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THE BEANO TO CROKER! – *SUMMER TRIP TO CROKE PARK FOR OUR UNDER-12 BOYS AND GIRLS*





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UNDER-12 HURLERS EARNED A WELL-DESERVED TRIP TO CROKE PARK



On Monday June 29th 24 enthusiastic young hurlers and five sleepy adults boarded Malachy Collison's bus in MacDonagh Park at 8am and made the trek to Croke Park where our under-12 team had been invited to take part in a Go Games blitz on the hallowed surface.

We were among four Tipperary teams selected to go which also included St Mary's, Ballybacon-Grange and neighbours Portroe.

We arrived and were instantly made welcome by the friendly staff in the stadium who showed us where to go and provided us with the details for the day.

The boys played three games against St Molloran's

(Waterford), Whitegate (Clare) and Castletown

Ballyagran (Limerick). The games were of twelve minutes duration and for two of the matches Joe Donovan kindly agreed to referee. All our players got ample playing time and were broadcast live on the "big screen" in the stadium.

Following the matches, the players were brought on a guided tour of Croke Park where they got to visit the dressing rooms, players lounge, a corporate box as well as other fascinating areas of this historic and marvellous venue.

On the return journey home we stopped off at Junction 14 for

some much needed grub. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the players for their exemplary behaviour throughout the day. Their good manners, patience and enthusiasm created a wonderful impression of our town and club. We would also like to thank the five mentors; Joe Donovan, Noel Stanley, Catherine Kennedy, Mark Connolly and Enda O Sullivan, who so generously gave up their time to travel and ensure the boys had a day to remember.

We would also like to thank the GAA and Croke Park staff for inviting us to take in what for the majority of players will be their only opportunity to grace GAA HQ.



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ON TUESDAY, JULY 7, THE UNDER-12 CAMOGIE PANEL, MANAGEMENT AND A LARGE NUMBER OF PARENTS DEPARTED FROM MACDONAGH PARK AT 8:15AM TO TRAVEL TO CROKE PARK FOR WHAT PROVED TO BE A WONDERFUL DAY OUT FOR ALL INVOLVED.



We were all given a guided tour of the stadium at 11am and got to visit the dressing rooms, players lounge and the GAA museum. We had lunch after in the Blackthorn Cafe where chairperson Denise Morris busied herself, fulfilling every stereotype of a Tipperary supporter, making ham sandwiches for everyone. All that was missing was the tinfoil!!!

At 3pm we played our three games on the hollowed surface at the Hill 16 end where we faced Sylane (Galway), Killeavy (Armagh) and Clonea (Waterford). The games were of twelve minutes duration and all the girls got equal playing time thanks to the shrewd work of managers Christy McLoughlin, Martin Morris and Danielle Morrissey.

We stopped at Junction 14 on the journey home for some much needed refreshments and the long bus trip was made much shorter when the normally quiet and retiring

Christy, came out of his shell, and entertained the girls with rousing renditions of The Wild Rover, Good Aul Nenagh Town and Let It Go from his favourite movie, Frozen. Who knew Christy could sing?

The trip was very memorable and the club wish to thank all the adults that travelled including Kathleen O Meara, Martin Morris, Sharon Tinkler, Seamie Morris, Christy McLoughlin, Denise Morris, Ciaran Morris, Marese Kelly, Caitriona Morris, Raffeala Malizia, Enda O Sullivan, Jonathan White, Danielle Morrissey, Tom McAuliffe, Paul Spain, Michael Barry, Mike Ryan, Pat Sheridan, Linda McGrath, Willie O'Brien and Breda O'Brien. With their generosity the day would not have run as smoothly. The club also wishes to thank the staff in Croke Park and the organisers of the event for inviting us and making us feel at home.

Finally to the girls themselves, the stars of the day, the club wish to extend a very special thank you. Their behaviour was remarkable with good humour, manners,



politeness and unbelievable skills on pitch visible for all to see. They presented a fabulous portrait of our club and town which was noticed by all who came in contact with them. Well done girls!!!

There are a large collection of photographs from the games up on the club's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/nenagheireog



Below: Seamie Morris and Christy McLoughlin discussing tactics





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BLUES BOOK THEIR PLACE IN THE DR FOGARTY CUP FINAL

June 13, 2015



Nenagh Éire Óg booked their place in the final of the Dr Fogarty Cup thanks to a resounding thirteen-point win over Lorrha-Dorrha at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh

**Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Challenge Cup
Dr Fogarty Cup Semi-Final
Nenagh Éire Óg 1-23 Lorrha-Dorrha 0-13**

Lorrha took the lead thanks to a converted free in the first minute, but Éire Óg hit back with points from Kevin Tucker, Donnacha Quinn (two), James Mackey, Tommy Heffernan and John Cahalan to help the home side into a 0-6 to 0-1 lead by the tenth minute. A smartly-taken Donnacha Quinn free created the first goal chance of the game for James Mackey – unfortunately the corner-forward's rasping shot flew narrowly wide in the 13th minute.

James Mackey then added to the Éire Óg tally with a point from play before the Blues carved out another goal-scoring opportunity in the 17th minute, but Lorrha 'keeper Brian Hogan saved superbly from Tommy Heffernan.

Points from Tommy Heffernan and Donnacha Quinn helped Éire Óg into a 0-9 to 0-1 lead before Lorrha converted a '65 in the 26th minute

to double their tally. Further points from Michael Heffernan, Donnacha Quinn (free) and James Mackey forced the Blues ten points clear before a Lorrha free left nine in it at the break (0-12 to 0-3).

Lorrha made an encouraging start to the second half and hit three consecutive points (two frees) before a Michael Heffernan long-range free got Éire Óg moving once more in the 35th minute.

Tommy Heffernan was denied a goal in the 36th minute when a Lorrha defender recovered just in time to hook the Éire Óg full-forward, but the Blues soon added to their tally thanks to efforts from James Mackey and Tommy Heffernan (0-15 to 0-6).

Lorrha hit back with a converted free, but Éire Óg responded in kind with two Donnacha Quinn frees helping the home side into a nine-point advantage entering the final quarter.

A Lorrha point cut the Éire Óg lead to eight, but Éire Óg finally struck for the goal which their enterprising attacking play deserved in the 45th minute when Paddy Murphy set up Michael Heffernan for a three-pointer (1-17 to 0-9).

Lorrha responded with a point, but efforts from James Mackey and John Cahalan stretched the Blues' lead to twelve entering the final ten minutes. A Lorrha point then preceded another Éire Óg goal-scoring opportunity in the 52nd minute – once more Brian Hogan saved, this time from centre-forward Paddy Murphy.

John Cahalan then traded points with Lorrha before Tommy Heffernan's 21-yard free in the 55th minute ricocheted off the bar for a

point following a foul on the raiding James Mackey.

Lorrha brought the scoring to a close from their point of view with a free on the hour mark while John Cahalan and Shane Hennessy added to the Éire Óg tally.

Éire Óg last appeared in the Dr Fogarty Cup final in 2013 when the Blues lost after a replay to Burgess. On the opposite side of the draw Burgess will take on Mullinahone on Friday, June 19th in Drombane at 7.30pm. The final of the Dr Fogarty Cup is expected to take place in the coming weeks.

Nenagh Éire Óg would like to wish Lorrha-Dorrha well as they prepare to take on Kildangan in an upcoming north Tipperary senior hurling championship quarter-final.

The Blues will not return to championship action until the respective divisional championships reach a conclusion – Éire Óg have already qualified for the last sixteen of the Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Michael McNamara, Mark Flannery, Hugh Maloney, Conor Ryan, Andrew Coffey, Dáire Quinn, Adam Gratton, Kevin Tucker (0-1), Michael Heffernan (1-2, 0-1 frees), John Cahalan (0-4), Paddy Murphy, Killian Gleeson, James Mackey (0-5), Tommy Heffernan (0-4, 0-1 frees), Donnacha Quinn (0-6, 0-4 frees). Subs: (43rd) Philip Hickey for Killian Gleeson, (50th) Alan Kelly for Kevin Tucker, (50th) Shane Hennessy (0-1) for Donnacha Quinn, (54th) Michael Collins for Conor Ryan, (55th) Niall Madden for Andrew Coffey.

Referee: Tommy Ryan (Kildangan).



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ÉIRE ÓG JUNIOR A TEAM GET OFF TO AN ENCOURAGING START

June 20, 2015

The Nenagh Éire Óg junior A hurlers got their championship campaign off to an encouraging start at Dolla when Noel Maloney's winning point brought an entertaining encounter to a dramatic conclusion.

Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior A Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 1-17 Kildangan 2-13

Despite playing into a strong wind the Blues took the lead in the third minute thanks to an Adam Carey point. Two minutes later Kildangan hit back with a goal, but a right-handed point from Aidan Healy in the ninth minute left one between them (0-2 to 1-0). Two Kildangan points (one free) left three between the sides, but Éire Óg were hurling well into the breeze and Gary Howard's point in the 17th minute left two in it. A brace of Kildangan scores (one free) then opened a four-point gap. Anthony Walsh drilled over two impressive placed balls, but three points (one free) helped Kildangan into a 1-7 to 0-5 by the 29th minute. Niall Madden and Seáníe Geaney played a neat one-two in the 30th minute before Bob O'Brien swung over a left-handed effort and when Anthony Walsh converted another placed ball the Kildangan lead was down to three. Kildangan responded with two points (a converted '65 and free) to lead, once more, by five before Gary Howard accepted a return pass from Bob O'Brien and fired over a fine point in the sixth minute of first half injury time. Kildangan led 1-9 to 0-8 at the



break. *Thanks to John Daly for the photos.*

Now playing with the wind there was every chance of Éire Óg mounting a comeback. Four points in the opening nine minutes of the second half got the Blues back on terms (0-12 to 1-9). An Anthony Walsh free and three terrific long-range strikes from Niall Madden left the sides all square by the 39th minute. Seáníe Geaney had made a fine save to deny Kildangan a goal in the 37th minute, but Kildangan were not to be denied in the 40th when they edged into a 1-10 to 0-12 lead.

Éire Óg were hurling well now, however, and three Anthony Walsh frees helped the Blues into a 0-15 to 1-10 lead entering the final quarter. A Kildangan free reduced the Éire Óg lead to one, but with ten minutes to play Gary Howard's right-handed effort opened a two-point gap before Adam Healy struck for a vital three-pointer in the 52nd minute. Bob O'Brien broke Willie Bolger's long-range delivery to John

O'Donoghue; the full-forward worked the ball into Adam Healy's hand and Healy finished neatly off his left (1-16 to 1-11).

Éire Óg looked in control of the game, but Kildangan, to their credit, rallied superbly. Kildangan fired home a penalty in the 55th minute and then added a point from play to leave one in it with two minutes to play. Another Kildangan free (the 21st conceded by the Blues) tied the game on the hour mark. Then, fully two minutes into injury time, Noel Maloney won possession in the half-forward line and landed the game-winning score. The Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior A Hurling Championship will be run on a two-group system with the top team in each group progressing to the semi-finals and the second and third teams qualifying for the quarter-finals.

Nenagh Éire Óg, the defending champions, have been drawn in group one alongside Kildangan, Kilruane MacDonagh's, Silvermines and Burgess. Meanwhile group two will feature Toomevara, Borris-Ileigh, Roscrea, Knockshegowna and Templederry. This year the junior A team is managed by Greg Browne (manager), Con Morris, Michael Ryan and Conor Ryan.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Willie Bolger, Brian Flynn, Noel Maloney (0-1), Michael Collins, Anthony Walsh (0-7, 0-7 frees), Adam Gratton, Seáníe Geaney, Gavin O'Connor, Niall Madden (0-3), Bob O'Brien (0-1), Gary Howard (0-3), Adam Carey (0-1), Aidan Healy (0-1), John O'Donoghue, David Cleary. Subs: (23rd) Adam Healy (1-0) for Adam Carey.

Referee: Mike Murphy (Toomevara).



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JUNIOR A HURLERS MAKE IT TWO WINS FROM TWO

June 28, 2015

The Nenagh Éire Óg junior A hurling team maintained their one hundred per cent start to the north championship in Puckane when registering a nine-point win over Silvermines.

Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior A Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 1-19 Silvermines 0-13

A David Hackett free in the fifth minute presented the Blues with the lead and a minute later Éire Óg struck for the only goal of the game. Thomas O'Brien and John O'Donoghue combined well to set up a David Hackett goal chance; although Hackett's effort was saved David Cleary swept home the rebound and Nenagh led 1-1 to no-score.

In the eighth minute the sides were reduced to fourteen men when David Hackett and his direct marker were shown straight red cards following a melee.

Silvermines notched their opening point of the game in the tenth minute. A brace of points from Anthony Walsh (one free) helped Éire Óg into a five-point lead (1-3 to 0-1) before a Silvermines goal chance in the 13th minute flew narrowly wide.

A smashing David Cleary effort forced the Blues six clear and although Silvermines responded with a point an Alan Kelly point and an Anthony Walsh free left seven between them with nineteen minutes played (1-6 to 0-2).

Silvermines doubled their tally prior to the break (one free), but efforts

from Thomas O'Brien, David Cleary, Gary Howard and Anthony Walsh (two frees) helped Éire Óg into a 1-11 to 0-4 interval advantage.

Now playing with the aid of the breeze Silvermines made an encouraging start to the second half with a converted free in the opening minute. The 'Mines threatened a goal a minute later, but Willie Bolger saved well before scrambling the ball clear.

Éire Óg hit back with points from Bob O'Brien and Anthony Walsh (free) and led 1-13 to 0-5 with thirty-six minutes played.

The 'Mines then out-scored Éire Óg by 0-4 to 0-1 (three frees) with Bob O'Brien responding for the Blues in the 41st minute. Entering the final quarter Éire Óg led 1-14 to 0-9.

An Anthony Walsh free left nine between them before Éire Óg 'keeper Willie Bolger made a fine stop to deny Silvermines a goal in the 47th minute. A minute later Bolger saved once more, this time from a 21-yard free – Silvermines converted the resultant '65 to leave eight between the sides with ten minutes to play.

The Silvermines 'keeper denied David Cleary a goal with a terrific save in the 51st minute. The Éire Óg full-forward added a brace of points in the 55th and 56th minutes before the 'Mines responded with a point.

An Adam Healy point helped Éire Óg into a ten-point lead before Ger O'Gorman saved a 21-yard free with time fast running out – the 'Mines converted the resultant '65 before adding another point from play in the first minute of injury time.

Éire Óg, however, enjoyed the final say in the matter in the 62nd minute when Aidan Healy drilled over a fine effort to bring this contest to a conclusion.

The Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior A Hurling Championship is being run on a two-group system with the top team in each group progressing to the semi-finals and the second and third teams qualifying for the quarter-finals.

Nenagh Éire Óg, the defending champions, are in group one alongside Kildangan, Kilruane MacDonagh's, Silvermines and Burgess. In the group phase Éire Óg still have to play Kilruane and Burgess following wins registered against Kildangan and the 'Mines. Meanwhile group two features Toomevara, Borris-Ileigh, Roscrea, Knockshegowna and Templederry.

This year the junior A team is managed by Greg Browne (manager), Con Morris, Michael Ryan and Conor Ryan.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Willie Bolger, Michael Collins, Noel Maloney, Ger O'Gorman, Eoin Fitzgibbon, Seáníe Geaney, Anthony Walsh (0-7, 0-6 frees), Alan Kelly (0-1), Gavin O'Connor, Gary Howard (0-1), Thomas O'Brien (0-1), Bob O'Brien (0-2), David Hackett (0-1, 0-1 frees), David Cleary (1-4), John O'Donoghue. Subs: (40th) Aidan Healy (0-1) for Noel Maloney, (48th) Adam Healy (0-1) for John O'Donoghue.

Referee: Mike Murphy (Toomevara).



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BLUES SURVIVE LATE BORRIS- ILEIGH RALLY

July 02, 2015

Nenagh Éire Óg survived a late rally from a spirited Borris-Ileigh team at Templederry on Thursday evening to win their opening game in the Ger Gavin North Tipperary Minor A Hurling Championship.

**Ger Gavin North Tipperary
Minor A Hurling
Championship
Nenagh Éire Óg 1-15 Borris-
Ileigh 3-8**



Playing into the breeze in the opening half the Blues played exceptionally well and led by seven points at the break (1-9 to 0-5).

Early points from Anthony Walsh (free) and Adam Healy set Éire Óg on their way before Borris-Ileigh opened their account in the fourth minute. Jake Morris and Liam Maher added to the Blues' tally before Borris-Ileigh converted a free in the seventh minute.

A Jake Morris point preceded an Éire Óg goal in the tenth minute – the raiding Adam Healy found Craig Himli and the corner-forward made no mistake from close range. A Jake Morris brace (one free) and a Craig Himli point helped Éire Óg into a 1-8 to 0-2 lead by the 13th minute.

Borris-Ileigh fired two reasonable goal chances wide in the 16th and 17th minutes before a converted '65 added to their tally. In the 22nd minute Borris-Ileigh opted to go for goal from a 21-yard free, but Anthony Walsh reacted well and blocked the shot. Two further Borris-Ileigh points cut the Éire Óg

lead to six, but a late Jake Morris effort left seven between them at the break (1-9 to 0-5).

A Jake Morris free in the opening minute of the second half left eight between them before Éire Óg 'keeper Seán Shanahan denied Borris-Ileigh a goal with a neat save in the 32nd minute. Borris-Ileigh added a point three minutes later before Éire Óg full-forward Brian Tuite was shown a straight red card in the 37th minute.

A Gavin O'Connor point in the 41st minute steadied the Blues, but a Borris-Ileigh brace (one free) left six between them (1-11 to 0-8) entering the final quarter. Éire Óg responded well to the challenge with two Jake Morris points (one free) opening an eight-point gap with just ten minutes to play (1-13 to 0-8).

Borris-Ileigh drilled home a 21-yard free in the 52nd minute. Once more Éire Óg responded positively with two more Jake Morris points (one free) leaving seven between them in the 53rd minute.

On the hour mark Borris-Ileigh won and converted a penalty before finding another goal in the 63rd minute to close the gap to one prior to referee Mike Murphy's final whistle.

John Manley's Nenagh Éire Óg team have been drawn in group one of the north championship alongside Roscrea, Newport Gaels, Borris-Ileigh and Portroe. John Manley is joined on the management team by selectors Derek Lillis, Christy McLoughlin and Paudie Gleeson.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Seán Shanahan, Connie O'Reilly, Jason McKenna, Jack McGrath, Alex Jones, Anthony Walsh (0-1, 0-1 frees), Mark O'Farrell, Jake Morris (0-10, 0-4 frees), Conor McCarthy, Niall McKeogh, Gavin O'Connor (0-1), Adam Healy (0-1), Craig Himli (1-1), Brian Tuite, Liam Maher (0-1). Subs: (30th) Ethan O'Brien for Jack McGrath, (45th) Daniel Molamphy for Liam Maher.

Referee: Mike Murphy (Toomevara).



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U16A CAMOGIE CAMPAIGN ENDS IN HEARTACHE

July 05, 2015

Nenagh Éire Óg's wait for a first county under-16A Camogie title continues following a heart-breaking two-point defeat suffered against Newport-Ballinahinch at The Ragg. These two sides have met frequently at the business end of various competitions since under-12 and there rarely is much between the sides and on Saturday that proved to be the case again.

County Under-16A Camogie Final Nenagh Éire Óg 0-7 Newport-Ballinahinch 1-6

The game was only six minutes old when Caroline Browne hit a ferocious effort towards the top corner of the goal following a great run, but the Newport goalkeeper was equal to the shot and made a fine save. However referee Ger Browne called back play for a foul on Caroline and she pointed the resultant free.

Newport responded with two fine points of their own before Leah Kelly pointed an equalising point from thirty yards. Newport scored another point before they struck what proved to be the decisive score of the game, a scrambled goal following a long delivery into the penalty box which opened up a four-point gap. Caroline Browne responded with a fine point after good work from Ruth Hassett.

Nenagh started the second period in determined fashion and within six minutes of the restart had two more points on the board compliments of Laura Tierney and captain Hazel McAuliffe. A Caroline Browne free cancelled out another Newport free in the 39th minute and it was clear we were in for a rip-roaring finish.



The Éire Óg under-16A Camogie team pictured before taking on Newport-Ballinahinch at the Ragg on Saturday evening. For more terrific photos from this game please click [here](#). Everyone associated with the club is extremely proud of the girls for the manner in which they have performed and behaved this year.

Newport went onto score two more points in the 47th and 48th minute and Nenagh tried hard to get the elusive scores to match their opponents however our final score was a point from the stick of Caroline Browne on 52 minutes.

However, the drama didn't finish there. Hazel McAuliffe in injury time tore forward in a dramatic late push for a winning goal. After a fantastic run the Nenagh captain was fouled on the 21-yard line and a free resulted. Up stepped Caroline Browne who hit a blistering shot which unfortunately ricocheted off the post and out to safety before referee Ger Browne signalled full-time.

Despite the result the Nenagh girls can be very proud of their efforts. They fought tooth and nail until the end and displayed astonishing skill levels throughout. These girls, if they stay playing, have a very bright future on the Camogie fields and no doubt they will win a lot of honours into the future. The club wishes to thank the players for their tremendous efforts all year and their hard-working management for leaving no stone unturned in helping the panel improve as a team. We send our congratulations to Newport-Ballinahinch on a fantastic win.

Please click [here](#) for a full match video from Saturday's county Under-16A Camogie final.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Niamh Sheridan, Rita Bourke, Kate O'Connor, Fiona Hennessy, Sarah Kennedy, Rachel O'Connor, Lily Purcell, Hazel McAuliffe (captain, 0-1), Kristen Howard, Caroline Browne (0-4, 0-2 frees), Ruth Hassett, Laura Tierney (0-1), Leah Kelly (0-1), Vanessa Tynan, Ciara Phelan. Subs: Rachel Browne for Phelan, Lucy Spain for Kelly.

Referee: Ger Browne (Knockavilla Kickhams).



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ÉIRE ÓG LOSE OUT TO MIDLETON ON PENALTIES IN TOM SEMPLE CUP SEMI-FINAL



'keeper Michael McNamara saving a Midleton penalty in spectacular style.

In second half injury time Éire Óg led 1-7 to 1-4 when Midleton were awarded a 21-yard free. The free was saved, but the rebound was scrambled home from close range. An umpire indicated that the Midleton goalscorer was standing in the square before forcing the equalising three-pointer home. The referee, however, chose to ignore the infraction and declared the match a draw.

Ultimately Éire Óg lost out on penalties, but everyone associated with the team was proud of the manner in which the Nenagh players represented themselves, their families and their club in the tournament.

Liam Heffernan's Blues will not return to championship action until the respective divisional championships reach a conclusion – Éire Óg have already qualified for the last sixteen of the Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship. Éire Óg have also qualified for the final of the Dr Fogarty Cup against Mullinahone – that final is expected to take place in the coming weeks.

Nenagh Éire Óg Panel: Michael McNamara, Mark Flannery, Conor Ryan, Dáire Quinn, Adam Gratton, Michael Collins, Killian Gleeson, John Cahalan, Christopher Ryan, Niall Madden, Paddy Murphy, Donnacha Quinn, Paul Ryan, Tommy Heffernan, James Mackey, Michael Heffernan, Philip Hickey.

The Nenagh Éire Óg panel which participated in the Tom Semple Cup – back from left: John Cahalan, Killian Gleeson, Mark Flannery, Michael McNamara, Paddy Murphy (captain), Donnacha Quinn, Michael Collins, Adam Gratton & Michael Heffernan. Front from left: Dáire Quinn, Niall Madden, Paul Ryan, Philip Hickey, Tommy Heffernan, James Mackey & Conor Ryan. Missing from photo: Christopher Ryan.

On Saturday July 11 the Nenagh Éire Óg senior hurlers participated in the Tom Semple Cup, but lost out following a penalty shoot-out against tournament favourites Midleton (Cork).

The Thurles Sports Fest is a festival of sports, music and drama which ran from Friday, July 3rd to Saturday, July 11th in Tipperary.

Hurling, Camogie, ladies football, road bowling, handball and rounders

all feature in the festival, but the highlight of the festival is the hurling competition for the Tom Semple Cup which ran on Saturday, July 11th in Dr Morris Park and in the Outside Field at Semple Stadium, Thurles.

Éire Óg launched their campaign in the 13-a-side competition with a 2-8 to 0-4 win over Borris-in-Ossory (Laois) – at the break the Blues led 2-5 to no-score. Éire Óg struggled initially in their second game against Passage (Waterford) when losing by four points (1-8 to 2-9). The Blues made a poor start in this encounter and trailed 0-4 to 2-4 at the break. Éire Óg, however, responded well in the second half and won their group on score difference.

In the semi-final of the Tom Semple Cup Éire Óg faced Midleton who were installed as favourites to win the competition. The Blues played terrifically well in the opening half and led 1-3 to 1-1 at the break with



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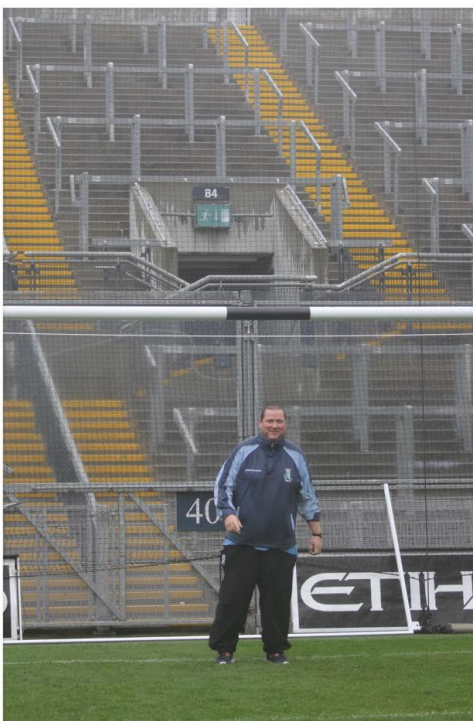
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GOALIES ARE BORN NOT MADE!



HERE ARE A SELECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING A SPECTACULAR PENALTY SAVE BY NENAGH GOALKEEPER MICHAEL MCNAMARA IN THE TOM SEMPLE CUP SEMI FINAL.

CLICK TO SEE [Video of Mickey Mac's save](#)



THE MONSTER MUSH

Finally after years of black guarding by various Tipperary management teams Christy "McGuk" McLoughlin made it to his spiritual home and fulfilled his destiny by playing in the the Hill 16 goal in Croke Park where he astounded, mesmerised and thrilled the packed stands with a display of goalkeeping befitting Croke Park. Well done Christy. We always knew you'd eventually get there!



On advice from Croke Park security, Christy left by the same method as U2 and Westlife to avoid the screaming fans!



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OUT AND ABOUT WITH ÉIRE ÓG



The club would like to congratulate John Flannery and Emma Grace on their recent marriage. John hurled with Nenagh for many years winning numerous honours including a North Senior hurling championship medal in 2009 while Emma played Junior Camogie with Éire Óg in 2010. We wish them many years of happiness together.



Now it has to be said that this isn't the daftest plan that **ENDA O'SULLIVAN** and **JOHNNY B** have ever come up with! Photographed in Johnny B's hurley workshop in Cahir, they figure that this hurley is a sure-fire way to remove the 'sub' from Enda's Junior B sub-goalie title (at the very least it will make Willie Bolger green with envy so it's a win-win.)

If you're keen on following the Waterford 'system' and parking 10 men in front of the goal but are nervous about the quality of your backs, this *could* be the solution for you too! Call John 'Johnny B' O'Brien on **087 9427037** to order a quality custom hurley of any **normal** size at regular prices.



Click on the photo above to see a lovely video by Johnny B showing the journey a hurley makes from forest to GAA field



At the county under-16 camogie semi-final is Matt Hassett who captained Tipperary to beat Dublin in the 1961 All Ireland senior hurling final by 0-16 to 1-12. He was keeping a watchful eye over his granddaughter Ruth Hassett. Next to him are Denis "Buddy" Ryan and his wife Mary. Denis hurled with Nenagh for many years and they were there to support their granddaughter Leah Kelly. Below are Ruth and Leah



These photographs appear on the wall in the museum in Croke Park and are believed to be the very first ever photographs taken of a Camogie match. The game was played in the Old Showgrounds, Nenagh and are dated August 25th 1905. If anyone has more information we would be delighted to hear from you. Please email aireognenagh@gmail.com





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THE BLUES 10K RUN



THE BLUES 10K & FUN RUN/WALK proved a resounding success on Sunday, June 14th with a huge crowd turning out to enjoy this unique community event hosted in aid of the North Tipperary Hospice.

Christopher Ryan won the 5K race in a time of nineteen minutes and eleven seconds. Paddy Murphy was second and Alan Kelly came home in third place.

Louise Hickey won the ladies 5k event in great style while in the 10K Cillian Dunne (36.26) was first home in the wheelchair category.

Aaron Quigley won the 10K race in 36.32. Second in the 10K was David Sheehan with Peter Madden third. Margaret Danaher was first woman home in 38.29, Mary Gavin second and Serena Moloney came third.

In the 5K walk Diarmuid Maloney finished first in 24.09, second were the Ryan Family and Sam O'Farrell was third. The Nenagh Éire Óg club would like to thank all of those who worked so hard to ensure that the event ran smoothly.

The complete results from the event have now been published to the club [website](#). To see an impressive collection of photographs from the event please click [here](#).



Top left, Cillian Dunne. Top right, Christopher Ryan, 5K winner. Left, 5K Ladies winner Louise Hickey and Aaron Quigley who won the Blues 10K in a time of 36.32. Aaron is pictured above alongside David Sheehan who finished second and Peter Madden who came home in third place. Many thanks to our sponsors on the day and to Proctor & Gamble for their continued support of the Healthy Clubs Project.



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THE LATE GREAT JIMMY DOYLE

Nenagh Éire Óg wish to extend our sympathies to the family, relations and friends as well as Thurles Sarsfields GAA Club on the recent passing of hurling great, Jimmy Doyle.

The attached photograph was taken in September 1959 when the Tipperary hurling team travelled to New York. The picture features from left to right Noel Murphy (Thurles), Sean McLoughlin (Thurles), Jimmy Doyle (Thurles), Phil Hennessy (Nenagh), Liam Devanney (Borrisoleigh), Martin "Musha" Maher (Thurles) and at the front Mick Burns (Nenagh).



Jimmy was one of the greatest players ever to wear the blue and gold and his list of honours befits the genius of the man.

Jimmy made 34 championship appearances and at the time of his retirement Doyle's career tally of 18 goals and 176 points ranked him as Tipperary's all-time top scorer. It was a record which stood until 24 June 2007 when it was surpassed by Eoin Kelly. What makes these statistics all the more spectacular is that they were achieved in an era when there was no 'back door' in inter-county championship hurling.

The following is a list of honours won by Jimmy Doyle.

Thurles CBS
Harty Cup: 1956

Thurles Sarsfield's
Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship (10): 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964 (c), 1965, 1974 (c)

Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship (13): 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1968, 1969, 1973, 1974

Tipperary Junior Hurling Championship (2): 1955, 1956

Tipperary Minor Hurling Championship (4): 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957
Thurles Croke's

Tipperary Senior Football Championship (1): 1960
Tipperary

All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship (6): 1958, 1961, 1962 (c), 1964, 1965 (c), 1971,

Munster Senior Hurling Championship (9): 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962 (c), 1964, 1965 (c), 1967, 1968, 1971

National Hurling League (7): 1956-57, 1958-59, 1959-60, 1960-61, 1963-64, 1964-65, 1967-68

Oireachtas Cup (7): 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1970

All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship (3): 1955, 1956, 1957 (c)

Munster Minor Hurling Championship (4): 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957

Munster Railway Cup (8): 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963 (c), 1966 (c), 1969, 1970

Coach
Portlaoise
Laois Senior Hurling Championship (4): 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984

Individual Honours

Hurling Team of the Millennium: Left corner-forward

Hurling Team of the Century: Right corner-forward

Munster Hurling Team of the Millennium: Right wing-forward

Tipperary Hurling Team of the Century: Right wing-forward
The 125 greatest stars of the GAA: No. 3
Texaco Hurler of the Year: 1965
Cú Chulainn Awards (3): 1963, 1964, 1965

WELL DONE TO SHAMROCKS GAA OF CORK FOR THIS TOUCHING TRIBUTE TO JIMMY DOYLE AS HE MADE HIS WAY THROUGH CORK. A TRUE HERO CROSSES ALL BORDERS.





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BLAST FROM THE PAST- MACDONAGH PARK GAA COMPLEX OPENING

In this issue of the club newsletter we have decided to look back at the opening of the complex and the game between Tipperary and Offaly that was played on the day.

GAA president cuts the tape and officially opens the complex.

Eire Og's initiative in providing a spacious sports and leisure complex at a cost of £250,000 was lauded by GAA President, John Dowling at a reception to mark the opening of the Centre on Monday evening. He coupled with it the club's generosity in making the complex available not alone to the people of Nenagh but to surrounding clubs who might wish to avail of its facilities.

"We shouldn't overburden ourselves

afternoon, Mr. Dowling officially opened the complex after it had been blessed by John Canon Hogan, P.P. and in a short comment at that stage he said it was nice to open a premises that had no bar attached to them. This, he said, was an indication of how the club looked on sport.

The magnificent function room in the centre was the venue for the after-match reception at which upwards of three hundred people were present. Guests included

Urban Council chairman Ger Ryan, Senator John Ryan, Munster Council chairman, Michael Maher, secretary Donie Nealon, officials of the County Board led by chairman, Noel Morris, North Board chairman John Tierney, treasurer Seamus Hogan, Tipperary Supporters chairman Kieran

O'Meara, honorary Life President of the Tipperary Association in London, Dick Butler, Nenagh's Lord Mayor, Mick O'Brien, MacDonagh Park committee chairman, Martin O Connor and members of the Tipperary and Offaly hurling teams. Club chairman, Ger Gavin, traced the history of the events leading up to the opening of the complex, paying tribute to all who were involved in the various fundraising endeavours and those who responded so well to the many appeals. He was also appreciative of

the financial input of the various GAA units, the National Lottery, local financial institutions. The premises, he said, were a fitting monument to so much endeavour and hard work and it would now be his wish that they be utilised to the maximum by the Eire Og members, the people of Nenagh and the Geals of North Tipperary.

UDC chairman Ger Ryan, in complimenting the club, was especially happy with the inclusion of a fine handball court, which he hoped would revive in Nenagh once more the great days of the past when Nenagh produced so many top class players.

As chairman of the Park Committee, Martin O Connor, recalled the opening of the park in 1942. The complex, he said, was one of the finest he had seen anywhere and the work was the culmination of a lot of sacrifices by a lot of people.

Michael Maher said he could readily identify with the problems the club encountered in bring the complex to fruition. They had stuck with it through thick and thin and he complimented the club on the standard aimed for and achieved.

On a note of caution, the Munster Council chairman said the first six months would be make or break months and he urged the club to set its standards as high in the upkeep and maintenance of the complex as it did in the actual work itself. By so doing, in the future they would see the complex as a centre of excellence which would give



with complexes of this nature", the President said, referring to the financial headaches that can accrue in maintaining them and for this reason it was most gratifying to learn that the Eire Og Club was issuing an invitation to all other clubs who might wish to avail of the complex, to do so. "A club that takes such a decision after all the hard work it has put into it, has to be commended and I earnestly hope the invitation will be accepted", said the President. Earlier in the



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enjoyment and pleasure to a lot of people.

Noel Morris said he was confident the centre would expand Eire Og as a vital unit in the Association in the years ahead. He also paid tribute to the youth of Nenagh who had stamped their authority on the minor hurling championship this year, something that must give the club great heart for its future wellbeing.

John Tierney said that embarking on such a project required courage and to finish it within such a short time required determination. These attributes were in Eire Og club in abundance. In an age when television trained people to be armchair sports people, a complex like this was very important and he urged its continuous use. Canon Hogan said the club now had

One of the club's best known and loved supporters Mick O'Brien punches the air as he has the honour of being the first patron in the new officially opened complex

a home but complexes, he added, tended to make life more complex. Proper maintenance was imperative. A lot of similar projects were built in various places and the people in charge seemed not to know how to manage them once they were built. Nenagh, he said, must be unique in the quality of its leadership and this must stand to it for the future. : Club treasurer, Jimmy Morris, said it was his 35th year involvement in club administration and it was a mighty effort that had made this day possible. He complimented all who had played any role in the occasion they were celebrating and was particularly complimentary of the work of the club chairman, Ger Gavin. He said he had worked with

many chairmen over the years but there was none better than Ger.

John Dowling described the occasion as a proud day for Eire Og. The work undertaken showed foresight and vision and one of the great things of his own Presidency was the number of such club premises being opened throughout the country. Through them, clubs like Eire Og were living up to their responsibilities in the provision of facilities for their members.

The president said that he would like the people of Nenagh to make up their minds that having gone part of the way in providing the complex, they would now embark on the second phase, namely stay together and see that the entire debt was cleared.

He realised that there was only a saw amount outstanding but it was his experience in other places, that finances were not planned out as well as they should be and difficulties invariably arose.

At the same time he went on the club's priority should be on the games and their promotion and he hoped the club would have two separate structures for the games and the complex, both working hand in hand for the overall betterment of the club.

Mr Dowling said all clubs shouldn't aspire towards the achievement of a complex like the one they were now celebrating. Different clubs had different needs and he was glad to hear Eire Og's invitation to other clubs to come along and use the facilities now

available to them.

MC for the evening was Rory Flannery



The GAA had always been a leader in community development because it was always close to the people and for this reason the association had gone from strength to strength.



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desired target. Indeed Tipp had seventeen wides in the hour, eleven of them in the second half.

Michael Ryan showed himself to be a definite prospect at right full back until injury forced him to retire and it is likely that he will get a run in a more competitive atmosphere over the next few weeks.

Offaly were very weak in attack, the majority of their scores coming from wingers Declan Fogarty (4) and Johnnie Dooley (5) of which two were from frees.

MORNING OF THE OPENING

TIPP HAD TOO MUCH STRENGTH FOR OFFALY TIPPERARY 2-15, OFFALY 0-11

By Gerry Slevin

The contrasting fortunes of both Tipperary and Offaly in their previous day's league outings were hardly reflected in the fare served up in Nenagh's MacDonagh Park, when the sides met on Monday to mark the opening of the Eire Og sports and leisure complex.

Offaly got it very easy against Westmeath while Tipp fell to Cork, but on Monday, two relatively under-strength sides left no doubt as to the masters of the day. While Offaly stayed with their opponents for the first quarter, the issue decidedly went Tipp's way Austin Buckley's 22nd minute goal and they were in almost complete control

throughout the second half, a John Leahy goal three minutes from time wrapping it all up.

Tipp began with seven of the side that lined out against Cork and John Heffernan, Colm Bonnar, Declan Carr and Donie O'Connell were absentees from the selected side. To their places came Conal Bonnar, Joe Hayes — who captained the team — John Cormack and John Leahy. Ken Hogan was replaced by John Leamy at half time and Gerry Ryan from Upperchurch replaced Conor O'Donovan, Noel Sheehy, who had earlier replaced the injured Michael Ryan (Ballinahinch) moving to full back.

The first quarter was very even, the game throughout being played at a rather leisurely pace but a Tipp mid-field dominance where Joe Hayes worked very hard and John Cormack enjoyed a lot of possession allowed the attack quite a lot of openings.

Michael Cleary and John Leahy were the most industrious in this sector and in the second half especially quite a number of hastily delivered shots failed to find their

Tipp's scores came from J. Leahy 1-2, M. Cleary 0-5, A. Buckley 1-1, C. Bonnar 0-2, J. Hayes 0-3, J. Cormack and C. Stakelum 0-1 each. For Offaly, J. Dooley 0-5, D. Fogarty 0-4, K. Egan and R. Landy 0-1 each replied.

Tipperary: Ken Hogan, Michael Ryan, Conor O'Donovan, Rory Dwan, Conal Bonnar, Michael Doyle, John Madden John Cormack, Joe Hayes (capt) Austin Buckley, Paudie Everard Conor Stakelum, Michael Cleary, John Leahy, Pat McGrath.

Subs: John Leamy for Hogan, Gerry Ryan for O'Donovan, Noel Sheehy for Ryan.

Offlaly: Liam Coughlan, Joe Whelan, John Millar, Pat McGuinness, John Gilmartin, Michael Hanemy, Adrian Cahill, Joe Dooley, Danny Owens, Johnnie Dooley, Kieran Egan, Declan Fogarty, Pat O'Connor John Rigney, Vincent Teehan, Sub.Ray Landy for O'Connor.



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JUVENILE SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT



Referee: Tim Lyons, Limerick

The annual Nenagh Éire Óg-sponsored Schools Tournament was held in MacDonagh Park before the school holidays between Nenagh CBS Primary and Gaelcoil Aonach Urmhumhan. In glorious sunshine the boys gave their all for their schools. Following under-11 and under-13 matches and a skills competition, the shield was retained by Nenagh CBS and presented to under-13 team captain Paul McLoughlin by

Christy McLoughlin. Well done to both schools and their teachers.

The shield was retained by Nenagh CBS and presented to under-13 team captain Paul McLoughlin by Christy McLoughlin.

Top left, Gaelcoil under-11 team. Bottom left, Gaelcoil under-13 team. Top right, Nenagh C.B.S. Under-11 team. Bottom Right, Nenagh C.B.S. under-13 team





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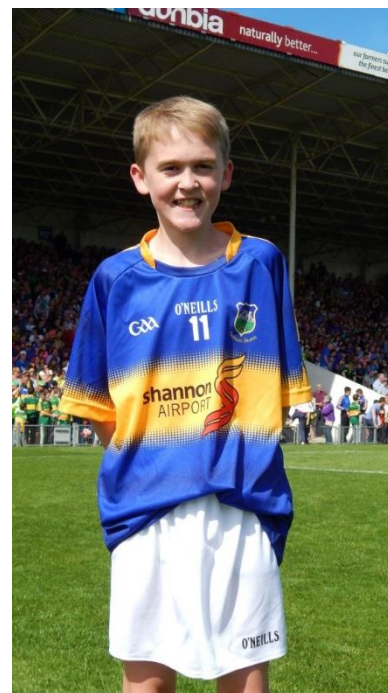
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JUVENILE NEWS



Well done to Evan Murphy who is the 2015 under-16 Tipperary County champion. Evan is pictured here being presented with his prize by Tipp County GDA Dinny Maher.

Our lads are also faring well on the county panels. Seán Phelan (left with Tipp coach Shane Connolly) recently gave a fine performance against Galway in Killimor with Tipp winning 3-11 to 0-10. Keep up all the hard work lads.



PRIMARY GAMES 2015: WELL DONE TO ADAM RYAN WHO HAD A GREAT RUN-OUT ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM DURING THE TIPP V KERRY MATCH IN THURLES. WELL DONE ALSO TO JOSH KELLER (THIRD BOY FROM THE LEFT, BACK ROW) WHO ALSO GAVE A GREAT ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF IN THURLES DURING THE TIPP V WATERFORD MUNSTER FINAL. BOTH LADS ARE NOW WORKING HARD ON THE UNDER-14 PANEL. WE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE GREAT MEMORIES OF THE DAY!



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CAMÓGIE NEWS

GIVE RESPECT – GET RESPECT



This wonderful example of sportsmanship was photographed after the under-16 semi-final against Silvermines. Well done girls!

Well done to **ABBIE SHEEDY** who had a wonderful time representing Tipp in the Primary Games against Limerick in The Gaelic Grounds.



UNDER-12 SHIELD WINNERS



Well done to Naoise MacLoone, Meaghan Morris (right), Sarah Hallinan and Sine Morris who played for the Tipperary under-13 side in a blitz in Annacorthy recently. They played games against Cork, Limerick and Clare and had a great day out



Congratulations to our under-12 team who captured the county shield final when they defeated Kilruane MacDonagh's 2-0 to 0-2. Hazel Cawley (left) got both of the Nenagh goals. Well done girls!



FÉILE NA NGAEL: We travelled to Galway recently to take part in this wonderful competition and had a fantastic day out. We played three matches against Rathnure (Wexford), Murroe-Boher (Limerick) and Craughwell (Galway). We defeated Rathnure and just fell short in the other two games. We wish to thank the entire panel of players for the exemplary manner in which they represented the club and to the mentors and parents who travelled to Galway. Their help and support is greatly appreciated by the club. We also want to thank Denise Morris and the committee for kindly sponsoring a set of training tops for the panel of players. *The club Camogie committee sponsored a set of training tops for the Nenagh Éire Óg under-14A Camogie team which represented the club in such proud fashion at the Féile na nGael All-Ireland finals in Galway on Saturday. Pictured are team manager Mike Hallinan, team captain Katie Morris and Camogie club chairperson Denise Morris.*



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SUPPORT NEEDED FOR CLUB-MATES!

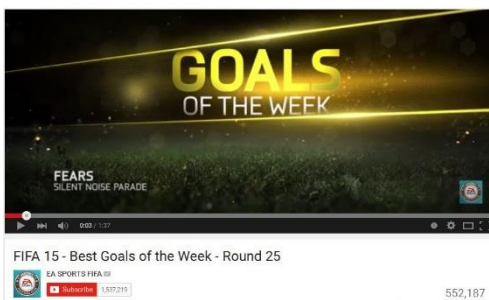
Play the Picnic



Silent Noise Parade have been listed to play Electric Picnic, However this stage of the competition requires public voting. 10 out of the 30 selected bands get picked so it's pretty do able. They would really appreciate it if you could vote for them. NO REGISTERING REQUIRED, all you need to do is **CLICK** on Silent Noise Parade on the link below, then **CLICK** the vote button.

Please can spread the word and like. It would be a great help to our former juveniles!!

<http://www.rte.ie/2fm/competitions/2015/0709/713696-play-the-picnic/>



Also **click** on photo to check out EA Sports FIFA week 25. **SILENT NOISE PARADE** song FEARS is being used in the video. Over half a million views! You're on the way lads!!



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THE BLUES 5K JUVENILE FUN QUIZ!



Perfect for our under-6 & 8 players. Turn right from the Club, Joe Daly Road, Dromin Road, By-Pass, left at first round-about and back to the club!

Q.1 How many people signed the 1916 Proclamation?

Q.2 How many of these are on the Joe Daly Road?

Q.3 What is on the top of the steeple of The Church of St. Mary?



Q.4 On the Dromin Road, this tree appears to be winking at us! Tick if you can you find it.

Q.5 What is the town name for the L2010?

Q.6 What town does the N52 go to?



Q.8 Why should drivers slow down?