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**OUR FANTASTIC
U14 FÉILE
CAMÓGIE TEAM
PROUDLY CARRY
THE NENAGH ÉIRE
ÓG BANNER
THROUGH THE
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GIRLS WENT ON TO
REACH THE
ALL-IRELAND
FINAL.**

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NENAGH PROGRESS THROUGH THE ROUNDS

Nenagh Éire Óg progressed to round 3 of the county senior hurling championship on with a twelve-point win over a determined Mullinahone side at Boherlahan on June 29. *Nenagh Éire Óg 1-18 Mullinahone 0-9.*

This win was vital as it ensured Nenagh of top-tier hurling under the new system kicking off next year. Tier one will feature: Nenagh Éire Óg, Borris-Ileigh, Moycarkey-Borris, Roscrea, Toomevara, Templederry Kenyons, Burgess or Cappawhite, Upperchurch-Drombane or Holycross-Ballycahill, Killenaule, Carrick Swans, Drom & Inch, Loughmore-Castleiney, Éire Óg Annacarty, Clonoulty-Rossmore, Silvermines and

Kildangan.

Round 3 took us to Templemore on Saturday July 27 to see Éire Óg hurlers defeat Upperchurch Drombane by four points in a tough and tense encounter. Opening exchanges were physical as little separated the sides. Paddy Murphy's goal put the blues into the lead but Upperchurch responded to lead by 1-7 to 0-11 at half time. Éire Óg started the second half very brightly with Richie Flannery scoring Éire Óg's second major and regain the lead which they wouldn't relinquish for the remainder of the half. Upperchurch scored a goal of their own with three minutes left but Éire Óg held out for a well-deserved 2-18 to 1-17 victory.

Round four will take place in five weeks with opposition unknown until all divisional finals are completed.

There is a great buzz about the club at the moment due in no small part to the huge efforts of the seniors but also to the determination of the Camogie club to succeed on every level, The Healthy Clubs Project for getting everybody talking, the involvement of so many of our players on inter-county teams and finally our fantastic juveniles whose constant presence on the training field ensures the club's future. It's shaping up to be a memorable summer.



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GAA HEALTHY CLUBS PROJECT



MICHAEL GEANEY PRESENTS A CHEQUE ON BEHALF OF NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG JUVENILE CLUB TO STAFF AT ÁRAS FOLLÁIN

As you are aware the GAA Healthy Club Project is now in operation in the club and community. The first phase of the Project was the completion of a questionnaire. We are delighted to say that over 150 people, both members and non-members, have completed it to date. Indeed, the Éire Óg Club leads the way with the number who have completed the questionnaire, out of all the clubs involved in the Healthy Club Project. A big thanks to all involved in promoting the Project. The information we have received will be evaluated during the coming weeks and will help us plan the various initiatives that people are looking for from the club.

During the past couple of weeks members of the Project Team have met with Pat Mulcahy, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Officer (ASAP) with the County Board. We will be linking with Pat during the coming months and



availing of the experience he can offer us in the area of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention. We also met with some of the staff in Áras Folláin to develop links with them. Áras is a Peer Support Centre based in Tyone in Nenagh. It provides an environment where people have an opportunity to develop their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. The centre also has a strong focus on social inclusion. The aim is to work towards breaking down the stigma around Mental Health and also creating positive awareness of Mental Health using a Holistic approach.

Support for Community Groups
Michael Geaney, Project Leader HCP and Catherine McTiernan, PRO Juvenile Club also made a presentation of €200 to Áras Folláin. This was the first prize in our recent 'Guess the Score' competition which was not won. It was decided at a recent Juvenile Club Meeting to donate the prize to Áras Folláin. Indeed for the last couple of years when the prize was not won the Éire Óg Juvenile Club has donated the prize to various community groups e.g. Suaimehneas and Relay for Life.

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**Áras Folláin,
Tyone, Nenagh,
Co Tipperary**

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Welcome Brunch Every Friday
from 11am to 1pm two volunteers are here to welcome you to our peer support centre. So why not relax and enjoy some homemade food while finding out more about the various support groups, courses and activities that happen in Áras Folláin and community.

Family Fun Day

in aid of Áras Folláin

Sunday 1st September

12 noon until 6pm

Nenagh Rugby Club

Áras Folláin is a Peer Support Centre based in Nenagh. We are a Centre that promotes wellness and recovery for people who have experienced mental health difficulties or who are at risk of mental ill health through social isolation, family circumstances, disability or unemployment.



MAKING NEW CONNECTIONS- TWITTER FOR BEGINNERS

Now we know this will not be for everybody but if you have a smartphone, why not start talking to your fellow club supporters. You'd be amazed at how many people want to know how the U14s are getting on in a challenge match in Monaleen! We've roped in Pam O' Brien, a lecturer in LIT to get us started. We'll get there by the end of the summer.

GETTING STARTED WITH TWITTER

If you have a smartphone you will need to download the twitter app. It's a free app which can be downloaded from the App store for iPhones, the Google Play store for Android phones and the Windows phone App store.

Once you have downloaded the app you will need to create a Twitter account. You can choose a username (which must be unique) and a password and you will also need an email address.

Once you have created your account you're ready to start following other people on Twitter. Generally on Twitter, people's accounts are public unless you specifically choose to keep your account private, so anyone can see your tweets or follow you.

Some basics:

- A tweet is a 140 character message which is public and can be seen by everyone. Tweets can include links to websites or links to photos.
- When you follow someone on twitter you will see their messages in the 'home' section on your twitter app.
- If someone replies to your tweet, their reply will show up in your 'connect' section in the app.
- A direct message (DM) is a private message which can only be seen by the person to whom it is sent. To send a DM to a person they must be following you.
- If you see a tweet that you think your followers might be interested in you can retweet (RT) it.
- You can add a hashtag (#) to your tweets e.g. #TipperaryGAA. You can search for a hashtag and all tweets with that hashtag will display even people that you're not following-

Hashtags can be used for specific events e.g. matches.

Some recommendations for accounts to follow:
@nenagheireog – the official Nenagh Éire Óg twitter account
@TipperaryGAA – the official Tipperary GAA twitter account
@silvermines_gaa – as a Mines woman I have to recommend this one ☺

An example of a hashtag you might be interested in:
#TipperaryGAA
Regards, Pam

So now you know! Be sure to follow @nenagheireog and follow fellow club supporters and next time you're at a match tweet the score every now and then using a hashtag like #eireoglivescore. Then people at home can search for that and see your updates. If somebody can think of a better hashtag for our updates tweet it to @nenagheireog. You could win nothing!

N.B. please don't tweet "on holidays, house empty for the next two weeks".



.....AND MAINTAINING OLD ONES

Mark Langton here from New York City. Wishing all at Nenagh Éire Óg all the continued success in the world. I miss you all terribly and want to thank the whole club for the great memories. Keep up the fantastic work and continued success on all levels through hard work

and dedicated endeavour and love of the club. "Hon the Blues"

If you are away and would like to send a message to the club, e-mail a current photo and short message to nenagheireog@gmail.com We would love to hear from you and will print it next month.



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TIPP MINOR FOOTBALLER – PAUL O' LEARY

While it is fair to say Nenagh Éire Óg is primarily a hurling club, it isn't well known that we have won more Tipperary Senior Football titles than Dan Breen Cups. In 1911 Tim Whealey led Nenagh Institute to our first senior title and this was repeated in 1915 when William Flannery captained the same team to our second success. Since then we have had a number of players represent Tipperary at various levels. In the 1990's Mark Sheehan and Kevin Coonan played for the seniors with Mark playing in the Munster finals of 1993, 1994 and 1998. Added to that was Brian Farrell, who won a Munster Minor medal in 1995 when a Declan Browne inspired Tipp overcame The Kingdom in Killarney. 1998 was a fantastic year for Nenagh football with Kevin Coonan captaining the county to Munster and All Ireland Junior glory. That side also featured Jim McAuliffe and Chris Bonar. Following in these footsteps is **Paul O Leary** who is sub-goalkeeper for the Tipperary Minor footballers. Unfortunately they came undone in their bid for three Munster Minor titles in a row by Kerry recently and now await the winners of Tyrone and Monaghan in Ulster in the All Ireland quarter final.

Paul, affectionately known as "**Sas**" by his friends, has had to work extra hard to make this panel. "It's harder being from the North" he says "to make a Tipperary football panel". "The lads I am up against are playing regular football with their clubs, many of them senior. We didn't even have a minor football team in Nenagh this year. When I first went for trials even the drills were hard as I didn't know any of them however this made me more determined to play football for Tipperary. "My parents, John and



Bernie, have been a huge support for me and are always encouraging me to achieve what I can whether it's with Nenagh or Tipp. They gave me great belief that I could overcome these hurdles and make the minor panel."

"One way I overcame these difficulties was through playing soccer with Nenagh Town. Last year I played in goal for the Youths and Senior B teams. I found that the kick outs were very similar as you have to be 100% accurate in both games. On top of that, communication with my team mates is vital for a goalie and playing regular soccer improved my game in this area."

"I also drew great inspiration from playing soccer with Kevin Coonan. While he never spoke much about his Tipperary career but just playing with him and knowing what he has achieved gave me the belief that if he could do it, so could I". It is a huge commitment playing inter-county football at

any level. A typical week for Paul involves training twice a week as well as playing a game over the weekend. But it doesn't end there. He trains with the club's minor hurlers on his nights off and spends a lot of his own time training as well. "I go to the gym a couple of times during the week to work on my programme and I'd also spend a lot of time practising kick outs. I spend thirty minutes a day just simply stretching and using a foam roller to help my flexibility and prevent injury. On top of that my diet is very important. I eat three meals a day but there's no Tayto or chocolate if I want to snack in between. Instead I have to reach for the fruit bowl".

While playing for Tipperary is a huge part of Paul's life, his heart and soul is in the club. "Last year we won the county minor final, the craic in the dressing room after was incredible. I was talking to a few friends of mine from St Marys and they couldn't believe how much it meant to us. They could hear the singing and cheering from their dressing room. It was an amazing time, they best time in my GAA career. The club is everything, it's my friends, the people I grew up with. All the lads are like a second family. Without the club I wouldn't be playing with the county, it's where I started and it's where I'll finish. Everyone in the club has been so good to me and understanding of my inter-county commitments, especially Con Morris who has had a massive influence on my hurling career. It's always great when people from Éire Óg wish me well or ask me how I'm getting on".

[CLICK HERE](#) for dressing room after county minor final)

[CLICK HERE](#) for County Minor Final V St Marys.



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CLOTHING RECYCLING DRIVE

There will be a clothing recycling drive in aid of the Nenagh Éire Óg Juvenile Club on Saturday, August 31st at the GAA Complex - please drop off all items between 1pm and 3pm. Please donate all your clean unwanted clothes including bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys. Wearable clothes will be recycled and re-used and other items will be recycled for uses, such as, industrial wipes or soundproofing.



YOU TOO COULD HAVE A WARDROBE LIKE THIS!! (BUT NO PROMISES...)

Laptops (must be intact with lead) will also be accepted along with mobile phones. No household bric-a-brac.

If you can't make it to the club-house on the day please contact **Shane Connolly- 087 637 3830** or **Ger McCarthy-087 653 9229** before August 31st to make arrangement for the collection of items. Thank you for your support and for taking the time and effort to support our fundraising drive.

PLAY THE CLUB LOTTO – WE ALL WIN

The Nenagh Éire Óg Club Lotto has been in operation for many years now and has provided the club with vital funds that help us run our various teams, maintain our grounds, club house and help promote Gaelic Games in our community. Without this stream of income there is no doubt that the club would not be in the healthy position it currently enjoys. The

club have teamed up with www.localotto.ie to allow you the opportunity to play online and be in a chance of capturing our weekly lotto jackpot. You can subscribe to our lotto on a yearly basis and as well as having the chance of winning you will also receive a weekly email with the results of the draw plus you will also receive our weekly notes keeping you up to date on all activities within the club. We

currently have online players in Ireland, Spain, Switzerland, USA, and Australia.

If you would like to join and help support the club please click on this link ([CLUB LOTTO](http://www.localotto.ie)) and sign up today.


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EVERYONE'S A WINNER

DONACH BRINGS THE MUNSTER CUP TO NENAGH SUMMERCAMP

Congratulations to the Limerick hurlers on capturing their first Munster senior hurling crown since 1996 after an emphatic victory over Cork in the Gaelic Grounds. In particular the club would like to congratulate our own Donach O' Donnell (pictured right) who is the team's coach. The Limerick captain, Donal O Grady, complimented Donach during his victory speech and said he had them so well prepared they could easily have played another twenty minutes. On hearing his inspirational talk to the u12s (pictured) whom he held captivated, that's very easy to believe. We wish Donach, who is a first cousin of our club secretary Declan Bailey, and the Limerick hurlers the very best in the All Ireland series.



ONE FOR DAD'S ALBUM!

Limerick man Paul O' Farrell's sons Cian and Sam meet Donach and The Munster Cup



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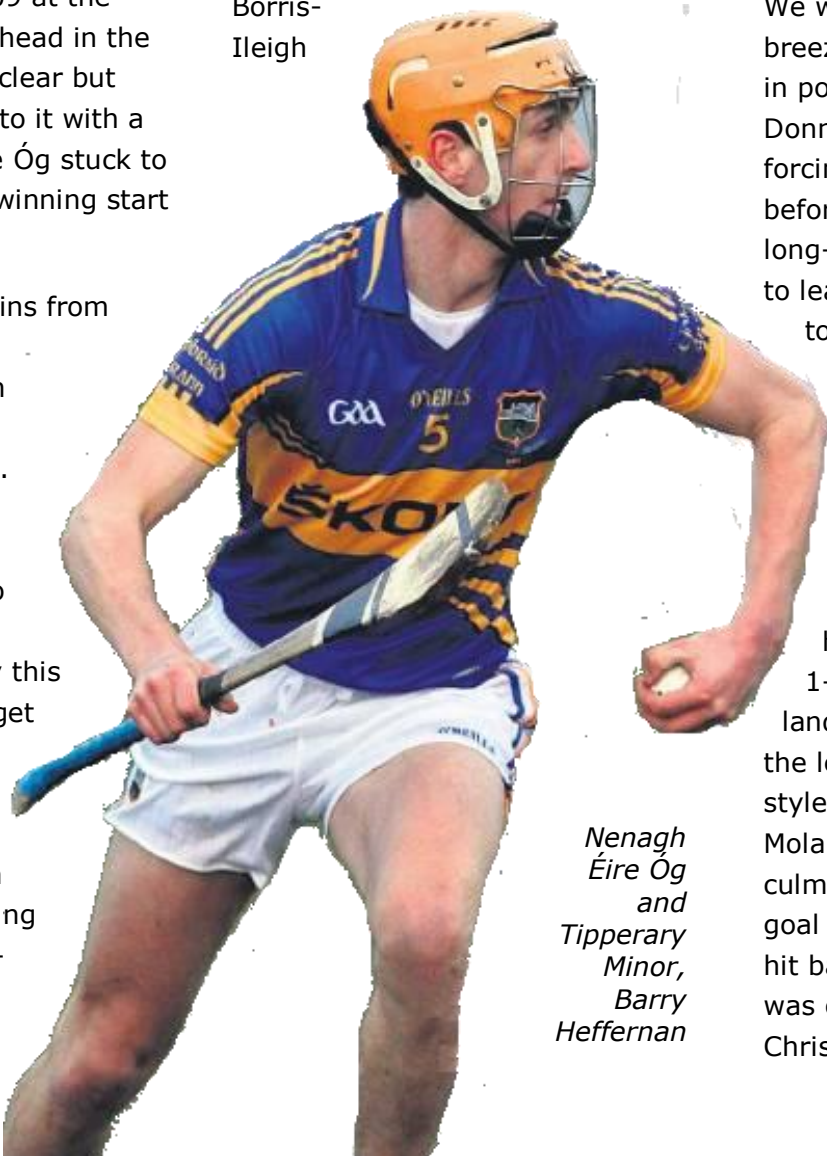
Nenagh Éire Óg got the defense of their Minor A hurling crown off to a winning start in Newport on Sunday 30th June, beating Newport Gaels by four points on a score line of 1-18 to 0-17. Newport started the contest in promising fashion and were four points to the good before the blues registered on the scoreboard. With six minutes to go to half time, Newport led by a point but Luke Kennedy gave Eire Óg the lead with a well taken goal and led by 1-08 to 0-09 at the break. Eire Óg fired ahead in the second half to go five clear but Newport came back into it with a series of frees but Eire Óg stuck to their task to record a winning start to the championship.

Eire Óg made it two wins from two on 3rd July in MacDonagh Park when they defeated Borris-Ileigh on 2-19 to 1-11. Like the first outing, Eire Óg were slow to start and were 0-05 to 0-1 in arrears in the opening 9 minutes. By this stage they started to get into the game and scored 1-07 without reply to lead 1-08 to 0-05 at the break with Christopher Ryan getting the goal. Three Borris-Ileigh points in the opening eight minutes

of the second half reduced the deficit to three points, but Eire Óg out-scored Borris-Ileigh by five to one to lead 1-13 to 0-9 by the 52nd minute. In the 36th minute Borris-Ileigh had seen a penalty saved by Brian Gubbins, but Borris were not to be denied a goal in the 53rd minute which left four between them. Eire Óg responded to the challenge with two points before Anthony Walsh set up James Mackey for a second Nenagh goal in the 57th minute. Borris-Ileigh

converted two late frees, but the Blues surged toward the final whistle in impressive fashion. An injury time goal from hosts Roscrea saw the minors suffer a defeat in reasonably dramatic circumstances at a roasting hot Roscrea on Thursday July 18th by 1-17 to 2-17. Eire Óg started the brightest in this clash and led 0-06 to 0-03 lead by the 19th minute. Eire Óg maintained their advantage for the remainder of the half to lead 0-10 to 0-8 at the interval. We were now playing into a light breeze, but started the second half in positive fashion with three Donnacha Quinn points (two frees) forcing the Blues five points clear before Michael Collins landed a long-range free in the 36th minute to leave six between them – 0-14 to 0-8. The sides then traded points and in the 42nd minute, Roscrea scored a goal and suddenly there was just the one in it (0-15 to 1-11).

By the 48th minute Roscrea had leveled matters (0-16 to 1-13). Seconds later Roscrea landed a long-range free to take the lead. Eire Óg responded in style when good work from Jack Molamphy and Gary Howard culminated in an Anthony Walsh goal in the 50th minute. Roscrea hit back with a free, but that effort was cancelled out when Christopher Ryan set up Andrew



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Éire Óg
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Tipperary
Minor,
Barry
Heffernan*



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(cont'd) Coffey for Éire Óg's final point in the 53rd minute. To their credit Roscrea finished strongly with a converted free and a point from play levelling it up with five minutes to play. Éire Óg narrowly missed out on a late goal when Donnacha Quinn beat the advancing Roscrea 'keeper with a clever flick, but, unfortunately, the ball bounced agonizingly wide of the goal in the 56th minute. In the 61st minute Andrew Coffey was fouled and Barry Heffernan enjoyed an opportunity to fire Éire Óg into the lead with a long-range free. Cruelly, Barry's monster



defeated Toomevara on a score line of 3-13 to 2-12 in MacDonagh Park. Toome and Éire Óg traded frees in the opening exchanges before Donnacha Quinn buried a 21-yard free (see photo above) to

matters before Killian Gleeson won the ball and passed to Gary Howard who in turn picked out James Mackey and Mackey raced through to score a right-handed goal in the 21st minute. Toome responded in positive fashion with a goal in the 23rd minute while three consecutive points forced Toome into a 3 point lead. Éire Óg closed out the half with two points to leave the minimum in it. John Cahalan's third point from play helped the home side into a 2-11 to 2-8 lead half way through the second half. Three consecutive Toome points left the sides locked at 2-11 apiece by the 53rd minute. Éire Óg responded well, however, with points from Gary Howard and John Cahalan forcing Nenagh into a 2-13 to 2-11 by the 56th minute. Toome converted a free right on the hour mark to leave just one in it, but in the first minute of injury time Christopher Ryan's solo run culminated with a goal from the midfielder which settled the issue.

Éire Óg will play Kilruane MacDonaghs and Kildangan in their remaining group games of this year's championship.



effort hit a post, was cleared and somehow a Roscrea shot snuck in under the Éire Óg crossbar at the opposite end of the field. Following defeat at the hands of Roscrea, Éire Óg got back to winning ways on Tuesday evening when they

hand Éire Óg a 1-1 to 0-1 lead in the fifth minute. There were still four points between the sides in the 14th minute when Toomevara converted a penalty to leave the minimum in it (1-4 to 1-3). Six minutes later a Toome free levelled



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TIPPERARY MINOR HURLING PANEL

The club was well represented on the Tipperary minor hurling panel this year with Barry Heffernan, Shane Hennessy, Conor Ryan, Killian Gleeson and Donnacha Quinn all involved. Barry played both games against Waterford and Limerick at wing back while Shane featured against Waterford scoring a delightful point. Donnacha was introduced as a second half substitute in the Munster semi-final defeat to Limerick and scored a great point at a crucial stage. Unfortunately Limerick proved too strong for Tipperary this year, ending our involvement in this championship however we are delighted that so many of our players were involved representing the club on the inter-county stage. Well done lads and keep up the great work.

SCHOOLS COACHING

In recent years, the Juvenile club has been actively promoting hurling in the 3 Primary Schools in the town. This is hugely important work and is reflected in the increased numbers in the field where we regularly have up to 65 boys under 8 attending training. The credit for this goes to Robbie Ryan who works quietly in the background doing a great job in the schools and encouraging boys to take up hurling and to get involved in our club. In the past school year, there was 180 hours coaching completed across the 3 schools. Special mention must go to Mary Slattery, Principal of St. Mary's BNS (pictured right with some of our new young hurlers), for allowing us to have 2 slots per week thus ensuring every boy gets a chance to get his first experience

of coaching at the age of 6 or 7; This is vital and very much appreciated by the club. Thanks also to Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan and CBS Primary for their co-operation.



ENJOYING THE SUNSHINE AND THE CLUB BBQ AFTER THE PATRICKSWELL CHALLENGE MATCH



Enjoying the warm evening at the recent Éire Óg club BBQ were (clockwise) Mark Long, Derek Lillis and Mark Flannery, Greg Brown, Liam Heffernan and Jim Nagle, Matt Lillis showing how to wear a hat with style and Kevin Tucker with his family.



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BLAST FROM THE PAST- 1998 JUNIOR FOOTBALL ALL-IRELAND

1998 was a special year in our club as Kevin "George" Coonan led the Tipperary Junior Footballers to All Ireland success for the first time in 75 years. Kevin was joined on the panel by Jim McAuliffe and Chris Bonar while Galway man Martin Healy who was a member of Eire Og at the time was also a selector.

In the opening round Tipp took on Waterford and had an easy time of it winning 1-14 to 0-03. However the next day Limerick proved to be much tougher opponents winning 1-05 to 0-09. It appeared that Tipp

were about to exit the championship as they were a point down approaching the final whistle. It's at

times like that that a team needs a leader and Coonan played a captains part to

score two difficult frees to level and put us one point up and Tipp

headed into the Munster final against Cork in Pairc Ui Rinn.

Heading into that Munster final many

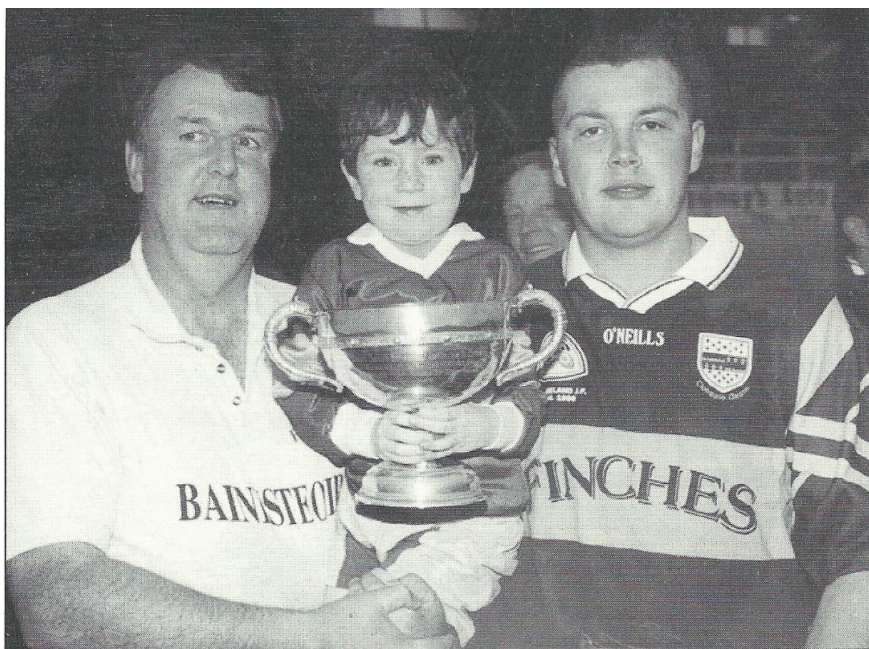
things were against Tipp. Playing it in

Corks home pitch for starters however the

players were also aware that we hadn't won the

Munster final since 1952 and Tipp had not

beaten Cork in any grade since 1956. The "Cork Examiner"



Tipperary junior football manager, Seamus McCarthy, photographed with his son, Niall, team captain, Kevin Coonan and the cup following Tipperary's victory over Offaly in the All-Ireland final at Portlaoise.

of that day predicted a "win by a comfortable margin" for the Rebel County.

However despite what the score line suggests Tipp won an entertaining game with plenty of skill, determination and spirit by 0-06 to 0-05. Our own lads were to the fore in the win with Kevin Coonan getting two points and Jim McAuliffe adding another. Jim's point was Tipp's last score of the game and proved to be the decisive score.

In the All Ireland semi-final Tipperary took on the exiles from

Warwickshire in Ardfinnan and had a comfortable 4-22 to 0-04 win. Things

were not going according to plan for Tipp and the visitors were well in the game until Jim McAuliffe bagged a crucial goal which then opened the floodgates

and it was mere target practise for the Premier after that. At the final whistle Coonan had scored a personal tally of 0-04 while Jim bagged 1-01

Tipp headed to Portlaoise to take on neighbours Offaly in the final. Gerry Slevin described Tipp's performance as "a display of skilled, disciplined and confident football" that won Tipp's first title in 75 years as Tipp won 2-09 to 0-06. "An hour after the final whistle, Tipp players, mentors and fans were still savouring it all on and around the pitch" and "the winning of this title brought tears of joy to many eyes". Our own lads played no small role with Kevin contributing three points while Jim came on as a second half substitute.

In winning this title not only did Kevin Coonan win the Guardian Player of the Week but he also became the very first Nenagh man and the first player from North Tipperary to lead a Tipperary team to All Ireland glory. A very proud time for the club.



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CAMÓGIE REVIEW

In 2001 it was decided to establish a Camógie club in Nenagh. Since then the club has gone from strength to strength and has set an exceedingly high standard for itself. The growth in popularity of camógie in the town has been astonishing and it is now common



place to see young ladies walking around the streets wearing camógie gear and holding a hurling.

The founders of the club could hardly have believed the success that was to ensue over the next twelve years. In 2008 our first taste of championship success came along when Jessica Maher captained the team to the U14 C title. Last year we won our first ever A title with Clodagh Ryan led the U14 team to victory over neighbours Toomevara. In 2010 Ciara McGrath became the first Nenagh Eire Óg player to represent Tipperary in senior camógie when she played a league game against Dublin in Rathcoole. This year our Féile team have continued

to set a very high bar for everyone to reach with their performances in this great competition.

We beat Drom & Inch to claim our very first Tipperary Féile title and qualify for the All Ireland Finals which were held in Limerick this year. Immediately the club set about preparing for the competition and established a fund raising committee to ensure all costs were met. Marcus O Connor, John Coffey, Josephine Tierney, Pauline Phelan, Mrs Bourke, Elaine Ryan, Noreen Coffey, Liam McGrath, Denise Morris, Caitriona Morris, Marie O'Brien, Marie Sheedy, Catherine Kennedy, Eileen Heffernan all came on board and held a number of fundraising events including a second hand clothes collection and a clean-up of MacDonagh Park. Thanks to everyone's hard work we raised enough money so that we could give the girls the best chance of success.

Killeedy GAA Club were our hosts for the weekend and they could not have been more welcoming to all our players and members. Their

kindness and helpfulness went above and beyond the call of duty and we can never thank them enough for all they did for us and we hope to return their thoughtfulness in the not too distant future.

The panel of players themselves



were an absolute credit to our club and the parish of Nenagh. Killeedy were very complimentary towards them for their politeness and

behaviour over the weekend and sent us a lovely message on Facebook about our players and how much they enjoyed hosting them. The girls painted a lovely impression of the town and everyone is very proud of them.

On the playing fields the girls also gave a very positive representation of the town with their hard work, skill, sportsmanship and determination. We opened our campaign on the Friday when we played host club Killeedy and we had a comprehensive win (next page)





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(cont'd) over them on a score line of 10-08 to 0-00. The following day we took on Newcastle West of Limerick and Davitt's of Derry in our remaining group games to finish top of the group and qualify for a semi-final spot against Sarsfields New Inn of Galway managed by former inter-county hurler Michael "Hopper" McGrath. Things started poorly for us in this game with the Galway ladies leading at half time on a scoreline of 1-02 to 0-01. It looked like we could heading out of the competition but some inspirational words from the management team of Martin Ryan, Noel Coffey and Maeve Maloney and lifted the girls' spirits. The girls were simply outstanding in the second half and left everything on the pitch and won on a scoreline of 4-04 to 1-02. The final was played in The Gaelic Grounds in Limerick and we were pitched against Dicksboro of Kilkenny. Unfortunately the exertions of the previous two days started to take their toll and we were

beaten by The Cats 3-02 to 1-01. However despite the scoreline the whole competition has been a very positive experience for our club and the players. We have proved that we are a match for any team in the country, a remarkable achievement for such a young club. On top of that everyone had a wonderful time and made lasting memories and friendships which is in keeping with the true spirit of the competition.

The club would like to thank all our generous sponsors. Your kindness helped make the weekend a special occasion. The hardworking committee who gave so much of their time to help organise the various fundraising events. The management team of Maeve Maloney, Martin Ryan and Noel Coffey who are as professional as any management in the country and left no stone unturned in their quest for glory. Catherine Kennedy who did first aid for the weekend and ensured all the girls' needs were taken care of. The Killeedy Club in Limerick for their generosity, kindness and helpfulness. Finally the players themselves, we can't speak highly enough of them and the positive image they painted of Nenagh. They work so hard in training and always have a smile on their faces. They are a credit to our club, our town, their families and themselves.





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NENAGH JUST FALL SHORT IN A CRACKER OF A MUNSTER PLATE FINAL

Our Junior team played the Munster A Plate final Sunday July 21 against an experienced Newport/ Ballinahinch team in Newport and it turned out to be the camógie game of the year with both sides doing Tipperary proud.

Eire Óg off the mark in the 14th minute. The Blues never say die spirit really came to the fore thereafter with points from Aileen Duggan and Rachel Maher reducing the deficit significantly by the 18th minute.

their way back into this thrilling final driven on mainly by a nucleus of very young players. An Aileen Duggan free settled Eire Óg before Rachel Maher converted a long range free in the 34th minute to leave to leave seven between them (1-8 to 4-6) In the 36th minute Lisa Maher plundered a goal while four minutes later went for as goal from a 21 meter free, Maher's shot was stopped, but Danielle Harrington scored from the rebound and suddenly the margin was down to just one in the 40th minute.

A Rachel Maher free following a foul on Aishling O'Brien levelled matters in the 43rd minute Eire Óg had now notched 2-3 without reply and Eire Óg took the lead for the first time in the match when Rachel Maher converted a 50 (3.10 to 4.6).

Cruelly Newport struck for a fifth goal in the 51st minute and



Nenagh's Rachel Maher getting out in front of her markers

Nenagh lined out with nine minor players and four players playing their second game of the day, as they had lined out for the Tipperary U16 team in their All Ireland Semi Final, but you wouldn't know it such was the intensity that they brought to the game. Nenagh normally compete at the Junior B grade but the blues reached the final on merit and were absolutely terrific in the decider. It was decided earlier in the year to enter the Junior A competition to give the girls some tougher opponents before heading into the Junior B championship in August.

Newport started well and led 2-03 to no score inside the opening eight minutes before a Ciara McGrath point got a determined

Newport responded with a point but in the 24th minute Danielle Harrington (who couldn't start due to illness) showed her goal poaching instincts with a brilliant goal to leave four between them (1-3 to 2-4).

A Newport free opened a five

point gap, but Eire Óg were growing in confidence with points from Michelle Collins and Holly O'Brien reducing the deficit to just a goal in the 28th minute. Newport hit 1-1 late in the first half and retired at the break nursing a 3-6 to 1-5 lead.

Although an Aishling O'Brien point got Eire Óg off to a positive start in the second half a fourth Newport goal in the 32nd minute left the Blues with a mountain to climb (1.6 to 4.6) but driven on by the half back line and mid field the Nenagh Eire Óg players were an absolute credit to themselves and everyone associated with the club thereafter. Not once did their heads drop and Eire Óg relentlessly worked

Below: Aileen Duggan, driving the ball up the field ball





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(Continued) converted a free to edge back 5.7 to 3.10 lead. Eire Óg didn't panic, however, with a Michelle Collins point and a third Danielle Harrington goal in the 56th minute propelling Eire Óg back into the lead (4.11 to 5-7) With two minutes of normal time remaining a sixth Newport goal wrestled the initiative away from Eire Óg while an eight Newport point left three between them (4.11 to 6.8).

A heroic Eire Óg side charged forward in waves with points from Rachel Maher and Zoe Gratton reducing the deficit to a single point as this dramatic affair moved into injury time.

In the 61st minute Newport struck for a seventh goal. This time sadly Eire Óg failed to recover. That said

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Aileen Duggan, red helmet, Aoife Shinnery, Newport and Lisa Maher Nenagh in action.

every supporter of the blues left Newport on Sunday evening immensely proud of the Eire Óg players' efforts.

The club would also like to thank Manager Denise Morris, coach Paul Henry and selector/fitness coach Shane Connolly for all their terrific work with this group of players. *Nenagh Eire Óg Allison Darcy, Mary Dillon, Alice Darcy, Amy Heffernan, Rachel Maher (0-5 02 frees 01 50) Alanna Morris, Claire Collins, Zoe Gratton (0-1), Michelle Collins (0-2) Lisa Maher (1-0) Aileen Duggan (0-2 0-1 free) Holly O'Brien (0-1) Ciara McGrath (0-1) Brenda O'Sullivan, Aishling O'Brien (0-1) subs Danielle Harrington (3-0) for Brenda O'Sullivan, Judie Mulqueen, Paula Ryan, Gemma Morris, Mairéad Sheridan, Emily McNamara, Cliodhara Curren, Sarah O'Connor.*

PROFILE OF FORMER JUNIOR CAMOGIE CAPTAIN MARY DILLON

THE TIPPERARY UNDER 16 CAMOGIE PANEL



The club is well represented on the Tipperary Under 16 camogie panel this year (pictured above) with four members on the A team, Grace O'Brien, Rachel Spillane, Rachel Maher and Saoirse Gleeson while Aislinn O'Brien, Sarah Quigley and Michelle Collins are part of the B panel. It's hard to imagine that we are only a very young camogie club and having so many representatives on the county panel is a testament to the hard work and dedication of so many fantastic coaches in the club and of the dedication of the girls. We wish the Tipperary team, their manager Brian Boyle and all the Nenagh girls in particular every success in the All Ireland final.

In this month's camogie player profile we meet Mary Dillon. Mary, a no nonsense defender, has the honour of being the first adult winning captain when she led the team to the Munster Junior B Plate final in 2011 [CLICK HERE](#) for video

Name: Mary Dillon

Age: 19

Occupation: Student of Music and Chinese in UCC

Favourite Hurler: Mark Tuite, Nenagh Eire Óg

Favourite Camogie Player: Claire Collins, she's my inspiration

Favourite Food: Jack Creedon's chicken and broccoli bake

Favourite Drink: Tea

Favourite Music: Niamh O'Connor Skinny Love ([CLICK HERE FOR MUSIC](#))

Favourite Book: English-

Mandarin Chinese Dictionary

Proudest Moment: Talking on Spin South West. ([CLICK HERE for NEOG on Spin Southwest](#))

Toughest Opponent: Louise



Hickey, thank God she's out of the country for the moment!

Advice to Young Players:

Respect the junior B's.

Something People Don't Know

About You: I work in a deli but I'm not able to butter bread properly.

What Does The Club Mean To You: Everything

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U12 GROUP 4 NORTH FINALISTS



Congratulations to the Group 4 U12 hurlers (pictured above) who qualified for the North Final after a super win against Toome in the semi. The group 1 hurlers had an unbeaten run through to their semi-final which will be against Roscrea in August. Well done boys and keep up the good work!

OUR U8 ALL-IRELAND CHAMPION



Well done to our U8 hurler Tom Walsh who won All-Ireland Gold and Bronze in the Relay recently. We look forward to seeing him sprinting up the wing in years to come.

WE HAVE HIM COVERED!



The U10's had a great little lad from Toome in for the Summer Camp this month. He made lots of friends but the boys made sure he didn't go home with any state secrets!

U6, U8 AND U10 TRIP TO BISHOPSTOWN. CORK



Our under 6, 8 and 10's had a fantastic day away at the superbly run Bishopstown GAA Blitz recently. Shane Connolly sorted matters at this end and the Cork side left no stone uncovered in making sure all teams were looked after. The hurling was intense with the boys straight off the bus and into the matches. The emphasis was on fun and participation and that's exactly how it turned out. We thank Bishopstown and hope to return the favour in the future.

Clockwise: Shane and Michael counting kids at 8am. Our U12s enjoy the 5 minute break between matches. The U6 and U8s with their selectors. Michael Geaney presents a token to acknowledge our visit to Killian O' Donoghue





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THE U16'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP KICKED OFF ON JULY 8TH. HERE WE MEET UP WITH CO-CAPTAINS BRIAN TUITE AND ANTHONY WALSH TO SEE WHAT IT TAKES TO LEAD YOUR FRIENDS OUT ON TO THE FIELD

NAMES: Brian Tuite, Anthony Walsh

Occupation: (B&A) Students, going in to 5th Year.

Favourite Position: (B&A) Centre Forward

Can you remember your first game for the club: (B) My first memory of a match is at a blitz in Roscrea, serious stuff!

(A) I started hurling at U10 level and have great memories of training under Christy and Eamon.

Favourite Players:

-Hurling: (B) Lar Corbett (A) Bonar Maher

-Camogie: (B) I'd have to say all the Nenagh Éire Óg Camogie players. They're winning some serious trophies now and have some great players on Tipp teams. (A) Definitely agree with Brian there. Nenagh have a great Camogie club.

Proudest moment playing for the club: (B&A) Winning the North U14 final. Just the best feeling ever.

Toughest Opponent: (B) Shane Hennessy for sure (A) Adam Carey. Your own teammates can be the toughest opponents.



U16 HURLING CO-CAPTAINS
BRIAN TUITE (LEFT) AND
ANTHONY WALSH

[CLICK HERE FOR 2011 U14
NORTH FINAL PRESENTATION](#)

What player do you look up to:

(B) Eoin Kelly (A) Bonnar Maher

Favourite Food: (B) Spaghetti. Bolognese. (A) Turkey and Stuffing

Favourite Drink: (B) Coke (A) Lucozade Orange

Favourite Music: (B&A) Dance

Favourite Movie: (B) Goal (A) Taken

Interests outside of hurling:

(B) I like playing soccer. (A) I play Rugby

Something you didn't know

about me: (B) I'm an open book, you know everything about me. (A) I love horse-riding. I have a horse called Caster.

What does the club mean to

you: (B) Everything. It's a big honour to be captain this year. (A) The club plays a huge part in my life. It's a great honour to be captain and myself and Brian will work hard to earn it.

Biggest influence on career:

(B&A) Although he did sort of threaten us that it had better be him, he needn't have worried. Christy McLoughlin has definitely been the biggest influence on our hurling careers.

JUVENILE CLUB SPONSORS NIGHT



The Juvenile Club would sincerely like to thank its sponsors for their contributions this year. Their support is very much appreciated. (Left) Deirdre Hughes –A Sportsman's Dream presents jerseys to U12 Manager John Phelan. Also in the photo is Chairman Michael Geaney and members of the U12 team. (Right) John Kennedy, Committee members Michael Geaney and Shane Connolly, Ronan Walsh, Thomas Gleeson and William Talbot who all sponsored training tops for the juveniles. Missing from photo are Brian Keller, Kieran Scully, Paddy Rohan and Johnny Cavanagh



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2013 JUVENILE SUMMERCAMP

It was another successful summer camp for the club this year with over a 100 boys and girls attending every day. As you can see from the photos, the kids had a ball so a big well done to camp co-ordinator David Minogue. It takes a lot of work to make a camp run so smoothly so a big thanks also to the fantastic team of helpers that David put together. Paddy Moore showed the kids

some great age appropriate drills and brought the best out in each child. Tipp hurler Noel McGrath played a blinder with the kids signing autographs, giving a sideline cut display and patiently explaining that he's not Shane McGrath! Then Donagh brought the Munster Cup and as young as some of the kids were, they all grasped its importance, wanting to lift it over their heads. To prove

the power of advertising, many were fascinated that it had CENTRA ribbons on it! The kids with Limerick connections were so proud to have their photos take for various family members so thanks to Donagh as we're sure he's in big demand. Finally thanks to Christy Manning who supplies the most important aspect of any camp, the goodie bags on Friday and with Christy, it's always the good stuff!





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