



# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

## NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG - TIPPERARY MINOR 'B' CAMÓGIE CHAMPIONS DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2013



**IN THE LAST MATCH OF THE YEAR FOR THE CLUB, NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG ARE CROWNED COUNTY 'MINOR B' CAMÓGIE CHAMPIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME** MATCH REPORT PAGE 14

*Team: back row left to right: Mairéad Sheridan, Cara Mulqueen, Niamh Ryan, Sarah Quigley, Alicia Hallinan, Julie Moylan, Clodhna Curren, Saoirse Gleeson, Anna Dillon, Amy Heffernan, Michelle Collins, Sarah O' Connor, Saoirse Griffin*

*Front row, Paula Ryan, Hazel Coffey, Aislinn O' Brien, Grace O' Brien, Rachel Maher, Rachel Spillane, Aileen Duggan capt, Alanna Morris, Holly O' Brien, Elaine Slattery, Zoey Gratton*

**AGM: THE CLUB AGM WILL BE HELD IN THE COMPLEX ON THURSDAY 12TH DEC 2013 AT 8PM. IT WILL BE PRECEDED BY MASS AT 7.30PM.**

**JUVENILE CLUB AGM WILL BE HELD IN THE COMPLEX ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 8PM.**



# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013



## GAA HEALTHY CLUB PROJECT



The Healthy Club Project team will host a 'Well Being and Mental Health' night on Friday, January 24th in the Abbey Court Hotel.

It will be night for club members and the wider community to become informed on the many issues surrounding depression and mental health. We hope to create awareness and offer hope in the areas of depression/loneliness and isolation. Speakers on the night include Conor Cusack (right), Tony Butler and Seamus Hennessy. In



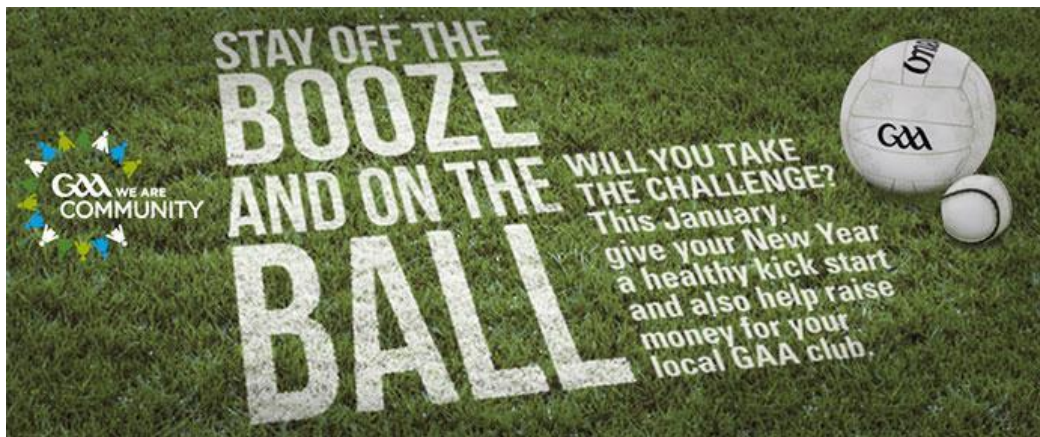
addition a number of organisations will be present with information.

### **Actions planned to date for 2014**

#### **Community Interaction and Inclusion – Spring /Summer 2014**

1. To set up a programme for those who are elderly and/or alone in the community/nursing homes to enable them to attend games in MacDonagh Park on a regular basis.
2. Arrange training for coaches/officers in the area of Disability Awareness in Sport. This will be delivered by Vincent Foley, Sports Inclusion Disability Officer with North Tipp Sports Partnership.
3. Anti-Bullying campaigns.

## STAY OFF THE BOOZE AND ON THE BALL!



It's that time of the year again – when the GAA challenges its members and the public to stay 'Off the Booze & On the Ball' and abstain from alcohol for four weeks to give their New Year a healthy kick-start. Driven by the GAA's ASAP programme, 'The

Challenge' offers participants the opportunity to press pause following the hectic social calendar of the holiday season. Everyone who registers receives an information pack with practical tips on how to implement a healthier lifestyle. Try it as a team or panel

– the results from a physical and financial perspective can be substantial. To take up The Challenge complete the registration form below to receive your automated Information Pack and sponsorship card.

<http://www.gaa.ie/content/downloads/on-the-ball/GAAInfoPack2014.pdf>

Drug and Alcohol Awareness is one of the priorities The Healthy Club Project intends to focus on in 2014. Please contact Chairman, Michael Geaney or any committee member if you feel you can contribute in any way. Contact details can be found on the HCP page on the Nenagh Éire Óg website.

**Nenagh Éire Óg club membership (€25) is now due and can be paid to any club officer or via the club website on [www.nenagheireog.com](http://www.nenagheireog.com) - you can also pay your club membership directly at the following link - [http://www.myclubfinances.com/memberships.asp?LL\\_ID=292&CLb=1](http://www.myclubfinances.com/memberships.asp?LL_ID=292&CLb=1)**



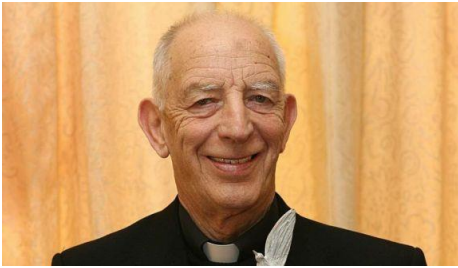


# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### THE LATE FR. ALEC REID



All in the club are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Fr Alec Reid. Fr Alec won a north minor title with the old St Mary's club before entering the Redemptorist Order. He played a major role in the peace process helping to end the violence that marred so many in Ulster. We extend our sympathies to his family and friends.



**1947 MINOR TEAM;** back row left to right; Phil Hennessy, Stephen Ryan, Willie Gleeson, Frankie O'Donnell, Eddie O'Donnell, Liam McKenna. middle row left to right; Martin Hogan v/c, Michael Doyle, Paddy Cadell, Gerry Manning, Frank Manning, Alec Reid, Pat Hynes, Michael Spain, Denis Grey, Eddie Hynes, front row left to right; Seán Leahy, Darry Murphy, John Kennedy, Peter Moloney, Michael McLoughlin, Father Joe Hayes, Seán O'Connell, Michael Grey, Johnny McGrath, John Fleming.  
*Many thanks to Michael Grey for the photo.*

## CALL FOR JUVENILE COACHES



Due to the increase in young players coming to MacDonagh Park, the juvenile committee is inviting anyone interested in becoming a coach or mentor at juvenile level in 2014 to contact the secretary Anne Kennedy at [juvsecnenagheireog@gmail.com](mailto:juvsecnenagheireog@gmail.com) or contact any committee member.

The Éire Óg club would especially welcome expressions of interest from current or past adult players before finalising the management teams for the individual groups prior to the 2014 season. If you are new to the town or just wish to get involved in some way, please get in touch.







# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### THE INAUGURAL MUNSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Éire Óg lost to Limerick champions Doon (0-7 to 0-9) in the final of the inaugural Munster Minor Hurling Championship at Dr Morris Park on Saturday afternoon, November 2nd.

Despite playing into the wind in the opening half of the final the Blues trailed by just three points (0-4 to 0-7) at the interval. Four minutes into the second half, however, a very disappointing refereeing decision saw Éire Óg reduced to fourteen men when Aodhán Geaney was shown a straight red card. Doon packed their defence thereafter and were ultimately crowned champions.

The participating hurling clubs were: Nenagh Éire Óg (Tipperary champions), Causeway (Kerry), Doon (Limerick) and De La Salle (Waterford) and Cork champions Blackrock. The Clare champions did not participate in the competition.

#### First Round

In the opening game Éire Óg beat Waterford champions De La Salle 1-12 to 1-6. The Blues led 1-6 to 0-3 at the break with John Cahalan accounting for the Éire Óg goal. Nenagh conceded a three-pointer in the opening minute of the second half, but were always comfortable thereafter.

#### Nenagh Éire Óg v De La Salle:

Brian Gubbins, Conor Ryan, Michael Collins, Brian Flynn, Aodhán Geaney, Barry Heffernan, Jack Molamphy, Christopher Ryan, Andrew Coffey (0-3), Killian Gleeson (captain, 0-1), Donnacha Quinn (0-4, 0-1 frees, 0-1 '65), John Cahalan



(1-4), James Mackey, Gary Howard, Anthony Walsh. Subs: Luke Kennedy for Anthony Walsh, Aidan Healy for James Mackey, Oisín Ryan for Conor Ryan, Gavin O'Connor for John Cahalan, Jack Sheedy for Gary Howard.

#### Semi-Final

In the semi-final Éire Óg took on Kerry champions Causeway and won thanks to a 2-10 to 1-3 scoreline. The Blues led this encounter 1-4 to 0-2 at the break.

#### Nenagh Éire Óg v Causeway:

Brian Gubbins, Gavin O'Connor, Michael Collins, Brian Flynn, Aodhán Geaney, Barry Heffernan, Jack Molamphy, James Mackey, Andrew Coffey (0-1), Killian Gleeson (captain, 0-3), Donnacha Quinn (1-3, 0-2 frees), John Cahalan, Christopher Ryan, Gary Howard (0-2), Anthony Walsh (1-0). Subs: Oisín Ryan for Jack Molamphy, Luke Kennedy for Barry Heffernan, Aidan Healy (0-1) for Christopher Ryan, Jack Sheedy for Anthony Walsh, Michael Hallinan for Michael Collins, Brian Tuite for Killian Gleeson, Christopher Ryan for James Mackey, Anthony Walsh for Donnacha Quinn.

#### Final

In the final Doon started with the breeze and took a three points to no-score lead inside the opening six minutes before a Donnacha Quinn free got Éire Óg off the mark. Doon added two further scores to edge four points clear (0-5 to 0-1) before a Donnacha Quinn free in the 14th minute cut the deficit to three.

Doon then converted a '65, but points from Donnacha Quinn (free) and Andrew Coffey reduced the Doon advantage to a manageable two points (0-4 to 0-6). Doon did edge three points clear just before the break, but considering the breeze Éire Óg enjoyed a good opportunity to overturn that 0-4 to 0-7 interval deficit.

A Donnacha Quinn free three minutes into the second half left two between them before Aodhán Geaney was shown a straight red card – a very disappointing decision by the referee. Doon elected to pack their defence thereafter and managed to restrict Éire Óg to just two further points from placed balls.

**Nenagh Éire Óg v Doon:** Brian Gubbins, Gavin O'Connor, Michael Collins, Brian Flynn, Aodhán Geaney, Barry Heffernan, Jack Molamphy, Conor Ryan, James Mackey, Andrew Coffey (0-1), John Cahalan, Donnacha Quinn (0-6, 0-5 frees, 0-1 '65), Killian Gleeson, Gary Howard, Anthony Walsh. Subs: Christopher Ryan for Anthony Walsh, Oisín Ryan for John Cahalan.



# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

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

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

Brian himself is a very talented net-minder and starred for Nenagh College in their run to what they



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

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

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

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

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







# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

[CLICK ON IMAGE BELOW TO WATCH NORTH TRIBUTE](#)



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

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

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

[CLICK BELOW TO HEAR BOB SING THE BLUES!](#)



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

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

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

[CLICK ON THE IMAGE TO WATCH COUNTY FINAL TRIBUTE.](#)



A Tribute to Nenagh Éire Óg Minors 2013





# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### UNDER-21 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Walsh's of Nenagh North Tipperary  
Under-21A Hurling  
Championship Semi-Final  
Nenagh Éire Óg 0-10  
Kilruane MacDonagh's 0-22**

Nenagh Éire Óg's hurling year came to a close in Borrisokane on Sunday afternoon when the Blues suffered a 12-point under-21A semi-final defeat to defending champions Kilruane MacDonagh's. Éire Óg took the lead thanks to a Donnacha Quinn free in the second minute, but Kilruane dominated thereafter scoring ten points without reply to lead 0-10 to 0-1 by the 23rd minute – fortunately for Nenagh goalkeeper Kevin Flynn also made a fine save to deny Niall O'Meara a goal in the 21st minute. Donnacha Quinn converted a second free in the 25th minute, but Éire Óg failed to score from play in the opening half and Kilruane retired at the interval nursing a 0-11 to 0-2 lead. Two minutes into



the second half Kevin Flynn (pictured above) saved a stinging Thomas Cleary shot before a Donnacha Quinn free left eight between them in the 35th minute (0-3 to 0-11).

Corner-back Conor Ryan scored Éire Óg's first point from play in the 39th minute and although David Hickey added to the Blues' tally four minutes later Kilruane led 0-16 to 0-5 with a quarter of an hour to play.

Points from Andrew Coffey, Bob O'Brien and David Hickey (two) left ten between them (0-9 to 0-19) with time fast running out, but to their credit Kilruane fired over three injury time points before Éire Óg's John Cahalan enjoyed the final say in the matter. Sadly, Éire Óg's search for a north Tipperary under-21A hurling title now stretches back to 1994. The club would like to thank the management team comprising Ger Tucker, Eddie

Tucker, Greg Browne and Michael Cleary for their efforts in preparing this group of players.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Kevin Flynn, Donnacha Heffernan, Kevin Gubbins, Conor Ryan (0-1), Daire Quinn, Adam Grattan, Barry Heffernan, Seáníe Geaney, Killian Gleeson, Gary Howard, Tommy Heffernan, Andrew Coffey (0-1), James Mackey, Bob O'Brien (0-1), Donnacha Quinn (0-3, 0-3 frees). Subs: (37th) David Hickey (0-3) for James Mackey, (52nd) John Cahalan (0-1) for Andrew Coffey, (60th) Darragh Walsh for Killian Gleeson, (60th) Michael Collins for Gary Howard.

**Referee:** Kieran Delaney (Toomevara).







# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### NENAGH HANDBALL CLUB

**Laochra Sean Ghael** is an awards scheme devised by Tipperary GAA to honour people who have given outstanding service to the association in the past. This service may have been to club or county at playing or administration level. This year the honour was conferred on former Nenagh Éire Óg hurler and Nenagh Handball Club legend, Michael 'Boysie' Hogan.

Boysie Hogan started playing handball at school. Later he was a member of the Shamrock Club and later still played at the Éire Óg complex. He won many North and County handball titles, as well as eleven Munster titles and one All-Ireland, playing with Pat Cleary. After his playing career Boysie helped many younger players. He



was secretary and treasurer of Nenagh Handball Club as well as secretary of North Tipperary handball board. He was a delegate

to the county board for many years and P.R.O. for two years. He was a member of the Éire Óg hurling team from the late fifties, playing at wing-back. He won a North junior title with the club in 1962 and was a sub on the senior team that won the north final in 1964.

Michael 'Boysie' Hogan was also a member of Sean Treacys pipe Band and a lifetime member of Conrad na Gaeilge and speaks Irish as often as he can.

Congratulations to Boysie and all the recipients of the Sean Gael Awards at the recent annual event at the Dome, Semple Stadium where Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh, the legendary Gaelic Games commentator, was the guest speaker.

### DANIELLE HARRINGTON - NENAGH GUARDIAN PLAYER OF THE WEEK



**Winning the county Junior B title** last month was a historic occasion for the club as it was our first adult title in our twelve year history. However the icing on the cake came the following Wednesday when we opened the latest edition of the Nenagh Guardian to read the match report only to discover that the Sports Editor, Shane Brophy, had awarded Danielle Harrington with the Guardian Performance of the Week award for her display in the final in which she grabbed a personal tally of 3-01. This is the second time this year that Danielle has been awarded this honour as she had previously received it following the Junior B league final win over Portroe. Well done Danielle from everyone in the club and keep up the great work next year!!!







# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### BLAST FROM THE PAST-1997 TIPPERARY INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL FINAL



**The Nenagh Éire Óg panel which Won the County Intermediate Football Title**

*They defeated Carrick Swan at Golden. Back Row L to R: Patsy Bonar (Selector), Ronan Burns, John Heffernan, Conor O'Donovan, Liam Delaney, Eddie Tucker (Captain), Christy McLoughlin, Kevin Coonan, Hugh Flannery, Brian Hackett, Mervyn Scanlon, Michael Hackett, John Kissel (Selector), Jimmy Morris. Front Row L to R: Leonard Ryan, Michael Kennedy, Shane Connolly, Jim McAuliffe, Michael Cleary, Chris Bonar, Kevin Tucker, John Kennedy, Greg Browne, Fr. Brendan Kyne (Manager), Ger Gavin.*

1998 could not have gotten off to a better start when on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January Tipperary Co GAA Board Chairman Paul O' Neill presented Eddie Tucker with the county intermediate football championship trophy, the Barrett Cup, following Éire Óg's 3-07 to 1-06 victory over South champions Carrick Swans thus ensuring a return to senior football ranks after relegating ourselves the previous year. The 1990's was a successful period for football in the town with the club winning six North Tipperary senior football championships along with numerous other underage titles. Although this game was played in 1998, it was in fact the 1997 championship.

Nenagh played against a very strong wind in the first half and this

is where the foundations for our win came as we entered the break level on 1-03 apiece. Gerry Slevin, reporting in the Guardian commented on the desperate weather with "rain, wind and cold, incredible underfoot conditions, no shelter whatever a day for the

***"The 1990's was a successful period for football in the town with the club winning six North Tipperary senior football championships along with numerous other underage titles."***

diehards and in fairness to both teams they tried their very best to master the elements in what was a real test of endurance rather than having any relationship with footballing skills". Nenagh had previously won this title nine years

previously in 1986 and played a far more direct game than their opponents. Carrick Swans started brightly and played some lovely football but their finishing let them down from both play and placed balls. "On the other hand, Nenagh attacks though few in the first half almost always brought some good result with the darting runs of Jim McAuliffe and the strength of Kevin Coonan and Chris Bonar in central positions, invaluable in the Blues cause".

In the sixth minute Kevin Tucker opened the scoring after been gifted possession from an excellent Kevin Coonan free. Chris Bonar doubled the lead with a free of his own and Nenagh were quickly into a two point lead. Brian Barry pulled one back for Swan in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute. Eddie Tucker and Willie





# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### BLAST FROM THE PAST-1997 TIPPERARY INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL FINAL

Murphy swapped points before Carrick got the first goal of the game. "A shot from Paul Hahessy came across the Nenagh goal mouth and Christy McLoughlin was in something of no man's land as he scrambled across the line to try and retrieve it, but in vain". Many expected the South champions to kick on from here but the Nenagh lads were not ready to lie down. "A good move involving John Kennedy and Jim McAuliffe ended with Chris Bonar restoring their lead with a fine goal". William Barrett levelled things for the Swan and the teams took a much needed half time break level 1-03 each.

Nenagh made a number of positional switches at the break and had introduced Leonard Kennedy for Greg Browne just before half time. These changes appeared to inspire the North side and certainly made a huge difference in the second period. Within five minutes of the second half both McAuliffe and Bonar scored a point each Nenagh led by two. William Barrett reduced the margin before Kevin Tucker and Liam Delaney opened Nenagh's lead to three points. Carrick Swans tried hard to narrow the gap but a combination of poor finishing and excellent defending meant that they could never close the gap.

"With ten minutes remaining a Kevin Coonan free sailed towards the left hand goal area. Swan keeper, Tony Roche grabbed the ball, seemingly safely to his chest, but he failed to hold it securely enough and the follow through by the Nenagh attack saw Michael

Kennedy there to shoot home his side's second goal". Swans only reply came via a William Murphy point. "Three minutes from time a Chris Bonar centre came back off the upright only to see Jim McAuliffe ready willing and able to avail of it by guiding the ball to the empty net. It was all over. Nenagh had triumphed convincingly, their dedication to training over the past number of weeks paying off handsomely."

***"Interestingly, seven of the team that lined out that day, had also played in the 1995 county final senior hurling success over Boherlahan while captain Eddie Tucker won the man of the match accolade on both occasions. A wonderful achievement."***

Nenagh's attack was far more ruthless than their opponents demonstrated in the wide statistic at the end showing we had three wides compared to the Swan's twelve. We were far more "economical" in our use of the ball and "were fortunate also to have a far better balance" in our line out. The Nenagh mentors were very sharp on the line and the move of John Heffernan to full back proved "decisive and important". "Heffernan lorded it in that area while John Kennedy in front of him also grew in confidence in his shift from the attack. Hugh Flannery was very effective in the corner". "Defence wingers Shane Connelly and Michael Cleary were always on the move and Christy McLoughlin had little to fear in goals because of the solidity in front of him". "Eddie

Tucker led his side from the middle of the field and his partnership with Liam Delaney was quite impressive, each of them getting on the score sheet". Kevin "Coonan's size and strength were valuable assets in the Nenagh attacking process while Chris Bonar in front of him was always productive in possession and constantly harassing opponents to excellent effect. Kevin Tucker on the wing took his scores well and was always in the thick of it.

Conor O' Donovan's distribution was the best part of his game and the incisive Jim McAuliffe had the ability and speed, even in dreadful conditions, to place daylight between himself and hopeful defenders as he fled away from them. Substitute Michael Kennedy foraged a lot in the second half and took his goal well while Leonard Ryan also acquitted himself well on his

introduction". Interestingly, seven of the team that lined out that day, had also played in the 1995 county final senior hurling success over Boherlahan while captain Eddie Tucker won the man of the match accolade on both occasions. A wonderful achievement.

***Nenagh Éire Óg:  
Christy McLoughlin, Greg Browne, Mervyn Scanlon, Hugh Flannery, Shane Connolly, John Heffernan, Michael Cleary, Liam Delaney (0-01), Eddie Tucker (captain 0-01), John Kennedy, Kevin Coonan, Kevin Tucker (0-02), Jim McAuliffe (1-01), Chris Bonar (1-02 1f), Conor O Donovan. Subs Leonard Ryan for Browne and Michael Kennedy (1-00) for Scanlon.***





# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### FIGHTING BLINDNESS

On Friday, November 22, at Thurles CBS, past pupil Peter Ryan and Fighting Blindness was presented with a cheque for €15000. Peter, from the Upperchurch-Drombane club, played Harty Cup hurling for three years with Thurles CBS, competing in an All-Ireland (Croke Cup) final in 2008. At the age of 19, Peter was diagnosed with Leber hereditary optic neuropathy (LHON), a rare genetic disorder resulting in substantial sight loss.

Peter, however, has refused to let this setback stop him achieving his goal of becoming an international class athlete. Currently, Peter is training for the tandem cycling event at the 2016 Paralympic games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In August, Peter competed at the World championships in Canada



and he is an Irish national record holder, despite only taking up the sport in late 2012. Students at Thurles CBS, where Peter's brothers Conor and Denis are students, raised the vast amount of money, which will be donated to Fighting Blindness and Peter's

training fund.

The cheque will be presented to Peter and Fighting Blindness, and 100 specially commissioned Fighting Blindness jerseys will be given to fundraisers. Peter has been involved with Fighting Blindness since 2011 and in that time, he has worked on a number of fundraising events, while also acting as a spokesman for the organisation. At Friday's event, Peter will be available for interview and photographs will be issued by Thurles CBS, upon request.

Our own Niall Cahill (pictured) who teaches in Thurles CBS, played a major role in raising this money and if you would like to contribute please contact Niall on the following: [ncahill@cbsthurles.ie](mailto:ncahill@cbsthurles.ie) or 087 4086439.



*Jake Morris and Mark O'Farrell represented Tipperary during the summer in the Sonny Walsh tournament where they were beaten by tournament winners Kilkenny in the semi-final.*

#### **Congratulations to Christy Ryan who has won the 2013 Nenagh Éire Óg Sports Prediction Quiz.**

Christy Ryan scored 68 points in all and will collect a first prize of €200. Noel Maloney came second with 65 points and has won €150. Third was Eamonn Spillane (64 points – €100) while Noel Stanley was fourth with 62 points (€50).

This year's top ten points scorers were:

Christy Ryan – 68  
Noel Maloney – 65  
Eamonn Spillane – 64  
Noel Stanley – 62  
Frank McGrath – 59  
Jim O'Donoghue – 58  
Deirdre McDonnell – 58  
Darragh Kennedy – 55  
Joe Cahill – 55  
Anthony White & Hugh Geaney – 54  
Aaron Mullins – 53  
Hugh Maloney – 51  
Lorcan Heffernan – 51  
Sean Minogue – 51  
Dean Ray – 51  
Tom Quigley – 51  
Alan Kelly – 51





# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### PROFILE OF CAMÓGIE PLAYER GEMMA MORRIS

**Name:** Gemma Morris

**Age:** 19

**Occupation:** Student of Irish & New Media in UL

**Earliest memories of the club:**

Scoring my first ever goal in an under 12 match against Kilruane in Cloughjordan.

**Biggest influence on your**

**career:** My Dad, always making me go training!

*Gemma with members of her family after the Junior B county final victory.*

**Advice to young players:**

Never give up. Practice outside of training hours.

**Favourite food:** Carbonara or Pizza

**Favourite camogie player and why?** Eimear McDonald. Proof that you can be an amazing camogie player no matter what height you are.

**Favourite hurler and why?**

Henry Shefflin- he's one of a kind



**Who is your toughest**

**opponent?** Alanna Morris. I think we all know why, she's ridiculously strong.

**Proudest**

**moment/achievement with Éire Óg?** Winning our first ever county title when I was u'14.

**Favourite film:** The Hangover

**What was the last book you read?** Before I die by Jenny Downham

**Favourite music:** I like most kinds of music really. Loving 'Walking on Cars' lately.

**Are you interested in any sports outside of**

**camogie/hurling?** Yeah I like rugby and gaelic football. I wish we had a gaelic football team in North Tipp like Moyle Rovers. My God they have some fine footballers like Rian Clancy.

**If you could invite any six people over for a dinner party who would you pick?**

Marilyn Monroe, Suzanne Jackson, Channing Tatum, Ryan Gosling, Rihanna & Louis Walsh

**What does the club mean to**

**you?** The club means everything to me. I have made so many friends by playing with Nenagh and it will always play a big role in my life no matter where in the world I am.

**Tell us something we don't**

**know about you?** I started playing camogie with Kilruane when I was younger. Nenagh didn't have a team at the time but when they formed a one I had to transfer to my home club. It was the best decision I ever made!

### 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](http://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.





# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### Nenagh Capture Under 14 'A' Camógie League Title

play up to this but resolute defending ensured that the score was kept to a minimum. Newport's rare forays into the Nenagh defence

The club wish to thank the management team of Noel Coffey, Martin Ryan, Maeve Maloney and Catherine Kennedy who numerous

times throughout the year went above and beyond the call of duty with the work they put into this team and their labours are certainly bearing fruit, not just with silverware but with the quality of player they



### Nenagh Éire Óg 1-06 Newport/Ballinahinch 0-01

The young ladies of Nenagh continued to show the dramatic rise of camógie in the parish when they won the U14 A league title with a solid victory over Newport/Ballinahinch. This team has had a fantastic year winning the Tipperary Féile title, reaching the All Ireland final of that wonderful competition only to be denied by Dicksboro of Kilkenny and coming agonisingly close to winning the championship as well. It was a deserved reward for hours of dedication and training to win the league and end the year on a high note.

Maeve Coffey started brightly and it looked as if she was going to raise a green flag only to be thwarted by the brilliance of Katie Jones in the Newport goal. Coffey pointed the resultant '45 to send Nenagh in front. Six minutes later Caroline Browne doubled Nenagh's lead and it was no more than the town side deserved as they had dominated the

were efficiently dealt with, with Eimear Ryan and Rita Bourke especially leading the way. Try as they might the Nenagh girls could not increase the lead until the final moments of the half when Becky McGrath pointed to leave three between the sides at the interval. Shortly after the resumption Maeve

Coffey goaled and from there Nenagh were not going to be denied. This inspired the Éire Óg players and they dominated play from here on in. The midfield duo of Sarah



Kennedy and Rachel O Connor ensured that the ball rarely crossed their patch thus allowed our backs an easy time of it. Caroline Browne, Maeve Coffey and Kristen Howard all pointed for the blues while Grace O' Toole got the opposition's only point of the game with a superb score. Vanessa Tynan collected the trophy on behalf of her teammates.

are producing. The players themselves have been a dream to work with, always showing up to training with a smile on their faces and a vigour and determination to succeed that belies their years. We are looking forward to 2014 already!!!!

**Nenagh:** Niamh Sheridan, Ruth Hassett, Eimear Ryan, Rita Bourke, Kristen Howard, Hazel McAuliffe (0-01), Kate O' Connor, Sarah Kennedy, Rachel O' Connor, Becky McGrath (0-01) Vanessa Tynan (captain), Laura Tierney, Leah Sheedy, Maeve Coffey (1-01), Caroline Browne(0-03).

Subs: Eva Duggan for Tierney, Fiona Hennessey for Browne, Ciara Phelan for Bourke, Inez O' Brien for McGrath, Rita Morris for Sheedy

**Newport/Ballinahinch:** Katie Jones, Sara Hennessy, Caoimhe McGrath (captain), Grace Allen, Leah Healy, Thea Curtain, Niamh Sheldon, Trudy Hurley, Emma Flanagan, Izzy Ryan, Amy Quigley, Grace O Toole, Ellen McKeogh, Elizabeth Floyd, Aoife Baker.

Subs: Elizabeth Allen for McGrath, Aoife Butler for Baker, Lisa McKeogh for Ryan, Bríd O Keefe for Floyd

**Referee** Martin O Shea, Borrisokane





# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

## Nenagh Eire Óg Capture Our Very First Minor Title

On Sunday December 1st 2013

our camogie club made another piece of history when our minor camogie team captured our very



*Nenagh captain Aileen Duggan receives the cup from County board chairman Joe Cahill*

first Tipperary minor title when Aileen Duggan led the girls to a dramatic victory over Cashel Camogie Club in the B decider. The

first game was as dramatic a final as you will ever witness with Nenagh grabbing 2-01 in injury time to secure a draw and set up a replay in The Camogie Grounds, The Ragg.

In the drawn game it looked as if the occasion had gotten to our girls as Cashel raced into an early lead. This time however it was Nenagh who set the pace with the magnificent Grace O'Brien grabbing an early lead when he deflected shot found the bottom corner of the net. Grace was on fire adding three more points and it looked as if this could be all one way traffic but the Cashel girls were not about to lie down and settled into the game scoring 1-01 themselves.

O'Brien gathered possession on the edge of the penalty box and under severe pressure from the Cashel backs she spotted the unmarked Aisling O'Brien on the far side of the goals. Somehow

she managed to deliver an inch perfect hand pass and Aisling, with a skilful first time pull, rattled the back of the net. Grace herself slotted over three more first half points after Cashel goaled themselves to leave three between the sides at the interval.

The second half was a tough and skilful a game of camogie as you are likely to see. Cashel got off to a flyer and within twenty seconds of referee John Lillis throwing in the ball for the restart Kate Murphy after collecting possession at the middle of the field soloed thirty yards before slotting over a fine point. The hurling was tough with little quarter being yielded by either side.







# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### CAMOGIE MINOR 'B' LEAGUE FINAL REPLAY



Nenagh got the breakthrough they were looking for when Holly O' Brien pounced on a rebound after a great stop by the Cashel keeper to slot the ball home. There was confusion as to whether Holly was in the square but after consulting his umpires the referee awarded the goal. Replays on the match video prove it was the correct decision.

Cashel tried very hard to get back into the game but when they eventually got through a mean and determined Nenagh back line they found goalkeeper Sarah Quigley in equally unforgiving form as she made two outstanding saves. Cashel's cause wasn't helped with a late red card dished out after an off the ball altercation but it mattered little at that stage as the Nenagh ladies were not about to relinquish their hard fought for lead and ran our winners on a score line of 3-07 to 2-04.

Nenagh: 1 Sarah Quigley 2 Amy Heffernan 3 Rachel Maher 4 Kara Ryan Mulqueen 5 Rachel Spillane 6 Zoey Gratton 7 Alanna Morris 8 Saoirse Gleeson 9 Michelle Collins 10 Aileen Duggan 11 Aisling O' Brien (1-00) 20 Alicia Hallinan 13 Julie Moylan 14 Holly O' Brien (1-



*Holly O' Brien (left) and her sister Grace O' Brien with proud dad and bainisteoir Kieran.*



*Proud parents Joan Collins, mother of midfielder Michelle with Liz Duggan, mother of captain, Aileen.*

01) 15 Grace O' Brien (1-06) Subs: Hazel Coffey for Moylan, Elaine Slattery for Hallinan, Anna Dillon for Gleeson, Sarah O' Connor for Coffey Referee John Lillis Drom and Inch

**CLICK ON THE IMAGES BELOW TO VIEW A THE TRIBUTE VIDEO AND THE MATCH IN FULL.**



A Tribute to Nenagh Éire Óg Minors Camogie 2013



Nenagh Éire Óg Cashel Camogie Club Minor B 2013





# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### NORTH TIPP SEMI-FINALS OF SCÓR



**Scór:** Congratulations to our successful Scór participants who won the Ballad Group (top left) Recitation (above) and Figure Dance (left) sections at the North Tipp Scór finals last Friday night. They now go on to the county finals in Holycross on Friday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.



We wish them the very best of luck.

#### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

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.

Please contact any committee member or email [eireognenagh@gmail.com](mailto:eireognenagh@gmail.com)

### PRESENTATION NIGHT FOR TIPPERARY MINOR CAMÓGIE TEAM

On Friday May 4th last Tipperary defeated Cork 1-13 to 1-11 in the Munster under 18 camógie final in Martinstown. Among this superb panel of premier players were Aileen Duggan (bottom right) and Alanna Morris (bottom left).

The panel were presented with their medals by Tipperary senior hurler Paddy Stapleton in The Hibernian Inn on Saturday 23rd.

Another link to the team is that our own Martin Morris (front row, centre) is the main sponsor. The girls made their own piece of history as they became the first players from our club to win this title.







# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### County Minor 'B' Final O' Brien Double Snatches Draw From the Jaws of Defeat

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October Nenagh Éire Óg made history when our camogie team featured in our very first county minor final when we faced Cashel Camogie Club in the B decider in The Ragg. It appeared as if the occasion had gotten to Nenagh in the first half as the Cashel girls dominated and entered the dressing room at half time with a nine point advantage. Orla O Dwyer, Cashel's best player on the day, opened her sides account with two well taken points before the granny of the Nenagh team, Aileen Duggan, the only player the Blues have that will be overage for this grade in 2014, halved the advantage with a superb score from the 45 meter line. Try as Nenagh might nothing seemed to be

going our way and it appeared as if the silverware was heading to West Tipperary when Aoife O'Brien rattled the Nenagh net. Further points were



added by Louise Barlow, Orla O' Dwyer and Aoife O' Brien to leave the half time score 0-10 to 0-01 in favour of the Cashel girls. Many teams would have thrown in the towel at this stage but our girls had trained too hard over the year and contained too much talent to finish the year on a whimper. We

often hear tales of inspirational words at half time in games and surely whatever Roger Coffey and Kieran O'Brien said must surely be



added to the list for within a minute of the restart Grace O'Brien split the posts to settle the Nenagh girl's nerves. Cashel responded with two points from Jean Walsh and Louise Barlow to extend their lead and these were to prove to be their final

scores in this pulsating fixture. The scoreline at this stage suggested only one winner but the girls in blue upped the work rate and were determined to show their large band of loyal fans that they could hurl too. The entire team lifted their performances and it wasn't long before Hazel Coffey and Grace O'Brien pointed to help lift the rising Éire Óg tide. Still however Cashel defended resolutely and with four minutes few could have predicted the final outcome as we trailed by seven points.

It is in such hopeless situations that the true character of a person is revealed and Grace O'Brien grabbed the game by the scruff of the net and drove the Nenagh side home. She netted with a fine goal before adding another point. Only three points separated the sides and the Nenagh supporters sensing a

dramatic draw was on the cards nearly lifted the roof of the stand with their encouragement. Éire Óg raised their performance levels yet

again as the tension in the grounds reached dramatic heights and Elaine Slattery spotted O'Brien free and delivered an inch perfect pass before the Tipperary under sixteen star unleashed a bullet to the back of the net to spark wild scenes of celebration as

Nenagh pulled off a comeback as dramatic as anything ever seen in the Roy of the Rovers comics. The referee Philip Bergin blew the final whistle on as entertaining a camogie match as you are likely to see.

*Nenagh Éire Óg: Sarah Quigley, Amy Heffernan, Rachel Maher, Kara Ryan Mulqueen, Rachel Spillane, Zoey Gratton, Alanna Morris, Saoirse Gleeson, Michelle Collins, Aileen Duggan (0-01)(captain), Aisling O'Brien, Elaine Slattery, Grace O'Brien (2-05 3fr), Holly O'Brien, Julie Moylan.*

*Subs: Alicia Hallinan for Collins, Hazel Coffey (0-01) for Moylan, Sarah O'Connor for Slattery*

*Cashel: Rachel Quinlan, Hannah McSweeney, Joanne Crosse, Laura Connelly, Amy Crosse (captain), Amy Ryan, Cliona Sweeney, Eimear O'Donnell, Louise Barlow (0-04), Orla O'Dwyer (0-05 2fr), Kate Murphy, Alana Moore, Jean Walsh (0-01), Aoife O'Brien 1-00), Kelly Edinburgh,*  
*Subs: Elise O'Connor for Walsh*

*Referee Philip Bergin (St Cronan's, Roscrea)*

Thanks to Cashel Camogie Club for the photographs.





# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### PRESENTATION NIGHT FOR TIPPERARY UNDER 16 CAMÓGIE ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS



This summer the Tipperary U16 camogie team defeated Galway in a dramatic all Ireland final in Portlaoise. We were in the fortunate position of have four girls on the panel, Saoirse Gleeson, Grace O'Brien, Rachel Spillane and Rachel Maher. Here is the panel receiving their medals from Tipperary hurler Paudie Maher. Well done ladies from everyone in the club.

*From left to right, Saoirse Gleeson, Grace O'Brien, Rachel Spillane and Rachel Maher.*

**Under 12:** Our Under 12's finished their year when they were beaten in the league semi-final by a superb Clonoulty Rossmore outfit in The Ragg. The girls have had a wonderful year winning the U12 championship and competing in numerous blitzes throughout the season. We wish to thank their management team of Greg Browne, Philip Shanahan, Pat Sheridan, Caitriona Morris and Mairéad Long who so selflessly gave so much of their time to this team and all the players had great fun along the way.







# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### "THE BATTLE OF THE BREECHES" – NENAGH'S RICH HISTORY BROUGHT TO LIFE BY KEVIN WHELAN

In 1856 the Crimean War was in full swing and the British decided that they needed new recruits to fight in the war so they decided to form a new militia called the Nr Tipp Militia. They recruited hundreds of young men from the Nenagh area with a promise of good pay and conditions and clothing. The recruit's basic training was completed just as the war ended so they disbanded the newly formed militia. When the soldiers looked for the pay they were due they were told that they had nothing to get and the Officers demanded that they hand back their uniforms at once. The recruits refused to give back the clothing and a mutiny



ensued. This was called "The battle of the Breeches" on account of that was what trousers were then called. Three days of rioting took place around the town. Over 2,000 troops were brought in from Birr and other towns to quell the riots. A

curfew was imposed and three unfortunates were shot dead, two of the mutineers and a poor man who stuck his head out of his door to have a look at what was going on in Summerhill! Total chaos ensued in the town and it dragged out for another few days. The leader of the mutiny was sentenced to death and seven other mutineers were sent to Australia for life! Thus ended another chapter in Nenagh's

glorious history. More nugget's from Nenagh's history in the next edition!



*Kevin Whelan provides historical tours which start at Banba Square outside Nenagh Arts Centre and last for approx. one hour covering a distance of 1km (0.6 miles).*

*For further information please log on to Kevin's website [www.nenaghwalkingtours.com](http://www.nenaghwalkingtours.com)*

### LOCAL BAND GOING PLACES - SILENT NOISE PARADE



Silent Noise Parade are a local band with big connections to the club. They are on Facebook and we are asking fans etc. to click "like" on their page. They are brilliant (we think so and so do many more). Members of band are Owen Geaney, Gary Sherlock, Liam Hayes, Joe Geaney and Kevin Gubbins. Joe was very involved hurling with Éire Óg – music has taken over at present - he may be back.... Kevin is also still hurling. Very talented lads and they deserve support. Check out their new single. "Still the Gardens Grow" on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Np5R7ShWDo>

The lads played at the Academy in Dublin last week supporting Heathers and they were brilliant- so were Heathers! They will play in Dublin again on December 8th in the Grand Social on Liffey Street.

*Owen Geaney, Joe Geaney, Gary Sherlock, Kevin Gubbins and Liam Hayes*





# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013

### THE SEASON IN PHOTOS



Nenagh Éire Óg club membership (€25) is now due and can be paid to any club officer or via the club website on [www.nenagheireog.com](http://www.nenagheireog.com) - you can also pay your club membership directly at the following link - [http://www.myclubfinances.com/memberships.asp?LL\\_ID=292&CLb=1](http://www.myclubfinances.com/memberships.asp?LL_ID=292&CLb=1)

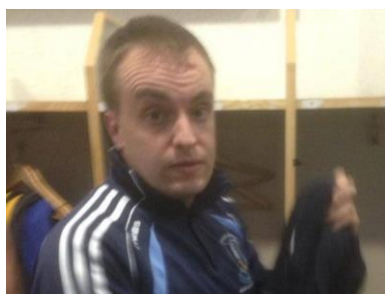




# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 NOV 2013



**AGM: THE CLUB AGM WILL BE HELD  
IN THE COMPLEX ON THURSDAY 12TH  
DEC 2013 AT 8PM. IT WILL BE  
PRECEDED BY MASS AT 7.30PM.**