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GAA TO MAKE MULTI MILION EURO INCREASE IN CLUB GRANTS

GAA Clubs are set to hit the jackpot through a massive increase in the millions of euro being made available by Croke Park towards the development of club pitches and club facilities.

Uachtarán CLG John Horan has told the GAA Club Newsletter of plans to double the payments being made annually to clubs from €2m to €4m in the next four years.

This will mean that more clubs than ever before will be able to receive financial assistance towards the redevelopment of their pitches, clubhouses and club facilities.

In the last six years there has been more than €12m made available specifically for club redevelopments all across the country through payments from the National Finance Management Committee.

In 2017 there was €2.1m made available and this year Uachtarán Horan has said there will be an increase up to €2.5m.



*Uachtarán CLG
John Horan is driving
this new funding
commitment for clubs*



However, the GAA is now committed to a significant increase in club grant finance that has set a goal of increasing this figure and making €4m available every year by 2021.

The Uachtarán said: “Traveling around the country visiting our Clubs, it never ceases to amaze and impress me when I see the pride and passion evident through the investment in facilities made by our network of Clubs.

“Big or small, whether successful in Championships or not, the work done by our Clubs to provide the best facilities possible for our players and members is inspirational.

“The bulk of the work done by Clubs is money raised by these Clubs through incredible fundraising efforts and initiatives.

“It is helped by the generosity and support of their members and local communities and in places through the important allocation of State and National Lottery support.

“The GAA is also committed to playing a part in assisting our Clubs in this work.

“There are thousands of Clubs who have benefitted from the receipt of not just our financial support towards their redevelopment work but, also financial advice and guidance from Director of finance Ger Mulryan and National Finance Manager Kathy Slattery in Croke Park and the National Financial Management Committee led by Colin Morgan.



Clubs can access grants from Croke Park to improve facilities



Fourmilewater in Waterford now have outstanding facilities

"I am delighted to be able to announce that the decision to significantly increase this level of funding for Club projects will further ease the financial burden on Clubs, make it possible for more Clubs than ever before to be involved and add to the already magnificent list of GAA Club facilities across cities, towns, villages and parishes that are the envy of other sports and provide such a vital amenity to their communities."

In any given year there are some 400 Clubs across all 32 counties that are receiving financial support through the Club grants.

Four of those Clubs to have benefitted greatly from this GAA Club Grant support in recent times are Fourmilewater in Waterford, Kinvara in Galway, Skerries Harps in Dublin and Davitts in Mayo.

Club leaders in each of these four clubs have told gaa.ie of the assistance they got from the GAA Club Grants Scheme.

"We had very dilapidated dressing rooms and we have now built top of the range dressing rooms at about €150,000 of a cost. Without Central GAA funding we certainly wouldn't have been able to do that," says Paddy Joe Ryan of Fourmilewater.

"We were very fortunate that we received a GAA grant through the Connacht Council of €28,000 and that funding was used to finish and complete our facilities here including our pitch, walkway and our training area," says Garret Byrne of Kinvara GAA.



Kinvara in Galway are reaping the rewards of their hard work at redevelopment



Kinvara GAA Club in Galway were one of thousands to benefit from funding for Club redevelopment

Meanwhile David Watson of Skerries Harps in Dublin explains the help they received:

“We got €30,000 from the GAA which helped with the development of our new state of the art clubhouse, and we have also invested in our pitch with new lighting and walkways. Funding from the GAA was vital in us completing our build.”

It's a similar story with the grateful Davitts club in Mayo according to Ronan Kirrane who said: “We decided that we wanted to build a new clubhouse. We incorporated a meeting room, media room, sports hall and dressing rooms. The funding we have received from the GAA has been vital. Without that funding we couldn't have got this building finished.”

Clubs looking to find out more about how they can be eligible for access to Club Grants can contact their Provincial Council for further information.



CLUB DEVELOPMENT FUND NOW OFFERING BETTER DEALS THAN BANKS

The GAA has reopened its Development Fund and is offering Clubs seeking loans a significantly better rate of interest than the banks and financial institutions.

A meeting of the Financial Management Committee in Croke Park on November 21 made the decision to reopen the fund and be available for new loan applications.

Crucially, it has been decided to offer a variable interest rate of only 1.9% on loans made to Clubs. This is less than half of that being charged by banks and financial institutions charging 5% or higher. The loan period is for 10 years

Clubs can avail of a Club Grant and also make an application for a loan from the Development Fund and payments are available in Euro and Sterling with maximum payments of €100,000 or £100,000 available.

The Fund is a vital outlet for Clubs who may not be able to raise all of the money needed for their redevelopment through fundraising and be forced to look at borrowing to complete their work. A list of criteria which need to be met is listed here...

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- Loans are only made available for the purchaser of property or for the

necessary development of property. Development of bar facilities and other facilities for renting out is not covered by the fund.

- The funding is only available to vested GAA properties and must be guaranteed by the Club's respective County Board.
- A viable business plan with cash flow projections for the term of the loan is required to secure the funding.
- The Development Fund is also open for Clubs who are engaged in fundraising and are looking to make a deposit.

Typically clubs who have received a National Lottery grant have made a deposit until they are ready to commence their work. The interest rate on deposits is also 1.9%. Clubs who have deposited money in the Fund will be given priority in the event of insufficient funds being available.

The loan application for GAA Central Council Funding can be found at:

<http://res.cloudinary.com/dvrbaruzq/image/upload/ohd0eofxxx2ftu4wka2.pdf>

and returned to GAA National Finance Manager Kathy Slattery in Croke Park.



CASH, A CAR AND THE CHANCE TO PLAY AT CROKE PARK – THE GAA NATIONAL CLUB DRAW HAS IT ALL!

The National Club Draw is one of the jewels in the crown of our support for Clubs and allows Clubs to raise €20,000 risk free.

Clubs are able to avail of tickets to a draw packed full of phenomenal prizes with all of the costs of the prizes covered by Croke Park.

Clubs keep all of the finance raised from their ticket sales!

As well as cash to be won, as well as holidays and a Renault Clio car – there is also this year the added incentive of clubs having the chance to win the opportunity to play at Croke Park.

The National Club Draw 2019 is in full swing with initial tickets gone out to County Liaison Officers around the country.

All Gaelic Football, Hurling, Camogie, Handball and Rounders Clubs are welcome to take part in this fantastic opportunity provided for Clubs.

Tickets cost €10 each and Clubs can sell up to 2000 tickets, retaining all proceeds made in the process. Ticket Purchasers will be entered into the Draw, taking place on March 6th, with the chance of winning a spectacular array of prizes, from a new

Renault Clio, to a Premium All-Ireland Hurling and Football Final Package for two.

Prizes are provided by Ard Chomhairle and the Presentation of Prizes will take place in Croke Park Stadium on March 17th. The Club Winners will be invited to Croke Park to collect their prize.

Clubs have received login details to The Online Ticket Recording System from their County Liaison Officer. If Clubs are unsure of their login details, they can email nationalclubdraw@gaa.ie. Once logged in, details of Ticket Purchasers can be filled in online as well as on the tickets themselves.

Clubs must ensure that they have accounted

for and entered details online, or the tickets will not be entered into the Draw. If Clubs sell, account for and record a minimum of 200 tickets, along with adhering to the terms of the Draw (found on the back of every ticket) they will also be automatically entered into the Club Specific Draw. This allows Clubs the chance to win even more, adding to the proceeds which they have already raised from ticket sales.

In the Club Specific Draw, all Clubs will be entered into a Draw, with 3 Clubs winning a prize of €5000. A separate draw for each county will be done in which 1 Club will win a prize of €1,000. And finally, the Club with the highest ticket sales in each province will receive a prize of €1,000.

This year we have a new prize, one lucky club will get the chance to play a game in Croke Park. They choose their opposition and let the battle commence. This is a great opportunity for players to say they played a match on Croke Park soil.

If your Club wishes to request a further allocation of tickets, they can contact their corresponding County Liaison Officer or email nationalclubdraw@gaa.ie. Tickets can be requested up until February 1st. All tickets must be returned to County Liaison Officers by February 11th and should not be sent directly to Croke Park.

Requests for additional tickets before Christmas must be in before December 14th, as requests after this date cannot be guaranteed to be sent out before the Christmas break.

Contact Details

If you have any general enquiries or requests relating to the National Club Draw (tickets, flyers, posters, login details etc.), please contact your NCD County Liaison Officer or email nationalclubdraw@gaa.ie

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For any technical issues, please contact the support team at ncdsupport@gaa.ie





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UNESCO STATUS FOR HURLING

GAA Ard Stiúrthóir Tom Ryan has said that the decision of UNESCO to award the prestigious Intangible Cultural Heritage status to hurling and camogie is a proud moment that also serves as a reminder of the work that needs to be done to protect and preserve our games.

Speaking at a special event in Croke Park on Thursday morning that came just a few hours after the UNESCO decision was announced in Mauritius, the Ard Stiúrthóir paid tribute to the work of selfless volunteers all over the country who work to promote the game at school, club and county level.

Addressing an audience that included Josepha Madigan TD, Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and Camogie Association President Kathleen Woods, the GAA Director General said this momentous decision and international recognition should make us remember why the GAA was founded.

He said: "There are few things in Irish life that can lay a claim to the same sort of history and heritage and tradition as hurling.

"Its place and its importance to us was already assured long before today's announcement. But UNESCO status is still a very welcome and significant development because it is yet more proof of the power of hurling and its ability to win people over to the skill and drama and colour of the game.

"One of the reasons why the GAA was founded by Michael Cusack in 1884 was that Hurling



Pictured at the announcement of UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Status for the game of Hurling and Camogie at Croke Park, Dublin, are from left, Ard Stiúrthóir of the GAA Tom Ryan, Josepha Madigan, TD, Minister for Culture

would be preserved, protected and promoted. And 134 years on, that work and that goal remains the same for all of us involved at every level of the GAA.

"We continue to recognise hurling for its uniqueness and for its importance to the people who play and support it at school, club and county level.

"UNESCO status reminds us of the fact that here is a game steeped in history and intertwined with the story of Ireland going back more than 3,000 years.

"It has always been more than just a game.

"For many it is quite simply a way of life and to be here in Croke Park on an All-Ireland final Sunday is a special occasion that transcends sport and is an expression of us as Irish people. The great Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh has long argued that All-Ireland hurling final Sunday should be a national holiday and who are we to argue with a great man like that!

"UNESCO status reminds us of our responsibilities. Here is a game that was passed on to us by the generation that was Ring, Rackard, Mackey and Keher – just as it was they

who had inherited it from the legends before them.

"Nobody owns hurling. It is a gift that we have to treasure and nurture so that we can pass it on to the next generation.

The verdict from UNESCO was the culmination of work that began almost 10 years ago and featured key contributions from GAA Director of Games Development and Research Pat Daly as well as academics such as Dan McCarthy among others, and was crucially supported by the Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht



Limerick hurler Sean Finn, Josephine Madigan, TD, Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, President of the Camogie Association Kathleen Woods, Ard Stiúrthóir of the GAA Tom Ryan, and Cork camogie player Aoife Murray at the announcement of UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Status for the game of Hurling and Camogie

under the guidance of Minister Madigan.

A UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Mauritius, considered and approved the nomination to have the ancient games added to the list and, in so doing, international recognition was secured, and the place of the games as key elements to Ireland's living heritage safeguarded for generations to come.

UNESCO, in its description of Hurling and Camogie, described the cultural importance they possess, as well as their unique place in Irish folklore and mythology – (They are..) “An intrinsic part of Irish culture”.

“Hurling, or camogie (a form of hurling played by women), is a field game played by two teams which dates back 2,000 years and features strongly in Irish mythology, most notably in the

epic saga of Cú Chulainn.”

Minister Madigan said – “I am delighted that Hurling has achieved international recognition by UNESCO. Hurling is a key element of Irish culture. For centuries, hurling has been an important part of the Irish identity, with men and women passing on this living tradition to each rising generation. I am grateful to the Camogie Association and the GAA for their work with my department to achieve this UNESCO recognition.”

Kathleen Woods, President of Cumann Camógíochta spoke of the close family links between hurling and camogie and of the proud links stretching back to Cúchulainn and ancient folklore and paid tribute to the players who continue to give so much enjoyment.

The bestowing of this status on both Hurling and

Camogie confirms a fact that many already were aware of – these sports are far more than simply games. They unite communities, encourage and develop life-long friendships, cultivate character, feed desire, promote physical fitness and wellbeing, are a source of identity and pride for so many and are woven into the very fabric of our society on a deep, almost spiritual level.

The development of the game across the country, and, crucially, in the non-traditional counties remains a top priority. To see the game flourish, it must be continually developed and nurtured in those areas where it is not the sport played by the majority. There are strongholds, and small hurling-dominated outposts in all counties, and ensuring they receive the assistance they require to preserve what is now recognised as a fiercely important intangible facet of their heritage remains crucial.

To this end Ard Stiúrthóir Ryan singled out the work being done by National Hurling Development Manager Martin Fogarty and initiatives such as the Táin Óg League and the Celtic Challenge to increase underage participation.

The Carlow native watched his county win the inaugural Joe McDonagh Cup in 2018 – one of five senior hurling championships which allow counties to compete at their own grade and he paid tribute to the memory of the late great Joe McDonagh.

He added: “Joe McDonagh – former GAA President and Galway hurler was a great hurling man who in 2000 was behind an important initiative to drive hurling promotion into the new millennium. He would have been enormously proud at this decision by UNESCO.

“This year the GAA set a new record for numbers attending our Cúl Camps during the summer with 153,000 children aged 6-13 taking part. Of these, 75 per cent of them were involved in hurling as well as football camps and shows the unprecedented popularity of the game nationwide.

“We are extremely grateful to the Government who through Sport Ireland make significant funding available to the GAA towards the promotion and development of games.

“The sport of Cúchullainn now has a UNESCO status attached to it and it is a proud moment in the rich history that Hurling and Camogie enjoys. May we collectively continue to do all that we can to ensure that this national treasure is preserved, protected and promoted for the enjoyment of our young players and long into the future.

“Rath Dé ar an obair.”

HASSAN URGES OPTIMISM FOR EXPERIMENTAL FOOTBALL RULES

David Hassan, Chairman of the Standing Committee for Playing Rules, says he hopes people will keep an open mind on the experimental Gaelic Football rules that are to be trialled in next year's provincial tournaments and Allianz Football League.

There has been some vocal opposition to the proposed rules, but Hassan has urged all stakeholders not to make their minds up about them until they see how well or otherwise they work in practice.

"People generally are sceptical of change," said Hassan today. "That's true in any walk of life. People are concerned what change will look like.

"I would encourage people to approach it optimistically and positively and give these experimental rules an opportunity. Let's see how they work in practice.

"At the end of that process, we will know how they have worked in terms of the impact they will have. We will put that data again in the public domain and people can make up their own minds.

"I don't have a problem with people having opinions. That's really to be welcomed. The strength of opinion in some cases I would welcome.

"I would point to the facts and, ultimately, any objective analysis of those facts lead only to one conclusion, in particular in relation to the hand pass, which seems to have received particular coverage, if there is not some form of intervention to reduce that, the danger is it continues to dominate the game."

A study of 322 Football Championship matches from 2011 to 2018 showed there has been an average increase of over 100 hand-passes per game in that time (251 v 359).

The average number of kick-passes per game has fallen almost 15 per cent since 2011 and if this trend continues it is estimated that there will be below 96 kick-passes per game by 2023.

Statistics from 38 senior inter-county championship matches in 2018 revealed a ratio of 3.4 hand-passes attempted for every football pass.

Hassan hopes the experimental rules will address this trend and encourage kick-passing as a core skill of the game.

"I keep referring back to the evidence, but I think what we're seeing is a slight deviation in a particular direction. And what we want to see is a slight correction of that back," he said.

"So that the key skills that people are telling us they want to see, the kicking and catching of the ball, that they are not somehow lost to the game.

"I understand the argument which says...and we hear sometimes from coaches and certainly players that they don't mind how they win, but I would say this is a shared journey and that we need to be mindful of both what people were telling us in our consultations and also what the data was telling us."

It has been suggested by some that the experimental rule that will limit the maximum number of consecutive hand-passes to three in any one passing sequence will be too difficult to police for referees.



David Hassan, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Playing Rules, speaking during an Experimental Football Rule Changes media briefing at Croke Park in Dublin.

Having viewed the trial matches that were played in October to assess the viability of the proposed experimental rules and gotten feedback from the referees involved, Hassan doesn't believe that will be the case.

"We spoke to referees, and in the trial games we spoke to the referees," he said.

"They have said on the whole that it isn't a big problem for them. There will be particular education training sessions for the referees ahead of the tournaments. We can only go on the basis of what they have told us and they responded positively and don't have a big issue with the intervention."

Meanwhile, GAA President John Horan said that he will meet soon with the GPA to discuss any opposition they may have to the trialling of

the experimental rules in this year's Allianz Football League.

"They've asked me for a meeting and I've agreed to meet them," said Horan.

"We'll finalise that. Obviously I'm going to Philadelphia on Thursday (for the PWC GAA-GPA All-Star tour) but I've agreed with (GPA Chief Executive) Paul Flynn that the two of us will sit down and have a meeting.

"We'll have a discussion and see, but, look, Central Council have made a decision, we're not a kneejerk organisation, where Central Council are going to turn around and make an immediate change to decisions they've adopted.

"I think if I sit down with Paul, we'll come to a resolution on all of this, I think it'll be sorted. I'm not too worried."

BIG LINE UP FOR GAA GAMES DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2019

The GAA Games Development Conference is one of the most eagerly anticipated and well attended events staged by the Association every year.

The 2019 GAA Games Development Conference in partnership with Sky Sports will take place in Croke Park, on Friday and Saturday January 11th and 12th 2019. The theme for the conference is 'Coaching for Wellbeing'.

The opening day on Friday, January 11th will feature a Club based forum that will provide Clubs with the opportunity to present examples from their own practices that might be of use to other clubs.

Day two on Saturday, January 12th provides an opportunity for delegates to attend sessions from speakers of national and internal renown covering topics relevant to the player, the coach, the game and the environment.

The final programme of speakers is currently being finalised, and will be released upon completion, but the following confirmed speakers are confirmed and will attend:

- Bernard Dunne (High Performance Director, Irish Athletic Boxing Association)
- Derek McGrath (Former Manager Waterford Senior Hurling Team)
- Dr David Hassan (University of Ulster, and Chair of the Standing Committee on the Playing Rules)
- Liam Moggan (Formerly of Sport Ireland Coaching)
- Ken Robinson (CEO of DCU Sport and Coach to Dublin Ladies Gaelic Football team)
- Owen Mooney (Rockland GAA, New York)
- Philip Kerr (Coach, Derry Senior Footballers)
- Colm Nally (Coach, Meath Senior Footballers)
- Dr Paul Donnelly (Director of Gaelfast)

Conference Fee

The cost of attending the GAA Games Development Conference is €60.

This price includes:

- GAA Coaching Bag and Folder
- Access to GAA Conference Presentations Post Event
- Lunch and Refreshments throughout the day

To purchase your tickets, please visit:

eventgen.ie/gaa-games-development-conference-2019

Please note that delegate numbers are capped at 750. Therefore, all applications are made on a first come, first served basis.



GAA TEAM UP AGAIN WITH 'IRELAND LIGHTS UP' CAMPAIGN

After the success of the inaugural “Ireland Lights Up” campaign earlier in the year, the GAA are delighted to be once again teaming up with RTÉ’s Operation Transformation and Get Ireland Walking, to make exercise more accessible on the dark winter nights.

More than 150 GAA clubs across the country participated in this exciting initiative in early 2018, with more than 5,000 walkers taking to their local GAA pitch each week to walk off the Christmas excess, catch up with neighbours and banish the winter blues.

Walkers benefitted by being able to avail of the GAA facility being lit specifically to facilitate their walk safely.

The GAA now want to double this figure in 2019 and are encouraging all clubs who meet the criteria to sign up.

John Horan, An Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael said: “In every corner of the country our network of clubs plays a crucial role in contributing towards a healthier Ireland. The benefit of this particular initiative is that this appeals to young and old, players and non-players, with benefits for everyone.

“The New Year is always a time when many people look to get out and be a bit more active and the Ireland Lights Up initiative allows them to do that safely within their community and among friends and I’d be confident that we can meet the ambitious target of 10,000 people that has been set for 2019.”



Attendees including Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael John Horan and Karly Henry, Operation Transformation, at the launch of Ireland Lights Up with the GAA in partnership with RTÉ’s Operation Transformation and Get Ireland Walking at Ballyboughal GAA Healthy Club in Dublin.

Ireland Lights Up encourages GAA clubs to switch on their floodlights/ lighting systems every Thursday between 7pm–9pm for a five-week period (January 17th – February 21st, 2019) as RTÉ’s Operation Transformation returns to our screens for its 12th series in the New Year.

The launch of the campaign took place in Ballyboughal GAA, County Dublin – a club who took part in the initiative earlier in the year.

Healthy Club Officer, Joanne Cahill said: “We had no idea what numbers we would get, but we had 150 walkers, maybe even more, every week. They were coming from everywhere with

cars backed up. There were groups of people, families, kids, every walk of life. The walking track in the club is somewhere you can go for a safe walk because there is really nowhere around Ballyboughal and people don’t like walking on the dark roads in winter.”

Jason King, National Programme Manager of Get Ireland Walking said: “Get Ireland Walking are delighted to be part of Ireland Lights Up 2019. More and more people now identify with the positive benefits of walking and its through initiatives such as this in partnership with the GAA, that provide safe walking environments for communities and club members to stay active and engage with, in particular over the

winter months. The walking tracks are not just for winter and when spring comes around communities have a great base to build upon. Together we can ‘Get Ireland Walking’.”

Interested clubs can sign up by simply going to [GetIrelandWalking.ie](https://getirelandwalking.ie), reviewing the criteria and registering online.

The closing date is Friday 7th December. During the five-week period Operation Transformation cameras will visit a selection of participating clubs across the series, with all clubs encouraged to capture their stories via videos and images for use on the show, GAA.ie, and RTE’s various platforms.

GAA 2019 MASTER FIXTURE SCHEDULE PUBLISHED

The GAA published its Master Fixture Schedule for 2019 this month.

There will be no major changes in the Allianz Leagues because 2019 is Year 2 of a two-year cycle.

It is worth noting though that the AFL Round 6 and AHL semi-finals will take place on Saturday, March 16 to avoid a clash with the All-Ireland Club Finals on St. Patrick's Day.

In an effort to further streamline the playing calendar, the 2019 Sigerson Cup Final will now take place mid-week on Wednesday, February 20th

Once again the month of April will be a club month entirely clear of inter-county activity.

One potential change to the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship for 2019 has been a request to Central Council to consider granting deviation from Rule 6.28 to allow for Phase 1 quarter-finals to be home games for the provincial champions with Phase 2 games being in Croke Park.

For 2019, CCCC recommends to Central Council that in accordance with Rule 6.28 that the groupings for the 2018 Quarter-Final Group Stage should be as follows:

Group 1: Munster winners, Ulster winners, Leinster runners up (or Rd 4 winner), Connacht runners-up (or Rd 4 winner)

Group 2: Leinster winners, Connacht winners, Munster runners-up (or Rd 4 winner), Ulster runners-up (or Rd 4 winner)

The CCCC has proposed an U20 Football Development League competition to be played in May and early June which would guarantee each county at least four games in a development league plus one championship match.

Challenge games would not be permitted, they would be replaced by the development league. Central Council have also been asked to consider a motion to Congress to allow players to be eligible for U20 once their senior team has exited the All-Ireland Championship.

Central Council has also been asked to facilitate a motion to Congress to replace replace frees with penalties for 'winner on the day' deciders.

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GAA APP CAN ASSIST CLUBS PLANNING FOR 2019

As the 2019 season approaches it is time to start the process of planning for the year ahead.

Some of your Club Officers may have changed at your AGM and it is important that a smooth hand-over process from the out-going to the in-coming officer occurs. This should include handing over access to any email accounts, the GAA Games Management System and any relevant documents to the new Officer.

It is important that passwords are changed during this process and that any access to club information that is no longer required is revoked. Some useful 'Role Hand-Over' checklists and 'How-to change password' guidance is available through your @gaa.ie email address and available on the GAA website (Downloads section).

Membership Renewal

The 2019 season brings the task of renewing membership subscriptions within your club. Accurately recording Club Membership is important to ensure that:

- your players are registered correctly and eligible to play
- your players are eligible to benefit from the Player Injury Fund
- your members are eligible to partake in Club activities such as voting at the AGM.
- Membership subscriptions are also an important source of income for your club.

Membership registrations can be completed using the GAA Games Management System

(Servasport) by logging onto the website <https://people.gaa.ie>

The GAA App

To assist clubs with the Membership renewal process, the GAA App has been redeveloped to provide functionality that allows members to complete the initial steps of the renewal process on-line, to pay their membership subscription and to receive messages from the club on their mobile phone or smart device.

The App also facilitates clubs to comply with recent Data Protection legislation (GDPR) which came into effect in May 2018.

What is the GAA App?

The official app for those involved in GAA at all levels; club officials, coaches, players, members and supporters.

* It provides GAA News, articles and videos from the GAA.ie website

* It also provides access to National Level Fixtures and Results

In addition, it allows Club members to login, using a unique Activation Code, to a Club specific section where they can:

- Update personal information (Address, Phone Number etc) if relevant
- Pay the relevant membership fee to their club using a Debit or Credit Card
- Receive free messages from the club activities – training, games, meetings etc
- View fixtures and results for their club
- Receive notifications of results to their phone involving their club's teams
- Maintain/edit personal Contact Preferences, a key requirement of Data Protection legislation



What are the key benefits for my Club?

- Opportunity for members to register conveniently and easily through a simple process within the App
- Ability to onboard additional members who may struggle to register in person e.g. members who travel for work or live abroad etc
- Significant time savings and less processing of paperwork for club administrators
- Maintains the existing GAA Club governance of membership applications, as per GAA rules
- Allows clubs to receive club memberships subscriptions, made by members using debit or credit card, with funds automatically paid into the club's account on a weekly basis
- The App and enhanced Games Management System helps clubs to be GDPR compliant, reducing the risk of breaches of legislation and potential fines
- Enables cost savings – for clubs that use SMS or text messages,
- communications can now be undertaken through the App
- Provides news feeds, videos and fixtures & results to members through the App
- A safe and secure way of communicating with members of all ages, with a clear audit trail
- Clubs that use the Communications Functionality will have a single interface to send club communications (via SMS, Email or in-App) to their members in a manner that is compliant with Data Protection and Children First legislation

ONGOING DATA PROTECTION COMPLIANCE AND GAA CLUBS

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 have been in effect since May 25th 2018. These new laws affect all GAA Clubs and have an impact on every Club's use of personal data, so it is very important that each Club is aware of how these new laws affect them.

In order to assist Clubs in their compliance efforts, the following supports have been made available for every Club.

GDPR Repository for GAA Clubs

This online repository has been provided to every Club via the OneDrive. To access the GDPR Repository, a member of the Club Executive with access to a '@gaa.ie' email address (Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO) can log on to Microsoft 365 with their '@gaa.ie' email address and password, and choose the following menu options: "OneDrive>Shared>Shared with Me>GDPR Repository"

The GDPR Repository for GAA Clubs includes a booklet entitled "GDPR for GAA Clubs" which outlines how the new laws affect GAA Clubs and what Clubs should be doing to ensure compliance with the legislation. The Repository also includes further guidance and compliant processes, procedures and templates for GAA Clubs.

GAA App

To assist clubs with the Membership renewal process, the GAA App has been redeveloped to provide functionality that allows members to complete the initial steps of the renewal process on-line, to pay their membership subscription and to receive messages from the club on their mobile phone or smart device which assists Clubs to comply with data protection legislation. For further information on the GAA App, please see the 'GAA App' section of the GDPR Repository for GAA Clubs. The App is available to be downloaded free of charge on both iOS and Android devices.

Access to OneDrive and Office365

All Clubs have access to four official '@gaa.ie' email addresses, these are provided to the Chairperson, Secretary, PRO and Treasurer. All Clubs should ensure that the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and PRO are using the email addresses provided. These email addresses also provide access to a suite of Office365 functions, including the GAA OneDrive which is a secure online storage facility available to all Clubs. Utilising One Drive to store documentation enables Clubs to cut down on the storage of paper forms and ensures that in circumstances where Club Officials are using their personal laptops/ devices, that the information is stored safely and securely.

Games Management System (Servasport)

Updates to the GMS over the last year have ensured that the system is up to date with legislative requirements including updated communications procedures. It is essential that Club Officials are using the system by logging on with their own unique Membership ID. Access to the GMS should be on an individual basis. Further information on updates to the GMS is available in the GDPR Repository for GAA Clubs.

Training & Awareness

Data protection seminars for Clubs have been provided on a provincial basis in March and November. In the new year, further training and awareness sessions will be provided to Clubs on an ongoing basis. Keep an eye out for invites!

Data Protection Officer

The GAA has provided access to a Data Protection Officer for all GAA Clubs. The GAA's Data Protection Officer can be contacted at dataprotection@gaa.ie if you have any questions, queries or concerns in relation to the processing of personal data within your Club. If you would like further information on any of the above, please feel free to contact us.



LÁ NA NOIFIGEACH GAEILGE AGUS DÁTA DON DIALANN!

Imreoir agus gaeilgeoir Liam Rushe ó Áth Cliath agus Uachtarán CLG Seán Ó hÓráin



Oifigeach Fobartha Gaeilge, Chumann Lúthchleas Gael

Eagrófar 'Lá na nOifigeach Gaeilge' ar an Satharn, 2 Feabhra 2019, i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. Tabharfaidh an lá seo seans do Oifigigh Ghaeilge, ag leibhéal an chontae agus an chúige, ó gach cearn den tír teacht le chéile le tuairimí, moladh, pleananna agus smaointe a roinnt maidir le ról an oifigigh.

Déanfar cur síos ag an tionól seo ar na rudaí

uilig atá á ndéanamh ag an gCumann chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i láthair na huaire agus déanfar cur síos ar na seibhísí Gaeilge uilig atá ar fáil ón gCumann. Eagrófar ceardlanna a thabharfas deis do oifigigh teacht le chéile i ngrúpaí le fadhbanna, deiseanna agus féidearthachtaí a bhaineann leis an ról mar Oifigeach Gaeilge a chíoradh.

Pléifear Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha agus na torthaí atá bainte amach ag an scéim go dtí seo ar an lá, freisin. Tugann

an scéim seo, a reáchtálar i gcomhar le Glór na nGael, aitheantas do chlubanna a chuireann an Ghaeilge chun cinn ar bhonn praiticiúil. Bronntar boinn ar chlubanna a n-éiríonn leo méid áirithe a bhaint amach.

Is féidir cur isteach ar mhiondeontais tríd an scéim seo, freisin, le caitheamh ar imeachtaí Gaeilge a eagrú sa gclub. Is féidir tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoi Fhondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha ag an suíomh seo a leanas: www.glornangael.ie/clg/

Pléifear an tionchar atá ag na meáin shóisialta ar chur chun cinn na Gaeilge ag na ceardlanna seo, freisin, chomh maith leis na bealaí is éifeachtaí leis na meáin sin a úsáid.

Labhróidh Cathaoirleach Choiste Naisiúnta na Gaeilge CLG, Seosamh Mac Donncha, faoi na rudaí éagsúla atá beartaithe ag an gCumann don Ghaeilge don bhliain amach romhainn ar an lá seo freisin.

Cuir an dáta sa dialann – 2 Feabhra, 2019!!
Tuilleadh eolais le teacht.

GAA MACNAMEE AWARDS / DUAISEANNA MACCON MÍDHE 2018

The GAA MacNamee Awards are held annually to honour excellence in the area of communications, public relations and journalism, specifically related to the activities of the Association.

These Awards are named after the late Pádraig MacNamee, former President of the GAA, Chairman of the GAA Commission (1969-1971) and member of RTÉ authority.

Applications for the 2018 MacNamee Awards are now being accepted. It should be noted that only work published or completed in the 2018 calendar year is eligible for consideration and entries will not be returned. The awards scheme will be judged under the following headings:

- **Best GAA Publication To cover general works focussing on the Association.**
- **Best GAA Club Publication**
- **To cover GAA County Yearbooks and Club History.**
- **Best GAA Website Covering the websites for Club and County.**
- **Best Digital Campaign**

The best online promotional campaign across digital channels (web, social, video). This category looks at how online platforms were used to promote an event, competition or other campaign, delivering strong engagement and overall impact. Entries should include:

- **Examples of content created**
- **What channels were used**
- **How content was planned and posted**
- **Examples of engagement with online community**
- **Illustration of results achieved**
- **Best Photograph Focussing on the best GAA-themed image.**
- **Best Programme To cater for all match day programmes produced for any level of the GAA.**
- **Best GAA related Radio Programme To cater for all GAA programming broadcast either nationally or locally**
- **Provincial Media Award To acknowledge high quality written journalism in a provincial publication.**
- **National Media Award To acknowledge high quality written journalism in national daily or**
- **Sunday publication.**
- **Best TV Documentary**

To acknowledge the high quality of TV documentaries currently produced on the GAA.

- **Irish Language Award / Gradam na Gaeilge To recognise excellence in the field of Irish language GAA journalism across all media/Aitheantas do ard-chaighdeán iriseoireachta, bainteach le CLG, in aon bhrainse de mheáin na Gaeilge**
- **Please note: There is a limit of three photographs per entrant for the photographic award and one entry for all other categories.**

A Hall of Fame Award / Outstanding Service Award will also be made in recognition of a prolonged personal involvement in the coverage of GAA activities to the highest standards. This person is selected by the GAA President.

All entries should be marked “**GAA MacNamee Awards 2018**” and addressed for the Communications Department,

Croke Park, Dublin 3 or emailed to communications@gaa.ie. Entrants should also clearly state what category they are submitting their entry under.

Award winners will be contacted in due course with further details in relation to the awards banquet.

Closing date for entries is Friday, 04/01/19.



DIVERSITY IS BEING INVITED TO THE PARTY; INCLUSION IS BEING ASKED TO DANCE

The 2018 Fexco Asian Gaelic Games was perfectly summed up by this quote above by Verna Myers. November saw the 23rd edition of the Asian Gaelic Games in Bangkok, Thailand with more than 65 teams from more than 16 countries attending and new teams from Jakarta, East China University of Technology, India, and South Africa attending.

The theme of the weekend amongst the football, hurling, and camogie was that of community and fun. Over two days there were brilliant games played and friendships were made.

Some 800 plus players took part in the Fexco Asian Gaelic Games in football, hurling, and camogie at men's and women's Senior, Intermediate, and junior levels.

The level of competition was higher than in previous years and there was some magnificent sport played throughout the weekend.

The highlights were Seoul Gaels winning back-to-back Derek Brady titles (men's senior football) Singapore reclaiming the Lisa Orsi title (women's senior and named after one of their former players), Hong Kong and Singapore defending their hurling and camogie titles respectfully.

South Africa was the club of the weekend by capturing both the men and women's junior cups on the field but more importantly capturing the hearts and minds of the fans off the field with their skills, passion, and commitment.

Thailand GAA once again organized an amazing weekend of sport and fun that highlighted the true community value of GAA.

With more than 35 different nationalities playing over the weekend at the games – we can faithfully say that Gaelic sport has become a global sport. The Asian County Board looks forward to 2019 in the wonderful city of Kuala Lumpur where the games will be organized by the local Club Orang Éire.



Players from South Africa enjoying themselves at the Fexco Asian Gaelic Games



There were 35 different nationalities involved in a successful two day GAA event

DERMOT EARLEY YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

More than 100 young Gaels from GAA Clubs across Ireland graduated from the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative, which is an accredited programme by University of Ireland Galway (NUIG) in partnership with the GAA and Foróige. This year nine counties Kildare, Offaly, Dublin, Mayo, Galway, Roscommon, Antrim, Donegal and Monaghan were represented in NUIG, along with family, friends and the Earley family.

During the programme the young GAA members gain aptitudes in essential leadership skills in a safe and supportive environment. Module one focused on the individual and their leadership skills, building their self-awareness, community skills, values and communication skills. Module two focused on their ability to lead as part of a team enabling them to cultivate their skills further. This module engaged them with a team research project developing their capacity to project manage, lead and learn from team work.

Module three focused on their individual leadership aspirations and offered the participants the opportunity to lead their own project within their community from conception to completion. Some projects included a coaching and sporting nutrition awareness workshop for U14's team in Buncrana GAA, organised Easter party for the Letterkenny Special Olympics



bowling club, facilitated workshops for mental health in Muff GAA, planned intergenerational event for local nursing home residents as part of the Bealtaine Festival in Dublin, establishment of a Youth Tidy Town group in Offaly, organised motivational event with Declan Coyle in Roscommon, hosting of a community brunch to combat isolation amongst elderly people in Mayo and the development of a peer education programme for concussion, mental health and player burnout in Kildare.

Since 2014, the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative has seen over 500 young GAA members both male and female aged 15 to 18 years complete the yearlong programme, gaining a level 6 third level qualification in Youth Leadership and Community Action for their efforts. The programme is delivered in partnership with Foróige and NUIG and honours the leadership skills of Dermot Earley Senior the programme, while providing our youth with the opportunity to acquire accredited leadership skills.

To help facilitate the programme a troupe of

tutors who are both GAA and Foróige volunteers received a four-day training from NUI Galway, achieving a Foundation Diploma in Training and Education (NFQ level 6) along their journey, enabling them to support their participant groups effectively and efficiently.

If you would like to enhance your own leadership skills, either as a trained tutor (must be over 18 years) or a participant (must be aged between 15 to 18 years) for 2019 programme, please contact the GAA National Coordinator Stacey Cahill stacey.cahill@gaa.ie / 01 8192387 for more information.

ANTRIM GAA HELPING THE NEEDY THIS CHRISTMAS

Antrim Gaels have been set an unusual festive target for Christmas 2018. They have been challenged to beat their own record of providing more than 1,000 shoeboxes filled with thoughtful gifts for those in need in their local community.

MThe challenge was set at the launch of #SaffronAid3, an initiative started by Antrim GAA PRO, Sean Kelly in 2016, which encourages GAA fans across County Antrim to fill shoeboxes with useful items for vulnerable families and individuals, which will then be distributed by St Vincent de Paul in Northern Ireland (SVP) in the run up to Christmas.

For some families in Northern Ireland, the fast-approaching festive season is something to dread rather than celebrate, with many households having to forego presents as they choose between buying food or providing heat. In 2017, generous Antrim Gaels and their friends and families donated more than 1000 shoeboxes through the #SaffronAid2 charity initiative and it is hoped that even more can be collected and distributed this year, helping to make sure that as many families as possible wake up to something special to open on 25 December.

Antrim GAA PRO, Sean Kelly, commented: "GAA clubs and supporters are wonderfully generous and we are delighted to do what we can to help those less fortunate than ourselves. This is our third year of running this very special appeal and we were overwhelmed

by the generosity of Co Antrim Gaels in previous years, especially last year when 30 clubs gathered more than 1000 shoeboxes. We're also delighted to announce that Sainsburys Supermarket at the Kennedy Centre has very kindly agreed to let us loose in their aisles again with a sponsored trolley dash.

"We're so pleased to be working with SVP once again and we hope that there is even more support this year as each shoebox or gift that is donated makes such a huge difference to those in need within our own communities.

"Clubs across the county will be getting involved by encouraging their members to donate a shoebox containing a few items for families in need or alternatively, they can donate a gift for a child. We also hope many Clubs will make their premises available as collection points for SVP.

"It's very simple to make a shoebox donation. The next time you're out shopping, pick up a few extra little items, place them in a shoebox, wrap the box and mark on it whether it is suitable for a man or woman. Suitable items for the shoebox could be things such as shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, gloves, hats, small towels, chocolate, hand cream, to name just a few. Or you can provide a new, unwrapped gift for child up to 16 years old – we are also keen to take more gifts for teenage boys this year. SVP will then collect all donations from your local GAA club."



GAA fans across County Antrim are being encouraged to fill shoeboxes with useful items for vulnerable families and individuals, which will then be distributed by St Vincent de Paul in Northern Ireland in the run up to Christmas.

Michael Sands, North Belfast Area Vice President for SVP, added: "I would like to thank the GAA for running #SaffronAid3 again this year and bringing it to the attention of their players and supporters – it's a wonderful initiative. We know it is a busy and expensive time of year but picking up just one extra toy or a few small, inexpensive items for this appeal could bring a smile to someone who might otherwise wake up with nothing on Christmas morning.

"Each year thousands of families approach SVP for support at Christmas time, so this campaign really will make a huge difference to so many people in our communities and with your help, Christmas may become a little bit brighter for some families."

Iain Semple, Manager of Sainsburys Supermarket at the Kennedy Centre, said: "As a local business, we're always glad to be able to give something back to our local community. Christmas can be a stressful time of year for those who are already struggling and we hope that our continued support for #SaffronAid3 will go some way towards helping those in need this year."

The closing date for receipt of donations to all clubs is 28 November 2018. For further information on Antrim GAA's campaign, please visit www.antrim.gaa.ie.

To learn more about SVP and their work in every village, town and city across Northern Ireland, visit www.svp-ni.co.uk.

WW1 AND THE GAA - A HIDDEN HISTORY UNCOVERED



Dr. Donal McAnallen is researching the topic of GAA players who served with the British Armed Forces in World War 1.

Dr. Donal McAnallen possess the pre-requisite for any historian worth their salt - an inquisitive mind.

The Tyrone man's latest body of research, which he'll publish early in the new year, focuses on what has until recently been a relatively hidden history of GAA players who served with the crown forces in World War 1.

His interest in the topic was first piqued over ten years ago when he read a newspaper article about William Manning who played in the 1912 All-Ireland Football Final with Antrim and then died in 1918 while serving with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in WW1.

From that point on he kept a watchful eye out for other similar stories, and when birth, marriage, and death records were digitised in recent years he was able to ramp up his research considerably.

"It's time consuming work, but history is very much about following the curious stories and seeing what's of interest to yourself and other

people," Dr. McAnallen told GAA.ie.

"That's the line I've gone down with this."

Through often painstaking research, Dr. McAnallen has uncovered 65 individuals from Ulster alone who signed up to serve with the British Armed Forces during WW1.

And after pooling his research with that of fellow historian Dr. Richard McElligott and former Dublin footballer Ross McConnell who focused on the GAA between 1914 and 1918 for his MA thesis, he has verified over 120 members of the GAA who served during the Great War.

So far during his research he's identified GAA players from 28 counties who enlisted.

Roscommon, Westmeath, Longford, and Fermanagh are the only remaining four counties where he has yet to identify a former GAA player who served in WW1, and he's appealing to the public for any information that might help him to do so.

"It would be nice to complete the set," said Dr. McAnallen. "I suppose it does corroborate the point that it was a nationwide thing that did affect the Association right throughout the country.

"A lot of clubs suffered or even fell by the wayside in some cases as a result.

"Even some competitions in certain counties fell by the wayside for a period as a result of the

amount of recruitment that took place in the early stages of the war.

"Traditionally the way Gaelic Games histories had tended to be written particularly in the 1980s and onwards at county level and a more local level was generally to highlight and even accentuate the contribution of GAA members in the 1916 Rising, the Irish Volunteers, and the War of Independence.

"Some historians would have even had a tendency to comment that World War 1 didn't really affect the GAA the way it did other sports."

The ban on members of the British security forces playing Gaelic Games largely went into an unofficial abeyance at the outbreak of World War 1 when there was large-scale recruitment in Ireland.

It might have been a somewhat taboo subject after the 1916 Rising and by the time the war ended, but a large number of men from a GAA and Irish Nationalist background served with the crown forces during WW1 for a variety of reasons.

100 years on from the end of WW1, and what was once a hidden history is now emerging into the light again.

"There certainly was a reluctance among the Nationalist population to discuss the subject and that's partly because the trappings of commemoration were so much ramped up with the British Legion and Unionist ceremonies and

all of that," said Dr. McAnallen.

"Over the last few years there's been a much greater acceptance of the diversity of war experiences and the nuances and intricacies of the time.

"When you research these stories you don't just get a better picture of the type of men that were involved in the war, you also get a better picture of the GAA at local level and how it operated and the reality of club experiences and their interaction with other sports.

"It tells us a lot about the GAA, not just about the war, and that's why it's of value as well.

"Ultimately, it's fair to say that before 1916 anyway that far more men who had played Gaelic Games served in the British Army in the First World War than played Gaelic Games who were involved in the 1916 Rising.

"That's an aspect we haven't really understood before now. There's a greater interest in that now and there's been a very positive response all around."



Patrick Holland was secretary of the Tyrone County Board when he joined the RAF late in the war. Picture courtesy of family/Cardinal Ó Flaich Library.

CUALA'S RECYCLING CUP OF CHEER

Full marks to Dublin GAA club Cuala for leading the way with a clever approach to cutting down on waste on sidelines at matches every weekend.

Niamh O'Connor explains more:

"Cuala GAA have introduced their own reusable travel cups. The background to this started in the run-up to Féile this year. It's long been a tradition in the club to host féile weekends every Spring, with the under 13 groups taking ownership of catering for the players and supporters.

"For the 2018 Féile and as part of the U13 (2005 boys) organising group, we asked that supporters bring their own cups in an effort to reduce the waste caused by disposable cups. To incentivise the initiative, anyone bringing their own cup would be added to a draw to win an official Féile jersey, which was kindly donated by John West.

"With weather and fixture changes, we made less impact than we'd hoped. It was a good start though, and seeing the reaction from parents and supporters alike, motivated us to pursue 'disposable cup free' sidelines at matches.

"When the Recycling list Ireland report was published during the summer, it galvanized our group even more to see what could be done.

"Starting with a Cuala branded reusable cup made sense, and with great support from the club, we worked with Dermot Malone (also a club member) from the Absolute Group to select a suitable reusable travel cup and then design it. We wouldn't have been able to complete the order without sponsorship from Brian S Nolan who is very involved with the '05 Boys group.

"We're delighted to say that the order has now arrived and each of the Cuala 2005 boys will be selling or gifting theirs in the run-up to Christmas. Sales are already flying, so we expect to be ordering more in the New Year and looking forward to seeing them at fixtures in 2019."

A cup of cheer indeed!



BLOODY SUNDAY GRAVE UNVEILED



Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael John Horan, centre, with Monsignor Eoin Thynne, right, and Dublin senior football manager Jim Gavin, left, with John Costello, Dublin GAA Chief Executive, during the unveiling of a memorial headstone to Bloody Sunday victim John William Scott who was shot and killed aged 14 at Croke Park at Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin.

This month, Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, John Horan, unveiled a headstone to mark the final resting place of a young victim who was killed during Bloody Sunday, November 21st, 1920 at Croke Park.

The wreath, decorated in the Dublin colours of navy and sky blue, was laid on the grave of John William “Billy” Scott, who was shot in the chest on this day 98 years ago while attending the Tipperary v Dublin Gaelic Football match at the Jones’ Road venue.

A sizeable crowd of GAA staff, media and members of the public, including current Dublin senior football manager, Jim Gavin,

was led in procession by piper Pat Nolan, as the congregation poignantly made their way from the museum in Glasnevin cemetery to the grave plot.

Monsignor Eoin Tynne began the ceremony with an opening prayer, before passing onto Uachtarán John Horan, who spoke about the importance of honouring the memory of those who fell during the tragedy, as well as how everyone could relate to the case of Billy Scott, who tragically died so young, at just fourteen years of age.

He said: “We gather here to remember a fourteen year-old boy, who, in lots of ways, we can all empathise with, no more than myself,

going down as a teenager to Croke Park, to witness a game of football and see people enjoying themselves. But Billy, as he was known, unfortunately, never came home to his house in Fitzroy Avenue. Unfortunately, his life was taken from him and his father had to endure that moment of being given his glasses and his tie-pin as an indication of the fact that Billy had been mortally wounded on the pitch in Croke Park.

“We’re here today to acknowledge his resting place here in Glasnevin cemetery, because, up until now, his grave had remained here, unmarked. Up until recently, people did not want to highlight the passing of those 14 victims of that terrible atrocity. Two other schoolboys, along with Billy, passed away that day Jerome O’Leary and William Robinson.

“It was a tragedy for his family, a tragedy for our country. We are here today as his GAA family, to acknowledge and remember him, and to put this headstone in place, so that anyone who visits this cemetery in the future, will remember him as one of those 14 victims on that tragic day, for us as an Association, for us as a country, that 14 of our people passed away to their eternal reward. It is an honour for me now to reveal the headstone for Billy.

“Ar dheis dé, go raibh an anam.”

Billy was born and raised in the shadow of the stadium, at Number 15 Fitzroy Avenue, and had gone to the match with a friend. When the shooting began, his father rushed to the

stadium to try and locate his son, before learning that he had been taken away by ambulance. When he was handed Billy’s glasses and tie-pin, he knew that his son was lost.

Following on from the massacre in Croke Park, the authorities threatened and intimidated families to ensure that no demonstrations or displays would take place at the funerals of the victims, and, such was the climate of fear that was created, it resulted in eight being buried in unmarked graves.

This grave was identified as part of the GAA’s Bloody Sunday Grave Project, which has now seen four out of the eight unmarked graves identified, with plans in place to identify the remaining four before the centenary of the tragedy in 2020.

Today in Croke Park, the flags hung at half-mast, and the big screen was illuminated with the names of the 14 victims who lost their lives 98 years ago.



A general view of the memorial headstone to Bloody Sunday victim John William Scott who was shot and killed aged 14 at Croke Park which was revealed today at Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin.

BLOODY SUNDAY TOURS



The **BLOODY SUNDAY** DEAD
KILLED AT CROKE PARK
November 21, 1920



JANE BOYLE (26), LENNOX ST, DUBLIN
Charge hand to a pork butcher

JAMES BURKE (44) WINDY ARBOUR, DUBLIN
Employed by Terenure Laundry

DANIEL CARROLL (30), TEMPLEDERRY, TIPPERARY
Bar manager

MICHAEL FEERY (40), GARDINER PLACE, DUBLIN
Unemployed

MICK HOGAN (24), GRANGEMOCKLER, TIPPERARY
Farmer

TOM HOGAN (19), TANKARDSTOWN, LIMERICK
Mechanic



JAMES MATTHEWS (48) NORTH CUMBERLAND ROAD, DUBLIN
Labourer

PATRICK O'DOWD (57), BUCKINGHAM STREET, DUBLIN
Labourer

JEROME O'LEARY (10), BLESSINGTON STREET, DUBLIN
Schoolboy

WILLIAM ROBINSON (11), LITTLE BRITAIN STREET, DUBLIN
Schoolboy

TOM RYAN (27) GLENBRIEN, WEXFORD
Labourer

JOHN WILLIAM SCOTT (14), FITZROY AVENUE, DUBLIN
Schoolboy

JAMES TEEHAN (26), TIPPERARY
Publican

JOE TRAYNOR (21), BALLYMOUNT, DUBLIN
Labourer

The GAA Museum remembers the tragedy of Bloody Sunday 1920 with special commemorative guided tours of Croke Park.

On 21st November 1920, Dublin played Tipperary in a 'great challenge football match' in Croke Park. Although tensions in the city were high after events of the previous night when 14 undercover British agents were assassinated by members of Michael Collins' 'Squad', the match went ahead at 3.15pm. Eye-witness accounts suggest that five minutes after the throw-in the stadium was raided by the Crown forces and shooting broke out. In all, 14 people died, including Tipperary player Michael Hogan, and over 80 were injured.

Museum tour guides will recall the history of events in Croke Park on Sunday 21st November 1920 during this special hour-long tour. The tour is formed of both the Stadium Tour and the Ericsson Skyline Tour, exploring the stadium and looking out on the pitch where the tragedy occurred, as well as looking out over the capital on the Ericsson Skyline where major events took place on what became known as Bloody Sunday.

Tours are scheduled every Saturday at 11am from Saturday 24th November. Spaces are limited and booking in advance is recommended. The tour incorporates the Ericsson Skyline, please refer [here](#) to see the Skyline information.

TRIBUTES FLOW FOR LATE WEESHIE FOGARTY

The high regard everyone who knew Weeshie Fogarty held him in has been thrown into stark relief by his death over the weekend.

The outpouring of sadness on his passing comes as no surprise.

Weeshie was one of life's great gentlemen, the sort of rare soul no-one had a bad word to say about.

You always came away from an encounter with Weeshie feeling good about yourself.

He had a fondness for engaging you on a topic he figured you'd have a strong opinion on, or asking you a question you more than likely had an answer to.

Now, Weeshie more than likely had the answer himself already or was more knowledgeable than you on the topic in question, but this was his knack for putting you at your ease, and thereby encouraging a conversation to spout and flow.

It was also the sort of disarming manner that made him such a brilliant broadcaster for Radio Kerry over the course of his career.

His Radio Kerry colleague and match-day co-commentator, Gary O'Sullivan, summed up this aspect of Fogarty's personality beautifully in a tribute to his friend in the Examiner on Monday.

"He was so natural," wrote O'Sullivan. "It was

like you were sitting up on a barstool having a pint with Weeshie.

"Or having a cup of tea and a sandwich with him. Whether you were working with him or being interviewed by him, he made everyone feel at ease."

Weeshie's ability to draw the best from the people he interviewed and paint vivid pictures with his live-match commentary wasn't the only good reason to listen to him on Radio Kerry.

His own personal recollections of a life in sport were just as interesting and entertaining as anything he was likely to glean from a guest on one of his shows.

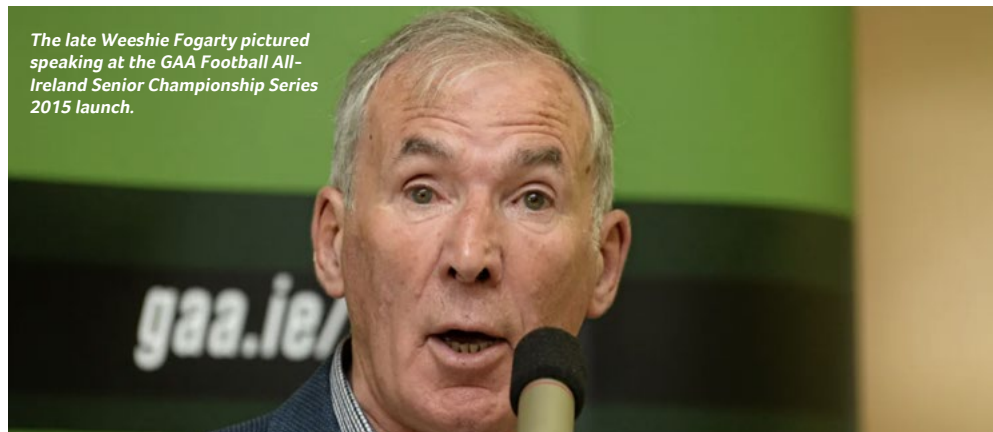
A fine footballer in his own day, Weeshie played as a goalkeeper for Kerry at all levels, including senior, and was a sub on the 1969 All-Ireland winning team.

He won four Kerry county titles and an All-Ireland club title with East Kerry, and served his beloved club Legion in every capacity as a player, trainer, mentor, and officer.

And when his playing career was cut short by injury, he became one of the best referees in the country, taking charge of three All-Ireland football semi-finals.

Those bona fides combined with his passion for history and natural inquisitiveness made him an incomparable font of knowledge on all things Kerry football as well as a good many other topics.

The late Weeshie Fogarty pictured speaking at the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Series 2015 launch.



"A great Kerryman, a great football man and a great character," said another Kerry legend, Mick O'Dwyer, of Fogarty in the Irish Independent on Monday.

"If you wanted to know anything about Kerry football, Weeshie was the man you went to.

"He knew every detail about it and loved sharing it with people. Kerry football was his life, first as a player and then in so many other areas for the rest of his life.

"He was a remarkable man in so many ways."

Weeshie was a psychiatric nurse for many years at St. Finan's Hospital in Killarney before joining Radio Kerry, and perhaps it was his knowledge of human nature as well as sport that made him such an outstanding journalist.

He was a winner of multiple MacNamee Awards with Radio Kerry, which recognise outstanding

contributions to Gaelic Games coverage, and in 2015 he was inducted into the MacNamee Awards Hall of Fame.

GAA President John Horan added to the outpouring of tributes to the Killarney-man today when he said: "Weeshie was one of a kind with an involvement with the GAA that spanned many decades and numerous roles.

"His voice and general enthusiasm for Gaelic games spread far beyond his native Kerry and his ability to communicate transcended generations meaning he was equally well-known with younger listeners as he was with his peers.

"On behalf of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael I would like to offer my condolences to Weeshie's family and wide circle of friends and admirers following his passing."

Go dtuga Dia suaimhneas síoraí dá anam.

LEONARD ENRIGHT RIP

Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael John Horan has paid tribute to the late Leonard Enright who passed away on Friday evening at the age of 65 after a brave battle with illness.

From the Patrickswell club in Limerick, Leonard was renowned as a phenomenal athlete and was only this summer inducted into the GAA Museum's Hall of Fame.

He enjoyed a lengthy inter-county career throughout the 70s and 80s as he established himself as one of the finest full backs of his generation - an imposing defender who combined strength and determination with a deft touch and a shrewd awareness.

Sub goalkeeper on the 1973 All-Ireland final winning team, Enright won Munster titles in 1980 and 1981 and League titles in 1984 and 1985. At a time of fierce competition for this position, he was the All-Star full-back in 1980, 1981 and 1983.

Uachtarán CLG John Horan said: "Over a long and distinguished career, Leonard Enright was an outstanding hurler for Limerick and for Patrickswell, a fantastic performer who led by example.

"For all his skill and ability on the field, Leonard will also be synonymous with the positive impact that he had on so many and I



Former Limerick hurler Leonard Enright was inducted into the GAA Museum Hall of Fame in August.

know he is fondly remembered by people from all over Ireland who came into contact with him through his work with Mary Immaculate College in helping to develop Gaelic games there.

"The esteem in which he was held was very evident in the moving tribute paid to him by club mates Richie Bennis, Ciaran Carey and Cian Lynch at the All-Stars on Friday night, where their fondness and admiration for Leonard was so eloquently displayed.

"It was a great honour to meet Leonard and his family on the occasion of his induction into the GAA Hall of Fame at the Museum in Croke Park last summer. Their pride in him and his achievements was obvious, so too, their admiration for the way in which he had battled so bravely against illness.

"On behalf of our Association I extend our deepest sympathies to his family, many friends, club mates in Patrickswell and to the Gaels of Limerick on the news of his passing."

**Ar son Chumann
Lúthchleas Gael, go ndéana
Dia grásta ar a anam dílis.**

McENTEE EXPECTS SELL OUT CROWD FOR SEÁN COX FUNDRAISER

Meath football manager Andy McEntee is looking forward to next month's challenge against Dublin, joking that even a game of marbles between the rival counties would be competitive.

The anticipated sell-out encounter at Navan's Páirc Tailteann will take place on December 16 with all gate receipts going to the Seán Cox fund.

McEntee is a club-mate of former St Peter's, Dunboyne chairman Cox who suffered serious injuries during an attack before a Champions League game involving Liverpool and Roma last April.

A fundraising drive to help with Cox's medical and rehabilitation costs has already raised over EUR400,000 with organisers of next month's game stating that they hope to raise 'north of EUR100,000' from the event.

"I think there's over a thousand tickets sold already, without even launching it," said McEntee. "I would expect it to sell-out. I always look forward to playing Dublin at any stage. If it was a game of marbles, playing Dublin still has its attraction. And I know from talking to the lads they're looking forward to the thoughts of playing Dublin."

It is hoped to raise EUR2m in total from a



The launch of the Seán Cox fundraiser game between Meath and Dublin took place in Dunboyne.

fundraising drive for Cox whose wife and son attended last night's launch of the game, along with Meath and Dublin players, at the Dunboyne Castle Hotel.

The 53-year-old father of three was left in a coma after being attacked outside Anfield and, according to his wife, Martina, he will require

care for the rest of his life.

Fergus McNulty, the Dunboyne club chairman, confirmed that Cox is currently in the National Rehabilitation Centre in Dun Laoghaire and that he will be there until March, after which the funds will be used to pay for his treatment.

The Roma club yesterday donated EUR100,000 through its Roma Cares foundation while club president Jim Pallotta donated EUR50,000.

"That is a very welcome contribution," said McNulty who added that a 'very significant' level of long-term funding was going to be required to meet medical costs.



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