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2015 – AS THE SEASON BEGINS



**WE FONDLY REMEMBER THOSE WHO WILL NOT JOIN
US ON THE JOURNEY**



Pearse O'Brien



Billy Bailey



Brian Gubbins



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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG – NORTH TIPP CLUB OF THE YEAR 2014



Nenagh Éire Óg officers, mentors, players and supporters pictured celebrating winning the club of the year award at the MacDonagh Park Complex on Friday evening.

Out-going North Board chairman John 'Rocky' McGrath hailed Nenagh Éire Óg as a "fantastic club" at a North Board awards ceremony in the MacDonagh Park Complex. At the awards ceremony Nenagh Éire Óg was presented with the club of the year award while Dáire Quinn was presented with senior hurler of the year award and Alan Kelly was presented with the junior A hurler of the year award.

Connie Cleere received an award in recognition of his years of service to refereeing while Dáire Quinn was also named Nenagh Guardian hurler of the year for 2014.

North Board treasurer Willie Lennox proved an accomplished master of ceremonies for the event while Nenagh Éire Óg chairman Jim Nagle welcomed all in attendance.

Alan Kelly represented captain John O'Donoghue for the medal

presentation to the junior A hurling team while club chairman Jim Nagle represented Noel Maloney and collected the championship medals on behalf of the senior team.

Junior A hurler of the year Alan Kelly pictured alongside senior hurler of the year Dáire Quinn.

Subsequent to that Alan Kelly was presented with his junior A hurler of the year award while Dáire Quinn was

presented with his senior hurler of the year award. Sports editor Shane Brophy then presented Dáire Quinn with the Nenagh Guardian Hurler of the Year award for 2014.



Chairman Jim Nagle accepted the club of the year award from out-going North Board chairman John McGrath alongside secretary Declan Bailey and treasurer Séamus Cleary. In his acceptance speech Jim Nagle described 2014 as a "fantastic year" for the club and praised



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Éire Óg officers pictured accepting the club of the year award from the North Board. From left: Willie Lennox (North Board Treasurer), Séamus Cleary (Nenagh Éire Óg Treasurer), Jim Nagle (Nenagh Éire Óg Chairman), John McGrath (out-going North Board Chairman), Declan Bailey (Nenagh Éire Óg Secretary) & Eugene Ryan (North Board Secretary).

the juvenile club for all of their fantastic work. Jim Nagle also praised the efforts of the club offices, the Camogie club and Nenagh Handball Club for making Nenagh Éire Óg the club it is today. Indeed, Mr Nagle thanked everyone associated with the club for all of their efforts, both on and off the field.

During 2014 Nenagh Éire Óg experienced great success on the playing field, but the club has also worked very hard to ensure that Nenagh Éire Óg represents a positive influence on the community. It takes a community to raise a child and at Nenagh Éire Óg we see it as our responsibility to play a central role in that effort – a

key aim of the club is to be a positive influence on the lives of all players and to help those interested in playing hurling, irrespective of age or level of ability, reach their full potential.

The Blues' senior hurlers claimed the Premier Division League title (Johnny Ryan Cup) and also won the Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship in 2014. In the Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship Éire Óg were beaten by eventual champions Thurles Sarsfields after extra-time at the quarter-final stage. In all the Blues' senior hurlers played fourteen competitive games; the fact that Éire Óg only lost on one occasion (by a point) illustrates the pedigree of the side and the commitment of the senior playing group.

The Éire Óg junior A panel also enjoyed a wonderful campaign. Although the team missed out on the knock-out stages of the league the Blues regrouped in time to win the north Tipperary junior A hurling championship. Éire Óg then

progressed to the county final before losing narrowly to Skeheenarinky.

The club's junior B hurlers lost a league semi-final to Lorrha-Dorrha before suffering a narrow replay defeat after extra-time to Toomevara in a dramatic north quarter-final. At under-21A level Éire Óg were beaten by Kildangan in the north final while the minor A hurlers were defeated by Toomevara at the north semi-final stage.

Meanwhile on Sunday, December 7th GAA President Liam O'Neill launched the first two volumes of 'A Central Culture – Gaelic Sport in Nenagh'. In all this ambitious history of Gaelic Games in Nenagh (compiled by Dónal Murphy, Nancy Murphy & PJ Maxwell) will comprise three volumes – volume one covers the years 1884-1933, volume two 1934-1959 and volume three 1960-2014; volume three will be published in 2015.

In 2014 Nenagh Éire Óg was also commended by the Gaelic Athletic Association's Stacey Cannon (Community & Health Section, Croke Park) for its ground-breaking work on the GAA Healthy Club pilot project. Nenagh Éire Óg has won the North Tipperary Club of the Year award on four previous occasions – 1979, 1989, 1992 & 2009.

Nenagh Éire Óg players have won the North Tipperary Senior Hurler of the Year award on seven previous occasions: Conor O'Donovan (1987), Michael Cleary (1989), Kevin Tucker (1993), Eddie Tucker (1995), Hugh Maloney (2004 & 2007) and Michael Heffernan (2009). Recent winners of the junior A hurler of the year award include John Heffernan in 2001 and Stephen Ryan in 2009.



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SENIOR CLUB NEWS



NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG – 2014 CLEAN IRELAND RECYCLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

The draws for the 2015 Senior Hurling Championship were made by the County CCC on Monday evening February 2nd.

Clean Ireland Recycling Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship

Roinn 1

Group 1 – Nenagh Eire Og, Clonoulty-Rossmore, Templederry Kenyons, Ballina

Group 2 – Kildangan, Moycarkey-Borris, Upperchurch-Drombane, Thurles Sarsfields

Group 3 – Loughmore-Castleiney, Killenaule, Eire Og Annacarty, Lorrha

Group 4 – Drom & Inch, Borris-Ileigh, Burgess, Kilruane MacDonaghs

Roinn 2

Group 1 – Carrick Swan, JK Brackens, Knockavilla Kickhams, Moyne-Templetuohy

Group 2 – Roscrea, Holycross-Ballycahill, Borrisokane

Group 3 – Toomevara, Mullinahone, Boherlahan-Dualla, Ballingarry

Group 4 – Silvermines, Portroe, Cappawhite, Moneygall

The first round of the senior hurling championship will take place on the weekends of the 5th – 12th of April.

North Board Draws.

North senior draw:

Lorrha v Borrisokane, Burgess v Kilruane, Moneygall v Portroe, Roscrea v Kildangan, Templederry v Borris-Ileigh, Silvermines v Ballina, Nenagh Éire Óg v Toomevara.

North junior A championship group draw: Éire Óg, Kildangan, Kilruane, Silvermines, Burgess. First game v Silvermines.

North junior B championship group draw: Éire Óg, Ballina, Portroe, Borrisokane, Toome, Lorrha. First game v Ballina.

North U21A championship draw: Nenagh Éire Óg v Roscrea.

North league draws to be made at a later date.

Book: The first two volumes of the book '**A CENTRAL CULTURE – GAELIC SPORT IN NENAGH**', which has been compiled by Dónal A Murphy, PJ Maxwell and Nancy Murphy, are now on sale for a combined price of €40 (both volumes).

Copies of the book can be obtained in selected local shops or alternatively from officers of the club. 'A Central Culture – Gaelic Sport in Nenagh' is now on sale at the following book shops: Nenagh Book Shop, Eason's, Cleary's Garage and Cinnamon Alley Café. Those interested can also purchase a copy via the club website. Please contact PRO Brian McDonnell on 087 222 8976 or simply email Brian at bmcdonne@eircom.net – Nenagh Éire Óg are also prepared to post copies of the book to anywhere in the world. For more details please see the club [website](#)



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A CLUB SOCIAL AND MEDAL PRESENTATION NIGHT WAS HOSTED BY THE ABBEY COURT HOTEL ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH – ON THE NIGHT, THE 1957 AND 1964 NORTH CHAMPIONS WERE HONOURED.



THE NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG SENIOR PANEL WHICH WON THE NORTH TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2014.



MEMBERS OF THE 1957 AND 1964 NORTH SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP WINNING TEAMS WERE HONOURED AT THE CLUB SOCIAL ON FRIDAY NIGHT IN THE ABBEY COURT HOTEL.



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THE 2014 SENIOR AND JUNIOR A MANAGEMENT TEAMS PICTURED TOGETHER DURING THE CLUB SOCIAL IN THE ABBEY COURT HOTEL ON FRIDAY NIGHT – FROM LEFT: ENDA COSTELLO (SENIOR SELECTOR), NOEL COFFEY (SENIOR SELECTOR), GER TUCKER (JUNIOR A MANAGER), JOHN FITZGERALD (SENIOR COACH), DONIE O'BRIEN (JUNIOR A SELECTOR), LIAM HEFFERNAN (SENIOR MANAGER) AND MATT LILLIS (JUNIOR A SELECTOR).



THE NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG JUNIOR A PANEL WHICH WON THE NORTH TIPPERARY JUNIOR A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2014.



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IN MEMORY OF PEARSE O'BRIEN, BILLY BAILEY AND BRIAN GUBBINS

Before a ball was pucked in anger it is fair to say that 2015 will go down as one of the toughest years the club has ever endured. We have been dealt three massive blows that will take us a long time to recover from. Pearse O'Brien, Billy Bailey and Brian Gubbins were three wonderful men who will be remembered fondly for years to come.



Pearse O'Brien in goal with his under-12 football panel

Pearse won numerous underage titles with us and continued hurling junior until he decided to emigrate to Australia two years ago to work in construction where he stayed in close contact with the large Nenagh community out there. He was a very popular young man who always brought a smile to the faces of those whom he came in contact with. My overriding memory of Pearse are the numerous jokes he regularly told in the dressing room where he kept us all entertained and had us in stitches. Two videos of Pearse were posted to his Facebook page which encapsulates the character of the man. One showed him pulling a prank on one of his colleagues on a construction site in Australia and the second was of him dancing around his family home in Nenagh during the Christmas. His sister Roisin played camogie with us and was part of the team that won the first adult title in our history.

Pearse first started hurling competitively with Éire Óg in 2002 at under-12 when Michael McGrath,

Liam Flannery, Tom Bolger and John Tucker managed the side. That year he won a north A hurling medal and in 2003 he won a north A hurling and football double. He repeated this feat at under-14 in 2005 and again in 2007 at under-16. He didn't hurl in 2008 when the minors won north and county honours but remained very close to the panel. The following year he returned to the panel as Nenagh defeated Roscrea in the north final. Pearse hurled junior b for Nenagh in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Pearse will be sadly missed by his large circle of friends and all who knew him.

Billy was the definition of a great club man. He hurled with Éire Óg in the late 1950's and was a member of the minor panel that beat Toomevara 5-5 to 4-6 in the north final in 1955 but came undone to a Jimmy Doyle powered Thurles Sarsfields in the county semi-final. One of his greatest disappointments in hurling came two years later when Borrisokane defeated Éire Óg in the replayed north minor final.

Billy also hurled with Nenagh CBS and represented the school at Rice Cup, Croke Cup and Dr Kinnane Cup levels. He was an active committee member of the Éire Óg juvenile committee in 1982 and later he was the assistant secretary of Eire Og in 1983 and 1984 and became the Hon. Secretary in 1985. He became a selector with the under-12 team in 1983 and helped out with many juvenile teams throughout the 1980's. His brother in law is Eddie O'Donnell with whom he played street league and club hurling. Eddie was a member

of the 1964 north senior winning team and is currently well known in Cork GAA circles. Billy was always to the fore with fund raising activities for the club and his sons Cyril, Declan and Ronan all hurled with Éire Óg. Declan has followed in



Billy Bailey (back left) enjoying the recent North Tipp presentation night.



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his father's footsteps as he is the current secretary of the club while Cyril was treasurer of the juvenile club in 2008, 2009 and 2010. The final time I met Billy was last Autumn when I was wondering past Nosh & Coffee on Wexford's North Main Street when I heard my name being called. I looked up and there was Billy with his hand outstretched and we chatted about Éire Óg, Tipperary and whether or not Wexford were on the way back. He asked me for directions to Wexford Quay as he was to meet his wife, Noreen there and didn't want to be late. Little did I think that when we parted it would be for the final time. Of the three men who passed it was Brian Gubbins I knew best. The Gubbins have always been wonderful neighbours and friends while Brian himself was hugely popular. The numbers that travelled to Galway to help in the search and later his funeral spoke volumes about the man and his family. We have decided to reprint an interview Brian did for the newsletter in November 2013, shortly after capturing the county minor title, as a way of remembering him. I met with him at midday on Halloween in the car park at the hurling field to do the interview and we chatted about his recovery from his heart procedure, his hurling year and his views on the referee's decision at the end of the county minor final. The interview that follows captures the Brian that I knew, not because of what's in it but because of what is left out. In the original version I had praised

Brian for his determination to get back playing hurling, for his performances with the minors that year and his views about Nenagh College's expulsion from the All-Ireland championship. Typical of Brian though he insisted that it be changed and all praise for himself was to be excluded. Instead he was anxious to deflect all credit to his teammates and the minor and junior B management. He was a humble and modest man and feared he would "get a slagging" if his friends or anyone else were to think he was "big headed" or getting carried away with himself.



Brian Gubbins (back right) pictured before the under-12 county final v Holycross.

Brian first started hurling in 2003 when Christy McLoughlin, Tommy Mulcahy, Michael Hallinan, Tony Slattery and Greg Browne coached the under-8 team. His first silverware came in 2005 when we defeated Ballinahinch by 5-4 to 1-3 in the under-12 C final. Unfortunately we came up against a strong Skeheenarinky team in the county final and were well beaten. Brian completed a unique under-12 double when he was part of the team that beat Toomevara 2-7 to 1-4 in the A final in 2007. Two years later he won North under-14 A titles in both hurling and football. In 2011

he was the man between the posts as Nenagh overcame Toomevara in the North final played in Cloughjordan. The following year he was part of the panel that won the North minor hurling and football double and later went on to win the county title defeating St Mary's in the final. 2013 was to be Brian's finest year as he gave a commanding display for the hurlers in goal when they won the North and County double. In 2014 he played for the Junior A team when they defeated Toomevara on their way to claiming another North title. Brian's brother Kevin also hurls with

Nenagh and has won many titles with us. He played full back on the Nenagh CBS team that won the Croke Cup.

Éire Óg has been dealt with massive blows in the past with the deaths of great club men and young hurlers taken long before their time. We recovered and the chit chat, wisecracks and laughter returned to MacDonagh Park, as it will again. For those of

us who knew the three men they will never be far from our thoughts and what wonderful memories they have blessed us with.

Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about how you feel or if you need help or guidance to come to terms with bereavement

Please call: Samaritans, official helpline of the GAA available 24-7 on free-phone number 116-123. This is a confidential service and we encourage anyone to avail of it if you need to talk to someone



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BRAVERY NEVER IN DOUBT- NENAGH'S MINOR GOALIE BRIAN GUBBINS

Reprinted from Nenagh Éire Óg Newsletter November 2013

2012 was a special year for our minor hurlers as they captured the county title defeating St Mary's Clonmel in the final. While captain Bob O'Brien led the team in a rounding rendition of The Rattling Bog in the Holycross dressing room there was one man on the substitute bench determined to experience the same feeling as a player in 2013, namely Brian Gubbins. The previous July, Gubbins had himself checked out and it was discovered that there was a problem with his heart. "It was a common defect they found. One in four people have it and yet don't realise it. I was booked in for the operation in October. I knew I would miss out on the hurling but that didn't upset me too much at the time as the team had a super goalie in Daire Gleeson who didn't put a foot wrong all year. The specialist reassured me that in time I would be able to resume hurling and continue to lead a normal active life."

Brian himself is a very talented net-minder and starred for Nenagh



College in their run to what they thought was the All-Ireland Vocational Schools Final in 2012. It promised to be a special day for hurling in North Tipperary as Nenagh CBS also reached their prospective final and a double header was fixed for Semple Stadium. For the Gubbins family it was going to be extra special as Brian's older brother Kevin lined out at full back for the CBS. Unfortunately Nenagh College were thrown out of the competition following an incident in their semi-final clash with St Fergal's Rathdowney. "It was a massive damper not to precede the CBS that

day in Thurles although it ended up being a very special day as they won the Croke Cup with Kevin having an excellent game at full back. We were winning our semi-final by twelve points and all we needed to do was see out the game and then an incident occurred. We were willing to play on but St Fergal's refused

and in the finish both teams were kicked out of the competition. We felt very hard done by. It was a pity as we had an excellent team. Many of those lads have gone on to play senior with their clubs while three, Barry Heffernan, Mark McCarthy and Willie Connors played minor hurling with Tipperary. We as a team made a unanimous decision to stick up for each other. We were a team and we would remain united as a team. We took the decision on the chin but it was an awful pity to end the year on such a sour note".

Brian, refusing to feel sorry for himself, was eager to get back to the playing fields and this year he

trained very hard with both the Minor's and Junior B's. He played in goals for the Junior B's throughout the league and championship as well as with the minors. Under the watchful eye of Derek Lillis (Junior B) and the minor management of Greg Browne, Michael McNamara and Con Morris Brian trained three times a week with his team mates. "The lads were brilliant this year. The hours and hard work they all put in, along with a few others like





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dressing room and spoke to us before we took to the field. Her words hit home and I just knew we would win". Things were going well for The Blues until an injury time penalty was awarded to Holycross with the minimum between the sides. "I knew they were going for a goal to try and win the match. I was very nervous but I had two senior hurlers alongside me in Michael Collins and

Barry Heffernan and I was confident we would block it." Holycross tried to switch the match ball for a dry sliothar to gain an extra advantage but the referee spotted what had happened and elected to throw in the ball. Nenagh eventually cleared and held out to win.

"It was brilliant to win especially for Jane. We all knew how much it meant to her and it put into perspective what winning meant. And of course we gained a new hero in Mark Long!!!"

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Brian McDonnell, Liam Quinn and Eddie Hynes was incredible. I was delighted for them that we managed the north and county double. They did so much for us and it was nice to repay them with silverware".

The north minor final this year pitted us against our neighbours Toomevara. "I was determined before the game but as it turned out it was a great match to play in, the best game I was ever involved in". After sixty fantastic minutes of hurling referee Pat Gibson blew the final whistle with both sides deadlocked. The crowd were to be treated to another twenty minutes of skilful but manly hurling from two outstanding minor teams. Things didn't look good in extra time as The Greyhounds raced into a five point advantage and our grip on the Michael "Spike" Nolan Cup appeared to be weakening, Gubbins himself however wasn't concerned. "When we went five points down I wasn't worried. We were hurling good enough and I felt we had enough fitness and hurling to come back. The management didn't panic and the introductions of Brian Flynn and Cookie Ryan were inspired. On top of that Bull Walsh's

goal was the turning point. When I saw that going in I just knew we were not going to lose. It won us the game. The final whistle was fantastic. It was great to see so many supporters on the field after, people who come to all our matches. A lot of people outside the club doubted us and didn't think we were a great minor team. It felt fantastic to win."

It was onto Semple Stadium for a semi-final clash with South champions Carrick Swans. "I was more wary before this game than any other. I hadn't played there since the Cumman na mBunscoil games with primary school and wasn't used to the surroundings or playing under lights". But Gubbins need not have worried as the team

excelled themselves and ran out comfortable winners. It was back to the Stadium for a final clash with Mid champions Holycross. "I was relaxed and focused before the final. Then Jane Morris came into the

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A Tribute to Nenagh Éire Og Minors 2013



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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - THE 1915 NORTH HURLING FINAL THE ORIGINAL REPORT FROM THE NENAGH NEWS AND TIPPERARY VINDICATOR DATED JULY 31, 1915.

CLUB NOTES.

The final of the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship was decided on Sunday last at Toomevara before a large attendance, when Nenagh defeated Moneygall by one point. The game was splendidly contested, both teams giving a fine display of hurling. The Moneygall team, since their sensational victory over the county champions, Toomevara were considered almost certain winners of the championship this year, and had left nothing undone in the matter of training. The Nenagh team had put up a good record this season by defeating Borrisokane and Lorrha (last year's champions), and their supporters were confident that they would put up a great fight against any individual team in the county this year. The result of Sunday a match well justified their expectations, for Nenagh certainly deserved their win, and were value for a few more scores on the play than the actual number placed to their credit. The Nenagh hurlers, with one or two exceptions, are splendid exponents of the game, and if taken in bands now by some experienced player who understands training the team should make a great effort towards securing county honours next season, which achievement was always considered a straight road to the Munster and All-Ireland Championship. We think they possess one or two experienced players, at least one player has proved his worth already in no uncertain manner in the 1913 All-Ireland and Munster finals, and should know every point of the game

THE PLAY.

The game opened very fast, some exciting passages taking place at the Moneygall goal, Nenagh missing a few scores narrowly. The Nenagh end was next the scene of operations, but the backs held up well. After a short time Moneygall opened the scoring by a goal. Very fast and scientific hurling was now the order of the day, Nenagh pressing very hard and scoring two points, to which a goal was added in as many minutes. Both ends were now visited in rapid succession, but Nenagh held the upper hand, and before the short whistle went had added a further goal.

On the restart, Moneygall got through for a soft goal. This seemed to break up the Nenagh combination, and Moneygall, keeping up the pressure, raised the white flag. The game was now very strenuous, Moneygall endeavouring to pull down Nenagh's lead. The Nenagh backs kept them at bay for some time, but Moneygall, not to be denied, eventually raised the green flag. Nenagh now got going, and continued to press, but bad judgment of the forward line ruined their chances. They were all over their opponents, but it seemed as if bad luck would prevent their chances of scoring before the final whistle went amidst great excitement, and with two minutes to go, Flannery secured the ball, and dodging his opponent sent the ball through for a major score. From this to the finish Nenagh had the best of matters, and won on the score:—

Nenagh .. 3 goals 3 points.
Moneygall .. 3 goals 3 points.

For the winners Minogue played a fine, dashing game. McGrath, as full-back, was very safe, doing the right thing at the proper time, and doing it well. Flannery (Queenstreet) promises a great future. Coonan, at midfield, is a very classy player, and if he understood tackling his man could scarcely be equalled. Meara, on the back, was a power of strength. Flannery (Kilruane) did some very clever hurling. Ryan will make a great midfield player. Nolan filled his position as full forward very creditably. Egan has few equals as *attacker*. Meara, on the wing, was very good, but seemed new to that position. Walsh, the injured player, seems a fine, dashing forward. Hogan played a good, tough game Darcy was safe, but a trifle slow. Kennedy seemed a bit nervous, as also did Coonan on the goal. Ayres, who replaced Walsh, played a good game, but should get rid of the ball at once when he gets possession.

The team was: Bill Coonan (Whitewalls), Bill O'Meara and Rody O'Meara, (Ballythomas), Frank McGrath, President of North Tipp. G.A.A. (Nenagh), Bill Flannery (Millview and Queen St.) Mick Kennedy (Bank Place), Christy Ryan (Silver St.) Rody Minogue, Ballintotty, Mick Coonan (Whitewalls), Paddy Coonan (do.); brother of Mick and Bill; Matt Hogan (Barrack St.); Win. Flannery (one time Chairman of the North Tipp. Board); Jimmie Nolan (Cunnahtert) brother of Mr. Martin Nolan and Mr. Pat Nolan; Mick Egan (St. Patrick's terrace); Walsh (Kilruane); James Darcy, (Ardcroney); Martin Ayres (William Street).



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OUT AND ABOUT WITH ÉIRE ÓG

TEAMMATES THEN – FRIENDS FOREVER!



Reliving their juvenile days! Former teammates Robert Ashman and Joe White, back at the juvenile club with their charges at the Éire Ógres camp.



Silent Noise Parade are an Irish alternative indie/electro five-piece. The band comprises Owen Geaney, Joseph Geaney, Gary Sherlock, Liam Hayes and Kevin Gubbins. In a moving tribute to Kevin's young brother, the band have dedicated their latest song, Sirens, to the memory of Brian Gubbins.

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AN EXAMPLE TO ALL IN DEDICATION

Nenagh Éire Óg chairman Jim Nagle made a special presentation to legendary club coach Tommy Mulcahy to mark his long years of service during the club social at the Abbey Court Hotel on Friday night Feb 6th. The second photo is of Tommy helping one of our young beginners at 10am the next morning. Always there to lend a hand!



NORTH SCÓR CHAMPIONS

Well done to our dancers who won the North final in Nenagh recently. They progressed to the county final in Cashel where they finished a respectable second. Well done to Caoimhe Connolly, Michelle Berry, Naoise McCloone, Laura Nagle, Crián O'Donnell, Sara Hallinan, Orlaith Tinkler and Molly Murphy. Great work as usual from the entire Scór team.



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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG HEALTHY CLUB PROJECT



were the vital links between thoughts and behaviour and how changing our thoughts changes our feelings and our behaviour - a point that many found so enlightening. When we say 'mental health' why do we automatically think mental illness, strange but so true, and this too created interesting conversation.

The humble telling of Brian and Robert's stories were cherished by

Brian and Robert from SOS with HCP chairman, Michael Geaney and Claire Slattery

to the 1440 minutes in a day and less energy to the possibility of spending one of those minutes in an attitude of calm and mindfulness, to focus on how we are, who we are, where we are going or to what purpose we do anything in our lives?

Brian and Robert had everyone on board for a voyage of humble sharing, honest conversation and a depth of new knowledge about our physical and mental wellbeing that surprised us all. There was also an acknowledgement of the Creator in a meaningful and simple way that encouraged and gave hope in a very helpful way. The whole area of core beliefs, assumptions and automatic thoughts was simply explained, as

all and found to be so moving and inspirational.

The video of the founder of S.O.S. was very informative and created huge interest among participants. The feedback from people was very positive and everyone found the day excellent. Gratitude was also expressed by all for the facilities of the Business Innovation Centre in Nenagh- food, room and facilities were excellent and welcoming staff.

We would like to thank Stacey Cannon, Community and Health Section, Croke Park who made this workshop available to us and was so supportive throughout.

WELLNESS WORKSHOP - A GREAT SUCCESS FOR NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG HCP

As a result of our successful seminars in 2014 on Well Being and Mental Health, Nenagh Éire Óg Healthy Club Project were nominated to hold a Wellness Workshop in partnership with SOS (Suicide or Survive). This Workshop which was free of charge to participants took place on Thursday 29th January in the Business Innovation Centre, Stafford St. Nenagh. The workshop was booked out with over 40 people attending.

Brian and Robert from SOS were facilitators for this most informative day. Their methodology and ability to communicate and to empower the sensitive sharing within the group was admirable. How many of us ever gave energy



CAMÓGIE NEWS



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO GRACE O'BRIEN,
SARAH QUIGLEY,
RACHEL MAHER AND
MAEVE COFFEE WHO
ALL MADE THE
TIPPERARY MINOR
PANEL AND THEY
GOT THEIR
CAMPAIGN OFF TO A
GREAT START WITH
A 1-15 TO 2-6 WIN
OVER WEXFORD IN
THE ALL-IRELAND
CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Congratulations to our camógie stars who recently were presented with their Munster and All Ireland under-16 medals by Cait Devane. Grace O'Brien (top left), Maeve Coffee (top left) and Sarah Quigley (above). Missing on the night was Hazel McAuliffe who also part of the team.



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HANDBALL NEWS – A BRIGHT START TO THE YEAR FOR THE CLUB



Michael McNamara won the over-35 junior B county title and beat Mike Baker of Clare in the Munster QF before losing out in the SF.



Katie Morris won the girls under-14 singles Munster final when she beat Danielle O' Donoghue of Kerry.



Sinéad Meagher won the under-15 girls singles Liscarroll Open Tournament defeating Ella Donnellan of Clare in the final.



SUPPORT ÉIRE ÓG!

Membership: Membership for 2015 is now due and priced at €25 – family membership option A is priced at €60 while option B is priced at €85. Please click [here](#) to pay your club membership online.



LOTTO: The Nenagh Éire Óg Club Lotto represents the club's key fundraising initiative. Please consider supporting the Blues by playing our club lotto online: [click here!](#)

Just watch how far we can stretch your €2!



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FLASHBACK TO 2012– THE RE-EMERGENCE OF NENAGH HANDBALL



Boysie Hogan, Eoin Meagher, Brian Flynn and Eamon Spillane.

The club's first county final win in many years was achieved recently (2012) when Brian Flynn and Eoin Meagher won the County Under-15 A Doubles Final which was held in Cashel

After a long absence, we completed in the recent 40 x 20 Juvenile Handball championships having recently reformed the club. Great credit is due to Boysie Hogan, Eamon Spillane and Christy Collins for organising and coaching the boys who really enjoyed their introduction to this sport.

Shane Hennessy won the North A U13 singles and we had recent success in the North B championships, among the winners were; U15D James Mackey & Michael Collins, U13S Aaron Hogan, U14D Eoin Meagher & John Cahalan. Jack Sheedy, Philip Hickey and Brendan O'Brien also played great handball in these championships and all are looking forward to next

Autumn when we would like to see more new members to continue the great handball tradition in Nenagh.

The town of Nenagh is renowned for its handball champions has a proud and distinguished tradition. The game flourished and set a high standard particularly during the years 1930-1960. Handball in the 1920's was played at the Alley in Pidgeons Land, Silver Street.

Then the Shamrock Club 3 Ball Alley in Silver Street, to which a back wall was added, was the main source of action. Many of the town's champions sprung from this Court. The C.B.S. Alley in John's Lane was a great Nursery and played a big part in developing many of the champions from the 40's to 60's.

Indeed in acknowledgement of the contribution to handball in the town, Nenagh U.D.C. in 2001, erected a plaque on

the wall at Shannon Development (Shamrock Club), in Silver Street, in honour of the All-Ireland handball champions of Nenagh, from 1934-2000. They were Joe Hassett, Ned Hassett, Joe Bergin, Paddy Kennedy, Jackie Sweeney, Connie Cleere, Michael O'Gorman, Michael McMahon, Denis Carey, John Rice, Tommy Cleere, Paddy Gleeson, Michael "Boysie" Hogan and Pat Cleary.

Due to the lack of a ballcourt in Nenagh for a long number of years, handball has not been developing as we would wish, however Nenagh Eire Óg had the foresight to include a very modern 40 x 20 ballcourt in the Complex at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh which has been the venue for many provincial and All-Ireland championships.

Eoin and Brian getting their medals from the Handball County Board Chairman





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ÉIRE ÓGRES BEGINNERS GAA CAMP



NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG provides coaching hours to boys in all of the town's primary schools. As this has introduced hurling to every boy in the town, the next natural step was to introduce the club to the boys and their families, some of whom would have no first-hand knowledge of Gaa.

We launched 'The Éire Ógres – Gaa For Beginners', a free programme, targeted at junior and senior infants, to reach out to ALL of the town's families. We were delighted with the positive response. The interest was huge and sixty young beginners and their families showed up and created one of the best environments ever in the hall. There were no hurleys or helmets. The lads worked on hand/eye coordination, balance and agility, some of the basic skills needed before they ever step on a field. They got to know each other over four weeks and make friends without the barrier of the helmet.

The behaviour of the boys was outstanding and all credit must go to their families and teachers. It was very rewarding for all involved to watch them grow in skill and confidence over the month. A big thank you to the juvenile mentors and senior club players who provided excellent coaching.

Tea and coffee were provided for the parents who all chatted in the committee room or took to the stage to watch the fun. We hope they will enjoy many more years chatting on the side-lines.

The boys were presented with special training T-shirts on the last day so that they have some club gear to wear for the start of the season.





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JUVENILE NEWS THE ÓGRES!



JUVENILE REGISTRATION



Our first new member of 2015 is Darek Hickey. Welcome to the club, Darek!



A big thank you to juvenile club sponsor A Sportsman's Dream whose sponsorship is much appreciated. At our registration event Kathleen (pictured above) and Siobhan provided a stand.

2015 JUVENILE CLUB OFFICERS - Chairman: Michael Geaney, Secretary: Anne Kennedy, Treasurer: Gerry Robinson, Assistant Treasurer: Cyril Griffin, Child Welfare Officer: Tommy Moylan, Registrar: Ger McCarthy, PRO: Catherine McTiernan, School Liaison Officer: Phil Hennessy, Equipment Officer: Shane Connolly, Handball: Eamonn Spillane. Committee Members: Áine Garrigan & Mel Gleeson. Please feel free to contact any committee member.