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A GREAT TURN OUT FOR THE INNAUGRAL 'BLUES 10K RUN'



Many thanks to the runners, walkers, stewards and everybody who contributed to making a success of the first Blues 10K Run and Family Walk. There was a great turnout with some stiff competition in the 10K race. Nenagh Triathlon Club's Darren Dunne was the first home with Siobhan O'Doherty on his heels and claiming the prize for the first woman home. The family walk added an extra dimension to the day and it was great to see all the kids enjoying the sunshine, treats and spot prizes. Well done and thank you to all and we will see you again next year. Check out the Nenagh Éire Óg [Facebook page](#) for photos.

From left, Dave Carroll, Ann Carroll (first man and woman 5K), Juvenile Club chairman Michael Geaney, Mary Gavin (second woman 10K). Siobhan O' Doherty (first woman 10K), Darren Dunne (first man 10K) and John Fitzgibbon (Thurles, second man 10K)



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THE BLUES 10K RUN



Left: Nenagh Triathlon Club star of the future, Darren Dunne crossing the line in first place in the inaugural Blues 10K Run. Well done, Darren!

Centre Panel: The Tokarsky Family were the first family home over the line. Thanks to them for their support and their lovely comments on facebook. The family walk brought an extra layer of fun to the day and a big thank you to Tommy Mulcahy who stood out on the by-pass all morning handing out treats to the kids. International competitor, Cillian Dunne at the starting line. Best of luck to Cillian in all of his races this season and we hope to see him again next year.

Bottom Panel: Our 10K runners at the start of the Blues Run, some of whom were attempting it for the first time just to support the club and surprising themselves! Evelyn Murphy came home under the hour mark on her first run. She's aiming for a prize next year!! Some of the sixty families who took part in our fun walk.





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Top Panel: Eddie Tucker crossing the finishing line just five minutes behind the winner. Michael Cleary looking like it didn't take much out of him. Thanks to Michael and JKC Toymaster for sponsoring toys as spot prizes for the kids. Sally Kearns and Nuala Lillis running to show Matt up!

Bottom Panel: Noel Stanley, feeling particularly proud of finishing in one day, 27 hours plus. However his wife, Deirdre managed it in 58 minutes. Johnny Slattery finishing The Blues 10K Run on a busy weekend for him. (See inside). Mary Ferry, mam of juvenile hurlers Pádraig and Seán supporting the cause. Thanks to all participants.



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GAA HEALTHY CLUBS PROJECT



NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG HEALTHY CLUBS PROJECT SECOND WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS NIGHT

There was a great turnout in the Abbey Court Hotel recently to hear guest speaker Tony Butler talk about his life long battle with depression and to share in the coping mechanisms he has developed over his lifetime. Tony had been due to speak at the first

night with Conor Cusack and Seamus Hennessy but had to cancel due to illness. His promise to return was gratefully accepted and appreciated by all.

For such a serious issue, Tony had the crowd laughing for most of the night. His use of humour to reinforce the message that depression is an illness, that you have a right to get sick, feel sick and a right to get better and you will get better was powerful.

Once again, thank you to the Healthy Clubs committee under chairman Michael Geaney for their hard work. Feedback cards were filled in by all attending and as this is a group led initiative, once these are studied, it will lead the team in the direction most requested. *Pictured above left: Tony Butler on the left with members of the audience and committee. Above right: Tony with Michael Egan of suicide bereavement charity [Living Links](http://www.livinglinks.ie)*

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LAUNCH OF THE G.P.A. 'WE WEAR MORE THAN OUR COUNTY COLOURS' CAMPAIGN



Strong athletic identity, a characteristic of many elite footballers and hurlers despite their amateur status, can lead to a player struggling to cope with transition, serious injury or simply

emotional wellbeing that this can have a positive impact on communities all over Ireland, encouraging young people in clubs, schools, colleges and in wider society to talk about their problems. The campaign features the following county players: Michael Murphy (Donegal), Pádraig Brehony (Galway), Seamus Hennessy (Tipperary), Alan O'Mara (Cavan), Pádraig Collins (Clare), Conal Keaney (Dublin), Richie Hogan (Kilkenny), Colm Begley (Laois), Eoin Cadogan (Cork), Rob Hennelly (Mayo), Jonny Cooper (Dublin), Ciaran McKeever (Armagh), Lee Chin (Wexford), Niall McNamee (Offaly).

See website - WWW.WEWEARMORE.IE

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Dessie Farrell, GPA

**GIVE RESPECT!
GET RESPECT!**

The Gaelic Players Association have announced the launch of 'We Wear More Than Our County Colours', an internal campaign focussing on the emotional health and well-being of county players.

The aim of the campaign is to encourage and normalise conversations between players around the more emotional aspects of their lives and to help them develop effective coping mechanisms for times when things are not going so well.

Featuring a visually-compelling short film highlighting the many issues that can often trigger emotional reactions for players, the campaign is aimed at encouraging players to look out for each other, to recognise signs of distress and to encourage intervention through conversation and support. Issues such as retirement, relationship break-ups, depression, stress, financial difficulties, addiction problems, performance and anxiety all feature in 'We Wear More'.

The theme 'We Wear More Than Our County Colours' – refers to the fact that behind the often high profile public persona of a county player, the individual wears more than the jersey and is frequently vulnerable to emotional distress.

managing their dual career. 'We Wear More' will help raise self-awareness among the playing body and prepare players for the many adverse situations which may arise during their careers.

Speaking about the campaign launch, GPA Chief Executive Dessie Farrell said: "The GPA has a long-standing commitment to promoting good mental health both internally within our membership and in society in general. Our nationwide personal coaching programme, our counselling programme and confidential members help line continue to provide critical support for players.

"However, we felt that it was important at this juncture to focus on a campaign tailored specifically for county players, identifying the various issues that can trigger strong emotional reactions for these young men. We are acutely conscious of the vulnerability of this particular demographic in terms of suicide and believe that a focussed, internal approach would help encourage players to talk more openly to each other and to identify team-mates who may be in difficulty."

The GPA believes that by encouraging county players to engage in conversations about





OUT AND ABOUT WITH ÉIRE ÓG



On Sunday 15th of June Eire Óg hurler John Slattery made an appearance on RTE's School Around the Corner. Johnny, the principal of Corville National School in Roscrea, was filmed sitting on a whoopee cushion while drinking a glass of water contaminated by his students. It's clear to see Johnny enforces strict discipline among his students!!! His students however didn't let him down on the show, hosted by Ray Darcy, where they danced to Beyoncé's All The Single Ladies and sang Where Is Love from the musical Oliver.



Johnny made a second half appearance in last year's county final and we look forward to him once again coming out of retirement over the summer. [School Around the Corner](#) is currently available on [RTE Player](#)



Nenagh Eire Og's Meaghan Morris and Breda Conroy, selector of Ardcrony National School under-13 camogie team enjoy the celebrations after the Cumann Na mBunscol finals in Semple Stadium. Ardcrony played Ballylooby in final and won 8-03 to 3-00. Meaghan scored 3-01 of her sides total in the final.



Our under-16 hurlers cleaning out the dressing room on their recent trip to Cork. A habit they will maintain into the future!!

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NORTH TIPPERARY JUNIOR B HURLING LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL

Confusion reigned in Borrisokane on Friday evening when Nenagh Éire Óg's North Tipperary Junior B Hurling League semi-final against Lorrha-Dorrha ended in controversial circumstances.

North Tipperary Junior B Hurling League Semi-Final
Nenagh Éire Óg 3-14 Lorrha-Dorrha 2-16
***Lorrha-Dorrha declared one-point winners by referee Martin O'Shea.**

Confusion reigned in Borrisokane on Friday evening June 6th when Nenagh Éire Óg's North Tipperary Junior B Hurling League semi-final against Lorrha-Dorrha ended in controversial circumstances.

Although the Blues led by two points deep in injury time following a highly-entertaining contest Lorrha-Dorrha converted a late free and referee Martin O'Shea declared Lorrha-Dorrha one-point winners of the contest.

It was a bizarre end to a terrific game.

Playing with the aid of a stiff breeze Lorrha-Dorrha made an impressive start and led 1-1 to no-score after six minutes.

A Darragh Walsh free got Éire Óg off the mark in the seventh minute, but further points from Lorrha-Dorrha helped the Blues' opponents into a 1-4 to 0-1 lead.

Darragh Walsh converted a tricky free into the breeze in the 12th minute before Aodhán Geaney set up Anthony Walsh for Éire Óg's first point from play in the 16th – 0-3 to 1-4. Lorrha-Dorrha responded with a point of their own, but Éire Óg hit back when Aodhán Geaney picked

out Niall Madden with a clever sideline ball and the centre-back left four between the sides.

An Aidan Healy point in the 19th minute reduced the Lorrha lead to three points before a Darragh Walsh free left just two in it. Lorrha converted a free of their own in the 23rd minute and although Niall Cahill won a free for Éire Óg which Darragh Walsh converted two Lorrha points left four between them (0-7 to 1-8).

In the 29th minute Éire Óg struck for a vital goal – Niall Madden won a terrific ball at centre-back and picked out the raiding Aidan Healy who set up David Cleary for a fine right-handed strike – 1-7 to 1-8. Lorrha responded with a point of their own before Darragh Walsh and a Lorrha-Dorrha player were shown straight red cards following an incident in the 30th minute.

Three minutes into first half injury time Anthony Walsh won Aidan Healy's searching delivery and beat the Lorrha 'keeper to hand Éire Óg a 2-7 to 1-9 interval lead.

In the opening three minutes of the second half Conor Kirwan and Gavin O'Connor were fouled for frees which Anthony Walsh converted and now the Blues led 2-9 to 1-9.

Lorrha-Dorrha responded to the challenge of Éire Óg in terrific fashion and hit three consecutive points (two frees) to tie the game by the 39th minute – 2-9 to 1-12.

With twenty minutes to play Jamie Gallagher won a free which Anthony Walsh converted to force Éire Óg back into the lead, but Lorrha edged back in front thanks to two further points (one free).

Éire Óg wing-back Gavin O'Connor tied the game with a fine effort in the 45th minute before an Anthony Walsh free helped the Blues back into the lead in the 51st minute – 2-12 to 1-14.

Lorrha-Dorrha were left cursing their luck in the 53rd minute when an effort at a point struck an Éire Óg post, dropped down and Niall Madden won possession. The centre-back's clearance broke in behind full-forward Niall Cahill and Aidan Healy was on hand to force home a third Éire Óg goal – 3-12 to 1-14.

With four minutes to play a smartly-taken free from Niall Madden picked out Shane Maher at right corner-forward and Maher swung over a smashing point. Then, in the 58th minute, Madden found the second half substitute once more and Shane Maher helped Éire Óg into a six-point lead with another fine effort – 3-14 to 1-14.

To their credit





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Cont'd.. Lorrha-Dorrha never gave up and poured forward in search of scores. Indeed, Lorrha-Dorrha were rewarded with a point and then a goal in second half injury time to leave two in it – 3-14 to 2-15.

Lorrha-Dorrha then won a free which was converted following a brief consultation with the referee – to be fair to the Lorrha free-taker had he known that his side trailed by two points he may have opted to drop the ball in rather than go for a score.

Considering that both sides had approached this contest in such a fair and spirited manner it was disappointing to see the game end in such confusion.

It is worth noting that the scoreboard was not in operation at Borrisokane.

Irrespective of what happens now the Nenagh Éire Óg junior B hurlers should be very proud of their efforts during this league campaign and especially in this semi-final against what is an excellent Lorrha side.

The club would like to thank the management team of Conor Ryan, Derek Lillis and David Minogue for their efforts in preparing this group of players.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Brian Darcy, Paddy Flynn, Leonard Ryan, Brian Flynn, Gavin O'Connor (0-1), Niall Madden (0-1), Jamie Gallagher, John Cahalan, Aodhán Geaney, David Cleary (1-0), Conor Kirwan, Darragh Walsh (0-4, 0-4 frees), Aidan Healy (1-1), Niall Cahill, Anthony Walsh (1-5, 0-4 frees). Subs: (47th) Shane Maher (0-2) for David Cleary, (58th) Jack Sheedy for Jamie Gallagher, (61st) Kieran Duffy for Gavin O'Connor.

Referee: Martin O'Shea (Borrisokane).

TIPPERARY G.A.A. CLUBS DRAW
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PLAY LOTTO



GER GAVIN NORTH TIPPERARY MINOR A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP TUESDAY JUNE 24TH

The Éire Óg minor A hurlers won a tough contest against Toomevara at St Michael's Park in Toomevara on Tuesday evening – the Blues trailed by five points early on, but recovered well to register an encouraging win.

Ger Gavin North Tipperary Minor A Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 3-15 Toomevara 1-17

Three Andrew Coffey points and another from John Cahalan helped Éire Óg into a 0-4 to 0-3 lead inside the opening eight minutes.

Toomevara took a significant lead when a long-range free was deflected to the net. The Greyhounds then converted two frees before a Toomevara point from play

helped the home side into a 1-6 to 0-4 lead.

Éire Óg steadied themselves and fought back thanks to a fine goal from Niall O'Gorman in the 19th minute following good work from Keelan Higginston and Philip Hickey. The Blues found themselves level on 1-6 apiece in the 22nd minute following two Anthony Walsh frees.

Toomevara edged back into the lead, but Éire Óg struck for their second goal in the 25th minute when Philip Hickey flicked Andrew Coffey's delivery into the net – 2-6 to 1-7.

To their credit Toomevara out-scored Éire Óg 0-3 to 0-1 during the remaining minutes of the opening half to leave the sides level at the break – Éire Óg

2-7 Toomevara 1-10.

Two minutes into the second half a Keelan Higginston point handed Éire Óg a precious lead, but Toome hit back with three points of their own to take a 1-13 to 2-8 lead by the 38th minute – the Blues also had 'keeper Adam Healy to thank for making a fine save to deny the Greyhounds a goal in the 35th minute.

Three Anthony Walsh frees (with one effort in reply from Toome) saw the sides level (2-11 to 1-14) as this entertaining contest entered the final quarter.

Toomevara seized the initiative with a fine point in the 47th minute, but Éire Óg struck for their third goal in the 48th – on this occasion John Cahalan picked out Anthony Walsh with a searching delivery and Walsh set up Andrew Coffey for a fine goal (3-11 to 1-15).

Toome responded with two quick points to level matters, but Éire Óg finished the stronger with points from Anthony Walsh (two, one free) and Andrew Coffey (two) sealing a four-point win.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Adam Healy, Connie O'Reilly, Brian Flynn, Gavin O'Connor, Alex Jones, Conor Ryan, Jack Sheedy, Andrew Coffey (1-6), Craig Himli, John Cahalan (0-1), Anthony Walsh (0-7, 0-6 frees), Brian Tuite, Philip Hickey (1-0), Keelan Higginston (0-1), Niall O'Gorman (1-0). Subs: (HT) Jake Morris for Brian Tuite, (37th) Adam Carey for Jack Sheedy, (54th) Brian Tuite for Niall O'Gorman.

Referee: Philip Bergin (Roscrea).





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Nenagh Éire Óg joined Burgess and Kildangan in the quarter-finals of the Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship thanks to an eight-point win over Roscrea at St Michael's Park in Toomevara on Saturday June 7th.

Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 3-12 Roscrea 1-10

Nenagh Éire Óg joined Burgess and Kildangan in the quarter-finals of the Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship thanks to an eight-point win over Roscrea at St Michael's Park in Toomevara on Saturday evening.

The eight-point winning margin proved a little generous in the end – Roscrea battled gamely throughout this contest and were unfortunate to see a number of late efforts drift wide before a Michael Heffernan goal sealed the win for the Blues. Incidentally, the draw for the next stage of the Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship will take place in Cloughjordan on Sunday, June 8th after the Borris-Ileigh versus Lorrha-Dorrha game. Despite playing into the swirling breeze Roscrea raced into a 0-2 to

no-score lead before Tommy Heffernan got Éire Óg off the mark in the fourth minute. Killian Gleeson (right) and Paul Ryan then added to the Blues' tally to force Éire Óg into a 0-3 to 0-2 lead by the eighth minute. Roscrea equalized almost immediately before a

Michael Heffernan effort edged Éire Óg back in front. In the 17th minute Tommy Heffernan turned over a Roscrea defender and flashed home an Éire Óg goal after Pearse Morris had attempted to find Paddy Murphy at full-forward. A minute later Tommy Heffernan won a searching Daire Quinn delivery and belted in a second Éire Óg goal to force the

Blues into a 2-4 to 0-3 lead. Kevin Tucker (free) soon added to the Éire Óg tally, but Roscrea responded with a point of their own. A Pearse Morris point preceded another goal chance for Tommy Heffernan, but on this occasion the Roscrea 'keeper made a stunning save. Pearse Morris gathered the rebound and first over to leave nine in it. Roscrea brought the half to a close with a fifth point and the sides retired with eight between them (2-7 to 0-5).



A Roscrea goal in the opening minute of the second half complicated matters as Paul Murphy's men poured forward with the wind now at their backs – 2-7 to 1-5. A Michael Heffernan point added to the Éire Óg tally, but Roscrea fought on and fired three consecutive points (one free) to leave a goal in it (2-8 to 1-8) by the 38th minute. Points from Michael Heffernan and Kevin Tucker (free) forced Éire Óg five clear. Roscrea responded once more with a point before points

from Paddy Murphy and Michael Heffernan forced the Blues two goals clear (2-12 to 1-9). Michael McNamara saved Davin Flynn's rasping 21-yard free on the hour mark and although Roscrea notched one further point Tommy Heffernan set up Michael Heffernan for a fine goal in the 62nd minute.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Michael McNamara, Mark Flannery, Noel Maloney, Daire Quinn, Billy Heffernan, Hugh Maloney, Seánie Geaney, Kevin Tucker (0-2, 0-2 frees), Barry Heffernan, Pearse Morris (0-2), Michael Heffernan (1-4, 0-1 frees), Tommy Heffernan (2-1), Killian Gleeson (0-1), Paddy Murphy (0-1), Paul Ryan (0-1). Subs: (51st) Andrew Coffey for Paul Ryan, (51st) John Brennan for Mark Flannery, (58th) Mark Tuite for Barry Heffernan.

Referee: Kieran Delaney (Toomevara).





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HIBERNIAN INN NORTH TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINAL NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG V KILDANGAN SUNDAY JUNE 29TH

The Nenagh Éire Óg senior hurlers progressed to the north semi-finals thanks to a four-point win over Kildangan at Dolla on Sunday evening June 29th.

Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Quarter-Final Nenagh Éire Óg 1-16 Kildangan 1-12



Nenagh Éire Óg came out on top courtesy of a dominant second half display. Indeed, in that half Éire Óg held Kildangan scoreless

from play before Páraic Kelly struck for a goal in the fourth minute of injury time.

A Donnacha Quinn free presented Éire Óg with an early lead before Ruairí Gleeson (free) responded for the champions. Tommy Heffernan (above) and Paul Flynn traded fine points thereafter before a superb Tadhg Gallagher effort in the ninth minute handed Kildangan a 0-3 to 0-2 lead.

Éire Óg then took control and fired five points without reply to take a 0-7 to 0-3 lead by the 19th minute. Donnacha Quinn (frees) accounted for two of these efforts while Michael Heffernan, Andrew Coffey and Paddy Murphy added to the Blues' tally.

Kildangan responded with efforts from Joe Gallagher and a Ruairí Gleeson free to leave two in it with 22 minutes played.

A Tommy Heffernan effort forced Éire Óg three clear, but Kildangan then fired three consecutive points, courtesy of Gary Byrne, Joe Gallagher and Páraic Kelly, to level the game (0-8 each) with 26 minutes played.

The tit-for-tat nature of the opening half continued with points from Donnacha Quinn (free), Killian Gleeson, Gary Byrne and a long-range effort from Hugh Flannery leaving the sides locked on 0-10 apiece at the break.

The vital Éire Óg goal materialised in the 32nd minute. Wing-back Barry Heffernan found Paddy Murphy with a searching delivery; the full-forward then worked the ball out to Killian Gleeson who beat 'keeper Darragh Egan with a neat finish (1-10 to 0-10).

Murphy then added a point of his own before setting up Pearse Morris for another in the 34th minute and, suddenly, Éire Óg led 1-12 to 0-10. Six minutes later Donnacha Quinn converted a placed opportunity to leave six between the sides.

Darragh Egan landed two long-range Kildangan frees in the 41st and 43rd minutes to reduce the margin to four points.



Éire Óg settled back down to their work with a converted Donnacha Quinn free in the 53rd minute before a Michael Heffernan point from play opened a six-point gap (1-15 to 0-12).

Michael McNamara saved a Darragh Egan 21-yard free with five minutes to play (below) before Andrew Coffey cracked over a 16th Éire Óg point on the hour mark.



Willie Connors opted to go for goal from a free in the 61st minute which John Brennan saved, but as the game petered out to an inevitable conclusion Kildangan's Páraic Kelly lashed home Willie Connors' sideline ball.

Kildangan have been outstanding champions of the division and the Éire Óg club would like wish them all the very best in their county championship campaign.



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Nenagh Éire Óg: Michael McNamara, Mark Flannery, Noel Maloney, John Brennan, Daire Quinn, Hugh Maloney, Barry Heffernan, Kevin Tucker, Andrew Coffey (0-2), Pearse Morris (0-1), Michael Heffernan (0-2), Tommy Heffernan (0-2), Donnacha Quinn (0-6, 0-6 frees), Paddy Murphy (0-2), Killian Gleeson (1-1).
Subs: (56th) James Mackey for Killian Gleeson, (57th) Mark Tuite for Kevin Tucker, (61st) Billy Heffernan for Andrew Coffey.



Kildangan: Darragh Egan (0-2, 0-2 frees), Alan Flynn, Martin Minehan, Jack Loughnane, David Sweeney, Willie Connors, Hugh Flannery (0-1), Eoin Gleeson, Tadhg Gallagher (0-1), Joe Gallagher (0-2), Gary Byrne (0-2), Ruairí Gleeson (0-2, 0-2 frees), Paul Flynn (0-1), Páraic Kelly (1-1), Tommy Connors. Subs: (42nd) Fergal Hayes for Ruairí Gleeson, (55th) Stephen James Gleeson for Eoin Gleeson.

Referee: Ger Fitzpatrick (Roscrea).





BLAST FROM THE PAST: 1996 KILMACUD CROKES ALL IRELAND SEVEN A SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

In this month's edition of the club newsletter we have decided to travel back to 1996 when we won our very first [Kilmacud Crokes All Ireland seven a side championship](#).

Having won the Dan Breen cup for the first time the previous year all Éire Óg supporters were looking forward to another successful campaign in 1996 however a defeat to Moneygall in Toomevara quickly dashed those hopes. However we redeemed ourselves somewhat by capturing this title for the very first time. Our forwards were in impressive form scoring a whopping 29 goals and 66 points over the course of the day while at the other end we conceded a mere 13 goals and 26 points. These are very impressive statistics when you take in the nature of seven a side hurling and the free scoring games these tend to produce.

We opened the day in Glinalbyn with a 7-06 to 2-04 win over the legendary Dublin outfit, Faughs. They take their name from the ancient Irish battle cry *Fág A Bealach* which roughly translates into "Get Out of the Way". They have won a remarkable 31 Dublin senior hurling titles, eight Leinster crowns and one All Ireland in 1920 when they represented Dublin.

They were the last side to be presented with The Great Southern and Western Railway Cup, the original All Ireland senior hurling trophy and it rests proudly in their clubhouse in Templeogue.

The following year the Liam McCarthy Cup was first presented



with Limerick winning the honours. Next up was another

famed club, this time Rathnure from Wexford who we accounted for by 3-15 to 2-06. Pdraig Pearse's from Galway provided the opposition next and were easily defeated by 6-11 to 2-03. The final game in our group was against Keady from Armagh who fell by 4-10 to 1-04.

Having hurled so well in the group stages we faced the hosts Kilmacud Crokes in the semi-final. Crokes have successfully hosted this wonderful tournament for many years and it has become a tradition for many GAA enthusiasts to attend these games the day before the All Ireland senior hurling and football finals.

Despite Kilmacud Crokes wonderful hurling tradition they proved no

match for the Blues as Nenagh had their biggest winning margin of the day winning by 5-10 to 1-04. In the final we faced seven times Dublin senior hurling champions O' Toole's. They were a superb side who boasted among their ranks several Dublin senior hurlers including former Kilkenny star and Dublin player Jamesie "Shiner" Brennan. O' Toole's gave Nenagh their hardest game of the campaign but in the end we came out five point winners on a scoreline of 4-14 to 5-06.

The outcome of this final was always in doubt and when "Shiner" Brennan closed the gap to two points in the dying minutes it



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appeared as if O' Toole's tails were up and they might carry the day however a superb Declan O Meara goal sealed the win for Eire Óg.

What makes this win all the more credible was that Nenagh only travelled to the tournament with nine players instead of the allotted ten. This meant the outfield players had to do a lot more work on what is an energy sapping festival of hurling and is a testament to the fitness of this group of players. Despite this Jimmy Morris in his book *The Morris Code* recalled that "after the post-competition meal hosted by the Kilmacud Crokes club and when players were called up to receive their mementoes they seemed to be in the early stages of rigor mortis".

This however did not mute the celebrations with one member of the panel waking Jimmy up at 3 am to ask for "an explanation as to why there had been no round of drinks for the winners".

Nenagh went on to repeat this feat in 2008 when they defeated neighbours Portroe in a memorable final. Interestingly enough the 2008 semi-finals were an all north Tipp affair with Nenagh overcoming Kilruane MacDonaghs while Portroe defeated Toomevara

The Nenagh panel of players were Christy McLoughlin, Noel Coffey, John Kennedy, Conor O Donovan, Declan O Meara, Michael Cleary, Eddie Tucker (Capt), Ronan Burns and Donach O Donnell. The mentors on the day were Liam Heffernan, Podge Kirwan, Christy Tucker and Jimmy Morris.



*Back L-R: Liam Heffernan, Podge Kirwan, Declan O Meara, Eddie Tucker, Christy McLoughlin, Donach O Donnell, Conor O Donovan, Mick Hynes, Christy Tucker
Front L-R: John Kennedy, Ronan Burns, John Kennedy, Noel Coffey, Jimmy Morris, Pearse Morris*



Captain Eddie Tucker receiving the cup from Joe Healy from the AIB



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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG ANNUAL SUMMERCAMP



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Our **SUMMER CAMP** will take place from **MONDAY JULY 21ST TO FRIDAY JULY 25TH** from 2pm to 5pm in MacDonagh Park, Nenagh. It is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 14. This is a great week's entertainment for all and we hope to see all our players there. We would also be delighted to see new players come along to join in the fun.

Cost for the week is €45 per child and €70 max per family. We will have pre-registration at training on Wednesday 16th at 5pm and Saturday 19th at 10am. Alternatively you can register from 1-30pm on Monday 19th. For further information contact **MICHAEL GEANEY 086 3830857**

JUVENILES ON TOUR



Our youngest hurlers have been on the road a lot recently introducing themselves to neighbours and strangers. The under -8's are pictured left at a very well run blitz at Dr. Morris Park while our under-10's are pictured here after their match with Shamrocks GAA of Tullamore.

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A big thank to our race sponsors for their kind support to the juvenile club in this fundraising initiative. It was greatly appreciated. We would ask all our members to please support our sponsors.



Well done to Seán Phelan who played in midfield on the Tipperary Primary Football team against Cork in Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Saturday evening last. Seán represented the C.B.S Primary School.

Well done to Cian O' Farrell, Cameron Spillane, Ben West and Josh Keller on their under-13 Cumann na mBunscol division C county final win recently with Carrig National School. Ben and Josh were joined on the under-11 panel by Filip McIntyre for their second division C county win. Well done boys from all your clubmates!

DATE FOR THE DIARY: The annual clothes recycling drive will take place on Saturday, August 30th. Keep us in mind if you're doing a bit of a clear-out!





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NENAGH CBS V GAELSCOIL AONACH URMHUMHAN NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG PRIMARY SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT



Top panel: Left, Nenagh CBS under-13 team, under-13 Gaelscoil team. Centre Panel: Left, under-11 Gaelscoil team, CBS under-11 team. Bottom Panel: Left, Ref Christy McLoughlin with captains, Jason Teefey and Brendan Long, both Éire Óg hurlers. Juvenile chairman, Michael Geaney presents the trophy to CBS captain, Jason Teefey. Connor Hennessy on the ball being chased by Éire Óg teammates, Anthony Donovan and Adam Ryan.



NENAGH CBS V GAELSCOIL AONACH URMHUMHAN

On 5th May 2014 the CBS Primary School took on Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan in the inaugural Nenagh Eire Óg tournament where the two schools face off for the bragging rights of best primary hurling school in the parish. In the Under Eleven encounter the CBS ran out winners and they followed up this feat by

capturing the Under Thirteen title also. The second game was a thriller and it took an extra time goal to separate the sides. We wish to thank the teachers, principals and coaches of both schools who so generously volunteer their time to promote Gaelic games in the parish. Their selfless work is appreciated by everyone in the club.

We also wish to thank the juvenile committee in the club who organised the event and provided refreshments for the players after. Finally to the players themselves, they displayed a standard of hurling today that went way beyond their years. Well done boys and girls. Judging by today's games the future of hurling is extremely bright.



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JUVENILE NEWS- UNDER-16 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP



On Saturday 28th June the under sixteen panel travelled to Bishopstown GAA Club in Cork City for a talk and training session with Cork football manager Brian Cuthbert (pictured left).

He spoke firstly to the panel of players in the clubhouse and emphasised the importance of humility within a team. The boys put this into action straight after the training session with Liam Maher and Jake Flynn volunteering to clean the dressing room. The players have agreed that two different players will carry out this task after every match and training in future.

We followed this up with a fantastic challenge match. We wish to thank the management for organising the great day out, the players for their exemplary behaviour and of course Brian Cuthbert for generously volunteering his time.



Upon arrival we were warmly welcomed to the club by Bishopstown chairman Denis Crowley (pictured below left with Robbie Ryan and Michael Grey). Denis spoke about his time working in the AIB Bank in Nenagh in 1969 and how he hurled with Éire Óg for two years. He fondly recalled Mick Burns whom he described as a 'diamond'.

Under-15 panel that took part in the recent Munster Super-10s as best loser from last month's regional blitzes under management of Michael Grey, Paudie Gleeson and Robbie Ryan.

Peter Folan, Shane Flynn, Killian Malone, Aaron White, Mark O Farrell, Seán McTiernan, Daniel O Donovan, Barry Coffey, Conor Bonar, Scott O'Brien, Jake Morris and Evan Murphy. He was over age but thanks to Niall McKeogh for travelling in support.

UNDER-16 FIXTURES FOR JULY

07/07/2014	Newport v Éire Óg	Newport
14/07/2014	Éire Óg v Toomevara	Nenagh
21/07/2014	Roscrea v Éire Óg	Roscrea
28/07/2014	Éire Óg v Kildangan	Nenagh
04/08/2014	Kilruane v Éire Óg	Cloughjordan

The top three teams go through to the semi-finals. The next two go to the quarter-finals.

Please come out and show your support for this great, hardworking bunch of lads. Check nenagheireog.com For all fixture updates





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GROUPS 'A' AND 'D' UNDER- 12 HURLING



Both teams have finished their league matches now and are through to the North quarter-finals. Check website and facebook for fixture updates. Best of luck to our super lads, manager Mickey Mac and all the selectors.



CÚ CHULAINN- JUVENILE HURLER AND BOY WARRIOR!



CÚ CHULAINN, THE IRON AGE AND HURLING

The legend of Cú Chulainn is one of many ancient stories that together make up what's called The Táin. These stories were first written down in the early 11th century but historians believe that the Táin is set in The Irish Iron Age. The Irish Iron Age dates from 500BC to 500AD and is characterised by the use of Iron for weapons and tools. The people who lived in Ireland at the time were known as the Celts and lived a farming clan-based lifestyle. Not only has the Táin provided us with one of Ireland's greatest heroes and hurler but also provides us with the evidence to date hurling to the Irish Iron Age.

As a young boy **Setanta** was told many stories about his uncle King Conor Mac Nessa, his Kingdom at Emhain Macha and the famous Macra. The Macra was set up by King Conor Mac Nessa and was training school for young boys to become future knights and leaders of the king's army. The boys were trained every day to use weapons, they practised wrestling and challenged each other to contests and games especially **hurling** as this was regarded as a game of great skill and speed. Setanta longed to become a member of the Macra and at aged nine set out with determination from his home on the Cooley Mountains for Emhain Macha. On his

back he carried a bag made of deerskin and in his hand he carried items to shorten his journey, a hurley said to be made out of brass, a sliotar made out of silver, a spear and a javelin.

Along the journey he would strike the sliotar with the hurley as hard as he could then throw the hurley, then the spear and then the javelin into the air after the sliotar and run to catch all four in succession without letting them hitting the ground.

As Setanta arrived at Emhain Macha the boys of the Macra were playing hurling as King Conor looked on. Setanta rushed in uninvited to play, he beat every boy to the sliotar and dribbled, pucked and carried it on his hurley the length of the playing pitch and drove it unstoppably into the goal. In a fit of anger at the intrusion the boys charged at Setanta with their hurleys but he warded them all off, single handedly!

The king, not recognising his young nephew, intervened and demanded to know who Setanta was and what he was playing at? Setanta told his uncle who he was. King Conor was delighted and commented that if Setanta was half as good a warrior as he was a hurler then he would be a rare catch!

Setanta's dream came true when King Conor invited him to become a member of The Macra. Shortly after joining the Macra Setanta was playing hurling when King Conor was passing on his way to a feast at the house of his blacksmith Culann. He stopped to look at the boys playing and noticed that it was two teams playing as normal except that Setanta was

playing on his own against the two teams. As a reward Conor invited Setanta to the feast, however Setanta explained that he couldn't leave just yet as the game wasn't finished. It was agreed that Setanta would follow Conor to Culann's house after the game.

After the match Setanta set off for Culann's fort with his hurley and sliotar to keep him amused on the journey. As he arrived at Culann's fort he heard a great growl and saw a slavering giant beast coming towards him. When King Conor arrived at Culann's fort he had forgotten about his invitation to Setanta and Culann released his ferocious hound to protect the fort. With a second thought and with all his speed and accuracy Setanta hurled his sliotar into the hound's gaping mouth and killed him instantly. Inside the feast was interrupted by a ferocious howling, in horror King Conor remembered Setanta and believed him to be torn to shreds by the mighty hound of Culann. King Conor and Culann rushed outside and were amazed to see Setanta alive and the hound dead. King Conor was delighted to see his nephew alive and well however, Culann was upset that his mighty watchdog was dead. Seeing Culann's distress at the loss of his hound Setanta offered Culann a deal. If Culann found another young dog Setanta would train the dog to be as magnificent as the one he had killed. In the meantime Setanta himself would defend Culann's fort and be Culann's watchdog. Culann accepted this offer Setanta was given the new name of Cú Chulainn, the hound (Cú) of Culann. Eventually Setanta completed his promise to Culann but was known as Cú Chulainn until the day he died.

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PROFILE OF 2013 NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG CAMOGIE MINOR CAPTAIN AILEEN DUGGAN

Name: Aileen Duggan
Occupation: Student
Favourite Position: Wing Forward
Favourite Film: Inception
Favourite Music: Anything
Favourite Food: Pizza
Favourite Drink: Tea



Nenagh, with how far we have come in the last few years I would love if we could make it to senior level in the next few years

Interests outside of camogie: Horse riding, swimming

Biggest Influence on my career: my parents

Who is the biggest joker on the panel? Ciara McGrath! Ha

Tell us a joke: I wouldn't want to embarrass myself thanks

Can you remember your first match? I played my first match under 10. I can remember crying after giving away a free for picking up the ball!

Toughest opponent: I would say any of the south Tipp teams like Cahir because they are very physical from the football

Favourite hurler and why: I grew up watching Kevin Tucker hurl so he'd be one of my favourite hurlers

Favourite camogie player and why: Louise Hickey she's as tough and you can always count on Rachel Maher in full back

Advice to young players: keep practising and if you don't get played in a match let that make you even more determined

Proudest moment playing camogie: winning our first county final under 14!

Biggest Disappointment in camogie: When team members start giving out to each other if things aren't going our way in a match

What does the club mean to you? I'm proud to say I play for

Marooned on a desert island what could you not be without? Another person!

When I was a child I wanted to be what when I grew up? A professional show jumper....

What is your first camogie memory? Mam sending me up to training wearing jeans and a Finches jersey, I was a style icon for sure

If there was a transfer market what player would you buy? Eimear McDonnell, touchy subject I know!!

A TRIBUTE TO NENAGH EIRE OG MINORS CAMOGIE 2013

<http://youtu.be/78K3r9oruaA>

AILEEN SCORES A PENALTY IN THE 2011 MUNSTER JUNIOR LEAGUE FINAL AGAINST KILKISHEN CLARE

<http://youtu.be/Ppu-K5pePPc>





CAMÓGIE NEWS – FÉILE NA NGAEL



FEILE NA NGAEL 2014

On Saturday June 21st our under 14 team travelled to Clara in Kilkenny to take part in the Féile na nGael competition. Before we headed off the club kindly presented all the players with lovely Éire Óg tops. We played three games and beat Glenmore of Kilkenny in our opening

encounter. Unfortunately we were beaten in our next two matches by Good Council of Dublin and Charleville of Cork. We were treated extremely well by our hosts in Clara who put on a great spread for all the teams. When we returned to Nenagh the club also fed the players in the Hibernian Inn. We want to thank all

the parents and supporters who travelled to support the girls, the management of Greg, Caitriona, Mairéad, Philip and Pat (above) for all their hard work and the players themselves whose brilliant behaviour and good humour throughout the day painted a very positive image of our club and town.



CAMÓGIE NEWS – CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

U11 A Camógie County Final: St. Mary's Nenagh 6-02 Boherlahan 3-01.

Congratulations to St Mary's primary school who captured the under-11 Cumann na mBunscol title for the fourth year in a row. They played Boherlahan and at half time the sides were deadlocked at 1-01 apiece. However a superb second half display saw them crowned champions 6-02 to 3-01.



U13 A Camógie County Final: Boherlahan 4-06 St. Mary's Nenagh 1-01

Hard luck to the under-13 girls who put up a great fight but came up short against Boherlahan.



TIPP UNDER-16 CAMÓGIE

Well done to Hazel McAuliffe, Sarah Quigley, Grace O'Brien and Maeve Coffey who were on the Tipp A under-16 panel that defeated Wexford by a score of 7-16 to 6 points on Sunday June 29th. Both Grace and Maeve played and did the club proud. Congrats to the girls and also to Eimer Ryan and Hazel Coffey who played on the under-16 B team that beat Antrim on Sunday.

