back L/R; Paddy O'Dwyer, Eamon Carr, James Lawrence, John Ryan, Richard Walsh, Gerard Barlow, Sean Carr, Malachy Scott, Stuart Beattie, Daniel Currivan, Mark Hally, Tomas Burns, Seamus Carr, Keith Landy, Damien Fogarty, Ger Luby, Aidan Fogarty, Jimmy Hally, Jamie Currivan. Front L/R. Aaron Colohan, Jack Currivan, JJ Burns, Matthew Ryan, Niall Fogarty, Liam Nagle, Alan Wade, James Hayes, Paul Fogarty, Michael Stapleton,. Brian Fogarty, L Fogarty, Harry Fogarty.



West U21HC 'A' Clonoulty Rossmore. Front l-r: Seamus Carew, David Egan, Conor Hammersley, James Horan, Shawn Coffey, Martin Sadlier, James Ryan, Darren Corcoran, Ronan Heffernan. Back 1-r: Adam Fryday, Jerry Kennedy, Gary Donnelly, Denis Murphy, Stephen Quinn, Sean Maher, Ciaran Quirke, Paul Hayes, Kevin Maher, Aaron Ryan, Jimmy Maher, Kieran Carroll, Shane Fryday.



Pictured after the West Tipperary SFC final are the Lowry brothers Brian, Darren captain and Ciarán with their parents Tony and Maeve.

# Tuarascáil Chontae Thiobraid Bórd na nOg

Le Rúnaí Neil Ó Riain

t the winter season takes its grip Gaels all over the county go into reflective mode as all the action has come to its conclusion. Indeed many may ponder on what might have been and hope for more positive returns in 2014. Upon a quick glance on the past years action huge credit has to be afforded to the many hardworking officers and mentors from all four divisions in getting the various competitions brought to successful conclusions. It is now time for many meetings where new officers and ideas may emerge for the coming year.

#### 2013 AT A GLANCE

Our County Under 15 hurlers successfully defended their title by winning the Carrigdhoun hurling tournament which was staged in Cork.

Our County Under 16 hurlers lost out to Kilkenny in the dying seconds of a game that they had commanded in the Inter County John Doyle Memorial Cup.

The games for our Under 12's namely the Premier 12s now in its third year produced some thrilling finals

Holycross Ballycahill dethrones defending champions Kilruane McDonagh to lift their first ever Féile Iomanniocht title in a nail biting final in Littleton.

West Tipperary capture their first inter divisional Under 14 'A' hurling title in winning the Peadar Cummins Memorial Cup.

South Tipperary secure their first inter divisional Under 15 'A' Hurling title in winning the Roger Ryan Memorial Cup.

Clonmel Commercials maintain their dominance in the Under 16 'A' Football championships after winning their fifth title in a row

The South division hosted the Under 16 All Ireland 'A' and 'B' inter county hurling games, our thanks to the following clubs Clonmel Og, Cahir,Moyle Rovers and St.Marys for hosting the 'A' games and to Ballylooby and Fr.Sheehys for hosting the 'B' games.

#### PREMIER 12's

**Football:** It's the third year of the changed system regarding the structure setting for our Under 12 Games. This year it was the Mid v South and North v West at semi final stage. For logically reasons the Bórd reverted to allowing only all the divisional group champions to contest the county stages .Those games

#### **Tiobraid Arann Bórd na nOg Officers 2013**

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O **Neil Ryan** Holycross/Ballycahill

Representative

To Senior Bórd Sean Creamer Portroe

were staged in Holycross which went off splendidly. Medals were presented to all contestants after the conclusion of each series of games on the day

**Hurling:** When it came to the hurling at the end of August the Bórd sought the facilities of Holycross, Golden and Durlas Og to stage the finals all of which were very entertaining. Similar to the football the events went off extremely well.

#### Inter Divisional Competitions HURLING

#### Peadar Cummins Under 14 tournament.

The Borrisleigh club have been hosting this tournament since 1984 in honour of a great Borris-Ileigh Gael of yesteryear Peadar Cummins who passed to his eternal reward in 1983. Each year all four divisions battle it out in what proves to be a very eagerly contested competition. West Tipp defeated North Tipp in the semi final by 1-15 to 0-5 to set up a final against Mid Tipp who defeated South Tipp by 3-12 to 1-3 in the other semi final. It was to prove a momentous day for West Tipp as they went on to score a convincing 4-16 to 2-3 win over Mid Tipp in the final to win the Peadar Cummins title for the first time. North Tipp defeated South Tipp by 6-8 to 2-1 in the Shield final.

#### Roger Ryan Memorial Cup Under 15 tournament

Toomevara club have been hosting the Under 15 Roger Ryan Memorial Cup for the past three years and this year South Tipp clinched their first title. They defeated Mid Tipp by one point in the semi final and in an exciting finish in the final they came from three points in arrears with eight minutes remaining to win on a scoreline of South Tipp 2-6 North Tipp 0-7. West Tipp



County and Divisional Board Officers at the Co Bord na nOg Convention in Hayes Hotel. Back l-r: Paddy Fitzgerald West Bord na nOg Chiarman, Joe O'Sullivan Mid Bord na nOg Chairman, Michael Lonergan South Bord na nOg Rep, Ann Flemming South Bord na nOg Secretary, Mike Flynn North Bord na nOg Chairman, PJ ryan North Bord na nOg Rep, Willie Clohessy Mid Bord na nOg Vice Chairman. Front l-r: Marian Minahan North Bord na nOg Secretary, Sally Young Mid Bord na nOg Secretary. Joe Kennedy Co Bord na nOg Chairman, Ann McGrath Co Bord na nOg Secretary, Niall Ryan Co Bord na nOg PRO, Catherine Gleeson Co Bord na nOg Treasurer, Martin Cody South Bord na nOg Rep.

overcame Mid Tipp by 4-4 to 1-8 in the Shield final.

#### Garda Cup Under 16 tournament

The Garda Cup Under 16 hurling tournament was hosted by the Moyne/Templetuohy club in Templetuohy. The semi finals produced wins for South Tipp and North Tipp over Mid Tipp and West Tipp respectively.

In the Cup final defending champions North Tipp went in at the interval leading by eleven points and despite

South Tipp outscoring their opponents by a single point in the second half North Tipp were not to be denied a three in a row of title on a final score of North Tipp 0-16 South Tipp 0-6. Mid Tipp defeated West Tipp in the Shield final.

#### Football Under 14

Ballylooby was the venue for the Under 14 games. South Tipp were victorious over Mid Tipp by 2-6 to 0-5 while West Tipp were in devastating form defeating North Tipp by 5-10 to 0-1 in the other semi final.

The final was a rather one sided affair in the first half with the West boys conceding just a single point while raising the white flag on five occasions for an interval leading score of 0-5 to 0-1. South Tipp scored a goal early in the second half to reduce the deficit. There were very little scores for the remainder of the match with West Tipp holding on for a 0-7 to 1-2 win. In the Shield final Mid Tipp proved too strong for their opponents from the North clinching the accolades on a final score of 6-9 to 2-5.

#### Under 15

There was a change of venue at rather short notice for the Under 15 games. The games took place in Cappawhite rather than the original Bansha venue. South Tipp and West Tipp scored semi final wins over Mid Tipp and North Tipp respectively. The final was a close affair with victory going to the South boys on a final score of South Tipp 4-8 West Tipp 3-8. North Tipp proved too strong for their Mid opponents in the Shield final.

#### **Under 16**

Clonoulty was the venue for the Under 16 games. West Tipp outscored North Tipp by 1-10 to 3-3 in the semi final to set up a final against Mid Tipp who scored a 3-4 to 1-3 win over South Tipp in their semi final.

Two Mid Tipp goals in the final were to prove crucial as they won by a two points margin (2-3 to 0-7) over West Tipp.

#### MUNSTER FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

#### **Under 14 Jim Power Tournament**

In this grade we had two teams participating in the Jim Power tournament which is hosted annually by Bórd Na Nog Portláirge.

Our 'A' team's opening match produced six goals with Kerry South edging out on top in the end with a three point margin on a score of Kerry South 4-07 Tipperary 2-10. Their next game was against the Banner county in which they enjoyed superiority and won by 7-8 to 1-7.

The 'B' team commenced their day playing Cork 'A' but were totally overpowered failing to register a contribution on the score board, while conceding 4-12. Next opposition was against Waterford who again proved too strong and thereby bringing our 'B' panel's participation to an end.

Resulting from their high scoring in their second game our 'A' teaml qualified for a semi final against Cork 'A'. Tipp produced the goods in this encounter shaking the rebel net on three occasions and secured their spot in the final on a score of Tipperary 3-3 Cork 0-7. Their opponents in the final were the other Rebel representatives Cork 'B'. This time Tipp were really outclassed and had no answer as Cork secured the title on a 5-5 to 1-1 concluding score line.

#### Under 15 Humphrey Kelleher Tournament.

Tipperary went down to Cork this year as defending champions. Their first outing was against North Kerry which was a close fought contest with Tipp came out on top by the slimmest of margins on a score 1-9 to 2-5. This win set them up for a Cup semi final against East Cork and once again it was a very evenly contested game. At the final whistle one point separated the sides, but unfortunately this time Tipp were on the wrong side relinquishing their title on a score of 0-14 to 0-13.

#### Under 16

The Under 16 tournament is hosted by Limerick Bórd na nOg. Tipp's opening encounter was against Cork, a game that produced some lovely passages of play. Tipperary was on target in the point scoring department and qualified for the semi final on a finishing score of 1-13 to 1-07. In the semi final against North Kerry they conceded thirteen points while scoring 3-07 to get over the line with a three point margin. In the final Tipp were up against Kerry South and despite shaking the Kerry net for the games only goal they lost out on getting the silverware by two points. Final score South Kerry 0-10 Tipperary 1-05.

#### INTER COUNTY TOURNAMENTS

#### Hurling

#### Tony Forristal Under 14 'A' Tournament

Our Under 14 team went to Waterford with their first action against Offaly. Tipperary enjoyed the superiority coming out on top 2-11 to 0-07. However in their next contest against Galway they suffered a one point defeat which brought an end to any aspirations of Cup involvement.

#### Sonny Walsh Under 14 'B' Tournament

Tipperary were up against Cork in their first outing and edged out a one point victory 1-9 to 2-5. Their second opponents were Kerry and after a close contest both sides finished all square on 3-3. With score difference coming into the equation Tipperary qualified for a semi final. In this game their opponents were Kilkenny. With just a minute remaining Tipperary had a one point deficit but despite having two opportunities from a free and its resulting '65 exited the competition on a concluding score Kilkenny 2-3 Tipperary 1-5 .

#### **Under 15 Carrigdhoun Tournament**

Our Under 15 hurlers travelled down to Carrigdhoun tournament which is hosted annually by Cork Rebel Og. Tipperary were out against Clare in their game winning by nine point on a score of 3-12 to 1-9. Their second contest was against the Treaty men from Limerick and came out on top with three points to spare on a score of 3-11 to 2-11. This win set them up for the final against the host county the Cork rebels. This final produced six goals with Tipperary being victorious on a comfortable margin with a concluding score reading Tipperary 4-11 Cork 2-04.

#### Under 16 'A' Tournament - John Doyle Perpetual Cup

After a long day of hurling action it was a Tipperary against Kilkenny final in Clonmel Sportsfield. Tipp had the better of the exchanges for most of the game and with time almost up they held a four points lead. Then the tsunami struck when Kilkenny scored two goals to the sound of the final whistle. All the Kilkenny supporters and mentors were ecstatic while total shock had descended upon all Tipperary followers, players and mentors alike. Final score Kilkenny 2-04 Tipperary 0-8.

#### Under 16 'B' Tournament

Tipperary had victories over Clare, Kilkenny and Clare to qualify for the final. In the final their opponents were the rebel county of Cork. However the dominance that Tipperary had enjoyed in the earlier games had deserted them when it came to a final that they were totally outclassed as Cork were in devastating form clinching the title on a score of 3-15 to 0-2.

# Tiobraid Arann Bórd na nOg Results 2013

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Football Championship	ps				
Grade	Team & Scores		Venue	Referee	
U 14 A	Clonmel Commercials 8-12	Galtee Rovers 2-05	Dundrum	Derek O'Mahony	
U 14 B	Clerihan 3-04	Emly Treacys 1-04	Boherlahan	Andy Murray	
U 14 C	Kilsheelan Kilcash 2-10	Solohead 2-00	Dundrum	Liam Shanahan	
U 16 A	Clonmel Commercials 3-17	Newport Gaels 0-05	Clonoulty	Paddy Russell	
U 16 B	Carrick Davins 2-09	Portroe 0-05	Templemore	Michael Duffy	
U16 C	Ballyporeen 4-17	Golden Kilfeackle 1-05	Cahir	Michael Heffernan	
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Premier 12s Tournamer	nts				
Football Finals					
Group 1	Knockavilla D/skeigh K. 2-07	Durlas Og 1-03	Holycross	Philip Keane	
Group 2	Clonmel Og 5-08	Cappawhite 2-03	Holycross	Seamus Tynan	
Group 3	Ballyporeen 1-05	Burgess 1-03	Drombane	Martin Ryan	
Group 4	Fr.Sheehys 1- 10	Clonoulty Rossmore 2-03	Holycross	Jonathan Cullen	
Hurling Finals			,	,	
Group 1	Knockavilla D/skeigh K. 4-07	Moycarkey Borris 4-04	Holycross	Philip Keane	
Group 2	Arravale Rovers 4-04	Boherlahan Dualla 3-06	Holycross	Niall McGrath	
Group 3	Burgess 2-05	Grangemockler 3-00	Pairc na Nog	Kevin Jordan	
Group 4	Clonoulty Rossmore 3-05	Carrick Davins 3-04	Golden	Shane Hodgins	
Group 4	Cionodity Rossinore 3-03	Carrier Davills 3-04	dolden	Silane Houghis	
Hurling Championship	Finals				
U 14A	Arravale Rovers 3-09	Durlas Og 1-10	Cashel	Dan Darcy	
U 14 B	Cappawhite 3-15	Skeheenarinky/Newcastle 1-03		John Butler	
U 14 C	Fethard 7-14	Solohead 0-02	Cashel	Kevin Jordan	
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U 16 B	Portroe 2-09	Kilsheelan Kilcash 1-10	Holycross	John Butler	
U 16C	Skeheenarinky 3-14	Golden Kilfeackle 1-18	New Inn	T.P.Sullivan	
	4 Holycross Ballycahill 2-06	Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-03	Littleton	Donal Leahy	
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Inter Divisional					
Hurling					
U 14 Peadar Cummins	West Tipp 4-06	Mid Tipp 2-03	Borrisleigh	Michael Murphy	
U 14 Shield	Mid Tipp 3-12	South Tipp 1-03	Borrisleigh	P.J.Nolan	
U 15 Roger Ryan Cup	South Tipp 2-06	North Tipp 0-07	Toomevara	Liam Shanahan	
U 15 Roger Ryan Shield	West Tipp 4-04	Mid Tipp 1-08	Toomevara	Ciaran Delaney	
U 16 Garda Cup	North Tipp 0-16	South Tipp 0-06	Templetuohy	Martin Ryan	
U 16 Garda Shield	Mid Tipp 1-10	West Tipp 0-07	Templetuohy	Paddy Ivors	
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U 14 Friends of Tipp	West Tipp 0-07	South Tipp 1-02	Ballylooby	Daniel Moloney	
U 14 Shield	Mid Tipp 6-09	North Tipp 2-05	Ballylooby	Martin Doyle	
U 15 Nagle Cup	South Tipp 4-08	West Tipp 3-08	Cappawhite	John Butler	
U 15 Shield	North Tipp 3-08	Mid Tipp 1-05	Cappawhite	David Grogan	
U 16 Friends of Tipp	Mid Tipp 2-03	West Tipp 0-07	Littleton	Paddy Russell	
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Inter County Hurling M	unster				
Carrigdhoun U 15	Tipperary 4-11	Cork 2-04			
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Munster U 16 A	North Tipp 2-09	Limerick East 0-07	Mallow		
Munster U 16 B Imokilly 2-12 South Tipperary 0-07 Mallow All Ireland U 16 A Hurling					
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John Doyle Cup final	Kilkenny 2-04	Tipperary 0.03	St. Mary's Pitch Cl	ommet	
U 16 B Final	Cork 3-15	Tipperary 0-02			
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U 14 Jim PowerCup Fina		Tipperary 1-01			
U 15 Humphrey Kellehe		Tippower ( 0, 12	Millatur t		
Cup Semi final	Cork East 0-14	Tipperary 1-05	Millstreet		
U 16 Munster Cup Final	Kerry South U-10	Tipperary 1-05	Gaelic Grounds		

Holycross Ballycahill winners of the County Feile na nGael U14 Hurling Final.





South U15 Divisional Team that won the Roger Ryan Tournament. Back l-r - Joe Barrett, Michael Wheelan, Gavin Ryan, Dean O'Connor, John James Walsh, Darragh Brennan, Luke Faulkner, Colin English, Enda Keane, Darragh Kelly, Mike Barlow, Keith Cleere, Jamie Ahearn, Tadgh Howard, Brendan Ferris. Front l-r -Tony Walsh, Colin Shelly, Aaron Dunne, Cillian O'Dwyer, Kyle Peters, Richard Ivors, Ciaran Barrett, Mark Kehoe, Paudi Feehan, Dylan Walsh, Eoin Barry, Ben Hyland, Conor Cashmam



Carrick Davins - County and South Under 16 'B' football champions. Back l-r: Josh Hall, Brandon O'Sullivan, Josh Moroney, Stephen Butler, Gavin Lyons, James O'Neill, Dylan Shepard, Michael Whelan. Front l-r: Liamie Butler, Conor Mackey, Dean Butler, Jamie Houlihan, Kyle Doherty, Billy Roche (Captain), Luke Faulkner, Edward Power, Raymond Cooke, Andrew O'Brien, Stephen Waters.

North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Results 2013							
2013		Captain	Venue	Referee			
U-12 Football End Games Group 1							
Inane Rovers 4-02	Borrisokane 1-07	James Synnett	Borrisokane	T P Sullivan			
<b>Group 2</b> Lorrha 4-05	Ballina 1-04	Jack Moran	Toomevara	Ml Murphy			
<b>Group 3</b> Burgess 2-05	Portroe 1-03	Tom Gibson	Toomevara	Ml Murphy			
Group 4 Inane Rovers 1-00	Nenagh 0-01	Jason Gilmartin	Nenagh	Shane Hodgins			
<b>U-14 A Football</b> Nenagh Éire Óg 3-09	Borrisokane 1-02	Peter Folan	Kilcolman	Tommy Ryan			
<b>U-14 B Football</b> Ballina 2-07	Silvermines 3-3	Harry Byrne	Kilcoman	Christy Morgan			
<b>U-16 A Football</b> Newport Gaels 2-08	Kilruane MacDonagh 0-03	Dan Carew	Dolla	Ml Hayes			
<b>U-16 B Football</b> Portroe 2-07	Ballina 1-07	Cormac Keating	Kilcolman	Liam Hogan			
<b>Péil na nGeal</b> Inane Rovers 3-07	Ballina 1-05	Jason Gilmartin	Kilcolman	Ml Hallinan			
U-12 Hurling End Games Group 1							
Nenagh Eire Óg 4-07  Group 2	Borrisokane 1-00	Barry Coffey	Borrisoleigh	Seamus Tynan			
Ballina 4-04	Toomevara 1-08	Robbie Breen	Borrisoleigh	Seamus Tynan			
Group 3 Burgess 4-06	Shannon Rovers 0-01	Jack O Keeffe	Borrisoleigh	Pat O Mahoney			
Group 4 Templederry 3-04	Nenagh Eire Óg 1-03	Colm Murray	Borrisoleigh	Pat O Mahoney			
U-13 B Plate Shannon Rovers Gaels 2-04	Borris-Ileigh 1-05	C Moran/C Ryan	Kilcolman	Shane Hodgins			
U-13 A Nenagh Éire Óg 2-09	Toomevara 0-05	Evan Murphy	Moneygall	Declan Darcy			
<b>U-14 A Hurling</b> Roscrea 1-10	Nenagh 0-8	Jay Culleton	Cloughjordan	Tommy Ryan			
<b>U-14 B hurling</b> Silvermines 3-07	Moneygall 2-07	Ruairi Maher	Cloughjordan	T.P. Sullivan			
<b>U-16 A Hurling</b> Kilruane MacDonagh 3-13	Newport Gaels 0-08	Darragh Peters	Nenagh	Ger Fitzpatrick			
<b>U-16 B Hurling</b> Portroe	Burgess 4-10	Ruan Mulrooney	Puckane	Tommy Ryan			
<b>Feile na nGeal</b> Kilruane MacDonagh 2-07	Borrisokane 0-02	Craig Morgan	Puckane	Jim Lees			
U-16 Long Puck winner U-14 Long Puck winner Feile Skills Winner	Paul Carroll, Burgess Evan Murphy, Nenagh Eire Og Stephen Kirwan, Burgess						

# North Tipperary Bord na nOg Review



Roscrea U14 'A' Hurling. Back l-r: Brian Parlon, Steven Carey, Colman Treacy, Darragh Heffernan, Grahame Fahy, Conor Booth, Jay Culleton captain, Daniel Ryan, Jack Kirwan, Enda Parlon, Adam Dooley, Jason Gilmartin, Cian Fletcher. Front l-r: Eoin Dooley, Eddie Conlon, Ray Fuller, Eoin Harte, Liam Seacy, Brian McCabe, Eoin Tynan, Eoghan Bergin, Fionn Ryan, Darragh Tynan, Darragh Doyle, Luke Cashin, Aaron Loughnane, Ruairi Murphy, Martin, Cusson, Glen Loughnane



Portroe U-16 Footballers - North 'B' Champions.



Ballina U-14 footballers - North 'B' Champions.



Kilruane MacDonaghs North Tipp and County Under 16 'A' Hurling champions 2013. Front l-r: Eoghan Mulcahy, Kevin Oakley, Tom Dooley, Kieran Brereton, Darragh Peters (Capt), Cian Darcy, Jerome Cahill, James Cleary, Craig Morgan, Mark O'Neill, Sean McAdams, Jack Dunne, Conor Lillis. Back l-r: Oisín O'Meara, Brendan McAdams, Arran Conroy, Kevin Shinners, Niall Shinners, Nathan Ryan, Declan Elderfield, Rory McCarthy, Paul Guidera, John Blagdon, Cormac Mannion, Martin Grace, Sean Quinlan.



Nenagh Eire Og U-14 Footballers - North 'A' Champions. Back l-r: Fiachra Starr, Evan Murphy, Alan Manning, Shane Flynn, Mark O'Farrell, Cian O' Brien, Conor Bonnar, Ethan O' Brien, Luke O'Carroll, Scott O'Brien, Fiachra Carey, Daniel O'Donovan, Killian Malone, Conor O'Sullivan. Front: Daniel Molamphy, Aaron White, Seán Shanahan, Peter Folan, (Captain), Jake Morris, Conor MacCarthy, Barry Coffey, Seán McTiernan, Mark Carey, Albert Purcell, Stephen Hallinan, Dylan Cleary.



North Tipp U16 Garda Cup. Back l-r: Bill Floyd (Ballina), Jack Shanhan (Silvermines), Peter Kennedy (Silvermines), Craig McGrath (Borrisokane), David Gleeson (Ballinahinch), Liam McCoutcheon (Templederry), Gavin O'Connor (Nenagh Éire Óg), Darragh Carey (Templederry), Garry Ryan (Borrisokane), James Cleary (Kilruane MacD), Darragh Peters (Kilruane MacD), Eoin Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Jack Delaney (Toomevara), Neill Shinnors (Kilruane MacD), Micheal Brislane (Toomevara), Paul Carroll (Burgess), Len Gaynor Selector (Kilruane MacD). Kneeling: Ken Dunne Selector (Toomevara), Liam Ryan (Toomevara), Brendan McAdams (Kilruane MacD), Daniel Carew (Newport), Andy Loughnane (Kildangan), Padraig Brennan (Knockshegowna), Micheal Gohery (Borrisokane), Shane Hennessy (Nenagh Éire Óg), Cormac Keating (Portroe), Conor Gill (Burgess), Robert Byrne (Portroe), Niall O'Farrell (Toomevara).



Shannon Rovers Gaels U-13 North Tipp Plate Winners: Back l-r: Michael Tierney, Conor Ryan, John O'Meara, Michael Slattery, Conal Moran, James O'Sullivan, Matthew Tierney, Ray O'Meara & Oisin McMahon. Front l-r: Richard Donaldson, Marcus Esmonde, Manus Heenan, Ciarain Redmond, Kevin Boyle, Eoin Redmond, Cian O'Meara & Adam Slattery



**Templederry U12 North Tipp winners.** Back l-r: Leanne Ryan, Aine Looby, Mark Brennan, Paddy Ryan, Michael Ryan, Mark Kinane, Michael Griffin, Darragh Murray, Joseph O'Donohoe. Front l-r: Mickie Ryan, Charlie Ward, Aidan Ryan, Colm Murray (Captain), Michael Hayes, Harry Stapleton, Cathal O'Brien.



Newport Gaels – North Under 16 'A' Football Champions Back l-r: James Flanagan (Kit Manager), Harry Sheehy, Ross Healy, Dade Richter, Colin Floyd, Sean Moloney, Corie Mooney, Jordan Young, Keith Mawdsley, Brendan Tormey, Jack Delahunty, Conor Hickey, Anthony Floyd (Manager), Cormac McGrath (Coach).

Front l-r: James O'Toole, Killian Harvey, Cian Flanagan, Paul Hogan, Mike O'Gorman, Daniel Carew, Daniel Delaney, Cathal Floyd, Kevin Connolly, Bernard Ryan, Kealan Floyd



Silvermines U14 'B' North Champions 2013. Back l-r: Declan Nolan, James Moloney, Shane Steed, Darragh Nolan, Darragh Cleere, Bill Maher, Gerard Corcoran, Ryan McNeill, Shaun Hogan, Hughie Leamy, Oisin Murphy, Joe Kayes, Paul Slattery, Brian Corcoran, Noel Hogan. Front l-r: Diarmuid Fitzpatrick, Darragh McKelvey, Eoin Gleeson, Daniel Ryan, Ruairi Maher, Eoin Gleeson, Ciaran Timmons, Sean Spillane, Tiernan Flynn, Fionn Ryan Mulqueen, Colm Maher.

#### North Tipperary Bord na nOg Premier 12 Hurling Finals



Borrisokane



Ballina



Burgess. Burgess U-12 Hurlers - County Champions. Back l-r: Derek Sharkey (Selector), Paddy Cooney (Selector), Emily Morrissey, Caoilfhionn Maher, Joe Cooney, Micheál Ryan, Tom O'Neill, Cathal Conneally, Seán Dunne (Captain), Aaron Sharkey, Pat Gibson (Manager). Kneeling: Luke Conneally, Oisin Tucker, Tom Gibson, Cormac McAuliffe, Jack O'Keeffe, Oisin Hynes, Kiefer O'Brien, Killian Hogan, Daire Hogan, Eoin Grace.



Nenagh Éire Óg. Back l-r, Seán Richardson, Conor White, Seth Shanewako, Cameron Spillane, Dylan Murphy, Mark Ryan, Conor Robinson, Paul McLoughlin, Conal Ryan, Josh Keller. Front l-r, Dylan Kelly, Adam Ryan, Cian Galvin, Diogo Marques, Paul White-Ryan, Anthony O'Donovan, Jason Teefey.



Nenagh Éire Óg. Back l-r: John Phelan, Brendan Long, Rory O'Donovan, Conor O'Donovan, Barry Coffey (Captain), Conor Hennessy, Enda Murphy, Liam Heffernan, Conor Malone, Phil Hennessy. Front l-r: Seán Phelan, Cian Griffin, Josh Keller, Eoin Tinkler, Gavin Dooley, Jamie Cottrell, Dylan Murphy



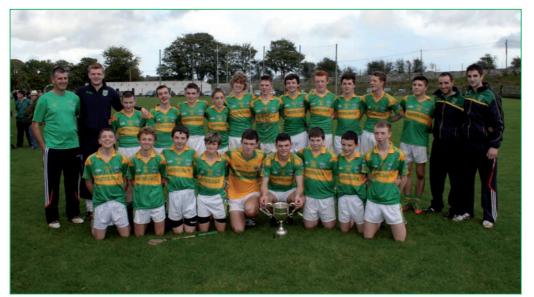
Toomevara. Back 1-r. Rory Brislane, Kenneth Ryan, Conor O'Farrell, Sean Hogan, Patrick Whealan, Conor Grace, Eamon White, James Meagher. Front: Eoin Healy, James Duff, Kieran Boyle, Darragh Spillane, Ciaran Grace, Brian Troy, Steven Cantwell.



Shannon Rovers Gaels North Tipp U-12 Go Games Group 3 Finalists: Back 1-r: Dermot Costello (selector), Ray Burke (selector), Oisin McMahon, Aoibhinn O'Meara, Aishling Rafferty, Katie Costello, Michael Tierney, Marcus Esmonde, James McDermott & Paul Moran (Manager). Front l-r: Manus Heenan, Kieran Clarke, Cian O'Meara, Kevin Boyle, Aine Slattery, Eoin Redmond, Laura Leenane & Richard Donaldson



Templederry



Portroe - County and North Under 16 'B' Hurling and North Under 16 'B' football champions 2013. Back l-r:
Dinny Hogan (Selector) Ian O'Donnell (Selector) AJ Willis, Ciaran Willis, Billy Donnellan, John Bray, Cormac Keating, Michael Quilligan, Michael O'Mahony, Robert Byrne, Brian Connaughton, Michael Breen, Jack Maloney, Nigel Kennedy (Manager) Justin Conroy. Front l-r: Conor O'Brien, Martin Rainsford, William Flood, Callum Cottrell, Kyle Creamer, Ruan Mulrooney, Diarmuid Boyle, Kieran Mc Keogh, Anthony Burke.

#### Portroe Under 16's Triple Champions 2013

2013 proved to be a historic year for Portroe's U16B hurling and football teams. With both panels coming from the very same pool of players, the achievements made in 2013 are all the more remarkable. When the year started there were four possible trophies on offer for this panel to compete for. This group of players managed something never done by a Juvenile team from Portroe before when they competed in both divisional finals, and both county finals for hurling and football in the same year. On Monday 13th May, Portroe faced local neighbours Ballina in the North U16B football final held in Kilcoleman. This proved to be a tight encounter, with the outcome in doubt right up to the final whistle. Thankfully Portroe emerged winners on a scoreline of 2-7 to Ballina 1-7 and captain Cormac Keating accepted the cup. While we were successful in the county semi final against Lattin, unfortunately we came up against formidable oppossition in the county final in Carrick Davins. Portroe tried immensely hard on the day but Davins proved the better team and were worthy winners. The North U16B hurling championship started on July 1st. This proved to be a very competitive competition with each team getting seven matches. Portroe won six matches with their only reversal coming against Kiladangan. Portroe qualified for

the North Final with Burgess providing the opposition in what was a local derby. The final took place in Puckane on Sunday 22nd September. This match had everything. Portroe looked to be in control coming up to halftime, but Burgess battled back with a well taken goal. The second half was an epic. The match was played at a frantic pace. With what looked like extra time looming, Portroe managed to hold out for a one point win and complete a North U16B double in hurling and football. We faced Rockwell Rovers in the county semi final and emerged winners by four points. In the county final Kilsheelan Kilcash provided the opposition. This was played in Hollycross on Saturday 19th October. Having won our only title in this grade in 2006, this final was a massive ocassion for the club and the players. Portroe took control in the 1st half and lead by seven points at half time. However credit to Kilsheelan Kilcash for a spirited comeback in the second half and with time almost up, Portroe lead by two points. The final whistle sounded, and there was joyous scenes of celebration. Captain Ruan Mulrooney accepted the trophy on behalf of the panel. To win three trophies in one year was an amazing achievement for this panel. While Portroe had some great individual performances over the course of both competitions, it must be said it was the great balance throughout the panel that ultimately provided us with this success.



Members of the Carroll family and Burgess GAA club presenting a cup in memory of the late Denis Carroll for the North Tipperary Junior 'A' Hurling League. Present at the handover of the trophy prior to this years final were left to right: Paul Carroll, Michael Carroll, John McGrath (North Board Chairman), Peter Carroll, Brian Carroll, John Carroll, Brian Carroll, John Carroll

#### North Tipperary Bord na nOg Premier 12 Football Finals



Ballina U-12 Football



Borrisokane



Burgess. Back l-r: Colm Conneally (selector), Caoilfhionn Maher, Joe Cooney, Jack O'Keeffe, Cathal Conneally, Sean Dunne, Daire Hogan, Aaron Sharkey, Pat Gibson (manager). Front: Killian Hogan, Luke Conneally, Cormac McAuliffe, Tom Gibson (captain), Kiefer O'Brien, Micheal Ryan, Oisin Hynes Eoin Grace.



Inane Rovers



Portroe



Lorrha: Back: Jack Ryan, Jack Moran (capt), Dylan Mannion, Colm Fogarty, Adam Clancy, Tom Duggan, James Guinan, Kirean Kennedy. Front: Daniel Madden, Cian Mannion, Roana O'Meara, Sean Hennan, Ruain O'Meara. Coaches back row: Louise Mannion, Des Clancy. Coaches front row Jimmy Dunne missing from photo: Derek Mannion



Inane Rovers



 $Nenagh \ \acute{E}ire \ \acute{O}g$ . Back l-r, Enda Murphy, Jason Teefey, Cameron Spillane, Conor Malone, Dylan Murphy, Jamie Cottrell, Josh Keller, Martin Teefey. Front l-r, Paul White-Ryan, Adam Ryan, Cian Galvin, Conor White, Dylan Kelly





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# Coiste na nÓg Thiobraid Árann Meanach Championship & Shield Finals 2013

#### Hurling

Date	Competition	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
13-4-2013	Féile Jimmy Coppinger	Holycross/ Ballycahill	1-9	Moycarkey/Borris	1-4	Holycross	Tom McGrath
29-9-2013	U-12 G1 Shield Pat Cullen	Durlas Og	6-8	JK Brackens	3-5	Littleton	Donal Leahy
16-9-2013	U-12 G2 Shield	Upperchurch/ Drombane	2-8	Moyne/ Templetuohy	0-3	Pairc na nOg	Kevin Jordan
28-9-2013	U-12 G3 Shield	Clonakenny	6-0	Thurles Gaels	1-3	The Ragg	John Butler
20-9-2013	U-12 G4 Shield	Gortnahoe/ Glengoole	3-1	Boherlahan/ Dualla	0-8 aet	Boherlahan	Willie Kennedy
29-9-2013	U-14 A shield	Holycross/ Ballycahill	5-9	Moycarkey/ Borris	1-3	Pairc na nog	Liam Shanahan
21-9-2013	U-14 B Shield	Gortnahoe/ Glengoole	2-8	Loughmore/ Castleiney	1-8	The Ragg	Willie Clohessy
21-9-2013	U-14 C shield	Clonakenny	2-8	Upperchurch/ Drombane	0-10	The Ragg	Sean Everard
10-8-2013	U-12 G1 Centenary Co-Op	Durlas Og	1-7	Moycarkey/ Borris	1-7	The Ragg	Kevin Jordan
12-8-2013	U-12 G1 Centenary Co-Op Replay	Durlas Og	0-6	Moycarkey/ Borris	1-7	The Ragg	Edward Costello
10-8-2013	U-12 G2 Snap Printing	Boherlahan/ Dualla	2-6	Moyne/ Templetuohy	0-1	The Ragg	Kevin Jordan
10-8-2013	U-12 G3 Murphy Office Supplies	Holycross/ Ballycahill	3-2	Thurles Gaels	0-2	The Ragg	Mark Dunne
10-8-2013	U-12 G4 Joe O'Sullivan Bus Hire	Drom /Inch	5-5	Gortnahoe/ Glengoole	3-0	The Ragg	Mark Dunne
15-8-2013	U-14 A Spain Family	Durlas Og	2-7	Moycarkey /Borris	0-8	Templemore	Tom McGrath
15-8-2013	U-14 B Stakelums Office Supplies	Drom/Inch	2-18	Moyne/ Templetuohy	2-3	Templemore	Liam Shanahan
14-8-2013	U-14 C Doran Oil Ltd	Durlas Og 'B'	9-7	Clonakenny	7-4	The Ragg	Andy Murray
21-9-2013	U-16 A Premierbounce.ie	Drom/Inch	6-30	JK Brackens	0-5	Templetuohy	Martin Ryan
15-9-2013	U-16 B Stakelums Hardware	Boherlahan/ Dualla	2-11	Loughmore/ Castleiney	1-8	Drombane	PJ Nolan

#### **Football**

Date	Competition	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
10-3-2013	Peil Jimmy Coppinger	Moycarkey/ Borris	4-6	Durlas Og	1-1	Littleton	Sean Everard
28-4-2013	U-12 G1 Seamus Hanafin Furniture	Durlas Og	1-8	Moycarkey/ Borris	3-1	Templetuohy	Martin Ryan
28-4-2013	U-12 G2 Liam Young Plant Sales	Upperchurch/ Drombane	2-7	Boherlahan/ Dualla	1-4	Templetuohy	Martin Ryan
28-4-2013	U-12 G3 Doran Oil	Clonakenny	3-5	Durlas Og	2-3	Templetuohy	Jonathan Cullen
28-4-2013	U-12 G4 Hayes Hotel	JK Brackens	5-3	Boherlahan/ Dualla	2-3	Templetuohy	Jonathan Cullen
17-5-2013	U-14 A John Ryan Bus Hire	Durlas Og	2-9	Moycarkey/ Borris	2-4	Kickham Park	Tom McGrath
22-5-2013	U-14 B Gleeson Quarries	Boherlahan/ Dualla	4-6	Moyne/ Templetuohy	1-5	Drombane	Michael Heffernan
22-5-2013	U-14 C Murphy Office Supplies	Durlas Og 'B'	8-11	Clonakenny	7-1	Drombane	John Butler
19-5-2013	U -16 A Templemore Jewellers	Drom/Inch	1-18	JK Brackens	1-4	Holycross	Liam Shanahan
19-5-2013	U- 16 B Darmody Fencing	Moyne/ Templetuohy	4-8	Loughmore/ Castleiney	0-12	Holycross	John Kelly
17-5-2013	U16 C Joe O'Sullivan	Thurles Gaels	0-9	Clonakenny	0-4	The Ragg	Johnathan Cullen

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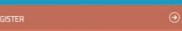
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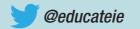


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# Coiste na nÓg Thiobraid Árann Meanach

Le Sorcha de Shiun, Runaí

The board's first competition of the year was the Feile Peil, played on March 2nd which was followed on the 9th March with the start of the U12 football mini leagues. The competitive year concluded on September 29th with the final of the U14 A Hurling shield. Throughout the year three hundred and twenty one juvenile games were played between the twenty eight competitions including Feile, Peil, Championship and Shield in both hurling and football.

This year the division were successful in having Holycross crowned Feile Champions and they represented Tipperary at the Feile finals in Limerick. The divisional teams while not being as successful as last year in achieving titles, none the less captured the U16 divisional football final, the U14 shield and the Garda u16

This year in partnership with sponsors Ely's, Centra Thurles the board ran a very successful U11 hurling blitz in Morris Park. Twelve teams took part in a fun filled day of hurling.

#### **Interdivisional U16 Football**

The Mid Divisional U16 football panel rounded off a memorable weekend with victory over the West in the Interdivisional Final in Littleton on Sunday 31st March, after securing a fine semi-final victory over the South in Dr. Morris Park the previous Thursday.

In bitterly cold conditions, with shelter non-existent from the easterly blow both sets of players gave their all with never more than the minimum between them throughout the game. When referee Paddy Russell blew the final whistle victory went to the Mid led by their captain Jack Skehan on a score Mid 2-03 to West 07.

Mid: Niall Grant (Upperchurch-Drombane), Peter Nyland(Loughmore-Castleiney), Eric Fanning (Moycarkey-Borris), Anthony Ryan (Loughmore-Castleiney), Sean Moloney (Moyne-Templetuohy), Jamie Moriarty (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Ciaran Thorpe (Drom-Inch), Jack Skehan (Capt) 0-1f (Holycross-Ballycahill), Jordan Moloney 1-00 (JK Brackens), Karl Collins (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Mikey Connors 0-2 (0-1f) (Drom-Inch), Rory Purcell (Durlas Óg), Loughlin Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Jack Butler (Upperchurch-Drombane), Jack Cleary 1-00 (Moycarkey-Borris), Subs used: Emmet Moloney (Drom-Inch), Aaron Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Thomas Nolan (Drom-Inch), Kieran Hennessy (Holycross-Ballycahill). Kieran Cummins (Moycarkey-Borris), Eamonn Kennedy (JK Brackens), Mossy Darmody (Moycarkey-Borris), Jamie Curtis (Durlas Óg), Thomas Ryan (Boherlahan-Dualla), Jamie Bergin (Drom-Inch).

#### **Munster U16 Hurling tournament Results** Saturday May 4th Venue: Knocklong

Mid Tipperary 2-08 City / West Limerick 0-09 Mid Tipperary 2-04 Carbury/Carrigdhoun 1-07 Mid Tipperary 3-12 East Clare 2-06

Monday May 6th Venue: Mallow

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Cup Semi finals:

East Clare 4-11 South Tipperary 1-05

**Imokilly** 2-10 Mid Tipperary

Shield Final: South Tipperary 2-09 Mid Tipperary 2-06

#### Mid Feile Skills and Long Puck

In Holycross on the April 13th Darragh Woods, Holycross won Mid u14 Skills. Edward O'Gorman, Holycross won Mid U14 Long Puck, and Ciaran Thorpe, Drom won Mid U16 Long Puck. The Holycross duo Darragh and Edward went on to win county honours the following month.

#### **Thanks**

The smooth operation of any organisation is only as good as the people involved and we as a board are delighted to acknowledge all the people who give so freely of their time throughout the year.

Our appreciation goes to John Moloughney who has captured the winning teams and captains throughout the year which is an important record for Mid Bord na nÓg and to John O'Loughlin who has helped out on a few occasions when finals clashed. Positive media coverage paints a good image of our board and a picture tells a thousand stories and we thank The Tipperary Star for printing our notes and photographs throughout the year.

The co-operation of our Senior Bórd colleagues John Devane, Jonathan Cullen, Liz Flanagan Andy Fogarty throughout the year ensures that both juvenile and minor fixtures go hand in hand and that both still reach their deadlines. We thank them for their help and guidance.

We would like to acknowledge the sponsors of our Mid championships and the Mid divisional teams and thank them for their financial assistance. We are delighted to have the co-operation of all club delegates and we thank them for their help in getting games played to schedule and their attendance at meetings throughout the year. Andy Ryan GDA has given us great assistance throughout the year and we thank to him for helping the board run the Ely's Centra Under 11 blitz in September.

The valued contribution of referees, umpires, linesmen, gate checkers and coaches is also appreciated.

Finally we would like to say a special thanks to all the club field officers who help to present such a positive impression with their presentation of their club grounds especially for semi finals and



Boherlahan Dualla panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Stakelums Hardware Ltd Mid U16 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Hugh McCann, Thomas Ryan Capt, Shane Dwan, Jordan Moore, Niall Manton, Richard O'Dwyer, Jimmy Cawley, James O Sullivan, Michael O'Sullivan, Evan Dwan, Darren O'Reilly, Brendan Duffy. Front l-r: Patrick O'Dwyer, Jack Maher, John Ryan, Cian Bargary, Cathal Darcy, Aaron Sherlock, John Purcell, Laurance Devane, Jack McLoughney.



Boherlahan Dualla panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Snap Printing sponsored Mid Tipp Premier 12 Hurling Group 2 Final. Back l-r: Tomas Bourke, Sean Kavanagh, Martin Paul Dwyer, Luke Kevin, Brian O'Connor, Joshua O'Dwyer, Niall Quaid Capt. Front l-r: Niall Quigley, Shane Ryan, James Murphy, Euan Ryan, Darragh Lacey, Ciara Dwan, Ellie Ryan.



Clonakenny panel that defeated Thurles Gaels in the Mid Tipp Premier Mini League Division 3 Hurling Shield Final.



The Victorious Clonakenny Panel that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Mid Bord na nOg U14 C Hurling Shield Final.



Drom Inch panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoole in the Joe O'Sullivan Mini Bus Hire Mid Tipp Premier 12 Hurling Group 4 Final. Back l-r: Ashling Prout, Kate Fogarty, Grainne Long, Tony Cahill, Hugh Scott, Paddy Carey Capt, Diarmuid Brennan, Brian Moore, Ethan Blake. Front l-r: Grainne Long, Jack Lillis, Andrew McAlister, Fiachra Butler, Jack Ryan, Colin Callanan, Sam Carroll.



Drom Inch panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Stakelum Office Supplies sponsored Mid Tipp U14 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Hugh Scott, Andy Mullen, Aaron Ryan, Aidan O Meara, Niall Fogarty, John Ryan, Paul Bergin, Michael Clohessy Capt, Eoin Collins Paul Glasheen, Rory O'Dwyer Foskin. Front l-r: Jimmy Mullen, Jack Shanahan, Jamie Ryan, Ben Stapleton, Donnacha Barry, John Campion, Fintan Purcell, Paudie Kinane, Lorcan Campion.



Drom Inch panel that defeated JK Brackens in the premierbounce.ie sponsored Mid Tipp Bord na nOg U16A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Thomas Nolan, Liam Dempsey, Paul Bergin, Jamie Bergin, Colm Kinnan, Michael Connors, Paul Hennessy, Emmet Moloney, Conor O'Meara, Pauric Campion, Mark O Brien. Front l-r: Ben Ahern, Eoin Collins, Glen Stewart, Michael Clohessy, Ciaran Thorpe, Aidan O'Meara, Kevin Hassett Capt, Shane Ryan, Andy Purcell



Thurles Gaels - Mid Under 16 'C' Football champions. Back l-r: Brendan Callanan, Dale Loughnane (Captain), John Brett, John Shannon, Sean O'Gorman, Joe Hennessey, Darren McGuire, Jamie Hackett, Colm (Jimmy) Pearson, Athony Walker, Maris Baltins, Paul Murphy. Front l-r: Daragh Byrne, Dannan O'Dwyer, Kevin McGlouchlin, Gavin Glesson, Curtis Ryan, Daniel O'Shaughnessey, Aaron Callanan, Peter McNamara, Andy Mickelsons, Sean Connors, Dylan Dee. Selectors - Pat Flanangan, Al O'Brien, Morgan Lanigan.



Durlas Og Panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Mid Tipperary Premier 12 Group 1 Hurling Shield Final. Back l-r: Cian Stakelum, Jack Lanigan, Joe Dwan Capt., Paddy Creedon, Kieran Costello, Jack O'Dwyer Front: Conor Stapleton, Sean Collins, Patrick Stakelum, Eoin Purcell, James Armstrong, Darragh Stakelum, Jordan Fahey



Holycross Ballycahill Panel that defeated Thurles Gaels in the Murphy Office Supplies sponsored Mid Tipp Premier 12 Hurling Group 3 Final. Back l-r: Luke Chan, Dean O Brien, Sam Quinlan, Frank Hanafin, Conor Ryan, Luke Scally, Ben Hennessy, Eamon Ryan. Front l-r: Jamie Lee Dwan, Tom Hynes, Sean Dwyer, Justin Bergin Maher, Colm Clery, Colin Morris.



Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Mid Tipp U14 A Hurling Shield Final.



Drom Inch panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Templemore Jewellers sponsored Mid Tipp U16 A Football Final. Back l-r: Ben Ahern, Paul Bergin, Paul Hennessy, Colm Kinane, Stephen Nolan, Kevin Hassett, Michael Connors, Jamie Bergin Capt, Conor O'Meara, Shane Ryan, Liam Dempsey, Mark O Brien. Front l-r: Emmet Moloney, Andy Purcell, Eoin Collins, Pauric Campion, ciaran Thorpe, Aidan O'Meara, Thomas Nolan, Glynn Stewart, Michael Clohessy.



Durlas Og Panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Spain Family sponsored Mid Tipperary U/14 A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Adam Hickey, Evan Morre, Adam Derby, Michael Stakelum, Liam Power, Adam Hickey, Evan Moore, Jack Bambrick, Jack Croke, Michael Purcell Capt, Conor O'Hagan, William Creedon, Sean Barrett, Shane Fitzpatrick. Front l-r: Aidan Butler, Anthony Coonan, Aaron Martin, Dylan Costello, Darren Fahy, Christopher Carew, Kevin Bracken, Seamus Doyle, Kiaran Moloney, Fred Crowley



Durlas Og panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Doran Oil Ltd sponsored Mid Tipp U14 C Hurling Final. Back l-r: Stephen Dorney, Sean Butler, Ben Murphy, Michael Stakelum Capt, Conor Murphy, Daniel Moloney, Barry McGrath, Arthur Geronimo, Rory Fogarty, Michael Mulcahir, Shane Dunne. Front l-r: Bill Shanahan, Fred Crowley, Jamie Donovan, Shaun Kennedy, Donocha Byrne, Kevin Bracken, Dylan Costello, Patrick Bowden, Philip Ryan, Killian Donaghy, Shane Stapleton.



Holycross Ballycahilll defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Jimmy Coppinger sponsored Mid Tipp Feile na nGael Final. Back l-r: Jack Dwan, Alex Murphy, Eanna Ryan, Colin Nolan, Brian O'Mara, Cormac O'Connor, David Manning, Edward O'Gorman Capt. Front l-r: Paddy McGrath, Seamus Stakelum, Jimmy Ryan, Ben Slattery, Mikey Nally, Jack Ryan, Darragh Woods.



Clonakenny defeated Durlas Og B in the Doran Oil Mid Tipp Premier Mini League F. Group 3 Final. Back l-r: Stephen Maher, David Hennessy, Conor Nesbitt, Aoife Shelly, Sophie Cantwell, Cain Russell Capt, Rory Nolan, Denis Hennessy. Front l-r: Conor Longe, Adam Wallace, Aaron Maher, Matthew Davidson, Kate Madden, Mark Fogarty, Ciaran Shanahan, Cian O'Dwyer.



Gortnahoe Glengoole panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Mid Bord a nOg Premier U12 Hurling Mini League Group 4 Shield Final.



Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Durlas Og in the Centenary Co-op sponosred Mid Tipperary Premier 12 Hurling Group 1 Final. Back l-r: Liam McDonagh, Kevin Hayes, Darren Flood Capt, Lewis Kearney, Michael O'Donnell, Max Hackett. Front l-r: Kyle Shelly, John Coffey, Brian O'Callaghan, Kyle Ryan, Peter Melbourne, Owen Sheridan, Andrew Alexander.



Boherlahan Dualla defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Gleeson Quarries sponsored Mid Tipp U/14 B Football Final. Back l-r: Jack Moloughney, Luke Kevin, Euan Ryan, Cathal Darcy Capt, Declan Crosse, Kevin O'Connor, Patrick O Dwyer, James Kirby, Brandon Duffy, Joshua Dwyer, Adam Ferncombe, Jack Maher. Front l-r: Augustine Barry, Cormac Gleeson, Stephen Walsh, John Ryan, Jack O'Riordan, Martin Paul O'Dwyer, Conor Dwan, Cian Bargery, Niall O'Dwyer.



Durlas Og defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Seamus Hanafin Furniture Store sponsored Mid Tipp Premier Mini League Football Group 1 Final.

Back l-r: Kieran Costello Capt, Jack O'Dwyer, Cian Stakelum, Joe Dwan,
Patrick Stakelum, Peter Wall. Front l-r: Conor Stapleton, Jack Lanigan, James
Armstrong, Daragh Stakelum, Eoin Purcell, Jordan Fahy, Paddy Creedon.



Gortnahoe Glengoole panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Mid Bord na nOg U14 B Shield Hurling Final.



**Upperchurch Drombane** panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Mid Tipp Bord na nOg Premier U12 Hurling Mini League Group 2 Shield Final.



Durlas Og defeated Clonakenny in the Murphy Office Supplies sponsored Mid Tipp U14 C Football Final. Back l-r: Killiam Ryan, Michael Mulcaire, Barry McGrath, Kevin Bracken, Rory Fogarty, Conor Murphy, Patrick Scully, Sean Butler, Ben Murphy, Cormac Flynn, Stephen Dorney. Front l-r: Shane Stapleton, Cillian Donaghy, Kieran Moloney, Fred Crowley, Dylan Costelloe Capt, Arthur Geronimo, Donnacha Byrne, Jamie Donovan.



Durlas Og defeated Moycarkey borris in the John Ryan Bus Hire sponsored Mid Tippereary U14A Football Final. Back l-r: Michael Purcell, Seamie Doyle, Adam Hickey, Aaron Martin, Liam Power, Sean Barrett, William Creedon (Capt), Conor O'Hagan, Anthony Cooney. Front l-r: Bill Shanahan, Evan Moore, Daniel Moloney, Patrick Moloney, Adam Derby, Aidan Butler, Patrick Bowden, Michael Stakelum, Christopher Carew.



Upperchurch Drombane defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Liam Young JCB Sales Ltd Mid Tipperary Premier Mini League Football Group 2 Final. Back l-r: Katie Condon, Patrick Purcell, Keith Ryan, Rachael Sweeney, AJ Shanahan, Luke Shanahan. Front l-r: Tom Purcell, Josh Hackett, Darragh Bourke, Oisin Treacy, Patrick Bourke, James Griffen, Michael McLoughlin.



Thurles Gaels panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Joe O'Sullivan Mini Bus Hire sponsored Mid Tipp U16 C Football Final.



Moyne Templetuohy Panel defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Darmody Fencing sponsored Mid U16 B Football Final. Back l-r: Sean Moloney, Chris Lawlor, Lee Tierney, Darren Ryan, Gearoid O'Connor, Damien Cantwell, Eoin Gorman, Diarmuid Leahy, Colm Ryan Capt, Dean Morrissey, Eoin Campion. Front l-r: Conor Bowe, Andrew Kiely, Sean Ryan, Eoin Keyes, David Walsh, Mark Ryan, Jamie Morrissey, Stephen Troy.



JK Brackens defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Hayes Hotel sponsored Mid Tipperary Premier Mini League Football Group 4 Final. Back l-r: Laura O'Toole, Lorna O'Shea, Kieran McElligott, Patrick Moloney, Ali Aissou, Stephen Cahill, Patrick Ryan, Jordan Collins. Front 1-r: Corey Morrissey, Adam Collins, Shane Sweeney, Kevin Sheedy Capt, Jack Nevin, Marco Quillinan, Dylan Hickey.



Moycarkey Mid Peil na nOg winners



The Mid Tipperary anel that won the Inter-Divisional U/14 Football Shield.



Mid Tipperary panel that won the County Tipperary Interdivisional U16 Football Final.

# West Tipperary Bord na nOg

Tomas Mac Gearailt [PRO]

With no fewer than forty eight competitions spanning the 2013 fixture calendar, the year gone by can only be described as hectic with in excess of 400 games completed in all competitions since activity got underway back in mid February with the preliminary rounds of Peil na nOg (U14 Football), and finishing with the U14C Hurling League final on October 28th.

Topping the honours list in the division were Arravale Rovers who put together ten West Divisional titles and crowned a great year in capturing the U14A Hurling county championship with a five point win over Durlas Og while their U12B Hurlers also collected county honours when defeating Boherlahan/Dualla by the minimum margin.

Other multiple West title winners including, the Kickhams, Cappawhite and Clonoulty/Rossmore all brought County titles to their clubs during the year.

Knockavilla Kickhams completed the county final double in U12A Football and U12A hurling with victories over Durlas Og and Moycarkey Borris respectively while Cappawhite captained by Robbie Quirke proved too good for the Skeheenarinky/Newcastle combination in the U14B Hurling county final.

In completing a great year for the West Division Clonoulty/Rossmore captained by Paddy Ryan took the U12D Hurling county title at the expense of Carrick Davins.

Congratulations also to Aherlow who made a breakthrough this year in winning the U12C Football West title while Sologhead who continue to punch above their weight brought three titles to the Club, U14C hurling and football championship and the U14C Football League. (See Hurling and Football lists for details on all competition winners)

#### **Inter Divisional**

At Inter Divisional level our U14 Hurlers captained by Kieran Breen (Knockavilla Kickhams) won their first ever Peadar Cummins tournament final with a runaway win over Mid Tipp and our U14 Footballers under the captaincy of Shane Ryan (Galtee Rovers) also kept the flag flying defeating both North and Mid Tipp on the way to the U14 Inter divisional competition title.

In the Roger Ryan U15 Hurling tournament we came out second best to a very sharp North Tipp outfit in the semi final but went on to take the shield final with a five point win over Mid Tipp while our U15 Footballers having seen off North Tipp in the semi final had to settle for the runners up spot in the final to South Tipp by a three point margin.

In U16 hurling we lost both legs of the Garda Cup and despite winning our opening rounds of the Munster Championship we failed to advance to the semi finals while in the U16 Football Garda Cup we defeated North Tipp in the opening game but had to settle for the runners up spot to Mid Tipp in the final.

#### Feile Skills / Long puck

The Feile Na Gael (U14) Skills and long puck competitions took

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Arravale Rovers--- Captains of County winning underage teams visit their sponsor. From left; Darren O'Dwyer County U14HC 'A' team captain, Gary Pierse representing the sponsors Pierse Motors and Jonathan Ryan Captain of the victorious U12HC 'B' team.

place in New Inn on April 26th and resulted as follows:
Skills: Cathal Bourke (Clonoulty/Rossmore), 2nd - Paul
O'Heney (Emly), 3d Niall Heffernan (Golden/Kilfeacle). Long
Puck - Sean O'Connell (Rockwell Rvs), second - Arnold O'Dwyer
(Eire Og), third - Nathan Murphy Crowe (Arravale Rvs).

#### **Primary School Quiz**

The 2012 Primary School Quiz which wasn't held in time for inclusion in last years year book, took place in the Community Centre in Golden and following a titanic struggle of high quality answering, Thomastown NS emerged the winners of the Primary School Quiz Shield with 58 marks followed in second place by their neighbours Golden NS on 55marks, Mount Bruis NS took third place with 51 marks, Rearcross NS took fourth place with Clonoulty NS in fifth place.

In the subsequent County Final Golden N.S finished second to the County champions, Loughmore N.S.



Arravale Rovers U16 FC 'A'
Front L/R: Shane Mulcahy, Cormac
Maher, Tomás O' Murchú, Conor
McGrath, Diarmuid O'Halloran, Oscar
O'Dwyer, Cian Ryan (Captain),
Cormac Flanagan, Dylan Buckley, Jack
Hogan, Darragh Burke, Cormac Roche,
Cormac O'Halloran.Back L/R: Bryan
Lowry, Brian Glasheen, Maurice
Mulhair, Daniel Kelly, Fearghus
McCall, Niall Fitzgerald, Mark Hoban,
Tommy Lowry, John Hickey, Jamie
Ryan, Jack Comerford, John Bourke,
Fergal O'Reilly

#### West Tippperary Bord na nOg Winners 2013

#### **FOOTBALL**

Michael Martin & Associates Tipperary U12A Final, Golden May 6th, Knockavilla Kickhams 2-6 Galtee Rovers 1-5 Capt. Eddie Daly Ref. Tom Dawson.

PPO'Dwyer Hardware Dundrum U12B, Golden May 6th, Cappawhite 5-5 Eire Og 4-2 Capt. Ryan Renehan Ref. Eamonn Browne.

Kala Electrical Tipperary U12C, Golden May 6th, Aherlow 2-5 Knockavilla Kickhams 1-2 Capt. Cody Cunningham Ref. Richie O'Connor

Fitzpatrick Printers Tipperary U12D, Golden May 6th, Clonoulty/Rossmore 6-7 Knockavilla Kickhams 0-8 Capt. Mary Terese Mockler Ref. Eoin Lonergan

Friary Pharmacy Cashel U12 E, Dundrum May 26th Arravale Rovers 3-5 Cappawhite 1-2. Capt Brian O'Donnell. Ref. Willie Kennedy

Friary Pharmacy Cashel U12F, Annacarty May 26th Knockavilla Kickhams 2-1 Eire Og 0-1. Capt. Conor Farrell. Ref. Eoghan Lonergan.

Friends of Tipp Football U12 Shield, Sean Treacy Park May 24th Arravale Rovers 5-12 Clonoulty/Rossmore 3-6. Capt. David Kelly. Ref. Paddy Russell.

Friends of Tipp Football U12 Plate, Sean Treacy Park May 28th Golden/Kilfeacle 1-6 Emly 1-3. Capt. Daniel Ryan (Preston) Ref. Michael Duffy.

The Venue Dundrum U13 Football Garda Cup, Golden October 12th Cashel King Cormacs 3-10 Galtee Rovers 2-4 Capt. Eoghan Connelly Ref. Tom Dawson

The Venue Dundrum U13 Football, Garda Plate, Golden October 23rd Emly/Treacys 3-13 Rosegreen 1-6 Capt. Conor Burke (Emly) Ref. Eoghan Lonergan

Hanley Tyres Tipperary U14A Chmpionship, Sean Treacy Park May 27th Galtee Rovers 4-5 Cashel King Cormacs 1-6. Capt. Jake Flannery. Ref. John O'Brien

Permanent TSB Clonmel U14B Championship, Sean Treacy Park May 27th Emly/Treacys 6-4 Eire Og 1-2. Capt. Paul O'Heney. Ref. Oisin Ryan

TSB Clonmel U14B League, Cappawhite April 10th Emly/Treacys 4-8 Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-2 Capt. Paul O'Heney Ref. Eoghan Lonergan

Jordan Embroidery U14C Championship, Annacarty May 26th Sologhead 3-8 Knockavilla Kickhams 2-3. Capt. Denis O'Shea. Ref. Michael Barron.

Jordan Embroidery U14C League, Sean Treacy Park April 1st , Sologhead 4-4 Knockavilla Kickhams 2-2 Capt. Denis O'Shea Ref. Joseph Kearney

U14 Shield, Sologhead June 3rd

Arravale Rovers 2-4 Knockavilla Kickhams 1-3. Capt. Cormac Maher. Ref. Paddy Russell

U14 Plate, Sean Treacy Park June 15th
Golden/Kilfeacle 4-2 Lattin/Cullen 2-0 Capt Christopher Farrell. Michael Duffy.

The Venue Dundrum Peil na nOg, Golden April 10th, Arravale Rovers 3-2 Cashel King Cormacs 0-5 Capt. Cormac Maher Ref. Phil Ryan

AIB Tipperary U16A Championship, Lattin May 12th, Arravale Rovers 4-8 Galtee/Aherlow 2-5. Capt. Cian Ryan Ref. Paddy Russell.

Cashel Credit Union U16B Championship, Sologhead May 13th, Lattin/Cullen 2-9 Emly/Treacys 1-8 Capt. Mikey Power Ref. David Grogan

Rea Group U16C Championship, Dundrum May 6th, Golden/Kilfeacle 8-8 Eire Og 0-1. Capt. Matthew O'Keefee. Ref. T.J.Heffernan

#### **HURLING**

Gleeson Concrete Donohill U12A Championship, Annacarty August 11th Knockavilla Kickhams 3-16 Cashel King Cormacs 1-6. Capt. Devon Ryan

**Tipp Co – Op U12B Championship, Annacarty August 11th**Arravale Rpvers 4-8 Rosegreen 2-1. Capt. Jonathan Ryan. Ref. T.J.Heffernan

Donavan Auctioneers Tipp U12C Championship, Annacarty August 11th Knockavilla Kickhams 4-9 Emly 2-6 Capt. Sam Nolan Ref. Joseph Kearney Tipp Mid West Radio U12D Championship, Annacarty August 11th Clonoulty/Rossmore 4-10 Cashel King Cormacs 4-5 Capt. Paddy Ryan. Ref. Eoghan Lonergan

Woodlands Nursing Home Dundrum, U12E, Dundrum August 29th Clonoulty/Rossmore 0-6 Cappawhite 0-2. Capt. Danny Slattery. Ref. Eamonn Browne

Woodlands Nursing Home Dundrum U12F, New Inn August 19th Cashel King Cormacs 2-4 Galtee/Aherlow 0-1. Capt. Ben White Ref. Sean Hayes.

Quirke Jewellers U12 Plate, Sean Treacy Park August 31st. Lattin/Cullen 1-9 Sean Treacys 3-2 Capt. Raymond Hennessy. Ref. Willie Kennedy

Quirke Jewellers U12 Shield, Dundrum August 29th Cappawhite 2-9 Clonoulty/Rossmore 3-3. Capt. Ryan Renehan. Ref. Eamonn Browne.

Garda Cup U11A Final, New Inn September 19th Knockavilla Kickhams 2-4 Cashel King Cormacs 2-1 Capt. Jack Ryan Ref. David Grogan

Garda Cup, U11B Final, New Inn September 19th Arravale Rovers 3-7 Golden/Kilfeacle 2-4 Capt. Niall Sharpe Ref. John O'Grady

Garda Cup, U11C Final, Rosegreen October 5th Eire Og 2-4 Rosegreen 1-4 Capt Paudie Bradshaw Ref. Joseph Kearney

Garda Cup U11D Final, Cappawhite September 19th, Clonoulty/Rossmore 4-6 Sean Treacys 1-3 Capt. Jason O'Dwyer Ref. Willie Kennedy.

Susan Morrissey Chartered Accts Cashel Feile na Gael Final, Golden May 1st, Arravale Rovers 0-4 Knockavilla Kickhams 0-3 Capt Nathan Murphy Crowe Ref. John Ryan (B)

Feile Na Gael Plate Final, Dundrum April 24th Eire Og (WO) Rosegreen. Capt. Stephen O'Brien Ref.Willie Kennedy

Butlers Centra Dundrum U14A League ,Golden July 14th Arravale Rovers 1-12 Cashel King Cormacs 1-7. Capt. Fergus Halligan. Ref. Sean Bradshaw

Butler Centra Dundrum U14A Championship, Dundrum August 26th Arravale Rovers 3-15 Cashel King Cormacs 2-7 Capt. Darren O'Dwyer Ref. Fergal Hickey

Minogues Furniture Cashel U14B Championship, Dundrum August 27th Cappawhite 5-9 Eire Og 1-8 Capt. Robbie Quirke. Ref. John McCormack

Minouges Furniture U14B League, Cappawhite October 19th Cappawhite 2-9 Eire Og 2-4 Capt. Robbie Quirke Ref. Liam Shanahan (Upperchurch/Drombane)

Joe Hammersley Butcher Clonoulty, U14C Championship, Sean Treacy Park August 31st Sologhead 3-9 Knockavilla Kickhams 2-7. Ref. Michael Duffy. Capt Ethan Cummins

Joe Hammersley Butchers Clonoulty, U14C League, Golden October 28th Rockwell Rovers 2-8 Sologhead 2-3 Capt. Conor Walsh Ref John Ryan (Bob)

U14 Shield Final, Golden September 22nd Knockavilla Kickhams 3-13 Golden/Kilfeacle 1-4, Capt. Ciaran Breen David Grogan.

U14 Plate Final, Golden September 15th Galtee Rovers 2-12 Rosegreen 0-1. Capt. Jake Flannery. Ref. John Ryan (Bob)

Centenary Co - Op Cashel U16A League, Dundrum August 12th Emly/Treacys 2-17 Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-14. Capt. Tommy Lyons. Ref. Oisin Ryan.

Tipperary Credit Union U16A Championship, Annacarty Sept. 14th Clonoulty/Rossmore 0-21 Emly/Treacys 0-9 Capt. Enda Heffernan. Ref. Phil Ryan.

Centenary Co Op Cashel U16B Championship, Sologhead Sept. 14th Rockwell Rovers 7- 7 Lattin/Cullen 2-10. Capt. Craig O'Connell. Ref. John Ryan (Bob)

Centenary Co – Op U16B League, Sologhead September 21st Cappawhite 1-17 Lattin/ Cullen 1-13 Capt. Darragh Clancy Ref. David Grogan

McGrath Oil Emly, U16C Championship, Sologhead Sept. 14th Eire Og 0-9 Golden/Kilfeacle 1-5. Capt. Thomas Quinn Ref. Willie Kennedy



#### WEST TIPPERARY U14 HURLING SQUAD. Peadar Cummins Interdivisional winners 2013

Back l-r: Tom O'Donnell (Selector), Jack Ryan, Clonoulty Rossmore, Ciaran Quinn, Cashel KC, Fergus Halligan Arravale Rvs, Eoghan Connelly, Cashel KC, Donnacha Quirke, Clonoulty Rossmore, Eoin Nagle, Golden Kilfeacle, Paul O'Heney, Emly, Conal Donavan, Arravale Rvs, Jordan Hayes, Eire Og Annacarty, Nathan Murphy Crowe Arravale Rvs, Killian Hayde Golden Kilfeacle, Stephan O'Brien Eire Og Annacarty, Eoin Kennedy Galtee Rvs (Selector), Robbie Quirke Cappawhite, Jake Flannery Galtee Rvs, Arnold O'Dwyer Eire Og Annacarty, Shane Ryan Galtee Rvs, Matthew Moroney Arravale Rvs, Darren O'Dwyer, Arravale Rovers, Kevin Halley Rockwell Rvs (Selector). Front l-r: Conor Walsh, Rockwell Rovers, Tony Byron, Galtee Rovers, Cormac Maher, Arravale Rovers, Connie Bradshaw, Eire Óg Annacarty, Daniel Lonergan, Knockavilla Kickhams, Ciaran Breen, Knockavilla Kickhams (Captain), Niall Heffernan, Golden / Kilfeacle, Michael Feehan, Sean Treacys, Aaron Ryan, Sean Treacy's, Cathal Bourke, Clonoulty Rossmore, Séan O'Connell, Rockwell Rovers, Ross Bonnar, Cashel KC, Andy Byrnes, Golden / Kilfeacle, Brendan Murphy, Cappawhite.



Rockwell Rovers – West Under 16 'B' Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Eileen Coffey, Ml Lonergan (Selector), P.Ryan, D.Campbell, O. Cleary, Ml Lonergan, P.Coffey, S.O'Connell, C.Walsh, C.Moloney, D.Barron, M.Ryan, Donal Moloney (Selector), Mattie Cummins (Manager). Front l-r: J.Burke, T.O'Connor, J.O'Donnell, T.Keating, C.Hickey, L.Fahey, C.O'Connell (Capt), K. Blair, E.Dooley. Mascot: Shane Cummins.



Sean Treacy/Emly - West Under 14 'B' football champions. Back l-r: Philip Deegan, Liam Bourke (selector), Adam Hurley, Donal Quigley, Mike Ryan (selector), Conor Nolan, Michael Feehan, Kevin McGrath, Danny Cunningham, Conor Bourke, Eamon Carr, Mike Cunningham (selector), Sean McGrath, Conor Phibbs, Billy Carr (selector), Ger McCarthy, Andy O'Brien (coach). Front l-r: Dan O'Connor, John O'Brien, Dylan Farrelly, Pat O'Toole, Christy Egan, Aiden O'Heney, Paul O'Heney (captain), Aaron Ryan, Stephen Carr, Anthony Hammond, Brendon O'Dwyer, James Rochford.



Cappawhite County Under 14 'B' winners 2013: Back l-r: Dick Quirke, Gerard Ryan (B), George Kelly, Michelle Murphy, Noel Kelly. Mid row: Aaron Renehan, Anthony Barry, William Barry, Ciaran Doody, Fionn Brady, Brendan Murphy, Ryan Renehan, David Murphy, Fraser Allen, Colm O'Dwyer, Cian Ryan, Philip Gantley. Front l-r: Jerry Hayes, Diarmaid Duggan, Gearoid Ryan, William Armshaw, Cian Murray, Robert Quirke, Patrick Barry, Oscar Allen, Anthony Barry.



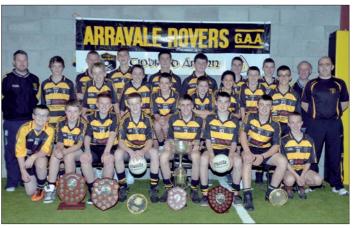
Knockavilla Kickhams - West Under 12 Group 3 hurling champions Front l-r: Michael Breen, Sam Nolan, Brendan Barren, Seamus Heffernan, Declan Ryan, Jack Breen, Josh Browne. Back l-r: Willie Ryan, Ciara Ryan, Jack Ryan, Ailbe Ryan, Timmy Byrnes, Jordan Horgan, Jack Ryan, Ben Loughman, Paddy Ryan



Arravale Rovers West and County U12 HC 'B' Winners. Front L/R: J.J. Bennett, Eoghan Lonergan, Brian Roche, Jonathan Ryan (Captain), Eamonn Ryan, David Kelly, Jake O'Dwyer, Niall Sharpe. Back L/R: Frankie Nolan (Selector), Andrew Richardson, John Cummins (Selector), Darren Heuston, Edward Nolan, Patrick O'Donnell, Oisín McCall, Adam Dunne, Owen Hogan (Selector), Noel O'Mahoney, Sean T. O'Connor (Manager), Eddie Moroney Selector)



Arravale Rovers County Finalists U14 F Peil na nÓg Front L/R; Brian Lowry, Cian Tobin, Jonathan Ryan, Cormac Maher (Captain), Micheál Sharpe, Sean Smith, Conor Leahy, Jack Lowry, Jack Quinlan. Back L/R; Paddy Maher, Fionn McCall, Mark O'Donovan, Jason Murphy, Matthew Moroney, Jordan Doyle, Conal Donovan, Nathan Murphy Crowe, Fergus Halligan, Darren O'Dwyer, Paul O'Halloran.



Arravale Rovers County U14 HC 'A' West and County Champions. This group of U14's won the West Peil na nÓg and the West U14 F Shield, along with West Féile na nGael and West U14 HL. Front L/R; Paddy Maher (selector, Mark Donovan, Jack Lowry, Conor Leahy, Darren O'Dwyer (Hurling Captain), Matthew Moroney, Fergus Halligan, Christopher Malone and Ger Halligan (selector). Middle L/R;Edward Moroney, Tadhg O'Connor, Brian Lowry, Jamie Lonergan, Killian Noonan, Sean Smith, Jonathan Ryan, Alex Ryan Wynne, Paul O'Halloran (Juvenile Club Chairman). Back L/R; Brendan Crowe (selector) Fionn Mc Call, Jordan Doyle, Conal Donovan, Nathan Murphy Crowe, Jack Quinlan, Cormac Maher, Micheál Sharpe and Eddie Moroney (Coach).



Arravale Rovers U11 'B' Hurling Front L/R: Jack English, Eoghan Lonergan, John Paul Lohan, Niall Sharpe, Adam Dunne, Eamonn Ryan, Micheál Lowry, Patrick O'Donnell Back L/R: Shane Maher, Gavin O'Meara, Aidan Roche, Brain O'Donnell, Oisín McCall, Darren Heuston, Andrew Richardson, Eoin Kelly, Raymond Kelly. Photo: Veronica Dunne



WEST TIPPERARY U14 FOOTBALL SQUAD. Interdivisional Football winners 2013

Back l-r: Kevin Halley Rockwell Rvs (Selector), Ciaran Quinn, Cashel KC, Niall Heffernan, Golden / Kilfeacle, Conal Donavan, Arravale Rvs, Jordan Hayes, Eire Og Annacarty, Stephan O'Brien Eire Og Annacarty, Jake Flannery Galtee Rvs, Michael Feehan, Sean Treacys, Paul O'Heney, Emly, Nathan Murphy Crowe Arravale Rvs, Ciaran Breen, Knockavilla Kickhams Jack Ryan, Clonoulty Rossmore, Tom O'Donnell (Selector). Front 1-r: Séan O'Connell, Rockwell Rovers, Fergus Halligan Arravale Rvs, Connie Bradshaw, Eire og Annacarty, Darren O'Dwyer, Arravale Rovers, Ross Bonnar, Cashel KC, Eoghan Connelly, Cashel KC, Aaron Ryan, Sean Treacy's, Shane Ryan Galtee Rvs, (Captain), Killian Hayde Golden / Kilfeacle, Andy Byrnes, Golden / Kilfeacle, Cormac Maher, Arravale Rovers.



Solohead – West Under 14 'C' Football Championship and League winners. Back l-r: Kieran Ryan (Trainer), Dylan Murphy, Dean Morrissey, Ben Quinn, Jack Redican, Denis O'Shea (Captain), D.J. Cremmins, Ethan Cummins, Will Collins, Pat Irwin (Trainer). Front l-r: Rodrigez Serannio, Pádraig Franklin, Dylan Ryan, Evan Hanrahan, Aaron Ryan, Seamus Burns, Jordan Cummins, Brahiam Ryan.



Solohead – West Under 14 'C' Hurling Championship and League winners. Back l-r: Pat Irwin (Trainer), Seamus Burns, Dean Morrissey, Evan Hanrahan, Jack Redican, Ben Quinn, Pádraig Franklin, Denis O'Shea, Kieran Ryan (Trainer). Front l-r: Richard Cummins, Dylan Ryan, Jordan Cummins, Ethan Cummins (Captain), D.J. Cremmins, Aaron Ryan, Will Collins.



Golden-Kilfeacle Under-12 Plate Champions 2013: Back l-r: M. Coman, L. Keane, D. Ormond, A. Griffin Donnelly, B Marnane, E. Marnane, F. Currivan, E. Heffernan, D. Sinclaire, B. Barry, T. Leamy, T. Fogarty, T. Lonergan. Front l-r: T. Barry, E. Ormond, T. Bergin, B. Currivan, M. Bergin, C. Luby, P. Crowe, D. Ryan (capt.), M. Ormond, L. Bennett. Very front: C. Ryan, E. Bennette. Mentors: Daniel Currivan, Seamus Carr, Brian Leamy.



Galtee Rovers – West Under 14 'A' Football Champions. Back l-r: Edmond O'Dwyer, Nicholas Kennedy, Aidan Mc Grath (Coach), Alan O'Brien, Darren Lonergan, Niall Grogan, Tony Kennedy (Coach), Shane Ryan, Tony Byron, Lar Roche (Coach), Maurice O' Sullivan and Adam McGrath. Front l-r: Jim Quirke, Danny Ryan, John O'Sullivan, Darragh Kennedy, Alan Flannery, Eoin Gallagher, Jake Flannery (Captain), Stephen Moloney, William O'Dwyer and Robbie Byron.



Clonoulty/Rossmore
County U12D winners.
Front 1-r: Kayleigh
Davern, Dainel Ryan,
Eimear Bourke, Paddy
Ryan (captain) Will Ryan
and Ryan Davern. Backl-r:
Eoin O'Neill, Aidan
Slattery, Sean Ryan,
Stephen Ferncombe, Mary
T. Mockler, Dervla
Heffernan, Jenifer Ryan,
Elaina Quirke.



Aherlow - West Under 12 'C' Group 3 football winners. Back l-r: Mike Carey, John Whelton, Brendan Carew. Middle l-r: Micheal Elligott, Sarah Ryan, Cliona Reardon, Tadhg Carew, Dylan Cunningham, Graham Bourke, Nicholas O'Dea, Una Carew. Front l-r: Willie Perry, Eoin Reardon, Daniel O'Dwyer, Cody Cunningham (captain), Jack Whelton, Gavin Spencer, Ben Carey.



Golden/Kilfeacle West U12 Football Plate Winners. Back l-r: Michael Coman, Luke Keane, Daniel Currivan (Selector), Aaran Griffin Donnelly, Eoin Marnane, Jack Currivan, Seamus Carr (Selector), Eimear Heffernan, David Sinclair, Bradley Barry, Jack Leamy, Thomas Fogarty, Brian Leamy (Selector). Front l-r: Mickey Bergin, Corey Luby, Paddy Crowe, Daniel Ryan Preston (Capt), Meg Ormonde, Luke Bennett



Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams. County and West Under 12 A (Group1) football champions. Back l-r: Paddy Fitzgerald (Manager), Fergal Horgan (Selector) Hugo Bourke, Cormac Ryan, Daniel Ryan, Lorcan Carr, Conor Farrell, Ben Ryan, Christie Ryan (Selector) Tommy Landers (Coach). Front l-r: Reuben Bourke, Declan Ryan, Joe Fitzgerald, Eddie Daly, Devon Ryan, Aaron Browne, Jack Ryan (B).



Golden/Kilfeacle West U14 Football Plate Winners. Back l-r: Ian Collins (Selector), Daniel Ryan Preston, Luke Bennett, Lee Esmonde, Andy Byrnes, Lorcan O'Dwyer, Jamie Collins, Brian Hally, Gabriel Hayde (Selector), Kevin Hally, Christopher Farrell (Capt), Eoin Nagle, Brian Barlow, Killian Ayde, Mitchell Heffernan (Selector). Front l-r: Alex Ryan, Niall Heffernan, Jack Fogarthy, Eoin Marnane, Riche Crowe, Niall Hogan, Derry Ormonde, David Sinclair, Billy Ashford, Jack Currivan



Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams - County and West Under 12 A (Group 1) Hurling Champions. Back 1-r: Christie Ryan (Selector), Fergal Horgan (trainer), Eddie Daly, Eric Ryan, Hugo Bourke, Cormac Ryan, Conor Farrell, Stephen Browne, Reuben Bourke, Paddy Fitzgerald (Manager), Tommy Landers (Chairman). Front l-r: Ben Ryan, Joe Fitzgerald, Devon Ryan (captain), Aaron Browne, Lorcan Carr, Daniel Ryan.



Golden/Kilfeacle West U16 C Football Winners Back l-r: Pat Dalton (Selector), Timmy Holland, Martin Ryan, Robert Wade, Brian Hally, Ben Blackford, Evan Hayde, Jonothan Wade, Cathal Rea, Toss Wade (Selector). Front l-r: Nathan Harding, Eoin Nagle, Cian O'Connell, Matthew O'Keeffe (Capt), Brian Barlow, Killian Hayde, Niall Heffernan



Arravale Rovers U12 A Football Shield. Lying down in very front (David Kelly Captain). Front L/R: Niall Sharpe, Brian Roche, Andrew Richardson, Darren Heuston, J.J. Bennett.Back L/R: Tom Rhatigan, Noel O'Mahoney, Adam Dunne, Jake O'Dwyer, Jonathan Ryan, James Cussen, Eamonn Ryan.Photo, Veronica Dunne.



Arravale Rovers players contribution to Peadar Cummins Cup win.
The West Tipperary Division made history by winning the U14 Hurling Peadar Cummins Inter divisional hurling tournament for the first time this year.
Arravale Rovers had six boys on the panel with Cormac Maher, Conal Donovan and Nathan Murphy Crowe starting and Darren O'Dwyer, Matthew Moroney and Fergus Halligan also on the panel. Arravale Rovers are very proud of all six players and the West coaches, Eoin Kennedy, Tom O'Donnell and Kevin Hally also deserve massive credit for all their work.



Arravale Rovers U12 FC 'E'. Front L/R; Micheál Lowry, Donagh Hickey, Brian O'Donnell, Eoin Kelly, Padraic Russell. Second Row L/R; Evan O'Connor, Oisín McCall, Caleb Molloy Hickey, Will Hogan, Aidan Roche, Raymond Kelly. Back L/R; Owen Hogan, Aaron Hickey, John Cummins.



Golden Kilfeacle U14 HC 'B' Plate. Back L/R. Ian Collins, Daniel Ryan, Luke Bennett, Lee Esmonde, Andy Byrnes, Lorcan O'Dwyer, Jamie Collins, Brian Hally, Gabriel Hayde, Kevin Hally, Christopher Farrell, Eoin Nagle, Killian Hayde, Mitchell Heffernan. Front L/R. Alex Ryan, Niall Heffernan, Jack Fogarty, Eoin Marnane, Ritchie Crowe, Niall Hogan, Derry Ormond, David Sinclair, Billy Ashford, Jack Currivan

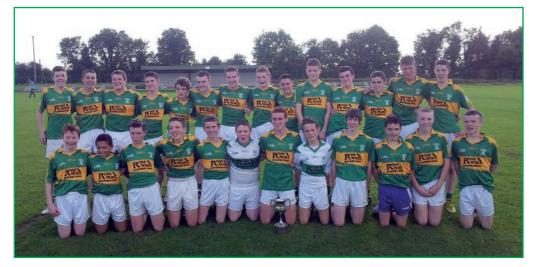


Galtee Rovers U14 FC 'A'

Back L/R; Eamonn Quirke, Edmund O'Dwyer, Nickolas Kennedy, Aidan McGrath (selector), Alan O'Brien, Darren Lonergan, Niall Grogan, Tony Kennedy (selector), Shane Ryan, Tony Byron, Lar Roche (selector), Maurice O'Sullivan, Adam McGrath. Front L/R; Jim Quirke, Danny Ryan, John O'Sullivan, Darragh Kennedy, Alan Flannery, Eoin Gallagher, Jake Flannery, Stephen Moloney, William O'Dwyer, Robbie Byron.



Solohead U14 Panel --- U14 FC 'C', U14 FL 'C', U14 HC 'C'.
Back L/R: Kieran Ryan (Trainer), Dylan Murphy, Dean Morrissey, Ben Quinn,
Jack Redican, Denis O'Shea (Captain), D.J.Cremins, Ethan Cummins, Will
Collins, Pat Irwin (Selector) Front L/R; Rodrigo Serrano, Padraig Franklin,
Dylan Ryan, Evan Hanrahan, Aaron Ryan, Seamus Burns, Jordan Cummins,
Brahiam Ryan.



Clonoulty/Rossmore - West Under 16A Hurling Champions. Back 1-r: Nicholas Mockler, Dylan Kennedy, Padraig Carew, Declan O' Dwyer, Tómas Ryan, Sean Ryan, Cathal Moriarty, Dillon Quirke, Michael Ryan, Aidan Carroll, Martin Ryan, Kevin Kearney, Owen Ryan, Ger Mockler. Front l-r: James Ryan, Nathan Slattery, Cathal Bourke, Anthony Maher, Aidan Loughman, Nicky Kearns, Enda Heffernan Capt, Jack Ryan, Donnchadh Quirke, James Hammersley, Odhran Quirke, Philip Fitzpatrick.

Pictured recently at the West Bord na nÓg medal presentation function were a group of Arravale Rovers Captains and selectors. Front l-r; Eddie Moroney, Conal Donovan, Darren O'Dwyer( County U14HC 'A'), Fergus Halligan (U14HL), Nathan Murphy Crowe (U14Féile Hurling), Christine Lonergan Juvenile Secretary and Paddy Maher. Back 1-r; Brendan Crowe, Cormac Maher (U14Féile Football), Matthew Moroney, Jonathan Ryan (County U12HC 'B'), Niall Sharpe (U11 H 'B'), David Kelly (U12F Shield), Micheál Sharpe, Eamon O'Dwyer who presented some of the medals.





Kickhams Captains from left; Conor Farrel U12 FC 'F', Eddie Daly West & County U12 FC 'A', Daniel Ryan U12 F League, Hugo Bourke U12 H 'A' Leagu, Devon Ryan West & County U12 HC 'A', Sam Nolan U12 HC 'C', Kieran Breen U14 H Shield, Jack Ryan U11 H 'A' Garda Cup,

West Tipperary Bord na nÓg Captains. Front l-r; Cormac Maher Arravale Rovers, Niall Sharpe Arravale Rovers, Darragh Clancy Cappawhite, Fergus Halligan Arravale Rovers, Darren O'Dwyer Arravale Rovers, Paddy Ryan Clonoulty/R., Eddie Daly Kickhams, Robbie Quirke Cappawhite, Devon Ryan Kickhams, Jonathon Ryan Arravale Rovers, Mathew O'Keeffe Golden Kilfeacle, Cian Ryan Arravale Rovers, Craig O'Connell Rockwell Rovers, Middle l-r; Donnacha Quirke Clonoulty/R., Ethan Cummins Solohead, Jake Flannery Galtee Rovers, Nathan Murphy Crowe Arravale Rovers, Kieran Breen Kickhams, Paul O'Heney Emly Treacys, Eoin Connelly Cashel, Conor Burke Emly Treacys, Denis O'Shea Solohead, Conor Walsh Rockwell Rovers, Hugo Bourke Kickhams A.N. Other, Shane Ryan Galtee Rovers. Back l-r; A.N. Other, Daniel Ryan (Preston) Golden Kilfeacle, David Kelly Arravale Rovers, Darragh McCauley Emly, A.N. Other, Daniel Ryan Kickhams, Jack Ryan Kickhams, Sam Nolan Kickhams, Conor Farrell Kickhams, Jason O'Dwyer Clonoulty/R., Danny Slattery Clonoulty/R., Brian O'Donnell Arravale Rovers, Cody Cunningham Aherlow, Paudie Bradshaw Eire Óg Anacarty. Officers At back; Tom Dawson Chairman, Paddy Fitzgerald Secretary, John Joe Morrissey Treasurer and Tommy Fitzgerald P.R.O.



# Bórd na nÓg Tiobraid Árann Theas

# **FOOTBALL**

# Under 16A South Tipperary Football Championship – Sponsored by The Boland Family

Date: 22nd June 2013 Clonmel Commercials 1-10 Moyle Rovers 0-10 Referee: Seamus Roche (Kilsheelan) Venue: Kilsheelan

# Under 16B South Tipperary Football Championship – Sponsored by Phelan's Shoes (Carrick on Suir)

Date: 22nd June 2013 Carrick Davins 6-07 Ballingarry 2-09 Referee: Noel Cosgrove (Marlfield) Venue: Clonmel Sportsfield

# Under 16C South Tipperary Football Championship – Sponsored by Clonmel Oil

Date: 22nd June 2013
Ballyporeen 6-08 Clonmel Og 4-07
Referee: Martin Doyle (Ardfinnan)
Venue: Newcastle

# Under 14A South Tipperary Football Championship – Sponsored by The McCarthy Family

Date: 27th May 2013 Clonmel Commercials 2-11 Moyle Rovers 0-05 Referee: Martin Doyle (Ardfinnan) Venue: Newcastle

# Under 14B South Tipperary Football Championship – Sponsored by Kevin O'Leary Motors

Date: 27th May 2013 Clerihan 5-08 Killenaule 1-05 Referee: Brian Tyrell (Clonmel Commercials) Venue: Clonmel Sportsfield

# Under 14C South Tipperary Football Champsionship - Sponsored by Michael O'Dwyer Fencing

Date: 30th May 2013 Kilsheelan Kilcash 5-12 St. Patrick's 4-03 Referee: Donie Cahill (Ballyporeen) Venue: Cahir GAA Park

# Under 12 Group 1 South Tipperary Premier Football - Sponsored by Clancy Construction

Date: 15th June 2013 Ardfinnan 1-05 Moyle Rovers 1-02 Referee: Miceal O Donnell (Clerihan) Venue: Clogheen

# Under 12 Group 2 South Tipperary Premier Football - Sponsored by Clonmel Park Hotel

Date 15th June 2013 Clonmel Og 5-07 Grangemockler/Ballyneale 5-04 Referee: Martin Cody (Mullinahone) Venue: Clogheen

# Under 12 Group 3 South Tipperary Premier Football – Sponsored by Skoda – Ryan Motors

Date: 15th June 2013
Ballyporeen 2-05 Newcastle 1-01
Referee: Miceal O Donnell (Clerihan)
Venue: Clogheen

# Under 12 Group 4 South Tipperary Premier Football - Sponsored by McGee Group UK Ltd

Date: 20th June 2013
Fr.Sheehy's 4-08 Clonmel Commercials 1-02
Referee: Martin Doyle (Ardfinnan)
Venue: Ardfinnan

# HURLING

# Under 16A South Tipperary Hurling Championship – Sponsored by Clonmel Credit Union

Declared South Winners on Tuesday 5th November 2013 Presented with Trophy on Saturday 9th November 2013 Carrick Swans

# Under 16B South Tipperary Hurling Championship – Sponsored by Mullinahone Oil

Date: 27th September 2013
Kilsheelan Kilcash 4-13 Carrick Davins 5-08
Referee: Keith Delahunty (Moyle Rovers)
Venue: Cloneen

# Under 16C South Tipperary Hurling Championship – Sponsored by Malachy Sheehan

Date: 6th October 2013 Skeheenarinky 7-19 Clonmel Og 1-07 Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan) Venue: Ballylooby Castlegrace

# Under 14A South Tipperary Hurling Championship – Sponsored by Damien Brennan Bus Hire

Date: 29th August 2013 Carrick Swans 0-16 St. Mary's 2-08 Referee: Noel Cosgrove (Marlfield) Venue: Cloneen

# Under 14B South Tipperary Hurling Championship – Sponsored by O Gorman Construction

Date: 5th September 2013
Skeheenarinky 1-06 Clerihan 1-05
Referee: John McConigley (Ballylooby Castlegrace)
Venue: Ballylooby Castlegrace

# Under 14C South Tipperary Hurling Championship - Sponsored by Big Sycamore Garage

Date: 29th August 2013 Fethard 4-13 St. Patrick's 3-02 Referee: Paddy Ivors (Ballingarry) Venue: Ballingarry

# Under 12 Group 1 South Tipperary Premier Hurling - Sponsored by Don Lyons Hurley Manufacturers

Date 6th October 2013 Moyle Rovers 2-07 Carrick Swans 3-02 Referee: Kieran Barrett (Clerihan) Venue: Ballylooby Castlegrace

# Under 12 Group 2 South Tipperary Premier Hurling – Sponsored by Austin & Mary Godfrey

Date 6th October 2013 Kilsheelan Kilcash 5-04 Ballybacon Grange 2-02 Referee: Philip Keane (St. Patrick's) Venue Monroe, Clonmel

# Under 12 Group 3 South Tipperary Premier Hurling – Sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers

Date: 6th October 2013
Grangemockler/Ballyneale 2-06 Skeheenarinky 1-07
Referee: Kieran Barrett (Clerihan)
Venue: Ballylooby Castlegrace

# Under 12 Group 4 South Tipperary Premier Hurling - Sponsored by Star Fuels

Date: 6th October 2013 Fr. Sheeh'ys 4-02 Carrick Davins 2-04 Referee: Philip Keane (St. Patrick's) Venue: Monroe, Clonmel.



Grangemockler/Ballyneale - Under 12 Group 3 South Tipperary Premier Hurling Champions and County Runners Up. Back l-r): James Needham, Mark O'Meara, Zach Ellis, Tommy O'Hanlon, Ben Comerford, James Daly, Aine Hahessy, Martin Murray. Front l-r: Angela Maguigan, Brandon Brunnock, Mikie Lyons (Captain), Eimhin Hanrahan, Luke Sheehan, Sean Daly, Conor Murphy, Tom Brett, Leon Kennedy

Ardfinnan Under 12 'A' Premier Games South Champions 2013: Front 1-r: Diarmuid Condon, Tadhg Browne, Rory Burke, Eoin Wyse, Martin Condon, Sean Og Coughlan, Aaron Polinous, Emmet Cowan, Liam Burke, Adam Quirke, Morgan Lambert, Philip Betts, Darragh O'Brien. Middle l-r: Ben Doyle, Joseph Betts, Cian O'Leary, Kevin Hogan (Captain), Andrew Browne, David Brannigan, Luke O'Brien, Rhys Byron, Cian Landy, Eoin Kenna, Cian O'Mahoney, Jack Keating, Liam Barrett (Selector). Back l-r: Liam Myles (Selector), Stephen Landy (Manager), Sean Coughlan (Selector).





Carrick Swan - South Under 14 'A' hurling champions Back l-r: John O'Dwyer, Jeffrey Power, Paudie Walsh, Billy Murphy, Dean Kiely, Warren Fleming, Lee Dunne, Luke O'Dwyer, Aidan Keane, Ian Holloway, Jack Connolly. Middle Row: Ciaran Daniels, Sean Bourke, Ben O'Shea, Tommy Quinlan, Ewan Ryan, Christy Griffin, Gavin Waters (Capt.), Lee Keane, Billy Murphy, Oisin O'Connell-Ahern, Jack Kelly, Front l-r: Jack Murphy, Peter Flanagan.

Skeheenarinka - South Under 14 'B' Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Eoin O'Keeffe, Maitiú McGrath, Jason Hally, Josh Macken, Fionn McLoughlin, John McGrath, Aaron Kiely, Kevin O'Mahony, Darren O'Dwyer, Oisín O'Dwyer, Jamie Grant, Aidan Donovan. Front l-r: Oisín Brennan, Feidhlim Ryder, David Kelly, Darragh Brennan, Dean Finn, Tomás Vaughan, Padraig O'Loughlin, John Donal O'Brien, Kieran Macken, Riain Hennessy.





Fethard - Under 14 'C' South Hurling Champions Back l-r: Eugene Walsh, Cathal O'Mahony, Harry Butler, Jack Ward, Jack Dolan, Peter Wall, Ross McCormack, Darragh Lynch, Jack Spillane, Josef O'Connor, Mick O'Mahony. Front l-r: Ciaran Moroney, Richard Anglim, Liam Quigley, Stephen Crotty, Jesse McCormack, Dean Kenny, Conor Harrington, Ryan Walsh, Ben Coen, Darragh Hurley. Absent from photo Robert Hackett.

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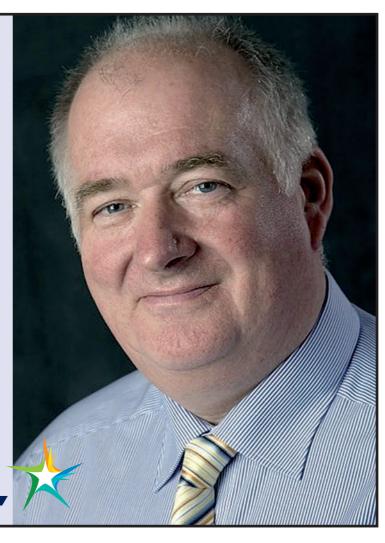
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Best wishes to all Tipperary teams in 2013 from High School Clonmel





Kilsheelan-Kilcash - South & County Under 14 'C' football winners. Front Row: Patrick Murphy, Jack O'Gorman, Jack Walsh, Jason Madigan, Shane Cosgrave, Billy O'Connor, Aaron Dempsey, John Glynn, Sean Martin, Nathan O'Reilly, Billy Murphy. Middle Row: Cathal Kelly, Zach Crotty, John O'Dwyer, Sean Freaney, Cillian Murphy, Cian Quinn, Luke Kiely, Dylan Kiely, Frank Mallekoote, Jamie Roche, Brian Flavin, Barry Kehoe, Mark Stokes. Back Row: Roger Doyle, Jim Healy and Alex Harte.



Kilsheelan-Kilcash - South Under 16 'B' hurling winners. Back Row: Kevin Kelly, Edward Carroll, Brendan Martin, Eoghan Kelly, Eoghan Flavin, Mark Kehoe, Brian Guiry, Shane Egan, Evan Quigley, Luke Kiely, Martin Gibbs, Aaron Dempsey, Sean Nugent. Front Row: Aaron Fogarty, Frank Mallekoote, Brian Flavin, Kevin Kehoe, Daire Brennan, Cian Quinn, Darragh Kelly, Sean Martin and Mark Stokes.



Moyle Rovers - South Under 12 'A' Hurling winners. Back l-r: Aidan Lonergan, Mike McGrath, Harry Phelan, Cian Walsh, Anthony Phelan, Brian McKeown, Aaron Kiely, Conor óg Ryan. Front l-r: Adam Maher, Rian Kiely, Ross Gavin, Josh Power(Capt) Daniel Quigley, Brian O'Sullivan, Seamas O'Brien.



St. Patricks Under 10 footballers who won the South Tipperary Under 10 B Blitz. Back l-r: James Ryan, Aidan Moran, Jamie Brett, Ryan Crannitch, Evan White, Cathal Foley, Jack Cleere, Cian Crannitch, Aidan Fitzgerald, Brian O'Halloran. Front l-r: Danny Broderick, Conor Brett, Robbie Noonan, Robert Cuddihy, Bill Cuddihy, Daithí Hogan, Eoin Fitzgerald, William Cleere. Absent from photo Luke Fox



Kilsheelan-Kilcash - Under 12 South Group 2 hurling winners. Back Row: (Young supporters: Patrick Murphy, Jack & Roche)Thomas Morrissey, Sean Freaney, Jack O'Gorman, Jason Madigan, Lee Ryan, Adam Quigley, Cathal Kelly, Ben O'Connell, Billy Murphy. Front Row: Sean Allison, Barry Kehoe, Billy O'Connor, Daire Murphy, Jack O'Loughlin and John Carroll.



Skeheenarinky - South Under 16 'C' hurling champions Back l-r: Mary Hickey, Cathal Hickey, James Hackett (Selector), Tommy Breedy, Tiernan O'Brien, Adam Macken, Ceallach Hennessey, Lochlan English, Philip English, Dylan O'Gorman, Eddie Barrett, Dave Hyland (Manager). Front l-r: Josh Macken, Adrian English, Mikey Maher, James Hackett, John Ryan (captain), Darren O'Dwyer, Adam O'Donoghue, Fionn McLoughlin, Tadgh O'Mahony. Absent from photo: Tomas Vaughan & Declan Hickey (Selector).



Fr. Sheehy's - South and County Under 12 Premier Games Group IV Football Winners. Back 1-r: Nathan Coffey, Robert Maher, Cormac Flynn, David Murphy, Gavin English, Denis McCraith, Dean Sullivan. Front l-r: Conor Flynn, Kyle Morrissey, Shane O'Gorman (Captain), Alex Spens, Cieran Connolly, Zac Lynch.

# Scór 2012/2013

Bliain den scoth a bhí againn arís i mbliana. Tá muintir Scór thar a bheith bródúil as an ngaisce atá déanta i 2012-2103 agus tá súil againn go leanfaidh an winning streak ar aghaidh sa bhliain atá romhainn.

# ALL IRELAND SUCCESS

2012-2013 was an exciting and historical year for Scór. Success was ours at all levels and no less than 4 All Ireland triumphs were achieved by our wonderful performers. Templederry won All Ireland Scór na nÓg honours in Nuachleas/Novelty Act in The City of Culture –Derry with their presentation of The Blitz. Their Northern Ireland conquest was followed by a day of glory for our participants in All Ireland Scór Sinsear. Sinéad Grant of Newcastle won the All Ireland Amhránaíocht Aonair/Solo Singing with a beautiful rendition of There were Roses. Our County Chairperson Noel Joyce followed that achievement with All Ireland success in Recitation with his own composition The Day I scored the Winning Goal. A double for the Brackens was realised when eight young dancers brought national honour to their club-J K Brackens in Rince Seit. Tipperary not alone had All Ireland success but we had representation at National Level in other disciplines. Seán Treacys in Question Time and Newport Ballad Groups in Scór Sinsear and Scór na nÓg.Comhghairdeas leo go léir as an éacht stairiúil seo.

# THE PREMIER COUNTY GATHERING EVENT

Saturday night June 8th saw the G.A.A.'s celebration of all that is best of Irish Culture, music, song and dance. The event took place in Brú Ború and the cream of Scór gathered together from all corners of the Premier County to showcase to our visitors from near and far and to enjoy the Gathering Initiative. Michael Cooney seamlessly brought the different strands together and our performers entertained our distinguished guests with aplomb.

# SCÓR ENCORE

TG4's Scór Encore was another initiative which met with great success throughout the country. This series was a chance for our young people to perform before cameras and entertain audiences ó cheann ceann na tire. Auditions were held in December 2012 and those selected went to RTE studios to be recorded. It was a wonderful opportunity for Scór na nÓg participants, in particular Na Broic from Lattin/Cullen who were pipped at the post for All Ireland Glory. Programs such as Scór Encore and Jig A Gig give much needed exposure to Scór at national level.

# SEAN-NÓS DANCE

Coiste Scór an Chontae decided this year to introduce Sean-Nós dancing in the Scór na bPáistí competitions. Many young people took part and it is hoped to continue with the competition in 2013-2014 as it added a new dimension to Scór's activities. The young people taking part certainly enjoyed the experience and audiences were delighted with the novelty. Rialacha Nua 2013-2014

It has been a year of much upheaval in Scór. New rule changes have been introduced that will change the fabric of Scór as we know it. A recent information day was held in Croke Park to discuss and clarify these amendments. While many are disappointed with these decisions we must embrace change and endeavour in the coming year to meet the many challenges presented. We hope that it will not detract from the endless enjoyment and fun that is part of Scór for children, teenagers and adults alike. As we look to the future Scór an Chontae would like to congratulate and thank all of you for your generosity of spirit and time in making Scór the success that it was last year. Ní neart go cur le chéile.



Arravale Rovers Winners of County Final Figure Dancing in Scór na bPáistí-Megan Prenderville, Ciara Bowes, Niamh Moloney, Clodagh Kissane, Laura Merrigan, Ali Ryan, Alyson Kelly.



Éire Óg Nenagh-Winners of County Final Ballad group in Scór na bPáistí- Eva McKeogh, Caroline Browne, Jenny Myres, Orlaith Kennedy, Sinéad Long.



Sean Treacy's-Winners of Tráth na gCeist in County Final Scór na bPáistí-Paul Nolan, Brendan O'Dwyer, Gillian Lyons.

# Winners of County Final Scór na nÓg 2012

Competition Winner (s) Figure Dance Newcastle

Solo Singing Cáit Ryan ( Upperchurch/ Drombane) Recitation Erin Ryan (Upperchurch / Drombane)

Music Newport Ballad Newport **Question Time** Sean Treacy's Novelty Act Templederry Set Dancing J.K.Brackens

# Winners of County Final Scór Sinsear 2013

Competition Winner (s) Figure dancing Newcastle

Sinéad Grant (Newcastle) Solo Singing Recitation Noel Joyce (J.K.Brackens)

Newport Music Ballad Group Newport

**Question Time** Loughmore / Castleiney Novelty Act Moyne / Templetuohy

Set Dancing J.K.Brackens

# Winners of County Final Scór na bPáistí

Winner (s) Competition Figure Dancing Arravale Rovers

Solo Singing Aoife Butler ( Seán Treacy's )

Recitation Niamh Martin (Kilsheelan / Kilcash)

Music **Shannon Rovers** Ballad Group Éire Óg Nenagh

Liam Ryan (Borris-Ileigh) Sean – Nós Dancing

Seán Treacy's **Question Time** Novelty Act Borris-Ileigh Drom / Inch Set Dancing



Niamh Martin, Kilsheelan / Kilcash - Winner of Recitation in Co. Final Scór na bPáistí pictured with Co. Chairperson Noel Joyce.



Winner of Sean-Nós Dancing in Co. Final Scór na bPáistí with Co. Chairperson Noel Joyce.



Shannon Rovers-Keelan McGrath and Manus Heenan-Winners of County Final Scór na bPáistí in Instrumental Music competition



Templederry-Winners of Set Dancing competition in County Final Scór na bPáisti-Included in the photo are Kate Johnston, Jennifer Cahill, Kirsty Cunningham, Cheyanne Stewart, Andy Mullin, Emma Moore, Sarah Johnston, Jimmy Mullen.



Aoife Butler Seán Treacy's-Winner of County Final Scór na bPáistí inSolo Singing competition.



Borrisoleigh Winners of County Final Scór na bPáistí in Novelty Act-Dan Ryan, Ewan Young, Pauric Stapleton, Kate Delaney, Sinéad Ryan, Niamh Ryan, Eddie Ryan, Jane Delaney.



**Newport-Winners of Co Final Scór Sinsear** in Ballad Group competition-Ruairi Floyd, Geraldine Floyd, Tim Floyd. (Absent from photo Fiona Ryan and Marie Floyd)



Newcastle-Winners of Co. Senior Final Figure dancing in Senior Scór-Sinéad Grant, Shauna Ryan, Shauna Ryan, Treasa McGrath, Veronica McNamara, Catherine Condon, Sinéad Grant, Rosie McCarra, Ciara Gough.



**Templederry-Winners of Co. Final Scór na nÓg Novelty Act**-Nessa Murray, Aisling Ryan, Eimear Murphy, Róisín Ryan, Conor Brennan, Mark Brennan, Liam Kennedy, Amy Kennedy.



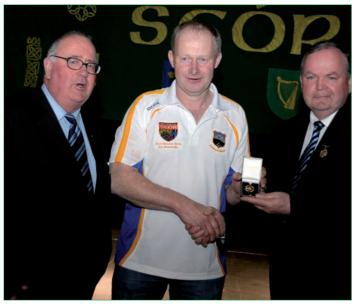
Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Liam Ó Néill, left, and Liam Ó Laochdha, right, Cathaoirleach, Coiste Náisiúnta Scór, with the victorious Templederry GAA Club team of Conor Brennan, Mark Brennan, Amy Kennedy, Liam Kennedy, Eimear Murphy, Nessa Murray, Aisling Ryan and Roisin Ryan, after they won the 'Novelty Act' competition during the All-Ireland Scór na nÓg Championship Finals 2013 at The Venue, Limavady Road, Derry.



Newcastle-Winners of Co Final Scór na nÓg in Figure Dancing-Muireann Boyce, Cliona Condon, Lisa Gillman, Lucy Heffernan, Clodagh Kelly, Máirín McGrath, Aoife Shortiss, Shannon Fitzpatrick with Co. Chairperson Noel Joyce.



All-Ireland Champion in Solo Singing (Scór Sinsear) Sinéad Grant from Newcastle with Liam Ó Laocha (Cathaoirleach ,Coiste Náisiúnta Scór) and Uachtarán C.L.G. Liam Ó Néill



All-Ireland Champion in Recitation-Noel Joyce, J.K.Brackens with Liam Ó Laocha (Cathaoirleach, Coiste Náisiúnta Scór) and Liam Ó Néill (Uachtarán C.L.G. )



All-Ireland Champions in Rince Seit (Scór Sinsear )-J.K.Brackens, Eoin Hamill, Dominic Gallagher, Eoin Bourke, Stewart Gallagher, Jennie Moore, Mairéad Delaney, Katherese Meehan, Nicole Joyce pictured with Liam Ó Laocha (Cathaoirleach, Coiste Náisiúnta Scór), Liam Ó Néill (Uachtarán C.L.G.) and Johnie Delaney (Dance Coach )



Sean Treacys winners of the Question Time in the Munster Final of Scor na nOg. L-r: Robert Frost (Munster GAA Chairman), Padraig Carey, Shane Stapleton, Brian Carey, Jim Enright (Munster Chairman Scor).



Templederry winners of the Novelty Act in the Munster Final of Scor na nOg. Front l-r: Roisin Ryan, Marc Brennan, Liam Kennedy, Conor Brennan. Back l-r: Robert Frost (Munster GAA Chairman), Aisling Ryan, Amy Kennedy, Ailish Murray (producer and coach), Eimear Murphy, Nessa Murray, Jim Enright (Munster Chairman Scor).



Newport winners of the Ballad Group in the Munster final of Scor na nOg. Front l-r: Ciara Floyd, Keelan Floyd, Lorna Floyd. Back l-r: Robert Frost (Munster GAA Chairman), Conor Floyd, Brian McAuliffe, Jim Enright (Munster Chairman Scor).

# 2013 Double Scor All Irelands for JK Brackens Scor

JK Brackens Scor had a very busy and extremely successful year in 2013, the highlight being the winning of two All Ireland Scor Sinsear titles in Derry on the last weekend of April. We were well represented (76%) in all three Scor categories (six out of the eight in Scor Sinsear and Scor na nOg, and seven of the nine in Scor na bPaisti) winning six divisional titles, three county titles , two Munster titles and two All Ireland titles. In addition the Scor na nOg Set Dancing group competed on two TG4 programmes, Scor Encore and the Jig Gig.

At Scor Sinsear there was no Mid final, and instead a county semi final between the Mid and South. The figure dancing, set dancing and recitation groups made it to the county final which was held in the Templemore Arms for the first time, on March 16th, in conjunction with the launching of The Gathering and the annual blessing of the shamrock. One of the largest crowds at a county final for many years attended with close on 400 people present. After an excellent night's performance of music, song and dance, J.K. Brackens were crowned county champions in Recitation (Noel Joyce) and Set dancing (Mairead Delaney, Jennie Moore, Nicole Joyce, Kathrese Meehan, Dominic Gallagher, Stuart Gallagher, Eoin Hamill, Tommy Mallen). All eight Tipperary competitors received a bye to the Munster final which was held in Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore on Saturday April 6th. A big crowd turned up and there was huge excitement when the J. K. Bracken's set dancers and recitation act were announced as Munster champions. For the final Eoin Bourke replaced the unavailable Tommy Mallen.

Preparation for the All Ireland final in Derry was intense and there was a huge demand for tickets.

On Friday, April 25th, a bus full of competitors and supporters were given a wonderful send-off from a large number gathered in Clonmore. The local people and the school children from Clonmore National School came out to wish them 'Bon voyage' and to acknowledge and record the great occasion that it was – having two items in an All-Ireland Scór competition. On Saturday in The Venue in Derry, J.K. Bracken's Scór had a hugely successful day winning two All-Ireland titles. Noel Joyce, reciting his own composition, 'The Day I Scored the Winning Goal', came out on top, fending off some very stiff competition to claim the All-Ireland Recitation title. Our set dancers, trained by Johnny Delaney, gave a sterling performance of the Sliabh gCua Set, accompanied by musicians, Davy Brerton, Pauric Stapleton, Marie Sheedy and Pa Delaney, to capture the second All-Ireland of the day.

On returning to Clonmore on Sunday evening, the winners were given a tremendous homecoming. They proceeded by lorry, driven by John Monaghan and accompanied by members of the Templemore Pipe Band, to the Hall. Along the route people had gathered to cheer them on, while the bonfires burned. The Hall, filled to capacity, heard many tributes paid to the winners by Mary Bourke, Tipperary Scór Secretary, Seamus McGrath, Munster Scór, Seán Nugent, County G.A.A. chairman. Michael Ryan, Mayor of Templemore and Fr. Eugene Everard P.P. M.C. for the occasion was John Egan, Chairman of J.K. Bracken's Scór Committee.



JK Brackens County Scor na nOg Set Dancing Champions 2013 Back l-r: Johnny Delaney (Coach), Anthony Ryan, Shane Doyle, Ben Collins, Eamon Stamp, Noel Joyce (County Chairman). Front l-r: Danielle Bowe, Katie Bourke, Aine Delaney, Rekekah Collins.



J.K.Brackens-Winners of County Final Set Dancing in Senior Scór-Dominic Gallagher, Stuart Gallagher, Eoin Hamill, Tommy Mallen, Jennie Moore, Nicole Joyce, Máiréad Delaney, Katherese Meehan with Dance coach Johnie Delaney.



Munster Champion Sinéad Grant, Newcastle, In the Solo Singing

# Mid Tipperary Scór

Coiste Scor Thiobraid Arann Meanach had a good season in 2012/13, we had four very entertaining competitions. Scor na nOg final in Holycross on Saturday 24th November, 2012 with very efficient Fear a 'Ti Laim McGrath, two items in each category qualified for County final again in Holycross on Friday 14th December.

At the final there were three Mid representatives from the Mid that qualified for Scor na Mumhan, but despite good performances Cait Ryan in Amhranaíocht Aonair and Erin Ryan in Aithriseoireacht (Upperchurch/Drombane) and the Set Dancers from J.K. Brackens were unlucky. Mid Scor na bPaisti held two semi-finals, the first in Holycross with efficient Michael Ryan as Fear a 'Ti and on Sunday 3rd February with efficient Bean a 'Ti Ailise Bourke. Both venues attracted good audiences. The Mid final was on Saturday 9th February in Littleton with efficient Bean a'Ti Peggy Morris.

The adjudicators were from Clare. Two Tipperary minor hurlers Tomas Hamill (Killea) and Paul Maher (Moyne/ Templetuohy) presented trophies to the winners. It was great to see the talent from our primary school children, a most entertaining night.

There was no Mid Scor Sinsear final. County Scor organised two County semi-finals, the West and Mid arranged for Drombane on Saturday 2nd March. The West was unable to produce competitors, despite this the audience had a very entertaining night and two items on the night went on to All Ireland honours, Noel Joyce our Cathaoirleach an Chontae and the Rince Seit from J.K. Brackens. Bean a 'Ti was the competent Maire Ni Riain.

The North and South divisions met in Borrisoleigh on Friday 8th March, again a very enjoyable night.

The County final of Scor Sinsear was held in Templemore Arms Hotel on Saturday 16th March 2013. The Templemore Town Council had organised a "Gathering" week and Coiste Scor Thiobraid Arann were proud to play a part in the entertainment for the visitors from Italy and France to showcase our Irish traditional culture at the launch. Four representatives from Mid division went through to Scor na Mumhan - Noel Joyce (Recitation), J.K.Brackens (Set Dancing), Moyne/Templetuohy (Trath na gCeist and Novelty Act). John Egan was Fear a 'Ti at County final. The Scor an Mumhan final was hosted by J.K. Brackens in our Lady's Secondary School Hall on Saturday 6th April. Bean a 'Ti was Tipperary's Cultural Officer Seosaimhin Ni Cathail, Thurles.

An Coiste Scor an Chontae held a Celebratory night in Fitzparick's Clonmore, it was a great night with many supporters of yesterday came to honour Cathaoirleach an Chontae Noel Joyce in Aithriseoireacht, the Brackens' Set whose tutor Johnny Delaney won two Set All Irelands himself.

Coiste Mid Scor would like to thank all the host Clubs and the ladies in the hospitality rooms and anyone who helped them in 2012/13.

A word of appreciation to our Sponsors: - Mid G.A.A. Board, Joe O'Sullivan, Coach Hire, Littleton, Lycon Auto Spares, Thurles and Tivoli Cleaners, Thurles and Templemore.

Elected Officers 2012/13. Cathoirleach Francis Cleere. Moyne/Templetuohy, Leas Cathaoirleach Theresa Ruddy, Durlas Og, Joint Secretaries Maire McLoughlin, Drombane, Melissa Morris, Moycarkey/Borris' Cisteoir and P.R.O. Nora Troy, Thurles Sarsfields.

Sincere sympathy to all Scór families who suffered bereavement during the past year.

# Mid Tipperary Scór Winners

	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsear
Rince Foirne	No competition	J.K Brackens
Amhranaiocht Aonair	J.K Brackens	Holycross/Ballycahill
	Upperchurch/Drombane	Moycarkey/Borris
Ceol Uirlise	Loughmore/Castleiney J.K Brackens	Holycross/Ballycahill J.K Brackens
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Aithriseoireacht	Upperchurch/Drombane J.K Brackens	Moyne/Templetuohy J.K Brackens
Bailead Ghrupa	Upperchurch/Drombane	Moycarkey/Borris
	J.K Brackens	Upperchurch/Drombane
Nuachleas	Moyne/Templetuohy	Moyne/Templetuohy
	Holycross/Ballycahill	
Trath na gCeist	Loughmore/Castleiney Holycross/Ballycahill	Loughmore/Castleiney Moyne/Templetuohy
Rince Seit	J.K Brackens Drom/Inch	J.K Brackens
	Drony men	
	Scór na bPaistí	
Rince Foirne	J.K Brackens	Durlas Óg
Amhranaiocht Aonair	J.K Brackens	Drom/Inch
Ceol Uirlise	Boherlahan/Dualla	Loughmore/Castleiney
Aithriseoireacht	Holycross/Ballycahill	Moyne/Templetuohy
Bailead Ghrupa	Boherlahan/Dualla	J.K Brackens
Seán Nós Dancing	Drom/Inch	Durlas Óg
Nuachleas	Moyne/Templetuohy	Durlas Óg
Trath na gCeist	J.K Brackens	Moyne/Templetuohy
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Rince Seit	Drom/Inch	J.K Brackens



Moyne/Templetuohy-Winners of County Final Senior Scór in Tráth na gCeist-Jim O' Meara, Joe Kennedy, Tom Collier



# Tipperary Handball Report

by Paddy Collins P.R.O.

A fter the great results by Tipperary players in the World Championships hosted by Ireland in October 2012 there was great expectations within the County for our Juvenile and Adult players in the Provincial and All-Ireland Championships of 2013.

The season kicked off with the Cumann na mBunscoil Championships. We had 14 Schools entered and it required two Courts (Ballinahinch & Dolla) to complete the 49 games. There was a very high standard and the future looks good for Tipperary handball. The Schools that entered were: Kilruane N.S., Paulacapple N.S., Carrig N.S., Kylepark N.S., Ardcroney N.S., Newport Boys School, Youghalarra N.S., Ballyporeen N.S., Ballinahinch N.S., Lisvernane N.S., Kildangan N.S., Ballina N.S., John the Babtist Cashel, Lissenhall N.S, County Winners were

Girls: U11 Singles: Isobel Farnan Ballina N.S. U11 Doubles: Megan Morris/ Emily Gould Ardcroney N.S. U13Singles: Orla Molloy Ardcroney N.S. U13Doubles: Katie Morris/Laura Shinnors Ardcroney N.S. Boys: U11 Singles: Conor McKelvey Lissenhall N.S. U11Doubles: Adam Fogarty / Matthew Power Ballina N.S. U11Singles: Sean Mc Adams Ardcroney N.S. U13Doubles: John McGrath / Sean Hayes Kildangan N.S. In the Munster Finals Matthew Power & Adam Fogarty (Ballina N.S.) won the U11 Final, John McGrath & Sean Hayes (Kildangan N.S.) won the U13 Doubles & Katie Morris & Laura Shinnors (Ardcroney N.S.) won the girls U13 Doubles. The Boys National Day was held in Kingscourt on March 2nd and the girls was held on the 23rd. March.

# Tipperary Juvenile 40x20 Champions 2013

G12S: Orla Molloy Lahorna

G12D: Laura Shinners/Katie Morris Lahorna

G13D: Eleanor Percy/Eimear Meagher Lahorna/Nenagh

G14S: Sinead Meagher Nenagh

G14D: Grainne Molloy/Sile Spain Lahorna

G15D: Maeve Coffey/Katie O'Flaherty Nenagh/Youghalarra

G16S: Roisin Cahill Lahorna

GU16D Laura Moloney/Megan Timmons (Silvermines)

B12S: Jack O'Keeffe Youghalarra

B12D: Sean Hayes/Sean Carolan Lahorna/Ballinahinch

B13S: John McGrath Lahorna

B13D: Sean McAdams/Daire Madden Lahorna

B14S: Colin Ryan Cashel

B14D: Jerome Cahill/James Prentice Lahorna/Ballina

B15S: Adrian English Ballyporeen

B15D: A O'Flaherty/B O'Meara Youghalarra/Newport

B16S: Mickey Maher Ballyporeen

B16D: Jason English/John Ryan Ballyporeen

B17S: Ronan Burke Ballina

B17D: Kieran Casey/Kalem Harte Newport

In the Juvenile 40x20 Championships Tipperary players reached 10 Munster finals winning 7 titles.

G13D: Eleanor Percy/Eimear Meagher Lahorna/Nenagh defeated



Fergal Collins & Ger Coonan Intermediate 40x20 All-Ireland Winners v Kildare



David Hickey & Fergal Collins Ballina Intermediate 60x30 Doubles All-Ireland Champions

Aoife Hurley/Lanna Hayes [Cork] 15-9, 15-9

B12D: Sean Hayes/Sean Carolan Lahorna/Ballinahinch defeated

Sean Murphy / Anthony O'Connell [Cork] 15-6, 15-4

B13S: John Mc Grath Lahorna defeated Dara Keane [Kerry] 15-13, 15-12

B13D: Sean Mc Adams/Daire Madden Lahorna defeated Conor Walsh/Michael O'Malley [Cork] 15-5, 15-12

B14S: Colin Ryan Cashel defeated Darragh Moynihan [Cork]

B14D: Jerome Cahill/James Prentice Lahorna/Ballina defeated

David Walsh/Tadgh O'Neill [Cork] 15-8, 15-9

B16D: Jason English/John Ryan Ballyporeen defeated Jamie

Kenneally/Aidan O'Brien [Cork] 21-10, 21-8

B12S: Cian O'Driscoll [Cork] defeated Jack O'Keeffe Youghalarra 15-2, 15-2

B15D: Kevin O'Connell / Darragh Moynihan [Cork] defeated A O'Flaherty / B O'Meara [Tipperary] Youghalarra / Nenagh

G16S: Aileen Twomey [Kerry] defeated Roisin Cahill Lahorna 21-2,

In the All-Ireland Finals in Crinkle Tipperary competed in 3 Finals winning 2.

BU14S:Tipperary (Colin Ryan) defeated Kilkenny (Conor Murphy)

BU14D:Tipperary (Jerome Cahill & James Prentice) defeated Gaillimh (Sean Ó Maoilchiaráin & Peter Ó Donnchadha) 15/7, 15/3 BU16D: Kilkenny (P. Cooney & D.Caulfield) defeated Tipperary (Jason English & John Ryan) 21/11, 21/7

In the U12/U13 Team Championships Tipperary team Tipperary team of John Mc Grath, Matthew Spain, Sean McAdams, Sean Hayes, Jack O Keefe, Daire Madden represented Munster and in the Semi Final beat Monaghan 67-66 and they beat Wexford in Final 75-55.

In the girls Inter Provincial U14-U17 Team Sinead Meagher from Nenagh was on the winning team who beat Ulster in the Semi Final 82-65 and they beat Connaught in the Final 67-66.

In the Adult 40x20 Championships Tipperary won 10 Munster titles and in the All-Ireland Semi-Finals won through to compete in 7 All-Ireland Finals.

# Semi Finals

ID:Ger Coonan/Fergal Collins Ballina beat Tyrone (Shane O'Neill/Gary McCrory) 21/6, 21/4

Masters B Singles Martin McInerney Ballina beat Tom Savage Down 21/12, 21/9

Golden Masters B Singles Pat Ryan Ballyporeen beat Sean McNally Down 21/17, 21/4

MBD: Martin McInerney/John Lee Ballina beat Cavan Jimmy



JamesPrentice& Colin Ryan U14 D Jerome Cahill U14S 60x30 Champions 2013

McKeown/Brendan McCormack 21/19, 21/13

Masters A Singles David Moloney Cashel beat Niall Kerr Tyrone, 21/10, 21/6

GMBD: Pat Ryan/Paul Maher Ballyporeen/Lahorna beat Monaghan (Conor McDonnell/Paul Cassidy)

Intermediate Singles Shane O'Neill Tyrone beat Ger Coonan Ballina 21/16, 21/13

Silver Masters A Singles Paddy Crothers Antrim beat Pat O'Flaherty Youghalarra 21/11, 21/12

SMAD Pat O Flaherty / John Mc Quaid Youghalarra/Ballina were beaten by Paddy Crothers & John McGarry Antrim

In the 40x20 All-Ireland finals Tipperary were successful in winning 2 of the 7 finals contested.

ID: Tipperary Ger Coonan/Fergal Collins beat Kildare Niall O'Connor/Paul Moran 21/12, 21/6

MAD: Tipperary David Moloney/Noel Murphy beat Kilkenny D J Carey/Michael Ducksy Walsh 21/14, 16/21, 21/15

MAS: Kilkenny Michael Walsh beat Tipperary David Moloney 21/18, 21/4

GMBS: Mayo Tom Byrne beat Tipperary Pat Ryan 16/21, 21/13,

MBS: Offaly Sean Ryan beat Tipperary Martin McInerney 15/21, 21/7, 21/8

GMBD: Mayo Aidan Bell/Sean Cunnane beat Tipperary Pat Ryan/Paul Maher 21/6, 18/21, 21/9

MBD: Mayo Jason Judge/Pat Foy beat Tipperary Martin McInerney/John Lee 7/21 21/12, 21/18.

In the 60x30 Championships our Juveniles were in top form once again with the boys U12/13 team of six winning out Munster and going on to capture the All-Ireland title in St Comans Roscommon.

In the Semi Final Tipperary team of Matthew Spain, Sean Hayes, Luke White, Sean McAdams, Daire Madden, John McGrath defeated Tyrone 75-45 and in the Final they beat the Roscommon 78-65.

We had a good entry in the 60x30 County Championships.

# Tipperary 60x30 Juvenile County Champions

G12S: Hazel Mc Mahon Ballina

G12D: Laura Shinners/Orlagh Molloy Lahorna

G13S: Eimer Meagher Nenagh

G13D: Eleanor Percy/Katie Gould Lahorna

G14S: Sinead Meagher Nenagh

G14D: Grainne Molloy/Sile Spain Lahorna

G16S: Roisin Cahill Lahorna

B12S: Jack O Keeffe Youghalarra

B12D: Sean Hayes/Matthew Spain Lahorna

B13S: John Mc Grath Lahorna

B13D: Sean Mc Adams/Daire Madden Lahorna

B14S: Jerome Cahill Lahorna

B14D: Ross Bonner/Partner Cashel

B15S: Aidan O Flaherty Youghalarra

B15D: Dan Healy/Barry O'Meara B16S: Liam Bradshaw Newport

B17S: Ronan Burke Ballina

B17D: Aran Hogan/Eoin Maher Nenagh

In the Juvenile Championships we contested 13 Munster finals winning 9 Munster titles.

2013 60X30 Munster Juvenile Finals.

G12D: Laura Shinners/Orlagh Molloy Tipperary; R Up-Ciara McCarthy/Aishling McCarthy Limerick

G13S Eimer Meagher Tipperary; R Up-Ellen Murphy Cork G14S: Sinead Meagher Tipperary; R Up-Ella Donnellan Clare G14D: Katie McCarthy /Laura Stack Limerick; R Up-Grainne

Molloy/Sile Spain Tipperary

G16S: Roisin Cahill Tipperary; R Up-Aileen Twomey Kerry B12S: Cian O'Driscoll Cork; R Up-Jack O'Keeffe Tipperary B12D: Sean Hayes/Matthew Spain Tipperary; R Up-Michael O'Callaghan/Luke Barrett Cork

B13S: John McGrath Tipperary / Ben Flynn Waterford

B13D: Sean McAdams/Daire Madden Tipperary; R Up-Johnie Treen/Deano Bersford Waterford

B14S: Jerome Cahill Tipperary; R Up-Cavan O' Keefe Waterford B14D: James Prentice/Colin Ryan Tipperary; R Up-David Walsh/Tadgh O'Neill Cork

B15D: Gerry Cronin/Oisin Hickey Cork; R Up-Dan Healy/Barry O'Meara Tipperary

B17S: Ciaran O'Neill Waterford; R Up-Ronan Burke Tipperary Tipperary went on to contest 4 All Semi-Finals.

BU14S: (Tipperary ) (Jerome Cahill) beat Armagh (Sean Reilly) 15/1, 15/2

BU14D: Tipperary (James Prentice & Colin Ryan) beat Cavan (Killian O'Reilly & Conor Owens) 15/2, 15/1

GU14S: (Tipperary )(Sinead Meagher) beat Tyrone (Ciara Mullan) 15/6, 15/5

GU16S: (Tipperary) (Roisin Cahill) beat Tyrone (Aoife Kelly) 17/21, 21/9, 11/2

In the All-Ireland Finals Tipp won 3 of the 4 finals contested.

BU14S: Jerome Cahill Lahorna beat Roscommon Michael Egan 15/6,

BU14D: James Prentice & Colin Ryan Ballina/Cashel beat Galway (Cian Ó Conghaile & Oisín Ó Culain) 15/9, 15/3

GU14S: Tipperary Sinead Meagher Nenagh beat Wexford Holly Hynes 15/2, 15/10

GU16S:Kilkenny Aoife Holden beat Tipperary Roisin Cahill Lahorna 21/11, 21/19

In the Adult Grades Tipperary won 18 Munster titles. Intermediate Singles - Fergal Collins Intermediate Doubles - Fergal Collins & David Hickey Master A Singles - Josie O'Dwyer Master A Doubles - Josie O'Dwyer & Noel Murphy



Tipp Girls Cumann na mBunscoil Munster finals 2013



Sean Hayes, John McGrath, Adam Fogarty, Matthew Power with parents and Lahorna & Ballina Club officers at CNB finals in Kingscourt

Master B Singles – John Corbett

O35A Singles - Paul Mullins

O35A Doubles - Paul Mullins & Adrian Johnson

Silver Masters A Singles - Adrian Johnson

SMAD – Pat O'Flaherty & John McQuaid

GMAD – Jimmy Mullins & Kevin Mullins

GMBS – Martin Ryan

EMAS - Billy Mullins

EMAD - Billy Mullins & Pakie Mullins

EMBS - Jerry Foley

EMBD - Jerry Foley & Eamon Spillane

DMAS - Pakie Mullins

DMBS - Eamon Spillane

LJBD – Alma Conroy & Aishling Horan

IN the All-Ireland Semi –Finals Tipp won 7, lost 2 and received 9 Byes as Ulster had no opposition.

Intermediate Singles – Tipperary (Fergal Collins) beat Tyrone (Shane O'Neill)

Golden Masters B Singles – Antrim (Thomas Maguire) beat Tipperary (Martin Ryan)

Emerald Masters B Singles – Tipperary (Jerry Foley) beat Monaghan (Peter Owen Fealy)

Diamond Masters A Singles – Tipperary Pakie Mullins lost to Donegal David Mulhern

Masters B Singles – Tipperary John Corbett beat Monaghan (Michael Clerkin)

Silver Masters A Singles – Tipperary Adrian Johnson beat Tyrone Niall Kerr

Emerald Masters A Singles – Tipperary Billy Mullins beat Monaghan Martin McEntee

GMAD: Tipperary (Jimmy Mullins/Kevin Mullins) beat Cavan (Michael Brady/Ben Corr)

EMBD: Tipperary (Jerry Foley/Eamonn Spillane) beat Monaghan (James Fealy/Peter Owen Fealy)

Byes to All Ireland Finals:

ID: Tipperary (Fergal Collins/David Hickey)

O35AD: Tipperary (Paul Mullins/Adrian Johnson)

MAD: Tipperary (Josie O Dwyer/Noel Murphy)

SMAD: Tipperary (Pat O Flaherty/John McQuaid)



Tipp Handball Officers 2013: PRO Paddy Collins; Chairman Pat Mc Kenna and Secretary Ken Conway

Over 35 A Singles – Tipperary Paul Mullins

Masters A Singles - Tipperary Josie O'Dwyer

Diamond Masters B Singles - Tipperary Eamonn Spillane

EMAD Pakie Mullins & Billy Mullins

LJBD Alma Conroy & Aishling Horan

In the 60x30 All-Ireland Finals Tipperary won 4 All Ireland titles and were runners up in 12 finals.

Intermediate Doubles Fergal Collins & David Hickey beat Stephen Cooney & Ian Mc Loughlin Mayo

Emerald Masters A Singles: Tipperary (Billy Mullins) beat Kilkenny (Johnny Brennan) 21-18, 21-12

Silver Masters A Singles: Tipperary (Adrian Johnson) beat Dublin (Egin Jensen) 11-19 Retired inj.

Masters B Singles: Tipperary (John Corbett) beat Kilkenny (William Holden) 15-21, 21-18, 21-15

Intermediate Singles Final: Mayo Stephen Cooney beat Tipperary Fergal Collins 21/7, 21/6

GMAD Meath Christy McGovern/John Boy Molloy beat Tipperary Jimmy Mullins/Kevin Mullins 21-15, 21-6

O35AD Mayo Vinnie Moran/Paul Flynn beat Tipperary Paul Mullins/Adrian Johnson 21-18, 10-21, 21-11

LJBD: Dublin Sabrina Hughes/Audrey McCormack beat Tipperary (Alma Conroy/Aishling Horan)

21/8, 21/1

EMBD: Galway Martin Ward/Jimmy Connaughton beat Tipperary Jerry Foley/Eamonn Spillane 21-14, 14-21, 21-5

EMAD: Kilkenny Johnny Brennan/Joe Hennessy v Tipperary Billy Mullins/Pakie Mullins

MAD: Wexford Tommy Hynes/Paul Carty v Tipperary Josie O'Dwyer/Noel Murphy

SMAD: Meath Tom Sheridan/John Leahy v Tipperary Pat O Flaherty/John McQuaid

Masters B Singles: Tipperary John Corbett beat Kilkenny William Holden 15/21, 21/18, 21/15

Over 35A Singles: Wexford Gavin Buggy beat Tipperary Paul Mullins 21-15, 21-19

Emerald Masters B Singles: Galway Jimmy Connaughton beat Tipperary Jerry Foley 21/6, 21/16

Diamond Masters B Singles: Louth (Sean Devlin) beat Tipperary (Eamonn Spillane) 21/13, 21/17

Masters A Singles: Kilkenny (Michael Walsh) beat Tipperary (Josie O'Dwyer) 21/11, 21/7

# Féile na Gael

63 Handball teams took part in what was a fantastic sporting occasion at venues in Limerick and Cork. The best in underage Handball took to the courts as players fought for titles in both 40x20 and 60x30 with 6 Divisions in Boys 40x20, 3 Divisions in Girls 40x20 and 1 Division in Boys 60x30. The titles were well spread out among a number of counties as Tipperary and Clare led the way taking two titles with Limerick, Tyrone, Galway, Waterford, Kildare and Meath all took home one title each. Division 6 40x20 title went to Tipperary and Ballyporeen following their 41-27 win over Boherbue from Cork in the final. The Boys 60x30 Division 1 title went to Tipperary and Lahorna following a 37-30 victory over Hospital from the home county in the final.



Tony Hannon with Tipp 60x30 U12-U13 Team

# Colleges.

In the College 60x30 Championships Tipperary were represented

1st. Year S. Katie Morris St Marys Nenagh

JS: Sinead Meagher St Marys Nenagh

JD: Eleanor Percy/Katie Gould Borrisokane

1st. Year Singles: Sean Hayes Nenagh CBS

1st Year D : Daire Madden / Sean Mc Adams Borrisokane

JS: Jerome Cahill Nenagh CBS I.S.: Aaron Hogan Borrisokane

I.D. Eoghan Meagher / Aiden O Flaherty Nenagh CBS Sinead Meagher St Mary's Nenagh was the only Tipperary player to make it to the final stages in St Comans where she was beaten in the Junior Girls Singles by Fiona Tully Convent of Mercy Roscommon 15/9, 15/6.

# Munster Juvenile 60x30 Inter Club U13.

Lahorna Juveniles recorded a great win in the U13 Team Inter Club Competition.

Six clubs entered and played over two nights in Ballina and Hospital. Lahorna impressed in the Semi-Final against Hospital from Limerick with a comfortable win. Lahorna were a better balanced team throughout with left handers in both sets of doubles. In the final they beat Mallow who had won this title for the last two years on a score of 60-44.

Lahorna Team: Daire Madden Sean McAdams John McGrath Sean Hayes, Eleanor Percy and Katie Gould

#### One Wall:

Ballina One Wall court was officially opened by President Elect Willie Roche. The first official ball was served by Martin McInerney. Exhibition games were played by some of the top Juveniles in Tipperary Colin Ryan, Jerome Cahill, Sinéad Maher and Eoin Maher. The Adult games featured Ger Coonan, Fergal Collins, David Hickey and Declan Gleeson. County Chairman, County Secretary and Clubs from around the County came to support a great day of One Wall Handball. Well done to all who organised the event and provided refreshments, face painting and music.

James Prentice won the Clann Eireann One Wall Boys U14 Cup. He beat Tyrone's Cormac Monroe 15-13 in final.

Tipperary Handball was rocked to the core with the untimely sudden death of John Quinlivan from the Ballina Club while training in the Thurles 60x30 Court last July. John was a gentle giant who loved handball and made many friends throughout the county. He will be sadly missed by family & friends. We wish to extend our sympathy to everyone who suffered bereavements throughout 2013.

Thanks to everyone who helped promote Handball during 2013 especially our hard working County Board, our Juvenile Committee and all the coaches and club officers.



U14D \_Jerome Cahill & James Prentice \_2013\_40x20



Lahorna U13 Club 60x30 Munster Champs 2013



U14S 40x20 Colin Ryan & Conor Murphy KK



U12-U13 60x30 All-Ireland Champions Final

# Scoreboard 2013

# Compiled by Ed Donnelly

# **County Finals – Hurling**

**Senior (Dan Breen Cup)** - 13/10/13 at Semple Stadium Loughmore-Castleiney 1-17 Nenagh Eire Og 1-16

# Senior (Seamus O'Riain Cup) -

18/08/13 at Clonmel Sportsfield Thurles Sarsfields 3-18 Carrick Davins 1-13 Intermediate – 13/10/13 at Semple Stadium Ballina 3-12 Moyne-Templetuohy 0-20

Junior "A" – 02/11/13 at Leahy Park Cashel Moycarkey-Borris 2-15 Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams 2-13

**Junior "B"** – 16/11/13 at The Ragg Templederry Kenyons 0-12 Holycross-Ballycahill 0-12

**Junior "B" Replay** – 24/11/13 at The Ragg Templederry Kenyons v Holycross-Ballycahill

Under 21 "A" -

Under 21 "B" -

# Under 21 "C" -

**Minor "A"** – 20/10/2013 at Semple Stadium Nenagh Eire Og 3-10 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-15

**Minor "B"** – 20/10/2013 at Semple Stadium Ballina 3-12 Sean Treacys / Emly 3-10

**Under 16 "A"** – 16/11/2013 at Littleton Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-10 Carrick Swan 0-10

**Under 16 "B**" – at Holycross Portroe 2-9 Kilsheelan Kilcash 1-10

**Under 16 "C"** – at New Inn Skeheenarinky 3-14 Golden Kilfeacle 1-18

**Under 14 "A"** – at Leahy Park Cashel Arravale Rovers 3-9 Durlas Og 1-10

**Under 14 "B"** – at Leahy Park Cashel Cappawhite 3-15 Skeheenarinky/Newcastle 1-3

**Under 14 "C"** – at Leahy Park Cashel Fethard 7-14 Solohead 0-2

**Feile na nGael** – at Littleton Holycross Ballycahill 2-6 Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-3

# **County Finals - Football**

**Senior** – 03/11/13 at Semple Stadium Loughmore-Castleiney 3-10 Aherlow Gaels 0-9

**Intermediate** – 20/10/2013 at Holycross Ballyporeen 1-15 Borrisokane 2-8

**Junior "A"**- 02/11/13 at Dolla Drom & Inch 5-10 Shannon Rovers 0-5

**Junior "B"** – 24/11/13 at Cahir Rockwell Rovers 1-10 Clonmel 05

**Under 21 "A"** – 4/5/13 at Boherlahan Ardfinnan 0-11 Loughmore Castleiney 1-5

**Under 21 "B"** – 4/5/13 at Kilcommon Ballinahinch Gaels 1-6 Upperchurch/Drombane 0-7

Under 21 "C" -

**Minor "A"** – 03/11/13 at Boherlahan Clonmel Commercials 1-12 Drom & Inch 1-5

**Minor "B"** – 24/11/13 at Golden Ballyporeen v Upperchurch-Drombane

**Under 16 "A"** – at Clonoulty Clonmel Commercials 3-17 Newport Gaels 0-5

**Under 16 "B"** – at Templemore Carrick Davins 2-9 Portroe 0-5

**Under 16 "C"** – at Cahir Ballyporeen 4-17 Golden Kilfeacle 1-5

**Under 14 "A"** – at Dundrum Clonmel Commercials 8-12 Galtee Rovers 2-5

**Under 14 "B"** – at Boherlahan Clerihan 3-4 Emly Treacys 1-4

**Under 14 "C"** – at Dundrum Kilsheelan Kilcash 2-10 Solohead 2-0

**Peil na nOg** – at Holycross Clonmel Commercials 3-9 Arravale Rovers 0-3 County

# **Senior Hurling Challenge Cup Finals**

# Johnny Ryan Cup Final -

18/08/13 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh Upperchurch-Drombane 1-17 Portroe 0-18

**Jim Devitt Cup Final** – 18/08/13 at Dolla Silvermines 1-13 Drom & Inch 1-10

**Dr. Fogarty Cup Final** – 14/07/13 at Toomevara Burgess 1-18 Nenagh Eire Og 1-18

**Dr. Fogarty Cup Final Replay** – 18/08/13 at Dolla Burgess 1-19 Nenagh Eire Og 1-14

# James Holohan Memorial Cup Final -

14/07/13 at Toomevara Roscrea 3-15 Lorrha-Dorrha 2-13

# **County Hurling League Final**

# **County Junior Hurling League**

28/09/13 at Cahir Emly 2-16 Carrick Swan 0-15

# **County Adult Football League Finals**

**Premier Division** – 18/10/13 at Clonoulty Arravale Rovers 1-10 Eire Og Annacarty 2-6

**Division 1** – 16/08/13 at Bansha Emly 1-10 Fr. Sheehys 0-8

# **County Minor Football League Finals**

# Division 1 -

Clonmel Commercials v Arravale Rovers

**Division 2** – 28/10/13 at Leahy Park Cashel Killenaule 2-8 Rockwell / Rosegreen 0-9

# Inter County Championships Hurling

# Senior

09/06/13 at the Gaelic Grounds Limerick Limerick 1-18 Tipperary 1-15 (Munster Semi-Final) 06/07/13 at Nowlan Park Kilkenny Kilkenny 0-20 Tipperary 1-14 (All-Ireland Qualifiers)

#### Intermediate

09/06/13 at the Gaelic Grounds Limerick Tipperary 0-20 Limerick 0-15 (Munster Semi-Final) 19/07/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles Tipperary 0-19 Cork 0-18 (Munster Final)

31/08/13 at Nowlan Park Kilkenny Tipperary 2-14 Kilkenny 2-11

#### Under 21

31/05/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 2-18 Limerick 2-11 (Munster Quarter-Final)

17/07/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 5-19 Cork 2-13 (Munster Semi-Final)

07/08/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles Clare 1-17 Tipperary 2-10 (Munster Final)

# Minor

11/04/13 at Walsh Park Waterford Tipperary 2-18 Waterford 1-15 (Munster Quarter-Final)

26/06/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles Limerick 1-17 Tipperary 0-17 (Munster Semi-Final)

# Allianz National Hurling League - Division 1A

23/02/13 at Pairc Ui Rinn
Cork 0-26 Tipperary 1-11
10/03/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 2-17 Kilkenny 1-19
18/03/13 at Pearse Stadium Galway
Tipperary 4-22 Galway 1-20
24/03/13 at Walsh Park Waterford
Waterford 1-14 Tipperary 0-16
31/03/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 3-19 Clare 1-14
21/04/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 4-20 Dublin 0-17 (Semi-Final)
05/05/13 at Nowlan Park Kilkenny
Kilkenny 2-17 Tipperary 0-20 (Final)

# **Waterford Crystal SH Tournament**

27/01/13 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh Tipperary 0-22 Limerick 1-9 (Quarter-Final) 03/02/13 at Dolla Tipperary 1-20 LIT 2-12 (Semi-Final) 09/02/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles Clare 1-21 Tipperary 1-13 (Final)

# Inter-County Championship – Football Senior

26/05/13 at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney Kerry 2-19 Tipperary 0-8 (Munster Quarter-Final) 29/06/13 at Pearse Stadium Galway Galway 1-12 Tipperary 0-11 (All-Ireland Qualifier Round 1)

# Junior

26/05/13 at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney Tipperary 1-15 Kerry 0-11 (Munster Quarter-Final) 01/06/13 at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney Waterford 1-13 Tipperary 0-15 (Munster Semi-Final – AET)

#### Under 21

13/03/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles Tipperary 1-17 Waterford 0-9 (Munster Quarter-Final) 27/03/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles Tipperary 1-12 Clare 0-7 (Munster Semi-Final) 10/04/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles Cork 1-17 Tipperary 0-9 (Munster Final)

#### Minor

20/04/13 at Cusack Park Ennis Tipperary 1-10 Clare 0-8 (Munster Quarter-Final) 15/05/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles Tipperary 1-10 Cork 0-9 (Munster Semi-Final) 07/07/13 at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney Kerry 0-15 Tipperary 0-10 (Munster Final) 05/08/13 at Glennon Brothers Pearse Park Longford Monaghan 0-12 Tipperary 0-9 (All-Ireland Quarter-Final)

# Allianz National Football League - Division 3

03/02/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles Carlow 1-14 Tipperary 0-16 09/02/13 at Fraher Field Dungarvan Waterford 2-8 Tipperary 0-9 03/03/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles Tipperary 2-12 London 1-8 09/03/13 at Cusack Park Ennis Tipperary 1-13 Clare 0-10 16/03/13 at Gaelic Grounds Limerick Tipperary 0-15 Limerick 0-9 24/03/13 at Semple Stadium Thurles Tipperary 2-15 Leitrim 0-14 07/04/13 at O'Connor Park Tullamore Offaly 2-10 Tipperary 1-8

# **McGrath Cup Football**

13/01/13 at Pairc Ui Rinn Tipperary 2-9 Cork 1-9 (Quarter-Final) 20/01/13 at Sean Treacy Park Tipperary 1-12 Waterford 2-8 (Semi-Final - AET) 26/01/13 at Sean Treacy Park Kerry 1-12 Tipperary 1-5 (Final)

# **Inter-County Underage Competitions**

Carrigdhoun Under 15 Hurling Tournament Cup final Tipperary 4-11 Cork 2-4 Jim Power Under 14 Football Cup Final Cork 5-5 Tipperary 1-1

**Humphrey Kelleher Shield Football Semi-Final** 

Cork East 0-14 Tipperary 0-13

Under 16 Football Munster Cup Final Kerry South 0-10 Tipperary 1-5

All-Ireland Under 16 Hurling John Doyle Memorial Cup final -

Kilkenny 2-4 Tipperary 0-8

All-Ireland Under 16 B Hurling Final -

Cork 3-15 Tipperary 0-2

# **Interdivisional Hurling Competitions**

Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling Final -North Tipp 0-16 South Tipp 0-6 Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling Shield Final -

Mid Tipp 1-10 West Tipp 0-7

Roger Ryan Cup Under 15 Hurling Final -

South Tipp 2-6 North Tipp 0-7 Roger Ryan Shield Under 15 Hurling Final -

West Tipp 4-4 Mid Tipp 1-8

Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling Final -

West Tipp 4-6 Mid Tipp 2-3

Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling Shield Final -

Mid Tipp 3-12 South Tipp 1-3

# **Interdivisional Football Competitions**

Friends of Tipperary Under 16 Football Final -Mid Tipp 2-3 West Tipp 0-7

Nagle Cup Under 15 Football Final -

South Tipp 4-8 West Tipp 3-8

Nagle Shield Under 15 Football Final -

North Tipp 3-8 Mid Tipp 1-5

Friends of Tipperary Under 14 Football Final -

West Tipp 0-7 South Tipp 1-2

Friends of Tipperary Under 14 Football Shield Final

Mid Tipp 6-9 North Tipp 2-5

# **Cumann Na mBunscol County Finals**

#### Hurling

Under 11A Hurling -

Templemore 6-4 St. Peter & Paul's 2-4

Under 11 A1 Hurling -

Carrick on Suir 'B' 3-2 Templemore 'B' 1-2

Under 11 B Hurling - Cashel 8-7 Gaelscoil Dúrlas 5-2

Under 11 B1 Hurling -

Cashel 'B' 7-5 Gaelscoil Dúrlas 'B' 1-0

Under 11 C Hurling - Upperchurch 0-9 Borrisoleigh 0-5 Under 11 C1 Hurling - Borrisoleigh 5-6 New Inn 3-3

Under 11 D Hurling - Thomastown 5-4 Kilruane 2-12

Under 11 E Hurling - Annacarty 3-12 Leugh 3-5

Under 11 E1 Hurling - Drangan 'B' 9-1 Leugh 'B' 1-0

Under 13 A Hurling -

Scoil Ailbhe 6-5 St. Colmcilles Templemore 1-2

Under 13 B Hurling -

St. Mary's C.B.S. 0-7 Two Mile Borris 0-4

Under 13 C Hurling - Moycarkey 3-6 Kildangan 1-12

Under 13 D Hurling - Nenagh 4-7 Drom 3-5

Under 13 E Hurling - Thomastown 5-8 Ardcroney 5-5

Under 13 F Hurling - Toomevara 6-13 Annacarty 2-7

Under 13 G Hurling - Lorrha 5-10 Rossmore 5-9 Under 13 H Hurling - Ballinaclough 8-5 Ballagh 5-6

# Camogie

Under 11 A Camogie -

Boherlahan 4-1 St. Mary's Nenagh 2-1

Under 11 A1 Camogie - Ayle 'B' 4-2 Rosegreen 'B' 1-0

Under 11 B Camogie -

Lissenhall 7-7 New Inn G.N.S. 1-1

Under 11 C Camogie - Rosegreen 4-2 Ballina 2-1

Under 11 D Camogie - Thomastown 4-2 Dunkerrin 1-1

Under 11 D1 Camogie -

Rosegreen 'B' 3-6 Gaelscoil Carrick 'B' 3-6

Under 13A Camogie

St. Mary's Nenagh 9-1 Holycross 3-1

Under 13 B Camogie -

Boherlahan 5-4 Presentation Thurles 1-0

Under 13 C Camogie -

Cashel G.N.S. 5-4 Ardcroney 1-4

Under 13 D Camogie - Lissenhall 5-4 Dunkerrin 2-1

Under 13 E Camogie - Annacarty NS 2-10 Ballinree 3-0

# **Football**

# **Under 13 Football**

A: St. Marys CBS beat Scoil Ailbhe

B: Two Mile Borris beat Cashel BNS

C: Grange beat Moycarkey

D: Ballylooby beat Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea

E: Boherlahan beat Ardcroney

F: Ballyneale beat Toomeyara

G: Kilbarron beat Annacarty

H: Cappawhite beat Lorrha-Redwood

I: Kilvemnon beat Ballinaclough

# **Under 13 Ladies Football**

A: Mount Bruis beat Ballylooby

B: Boherlahan beat Rathkeevin

C: Rahealty beat Moyne

D: Cloneen beat Loughmore

E: Annacarty beat Mullinahone

F: Bansha beat Poulacapple

# Under 11 Football

A: St. Peter and Pauls beat Tipperary CBS A1: St. Peter and Pauls B beat Carrick CBS B

B: Templemore beat Cashel BNS

B1: Templemore B beat Gaelscoil Clonmel B

C: Ballylooby beat Boherlahan

C1: New Inn BNS B beat Rosegreen B

D: Rahealty beat Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea

E: Lissenhall beat Cappawhite E1: Newcastle B beat Leugh B

# Under 11 Ladies Football

A: Mount Bruis beat Boherlahan A1: Gaelscoil Durlas B beat Our Ladys of Mercy Cahir B: Sisters of Charity beat Gaelscoil Durlas C: Rosegreen beat Ballylooby

# **Munster Club Championship**

# **Senior Hurling**

Quarter-Final – 27/10/13 at Semple Stadium Na Piarsaigh (Limerick) 3-17 Loughmore-Castleiney 2-18

# **Senior Football**

Semi-Final – 17/11/13 at Dr. Crokes Killarney Dr. Crokes (Kerry) 3-16 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-5

# Intermediate Hurling

Quarter-Final - 27/10/13 at Bruff Ballina 1-12 Dromin-Athlacca (Limerick) 0-14

Semi-Final – 03/11/13 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh Ballina 3-19 St. Brendan's (Kerry) 0-15

Final - 17/11/13 at Mallow Youghal (Cork) 2-13 Ballina 2-10

# Intermediate Football

Quarter-Final - 03/11/13 at Clonmel Sportsfield Ballyporeen 2-12 De La Salle (Waterford) 4-6 Quarter-Final Replay - 10/11/13 at Walsh Park Waterford Ballyporeen 3-8 De La Salle (Waterford) 1-3

Semi-Final - 17/11/13 at Clonmel Sportsfield Clyda Rovers (Cork) 0-15 Ballyporeen 1-4

# Junior Hurling

Semi-Final – 24/11/13 at Fraher Field Dungarvan Ballysaggart 1-12 Knockshegowna

# Junior Football

Quarter-Final - 16/11/13 at Tipperary Camogie Grounds The Ragg Feohanagh / Castlemahon (Limerick) 2-10 Drom & Inch (Tipperary) 3-6

# **OUTSTANDING RESULTS FROM 2012**

**County Championship** 

County Under 21 A Hurling Final

Thurles Sarsfields 0-15 Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-12

# County Under 21 B Hurling Final

Upperchurch-Drombane 1-17 Golden-Kilfeacle 0-15

# County Under 21 C Hurling Final

Fr. Sheehys 4-16 Grangemockler/Ballyneale 3-10

# COUNTY TEAMS – 2013

#### HURLING

#### Senior

# Waterford Crystal Tournament

#### 27/1/2013 at Nenagh (Quarter Final) Tipperary 0-22 Limerick 1-9

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Donagh Maher (Burgess); Joey McLoughney (Toomevara), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) 0-5 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '65'); John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-1, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-3, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha); Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-5 (0-1 free), Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-5 (0-4 frees), John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1. Subs: Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2 for Woodlock, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) for O'Dwyer, Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Kelly.

#### 3/2/2013 at Dolla (Semi Final) Tipperary 1-20 Limerick I.T. 2-12

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Christy Coughlan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Tom Treacy (Cappawhite); Joey McLoughne (Toomevara) 0-2 (0-1 free), Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines), Orrie Quirke (Silvermines); Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2, Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-7 (0-2 frees, 0-2 '65'), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-3; John O'Neill (Clonoulty/Rossmore) 0-3, Cian Hogan (Lorrha-Dorrha), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1. Subs: Donagh Maher (Burgess) for Stapleton, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Conor O'Brien, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-1 for John O'Brien, Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 1-0 for Hogan, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for O'Neill.

#### 9/2/2013 at Semple Stadium (Final) Clare 1-21 Tipperary 1-13

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Donagh Maher (Burgess); Joey McLoughney (Toomevara), Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1free; Jason Forde (Silvermines), Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-6 (0-5 frees), Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) 1-0; Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-2, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-2 (0-1 free). Subs: John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1 for O'Meara, Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) for McLoughney, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Kelly, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Stapleton, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Curran.

# Allianz National League

#### 23/2/2013 at Pairc Ui Rinn Cork 0-26 Tipperary 1-11

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); Shane McGrath (Burgess), Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch); Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3 frees, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-3. Subs: Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1 for Ryan, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2 for Callanan, Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-2 for Patrick Maher, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-0 for O'Meara, Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) for Stapleton.

#### 10/3/2013 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 2-17 Kilkenny 1-19

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-1, John O'Brien (Toomevara); John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 1-0, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-9 (0-7 frees, 0-1 '65'), Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2 (0-1 free). Subs: Shane Bourke (J.K., Brackens) 0-1 for Ryan, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-1 for O'Dwyer, Tomas Hamill (Killea) for O'Mahony, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for P. Bourke, Jason Forde (Silvermines) for J.

# 18/3/2013 at Pearse Stadium Tipperary 4-22 Galway 1-10

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1, Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-3, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 1-0; Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-1, John O'Brien (Toomevara); Shane Bourke (J.K., Brackens) 1-2, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-7 (0-4 frees, 0-2 '65'), John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 1-6. Subs: Donagh Maher (Burgess) for O'Mahony, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Brendan Maher, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for John O'Brien, Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-1 for Bourke, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) for Callanan.

# 24/3/2013 at Walsh Park Waterford 1-14 Tipperary 0-16

Team & scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty), Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-01; Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-2, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Shane Bourke (J.K., Brackens) 0-1, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-10 (0-4 frees, 01 '65'), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1. Subs: Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) for Ryan, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) for Noel McGrath, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) for Bourke, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) for Woodlock, Jason Forde (Silvermines) for O'Meara

#### 31/3/2013 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 3-19 Clare 1-14

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-2, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Shane Bourke (J.K., Brackens) 0-5, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-1, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 2-8 (1-7 frees), Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3. Subs: Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) for O'Dwyer, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Shane McGrath, John O'Brien (Toomevara) for Callanan, Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) for O'Mahony, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Kelly.

#### 21/4/2013 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final) Tipperary 4-20 Dublin 0-17

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-4, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) 1-0; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-3, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 1-1, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 1-7 (1.2 frees, 0-1 '65'). Subs: Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) for Cahill, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Shane McGrath, Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Og) 1-0 for Corbett, Tomas Hamill (Killea) for Padraic Maher, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Shane Bourke.

#### 5/5/2013 at Nowlan Park (Final) Kilkenny 2-17 Tipperary 0-20

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe) 0-1 free; Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Kieran Bergin (Killenaule), Pádraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Conor O'Brien (Eiré Og Annacarty); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-4; Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-2 frees, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields), Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha); Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-1, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-5 (0-4 frees), Noel McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney) 0-3. Subs: John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) for Kelly, Jason Forde (Silvermines) for Callanan, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1 for Shane McGrath, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2 for Bourke, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Patrick Maher.

# MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 9/6/2013 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick (Semi Final) Limerick 1-18 Tipperary 1-15

Team and Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Kieran Bergin (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-3; Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens), Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-4 frees, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1. Subs: John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 1-3 for Shane Bourke, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-2 (0-1 free) for Pa Bourke, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Callanan, Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) for Shane McGrath, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) for Brendan Maher

# ALL IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 6/7/2013 at Nowlan Park (Round 2 Qualifier) Kilkenny 0-20 Tipperary 1-14

Team & scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-3, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-5 frees, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-0. Subs: Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-2 for Corbett, Kieran Bergin (Killenaule) 0-1 for Shane McGrath, Jason Forde (Silvermines) for Patrick Maher, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for John O'Brien, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Kelly

# MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 9/6/2013 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick (Semi Final) Tipperary 0-20 Limerick 0-15

Team and scorers: Darragh Egan (Kildangan); Seán O'Brien (Newport), Micheál Butler (Drom-Inch), Tom Treacy (Cappawhite); Willie Ryan (Clonakenny) 0-1, David Young (Toomevara), Pádraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Joey McLoughney (Toomevara) 0-3, (0-1 sideline), Seán McCormack (Borris-Ileigh); Orrie Quirke (Silvermines) 0-1, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-10 (0-6 frees, 0-1 '65), Pat Molloy (Moycarkey-Borris) 0-2, Ruairí Gleeson (Kildangan) 0-1, Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Pádraig Greene (Upperchurch-Drombane) 0-1. Subs: Pádraig O'Leary (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1 for Maher, Michael Ivors (Ballingarry) for Greene, Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers) for McCormack.

# 19/7/2013 at Semple Stadium (Final) Tipperary 0-19 Cork 0-18

Team and scorers: Darragh Egan (Kildangan) 0-3 frees; Seán O'Brien (Newport), Micheál Butler (Drom-Inch), Tom Treacy (Cappawhite); Willie Ryan (Clonakenny), David Young

# **COUNTY TEAMS – 2013**

(Toomevara), Pádraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Joey McLoughney (Toomevara) 0-2 (0-1 free), Seán McCormack (Borris-Ileigh); Orrie Quirke (Silvermines) 0-2, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-6 (0-5 frees), Danny O'Hanlon (Carrick Swan) 0-2; Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan) 0-2, Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Pádraig Greene (Upperchurch-Drombane). Subs: Pat Shortt (Upperchurch-Drombane) 0-1 for Greene, Pat Molloy (Moycarkey-Borris) for O'Hanlon, Pádraig O'Leary (Templederry Kenyons) for Butler, Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) for Quirke.

#### ALL IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 31/8/2013 at Nowlan Park (Final) Tipperary 2-14 Kilkenny 2-11

Team and scorers: Darragh Egan (Kildangan) 0-1 free; Seán O'Brien (Newport), Micheál Butler (Drom-Inch), Tom Treacy (Cappawhite); John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossomore), David Young (Toomevara), Pádraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty), Willie Ryan (Clonakenny) 0-1; Orrie Quirke (Silvermines), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-4; Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan) 2-1, Danny O'Hanlon (Carrick Swan) 0-1, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-5 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '65'). Subs: Joey McLoughney (Toomevara) for Quirke, Pat Molloy (Moycarkey-Borris) for O'Hanlon, Conor Kenny (Borris-lleigh) 0-1 for Butler, Pat Shortt (Upperchurch-Drombane) for Molloy.

#### MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 31/5/2013 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final) Tipperary 2-18 Limerick 2-11

Team and scorers: Darragh Mooney (Éire Óg Annacarty); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), Michael Breen (Ballina), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara); Joe O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Tomás Hamill (Killea), Seamus Kennedy (St Mary's, Clonmel); Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1, Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Jason Forde (Silvermines) 1-8 (0-4 frees, 0-1 pen), Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh) 0-2, Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2; Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-3, Bill Walsh (Carrick Swan) 0-1, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1. Subs: Conor Kenny (Borris-Ileigh) for Walsh, Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) for O'Dwyer), Tommy Heffernan (Nenagh Éire Óg) for McCormack, John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Barrett.

# 17/7/2013 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final) Tipperary 5-19 Cork 2-13

Team and scorers: Darragh Mooney (Éire Óg Annacarty); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Michael Breen (Ballina); Seamus Kennedy (St Mary's, Clonmel), Tomás Hamill (Killea), Joe O'Dwyer (Killenaule); Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1; Jason Forde (Silvermines) 2-8 (0-6 frees, 1-0 pen), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-4, Tommy Heffernan (Nenagh Éire Óg) 1-0; Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2, Bill Walsh (Carrick Swan) 2-1, Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1. Subs: John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1 for McCormack, Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) for Liam McGrath, Conor Kenny (Borris-Ileigh) for Walsh.

#### 7/8/2013 at Semple Stadium (Final) Clare 1-17 Tipperary 2-10

Team and scorers: Darragh Mooney (Éire Óg Annacarty); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), Michael Breen (Ballina), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara); Joe O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Tomás Hamill (Killea) Seamus Kennedy (St Mary's, Clonmel); Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons); Tommy Heffernan (Éire Óg Nenagh), Jason Forde (Silvermines) 2-7 (1-0 pen, 0-6 frees, 0-1 '65'), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1; Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields), Bill Walsh (Carrick Swan), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2 (0-1 free). Subs: John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Heffernan, Colin O'Riordan (JK Brackens) for Cahill, Tadhg Gallagher (Kildangan) for Walsh, John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Stapleton, Michael O'Brien (Thurles Sarsfields) for McCormack

# MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 11/4/2013 at Walsh Park (Quarter Final) Tipperary 2-18 Waterford 1-15

Team and scorers: Brian Hogan (Lorrha-Dorrha); Austin Tierney (Shannon Rovers), Jason Ryan (Toomevara), Darragh Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Ryan (Toomevara), Darragn Peters (Kirtuane MacDonagns); barry Heirerian (Nenagn Éire Óg), Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Tom Kirwan (Ballybacon-Grange); Tom Fox (Éire Óg Annacarty-Donohill), Willie Connors (Kildangan) 0-3; Seán Ryan (Seán Treacys), Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) 0-2, Shane Hennessy (Nenagh Éire Óg) 0-1; Mark McCarthy (Toomevara), Josh Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle) 2-9 (0-7 frees, 1-0 pen), Conor

Lanigan (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-3. Subs: Kevin Dunne (Thurles Sarsfields) for Hennessy, James Mackey (Nenagh Éire Óg) for McCarthy, Fionán O'Sullivan (Skeheenarinky) for Seán Ryan.

# 26/6/2013 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final) Limerick 1-17 Tipperary 0-17

Team and scorers: Brian Hogan (Lorrha-Dorrha); Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Jason Ryan (Toomevara), Darragh Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Tom Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-1, Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Éire Óg); Willie Connors (Kildangan) 0-1, Tom Kirwan (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor Lanigan (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) 0-4, Sam Conlon (Roscrea) 0-1; Mark McCarthy (Toomevara) 0-1, Josh Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-7 (0-4 frees), Seán Ryan (Seán Treacys). Subs: Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch) for Conlon, Donnacha Quinn (Nenagh Eire Og) 0-1 for Lanigan, Austin Tierney (Shannon Rovers) for Peters, Fionán O'Sullivan (Skeheenarinky) for Connors.

#### FOOTBALL

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#### McGrath Cup

# 13/1/2013 at Pairc Ui Rinn (Quarter Final)

**Tipperary 2-9 Cork 1-9**Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy); John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Steven O'Brien (Ballina); Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 1-0; Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-2, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-6. Subs: Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens) for Campbell, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Matassa, Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) for Maher, Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers) for Austin, Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials) for O'Callaghan.

# 20/1/2013 at Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town (Semi Final) Tipperary 1-12 Waterford 2-8 (after extra time)

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy); Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow) 0-1, Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-6 (0-3 frees). Subs: Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise) 0-1 for Matassa, Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-3 for O'Callaghan, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Sweeney, Steven O'Brien (Ballina) for Quirke, Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers) for Kennedy, Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers) for Maher.

#### 26/1/2013 at Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town (Final) Kerry 1-12 Tipperary 1-5

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens); Steven O'Brien (Ballina), Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-4 (1-0 '45', 0-3 frees), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), Subs: Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise) for Egan, Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers) for Kennedy, Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) for Stephen O'Brien, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Hannigan, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) for Sweeney.

# Allianz National League

# 3/2/2013 at Semple Stadium Carlow 1-14 Tipperary 0-16

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-3, Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-2, Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers); Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-4 frees, Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers); Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-5 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '45'). Subs: Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1 for Quinlivan, Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers) for Morrissey, Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise) for Maloney, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-1 for Lowry, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) for Quirke.

#### 9/2/2013 at Dungarvan Waterford 2-8 Tipperary 0-9

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-4 frees, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1. Subs: Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Hugh Coughlan, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-1 (free) for Moloney, Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers) for Morrissey, Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) for Leahy, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) for McGrath.

# 3/3/2013 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 2-12 London 1-8

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 1-1, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-2; Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-2 frees, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-3 (0-2 frees), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 1-1. Subs: Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise) 0-1for Campbell, Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers) 0-1 for Jones, Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens) for Moloney, Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials) for Matassa

# 9/3/2013 at Cusack Park, Ennis Tipperary 1-13 Clare 0-10

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise) 1-0, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-4, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-8 (0-5 frees, 0-2 '45'), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen). Subs: Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) for Jones, Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers) for

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Matassa, Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials) for Fox, Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens) for Coghlan, John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen) for Kiely.

#### 16/3/2013 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick Tipperary 0-15 Limerick 0-9

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-2, George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1; Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-2, Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials); Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-2, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-5 (0-4 frees, 0-1 pen), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-2 frees. Subs: Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens) for Morrissey, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Matassa, Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers) for Sweeney, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1 for Fox, Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) for Quinlivan.

#### 24/3/2013 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 2-15 Leitrim 0-14

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Paddy Codd (Killenaule) 0-1, Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1, Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-2, George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-1, Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1; Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-2, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 2-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 '45'), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-4 (0-2 frees). Subs: Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials) for Leahy, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Quinlivan, Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers) for Matassa, Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) for Grogan, Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers) for McDonald

#### 7/4/2013 at O'Connor Park, Tullamore Offaly 2-10 Tipperary 1-8

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); John Coughlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), Robbie Costigan (Cahir) 0-1, Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-2, Hugh Coughlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials); Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2, Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 1-3. Subs: Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers) for J. Coughlan; Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Matassa; Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers) for Quinlivan; Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Acheson.

#### Munster Senior Championship

#### 26/5/2013 at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney (Quarter Final) Kerry 2-19 Tipperary 0-8

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow) 0-1; Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Robbie Costigan (Cahir); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-3 frees, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-3 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '45'), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1. Subs: Shane Leahy (Arravale Rovers) for Campbell, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Kiely, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) for Maloney, Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens) for Hannigan, Hugh Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy) for Fahey.

# ALL IRELAND SENIOR QUALIFIER

# 29/6/2013 at Pearse Stadium, Galway (Round 1) Galway 1-12 Tipperary 0-11

Team and Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1, Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Hugh Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy) 0-1, Steven O'Brien (Ballina) 0-1; Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Peter Acheson (Clonmel Commercials), Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-6 (0-3 frees), Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers). Subs: Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Lynch, Barry O'Brien (Aherlow) 0-2 for Fahey, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) for Steven (CReian)

# Munster Junior Championship

# 26/5/2013 at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney (Quarter Final) Tipperary 1-15 Kerry 0-11

Team and scorers: Jack English (Ballyporeen); Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers), Aaron Kelly (Moyle Rovers), Ger Mulhaire (Arravale Rovers); Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Tommy Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-2; Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Eoin Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Adrian Walsh (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1, Thomas Hanley (Aherlow) 0-1, Benny Hickey (Cahir) 1-8 (0-3 frees); Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) 0-1, Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1, Brian Quinn (Burgess). Subs: Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite) for Quinn, Michael O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan) 0-1 for Coskeran, David Butler (Knockavilla Kickhams) for Eoin Ryan.

# 1/6/2013 at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney (Semi Final) Waterford 1-13 Tipperary 0-15 (after extra time)

Team and scorers: Jack English (Ballyporeen); Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers), Aaron Kelly (Moyle Rovers), Kevin Butler (Drom-Inch); Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) 0-2, Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Tommy Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan); Adrian Walsh (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Thomas Hanley (Aherlow), Benny Hickey (Cahir) 0-8 (0-7 frees); Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) 0-1, Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1, Brian Quinn (Burgess) 0-1. Subs: Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) 0-1 for Quinn, T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1 for Rockett, Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite) for Walsh, Fergal Hayes (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Coskeran, Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) for Hayes, Adrian Walsh (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) for T.J. Ryan.

#### Munster Under 21 Championship

#### 13/3/2013 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final) Tipperary 1-17 Waterford 0-9

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Clonmel Commercials); Darragh Kearney (Clonmel Commercials), Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers); Padraic O'Meara (Shannon Rovers), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen); Steven O'Brien (Ballina) 0-1, Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs); Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1, Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers), S Leahy; Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-4 (0-2 frees), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 1-5 (0-2 frees), Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan), Subs: Michael O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan) 0-1 for O'Callaghan, Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-4 for Hewitt, Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for P. O'Meara, Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1 for Maher, Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) for Fitzelle.

# 27/3/2013 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final) Tipperary 1-12 Clare 0-7

Team & Scorers: Evan Comerford (Clonmel Commercials); Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers); Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs); Steven O'Brien (Ballina) 0-1, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials); Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-8 (0-6 frees), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 1-0, Shane Leahy (Arravale Rovers). Subs: Michael O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan) for O'Meara, Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) for Maher, Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) for Treacy, Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan) for Fahey, John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen) for Fitzelle.

#### 10/4/2013 at Semple Stadium (Final) Cork 1-17 Tipperary 0-9

Team and scorers: Gearoid Slattery (Cashel King Cormacs); Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), Darragh Kearney (Clonmel Commercials), Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers); Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers); Steven O'Brien (Ballina) 0-1, Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs); Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-5 frees, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials), Shane Leahy (Arravale Rovers) 0-2. Subs: Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1for Maher, Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers) for Kearney, Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) for Fahey, T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) for Quinlivan, Michael O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan) for O'Meara.

# MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 20/4/2013 at Cusack Park, Ennis (Quarter Final) Tipperary 1-10 Clare 0-8

Team and scorers: Jack Brady (Ballina); Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers), James Feehan (Killenaule), Willie Connors (Kildangan); Luke Boland (Moyle Rovers), Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials); Mark Russell (Lattin- Cullen), Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens); Michael Meagher (Grangemockler-Ballyneale), Josh Keane (Golden- Kilfeacle) 0-2 (0-1 free), Liam Casey (Cahir) 0-1 free; Alan Tynan (Inane Rovers) 1-2, Tom Kirwan (Ardfinnan) 0-4, Paul Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1. Subs: Paul Shanahan (Upperchurch-Drombane) for Meagher, Emmet Maloney (Drom-Inch) for Casey, Michael Connolly (Clonmel Commercials) for Feehan, Michael O'Connor (Cahir) for Boland.

#### 15/5/2013 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final) Tipperary 0-11 Cork 0-8

Team and scorers: Jack Brady (Ballina); Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers), James Feehan (Killenaule), Willie Connors (Kildangan); Luke Boland (Moyle Rovers), Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials); Liam Casey (Cahir) 0-1, Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens); Paul Shanahan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Josh Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle), Ciaran Lowry (Arravle Rovers); Alan Tynan (Inane Rovers) 0-7 (0-5 frees), Tom Kirwan (Ardfinnan), Paul Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-2. Subs: Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Shanahan, Michael Connolly (Clonmel Commercials) for Boland, Mark Russell (Lattin-Cullen) for Casey.

# 7/7/2013 at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney (Final) Kerry 0-15 Tipperary 0-10

Team and scorers: Jack Brady (Ballina), Willie Connors (Kildangan), Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule), Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers); Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Luke Boland (Moyle Rovers), Liam Casey (Cahir) 0-3), Colin O'Riordan (JK Brackens) 0-3 (0-1 free), Paul Shanahan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Josh Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-1 free, Ciarán Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Alan Tynan (Inane Rovers) 0-3 (0-2 frees), Tom Kirwan (Ardfinnan), Paul Maher (Kilsheelan). Subs: Pádraig Louram (Clonmel Commercials) for Shanahan, Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers) for Boland, Pádraig White (Clonmel Commercials) for Kirwan, Michael Connolly (Clonmel Commercials) for Fahey, Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch) for Owens.

# ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

# 5/8/2013 at Pearse Park, Longford (Quarter Final) Monaghan 0-12 Tipperary 0-9

Team and scorers: Jack Brady (Ballina), Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers), Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule), Willie Connors (Kildangan); Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Ciarán Lowry (Arravale Rovers); Liam Casey (Cahir) 0-1, Colin O'Riordan (JK Brackens) 0-1, Josh Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle), Tom Kirwan (Ardfinnan), Pádraig Louram (Clonmel Commercials), Alan Tynan (Inane Rovers) 0-5 (0-4 frees), Paul Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1, Paul Shanahan (Upperchurch-Drombane) 0-1. Subs: Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers) for Kirwan, Mark Russell (Lattin-Cullen) for Casey, Michael Connolly (Clonmel Commercials) for Willie Connors (blood), Gerry Cronin (Ardfinnan) for Louram, Willie Connor (KIldangan) for Connolly.

# **2014 Munster Championship Fixtures**



# **MUNSTER GAA SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Quarter-Final

Cork v Waterford at Thurles 25/5

Semi-Finals

Tipperary v Limerick at Thurles 1/6 15/6 at Thurles IF Clare v Cork IF Clare v Waterford at Limerick 15/6

13/7 FINAL

# MUNSTER GAA SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Quarter-Finals** 

31/5 Limerick v Tipperary at Limerick 7-8/6 Clare v Waterford at Fnnis

Semi-Finals

21-22/6 IF Cork v Tipperary at Cork 21-22/6 IF Cork v Limerick at Limerick 21-22/6 IF Kerry v Clare at Fnnis IF Kerry v Waterford 21-22/6 at Dungarvan

6/7

# **BORD GAIS ENERGY MUNSTER UNDER 21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Quarter-Final

4/6 or 18/6 Clare v Limerick at Limerick

Semi-Finals

16/7 IF Tipperary v Clare at Ennis 16/7 IF Tipperary v Limerick at Limerick at Waterford Cork v Waterford 17/7

30/7 or 6/8 FINAL

# **CADBURYS MUNSTER UNDER 21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

at Tralee

**Ouarter-Finals** 12/3

12/3 Tipperary v Waterford at Dungarvan Semi-Finals at Pairc Ui Rinn 19/3 IF Limerick v Cork 19/3 IF Limerick v Kerry at Tralee 19/3 IF Clare v Tipperary at Clare venue IF Clare v Waterford 19/3 at Clare venue

Cork v Kerry

9/4 FINAL

# McGRATH CUP SENIOR FOOTBALL

Quarter-Finals

5/1 1. Kerry v IT Tralee at Kerry venue at Cork venue 5/1 2. CIT v Mary I 5/1 3. Cork v LIT at Cork venue 4. UL v UCC at Limerick venue 5/1

Semi-Finals

Winner of 1 v 2 12/1 Winner of 3 v 4 12/1 19/1 FINAL

**ELECTRIC IRELAND MUNSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP** 

**Quarter-Finals** 

16/4 A. Limerick v Tipperary at Limerick 16/4 B. Cork v Kerry at Pairc Ui Rinn 16/4 C. Clare v Waterford at Fnnis

Semi-Final Play Off 1

Loser of B v Loser of C

Semi-Final Play Off 2

Winner of Semi-Final Play Off 1 v Loser of A TBC

Semi-Finals

Winner of A v Winner of B 14/5

14/5 Winner of C v Winner of S-Final Play Off 2

13/7 **FINAL** 

# **ELECTRIC IRELAND MUNSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Quarter-Finals

9/4 A. Waterford v Tipperary at Dungarvan 9/4 B. Kerry v Clare at Clare venue 9/4 C. Cork v Limerick at Pairc Ui Rinn

Semi-Final Play Off 1

Loser of B v Loser of C TBC

Semi-Final Play Off 2

TBC Winner of Semi-Final Play Off 1 v Loser of A

Semi-Finals

14/5 Winners of A v Winners of B

14/5 Winner of C v Winner of S-Final Play Off 2

6/7

# WATERFORD CRYSTAL CUP SENIOR HURLING

**Preliminary Round** 

12/1 A. Waterford v UL at Waterford venue 12/1 B. Limerick v IT Tralee at Limerick venue 12/1 C. Tipperary v LIT at Tipperary venue

Quarter-Finals

19/1 1. Kerry v Tipperary or LIT at Kerry venue 2. WIT v Waterford or UL at Waterford venue 19/1 3. Clare v Limerick or IT Tralee at Clare venue 19/1 19/1 4. UCC v Mary I at Cork venue

Semi-Finals

Winner of 1 v 2 26/1 Winner of 3 v 4 26/1

**FINAL** 2/2

# Friends We Lost

Joe Ahearne (Fethard) 1920-2013

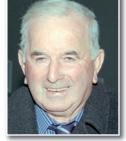
Joe Ahearne went to his eternal reward on Oct 22nd after a brief illness. He will be sadly missed by wife Nora, sons Raymond and Joseph and daughters Marie and Noreen, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, families and friends far and wide. Joe hailed from Coolmoyne University winning his first senior hurling South title with Fethard in 1938, County and South Senior Football in 1942 the same



year added a Tipperary Mans Cup Medal all with Fethard also a South Junior Hurling Title with his beloved Coolmoyne and sailed to London in 1942 where he remained playing and working until 1949 winning All Britain Senior Hurling Medals in 1948, 1949, playing with London and clubs Brian Borus, Bro Pearses, returned to Fethard in 1949 winning South Senior Football 1950 Junior Hurling South and County with Coolmoyne in 1950 his pride and joy and again a third Junior Hurling title in 1951 with Coolmoyne having returned to London in 1951 he returned again in 1952 to get married to Nora Bates in Clerihan Church and went back to London where he continued to hurl with Chuchullans winning London titles in senior hurling in 1954, 1955, before hanging up his boots, won many a tournament and Feili, working by day as a fitter welder he did MC at night for Pat Casey in the Inis free Ballroom on Ealing Broadway for 8 years, and returned for the final move to Fethard Arms in 1977 with his public house the home of Fethard GAA for the remaining 37 years he was chairman of Fethard Club 1990-1992 and South Board Appeals Committee for near 30 years.

# Richie Boyle (Ardfinnan)

When the news came through on Thursday 26th September that Richie Boyle had died there was huge sense of shock and sadness throughout the local parishes and indeed throughout the county. Richie Boyle married Kay Brien daughter of Chris and Patrick Butcher O'Brien in 1965 in Ardfinnan Church. Their lives were greatly enriched with the arrival of sons Leslie and Diarmuid and daughters Tina and Joan.



Richie had come from Moyle Rovers club but shortly after arriving began playing football with Ardfinnan and hurling with Ballybacon-Grange. Richie went on to have a long and distinguished career with both clubs. He won his first medal as corner back on Ballybacon-Grange history making South Senior hurling title winning team of 1968 and a few weeks later was a member of the Ardfinnan Senior Football panel that won South senior football title. In 1970 Richie took over as goalkeeper on Ardfinnan senior team and played a key role in that position in the winning of county senior football title in 1970 and South and County Senior football titles in 1974. Richie continued to play hurling and football with the club until 1984. He also took a deep interest in club affairs and served as Vice-Chairman and Treasurer whilst he was selector on many of the club teams. He also served as county junior football selector for eight years during the '80s and '90s. It is indeed fitting that his son Leslie is currently club chairman.

In 1978 Richie took on the role of umpire for Willie Barrett. Richie took to the role of umpire with great pride and was dedicated to his job. He officiated at all the local club grounds within the county and all the major grounds throughout the country. Richie worked with and had a great and trusted partnership with fellow umpire the late Mickie O'Mahoney who were umpire for five All Irelands in Croke Park including All Ireland Senior Hurling Finals of 1994 and 2000 and was hugely respected in the game for the decisive and firm manner in which he officiated. This was acknowledged on All Ireland final day when at the replayed senior hurling final a deserved tribute was paid to Richie prior to throw in followed by a minute silence. When Ardfinnan or Ballybacon-Grange played Richie would always be in attendance and took great pride when sons Leslie and Diarmuid played for the club and in recent years when his grandchildren Nigel, Cathal and Darragh played for the club and Jason played for Newcastle. Richie's other great association was with Ardfinnan Credit Union and was an active and dedicated member since its formation.

Richie's final game as umpire was in Newcastle on Sunday 22nd September 2013 for South Intermediate football final with referee Martin Doyle. Richie was an outstanding family man and during his lifetime he built up a reputation where his integrity was never once questioned and the standards he set in everything he did both in his personal and sporting life are an example to all. The guard of honour at his funeral provided by both clubs was a fitting tribute to his memory.

We extend our sympathies to his wife Kay, sons Leslie and Diarmuid, daughters Tina and Joan, son-in-laws Michael Carberry and Michael Hally, daughters-in-law Alice and Louise, sister Ina, brothers Billy, Michael, Paddy, Joe, Mattie and Gerry, sisters-in-law, nieces nephews and grandchildren and all his extended family and friends.

May he rest in peace.

# Danny Breen (Éire Óg Annacarty) 1930-2013

Danny Breen, Ballysheedy, Annacarty, one of the life Presidents of Eire Og GAA Club passed to his eternal reward on July 24th 2013. He had been in failing health for some time prior to his death.



His playing career began in the early fifties and ended in the mid sixties. Two features

stood out during this time: he was by far the tallest man on the pitch (earning him the nickname "Lanky Breen") and due to poor eyesight he wore glasses while playing. As the sliotar approached he would push the glasses up on his nose and then catch it above his opponent's head. He played on both the Junior Hurling and Junior Football teams and was captain of the Junior Hurlers in 1959.

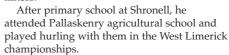
In 1960 he played on the West Tipperary Junior hurling team at centreforward and also won his first medal with Eire Og when they won the West Junior hurling title. He won a West Junior football medal in 1962, playing at full-forward, a handful for any full-back due to his stature.

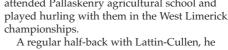
He was secretary of the club in the late fifties and was almost singlehandedly responsible for holding the club together during this lean

He was a gentle giant with a great wit. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

# Jimmy Breen (Lattin-Cullen)

Jimmy Breen of Lisduff, Lattin passed to his eternal award in December 2012 after a short





won West championships in minor hurling in 1954, junior football in 1957, senior football in 1958, 1961, 1964 and 1965, and junior hurling in 1963. A big disappointment was losing the county final to St. Flannan's in 1961.

A progressive farmer, he was considered a good judge of cattle. He had a love of greyhounds and card games and was a great supporter of club and county teams.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Helen, son, James, daughter, Cathy, brothers, Tommy and Willie, and sister, Eileen.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.

# Pat Burke (Emly) 1937-2013

Pat Burke usually played at fullback and was a powerful fielder of the ball with fearless determination to clear especially during the years '58, '59 and '60 when he was at the height of his prowess. Emly won West senior football titles in '59 and '60. Pat also impressed at fullback on the teams that were victorious in the junior county football final and the West senior football championship in 1968.



The Burke family were staunch supporters of the GAA at club and county and an older brother Fr Tim attended each All Ireland from 1945 to date. Pat accompanied him on many of those occasions.

Pat was an industrious and conscientious farmer and he enriched any company he encountered with his lively sense of humour and mischievousness. Pat, however, was first and foremost dedicated to his family.

Pat showed the same sterling qualities he exemplified through his life as he battled his final illness with great bravery and dignity.

Sincere sympathy to his wife Aileen, sons Liam, Toby, John, daughter Mary and other family members.

# Eric Campbell (Toomevara)

The recent and tragic death of Eric Campbell in February this year left the whole parish with a numb feeling and a deep sense of loss. Taken tragically Eric's death has left a deep void in the lives of his family and friends. Eric gave his all for Toomevara hurling from an early age, he formed a deep bond with his team mates and through his short hurling career he made a large amount of close friendships.



His hurling skills were quiet evident and Eric did not take long to build a medal collection from his club games and he also added to this with schools medals. Eric was always easy to coach and was never a bother to his coaches, all who over the course of the days surrounding his death recalled funny stories of his hurling career and his happy personality. Last year he was plagued with a re-occurring shoulder injury but this did not weaken his spirit. Only two weeks after dislocating the shoulder for a third time he togged out in the North semi-final so as he could back up his friends and teammates and wear the Green and Gold jersey again, unfortunately though for a last time. As his close friend Mark McCarthy said on behalf of sister Leah, at his funeral nobody ever thought we would have to recall memories of Eric at such an early age.

Even though only 18, Eric lived a short but great life and touched quite a few hearts along the way. But whatever about his achievement during life, his achievement through death where he donated his organs and saved four lives says something beautiful about this fun loving teenager. Eric was always so kind to people, no-one ever had a bad word to say about him and this was surely brought home to everyone with the tremendous turn out for his guard of honour as he arrived to St Michael's Church, Toomevara. The club would like to extend its deepest sympathy to his heartbroken parents Gerald and Fiona, his sisters Leah and Sophie, his grandparents, aunts and uncles and all his relatives and friends.

# Fr. Stephen Carey (Moyne/Templetuohy) 1939 -2013

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death on the 14th May of our Vice President Fr. Stephen Carey. Fr. Stephen played hurling and football at juvenile and senior levels with his beloved club. He studies at St. Kieran's Kilkenny and was ordained on June 3rd 1962. After his ordination he served as pastor in the Diocese of Camden in America. He enjoyed people. He liked to be with people and he



always showed great interest with what was going on at his home club. After his retirement he came back to live in his native village Templetuohy where again he spent many a day walking the GAA grounds watching the development of the grounds and dressing rooms. He officiated at the official opening of our new facility last year. Despite his failing health with which he bore with great dignity he never failed to show interest in the club and always had a kind word.

We extend our sympathy to his sisters and brothers. May he rest in peace.

# John Conroy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1938-2013

John was born in Bantiss, Cloughjordan, but settled in Ballinamurra. He spent his working life as an industrious and dependable agricultural contractor, providing a valuable service to farmers in the locality. He also participated in ploughing competitions with



some success. John was a reliable and helpful neighbour, a quiet and unassuming character, who loved the camaraderie of a game of cards. Apart from his family and work, his other great passion in life was hurling. He was an avid follower of Kilruane MacDonaghs and Tipperary. It was fitting that the flags of both club and county formed the colourful backdrop, as he was waked at the family home in Ballinamurra. John was a member of the Kilruane MacDonaghs junior hurling team which won North and County honours in 1960. In 2010 John and his colleagues celebrated the golden jubilee of that famous victory at a function in the Thomas MacDonagh Complex. It was very appropriate that the framed photo of the team, which John received that night, was proudly on display, as mourners thronged to Ballinamurra to pay their last respects. In 1985 he derived tremendous satisfaction in seeing his son Noel line out with the Kilruane MacDonaghs U14 team which overcame Toomevara in the North final. Noel was also a member of the U21 B hurling team which won divisional and county honours in 1993. John was a very proud man when his son John played a key role in MacDonaghs victory against Toomevara in the 1990 North senior final. The late John also served on the club committee and in 1995 he was a selector on the junior hurling team which overcame Nenagh to claim the North title. His son John was a member of that team. His grandchildren carry on the family tradition, wearing the black and white MacDonaghs jerseys in hurling and camogie. On the day he passed to his eternal reward a minute's silence was observed before the start of the Kilruane MacDonaghs and Borrisokane league match in MacDonagh Park and the tricolour flew at half mast. His coffin was draped in the MacDonaghs colours and on his final journey to Kilruane Church an impressive guard of honour, led by club presidents Tom Cleary and Tom McLoughney, flanked the funeral cortege. The guard of honour included players from eight different decades. To his wife Mabel, daughter Christine, sons Francis, Noel and John, his sister Sadie and extended family sympathy is extended. Leaba i measc na naomh dó.

# Ned Conway (Fr Sheehys)

Ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann, we shall not see his likes again, it was a thought that immediately came to mind when we learned of Eddie Conway's passing. Eddie or Ned as he was more commonly know was a legendary and well known figure in our club and area, he was the last survivor from the 1948 County Junior ootball

winning team. He was the vice captain and centre forward and very proud of the fact they



He was a long serving President of Fr Sheehys and was delighted to see his grandson Tom bring home a County Junior Hurling medal in 2001. In fact he is pictured in the team photo at the end of the game. Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh the famous GAA commentator attended our 50th anniversary celebration for the 1948 winners in 1998 and stated that Ned wanted to be put on the forty and build the team around him, needless to say he enjoyed this remark. He was 88 years young and I stress young as he lead a very active life until the end. Ned attended our annual mass and presentation in Dec 2012 and was thrilled when his grandson James received a County U14 Football medal on the night. He was a straight talking man and earned respect for this. The throngs that attended his funeral were a testament to his popularity when Burncourt was brought to a standstill. The club accompanied him on his last journey with a guard of honour from his residence to Burncourt Church. Ned was laid to rest close to former teammates from 1948 and beside former club president, his great friend Jimmy Butler.

May his beloved Burncourt sod rest gently on him. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Eily and family Eddie, John, Helen, Mary, Kathleen, Ann, Tom, Dave, Jim, Geraldine, Ailish, Carmel and Fidelma. Ar dheis de go raibh a aman.

# Philip Crowe (*Upperchurch/Drombane*) 1990 - 2013

Upperchurch Drombane GAA club was left reeling by the sudden passing of Philip Crowe in April 2013. Philip was a lively young man who exuded an energy which was readily recognisable on the pitch at both hurling and football. He lined out in goals in 2007 where his stellar contributions resulted in the club capturing the Minor B football county title. 2007



proved to be a fruitful year for Philip as he was also part of the Under 21B hurling panel who brought county honours to the parish. Philip Crowe added the Under 21 B Mid football championship to his list of honours in 2008 and will be fondly remembered by his clubmates who will hold on to the enduring memories of his livewire displays in the black and amber.

# Delia Cullen (Moyne/Templetuohy) 1942 -2013

The passing of Delia Cullen on Thursday 24th October was received in Moyne with great sadness and shock. Though unwell for some time, the suddenness of Delia's death was difficult to comprehend. Her family's loss is great, and indeed, the club's sympathy is once again extended to them. Delia represented all that was good about life in the parish. She was, first and foremost a devoted family person, raising four children with her husband Timmy



on their farm and licensed premises. Here customers were received with great hospitality over the years. She played such a leading role in so many parish organisations, and of course she loved her Bridge.

Delia had a great love of the club, and in particular with Scor. She was a great driving figure in Scor in the parish for decades helping out with Scor na bPaisti. She participated in the Novelty Act which got to the Munster final in 2011. She also coached the Recitation teams over the years.

Her own happy and outgoing personality revitalized all those who came in contact with her.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

# Clodagh Cummins (*Cappawhite*) 1993-2013

When word filtered through on the untimely passing of 19 year old Clodagh Cummins, the footballing world that she lived in lay in mourning greeting the news with bewildered shock and deep disappointment. The Cappawhite ladies footballer graced the stage with maturity well beyond her years. Claiming a series of titles in the underage ranks from U-12 upwards, the Ayle NS Student's potential blossomed when she made it onto the



Tipperary Primary Game team. At club level, having just completed her stint with the minors and making the transition to the senior ranks in such a short period spoke volumes of the vast array of talents that she possessed at the top level. After showing promise at an early age, Clodagh was called into the Tipp U-16 squad and helped in no small part to bringing home All-Ireland honours in 2008.

At Doon Convent of Mercy, she also received the coveted player of the year award for her efforts. Away from the footballing fraternity, she was also a talented musician with a bright future ahead! Her skill levels and determined efforts earned her a call onto the Cappawhite Intermediates and she picked up a county medal for good measure in 2010. Being quick on her feet, having an eye for goal and not afraid to battle for possession, she broke into the Senior Club team in 2011 winning a first county senior medal in the process. However 2012 marked her most telling contribution yet, in ironing down a permanent position in the no 12 jersey in Cappawhite's march to a second successive county senior title at the hands of Brian Boru's in Bansha last September.

Her bubbly personality, heart-warming smile and enthusiasm lit up the dressing room! On the playing fields, she always performed at her best. Those that played with her always fed off her positive attitude and unique attacking style while those that were lucky enough to see her footballing talents coming to the fore have inscribed endless memories that will never be forgotten. May she rest in peace.

# Ned Fanning (Moneygall) 1919 - 2013

Ned Fanning of Greenhills, Moneygall died on 19th August last, two months from his 94th birthday.

Ned played for the Moneygall club for many years, and in 1943 he was a member of the first team from the club to win the North Tipperary Intermediate hurling title. He played in the forward line all through that victorious



campaign seventy years ago and his brother Hugh played at full back on the team. Unfortunately the team did not get the chance to add to their success that year, as the county championship was cancelled because of the transport difficulties caused by petrol rationing during The Emergency.

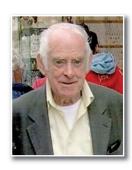
Following his own playing days Ned continued to be a loyal supporter of Moneygall and Tipperary hurling, and all his sons represented the club throughout the seventies, eighties and nineties, as have his grandsons in recent years.

We extend our condolences to Ned's wife Mary, his daughters Bridget and Mary, sons Donal, John, Eamonn and Tony, and all his relatives and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

# Joe Donnelly (Moneygall) 1927 to 2013

Joe Donnelly of Loughaun, Dunkerrin died on 1st February, on the day of his 86th birthday. Joe was heavily involved in Moneygall GAA throughout his lifetime. As a player he was a member of the successful Intermediate hurling team of 1949, playing at corner forward in the North final win and in goal in the county final victory. He also played on the junior football team that won North titles in 1949, 1950 and



Following a number of years in England, Joe returned to his native parish in the 1970s and immediately resumed his involvement in club affairs. He was an able team selector, and was particularly obliging in his support of the juvenile teams, always being available to transport players to games. He also served as voluntary caretaker of the clubhouse for many years, and always had the centre in top condition for training and matches.

In later years Joe continued to follow the club's teams around the county and it was a familiar sight to see him standing outside the team dressing room, or close to the trophy presentation following a championship success.

Joe was appointed Life President of the club in 2007. Later that year he was honoured with a Sean Gael Award which was presented to him by Liam Mulvihill, Árd Stiúrthóir CLG at the time. It was a fitting tribute to his lifelong commitment and loyal service to the club. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

#### Niall Doherty (Moneygall GAA Club) 1981 - 2012

It was with great sadness that we learned of the untimely loss of Niall Doherty and his flying companion Damien Deegan in an aeroplane accident near Birr, on Sunday 11th November 2012. Niall played hurling and football for Moneygall from a young age, and along with his older brother Gearóid, won North and County Minor B Hurling medals in 1997.



Niall continued to represent Moneygall in junior hurling during his twenties. He was a passionate follower of Tipperary hurling, and he also played rugby for Roscrea RFC for many years. Niall's father Mick captained Moneygall to the county senior hurling title in 1976, and the family business Doherty Brothers Hardware have been our main club sponsors since 2005.

Amongst the gifts presented at Niall's funeral mass were a missal, a family portrait, a model plane, a scout uniform, a copy of Lar Corbett's autobiography, a rugby ball and jersey, a Celtic flag and scarf, his passport and a cookbook. Following the ceremony there were guards of honour from Moneygall GAA Club and Roscrea Rugby Club as the cortege made its way to Dunkerrin Cemetery for burial, where an aeroplane from the Ormond Flying Club provided an aerial salute.

Our club extends its deepest condolences to Niall's parents Eileen and Mick, his brothers Gearóid and Antóin, his sister Eadaoin, and to all his relatives and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

# Pete Fehilly (Fr Sheehys)

In October last we received the sad news of the passing of another of our stalwarts Pete Fehilly. At the time of his death Pete was President of Fr Sheehys Juvenile Club and Vice President of the Senior Club. These were positions he was elected to after many years of hard work and dedication to our club. He was well respected in club circles as a straight talker who was never afraid to give his opinion.

He played right half back on the 1960 Burncourt team who won South and County Junior Football titles. After his playing days were over he acted as a Selector for many years including the 1984 County Intermediate Football win. He encouraged his sons John and Maurice to play for the club and was their mentor as they came up through the ranks. On of his proudest moments occurred when Maurice won a Munster U16 Hurling Title with South Tipperary. Indeed John continues in the family tradition with great service to our club. His nephew Michael Leonard was club Chairman when we won the Junior Hurling County in 2001. The turnout of club members who performed a guard of honour and shouldered his coffin through Burncourt at his removal were a testament to Pete's and his family's popularity.

He was laid to rest in Burncourt on Friday beside many of his old comrades. We offer our sincerest sympathy to his wife Mary, daughter Margaret, sons John and Maurice and to the extended Fehilly Family. Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

# Ciarán Flanagan (Moycarkey-Borris) 1995-2012

The tragic death of Ciarán Flanagan of Gaile, Thurles at the age of seventeen was received with widespread shock and sadness by the people of Moycarkey-Borris and surrounding parishes. Ciarán represented his club from an early age, winning divisional and county honours in hurling and football from under-12 to under-16. Ciarán also wore the county colours, representing Mid and County



Tipperary at under-14 and under-16, showing remarkable promise and was considered a future prospect at both club and county level.

He was a very proud Moycarkey-Borris man and wore the club and county jerseys with pride like his family before him. An extremely popular young man he touched the lives of all who knew him. Ciarán's family, relations and many friends are left with special memories of him both on and off the sporting field. His remains, draped in the club colours, were met with a guard of honour by his Moycarkey-Borris club mates and those from Cashel Rugby and Two Mile Borris/St. Kevin's F.C where he also played with success.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his parents Jim and Marie, his brothers John and James and sister Fiona. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

# Sean Flynn (Fr Sheehys)

It was with regret we learned of our Vice Presidents Sean Flynn's death in August. Sean was a gentleman to the core and a great supporter of the club. He was a very proud grandfather in 2011 when Sean, his grandson brought back an All Ireland Minor Football medal to the club. Indeed his grandsons Eoin, Sean and Conor contributed significantly as players for Fr Sheehys. The club performed a guard of honour at his removal and we send



our sympathies to the Flynn family on their loss. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a

# Andrew (Andy) Fogarty (Boherlahan/Dualla)

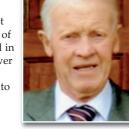
It was learned with deep regret on hearing of the death of Andy Fogarty, late of Cashel and Grangemore, Dualla on 15th September 2013. Andy was son of the late Andrew Fogarty T.D. and wife Annie. He was a valued member of the Boherlahan GAA Club in the 1950's playing with the Boherlahan Senior Hurling Team and Boherlahan Junior Football Team. After funeral Mass in Cashel on Tuesday, 17th September, his remains were removed to Dualla for burial and



were met by the Boherlahan/Dualla GAA Club who formed a Guard of Honour. Sympathy is extended to Angela Fogarty, Cashel and to her son Andrew and daughters Mary, Paula, Anne Maria, Eavan and Orna. Sympathy is also extended to Andy's sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grand-children, brothers Jim, Joe and P.K. (Kevin), sisters Mary and Peg, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and many friends. May he rest in peace.

# Dan Fogarty (Clonoulty Rossmore) 1931-2013

Clonoulty Rossmore GAA lost one of its most respected and loyal followers with the death of Dan Fogarty. Dan was born in 1931 and lived in Clonealy all his life. He was a lifelong follower of Clonoulty Rossmore and Tipperary teams and retained an interest in their activities up to the end.



During his hurling days with the club his position was mainly at corner back where he

played a steady and tidy role. In or about 1952 the old Rossmore club was reformed and in 1956 they won a West Junior title. Unfortunately illness ruled Dan out for the final but he was well recovered for their next victory over Emly, thus winning the Leahy Cup and the right to represent the West in the county series. Later on Dan was a member of the Rossmore team who played in the West Senior Hurling final in 1959. The opposition was a highly fancied Kickham side. In a hard fought game played in Cashel, Rossmore lost narrowly on a scoreline of 3-5 to

Through the years Dan remained involved with the club both as a selector with various teams and as a committee member. In later years his appointment as one of the presidents of the club was in recognition of his loyal contribution. Dan was never one to pass judgement but he was ever ready with words of encouragement and help.

Dan with his wife Kathleen typified the traditional Irish family with religion being central to their existence. The work ethos and values learned in their own homes are passed on to the next generation who now mourn his passing.

After a short illness Dan died on April 5th 2013. He is sorely missed by his beloved wife Kathleen, his sons Patrick and Michael, his daughters Bríd and Marie, his brothers and sisters, his sons-in-law and his much loved grandchildren. His grandson, Danny Slattery (10 years old) sang the beautiful hymn 'The Clouds Veil' and his son Patrick recited 'The Hurlers' Prayer' at his funeral mass. Dan would have been so proud.

As a mark of respect to Dan and the Fogarty family, club players past and present provided a guard of honour at the removal of his remains to Rossmore church.

The club would like to extend sincere sympathy to all his family and his many friends.

# Andrew Fox (Fethard) 1948-2013

Andy had been living in Thurles for a number of years but on every occasion would return to the Friary Town for celebrations, funerals etc. He was a well respected teacher in Killenaule School and was very instrumental in nurturing both hurling and football during his time in the school. He played with Fethard from juvenile to adult and he captained the 1976 South Junior Hurling League winning team and he also



played his part in the 1978 South Junior Championship winning team. He served as Chairman of the South Tipperary Bord na nOg where he had a great influence in the development of juveniles games structures. He will be sadly missed by all especially his brother Eddie and sister Mary and the extended family. May the green sod and Slievenamon shadow over him.

# Chloe Gray (Moyne Templetuohy Ladies Football) 2000-2013

As dawn broke on the morning of Friday 2nd August so did the news of the passing of Chloe Gray. At the tender age of 13 Chloe was called from this life and as news spread a great sadness engulfed the communities of Moyne Templetuohy and Rathdowney.

When Chloe first came to Templetuohy it didn't take long for her to settle in. A big smile

and bright eyes dancing with glee stole the hearts of those she met. Down in the GAA field she would play with the other children as her mum Pamela trained with the Ladies football team. Soon the roles would reverse and Chloe took to the field. Chloe played for the U-12 team with great enthusiasm and energy. Chloe lived every day as it should be lived and fought her illness with courage and dignity. To her loving family and wide circle of friends we extend our sympathy.

Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pour through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

# Paddy Guilmartin (*Toomevara*) 1947-2013

Paddy played for Toomevara in all grades and was always a tough and honest competitor. He was on the Under 21 team that was defeated in the county final in 1967, having won the North title earlier that year. Paddy furthered his career and played junior and senior for Toomevara. He was also a good footballer and was on the Under 21 team who reached the North Final in 1968. Paddy also played junior football for the



club and had a keen interest in rugby. Paddy was a fine tradesman and was a very useful man to have around the parish. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his loving sisters Mary, Brigid and Margaret, niece Caitlin, cousins, neighbours relatives and friends.

# Michael Hall (Killenaule)

Mickey died on February 20th last aged 90. He was born at Graigue, Killenaule and had three brothers and two sisters. Both Mickey and his brother Johnny were members of the Killenaule team that won South and County Junior honours in 1951. He was also a member of the Killenaule team that won the famous "three in a row" South Senior Hurling Championships of 1953/4/5. Some years ago he was honoured by his club as "Player of the Past".

A Mhichil go maire tú go deo ar neamh.

# Tom Hickey (Skeheenarinky Hurling Club) 1939-2013

On June 3rd, a great sadness erupted throughout the Barnahown area and his native parish of Ballyporeen on the death of our dear friend Tom Hickey. He was a true gentleman. He treated everyone with respect. In his younger days he played hurling with the Araglin Club. In 1981, he joined the Skeheenarinky Hurling Club winning a South Tipp Junior championship medal with the Club



that same year. In later years he took a great interest in Ballyporeen Ladies Football Club. He held the position as Chairman for a number of years. He got great joy on seeing his daughter win county medals with the Club. Tom will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. We offer our sincere sympathyto his wife Eileen, daghter Jenny, sisters, extended Hickey family, neighbours and friends. Go ndeara Dia trocaire as a anam.

# Paudi Hoctor (Templemore)

On Friday November 1st there was widespread regret and sadness in the Templemore and Delvin areas with the news of the sudden death of Paudi Hoctor. Paudi had been visiting his mother and stayed overnight when the sad event occurred. One of a family of nine born to Seamus and Mary, Paudi lived in the Main Street and later in Kiltillane up to the early 1980's when his work took him to various parts of the world, including America, London and



Brussells for 7/8 years. He returned to Ireland in 2006, was working for the EU Commission, and lived in Delvin with his wife Kate (Davern from Templemore) and three children.

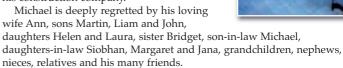
Paudie was a former player with Templemore Eire Og, and he had a huge interest in the GAA and the promotion of gaelic games. As a young boy in 1969/1970 he frequently came out to the Clonmore GAA grounds. He played at juvenile level for 6/7 years. From the juvenile grade he graduated to minor and was a very valuable member of the team at left corner back in the 1978 Mid final defeat to Loughmore/Castleiney by a one point margin. That year also he played in the same position on the U-21 team beaten by Loughmore Castleiney in the final. He quickly made it on the senior panel in 1979 and his dedication and commitment to the game was very much in evidence when he became a committee member of the juvenile club in 1979, his desire being to help in the promotion of the game among the youth of the parish. He played in his favourite left corner back position in the 1980 Mid final defeat to Loughmore/Castleiney. He also played minor and U-21 hurling with Clonmore. In 1980 he emigrated and thus ended a decade of loyal and committed service to his beloved Eire Og.

Paudie went to secondary school at the local CBS and he immediately left his presence on the school hurling teams. He played corner forward on the Rice Cup team that defeated Cashel in the 1974 final and two years later he won his second school's medal when Templemore defeated Mount Sion in the Corn an Phiarsaigh final (Munster U 15 ½ hurling). It was only appropriate that his coffin was draped in the green and white of Templemore and a guard of honour provided from his home to the Church of the Sacret Heart by Brackens and Eire Og players and committee.

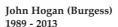
Sympathy to his wife Kate, sons, Nathan and Sean, daughter Marissa, grandson Liam, mother Mary, sisters, Phil, Marie, Nuala and Katriona, brothers, Ger, Aidan, Mark and David.

#### Michael Hogan (Toomevara) Horse Trainer

Michael had a great love for horses and was also a good athlete. He hurled in England while working abroad. Michael transferred his many passions to his three sons who have worn the green and gold of Toomevara. He had a great love of sport and always kept himself busy with his construction company.



Ar dheis dé go raidh annam.



On the evening of June 11th, the news of the sudden and untimely death of John Hogan began to circulate around our parish and surrounding areas. The news was met with great sadness and disbelief. John was a kind, caring and sincere young man who always gave full commitment to his club. As a player he excelled playing at every grade from under 12 to senior.



John was always happy to take advice from his mentors as throughout his playing career he strived to improve his playing ability. As a corner back he was strong, steady and extremely reliable. John was an exceptional student and was in his final year at the University of Limerick.

The large crowds that attended his funeral were a testament to how

popular John was amongst his work colleagues, fellow students and team-mates. John touched the lives of everyone he met and will be sadly missed by all who knew him especially his family, friends and fellow Burgess club mates.

Ar dheis dé go raibh a anam dilís.

# Pat Houlihan (Rockwell Rovers & Moycarkey/Borris)

Pat who died on December 19th aged 68 coordinated many different public address events in the local GAA circle. Pat, formerly a member of the Rockwell Rovers club, could be found directing hoards of supporters from the Old Stand public address in Semple Stadium. He provided a public address system accompanied with a humorous and approachable manner that ensured the event was conducted in a smooth and complete manner, leaving any



event to be conducted smoothly. He assisted at many County Board Conventions, providing sound to a wide range of debate and was behind the production each year of the County Scor competitions, creating a fantastic atmosphere for the talented performers. Survived by his loving wife Maura and brother Seamus, Pat will be sorely missed by the GAA community.

# Richard Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams)

The death occurred on Thursday March 14th 2013 of Richard (Richie) Horgan of Hillside, Knockavilla after a long illness bravely borne. Richie had a long involvement with his beloved Kickham GAA and camogie clubs, serving as a selector, manager and officer on a number of occasions during the years. His love for all things Gaelic was passed on to his children who represented the club at all grades in hurling,



football and camogie. Some went on to wear the county jersey with distinction and achieved great success. Indeed the Horgan name is still very noticeable on all team sheets throughout the entire club. As a mark of respect to Richie and the Horgan family all club activities were cancelled and the club provided a guard of honour as his remains were carried from his home to Knockavilla church for his funeral Mass before burial in the nearby St. Senan's Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathies to his heartbroken wife Breda and family on their sad loss. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

# Jack Ivory (Aherlow) 1919 -2013

It was with great sadness that Aherlow GAA club learned of the death of the club's president, Jack Ivory in April this year. Jack was a lifetime Aherlow supporter and he was also a player in the 1940s and 1950s. He was a key figure in reviving and reorganising the Aherlow Juvenile Club in 1970. He was appointed chairman. He devoted a huge amount of his time in the 70s and 80s driving juvenile players to training and



matches. He was also instrumental in the purchase of the current GAA field in Aherlow. He maintained a keen interest in the affairs of the club up the time of passing this year, at the age of 94 and was immensely proud of the achievements on the playing fields that he helped so much to nurture.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

# Patrick Joy (Grangemockler/Ballyneale)

When the news broke of the death of Pat Joy, Rockview, after a short illness, the parish of Grangemockler/Ballyneale, was greatly saddened.

Pat's greatest love was the GAA and played an active part in the club for over 40 years. Many of his evenings were spent umpiring hurling and football games across the County. He was a great supporter of all local games and

was a regular in Croke Park on All Ireland Sundays. He was a great man to meet after a match, he could recall every minute and score and was only too happy to share his views on the game.

One of his greatest memories and achievements as a supporter was travelling to Toronto, Canada, in 1990 with the All Ireland winning 1989 Tipperary team where history was made when the first exhibition of Gaelic Games was put on by Tipperary in the newly opened indoor "Skydome" Arena in downtown Toronto.

Apart from the G.A.A Pat was heavily involved in parish life particularly in terms of his work in the church and graveyard, the community sportsfield upgrade, and his membership of the Carraigmaclear Commeration Committee. At his funeral mass, the parish priest paid tribute to Pat when he said "You could always rely on Pat and be certain that a job would be done, and done well."

Pat will be sorely missed by all who knew him and particularly by his family. To his wife Mary and daughters Lisa and Edel and family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathies.

Ar dheis láimh dé go raibh a anam.

#### Joe Keane (Fethard)

It was with great sadness and sorrow that the news of the death of Joe Keane, The Green and Monasterevin, spread through the town and parish, his death on 14th May left a great void to his wife Margaret, son Senan, daughter Laoise, brother John, sisters Josie and Kathleen, nephews, nieces, grand nephew, grand niece and all his many friends.

Joe or "Dush" as he was well known was a great servant to Fethard GAA club. He played the game with great honour, pride and enjoyment and on many occasions got us off the ropes with his wonderful kicking with his trusty left foot. Joe came on the scene in the 1970s captaining the minor team beaten in South final in 1976.

He was a member of the Tipperary U21 team in 1979 and senior panel in 1980. Joe won the four county senior football medals in 1978, 1984, 1988 and 1991. He also won numerous South titles in this period. But probably his greatest display of all and one that he often spoke about was when he captained his beloved blues to a famous win in the South junior football 'A' final against St Patrick's in Monroe in 1990. Few will forget his inspirational speech before that game and then nearly single handed helped to win that game.

Though the friary town, the Clashawley will flow, We'll never again see the likes of Joe again for the great memories, we thank you so very much, we will always remember, the man called "Dush" Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam.

# Tommy Kelly (Killenaule)

Late of Mardyke, Killenaule and Australia, Tommy died tragically in September. He was brother of Jimsy, Mullinahone and uncle of Eoin and Paul. While still a teenager he won South and County Junior Championships with Killenaule in 1951. He went on to win South Senior medals in 1953 and 1954. He went to England and played for Warwickshire in the All-Ireland Junior Final of 1955. In 1956 he went to Australia where he spent the remainder of his life. An outstanding athlete he won County Cross Country Championships and was on the Tipperary team that captured the Senior All-Ireland crown representing Australia. He also won a Marathon Race in Korea.

May he rest in peace.

# Con Kennedy (Upperchurch/Drombane) 1925 -2013

While Con Kennedy may not have been recognised for his feats on the field of play, he was an avid supporter and unrivalled in his depth knowledge of hurling and football games at both club and County level throughout the Country. The Kennedy family had pedigree with Con's brother Willie having played for Upperchurch/Drombane and being involved with the club throughout the years while the



family house in Shanballyduff, Drombane boasts an extensive medal collection of older brother Eddie who was a champion walker. Con's sons Eamonn and Conor have both won underage titles with Upperchurch/Drombane in hurling and football.

# Larry Kennedy (Cappawhite) 1933-2013

On October 1st 2013, Cappawhite lost a tremendous clubman, with the passing of Larry Kennedy. Larry was a native of Newport and a lifelong GAA man. He filled the role of Junior Hurling Manager for many years. His indisputable passion for hurling rubbed off on all the players during a successful era for the

A wonderful supporter of Tipperary hurling teams, Larry travelled the length and breadth of the country to cheer on the Premier County in good times and in bad.

Ewven in recent times as Larry's health deteriorated, he would quite regularly be driven by family members to watch his beloved Cappawhite take to the field.

He will be remembered for his gentle manner and the friendship he showed towards everyone he came in contact with. His coiffin was draped in the club colours and a guard of honourwas provided before he was finally laid to rest in the local cemetery. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Biddy, daughter Geraldine and family.

# Fr. Seán Kennedy C.C. (Emly) 1933-2013

The death took place of Fr. Seán Kennedy on 4th February 2013. He had been based in Emly since 1974. Fr. Seán was a native of Tipperary Town and a past pupil of the Abbey Christian Brothers' School where he got his great interest in Tipperary football. It was a great source of pleasure to him, some years ago, to see the Tipperary senior footballers winning the Tommy Murphy Cup in Croke Park. He firmly



believed that the recent All-Ireland minor succes would augur well for the future of Tipperary football.

Fr. Seán's interest in hurling affairs was no doubt increased by his brother-in-law, the late Jim Stapleton, being a selector of the great Tipperary teams of the 1960s. The hurler he most admired came from that era. He regarded Mick Roche as the best hurler he ever saw.

Fr. Kennedy served in Ballyfermot in Dublin, Killoscully, Cappawhite, Fethard and Emly. He was greatly respected wherever he served. In all his parishes he was involved in the affairs of the local GAA club and ended up as Honorary Vice-President of Emly club. May he rest in peace.

# Michael Lambe (Marlfield) 1948-2013

Mikey Lambe was born in the village of Marlfield and inherited from his father a great love of hurling. The highlight of his playing career was starring with Marlfield in the South senior hurling final in 1970. He also won junior championship medals with the club in 1978 and 1983. A valued member of the outdoor staff of Clonmel Corporation, Mikey wore the red and green of his club with pride, honour and



distinction, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than playing and winning further honours for the club. The club showed its appreciation when the members provided a guard of honour at his funeral and

Mick Egan delivered a moving oration when he was buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

# John Lonergan (Fr Sheehys)

John Lonergan of Cahir Park and formerly of Toorbeg, Burncourt passed to his eternal reward in Januarry. John was one of only two surviving members of the 1948 Burncourt County Junior football winning team, he was the goalkeeper. Club members performed a guard of honour at his removal from Costigans to St Mary's Church Cahir on the evening of Jan 1st. He was laid to rest in Burncourt. We offer our sympathies to his family on his passing and also for his wife Mai who died during the year. May they rest in peace.

# Jim Madden (Portroe)

Jim Madden died on the 18th July 2013 and during his time with us he made a vast contribution to the life of the parish, but he will always be remembered for his involvement with hurling, football and camogie.

In his younger days Jim was a very capable hurler getting trials for the Tipp Minors and playing Senior hurling with Duharra as a 17 year old with his 'overhead pulling' a joy to watch. Sadly with work very scarce in the



1960's Jim had to emigrate to find a job and this took him to Huddersfield in England where he met and married the love of his life,

While in England Jim continued to hurl, winning many championships with Huddersfield and Warickshire but his heart was always in Port and he returned to there in 1971. After returning home Jim wasted no time in getting involved with the local club and he made an immediate impact when he was a selector on the Portroe U14 hurling team who won their section (the only Tipp team to do so) in the very first Feile na nGael in Thurles in 1971.

Over the next 30 years no year passed without Jim Madden being involved with some Port or Tipp team and if all of his achievements and successes were to be listed we would run out of paper. Suffice to say his involvement was one of the main reasons we went from playing Junior A hurling in 1973 to being crowned North Tipp Senior Hurling Champions in 2012. Jim's big claim to fame was his involvement as a selector with the Tipp Senior Camogie Team which won three All-Ireland titles in a row from 1999 to 2001 and indeed making the victories all the sweeter was the fact that his daughter Claire played a starring role in all

As you can see Jim spent a huge amount of his life involved in Gaelie Games and Camogie and his ability to relate and get the best out of young boys and girls was indeed a special gift. He will be sadly missed by the local GAA and Camogie Clubs. Over the past couple of years Jim's health had deteriorated and great credit must go to Ann and his family for the great care they gave to Jim in his final days. To his wife Ann, sons Michael and Christopher, daughters Colette, Margaret, Claire and Sarah and all his relatives and friends we offer our deepest sympathy.

#### Maureen Martin (Lattin-Cullen) 1959-2013

Profound sadness was felt in the parish of Lattin-Cullen with the untimely passing of Maureen Martin after a short illness.

Married to Mike, the couple spent 28 happy years together in Mount Bruis. Maureen was a devoted mother to two boys, Stephen and Cathal, and was always present at their games with the club, to celebrate a win or pick up the pieces after a hard defeat. Her other great



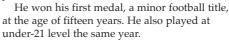
passion was tennis and she was a highly respected player of Lattin lawn tennis.

Maureen was a loyal, caring and sincere person, whose smile lit up the dullest days. The large crowd who attended her funeral was testimony to the esteem in which she was held in the parish.

To her husband, Mike, sons, Stephen and Cathal, sister, Geraldine and extended family and friends, the club extend their deepest sympathy. May she rest in peace.

# Joseph (Jodie) Morrissey (Lattin-Cullen) 1953-2012

Jodie Morrissey passed away on December 29, 2012 after a lengthy illness. He played hurling and football for Lattin-Cullen at all levels and in every position over a period of twenty-five years, 1968-1993.



He was a strong and resolute defender and he won senior football titles in 1969, 1971 and 1982. Other achievements were senior football league in 1971, O'Donoghue Cup in 1976 and 1981, A highlight was in 1989 when division and county titles were won in intermediate football. There was also a divisional and county title in intermediate hurling in 1983 as well as junior titles in 1979, 1989 and



1992

He also played senior hurling with the club and different combinations. A skilled tradesman, his other interests included greyhounds, cards and darts.

A guard of honour was provided by club members at his funeral. The club extend deepest sympathy to his wife, Anne and family on their loss. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

# Joe McCarthy (Drom-Inch) 1935-2013

The unexpected death occurred on April 18th of Joe McCarthy, Church St, Templemore. A native of Horse & Jockey, Joe lived in Barnane during the years he spent working in Killoskehane Castle. During this time he played hurling with Drom-Inch and won a Mid medal in 1951. In 2001 the club honoured that team with a reception in The Ragg and Joe was proud to attend and enjoyed the occasion, linking up again with former teammates, some of whom he had not met for years.



Joe's great love was GAA activity and he was also an avid supporter and follower of Templemore Éire Óg. He regularly acted as umpire in Thurles and other local match venues.

Joe was very proud of his grandson Mark when he lined out with the Tipperary Minor Hurling team who won the 2012 All-Ireland Hurling Final in Croke Park. He travelled to Thurles to be part of the homecoming celebrations for the team when they arrived back with the Irish Press Cup.

Joe loved to chat to his neighbours and friends at his front door mostly about sporting activity and recent games. Joe's coffin was draped with the Drom-Inch colours following his Requiem Mass. He will be sadly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Sincere sympathy to his wife Kathleen, sons Joe and Karl, daughters Tina and Josie and a wide circle of family and friends.

#### Jack Moore (Carrick Swan)

Jack Moore who passed to his eternal reward on 11th December 2012 was a stalwart of that great Carrick Swan team of the 1940s era, Jack played as a defender and could operate at either fullback or corner back, he won three senior hurling South championships in 1944, 1945, 1946 and also played in the 1946 county final when Swan were beaten by Thurles Sarsfields. A teak tough defender Jack was well known throughout Tipperary and Kilkenny for his no nonsense style of play and unfortunately missed out due to work commitments when Swan did win the county title in 1947.

Jack was the recipient of a Player Of The Past award by Carrick Swan Supporters Club at a function held in Faugheen in 2007 and he regaled all present with his stories of days past. Jack was a devoted family man who liked the simple things in life and loved nothing more than working on his farm which he did up to his passing.

The esteem in which Jack was held was evident by the large turnout at his funeral. To his family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilís

# Dermot Mullhall (Emly) 1959-2013

Profound sadness and shock swept through Emly and surrounding areas when news broke of Dermot's untimely and unexpected death.

Dermot won county juvenile football titles in 1971 and 1972. In 1975 he won minor and intermediate West football championships with the club and Munster colleges senior hurling and football titles with Hospital De la Salle. He also won a West minor football title in 1977 and



was full forward on the team that won the West intermediate hurling championship in 1984.

Dermot was interested in all sports and was a keen golfer. He was involved in horse racing as an owner and promoter of the Tipperary racecourse. Dermot was proprietor of the renowned Golden Thatch and was a sponsor of the local club with the club hurling jersies carrying the GoldenThatch logo. In recent years he was a selector for the Emly

Members of the local GAA club and Dermot's loyal friends and neighbours sprung into action to cater for the unprecedented large crowds that attended his funeral on both days. Guards of honour were provided by his loyal former staff from The Thatch, Emly GAA Club and his colleagues in the Vintners Federation.

The general consensus was that Dermot was extremely fair and generous in his dealings with people and that he will be greatly missed by the large numbers who were fortunate to have him as a friend.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Marita, his daughter Maeve, his sisters Elizabeth, Breeda and Miriam on their great loss.

# Jim Myres (Solohead)

Jim passed away in early January at the age of 64. It was a shock to the community that he had passed away at such a young age. Jim played juvenile football and hurling with Solohead and minor and Under 21 in both codes also. He won an Under 21 and Junior West title with Solohead playing at full forward. He continued to play junior hurling and football for a number of years. He was a butcher by trade and also ran the pub in Toem for a number of years. Deepest sympathies to his brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and extended family.



# Sean O'Connor (Solohead)

The death of Sean O'Connor late of Ballinglanna and Mayorstone, Limerick occurred in September of this year. Sean was the last surviving member of the great Solohead team of 1938 who were crowned the county junior hurling champions of that year. Sean and this late brother Dick had played with Solohead as there was no hurling team in Cullen at the time. He continued to play with the club for a number of years until employment took him to work and live in Limerick. He remained a loyal Tipperary and Solohead/Latin-Cullen supporter all his life and was only fitting that Slieve na mBan was played at his requisite Mass. Deepest sympathies to his wife, sons, daughters and extended families.

# Thomas O'Mahoney (Ardfinnan)

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Thomas O'Mahoney former Club Chairman of Ardfinnan GAA Club. Thomas came from a family steeped in tradition of Ardfinnan football and from an early age played at juvenile level for the club. Winning an U14 South football title with Ardfinnan in 1975 provided the platform for him for his lifetime involvement with the club. Thomas married Sharon Madigan in early 80s and work with MF



Kents took them to Holland where they resided for a number of years. When Thomas and Sharon returned to Ireland they settled in Ballingranne, Clonmel where they reared their family of three girls Rachael, Jessica and Lauren and son Tommy. Although living in Clonmel Thomas never once forgot his Ardfinnan roots and soon got involved with Juvenile Committee becoming Juvenile Chairman in 2000. He was also a selector in all grades at Juvenile and in 2003 became Vice-Chairman of club. In 2006 he followed in his father's Tom footsteps of twenty three years previous when he became club Chairman. As club Chairman Thomas displayed great leadership qualities and was exceptionally good in motivating others to become involved in club and to take on the various duties including club selector. He also acted as Senior Football selector. When work was required to be carried out in field then Thomas was always willing and any event organized by club Thomas was sure to be present. But his great love was attending games and watching the maroon of Ardfinnan perform. The guard of honour provided by the club at his funeral was a fitting tribute to his memory.

Thomas will be remembered as an outstanding family man who was part of a very close knit family who cherished family values and as a club man he will be remembered as a leader and always had a great presence at meetings. He was highly regarded by all who knew him and especially in the Village and Clonmel where his exceptional outgoing and cheerful personality ensured everyone enjoyed his company.

We extend our sympathy to his wife Sharon, son Tommy, daughters Rachael, Jessica and Lauren, son-in-law Daniel, parents Tom and Eily, brothers Donal and Eugene, sister Fiona, grandchildren, relatives and friends. May he rest in peace.

# Paddy O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1929-2013

Paddy O'Meara was born in Beechwood, Kilruane. He lined out at wing forward on the 1944 juvenile team which defeated Templederry in the North final and went on to overcome Holycross in the county decider in Borrisoleigh. 1944 was a special year for the O'Meara family as his older brother Micksey won his second North senior medal when MacDonaghs overcame Duharra in the final. Hurling was



part of the O'Meara heritage. His Unce John was a member of the famed De Wets and his cousin Mick of the Hill was a stalwart for MacDonaghs during the forties and fifties. His sister Nonie was married to Jack O'Meara the famous Iron Man, captain of the successful 1940 senior team. Paddy attended primary school in Kilruane and headed to Nenagh C.B.S. to complete his secondary education. Paddy worked for North Tipp County Council until 1954. He then transferred to Mayo County Council. In 1971 he moved to the Western Health Board, retiring in 1992. In 2007 Paddy published "Old Days in Ormond", a social history of Kilruane. Although residing in Galway, Paddy kept in regular contact with his friends and relatives in Kilruane and on March 9th, 2012 he attended a reunion of the surviving members of the 1944 juvenile team in the Thomas MacDonagh Complex. To his wife Tilda, daughters Eimear and Ita, sons Fintan, Enda and Barry, sympathy is extended. Suaimhneas síoraí dá anam.

# Patsy O'Neill (Cappawhite and London) 1945 - 2013

On the year that London hurling returned to Liam MacCarthy Cup competition after almost four decades, the Exiles also lost former hurler Patsy O'Neill - one their star players from their 'Golden Era'. A native of Cappawhite, Patsy passed away, after a brave fight against cancer, at his home in Ballyhane near Toem on Thursday August 22nd at the age of 68.



His early hurling potential was soon unearthed at juvenile level with his native Cappawhite and also at colleges level with Doon CBS. Cappawhite also enjoyed some unprecedented success at underage level during that same period as Patsy contemplated taking his first steps in making a new life for himself in London in early 1966. A year previously Cappawhite had won the minor hurling county final. But Patsy had still some unfinished business at home before finally leaving Toem when he helped Cappawhite win the delayed 1965 U21 hurling county final against a PJ Ryan-powered Carrick Davins team in June 1966.

Desmonds – the present Kilburn Gaels club was Patsy's first 'port of call' when he arrived in London and his sparkling displays after just a few games soon earned him rave attention with rival clubs and the county selectors. As well as lining out for Desmonds in 1967, Patsy also made a winning appearance for London in the All-Ireland Intermediate final that same year.

However a year later Patsy O'Neill joined the Brian Boru club and although they lost out to Bros Pearse in the county final, he won his second All-Ireland Intermediate medal with London. But a year later Brian Borus went one further by winning the first of a memorable three-in-a-row of county titles with Patsy also being the victorious captain in 1971. Patsy O'Neill led the Brian Boru club to a 'clean-sweep' of titles that same year culminating in the club's victory in the Club Championship of Britain final. He also went on to win further titles in 1979 and 1980.

Patsy O'Neill returned to his native Cappawhite in 1999. His popularity was truly reflected by the huge attendance at his funeral service in Cappawhite on that weekend last August. The attendance also included many of Patsy's former Brian Boru team mates from London and from other parts of Ireland where they have now settled.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Margaret, mother Nonie, his children and grand children and all his brothers and sisters.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam.

# John O'Neill (St. Marys)

From the time he came to Clonmel from his native Ballytineety in West Tipperary sixty years ago John O'Neill was a committed figure in a number of local organisations, all of which had the betterment of the life of the community as their principal objective. He was a key figure in the activities of the St.Vincent de Paul Society, the Lourdes Fund organisation , the Irish Farming Association, the South Tipperary Game Council and a number of other organisations.

The Cumann Gaelach had a special interest for him and he played in important part in organising the celebration of the Pearse centenary, the 1798 bicentenary and in the activities of the Spirit of 1916 committee in South Tipperary.

But the GAA and all its activities and aims were a preoccupation with him for his entire life. He hurled with Clonpet, a small club outside Tipperary town, before he came to Clonmel over sixty years ago and he then joined St.Mary's which was in it infancy. When his playing days were over he remained actively involved with the club as a mentor, committee member and later as Vice-President. When the idea of a GAA Centre in Clonmel was first mooted in the mid-1970s he was wholeheartedly behind the project and was Vice-Chairman when it opened its doors in 1977. He remained a trustee of the centre until his death last summer.

During his long lifetime there were few Tipperary games he missed and it gave him particular pleasure that his three sons and two daughters should have inherited his love of involvement in Gaelic games and that his son, Paudie – who wore the Tipp jersey as a hurler and footballer - should be involved as a selector with the current Tipp senior hurlers.

# Noel O'Shea (Newport & Ballina)

The parishes of Newport and Ballina were saddened at the untimely death of Noel O'Shea in August 2013. The powerfully built Noel made his debut in adult grades in 1960, while still only 16 years old, lining out at wing back with the Newport Senior Hurling team and playing in goals for the Junior Footballers. He was on the losing side in North Finals in 1961 (Minor Hurling) and 1964 (Under 21 Hurling). He was the holder of 2 County Junior Football



medals (1965 & 1970) and also added a North medal in 1967, along with a North Intermediate Hurling title in 1965. He was a member of the Tipperary Intermediate Hurling panel early in 1966 but was later omitted before the team went on to win All Ireland honours. A serious leg injury in 1968 curtailed his activities and weakened many Newport teams, but he returned to play an integral part in his side's march to county senior hurling quarter finals in 1969 and 1970.

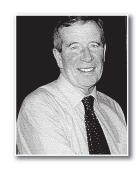
Noel was named on the North Tipperary Football Team of the Century in 2001.

Noel transferred to Ballina in 1972, after his marriage to Josephine Bermingham, and continued an active involvement on the hurling, football and rugby fields, playing in North Tipp Intermediate Hurling finals in 1972 and '73. After retiring from playing, Noel had a successful period as coach in all codes.

Solas na bhFlaitheas dá anam uasal.

# John Phelan (Grangemockler/Ballyneale) 1947-2013

John Phelan (Clonmel), originally from Grangemockler, passed away peacefully on Snday 29th September at South Tipperary General Hospital, aged 66. John was a former player with Grangemockler GAA Club and in later years he never missed an opportunity to attend local GAA match and was a very staunch Tipperary supporter. John loved all sports and was also a keep golfer.



He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. May he rest in

# Pat Quish (Emly) 1937-2013

Pat Quish was a goalkeeper and occasionally a corner back for Emly. He made some memorable saves. He won West Tipperary football medals in 1959 and 1960 .He was corner back on the team that won the junior county final in 1968. Pat also excelled as a referee and covered many games not only in his own Division but also on the Limerick side of the border.



He was a very sincere and true GAA player always giving of his very best and he was as tough as nails. Off the field, Pat was involved in club activities and many other parish organisations.

Pat was a farmer but was hampered in his later years by his deteriorating eyesight and he suffered ill health for a short time before he passed away on September 11th.

Sympathy is extended to his sisters in law Peg and Marie, his nieces Majella, Rita, Catherine and Sinead and his nephews Paul and Micheal.

# Tony Rabbitte (Borrisoleigh & Turloughmore) 1948-2013

On the morning of Thursday 10th of October a great sadness fell over our parish when we learned of the sad passing of Tony Rabbitte. Tony had bravely and with great spirit fought illness over the past number of years though he never let being sick quench his appetite for living. He arrived into our parish when he moved back from London with his wife Marie to set up their home. A proud Galway man by



birth, he swapped the maroon and white of Galway for those of Borris-Ileigh and made his home here as if it was the sod onto which he was born. Tony was a man of many great qualities and these were easily seen as he immersed himself into the Borris way of life. His love of the GAA was evident as he served with distinction as Chairman of our club from 1999-2002 and also as North and County Board representative. He always demanded high standards of himself and those working with him and was never afraid to speak up when something was to be said. These were great qualities and were duly passed on to his four children, Mark, Philip, Dara and Shauna, who faithfully donned the maroon jersey for many successful years for Borris. He will be greatly missed around Borrisoleigh, none more so than by his loving family and many great friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

# Noel Redican (Solohead)

On St Patrick's day 2013 the local community of Solohead was in shock when they heard of the news that Noel Redican had passed away that evening at the age of 42. Noel began is career at juvenile level in Solohead winning a minor West football title in a combo with Eire Og in 1986 and won a West intermediate hurling medal in 1987. He was then on the Junior football teams of 96 and 98 that contested two county finals. He continued to be involved with



Solohead right up to the time of his passing playing hurling and football, being a selector on the junior football team and was also involved with the club at juvenile level. He was a selector on this years Under 14 team who after his passing went on to contest both hurling and football county finals on which his son was playing. While attending St Ailbes Noel was on the Tipperary team of 1988 who won an All Ireland Vocational school hurling title and also won a Munster hurling title with the school the same year beating Clonakilty. Noel worked locally with CIE all his life, he was a keen greyhound trainer and was also involved with the local soccer club. Noel contributed a lot to the club at all levels and he will be sadly missed from the parish. Deepest sympathies to his wife Mary, his son Jack, his daughter Aisling, parents, brothers, sisters extended family and many friends.

# Fr Alec Reid (1931-2013)

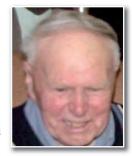
Tipperary County Board was saddened to hear of the death of Fr. Alec Reid on Friday, 22 November 2013. A native of Nenagh, Fr. Reid paid a pivotal role in the Northern Ireland peace process and his great work to bring an end to the Northern troubles has been acknowledged at home and abroad. Fr. Reid captained Nenagh CBS to victory in the Tipperary Post Primary Schools Under 15 Hurling (Croke Cup) final againdt Fethard in



Thurles. The report of that game in the Nenagh Guardian described his performance in defence as "brilliant". This form helped him get onto the Tipperary minor hurling panel in the following year and lined out against Cork in the Munster Championship. The minors went onto win the All Ireland title later in the year, however he wasn't a member of the panel on final day as he had already left for Galway to train for the priesthood as a member of the Redemptorist Order. He was awarded the Tipperary Person of the Year by the Tipperary Association Dublin in April 2006. His courage and commitment are deserving of great admiration and the tributes to him from political and church leaders across the world are testimony to his achievements. His love of Tipperary was often evident in his relatively rare public pronouncements. He is reported on one occasion as saying "God is everywhere, but he prefers to spend most of his time in Tipperary" and Gerry Adams mentioned that when he visited him for the last time in hospital Fr. Reid's parting words were "Up Tipp". He certainly did his county and country proud. We extend our sympathy to his family and Redemptorist community. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam uasal.

# Con Ryan (Burgess)

The esteemed Burgess GAA President Con Ryan Knocknamohilly, Newtown, Nenagh passed away at Ashlawn Nursing Home, Carrigatoher, Nenagh on March 18th last in his 99th year as he was born on May 24th 1914. Con loved his native place and the simple things of life. The highlights of his hurling career included defeating the might of Toomevara in the 1933 North SHC at Dolla and scoring a mighty goal for Youghalarra against Eire Og Nenagh in the 1942 North Intermediate



Final to pave the way for a convincing victory. He was economical in his execution with ground hurling and overheads pulling the order of the day with fancy frills not tolerated. Con also served as treasurer of Youghalarra GAA Club when there was little to treasure. Con married a neighbour's daughter Maura McGrath who hailed from a proud GAA family which included the famed Frank McGrath. The happy couple reared two daughters Breda (RIP) and Kay. Breda was well known in GAA circles and served as club secretary but probably more recognised as a masseur at club and county level but the call to heaven came at a relatively young age. Con spend recent years happily at Ashlawn Nursing Home where the radio and TV kept him in touch with GAA affairs and well as print media that had to include a MRI scan of The Guardian. Con's service to the GAA merited a Sean Ghael award and Burgess brought to his room silverware won in successful seasons and he was immensely proud with Burgess and Tipperary hurler Shane Maher brought the Liam MacCarthy Cup in 1910.

# John Ryan (Holycross Ballycahill) 1947 - 2013

John Ryan of Moyaliffe was a loyal and constant supporter of his club and county for many decades right up to his passing in 2013. Having played hurling for Holycross/ Ballycahill in his youth and into his twenties his support for the club never waned thereafter. Along with his great friend and neighbour, the late Jack Gleeson, John could be seen at venues



the length and breadth of the county and province, quietly supporting the teams in green and white and blue and gold. Highly regarded as an astute judge of hurling, it was only fitting that the club colours should adorn his coffin and that a club guard of honour should accompany him on his final journey from his beloved Ballycahill to his resting place in Moyaliffe graveyard. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

# Jimmy Ryan (Mason) (Clonoulty Rossmore) 1934-2013

The death occurred on May 22nd 2013 of Jimmy Ryan (Mason), Ballyroe, Gooldscross at his residence. He was pre deceased by his wife May in June 2010.

Born in Ballyroe, which is in the parish of Boherlahan, Jimmy attended Ardmayle National School.

As was the case at the time with some of the residents of Ballyroe, Jimmy threw in his lot

with Clonoulty Rossmore. Boherlahan's loss was Clonoulty's gain as Jimmy went on to contribute much to the club, both on and off the field of play over his lifetime.

Jimmy had a wonderful talent for overhead striking on the dropping ball and this, now an almost outdated skill, yielded him many a great score. His talents were noticed by the county selectors and he proceeded to wear the blue and gold with the County Junior Team in 1959 along with his club mate the late Paddy Ryan Fox.

Throughout Jimmy's life, he was an avid supporter of Clonoulty Rossmore and was very much involved in the early development of the dressing room facilities, giving of his time freely.

Our sympathies to Jimmy's son Séamus, daughter Cora, grandchildren and son in law. May heaven be his home.

# Jim Ryan Anthony (*Upperchurch/Drombane*) 1940-2013

Jim Ryan's talents were evident from a young age when he displayed his skills in Davern's field in Roskeen under the guidance of Father Paddy Ó Gorman. The rural schools competition were in existence at the time and Jim excelled when he participated in these games. He was exceptionally strong for his age and this gave him an edge over opponents as he also possessed a high level of skill and



athleticism. Jim Ryan Anthony was tipped for greatness but unfortunately he departed for England at seventeen and only got to display his prowess at juvenile and minor level. Those who witnessed his exploits on the field got a glimpse at a wonderful talent who never realised his full potential in the black and amber of Upperchurch.

# Neddie Ryan (Holycross/Ballycahill) 1933-2013

With the passing of Neddie Ryan, Monamoe, Holycross/Ballycahill GAA Club lost a fine rservant who showed remarkable loyalty over many decades. As a strapping youngster, he won a County Senior hurling championship in 1954 and for the next fifteen years he was a pillar in defence, winning a Mid Senior championship in 1966 at right corner back. His playing days over, Neddie's commitment to the club never waned, and he was a loyal supporter



of every club team, juvenile and adult, throughout his later years. A most shrewd and benevolent judge of hurling and hurlers, Neddie Ryan will be sadly missed and always remembered in Holycross/Ballycahill club. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

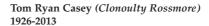
# Patrick Ryan (Bawn) (Newport)

The death in March 2013 of Patrick (Pattie) Ryan, Barna, severed another of the few remaining links with former clubs which operated in the parish of Newport. Pattie won a North minor football medal with Kyle in 1940 the first year in which the championship was run in the division. He continued playing with Rockvale Rovers football and Mulcaire Rovers hurling teams through the 1940's. Having retired from the playing fields to focus on



farming duties, he showed a keen interest in hunting and spent many evenings shooting. He was also involved in the local Coursing Club. He was an avid card player and was a regular visitor to all the neighbouring halls for the weekly 45 drives.

Pattie Ryan maintained a lifelong interest in the fortunes of Newport and Tipperary teams. He is survived by his wife Julia, daughter Breda and sons Thomas and P.J. to whom sympathy is extended.



Tom Ryan Casey, Rossmore died after a short illness on February 13th of this year.

Tom was a supreme supporter and his attendance at all games – championship, league or challenge – was legendary. He travelled to venues everywhere with his great friends Michael Coen and Philip Maher. Fr. Rodgie Kinane was also a member of the 'team' until he was taken so suddenly from their crew in



October 2007. Tom followed the fortunes of Tipperary hurling also and he was very proud of the local boys who made the county grade. His love of hurling gave him immeasurable enjoyment to the very end.

Tom was born at the White Pound, Rossmore on June 5th 1926. He played with Drombane in the 40's as the hurling field in Clonoulty was some distance from him. In the 50's he played with Clonoulty Rossmore. Success in the senior grade alluded them as these were the glory years for Knockavilla Kickhams. Tom's own first taste of success came in 1956 when Rossmore beat Cappawhite to take the No.1 Junior Hurling West title and in the same year they beat Emly to claim the Leahy Cup. He played most of his hurling at centre field where his strength and speed were the hallmarks of his game.

Apart from the GAA Tom was very involved with the local racquet ball club. Tom's granddaughter Aisling Hickey is an exceptionally talented player. Not only is she the top player in Ireland but even more impressively she is No.1 in Europe. It was a sense of great pride to Tom that the club enjoyed remarkable success.

We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife Mary, his daughters Margaret and Mary, his grandchildren, his sons-in-law and all his family and friends.

A recipient of the Sean Ghael award , it was only fitting that Clonoulty Rossmore members and racquet ball members paid Tom the ultimate tribute by their large turnout for the guard of honour at his funeral.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

# Patsy Savage (Ardfinnan)

There was deep shock and sadness in the parishes of Ardfinnan Grange and Ballybacon and indeed throughout the county when the news of the death of Patsy Savage on Tuesday 1st October 2013 came through. Patsy was regarded as an outstanding family man who together with his wife Marie had three sons Kieran, Keith and Aidan and daughter Christine. Patsy was also a very popular man within the community and was hugely respected by everyone fortunate enough to



have known him. The name Savage has been associated with Ardfinnan football throughout the clubs history and indeed football and playing for Ardfinnan was fostered in the family home of Joce and Patrick "Major" Savage which would lead Patsy together with his brother Pete to try and emulate the Ardfinnan team of the 30s achievements which included Pat "Major" Savage.

When Ardfinnan defeated Clonmel Commercials in the South Senior Football final of 1961 Patsy played a starring role from his favourite position of corner forward. This game was the prelude to many championship and league clashes between both clubs for the next twelve years which would fill Clonmel Sports field attracting patrons from within and outside the county with Patsy Savage a central figure in all the games. Patsy played a prominent role in the clubs South & County three in a row title winning teams of 1962, 63 & 64. He was also an ever present on the clubs 1968 and 1973 South winning championship teams and won his final medals as corner forward in 1974 South & County Senior Football winning teams. Patsy won seven south senior football medals and played in eleven county finals for Ardfinnan winning five. He was regarded as a fearless scoring forward a great fielder of the high ball with a tremendous will to win and it is fair to say that he enjoyed every minute in which he wore with pride the maroon jersey of Ardfinnan. Patsy also played hurling with Ballybacon-Grange. When Patsy's playing career ended in 1980 he continued to support the club and was a regular at all games that club played and all events organized by the club. His son Aidan is a current member of the Ardfinnan Senior Football team.

Patsy Savage will always be remembered for his outstanding contribution to Ardfinnan football during Ardfinnan's golden era. Those fortunate enough to see him playing for the club will cherish with pride the great memories and the guard of honour afforded to him by both

clubs at his funeral which included former teammates was a fitting and deserved tribute to his memory.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Marie, sons Kieran, Keith and Aidan and daughter Christine, brother Pete, sisters Mary, Kay and Joan, son-in-law Paul, daughters-in-law Fiona and Niamh, brother-inlaw Eamon, sister-in-law Kitty, grandchildren extended family and friends.

May he rest in peace.

# Tommy Slattery (Shannon Rovers)

The news that Tom Slattery had passed away saddened the parish of Terryglass and Kilbarron and Shannon Rovers GAA club. The former hurler, club chairman and North Board Chairman, had gone to his eternal reward on Monday the 18th February.

Tom was involved in the GAA all his life. Not a weekend would go by without him attending a hurling game along with his companions, John Ryan and Dick O'Connell.

He began his hurling career winning a North Under-15 medal in 1952 when Shannon Rovers

defeated Toomevara. He was full back with the Borrisokane/Shannon Rovers combination side that lost the North Under-21 hurling final to Kildangan in 1959. He continued playing as a defender with Rovers seniors until injury curtailed his career in the early sixties.

A full time farmer, Tom set up home in Coolbawn. He married Eileen Flynn in 1968. They had three children Eoin, Suzanne and Roisin. Farming and his association with the GAA ran in parallel and he represented his club at North Board meetings. In 1982 he became club chairman and served in the post for ten years. He also served as a selector along with John Tierney, Jack O'Meara (R.I.P.), Patrick McLoughney and Joe Hannigan coinciding with two North Intermediate championships wins in 1985 and 1986 in addition to a county title in '86. Under his period as chairman the club won a North Minor 'B' championship in 1984, North U-21 B hurling title in '86 and a North Junior 'B' title in 1987. Three North football titles followed, two North Junior in 1988 and '89 followed by Intermediate success in 1990 with an North U-21 hurling success in 1990.

He stepped down from club chairman in 1992 and served as North vice chairman from 1993 to 1999. One year later he was elected North Board chairman serving the post for three seasons. His tenure coincided with the North Board centenary celebrations in 2001. After his reign in the chair, he returned to serve his club as County Board representative.

Ar dheis lamh De go raibh a anam dilis.

# Dan Stapleton (Knockavilla Kickhams)

Dan Stapleton, the brother of Ned passed to his eternal reward on October 5, 2013 after a long illness. He wore the Black and Amber of Kickhams in his youth and played in all grades up to and including junior before he left to work in Dublin. He always retained an interest in the happenings and goings-on in his native parish.

The club were well represented at his funeral in Holycross and deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Ann, his brother, Tom and the extended Stapleton family.

# Joseph (Dodie) Stapleton (Solohead) 1933-2013

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Joe Stapleton, Ballygodoon, during the year after a short illness. Born into a house steeped in the traditions of the GAA it was no surprise that he was involved from an early age. He was part of the juvenile team that contested the 1947 county final and won divisional awards in minor hurling and football in 1950. He collected many adult divisional titles all through the 1950's and eventually collected a coveted county medal in 1959 when Solohead were crowned county junior hurling champions. He also played in the West Senior hurling finals of 1960 and 61. His other great passions in life were "the horses" and a game of '45'. He retained a life long interest in the state of Tipperary hurling and in the affairs of his local club. Deepest sympathies to his brothers, sisters and extended

#### Ned Stapleton (Knockavilla Kickhams)

Ned Staplton of Clonkelly, Dundrum, died on December 15, 2012 in Dublin.

A proud Kickham man, he wore the Black and Amber with pride and his standout playing moment was in the West senior hurling league of 1944 when he lined out as goalkeeper and helped the Kickhams defeat the reigning county champions, Eire Óg. With Ned's passing was the last link with that team.



The Kickham club would like to extend their sincerest sympathies to his brother, Tom, sisters-in-law Ann and Biddy, relatives, neighbours and friends. The club provided a guard of honour at his funeral and he was buried in Ballintemple Cemetery.

# Percy St. John (St. Patricks)

On Thursday 29th November 2012 the news spread around the foot of Slievenamon that Percy St John had passed away. Although in failing health for some time Percy had been a regular attender at card games in Cloneen and Drangan up to a few weeks before his death. However it was almost 60 years earlier that Percy was at his best on the football field.

Percy was corner back on the St. Patricks team that won the South Tipperary Junior Football Final of 1951 only to suffer defeat at the hands of Boherlahan in the County semi



final. In 1952 Percy was corner back on the St. Patricks senior football team defeated by Kilsheelan in the South semi final. They also defeated

Waterford County Senior Champions Kilrossanty in a tournament game at the opening of Kilsheelan pitch in 1952.

In 1953 Percy manned the right corner back position when St. Patricks were victorious over Old Bridge in the South Senior Football final and over neighbours Ballingarry in the 1953 County Senior football final. Following this success Percy was called up by the Tipperary Senior football selectors and lined out in the Blue and Gold in several league matches. At club level further success eluded him as many of his 1953 colleagues had been lost to emigration and were playing their football on the GAA fields around London. However Percy continued to line out for St. Patricks junior and senior teams for the remainder of the 1950's and with Fionn McCumhalls (a St. Patricks-Grangemockler senior combination) in 1959 and 1960 before Percy himself joined his former St. Patricks colleagues in London. In recent years Percy returned to his native Cloneen and was a regular player at local card games in Cloneen and Drangan up to a short time before his death.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

# James Stokes (Graiguemane, Coalbrook, Thurles) 1949 –2012

On New Year's Eve James passed away peacefully after a long illness, borne bravely, at his family home in Graiguemane surrounded by his loving wife Joan and three wonderful sons Edward, John and James.

James, the youngest of a family of four, he had two brothers and one sister, worked on the family farm all his life and was known as a shrewd judge of livestock. Being a good neighbour he was often called on and was always only too willing to help out a friend or neighbour when

James had a great interest in many sports especially hurling and rugby having played with the Ballingarry Wasps RFC for a number of years, but hurling held a special place in his heart and he played with Ballingarry GAA Club in the '60s. He was a keen supporter of his local GAA Clubs and Tipperary all his life, and two of his sons Eddie and James are prominent players with Gortnahoe/Glengoole GAA Club and he took particular pleasure in following their exploits on the GAA fields and one of the highlights was watching Eddie winning a unique U/16'A' Hurling & Football Mid and County Championship double in 2001. His wife Joan is an aunt of Liam Cahill an All-Ireland Senior Hurling winner in 2001 and All Star in 1996 and present Tipperary Minor Hurling manager.

James popularity was evident to the very end by the amount of friends and neighbours who called to see him regularly during his long illness. Despite finding it difficult to communicate during the final months of his life he still enjoyed those visits and was very appreciative of them. James will always be loved, sadly missed and fondly remembered by his loving wife and sons, extended family, neighbours and friends.

# Maureen Sweeney (Glenacunna, Ballyporeen)

On May 31st we lost one of our most ardent and faithful supporters in the club. This, however, pales into insignificance as the Sweeney family lost a beautiful mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Maureen loved everything about the G.A.A., and was a familiar figure at club and county matches. She took great pride in the red and black of Ballyporeen and the blue and gold of Tipperary. In her youth she played camogie with Tipperary. As the club's Hon. President, she was



a much respected figure. Blessed with kind nature and happy personality, Maureen could always be relied upon to inject a bit of humour into any occasion. The large attendance at her funeral was testament to the high esteem she was held, and it was a fitting tribute to her that past and present members of Ballyporeen Football Club should carry her coffin to church. To her family our club expresses its deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanaim dilis.

# Craig Walsh (Carrick Swan)

There are no words than can adequately describe the shock that befell Carrick Swan GAA Club when word broke of the tragic and untimely passing of Craig as a result of a car accident on March 16th last. People were in disbelief that such a fine young man of just 23 years could be taken in this way. Craig Walsh embodied all that was good and he possessed a wonderful personality that endeared him to all whom he came into contact with.

Craig was born into a family that is immersed in Carrick Swan tradition and he too was a proud club man, it did not take a genius to know from the outset that Craig would develop into a player of the highest calibre, in underage his talent soon came to the fore and Craig could operate in any position but it was either as a half back or centre back where he was best, equally adept at striking left or right Craig had all the attributes and he was very accurate from placed balls.

Craig had won most honours available in under age and was a member of the Swan minor team that won the county championship in 2004 which was captained by his brother Stephen, he was also an integral member of the Swan senior hurling team that won the South Senior Hurling Championship in 2010, he added an Under 21 South hurling title in 2011 and was centre back on our Junior hurling team that won the County Hurling League in 2012, not content to star in one code Craig was also an excellent footballer and had also won numerous football medals.

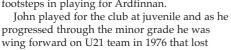
The popularity of Craig was very evident by the huge turnout that he was accorded as people from within our club and further afield paid their respects, his cortege was one of the biggest ever seen in Carrick-on-Suir and was testament to the esteem with which he was held. His loss is still felt by Carrick Swan GAA Club and will be for a long time to come.

Craig is an irreplaceable loss to his immediate family and our loss pales in comparison though nonetheless profound, to his father Martin, his mother Tina, brother Stephen, sisters Ashlyn and Aoife, his girlfriend Laura and the extended Walsh and Roche families who mourn his passing we offer our deepest sympathy.

'Solas na bhflaitheas da anam uasal'.

# John Walsh (Ardfinnan)

When the news of John Walsh's unexpected passing became known on Monday 21st January 2013 it left everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him in a state of deep shock and sadness. John Walsh was the son of John and Elsie Walsh from Woodroffe Grange and from an early stage in life it was obvious that John had a deep interest in gaelic games and particularly in following in his father's footsteps in playing for Ardfinnan.



South Final to Clonmel Commercials. In 1977 John made his debut in Ardfinnan senior team. In 78 John was a member of the St Finnans U21 team (Ardfinnan/Newcastle) that were defeated in South Final by Young Irelands. John continued to play for club until late eighties. John was also an accomplished hurler who played for Ballybacon-Grange Intermediate team from 1978 till late 1980's.



John became Principal of Clerihan National School in 1996 at a time when school had just two teachers. John dedicated himself to improving all aspects of the school including its enrolment policy and especially a building programme which is evident by the fact the school has now ten teachers and almost two hundred pupils. The school has also made great strides in promoting hurling and football and together with his colleague Aodan Wrenn Clerihan School have been successful particularly in football winning seven county Cumann na mBunscoila titles. John has also served as Tipperary Primary Game selector. It was a hall mark of all teams trained by John, the skill of the players and also the high level of discipline instilled in them.

John Walsh will always be remembered as a man of honour, of great integrity and a gentleman. The large crowds who attended his funeral is testament to his standing within the community and it was fitting that both clubs formed a guard of honour at his funeral. We extend our sympathy to his wife Mary, daughters Lisa and Ashling, sister Mairéad brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law nieces, nephews extended family and friends.

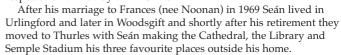
May he rest in peace.

# Seán Walsh (Gortnahoe/Glengoole) 1936 –2012

Seán was born in Clonora, Glengoole to Paddy and Peggy (nee Shanahan) and was fourth of a family of eight. Educated in Ballysloe NS, Thurles CBS, Salesian Agricultural College Pallaskenry and UCC where he graduated in Dairy Science in 1958. Like so many others at that time Seán cycled the 13 miles to Thurles CBS for five years in all kinds of weather.

He started work in Ballysloe Branch of Fennor Co-Op within two weeks of graduation and retired in 1996 as Manager in Fennor after

spending 39 years with the Co-Op. A man of great integrity he was respected and liked by all who knew him.



Seán was regarded as a very stylish hurler having played Dr. Harty Cup Hurling with Thurles CBS in 1955 when Limerick CBS beat them by a single point in the semi-final. There was much criticism of the amount of 'added time' played by referee Philly Ryan Borrisoleigh with Limerick scoring the winning goal in the fifteenth minute of this 'added time'. On that Harty team of 1955 were fellow parishioners Tom Lennon, a lifelong friend and Tom Gleeson who captained the 1956 Harty Cup team to victory, along with household names such as Jimmy Doyle, Michael Craddock, Seán Warren and Ray Reidy. Seán also played with Glengoole with whom he won a Mid Junior Hurling championship in 1956 and later with the amalgamated Gortnahoe/Glengoole. He maintained his interest in and love of the GAA all his life and one of the last functions he attended was the launch of the Mid-Tipperary GAA History Book.

The turn-out at his removal in Thurles and for his burial in Glengoole bore testimony to the high regard he was held in. Guards of Honour were formed by his former team mates, Gortnahoe/Glengoole GAA members, and by his colleagues and customers from Fennor Co-Op as he made his way to his final resting place.

Seán is survived by his wife Frances, sons Thomas and Patrick, brother Amby and sisters Peg, Mary and Kitty, and predeceased by his sister Jo and brothers Ned and Paddy.

May he rest in peace.

# John Noel Walsh (Grangemockler Ballyneale) 1940-2013

The death occurred in September of this year of John Noel Walsh (known as Noel) Cookstown County Tyrone and formally of Blenaleen, Grangemockler. Noel played fwith Grangemockler in the 1950's and 60's and won a South Junior Championship in 1957 and a County Junior Championship with the club in 1962. Noel won an Under 21 South Football Championship with St Pats in 1961 and was on Tipperary minor football panel in 1957 and 58. Noel acted a Club Secretary in the early 1960s before he moved to England to attend teaching college. Noel settled in Co. Tyrone where he went to win an all County Intermediate Football league championship and McElduff Cup in 1967 with Pomeroy Plunketts.

To his family and friends the club extends it deepest sympathy Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.



# Larry Walsh (Killenaule)

The late Larry Walsh died December aged 94 years. He was born at the "Found", Killenaule and was one of a family of three - two boys and one girl. Both he and his brother Matt hurled with Killenaule in the 1940's. Larry was a lifelong supporter of Killenaule and scarcely ever missed a game. He was at his happiest when Tipperary and Killenaule were successful. He was an honorary member and Vice-President of Killenaule club for many years. Ar dheis lámh dé go raibh a anam.

# Jack White (Nenagh Eire Og)

It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Jack White on the 22nd of April 2013. Jack had a long association with the Nenagh Eire Óg club in a playing, management and administrative capacity. Jack was a great supporter of both club and county alike and enjoyed nothing better than heading off to the playing fields of Tipperary to cheer on his team.

Jack was first and foremost a family man to whom he was so dedicated and of whom he was so proud. We have all suffered a great loss, so how much greater must be the loss to his

loving wife Carmel, sons John and Dermot, daughters Belinda, Amanda, Camilla and Hazel and also his extended family to whom is offered our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílís

# Roche Williams (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1927-2013

Roche Williams was vice-president of Kilruane MacDonaghs and a founder member of the Thomas MacDonagh Park Committee in 1961. In his fifty years as chairman of MacDonagh Park he oversaw the opening of the pitch in 1966, the erection of the Pavilion in 1969, the construction of the stand in 1995, the provision of the Complex in 2006 and the building of the hurling wall in 2009. Roche won a county Louth



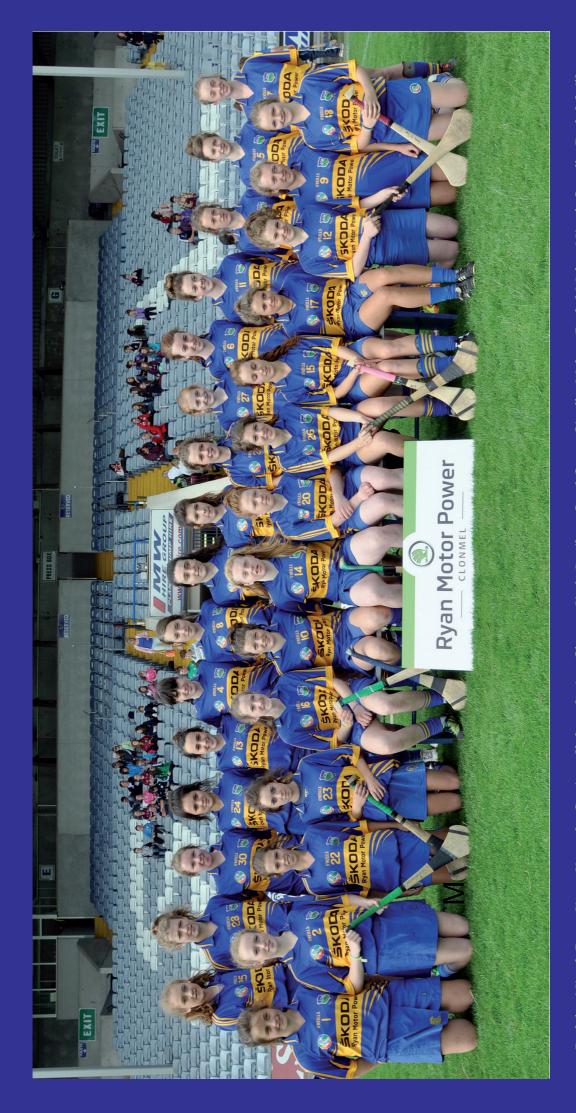
minor football championship medal with St. Mary's College Dundalk. He served as a selector with the MacDonaghs juvenile teams in the halcyon days of the late fifties and early sixties when the young hurlers member of the club committee for many years, where his wisdom and experience were invaluable assets. Roche was elected vice-president of Kilruane MacDonaghs in 2001 and prior to that he had filled the role of vice-chairman. In 2007 he was presented with a prestigious Sean Ghael award and in 2011 he was honoured at the club's dinner dance in and Thomas MacDonagh Park. Roche spent forty four years teaching, five as principal in Glenahilty N.S. and thirty nine as principal in in his pupils. He was a great community man, deeply immersed in the church and community choirs, was a former chairman of the Parish Council, a member of North Tipperary V.E.C., secretary of the Borrisokane/Cloughjordan Branch of the I.N.T.O for thirty years and was also deeply involved with the Fianna Fáil party. He was highly regarded as a local historian and was a very active member of the Cloughjordan Heritage Group. Roche played a key role in the planning the Heritage Centre, which was officially opened on May 3rd. He was a recognised authority on Thomas MacDonagh and in 1999 he published "In and out of School, In the Home of the MacDonaghs." Roche was a very sociable character who enjoyed a game of cards and revelled in many a rousing session of music and song. A minute's silence was observed before the start of the MacDonaghs and Nenagh senior game. His coffin was draped in club colours and three generations of MacDonaghs players and supporters, augmented by representatives of different community organisations, formed a guard of honour on his final journey to Cloughjordan Church. In a graveside oration Jim Casey, a former pupil, paid a well deserved tribute to one of the village's most iconic personalities. To his daughter Mary, sons Seán, Pádraig, Conor and Tomás, his brothers Neil, Pat and Joe, and extended family sympathy is extended. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

# **Fipperary Senior Hurling Champions 2013** Loughmore-Castleinry



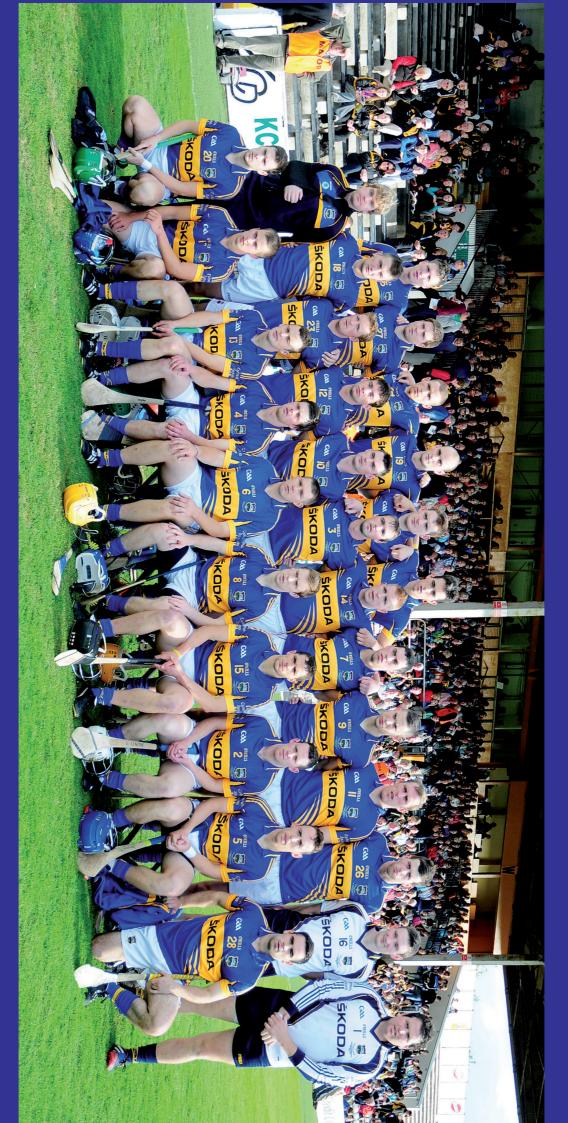
Back row: (from left) Dinny Brereton, Shane Hennessy, Evan Sweeney, Tómas McGrath, David Kennedy, John Ryan, Derek Bourke, Cian Hennessy, Micheal Webster, Tom King, Tommy Long, Brian McGrath, Johnny Campion, Paddy Moynihan, Tommy Maher. Front row: Henry Maher, Willie Eviston, Aidan McGrath, Joseph Hennessy, Shane Nolan, John Meagher, John McGrath, Ciarán McGrath (Captain), Liam McGrath, Noel McGrath, Lorcan Egan.

# Tipperary - All-Ireland Under 16 'A' Camogie Champions 2013



Sinead Meagher, Lorna O'Dwyer, Sinead Buckley, Eimear Murphy, Karen Fox, Eimear Loughman. Front I-r: Caoimhe Bourke, Kate Cashman, Shonagh Cleary, Tara O'Brien, Miriam Campion, Roisin Howard (capt), Niamh Treacy, Nicole Shelley, Elaine Fitzpatrick, Grace O'Brien, Shona O'Donoghue, Roisin Cahill, Courtney Ryan, Caroline Mullaney Back I-r: Niamh Ryan, Karen Kennedy, Catriona Skehan, Saoirse Gleeson, Keely Lenihan, Carol Casey, Ciardha Maher, Rachel Maher, Niamh Costello, Rachel Spillane,

# Tipperary - All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling Champions 2013



Back row: Michael Russell, Kevin Fox, Denis Stapleton, Kevin Lanigan, Martin Minehan, Pat Molloy Middle: Sean McCormack, Conor Kenny, Pat Shortt, Niall O'Meara, Orrie Quirke, Micheal Butler, Danny O'Hanlon, Padraig Heffernan, Willie Front: Joey McLoughney, Paudie Greene, Ruairi Gleeson, Tom Treacy, David Young (Captain), Brian Fox, Timmy Hammersley, Sean O'Brien, Ryan, Thomas Butler, Padraig O'Leary, Thomas Lowry, Darragh Egan John O'Keeffe, Paddy Dalton