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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG WELCOMED GAA PRESIDENT, LIAM O' NEILL TO THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF 'A CENTRAL CULTURE - GAELIC SPORT IN NENAGH' AT MACDONAGH PARK, NENAGH – DECEMBER 7TH, 2014



PICTURED AT THE LAUNCH OF 'A CENTRAL CULTURE - GAELIC SPORT IN NENAGH' - back row from left: Councillor Séamus Morris, Seán Crowley (LEADER Project), Tim Floyd (Tipperary County Board Secretary), Jenny Bracken, Gerry O'Brien, Paddy Ryan (Nenagh Guardian) & Dan Kennedy (Roscrea, incoming North Board Chairman). Front row from left: Nancy Murphy, Jim Nagle (Nenagh Éire Óg Chairman), Liam O'Neill (GAA President), Dónal Murphy & Seán Nugent (Tipperary County Board Chairman).



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GAA PRESIDENT LIAM O'NEILL LAUNCHES A HISTORY OF GAELIC SPORT IN NENAGH

December 7, 2014

GAA President Liam O'Neill launched the first two volumes of the book 'A Central Culture – Gaelic Sport in Nenagh' at the MacDonagh Park complex on Sunday afternoon, December 7th. This terrific piece of work has been compiled by Dónal A Murphy, PJ Maxwell and Nancy Murphy and is now on sale for a combined price of €40 (both volumes).

Speaking at the launch Nenagh Éire Óg club chairman Jim Nagle warmly welcomed the large crowd, GAA President Liam O'Neill and also took time to acknowledge the presence of representatives of the North Board, County Board and neighbouring clubs in the MacDonagh Park Complex.

Authors Dónal and Nancy Murphy regaled the audience with a presentations of highlights from this definitive social history of Gaelic sport in Nenagh while the evening's entertainment also featured the singing of Gerry O'Brien and Jenny Bracken's reading of the Thomas MacDonagh poem 'John, John' – Jenny Bracken is a great granddaughter of Con Cleary who was a significant influence on the development of the Nenagh Éire Óg club.

In a well-received address club Jim Nagle outlined the scale of the project undertaken by Dónal A Murphy, PJ Maxwell and Nancy Murphy.

"If something is worth doing in life it is worth doing right," Jim Nagle said



before revealing that the book 'A Central Culture – Gaelic Sport in Nenagh' represented much more than a "mere club history". Instead, the book examines the social and cultural fabric of Gaelic games over a 130-year period in the town.

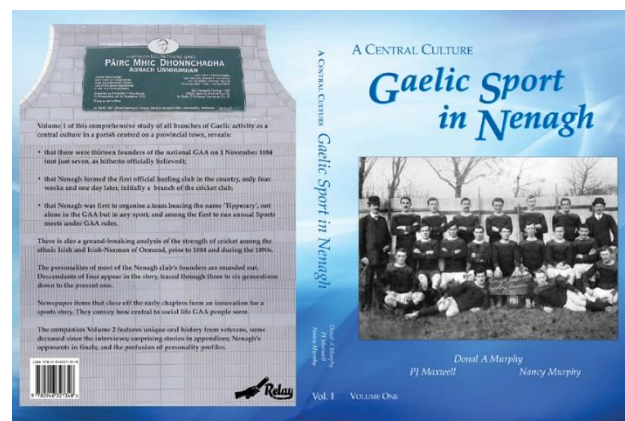
Jim Nagle thanked the LEADER project for their help and support, financial or otherwise, and particularly Seán Crowley who made a significant contribution to 'A Central Culture – Gaelic Sport in Nenagh'. Mr Nagle also thanked the printers, the Nenagh Guardian, for all of their assistance before describing the book as a "remarkable publication" which blends history and memoir.

Nancy Murphy made a presentation of the book to Liam O'Neill before the GAA President described 'A Central Culture – Gaelic Sport in Nenagh' as "worthy of great praise". Mr O'Neill also asked those present to "never forget what makes us strong, what makes us strong is community".

the past one hundred and thirty years and we can look forward to the next one hundred and thirty years," Liam O'Neill said.

"I am delighted to be here and I hope this history inspires the coming generations to take the Nenagh club to even greater heights," Liam O'Neill added.

In conclusion club chairman Jim Nagle thanked the GAA president for his kind remarks, described the book as a "collector's item" and dedicated it to every player, mentor, administrator and supporter of Nenagh Éire Óg.



The cover of volume one of 'A Central Culture – Gaelic Sport in Nenagh'.

"We can look back with pride and honour at our achievements over



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Mr. Nagle thanked Dónal A Murphy, PJ Maxwell and Nancy Murphy for their work on this ambitious project before asking Ger Gavin to make a presentation to Liam O'Neill on behalf of the club – Ger Gavin, as club chairman in 2006, instigated this project which has now come to fruition.

BOOK DETAILS

In all 'A Central Culture – Gaelic Sport in Nenagh' will comprise three volumes – volume one covers the years 1884-1933, volume two 1934-1959 and volume three 1960-2014. GAA President Liam O'Neill launched the first two volumes of the book on Sunday while the third volume will be published in 2015.

Volumes one and two cover the first seventy-five years (1884 to 1959). Researched and written by Dónal A Murphy, PJ Maxwell and Nancy Murphy, with Gaelic sport as the focus and Nenagh town and parish at centre stage, this story explores many aspects of social history. People and place, sport and identity are at the heart of a publication which contains much to fascinate and intrigue a wide audience.

This publication will surely find a resting place in every home in Nenagh and the surrounding area. It will cater for all Tipperary GAA fans and will also appeal to national sporting enthusiasts and members of local historical societies and family historians.

Along with the physical book a huge amount of digital content associated with the project will be published via the club website in 2015. That digital content will include: photographs, a detailed listing of every player on every team at every



The authors of 'A Central Culture – Gaelic Sport in Nenagh' – from left: Dónal A Murphy, PJ Maxwell and Nancy Murphy.

level in every code to have played for Nenagh Éire Óg from 1960 onwards, a listing of every match played during that period and a copy of every reference to Nenagh Éire Óg contained in the Nenagh Guardian files.

Volume one of this fantastic and comprehensive study of all branches of Gaelic activity in Nenagh will reveal some notable facts:-

1) that there were thirteen founders of the national GAA on November 1st 1884 (not just seven, as hitherto officially believed)

2) that Nenagh formed the first official hurling club in the country, only four weeks and one day later, initially a branch of the cricket club

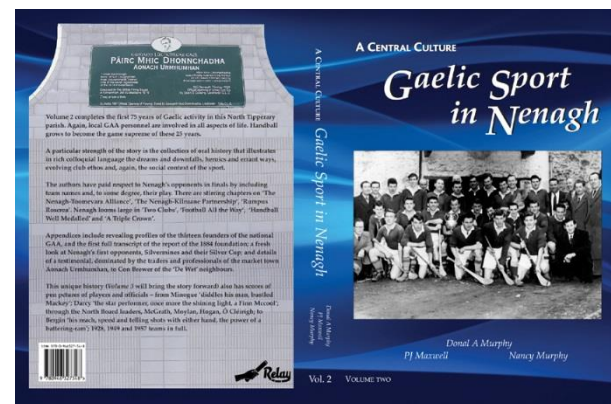
3) that Nenagh was first to organise a team bearing the name 'Tipperary', not alone in the GAA but in any sport; and among the first to

run annual Sports meets under GAA rules.

The book will also include a ground-breaking analysis of the strength of cricket among the ethnic Irish and Irish-Norman of Ormond, prior to 1884 and during the 1890s. The personalities of most of the Nenagh club's founders are rounded out in the book – descendants of four appear in the story and are traced through three to six generations down to the present one.

Volume two features a unique oral history of Gaelic sports in Nenagh as told by several veterans, some deceased since the interviews; surprising stories in appendices; Nenagh's opponents in finals and the profusion of personality profiles.

A particular strength of the story is the collection of oral history which illustrate in rich colloquial language the dreams and downfalls, heroics and errant ways, evolving club ethos and, again, the social context of the sport.



The cover of volume two of 'A Central Culture – Gaelic Sport in Nenagh'.



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Appendices include revealing profiles of the thirteen founders of the national GAA, and the first full transcript of the report of the 1884 foundation; a fresh look at Nenagh's first opponents, Silvermines and their Silver Cup; and details of a testimonial, dominated by the traders and professionals of the market town Aonach Urmhumhan, to Con Brewer of the 'De Wet' neighbours.

This unique history also features scores of pen pictures of players and officials – from Minogue 'diddles his man, bustling Mackey'; Darcy 'the star performer, once more the shining light, a Finn Mccool'; through the North Board leaders, McGrath, Moylan, Hogan, Ó Cléirigh; to Bergin 'his reach, speed and telling shots with either hand, the power of a battering-ram'; 1928, 1949 and 1957 teams in full.

FOR SALE

The first two volumes of 'A Central Culture – Gaelic Sport in Nenagh' are now on sale at just €40. Copies of the book can be obtained in selected local shops and from officers of the club. Those interested can also purchase a copy via the club website. Please contact PRO Brian McDonnell on 087 222 8976 or simply email Brian at bmcdonne@eircom.net – Nenagh

Éire Óg are also prepared to post copies of the book to anywhere in the world. Please contact Brian McDonnell for details.

ÉIRE ÓG SUPPORTERS PICTURED AT THE LAUNCH OF 'A CENTRAL CULTURE – GAELIC SPORT IN NENAGH'.





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A Central Culture Gaelic Sport in Nenagh

Relay Books are proud to be associated with the only GAA Club in Ireland that will have published a history that is so comprehensive and wide-ranging. It will cater for National sporting enthusiasts as well as North and County Tipperary GAA fans of hurling, football, and handball. It has some camogie. It has very strong track and field athletics elements. The sub-title, 'A Central Culture', indicates that it shows the connections between Nenagh GAA clubs from the first one's inception in 1884 and many other Nenagh organisations through the GAA people involved in those bodies. That will also appeal to members of local history societies and family historians.

Harking back to 1928 and forward to 1939, Nenagh parish put out teams bearing a variety of names – plain Nenagh, Wolfe Tones, Nenagh (MacDonagh), Irish Aluminium, Birr Road, Red Rovers and Éire Óg. The Wolfe Tones, footballers from 1928 to 1933, were attached to main, plain Nenagh as hurlers. Local patriotism was micro-local, based on intimacy.

Just one week later, at Borrisokane: the Nenagh selection went down badly to the unerring marksmanship of Michael Cronin for Lorrha [and, whether immediately before or after, was equipped with the whistle for Kilruane's defeat of Bawnmore]. The Midland Tribune judged that McMahon, Moroney and Brophy were outstanding for Nenagh but were unable to stem the tide. Referee Pat McGrath, Youghalarra, reported the score as Lorrha 7-3, Nenagh 2-2. Mick Cronin, later a County Councillor, starred again in the Boardroom, when Nenagh, unashamedly and unmindful of having struggled to poll twenty-five per cent of the scores, objected to Lorrha being awarded the match, setting out four grounds and quoting rules to support each: [in printed text.] It was not a good year, the outstanding score being from the objections game – Opposition 3, Nenagh Nil.

Re-unification of the parish with a perfectly balanced committee enabled a return to senior hurling. They had a good run over five games. A new club arrived on football pitches – Nenagh's Irish Aluminium Company. The fine-tuning of legalities in re Nenagh v. Roscrea escalated to become North Board v. Central Council, also involving the County Board and the Munster

Council.

Sár-toradh agus Omós Before a large attendance at Talbot's Inch Ball Court, Edward and Joe Hassett retained their title by defeating Paddy Perry and T Gaughran (Roscommon) in the final of the All-Ireland SSBD championship – 21-8, 18-21, 21-7, 21-7. On their arrival home to Nenagh on Sunday night, they were met on the outskirts of the town by the Nenagh Catholic Boy Scouts Pipers' Band and a large gathering of townspeople. A procession was formed and the Hassetts were borne on the shoulders of their comrades through the streets of the town to the Shamrock Hall, where they were hailed with cheers. Tar barrels blazed in Castle Street and Silver Street.

Street League Anois teacht an Earraigh bhí an lá dul chun síneadh is tar éis Féile Bríde, in fact on the following day, Sunday 2 February, two matches in the 'Nenagh H&F Club Parish League' were

witnessed by a fairly good crowd at the Show Grounds. ... After that the deluge – goal after goal came to the victors; half-time – Cathal Brughas 5-1, Kickhams Nil. *Cathal Brughas*: Dan O'Brien, Daniel Corbett, Toddy Bolger, Joe Cavanagh, Tommy Healy, Digger Stanley and Seán Gleeson. *Kickhams*: Bob Morgan, Michael Corrigan, Willie Dillon, Paddy Kennedy, Knockalton, Paddy Heaney, Tom Minogue, and Willie Healy.

It was stated that the vast majority of the minors were illegal through having attended or played rugby and it was decided to let the team drop if we could not field a legal team. Fr Hannon had requested the club to assist at the digging of the swimming pool; nine members of the committee were designated to help on the following Thursday night. It was decided to report Ben Costello (a former member of the club) to the North Board for playing rugby. [This did not cure the complaint.

Right:

Jack Darcy of Grange capt of University team in the early 1920's





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As a wing three-quarter or centre he shared Mansergh Cup success in 1936-7 and 1937-8 and Garryowen Cup also in 1937-8. He scored a hat-trick of tries in a game against Limerick Bohemians, obviously having inherited the Costello speed and skill of the 1910s sprinter-Gaelic footballers.]

The West Tipperary Board and Clonoulty Club moved: That all rules pertaining to foreign dances in Official Guide, County or Divisional Bye-laws be so amended to include Cashel sets, plain sets, and old-time waltz, Mr Malone said that a member of the Gaelic League could not attend a céilidhe where these dances were danced. Mr Kennedy: Would a member of the Gaelic League play whist? Mr Malone: probably. Mr Kennedy: That is a foreign game, too (laughter and applause). North delegates MF Cronin, T Malone and SF Gardiner spoke against the motion. The cost to the younger members of the GAA in that era, who had wider horizons and were seeking greater freedom, was eternal vigilance by officials. Those were older and imbued with the defensive mood of the previous era leading up to, during and after the War of Independence. Those were the years of their own gathering maturity. Still novices, Nenagh Christian Brothers were unable to hold a stronger and heavier Rockwell combination in the first round of the Dean Ryan Cup [Junior]. The main factor their slowness in getting down to work. The other factor was ironically enough, a Nenagh youth, Treacy McGrath, son of Frank McGrath. He was directly responsible for five of Rockwell's six goals. He outpaced and outclassed his opponent and proved a distinct disaster to the Nenagh backs. On the other hand the scores for Nenagh were all obtained directly or through openings made by the centre-forward, M O'Meara. Score – Rockwell 6-3, Nenagh 5-1 It was Nenagh's first appearance in competition.

Having beaten Nenagh in April – one could say, invaded and conquered Silver Street – been handed the North title, then defeated the best of Cork, Wexford and Kilkenny, and been tested interim to a five-game limit by O'Gorman and Bergin, the 1937 champions, in exhibition mode, the Ballina Collins



Above: Eire Óg Junior Hurling team 1953

brothers were into an All-Ireland final in October. ... On their arrival in Birdhill station from Dublin they were surrounded and carried on the shoulders of young men to the motor car which conveyed them to Ballina. Birdhill was illuminated in honour of the victors. Fully 600 people, headed by a band, braved the downpour of rain to meet the conquering heroes about one mile from Ballina. All along the route tar barrels blazed.

Nenagh lovers of the game and fans of their peers – peerless betimes – were catered for handsomely: At the Shamrock Ballcourt on Friday night, great interest was shown in the gold medal challenge contest between Michael O'Gorman and Joe Bergin. Bergin, the more youthful player, excelled in speed and alley craft, while his kills were deadly. Gorman, especially in the first game, seemed to be over-trained, and he did not reach his usual good form. Bergin 21, 21, 21, 21; Gorman 6, 19, 20, 15. In the second match [a repeat of the championship encounter] the Collins brothers (Ballina) beat Michael McMahon and Phil Ayres (Nenagh).[1]

Tipperary, in hand at 16, Ned Hassett killed for an ace, and two more aces went

to him, butting with great accuracy. Ned Hassett tossed the twentieth ball which Gilmartin put up and the ball went over in a fine rally. Tipperary tossed game ball and there was a whirlwind finish between Joe Hassett and Gilmartin, in which the former got home the winning ace – Tipperary 21; Kilkenny 19.

The Nenagh Club decided to withdraw the objection, not that they were afraid of bringing it to a successful issue. Mr Tucker (Ballinaclough) thanked Nenagh for withdrawing and thanked the Nenagh Club for the sportsmanlike display they gave in the final. 'Sonny' Tucker later became the founder of an Éire Óg Nenagh dynasty. 'Jack Tucker proved himself a star Into the air he'd leap afar And make fine saves spectacular.'

The aluminium pots and pans Like jewels of the desert sands, with kettles – and hot water bottles Your feet to warm – but not your throttles ...; For dance, lectures, bazaars or ball you just attend the Boy Scouts' Hall. In summer you'll be nice and cool in our new concrete swimming pool ...;

Your name has gone – 'The Shamrock Club', It never was a licensed pub, In it I heard that grand refrain, Please let us have 'the same again' ...; No cocktails, bridge or a whist drive, Michael wants an Irish forty-five. No one-step, rumba



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or whist drive, your choice must be 'The Siege of Ennis' ...;

There was a start to two decades of promotion of track, field, cycling and particularly cross-country running with the formation of Nenagh MacDonagh A.C. The pioneers for all reasons, Frank McGrath and Tomás Cleary, were involved. The sometime GAA officer, Dinny O'Brien of Grange, commenced a notable contribution to the sport at county level.

Nine seasons that started rosy now seemed deepening in perspective to purple. The normal hopes of a club for divisional and county titles had been exceeded with four All-Irelands, several semi appearances and Munster titles.

Over six seasons, Éire Óg had stepped out of the Nenagh Club, stepped in again, out again, and now danced in once more. Senior and Junior hurlers reached North finals but collapsed in the finishing straights. The footballers, under two Garda sergeants, successfully patrolled the byways of Kilruane, Toomevara and Newtown and took the North medals into custody. John Rice and Bob McGann brought skills from elsewhere as Tom Dillon and couple of others did in the next decade. Martin Hogan joined the band of Nenagh thinkers and proposers of progress.

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BELOW ARE FROM VOL 2 BOOK VI

This first title by the Nenagh Club in the championship's thirteenth season was the fruit of a large recruitment early in the season; the advantage taken of the Board's permission given to boys to opt for either club (three Éire Ógs were among the fifteen); and the lessons obviously of the earlier defeat in the challenge and of the trial just four days before the first round. Those boys had scored 24-17 and conceded 12-5 in the year's five games. Remarkably, John



native language. The Irish music, as you hear it tonight, strikes a responsive chord in the Irish heart, and fires the spirit to an enthusiasm that is capable of great deeds.'

1950 St Mary's Minor Football winners

'Gutney' Hogan had been one of the pathfinder Éire Óg team of two years previously. Four '1940s Minors' in a section so titled in Chapter 42 contribute rich insights on the five seasons from 1940 on.

Johnny Ryan 'Hyder' played with us as a night student. We were against a Kilkenny team once who included a few hockey players. Our goalie Christy Coen [of Killadangan] was beaten for four goals, which we couldn't understand because he was good, until we discovered that the Cats had a mirror and they were deflecting the sun into Christy's eyes at the right moment.

John P Power in the Sunday Independent, naming all the great men that played for Tipperary from the beginning, describes Mick Darcy of Nenagh as the most spectacular hurler of the 1920s.

Pádraig O'Meara, on behalf of the Céilidhe Committee, after speaking for some time in Irish, continued in English, 'we are glad to welcome our priests, for when our spiritual leaders are with us in our amusements, we are sure we are on the right road and their co-operation and example are a big help'. After welcoming the big crowd, he impressed on them the need for fostering, not only the national games, but everything of the national life – native music and song, native dances, and above all, the

The following week reported that Burgess unceremoniously beat Nenagh by 32 points to 1: The newly promoted Burgess team were far superior to a weak Nenagh lineout. Nenagh, who were on the defensive for most of the hour, tired badly in the second half. They had to play four of their MF team who lined out against Boher in the curtain-raiser. It was a good job that young Dinny Carey, who was the Nenagh culbáire, was in such cat-like

The Éire Óg team toggled out at Rohan's establishment on Sarsfield St, and proudly marched out to Gortlandroe [sic] to do battle, Chris Cooney with his hackney car bringing out the mentors and the essentials – hurleys, towels, drinks, cut oranges, iodine and a local concoction for the rub. That magic bottle always travelled with the team. The Youghalarra team dressed at Martin O'Donnell's house, Gortlandroe, and then cycled home. After supper in their homes, the team celebrated this great win at Johnny Barry's, Newtown.

Not for the first time, and far from last a 'Blow-In' went native in Nenagh as Hanrahan and Heffernan, Naughton and Tucker. But Sergeant John Rice departed having done his station some all-round service.



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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG ASKS ITS MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS TO SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS. THE BUSINESSES OF NENAGH WILL BE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH RIGHT THROUGH TO CHRISTMAS EVE.



Scór na Páistí is starting up again soon and we are looking for all children who want to dance, sing, play music, recite a poem or would like to be in a singing group to get in touch with Shane Connolly or Mairead Long.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA: In 2014 (correct to December 1st) the Nenagh Éire Óg website attracted 60,804 page impressions, 15,748 unique users and visitors from 97 different countries. Our Twitter and Facebook following is also increasing by the week. Nenagh Éire Óg would like to thank supporters of the Blues for such magnificent support.



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Congratulations to Ann Kennedy (Tullaheady) who won the Nenagh Éire Óg club lotto jackpot of €2,600. Matt Lillis and club chairman, Jim Nagle presented Ann with her prize. The €50 lucky dip winners for the first draw of the month were: Tom Walsh (Rathnaleen) & Damien Lawlor (Kilruane). Next lotto draw on Monday, December 8th - jackpot €1,000. Please support the Blues and play our club lotto online:

https://www.localotto.ie/play.asp?LL_ID=292



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THE CAMOGIE CLUB are delighted to announce the purchase and installation of a brand new kitchen in the complex in MacDonagh Park. Purchased out of funds raised during the year chairperson Denise Morris feels that it is "an important contribution" from the camogie section to the club as a whole and further integrates camogie into the fabric and tradition of Nenagh Éire Óg. The project could not have been completed without the expert advice from Paul Henry of Pinnacle Homes. Paul's involvement in the club has been massive over the years and without his great knowledge and expertise in this area together with the assistance of Paudie Gleeson, this project could not have taken place. We also wish to acknowledge the hard work of committee members Catherine, Maria, Denise, Caitriona and Marie who kindly volunteered to clean the whole kitchen area and add a fresh coating of paint before the installation took place. We

hope members of the club enjoy the upgraded facility and that it benefits the club for many years to come. Nenagh Éire Óg are proud to be associated with Paul Henry and Pinnacle Homes and are delighted that Pinnacle Homes have made it through to the final five in the sponsor for a day competition in association with Munster Rugby, Bank of Ireland and Independent Newspapers. The winner gets their company logo emblazoned on the Munster jersey for the Munster versus Sale Sharks match on January 25th.

Here is what you can do to help Pinnacle win! Simply send an email to info@pinnaclehomes.ie with your name and the subject "Vote Pinnacle". Alternatively, you can go to their Facebook page 'Pinnacle Homes Ireland' and click on the top post with the link to the voting page. Please ensure that you like and share the post in order to be eligible! In return for your support Pinnacle will enter your name into draw for a €1000 room makeover.



CONGRATULATIONS TO NENAGH C.B.S. on reaching the Harty Cup quarter-finals following a win over Middleton C.B.S.

'Following the completion of Round 5, Gaelcolaiste Mhuire AG, Castletroy CC, Nenagh CBS and Ard Scoil Ris have qualified for the Quarter-Finals.'

The four top seeded teams in the Dr. Harty Cup Quarter-Final draw will be Thurles CBS, Castletroy CC, St. Francis College Rochestown and Hamilton HS Bandon. The four 2nd seed teams will be Ardscoil Ris, Gaelcholaiste Mhuire AG, P.S Youghal and Nenagh CBS.'

The draw for the Dr. Harty Cup and Corn Uí Mhuirí quarter finals will take place on the 17th December @ 8pm in Aras Mumhan, Castletroy, Co. Limerick.

[CLICK HERE TO READ NENAGH V MIDDLETON MATCH REPORT](#)



2014 JUVENILE 60X30 FINALS

Well done to Nenagh Handball Club's Eimear Meagher who competed in the Juvenile All-Ireland Finals in Kilkenny recently and featured an advertising poster. (Bottom row, second from left).



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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB

Opportunity for your GAA Club to raise up to €20,000



NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG THRILLED TO LAUNCH NATIONAL CLUB DRAW FUNDRAISER

We are thrilled to announce that Nenagh Éire Óg will be participating in the national club draw which features some sensational prizes – tickets are priced at €10 and available from any officer of the club or committee member. Please support this fantastic initiative! Please see the club website for more information on the fantastic range of prizes which include a trip for two to Australia. Tickets for this wonderful initiative cost just €10! Please support this fantastic initiative!

Following the success of the first-ever GAA National Club Draw last year the GAA have announced that the fundraiser will become an annual event.

The draw raised in excess of €2.4m for clubs throughout Ireland last year. All funds raised were retained solely by the club to assist in funding the development and the promotion of our games. Nine hundred and forty-five clubs, including Nenagh Éire Óg, participated in last year's draw. This year there will be a larger number of prizes, all of which are provided by Árd Chomhairle.

The purpose of running the GAA National Club Draw is to assist clubs in their drive to fundraise. In the current economic climate clubs are struggling to raise sufficient funds to develop and promote our national games at all levels. The GAA National Club Draw is an opportunity for clubs to raise up to €20,000. Each club retains all the proceeds from the tickets sold by their club.

The GAA National Club Draw will take place on February 27th – tickets returned after January 24th will not be entered into the draw.

NATIONAL CLUB DRAW PRIZES 2015.

Trip with the 2015 All Stars – the complete package for two includes All-Ireland football final tickets, All Stars

banquet tickets and airline tickets for the 2015 All Stars tour complete with hotel accommodation and match tickets.

2. Trip with the 2015 All Stars – the complete package for two includes All-Ireland football final tickets, All Stars banquet tickets and airline tickets for the 2015 All-Stars tour complete with hotel accommodation and match tickets.

3. Trip to New York – a trip for two to New York which includes airline tickets and three nights' hotel accommodation.

4. Travel voucher to the value of €1,500.

5. All-Ireland hurling & football final corporate package 2015 – the complete package for two includes corporate box tickets for the All-Ireland hurling and football final, respectively, with pre-match lunch and corporate hospitality and overnight accommodation for two nights (Saturday & Sunday x one room) in a Dublin hotel on both weekends. Dinner for two in a top Dublin Restaurant on the Saturday evening on both weekends is also included in this package.

6. All-Ireland hurling final corporate package 2015 – the complete package for two includes corporate box tickets for the All-Ireland hurling final with pre-match lunch and corporate hospitality and overnight accommodation for two nights (Saturday & Sunday x one room) in a Dublin hotel. Dinner for two in a top Dublin Restaurant on the Saturday evening is also included in this package.

7. All-Ireland football final corporate package 2015 – the complete package for two includes corporate box tickets for the All-Ireland football final with pre-match lunch and corporate hospitality and overnight accommodation for two nights (Saturday & Sunday x one room) in a Dublin hotel. Dinner for two in a top Dublin Restaurant on the Saturday evening is also included in this package.

8. Shopping voucher to the value of €1000 at a retailer of your choice.

9. Shopping voucher to the value of €1000 at a retailer of your choice.

10. All-Ireland hurling & football final package 2015 – the complete package for two includes premium tickets for the All-Ireland hurling and football finals, respectively, with overnight accommodation (one room) for one night for both weekends in a Dublin hotel.

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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG HEALTHY CLUB PROJECT HOST A HEALTH AND WELLBEING SEMINAR AT THE ABBEY COURT HOTEL ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH.



GAA HEALTHY CLUB PROJECT

Nenagh Éire Óg club chairman Jim Nagle and members of the Healthy Club Project team pictured with the GAA's Stacey Cannon and renowned psychologist Shane Martin at the Abbey Court Hotel.

In 2013 Nenagh Éire Óg volunteered to participate in a two-year pilot programme entitled the GAA Healthy Club Project. Speaking at Wednesday night's health and wellbeing seminar Stacey Cannon said that she wished to acknowledge the commitment of Nenagh Éire Óg to the project and the determination of the club to address the stigma which is sometimes associated with mental illness. The pilot programme will move into phase two in March 2015. The GAA Healthy Club Project was inaugurated to take advantage of the Gaelic Athletic Association's unique access to people and to use the power of

the association to influence individuals in particular and the community in general in a positive way.

Psychologist Shane Martin regaled a large attendance at the seminar with a presentation entitled 'Harnessing strengths during challenging times' – Shane Martin is a Monaghan-based psychologist dedicated to empowering individuals to enhance the quality of their lives.

Speaking from professional experience Shane Martin spoke passionately about a life dedicated to helping people deal with depression and mental illness. Indeed, Mr Martin pointed out a bias in medical research which focused on the negative while Shane Martin was more interested in people who did not get depression than those who did and those who did

not get depression but should have. Shane Martin believes that everyone is entitled to the best possible life, that life is precious; Mr Martin suggested that most people wait until the "train has crashed" before they start thinking about what matters most.

The bulk of Mr Martin's presentation focused on the psychologist's tips for living a more fulfilling life – those included: to engage in rational thinking, to develop a compassion for self, to unlearn helplessness, to be social, to invest in gratitude, to bask in the now, to do the things we love, to invest in the spiritual self, to take care of your body and, finally, to invest in humour. For those interested the entire content of Shane Martin's presentation is available on his website Moodwatchers.com – click [here](#).

Speaking on behalf of Éire Óg club chairman Jim Nagle suggested that Shane Martin had succeeded in reaching people with his message of hope. Jim Nagle commended Shane for his humour, humility and honesty and insisted that the presentation had "left a permanent impression on everyone" present.

Chairman Jim Nagle also commended the Healthy Club Project Team for their tireless work, especially project leader and juvenile chairman Michael Geaney.



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GAA HEALTHY CLUB PROJECT REPORT 2014

Nenagh Éire Óg is one of the 18 clubs selected to participate in the GAA Healthy Club Project and the only club in Tipperary.

This year the Project Team focused on four key areas: Health and Well Being, Community interaction and inclusion, Anti Bullying, Diet and Nutrition.

Health and Well Being

This year we held three very successful nights on the theme "A night of hope and caring for our community". Up to 350 people attended these seminars. The first seminar in January had Conor Cusack and Seamus Hennessey as speakers. In addition, a number of local organisations including Aras Folláin and Living Links had information stands. The night created awareness for people and offered hope in the areas of depression/loneliness and isolation. On our second night in June Fr. Tony Butler SMA willingly shared his many stories and the ups and downs of life. Unfortunately Fr. Tony died a few weeks back and we in the Healthy Club Project Team remember Fr Tony with affection and gratitude for giving so generously of his time to us.

"Harnessing Strengths during Challenging Times" was the title of the presentation given by Shane Martin at our third seminar held in November. Shane is a psychologist dedicated to teaching the very best self-help psychology to empower people to enhance the quality of their lives. The feedback received from those who attended the seminars was very positive and complementary towards the Nenagh Éire Óg Healthy Club Project Team. Some of the comments....

"Excellent, feeling good. Keep up the good work."

"Talks like this have helped me hugely."

"Very enjoyable informative talk with some very simple tips on improving/maintaining health and happiness."

Anti-Bullying The emphasis this year was on team-building and bonding and

with the aid of the juvenile mentors, it was successful. As well as the usual trips to tournaments, JKC's kindly provided ice-creams to all the juvenile age-groups over the summer and this simple trip down the town together proved to be one of the best team-bonding experiences. Huge thanks go to all the juvenile coaches for all their hard work in providing a safe environment for the boys to enjoy their hurling and to make friends.

Child Welfare Officer, Tom Moylan, has been in touch with all coaches through a questionnaire which will get their feedback regarding any issues they had during the season and any future proposals they may like to make.

We will continue next year with our Teammates Now – Friends Forever campaign and will be awarding certs for good behaviour to the younger players every month.

Diet and Nutrition Annual Primary Schools Competition: This year the focus is on healthy eating, with prizes for the best healthy lunch/snack recipes. All of the town's schools run successful healthy eating campaigns and we would like this to continue throughout the hurling season.

Community Interaction and Inclusion

Setting up a programme for those who are elderly and/or alone in the community/nursing homes to enable them to attend games in Mc Donagh Park on a regular basis. Meetings have been held with management of the Sue Ryder Home and also Nenagh Manor Nursing Home. It was hoped to start this initiative this year but unforeseen circumstances resulted in deferring this initiative until 2015.

Actions planned to date for 2015

Health and Well Being - Healthy Club Project Team in partnership with SOS (Suicide or Survive) are hosting a Wellness Workshop on Thursday, January 28th. This workshop aims to help you understand and take responsibility for your own mental health. Limited to 40 people. Admission free. Booking is necessary.

Diet and Nutrition - We will distribute information throughout the year on

proper sports nutrition tailored to each age group at juvenile level.

Player Welfare – Information talk for players, mentors etc. to be organized for Spring 2015.

Anti-Bullying - Teammates Now – Friends Forever campaign will continue. We will also arrange a talk for the older boys on social media behaviour.

Partnerships

During 2014 the Healthy Club Project Team has continued to link with a number of organisations including, NTSP, Aras Follain, Living Links, SOS, North Tipperary Leader (Social Inclusion Unit). These offer support and expertise in the relevant areas to the Project Team. We also wish to acknowledge the financial support from Proctor and Gamble, NTSP and Leader.

Thanks to the support received from Jim Nagle, Chairman and the Nenagh Éire Óg Club. Also the Juvenile and Camogie Clubs. A special thanks to Brian, Enda and, Catherine for promoting the Project on the Website, Facebook, Twitter, Newsletter etc. Thanks also to the Nenagh Guardian and Tipp FM for promoting our events.

Thanks to Stacey Cannon, Community & Health Section in Croke Park for her help.

The success of the Healthy Club Project to date is due to the commitment shown by those on the Project Team. A special thanks to Clare Slattery, Greg Browne and Tom Moylan. Also thanks to Nuala Connolly who had to step down from the Project Team this year.

The GAA Healthy Club Project is being evaluated by Waterford IT and the intention is to roll out the Project to all clubs nationwide. The Nenagh Éire Óg Healthy Club Project has been commended by Croke Park for the initiatives they have undertaken and for making a difference for many people during 2014. We will continue to lead the way in 2015 with the support of the club and community.

All details in relation to our Healthy Club Project can be found on our website www.nenagheireog.com (Healthy Club Project page).

Michael Geaney
Project Leader



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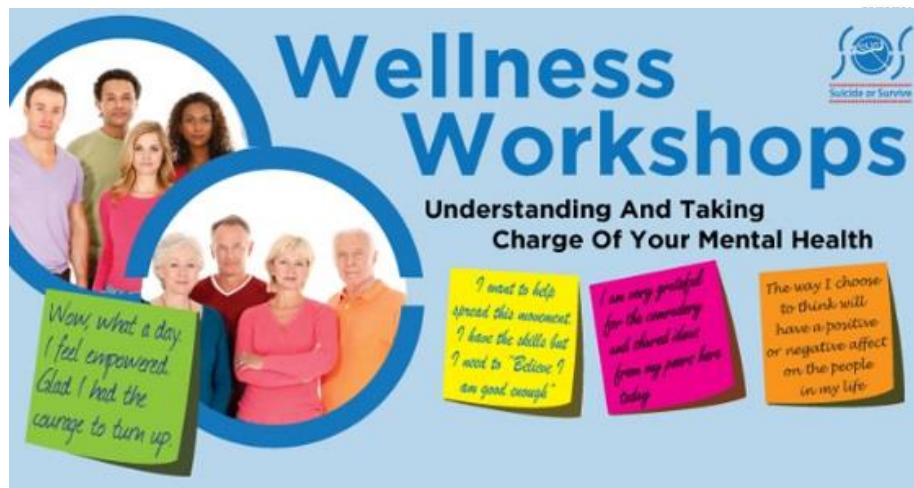
WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Nenagh Éire Óg Healthy Club Project Team in partnership with SOS (Suicide or Survive) are running a **"Wellness Workshop"**, a one day workshop, that aims to help people understand, take charge of and responsibility for their own mental health.

This Workshop which is delivered by SOS is on Thursday January 29th in the Business Innovation Centre, Stafford St. Nenagh (opposite cattle mart) and is free of charge to participants

The workshop is of benefit to anyone who is interested in mental health and wellness. They are facilitated by people with both lived life experience of mental health difficulties, and people with experience of working in the mental health area. They combine personal testimony with practical tools and tips that you can use in your everyday life to improve your own wellness.

Throughout the day the workshop will look at our thinking process, the wellness continuum, mindfulness, personality traits, and the wheel of



change. This is all done in a very interactive non-intrusive and fun way. Areas covered on the day include relaxation and stress management, understanding the relationship between thoughts and emotions, developing a wellness toolkit and daily plan. Places on the workshop are limited.

PLEASE CONTACT JACQUI OR LISA AT SOS ON 1890 577 577 TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE.

TESTIMONIALS FROM WELLNESS WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS:

- "I so enjoyed the day learned so much. Loved the presentations each and everyone. Felt humbled to hear the personal life stories"
- All the facilitators were excellent most helpful, It was

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obvious they were speaking from experience. It was such a positive day, very uplifting we all got a laugh and that was therapeutic"

- "I thought there was excellent balance to the presentation from very deep issues to great fun, well done and thank you"
- As this was the first workshop I attended I came very open minded and I really am very impressed by all the material covered and particularly the means and how it is delivered. Excellent speakers"
- "Think that ye have created a good space to help people explore their own health and ways they may change their lives. May be a way to motivate people to be different in our lives"
- "Well done this workshop is a great service to the community"
- "All sessions were excellent as drawn from real life extremely beneficial. I am leaving Galway today inspired keep up the great work"



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KILDANGAN WIN FIRST-EVER U21A TITLE AT THE EXPENSE OF ÉIRE ÓG

November 30, 2014

Kildangan won a first-ever north Tipperary under-21A title at the expense of Nenagh Éire Óg in Dolla on Sunday afternoon. Despite trailing 0-4 to 0-7 with twenty minutes to play Kildangan hit 0-5 without reply to force themselves into a 0-9 to 0-7 lead, an advantage that Nenagh Éire Óg could not claw back despite a heroic late effort to do so.

**Walsh's of Nenagh North
Tipperary
Under-21A Hurling
Championship Final
Nenagh Éire Óg 0-8 Kildangan 0-9**

Kildangan won a first-ever north Tipperary under-21A title at the expense of Nenagh Éire Óg in Dolla on Sunday afternoon.

Although Éire Óg were defeated on this occasion the club would like to thank the panel of players for the manner in which they represented themselves, their families and the club.

Nenagh Éire Óg would like to extend its thanks to the under-21 management team of Ger Tucker (manager), Eddie Tucker, Greg Browne & Donie O'Brien for all of their efforts. Éire Óg would also like to wish Kildangan all the very best in their up-coming county semi-final against west champions Clonoulty-Rossmore.

FIRST HALF

Kildangan took the lead thanks to a



Willie Connors free as early as the fourth minute, but a highly-motivated Nenagh Éire Óg team responded when Mark Tuite won a turnover in the sixth minute and fed Killian Gleeson who fired over a great point off his right.

The Blues were chasing a first divisional title at the grade in twenty years (1994) and worked tirelessly in the opening quarter. Indeed, a stunning Killian Gleeson tackle in the 16th minute won the ball for Éire Óg and sparked a move which also featured a Donnacha Quinn assist and a James Mackey point. Seconds later Seáníe Geaney



set up Bob O'Brien for a left-handed effort and Éire Óg led 0-3 to 0-1.

Tadhg Gallagher hit back for Kildangan with a great point in the 17th minute, but Éire Óg re-established their two-point lead when Philip Hickey set up Donnacha Quinn in the 18th. Willie Connors set up Paul Flynn for a Kildangan point in the 26th minute and the sides retired with the minimum between them at the interval – 0-4 to 0-3.

SECOND HALF

Immediately after the break Éire Óg seized the initiative when Bob



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O'Brien and Mark Tuite won frees which Donnacha Quinn converted. Willie Connors responded with a converted free for his side, but the Kildangan lads were left cursing their luck in the 38th minute when Éire Óg full-back Adam Gratton cleared Ben Banaghan's tame effort off the line.

A minute later Kildangan were singing the praises of 'keeper Cathal Hayes who conjured a stunning double save – Hayes saved brilliantly from Philip Hickey and Mark Tuite after John Cahalan's surging run.

With twenty minutes to play a James Mackey point forced Éire Óg three points clear (0-7 to 0-4), but then Kildangan's game plan started to pay a real dividend.

A Willie Connors free in the 42nd minute set Kildangan on their way and four minutes later Tadhg Gallagher cracked over a point from play to reduce the margin to one. Then, in the 49th minute, Willie Connors fired over a free from his own 65-yard line to tie the game.

The contest for possession was now ferocious in nature as both sides desperately sought the upper hand – the break finally went Kildangan's way in the 50th minute when Tadhg Gallagher surged into the Éire Óg half before finishing off his right.

Five minutes later Kevin Flynn made a terrific save in the Éire Óg goal to deny Paul Flynn a three-pointer, but an undeterred Paul Flynn won possession once more a minute later and belted his side into a 0-9 to 0-7 lead.

Éire Óg fought back with all the determination that we have come to associate with this group of players with wing-back Seáníe Geaney

landing a monster of a point in the 58th minute.

The Kildangan defence stood tall thereafter and Éire Óg failed to create a final scoring opportunity which could have rescued this north final.

MATCH DETAILS

Nenagh Éire Óg: Kevin Flynn (captain), Brian Flynn, Adam Gratton, Michael Collins, Darragh Walsh, Barry Heffernan, Seáníe Geaney (0-1), Killian Gleeson (0-1), Gary Howard, Donnacha Quinn (0-3, 0-2 frees), Bob O'Brien (0-1), John Cahalan, Philip Hickey, Mark Tuite, James Mackey (0-2). Subs: (39th) Conor Ryan for John Cahalan, (61st) Christopher Ryan for Conor Ryan.

Remaining Panel

Members: Brian Gubbins, Aodhán Geaney, Keelan Higgiston, Alex Jones, Luke Kennedy, Brian Tuite, Gavin O'Connor, Dean Ray, Aidan Healy, Michael Hallinan, Paul Slattery, Oisín Ryan, Darragh Gleeson, Andrew Coffey, Donnacha Heffernan, Shane Hennessy.

Kildangan: Cathal Hayes, Darren Moran, Alan Flynn, Jim Minehan, Johnny Horan, Eoin Meagher, David Sweeney, Jack Loughnane (captain), Andy Loughnane, Seán Webb, Paul Flynn (0-2), Tom McLoughlin, James

Mulqueen, Tadhg Gallagher (0-3), Willie Connors (0-4, 0-4 frees). Subs: (37th) Ben Banaghan for James Mulqueen.

Referee: Philip Kelly (Ballinahinch).





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CAMOGIE NEWS



UNDER-16: Commiserations to our under 16 team who were beaten by Newport-Ballinahinch in the county final 1-9 to 2-4. We wish to congratulate Newport-Ballinahinch on their two great wins over us in the county finals and thank our Éire Óg panel and management team for their dedication and hard work throughout 2014.



UNDER-14: Commiserations also to our under-14 team who were defeated by Newport-Ballinahinch in their county final on a scoreline of 2-3 to 2-8. The girls have worked very hard this year and significant progress has been made and the future looks very bright for this fantastic panel.



UNDER-8: This wonderful photo is of our under-8 camogie team with their trophy and medals having won a tournament in Ballina. Well done girls.





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CAMOGIE NEWS



THE UNDER 12 CAMOGIE TEAM had a great win over an excellent Portroe side in the league final on Saturday November 15th in The Ragg by 5-00 to 1-01. Both teams were excellent and all players displayed the wonderful skills of camogie in a determined and committed manner that did both clubs proud. We want to thank all the players, their parents and guardians as well as their superb and diligent mentors Mike Hallinan (below left), Lorraine MacLoone (below right) and Mike Ryan for all their selfless hard work.



On Monday, December 1st, the camogie section held their **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** in the complex and in what a well organised and attended gathering was the following positions were filled:

Chairperson Denise Morris
Secretary Caitriona Morris
Treasurer Marie O'Brien
PRO Enda O'Sullivan
Assistant PRO Seamus Morris
Registrar Catherine Kennedy
Child Welfare Officer Mark Hassett
Committee: Mary Mulqueen, Judy Mulqueen, Mairead Long, Tom McAuliffe, Liam McGrath, Michael Hallinan, Conor Ryan, Noel Coffey

Team Management
Under 8: Ciaran Morris
Under 10 James O'Dwyer
Under 12: To be Confirmed
Under 14 Michael Hallinan and Lorraine McLoone
Under 16 Greg Browne
Under 18 Kieran O'Brien
Junior A Paul Henry
The camogie section are always looking for new volunteers to get involved in coaching, administration and in helping out with the club's monthly newsletter. If you would like to get involved in anyway please contact us on aireognenagh@gmail.com It is a great way to make friends while helping better our club and community.



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BLAST FROM THE PAST: NENAGH'S HISTORIC 1957 NORTH FINAL VICTORY

EIRE OG ARE NEW NORTH TIPPERARY CHAMPIONS

Nenagh Side Win First Title in Forty-Two Years

Late Toomevara Rally Failed in Final

EIRE OG 5-5 TOOMEVARA 4-5

G.A.A. history was made at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on Sunday last when in a hectic finish Eire Óg (Nenagh) - won their second North Tipperary senior hurling championship when they defeated Toomevara in the final. By their victory Eire óg will have their name inscribed on the Murphy Cup for the first time, while it is the second occasion a Nenagh team has won the senior title for forty-two years, the last time was in 1915.

When the final whistle sounded it was the signal for hundreds of jubilant Nenagh supporters to swarm all over the field, and the red and white flags brightened the overcast skies as followers of the winners cheering lustily and clapping the members of the victorious team on the back, many of whom were shouldered high, through the crowds to where the Eire Og captain, Billy O'Brien, was presented with the Cup by the Chairman of the North Tipperary G.A.A. Board—Mr. Jim Ryan, Moneygall.

It was a game that sent the blood tingling and provided exquisite delight or sheer agony for supporters of either side as the tide of battle ebbed and flowed.

How often during the hour did it seem that first one side and then the other was about to take control. No sooner did the game



Nenagh Éire Óg 1957 panel with its officials and followers. Back l-r: Tom Brophy Paddy Maher, Seamus Murray, Sean Duignan, Buddy Toohey, Pat Stack, John Hogan, Jack Nolan, Edmund McGrath, Michael Fogarty, Michael O'Kennedy, Johnny McGrath, Liam McKenna, Michael Corrigan, Bobby Morgan and Tony Sheary. Middle: Paddy Hallinan, Paddy Kearns, Michael Hynes, Billy O'Brien (capt), Michael O'Connell, Seamus Ryan, Kieran McDonnell, Devere Reynolds, Paddy O'Meara. Front: Frank O'Donnell, Padraig Kennedy, Tony Tierney, Phil Hennessy, Mick Burns, Philip Murray, Joseph Ryan.

appear to be assuming a definite course when the tide changed and first one side was on top and then the other.

There have to be sure, been deciders in which the standard of performance was much higher but few have ended in greater excitement. Nenagh seemed to be sitting pretty with a nine points lead with only twelve minutes left for play but a Toomevara rally which had their supporters jubilant came a little too late.

GO DOWN FIGHTING

Toomevara went down fighting, true to the great tradition of a great hurting parish, and their heroic rally when all seemed lost almost carried the day.

At the call of time, however, the honours truly rested where they belonged, but it was a match of much mental anguish for their supporters.

TOOMEVARA IN LEAD

Toomevara opened in splendid fashion and were quickly three points ahead, then Eire Og fought back to score two points and Johnny McGrath from a 21 yds. free had their first goal to give them the lead. Toome replied with a point but then came a good goal for the winners from John Hogan. Back came Toome again and two goals before the interval left them in the lead. However, in the remaining few minutes after Stephen Guerin's had restored Toome's lead the Eire Og boys showed promise of things to come.

EIRE OG - GOLDEN PERIOD

After the interval that promise began to materialise and in the tenth minute Johnny McGrath once again put his side in the lead with a goal from a 21 yds. free. This was Eire Og's golden period and McGrath hit a wonderful point from far out followed by a point from Billy O'Brien and two well-taken goals from John Hogan.



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FIGHT BACK

With the Nenagh side leading by nine points with a little over twelve minutes left for play they seemed all set for an easy victory. However, Toomevara with Matt O'Gara doing some tremendous work fought back and narrowed the gap to two points but in the dying minutes McGrath had a point from a free for the winners to clinch the issue.

CHANGES

Toomevara showed two changes in personnel from the side that defeated Roscrea in the semi-final Jimmy Feehily missing the game due to a broken finger and his place was taken by Con Ryan who was not available for the semi final owing to a knee injury, while Tim Cuddy was on instead of Paddy Quirke. Martin Burke moved to the full-back line while Sean Ryan was at full forward with Stephen Guerin in the corner.

Eire Og had only one change and that was a positional change, Sean Duignan turning out at full forward with Phil Hennessy partnering Paddy Hallinan at midfield, otherwise the team was the same that beat Lorrha in the semi-final at Roscrea .

CARRIED THE DAY

Nenagh folk, unconsciously influenced by their ties, may pick one man or other as player apart from his fellows. But truly magnificent as was MI. Hynes at right-corer back, wonderful as was Mick Burns at right-half back, splendid as Phil Hennessy was at mid-field, tantalising as were Johnny McGrath and Kieran McDonnell to the opposition, it would have all been of little use but for John Hogan's opportunism in snatching three golden goals that carried his side to victory.

Apart from his three goals, the oldest player on the team played his part for he was the most dangerous of the Nenagh full-

forward line and did good work in the right-corner forward position.

HYNES AND BURNS SHINE

Michael Hynes has played many great games for his club but his display on Sunday was as good as he ever produced. He got much to do and did it all in regal manner, while Mick Burns performed great deeds in his own rightly efficient way and uncompromisingly smashed many a Toomevara raid.

Devere Reynolds in the opening half appeared most unhappy against Phil Shanahan and although he did improve after the interval he never looked like subduing Shanahan. Mick Connell was sound without being spectacular at right half back while Paddy Kearns and Eamon McGrath were wholehearted battlers.

YOUNG GOALKEEPERS

Behind these was Tony Tierney and once again the young Nenagh 'keeper came to his side's rescue with some grand saves especially in the later part of the second half when Toome were pressing hard. Tierney's opposite number in the Toomevara goal Roger Mounsey also a minor last year gave a very capable performance.

MID-FIELD AND ATTACK

Although capable, Paddy Hallinan never hit top form, while Phil Hennessy had great and moderate moments. Johnny McGrath hit some wonderful balls and both his goals from 21 yds. frees were wonderful efforts. Kieran McDonnell was always a thorn in the Toome defence and proved too much a hand full for Tim Cuddy, while Paddy O'Meara battled all through with a tigerish tenacity and Billy O'Brien and Sean



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Duignan, with little opportunity played their part. Toomevara's outstanding player was Matt O'Gara, time and time again he sailed right up the field shaking off would be tacklers to send the ball up to his forwards. He got little assistance from Tom Shanahan who had a very quiet day or Tim Cuddy. Another defender to play well was Martin Burke despite his injuries, while Willie O'Donovan also turned in a good performance, as did Billy O'Brien. For a greater part of the game Gerry Hough was more conspicuous than his more famous brother, John, but only Phil Shanahan in attack and to a lesser degree Con Ryan and Stephen Guerin carried any real danger for the remainder Willie Harty, Sean Ryan and Matt Hassett never showed the form they are capable of.

THE SCORING

John Hough opened the scoring for the losers with a point and minutes later Con Ryan followed with a similar score and Phil Shanahan added number three before Johnny McGrath reduced the lead with a point from a free. Kieran McDonnell had a point before McGrath gave Nenagh the lead with a goal from a 21 yds. free. Phil Shanahan replied with a point for Toomevara. Next McDonnell sent a long ball to the Toomevara goalmouth and John Hogan beat Mounsey all ends with a great shot. Toomevara fought back and Phil Shanahan sent in a hard shot which Tierney got his hurley too but in went in to the net off the upright. Sephen Guerins gave Toomevara the lead before half-time when with all the time in the world he gave Tierney no chance with a hard drive.

EIRE OG ABU!

(Air — "Clare's Dragoon's")

When on McDonagh's Gaelic field
The Baffled Toome were forced to yield
Though victors oft, they backward reeled
Before the skill of Eire Og.

The flags they won in days of yore
Must wait a year for one flag more
But, sportsmen all, they'll not feel sore
To see one pass to Eire Og.

Up Tipp and Eire Og Abu
They won the North they'll win more too
Till the County Cup stands high on view
In Ormond's town, Aonach Urmuhan,
Here's to the North Tipperary Board
To Huby, sound in deed and word
To the "Greyhounds" who were never
cowered

And here's to youth and Eire Og
Here's to the games they love ' so well
From Lorrha down to fair Clonmel
May all our men in Ireland dwell
And win more cups for Eire Og
Up Tipp. and Eire Og Abu
They won the North they'll win more too
Till the County Cup stands high on view
In Ormond's Town, Aonach Urmuhan.

By "Ormond Veteran",

Interval score: Toomevara, 2-4:
Eire Og 2-2.

SECOND HALF

After the restart McGrath regained the lead for his side when he sent a 21 yds. free to the net and followed this with a grand point. It

was all Nenagh at this stage and John Hogan goaled followed by a point from Billy O'Brien and a goal from Hogan. Toome fought back and from a goalmouth melee forced the ball over the line and Shanahan followed with a point. Guerins reduced the lead to two points with a goal but before the final whistle McGrath pointed a Nenagh free.

Eire Og Nenagh: T. Tierney (goal), P. Kearns, E. McGrath, M. Hynes, M. Burns, D. Reynolds, M. O'Connell, P. Hennessy, P. Hallinan, P. O'Meara, J. McGrath, K. McDonnell, B. O'Brien, S. Duignan, J. Hogan.

Toomevara: R. Mounsey (goal) W. Donovan, W. O'Brien, M. Burke, M. O'Gara, T. Shanahan, T. Cuddy, G. Hough, J. Hough, M. Hassett, P. Shanahan, C. Ryan, S. Guerin, S. Ryan, W. Harty. Subs: J. McDonnell for Ryan; D. Galvin for Cuddy.

Referee: H. Hogan, (Lorrha).

MR. FRANK O'DONNELL

• WIRES CONGRATS.

The following wire has been received from Mr. Frank O'Donnell, U.D.C., secretary of the Eire Óg (Nenagh)

Club: Editor, "Guardian." Lambeth, London:

Please convey to Billie O'Brien and victorious team my heartiest congratulations



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JUVENILE NEWS



Thanks to all the **UNDER-6 AND UNDER-8 HURLERS**, their families, Tommy Mulcahy and all who contributed to making the end of year party the great fun that it was. The visit of the senior and junior hurlers with this year's silverware sent the boys into overdrive so a huge thank you to them.



Also, fair play to Santa who made an earlier than usual appearance as he knew the boys were finishing and he couldn't let them go without a selection box! Congratulations to our under-6 hurlers who were presented with certs at the end of year party to celebrate completing their first year at Nenagh Éire Óg.

Our **UNDER-13 NORTH PLATE WINNERS** were presented with their medals recently by senior team captain Noel Maloney. Thanks to Noel, the parents and family members, team mentors and all who made it a great night for the lads. A special mention to club sponsor Joe Mulqueen and Andy's for the fabulous food!

Well done to our **UNDER-14 FOOTBALLERS** who competed in the County Inter-Divisional tournament at the weekend. Nenagh Éire Óg were represented by Callan Scully, Seán Phelan, Conor Robinson, Jason Teefey, Brendan Long and Gavin Dooley. Special mention to Callan who was captain of the North Tipp team. Well done boys.





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SKY BLUE
LIGHTS UP THE
CHRISTMAS
NIGHT



HAPPY CHRISTMAS
FROM NENAGH
ÉIRE ÓG