



# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

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**NENAGH  
PROGRESS  
THROUGH  
THE  
ROUNDS IN  
THE SENIOR  
CHALLENGE  
CUP**



**CAMÓGIE  
UNDER-16  
GIRLS  
BRING  
MUNSTER  
GLORY TO  
THE CLUB!**



## JUVENILES FLY THE FLAG FOR ÉIRE ÓG ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2014



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JOIN IN AND WIN FOR SERIOUS BROWNIE POINTS!**







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## CAMÓGIE - MUNSTER GLORY FOR NENAGH GIRLS!!

On Sunday the 23 March Tipperary defeated Cork by 1-10 to 0-10 in the Munster under 16 A final. Nenagh Éire Óg were represented by **Maeve Coffey, Hazel McAuliffe and Grace O'Brien**. In fact it was Grace's second medal at this grade with Tipperary. A remarkable achievement.

Both Maeve and Grace played the entire match with Grace scoring four points. Our hearts went out to Hazel however who was selected to play but unfortunately illness ruled her out however that does not in any way take away from her role in helping the Premier reach and win this final.

The girls join an impressive list of players from the club who have also won Munster U16 medals with Tipperary, namely Ciara McGrath (2010), Aileen Duggan (2011), Alanna Morris

(2011), Rachel Spillane (2013), Saoirse Gleeson (2013), Grace O'Brien (2013), Aisling O'Brien (2013) and Rachel Maher (2013).

There is another Nenagh link to this team with Kildangan player and Nenagh Handball Club star Sinead Meagher also playing her part in the great success. Sinead has won numerous handball titles representing Nenagh and this talented young lady's skills also clearly extend to the camogie fields.

To have so many Munster champions in the club and players regularly wearing the blue and gold shows the fantastic growth in popularity of camogie in the parish. A huge congratulations to everyone involved especially our three players and best of luck in the All-Ireland campaign.



*Top: Munster Champions, Maeve Coffey, Hazel McAuliffe and Grace O'Brien.*

*Middle: The proud O'Brien family congratulating Grace.*

*Bottom: Maeve Coffey shrugging off intense Cork pressure.*

*Congratulations to the girls and their families from all at the club.*

### TIPPERARY U16 MUNSTER CHAMPIONS – SPONSORED BY NENAGH BASED ECHO IT







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## GAA HEALTHY CLUB PROJECT



### FOLLOW-UP WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS NIGHT

As you are aware by now, the Healthy Club Project held a very successful mental health awareness and promotion night in January last with speakers, Conor Cusack and Seamus Hennessy. Missing on the night due to injury was Tony Butler (pictured right), a highly regarded and respected speaker on coping with depression from personal experience. Tony promised us that he would be back to bring his unique perspective to the project when he was fit and he is true to his word.



Feedback from the first night is key to driving the programme forward and the honesty of the many people who contributed is much appreciated. We plan to address your hopes and needs for the future in the coming months with a follow up night in the company of Tony Butler. The Healthy Club Project team welcome your interest and proposals. You can contact us anytime through Team Leader, Michael Geaney on 086 3830857

### GAA - TACKLING BULLYING

The GAA became the country's first sporting organisation to launch a national anti-bullying campaign with the unveiling of the GAA Tackling Bullying Programme in March 2013. Even one bully on a team or in a group creates a toxic environment where true potential will never be achieved. It is the responsibility of everybody in the club to prevent or if need be to deal with incidents of bullying if ever they occur. The approach of the Healthy Club Project is to create a supportive environment where it is not acceptable to bully. Bullying can take many different forms, verbal, physical or emotional and while the child or indeed adult, may only have contact with the bully for a few hours a week, the effects of the bullying can

shape their everyday life in a negative way. Anti-bullying programmes will be rolled out in the club in the coming weeks. It is the responsibility of parents to talk to your children, explain the simplified code of conduct they will be receiving soon. If you have a concern or if you believe that you or somebody else may be the target, recipient or victim of bullying within the club you should contact the club's Children's Officer who will deal with your concerns.

**Juvenile Club Child Welfare Officer: Tom Moylan (086) 8236386**  
**Camogie Child Welfare Officer: Mark Hassett (087) 2524455**

[Nenagh Éire Óg Code of Ethics](#)

[GAA - Tackling Bullying](#)

### TEAMMATES NOW – FRIENDS FOREVER!



New this year for our under-6 and under-8 members is a 'Teammate of the Month' award as part of our anti-bullying drive. It will be a reward for good behaviour and team play for our super kids. Teammates Now - Friends Forever!



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## GET INVOLVED WITH NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG



People get involved in a club because they want to not because they have to!

Volunteerism is a nice concept, particularly for those that don't volunteer.

This year Nenagh man Tony Hassett, in an [interview](#) with the *Irish Examiner*, explained how rewarding volunteering for a local organisation could be:

***"There's more to life than money. It gives me a sense of achievement and it's great to know that others are benefiting from my input".***

Our time is precious, but when we give it to others we transform that time into something priceless. In recent weeks the Federation of Irish Sport reported that an excess of 500,000 Irish adults give of their time freely to clubs on a voluntary basis. Many work quietly in the background and do so out of a passion for their chosen sport and a determination to make a positive contribution to their

community. Expert research, however, also suggests that the number of people willing to engage in voluntary activity is much higher than those who actually do so.

Nenagh Éire Óg is no different to any other sports club or voluntary organisation. We therefore encourage anyone in the community who supports the club and who is prepared to give of their time on a voluntary basis to get involved so that fresh faces can bring fresh ideas forward.

The evolution of the club, in terms of its size and structures has led to an inequitable spread of the workload and places a very heavy burden on certain members. This needs to change and with a club of Nenagh Éire Óg's size there is a huge opportunity to involve many talented people who currently find themselves on the periphery of the club.

In 2013 Nenagh Éire Óg catered for over 400 active members (170

juveniles, 230 adults) and that number continues to grow especially at juvenile level where we have over 60 under-8s now coming to the club. Whether you are interested in playing, coaching or administrating we would like to hear from you.

We appreciate that not everyone can train a team and that not everyone has time to attend meetings, but there are other very practical ways in which you can help the club continue its work and expand its facilities for the betterment of the local community. It is impossible to put a value on time and talent so freely given by the wonderful volunteers of the GAA.

If you take that brave first step over the threshold, we guarantee that you will not regret it!

### THE ULTIMATE VOLUNTEER

Tommy Mulcahy is the current under-6 coach but what some of you might not be aware of is that he has freely given his time to the club for over 50 years. He has worked at every level including seven years as Club Chairman and as County Board Youth Officer. His enthusiasm for coaching juveniles though has never waned is still plain for all to see every Wednesday and Saturday, hail or shine. He has trained some of the club greats as boys and will tell you how proud he is to see any of his lads grow up and come back to volunteer for Éire Óg. All help is greatly appreciated. See what you can do. Pictured left: A common sight on the playing fields, Tommy Mulcahy, centre, surrounded by Éire Óg juveniles.







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### IT'S SPRING TIME.....!



CONGTATULATIONS TO MICHAEL MCNAMARA AND ALI DARCY ON THEIR RECENT ENGAGEMENT

#### LOVE IS IN THE AIR

On Sunday morning, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, prior to the senior hurling league match against Kilruane MacDonaghs word spread around the club that our "goalkeeping lovebirds", Michael McNamara and Ali Darcy had finally agreed to tie the knot.

The previous day, Michael or should we call him Rudolph Valentino (?) took Ali on a romantic stroll to the summit of Nenagh Castle. While Ali was admiring the view out towards Borrisokane, Michael got down on bended knee, recited the love poem *A Red Red Rose* by Scottish poet Robert Burns, before popping the question. An emotional Ali, wiping the tears of joy from her eyes, immediately said "yes" and they embraced overlooking the town of Nenagh!! Cupid certainly knew what he was doing when he shot his arrow in their direction. Michael is the senior hurling goalkeeper while his fiancé Ali, is the goalkeeper for the Junior camogie team!!!

On behalf of everyone in the club we wish them a long and happy life together.

## FUNDRAISING

The Nenagh Éire Óg Club Lotto represents the club's key fundraising initiative. Please consider supporting the Blues by playing our club lotto online or by buying a club lotto ticket from an officer of the club.  
Just watch how far we can stretch €2!

Alternatively you can also support Nenagh Éire Óg by paying your club membership. Membership for 2014 is now due and can be paid to any club officer or online. The cost of membership is priced at just €25. Please help us make the dreams of our players come true!

[nenagheireog.com](http://nenagheireog.com)



### GIVE RESPECT- GET RESPECT





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### NEW TIPPERARY CAMÓGIE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRPERSON - PAT SHERIDAN

**THE PARISH OF NENAGH** certainly is an oasis of activity for the sporting enthusiast with just about every major sport catered for. Outside of hurling the town boasts a very successful rugby club in Nenagh Ormond who recently achieved promotion from Division 2B. Athletics has always been popular. Triathlon, thanks to the huge efforts of the Scully brothers, has grown in popularity while we have successful tennis, soccer, boxing, golfing, cycling, pitch and putt clubs among many others. Sadly for years however camogie was almost non-existent in our parish.

In 2001 people decided to do something about this and revive the ancient craft in the town. After many struggles and heavy defeats our first taste of silverware came in 2008 when we captured the Under 12 C and Under 14 C titles.

These successes were the result of a lot of hard work by a small but extremely dedicated number of people. Among them was current Tipperary County Board Chairperson Pat Sheridan.

Pat initially got involved when his daughters passed through the gates of Thomas MacDonagh's pitch on St Conlon's Road in 2003. The girl's team needed a trainer and Pat willingly put his shoulder to the wheel and took up the role. Since then the contribution he has made to camogie in the town has been immense. In 2006 he was elected chairperson of the club and he is very proud of the fact that we only had teams competing at under ten and under twelve level at the time and when he finished his term in office we had won our very first adult title when the Junior camogie team won the Munster Junior B Plate competition. Most of the players on that team were still under eighteen and had never Pat



*Sheridan (far left) with Tipp Camogie sponsors Ryan Motor Power* tasted success before on the camogie fields. Winning that title felt like an All-Ireland to Pat and everyone involved. Pat's role in organising the club and bringing in new trainers at the time has had many positive long term benefits and we are reaping the rewards of his hard work today with the club competing at all age groups and regularly winning titles. Added to that are the large number of players from the town who have had the honour of wearing the blue and gold. Pat was not alone in doing all this work and was assisted by other hardworking people including Cora Collins, Bridget White, Enda Costello, Conor O Donovan, Martin Ryan, Liz Duggan, Mike Ryan and Tom McAuliffe among many others. "The future of camogie in Nenagh is very good. We have great coaches involved and are producing excellent players with high skill levels. We only need to look at the current Tipperary under sixteen and Under Eighteen teams for evidence of that." However many challenges remain including retaining players as they head off to college or leave

the town for work. "Emigration will be a big issue and finding work for these players will be a problem. If we can get more jobs in the area the players will stay around, if not they will emigrate however there still should be enough Nenagh based players to keep the club going at adult level".

"Camogie is a wonderful sport and I feel everyone should get involved in their community and give something back to it and not to sit back and let others do all the work".

In late 2013 Pat decided to allow his name go forward in the race for the biggest office in Tipperary camogie and he won the vote much to the delight of everyone in our club. "I had a successful six years at the helm in Nenagh and I wanted to see if I could contribute to Tipperary camogie and see if I could help to get it to where it should be. We have been producing brilliant underage teams who have won numerous Munster and All Ireland titles however we haven't won anything in a long time at senior level. I want to see if I can help improve the structures in place and hopefully help the seniors bring The O Duffy Cup back to the premier again."

"When I finish my term as Tipperary chairperson I hope we have a structure in place where we are producing fantastic squads of players on an annual basis and to leave a system behind that for whoever follows, they will have a seamless transition. And I would love for Tipperary to win a senior All Ireland title in my time as chairperson. "We wish Pat the very best in his new role and if he has the same impact on Tipperary as he did in Nenagh Éire Óg the future of Tipperary camogie is very bright indeed.





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## SENIOR NEWS - SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP



*Billy Heffernan in action against Burgess*

### **Clean Ireland Recycling County Tipperary Senior Challenge Cup Nenagh Éire Óg 4-14 Burgess 2-11 at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Nenagh Éire Óg got their competitive year off to an encouraging start when beating Burgess with nine points to spare at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on Sunday afternoon, March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Clean Ireland Recycling County Tipperary Senior Challenge Cup. A James Mackey goal in the opening minute set the Blues on their way while points from Tommy Heffernan and Donnacha Quinn (three) helped the home side into a 1-4 to no-score lead insider the opening eight minutes. Burgess then out-scored Éire Óg by three points to one before Michael Heffernan buried a 21-yard free to hand the Blues a 2-5 to 0-3 advantage in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute. Nenagh closed out the opening half with points from

Michael Heffernan, Andrew Coffey and Donnacha Quinn (three) helping the home side toward a 2-10 to 0-4 interval advantage.

Burgess started the second half in determined fashion and hit 2-3 without reply to leave just three between the sides by the 37<sup>th</sup> minute (2-10 to 2-7). A Paul Ryan point in the 44<sup>th</sup> minute set

Éire Óg on their way once more before goals from James Mackey and Tommy Heffernan saw the Blues into a 4-11 to 2-7 lead with 46 minutes played. Points from Paul Ryan and Donnacha Quinn then added to the Éire Óg tally before Burgess responded with three of their own. In second half injury time Donnacha Quinn completed his nine-point haul.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Michael McNamara, Mark Flannery, John Brennan, Adam Grattan, Billy Heffernan, Hugh Maloney, Barry Heffernan, Andrew Coffey (0-1), Killian Gleeson, Paul Ryan (0-2), Tommy Heffernan (1-1), Donnacha Quinn (0-9, 0-4 frees, 0-2 '65s), Mark Tuite, Michael Heffernan (1-1, 1-0 frees), James Mackey (2-0). Subs: (11<sup>th</sup>) Donnacha Heffernan for John Brennan, (36<sup>th</sup>) Bob O'Brien for Michael Heffernan, (50<sup>th</sup>) Conor Ryan for Mark Tuite, (56<sup>th</sup>) John Cahalan for James Mackey.

**Referee:** Philip Kelly (Ballinahinch).

### **Nenagh Éire Óg v Ballina**

### **Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Challenge Cup Nenagh Éire Óg 3-27 Ballina 0-10 Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Nenagh Éire Óg progressed to the third round of the Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Challenge Cup thanks to a 3-27 to 0-10 win over Ballina at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh.

The sides traded points during the opening five minutes before nine points without reply helped Éire Óg into a 0-11 to 0-2 lead. Playing with the aid of the wind Ballina steadied themselves late in the half before an Andrew Coffey goal in the 28<sup>th</sup> minute forced the home side into a 1-15 to 0-6 interval advantage.

A Donnacha Quinn goal in the 47<sup>th</sup> minute left 16 points in it (2-19 to 0-9) while Éire Óg's third three-pointer arrived courtesy of Pearse Morris in the 58<sup>th</sup>.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Michael McNamara, Mark Flannery, Billy Heffernan, John Brennan, Daire Quinn (0-1), Hugh Maloney, Barry Heffernan (0-1), Alan Kelly, Andrew Coffey (1-2), Donnacha Quinn (1-7, 0-4 frees, 0-1 '65), Tommy Heffernan (0-8), Killian Gleeson (0-4, 0-1 sideline), James Mackey, Pearse Morris (1-2), Mark Tuite. Subs: (15<sup>th</sup>) Kevin Tucker (0-1) for Mark Tuite, (HT) Kevin Flynn for Michael McNamara, (38<sup>th</sup>) David Hickey (0-1) for James Mackey, (44<sup>th</sup>) John Cahalan for Alan Kelly, (53<sup>rd</sup>) Bob O'Brien for Donnacha Quinn.



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## SENIOR NEWS- SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

### Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Challenge Cup Johnny Ryan Cup Quarter-Final Nenagh Éire Óg 0-21 Kilruane MacDonagh's 1-17 Sunday March 23rd

Nenagh Éire Óg edged past Kilruane MacDonagh's in a terrific contest at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on Sunday afternoon, March 23rd. Indeed, based on this performance Dinny Cahill's men have served notice that they will be a side to be reckoned with this season.



Kilruane MacDonagh's got off to an impressive start in this contest and led 0-7 to 0-5 after twenty minutes with



Tommy Heffernan, Killian Gleeson (below left), Donnacha Quinn (two frees) and Pearse Morris responsible for the Éire Óg efforts.

Two Donnacha Quinn frees levelled matters by the 23rd minute while Éire Óg out-scored Kilruane 0-2 to 0-1 during the remainder of the half to take a 0-9 to 0-8 interval lead – Kevin Tucker and Michael McNamara (free) scored these late efforts.

Immediately after the break Kilruane equalised before points from Tommy Heffernan (two), Barry Heffernan, Donnacha Quinn (free) and Paul Ryan forced Éire Óg into a 0-14 to 0-9 advantage by the 38th minute.

The sides then traded points before three Kilruane points left just two in it (0-15 to 0-13) with ten minutes to play.

Following an exchange of points Kilruane reduced the deficit to single point (0-18 to 0-17) by the 58th

minute. Éire Óg responded, however, with points from Donnacha Quinn (free), Daire Quinn and Paul Ryan forcing the home side four clear. In second half injury time Kilruane full-back Séamus Hennessy buried a left-handed 21-yard free.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Michael McNamara (0-1, 0-1 frees), Mark Flannery, Noel Maloney, John Brennan, Daire Quinn (0-1), Hugh Maloney, Billy Heffernan, Alan Kelly, Kevin Tucker (0-1), Donnacha Quinn (0-9, 0-9 frees), Tommy Heffernan (0-4), Pearse Morris (0-1), Paul Ryan (0-2), Barry Heffernan (0-1), Killian Gleeson (0-1). Subs: (35th) Adam Grattan for Noel Maloney.

**Referee:** Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea).





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### SENIOR NEWS



Congratulations to Pearse Morris (far left) who was a member of the Cork Institute of Technology team that defeated Dublin Institute of Technology in the All Ireland Intermediate Third Level Colleges final. The Cork students won after extra time on a scoreline of 1-20 to 0-22.



Well done to Paddy Murphy (left) and Mikey Heffernan, seen here against Clare, who have been featuring in Tipperary's league campaign.



Kevin Flynn (back row, goalie) has been flying the flag for Éire Óg on NUI Galway's Fitzgibbon cup team defeated at quarter final stage by CIT.

### JUNIOR 'A' HURLING



*Nenagh Éire Óg – the 2013 north Tipperary junior A hurling league champions.*

#### **North Tipperary Junior A Hurling League Nenagh Éire Óg 2-12 Moneygall 1-7**

Playing with the wind in the opening half Éire Óg led 0-3 to no-score thanks to points from David Hickey and Aidan Healy (two) before Moneygall struck for an equalising goal in the 11th minute.

The sides then traded points before Bob O'Brien set up David Cleary for a neat goal in the 16th minute. Moneygall responded to leave two between them (1-4 to 1-2), but six consecutive Éire Óg points forced the Blues into a 1-10 to 1-3 interval advantage – David Hackett (two frees), John Cahalan (two), Niall Madden (free) and David Hickey were responsible for these scores.

Points from David Hickey and Cian Tucker (free) preceded three

Moneygall points which left six in it (1-12 to 1-6) entering the final ten minutes. An Aidan Healy goal in the 52nd minute settled the issue.

In this year's north Tipperary junior A hurling league Éire Óg have remaining group games to contest against Burgess, Roscrea, Knockshegowna and Toomevara.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Kevin Flynn, Donnacha Heffernan, John O'Donoghue, Brian Flynn, Niall Madden (0-2, 0-1 '65, 0-1 frees), Seáníe Geaney, Eoin Fitzgibbon, John Cahalan (0-2), Cian Tucker (0-1, 0-1 frees), David Hackett (0-2, 0-2 frees), David Cleary (1-0), Bob O'Brien, Aidan Healy (1-2), David Hickey (0-3), Christopher Ryan. Subs: (48th) Gary Howard for David Cleary, (40th) Declan O'Meara for David Hackett, (55th) Michael Hallinan for Aidan Healy.





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### BLAST FROM THE PAST- 1986 NORTH TIPP LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

***In this month's newsletter we have decided to travel back in time to May 1986 and honour our senior hurling team which won the North Tipperary senior hurling league following a 2-12 to 1-07 victory over Moneygall in Borrisokane.***

Our younger readers may not be aware but the league was certainly a competition well worth winning back then as the victors played the losers of the North senior hurling championship for the right to represent our division as the second team in the county championships. Both group and knock out games in the league used to attract large numbers of spectators and in 1995 Nenagh Éire Óg benefitted immensely. We defeated Toomevara in the North league final in Cloughjordan in May of that year but were later defeated by Borrisoleigh in the semi-final of the championship. Toomevara avenged their defeat in the league final by capturing the Frank McGrath Cup in the championship and we had to play Borrisoleigh again to decide who would be the second North representatives along with *The Greyhounds*. Fortunately we came through that fixture and went on to claim our first Dan Breen title. It was a wet and windy evening in Borrisokane and Nenagh were dealt the double blow of not having inter county stars Conor O Donovan, who was in the USA, and John Heffernan who was suspended, available. Jerry Slevin, in *The Guardian*, reported that "the standard of hurling in the game wasn't great; the strong wind and occasional rain ensured that,



and the sod appeared to be getting a bit slippery. Éire Óg played against the wind in the first half and did well to restrict Moneygall to a two point interval lead. It took them fourteen minutes into the second half to get in front, but once they did so, they moved with confidence and assurance, and the scores came without reply from Moneygall." Moneygall, who had great wins over Lorrha and Toomevara on route to the final looked "a fit side, and they attacked frequently throughout the first half. But they failed to capitalise on many good chances they created, and were it not for a superbly taken free by P. J. Delaney which went all the way to the net, they might have had the indignity of trailing at half time, despite the strong wind behind them." "Moneygall opened the scoring in the first half with a point from a free by P. J. Delaney after a minutes play. Éire Óg came at them and Kevin Collison did well to save from Michael Kennedy. P. J. Delaney was wide with a free from a scorable angle for Moneygall, before Eugene Ryan put Moneygall two points clear after six minutes with a free from inside his own half of the field. Philip Kennedy set up Michael Kennedy for Éire Óg's opening point after seven minutes. Jimmy Dwyer broke

through the Éire Óg defence but was wide with his effort. Play swung to the other end, and Michael Kennedy shot over the equalising point. P. J. Delaney was wide for Moneygall again, then Éire Óg got their noses briefly in front as John Ryan sent over their third point. It was short lived, as a Moneygall attack in the tenth minute saw them win a free from about thirty yards. P. J. Delaney's effort deceived the defence and ended up in the net. One expected that Moneygall would capitalise on the restart, but Éire Óg went back at them again. Michael Cleary forced a 65, Philip Kennedy took it, Moneygall conceded a free as the ball dropped among the backs and forwards, and Michael Cleary from it sent over the bar. Again play swung to the other end, and Moneygall won a 65. Eugene Ryan took it well to make it 1-3 to 0-4 after seventeen minutes. Again Éire Óg came back, and Neilly Corbett set up Michael Cleary for a point. P. J. Cooney brought the sides level after twenty one minutes. Further Moneygall pressure yielded points from P. J. Delaney and Jimmy Guilfoyle, but Éire Óg had a point in the twenty

*Back Row: (Left to right) John Heffernan, Jim Nagle, Seamie Kennedy, P.J. Maxwell, Neile Corbett, Noel Coffey, Michael Kennedy, Front row: Denis Finnerty, Liam Flannery, Phil Hennessy, Donie O'Brien, Paul Kennedy, Michael Cleary, Johnny Ryan, P.J. Cooney*





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ninth minute from Philip Kennedy to narrow the gap to a point. From Kevin Collison's puck out John O'Meara sent over the last point of the half to leave Moneygall facing the wind on resumption, and a rather tenacious lead of 1-6 to 0-7

### MISSED CHANCES

From the restart Moneygall pressed and from a quick 65, following which Seamie Kennedy saved from Neddy Sutton, the ball was scrambled away. John Donovan got it but sent wide. Jimmy O'Dwyer was wide shortly after with an effort. Then P. J. Delaney had a shot saved by Seamie Kennedy. Having weathered the storm, Éire Óg went on the attack, and Michael Cleary pointed after nine minutes, and two minutes late brought his side level, 1-6 to 0-9. P. J. Delaney brought his side in front again immediately, but it proved to be Moneygall's swansong. John Ryan set the ball through the backs and forwards, a Moneygall defender put his hand out to take it but missed, it broke out to Michael Cleary who gave the keeper no chance, and Éire Óg were on the way 1-9 to 1-7. As Moneygall reeled from the blow, they were hit again with minutes, as Denis Finnerty and Neilly Corbett combined to set up Jim Nagle for a goal. 2-9 to 1-7, and the writing was now on the wall for Moneygall with thirteen minutes left.

Éire Óg brought in Robert Ashman for P. J. Cooney and Sean Minogue of Neilly Corbett, and three further points over the remaining minutes from the impressive Michael Cleary



*Captain Paul Kennedy accepts the trophy on from John Tierney (current chairman of Irish Water)*

gave them a comfortable eight point margin.

Seamie Kennedy was in fine form between the Éire Óg posts, the full back line of Flannery, O'Brien and Maxwell was generally solid. While Denis Finnerty was outstanding in the half back line. It was at midfield that the foundations of victory were laid, for here Phil Kennedy established and early supremacy. Michael Kennedy had one of his best games to date in the Nenagh colours always threatening danger, and

Michael Cleary was again an accurate marksmen. Eugene Ryan was Moneygall's outstanding defender, and his two scoring efforts were classy examples of free taking. P. J. Delaney, John Kenny, Neddy Sutton, Jim O'Dwyer and Eamonn Toohey were others who tried hard.

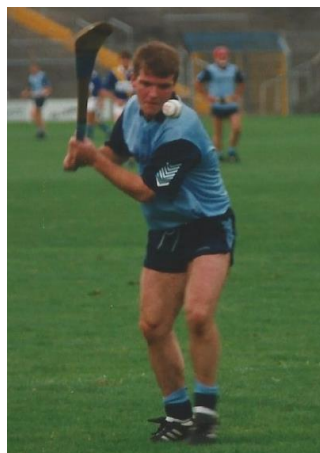
Scorers: Éire Óg — M. Cleary 1-7, M. Kennedy 0-2, G. Nagle 1-0. J. Ryan 0-1. P. J. Cooney 0-1. P. Kennedy 0-1. Moneygall: P. J. Delaney 1-3, E. Ryan 0-2, J. Guilfoyle 0-1, J. O'Meara 0-1. Éire Óg: S. Kennedy, L. Flannery, D. O'Brien, P. J. Maxwell D. Finnerty, P. Kennedy, P. Hennessy, Philip Kennedy, P. J. Cooney, M. Cleary, M. Kennedy. N. Coffey, J. Ryan, J. Nagle, N. Corbett. Subs.: R. Ashman for P. J. Cooney, S. Minogue for Corbett.

Moneygall: K. Collison, E. Ryan, G. Gleeson, J. Kirwan, P. Maher, J. Guilfoyle, J. Kenny E. Tuohy, J. Donovan, P. J. Delaney, J. O'Meara,

M. O'Dwyer, N. Sutton, S. Ryan, J. O'Dwyer. Subs.: J. Ryan for Kirwan. Ref.: D. Nealon Burgess.

Nenagh had further reason to celebrate with the added bonus that a young Michael Cleary (pictured below) was awarded the Guardian Player of the Week award. Here Gerry Slevin outlines his reasons for picking Michael ahead of some other worthy candidates: *"It was not a day for hurling elegance, instead it was a day for courage, stamina and heart, as Éire Óg won their first senior trophy in four years when they defeated Moneygall in the final of the North Tipperary League at Borrisokane on Sunday.*

*Continuous rain, heavy showers before the start made the ground heavy and severed all links with style and elegance but still Éire Óg managed to show a good deal of promise and John Tucker must surely be pleased with the performance of his team, as they had to do without the services, of Conor O'Donovan with the All-Stars In America and the suspended John Heffernan.*



*On the basis of this performance Éire Óg will be the fancy of many to win the championship but there is a long and rocky road ahead. It does give them a say in the county championship or at least entitles them to a playoff with the beaten North Finalists, if and when they are put out of the championship.*

*It was one of Éire Óg's most decorated hurlers Michael Cleary, who proved the most effective player on the field. Operating at right half forward Cleary was central to practically every worthwhile attack scoring a personal tally of 1-7 and winning this week's award.*





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## KEVIN WHELAN BRINGS O'MEARA'S HOTEL BACK TO LIFE

**O MEARA'S HOTEL** can boast a history as interesting as that of any other hostelry in the South of Ireland. The house was built originally about 1734 by Mr Quentin Dick, a Scottish gentleman. It was then a house standing detached with a garden on each side. Mr Dick died in 1768 and is buried in Barrack St graveyard.

In 1788 under Mr Barry Smith as proprietor there was an Inn here named the "Star and Garter". In 1790 it was owned by Cornelius Pyne of Cashel and in 1793 and eventually it passed to Isaac Cantrell in the year 1804. Cantrell sold it to Mr John Brundley a native of Suffolk and it became known as Brundley's Inn. Later it changed its name to the "Kings Arm's".

The hotel then became famous as it became well known throughout the South of Ireland as Brundley's Hotel. It was the chief hotel on the road between Kerry, Limerick and Dublin. It had a large courtyard at the back and it was well known for having duels and fighting in the old days.

The great Liberator, Daniel O Connell stayed here on his way to Ennis for his election campaign. He was escorted into Nenagh by 3,000 horsemen. Father Matthew spent some day's there during his great mission. Barrister's and Judges who were presiding at Nenagh court spent time there with big security in place.

The hotel came into possession of James O' Meara in 1858 and later his son also James. The latter's wife was shot dead by the Black and



Tan's during the War of Independence when she looked out the door of the hotel to see what was happening on the street. Her husband passed away shortly after and the hotel came into the Cadell family who ran it for years increasing its reputation throughout Ireland.

During that time Bing Crosby was a visitor and quite a stir was reported around town when word got out of his visit. According to the Nenagh Silent Film Festival website "The full story of this visit is that back in 1961 Bridie Brennan, who was a Borrisokane native that was living and working in Nenagh town, answered an advertisement for a nanny for Bing Crosby and his wife, Kathryn.

Over the following years, Bridie became very close to the Crosby's and even became an adviser and travel companion to Kathryn. A few years after Bridie took up the position, during 1965, Bing Crosby was visiting Ireland to see how a horse named 'Meadow Court' of which he had a third share in fared in the Irish Sweeps Derby at the Curragh. Bing stated at the time

that he didn't bet on the horse himself, but he had placed a wager of £2 on the horse for Bridie. Meadow Court was to win the Irish Sweeps Derby that year. While in Ireland, Bing Crosby had decided to travel to Nenagh town in recognition of what Bridie meant to the Crosby's and he also wanted to see where Bridie had lived. Of course news of his visit to

O'Meara's Hotel spread like wildfire and a number of photos were taken of the visit. Bridie Brennan passed away in the Crosby residence, where she had been greatly cared for, in San Francisco on April 23rd, 1973. Bing Crosby, who regrettably had been unable to attend the obsequies after Bridie's remains had arrived back to Ireland for burial, arranged through Interflora to have a carpet of flowers delivered to the grave."

It changed hands on two more occasions during the 80's and 90's and slowly fell into decline and was eventually demolished.

Many people from Nenagh and surrounds have fond memories of nights in the hotel. Be it a dance or a function it was the place to go. It was sad to see its demise but the owners of the new complex in its place have honoured the man who built the first house there in 1734 by calling it Quentin's Way in honour of Mr Quentin Dick..!

*Kevin Whelan operates the Historical Walking Tours of Nenagh and can be found on Facebook under "Nenagh Walking Tours"*





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### U12 GROUPS 'A' AND 'D' FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### Under 12 fixtures for April

##### U12A Football Top 4 to Semi Final

**4/4/2014** Rd 5 Nenagh Éire Óg v

Kilruane MacDonaghs Nenagh

**4/11/2014** Rd 6 Toomevara v

Nenagh Éire Óg Toomevara

**4/18/2014** Rd 7 Nenagh Éire Óg v

Inane Rovers Nenagh

**4/25/2014** North semi finals

**5/3/2014** North Final

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Nenagh

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Inane Rovers Nenagh

**4/25/2014** North Semi Finals

**5/3/2014** North End Games

**THE U12 FOOTBALL LEAGUE** got off to a slow start in March with both teams receiving byes. Group D have played two matches having a good away win in Newport and losing out to a strong Ballina side on a beautiful morning for football in Nenagh (see photos). The Group A team have played only one match losing away to Borrisokane. There's a busy April ahead though and the boys are having a lot of fun with their football with all boys guaranteed at least half of every match and there is a great attendance at training. Keep up the good work boys.

#### Management Team

**Under-12:** Michael McNamara, Enda Murphy, Joe Donovan, Seáníe Geaney, Tommy Heffernan and Alan Kelly.







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### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2014



TOM DOHERTY



Keep in touch with club news and activities through our facebook page, twitter and website. On facebook this month you will find files of juvenile photos from St. Patrick's Day, the Clare visit and Kilmacud visit along with all the club fixtures. Please like the club page and keep in touch.

**MANY THANKS TO TOM DOHERTY PHOTOGRAPHY**



The Nenagh Éire Óg GAA Club Fundraising Lotto draws which run on a weekly basis play a huge part in the fund raising efforts of our GAA Club.

We encourage all of our ex members and community to play the Nenagh Éire Óg GAA Club fundraising lotto.

Your continued support is much appreciated and we wish you good luck in future draws. Also a big thank you to everybody who supported the club's National Club Draw fundraiser. You will see the benefits of the money raised during the year.





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### JUVENILE NEWS

#### UNDER-14 "A" FOOTBALL FIXTURES

**4/2/2014** Rd 1. Nenagh Éire Óg v Kildangan, Nenagh  
**4/9/2014** Rd 2. Toomevara v Nenagh Éire Óg, Toomevara  
**4/16/2014** Rd 3. Nenagh Éire Óg v Inane Rovers, Nenagh  
**5/7/2014** Semi- Final.  
**5/14/2014** North Final.  
**6/7/2014** County Semi-final.  
**6/14/2014** County Final.

#### Under-14 Management Team:

John Phelan, Conor O'Donovan, Phil Hennessy and David Minogue

#### UNDER-16 A FOOTBALL FIXTURES

**3/22/2014** Rd 1. Inane Rovers V Nenagh Éire Óg, Roscrea  
**3/29/2014** Rd 2. Nenagh Éire Óg V Kilruane MacDonaghs, Nenagh  
**3/31/2014** Rd 3. Newport Gaels V Nenagh Éire Óg, Newport  
**4/7/2014** Rd 4. Nenagh Éire Óg V Kildangan, Nenagh  
**4/14/2014** Rd 5. Nenagh Éire Óg a bye  
**4/28/2014** Semi-Final  
**5/9/2014** North Final  
**Under-16 Management Team:**  
Michael Grey, Pádraig Gleeson and Robbie Ryan

**EVAN MURPHY AND FIACHRA STARR** – who recently played on the under-14 North Tipp Divisional Football team.



### COACHING CORNER

- EVERY MONTH PHIL HENNESSY WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO A NEW SKILL TO BE MASTERED

#### 1. THE HOOK

The Hook is a tackling technique used to prevent an opponent from striking the ball on the ground or from the hand. It involves hooking or deflecting the swing of the hurley from behind the opponent.

#### The Hook – Key points

- Adopt the ready position.
- Take a position a hurley length plus an extended arm's length behind the opponent, with the dominant side directly behind the side the opponent is going to strike from.
- Hold the hurley in the dominant hand and extend the arm while striding forward with the dominant foot to increase reach.
- Extend the hurley into the path of the opponent's swing using a one handed grip.
- The hurley may be held with the toe facing upwards or flat with the toe to the side.



- Flick the wrist as the opponent's hurley is deflected.
- Move in quickly to gain possession or prepare to hook a second time.
- Note that there may be less chance of hurley damage if the hurley is kept flat during the Hook.

**CLICK BELOW FOR VIDEO AND PRACTICE!**







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## CLARE ON TOUR!



If you had the good fortune to pass through the gates of MacDonagh Park on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> you would be forgiven for thinking that there wasn't a juvenile hurler left in Clare that day! We welcomed 150 young hurlers from the Banner throughout the day on their way to and from Thurles for the Tipp v Clare match. We had multiple teams from St. Joseph's Doora Barefield, Inagh Kilnamona and Clarecastle who along with our own boys, filled every inch of both playing fields. Many of the visiting parents and mentors spoke of their own memories of playing in Nenagh as children and fondly remembered the hospitality they were shown then. Nenagh Éire Óg were delighted to

be in a position to show the same hospitality again to their children. A huge thank you to the many parents and helpers who made what could only be called a 'catering operation' possible.

Photos:

1-3: Nenagh under 8's and 10's v St. Joseph's Doora Barefield

4-5: Our under 14 hurlers take on their counterparts from Inagh Kilnamona

6: Under 16 lads faced Clarecastle and recorded the second draw in as many years. Pictured is Jake Morris with his 'hurley in'.

7: Under 16 hurler Jason McKenna charges away from Clare opposition.





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## CAMÓGIE NEWS

Congratulations to Alanna Morris, Rachel Maher and the Tipperary U18 team who defeated Limerick in the Munster semi-final by 4-10 to 2-08 on St. Patrick's Day at the Ragg. Well done to all involved and best of luck in the final. Thanks to Official Tipperary Camogie Facebook page for the photograph.

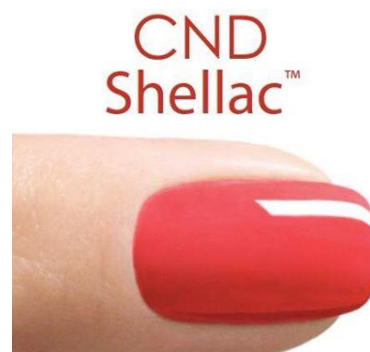
Alanna had a busy but successful week playing again for Tipp V Galway (far right) in the All Ireland U18 championship on March 22nd. Tipp ran out winners on a scoreline of 2-06 to 0-05. Well done, Alanna.



## COMPETITION TIME!

To celebrate March, the month of International Women's Day and Mother's Day, Solitude Spa in the Abbey Court Hotel and Proprietor Siobhan McLoughney are offering readers a chance to **win a CND Shellac nail treatment**, the 14+ day chip resistant nail colour.

Siobhan is herself a hurling mam. Her son Cian O' Brien is one of our under 16 hurlers. To be in with a chance to win just 'like' the Solitude Spa facebook page. Lads, be sure to enter. You can nominate a woman in your life if you win. Alternatively, you can e-mail 'Solitude Spa' to camogie PRO [endaos@hotmail.com](mailto:endaos@hotmail.com) to enter or nominate. The winner will be announced in next month's issue.



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### THIS MONTH WE MEET CAMÓGIE STAR – ZOHEY GRATTON



*Zoey receiving the U16 County cup from Pat Sheridan*

Zoey was captain of our under 16 team that won the B county final for the very first time two years ago and is a very stylish and committed player. Zoey regularly works in the club shop on match days and is a sister of senior hurler Adam Gratton.

**Name:** Zoey Gratton

**Age:** 17

**Occupation:** Student in Nenagh College

**Favourite position:** Centre back

**Favourite Food:** beef

**Favourite Drink:** milk

**Favourite Music:** I love all kinds of music, I don't have a particular favourite

**Favourite Hurler:** Conor O'Mahony

**Favourite Camogie Player:** Bríd Quinn

**Favourite TV show:** The Big Bang Theory

**Proudest moment playing for the club:** Winning the minor county final last year was amazing. It was a fantastic experience. Here is a tribute video to that fantastic team

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78K3r9oruaA>

**Biggest influence on your career:** Paul Henry and Shane Connolly had a massive influence. All the running we did really helped me up my game.

**Something we don't know about you:** I work in a Chinese restaurant (Tang City certainly made a wise decision employing Zoey).

**What does the club mean to you?** It means a good bit to me. I have been playing here since I was a young child and I really love representing the blue and navy.

Here is a tribute video to the U16 team which Zoey captained

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeUS\\_id4C0k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeUS_id4C0k)

Click below for the full match

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dx7N7TrffgE>

*Below: Zoey Gratton in action for Éire Óg*





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### Tipperary Club Map

