



**KILLYBEGS GAA CLUB**

*Dedication  
of the  
Paddy McDevitt  
Memorial Park,  
Fintra*



The late Paddy McDevitt

on Sunday, May 29th, 1988 at 3.30 p.m.

**CHALLENGE GAMES:**

U-16 — 2.00 p.m.

**AODH RUADH v KILLYBEGS**

SENIOR — 4.00 p.m.

**Donegal v Leitrim**

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## PADDY McDEVITT

Paddy McDevitt — Life President of the Killybegs G.A.A. Club — died during the month of July, 1982. A sad and fitting farewell was paid to his memory by club members at his funeral.

Born in Drimarone, he emigrated to America at an early age where he held a regular place on the Donegal New York team for many years.

Altogether he spent approximately 30 eventful years there during which he married Anne, his wife, who hailed from Killybegs, the place to which he returned to settle and set up business in the Pier Bar.

Many a good argument and laugh was heard from the back kitchen of these premises during the many club and park committee meetings held there, but moreso from the solo and 25 card games which he loved. He was the driving force behind the small hard-working committee which undertook the task of negotiating, purchasing and developing Fintra G.A.A. pitch, and transforming the sand dunes into the fine all-weather drive-in pitch it is to-day.

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As chairman of C.L.G. na Cealla Beaga, I heartily welcome everyone present here to-day for the naming of this Park to honour the memory of the late Paddy McDevitt, R.I.P., who, as a former officer of this

Club, was an inspiration to others in establishing this football Park here in Fintra.

I would like to thank the business concerns that have contributed to this programme. Finally, a special word of thanks to our hard-working Club and Park Committee of men and women who give so much of their time to ensure that Club facilities are always at a premium. To each and every one of you, I say, "Go raibh míle maith agat."

Mise,  
Padraig Mac Gabhann,  
Cathaoirleach.

## TOMMY WHITE, R.I.P.

The recent tragic death of Tommy White, Church Road, after a long illness was greeted with sadness throughout the area and especially by his friends and colleagues in Killybegs G.A.A. Club.

He became deeply involved with the G.A.A. in the town as his sons Jimmy, Kevin, Conor and Rory contributed increasingly to the prestige of the Club throughout the '70s and early '80s. He served as referee and held the post of chairman for three years.

Despite the serious illness which eventually claimed his valiant spirit Tommy White remained active to the last in the sport he loved so well and attended matches up to a few weeks before his death.

Killybegs G.A.A. Club expresses their deepest regret and sympathy to his wife, Eithne, and family. *dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

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# HOW IT STARTED

The recent history of Killybegs G.A.A. Club dates from a meeting — again held in Fintra National School — in 1962. From that time the efforts of the Club were geared towards acquiring a ground to serve as a home base for the club and a permanent centre for the athletic and social activities of the members.

Shortly afterwards, the site at Fintra was acquired and, after five years hard work, was officially opened and blessed on June 11, 1967. The occasion was marked by a Donegal v Mayo senior county game.

## YOUTH

Since then, the emphasis has been mainly on youth. With a Grade A pitch available and, more recently, the opening of a second training pitch/car park at Fintra, a flood of under-age leagues has erupted, providing valuable experience for the youngsters and a remarkable reservoir of experienced young players for the Club.

The appreciation of the Club, the parents and the players goes out to the dedicated team trainers, managers and referees who have coaxed and encouraged the young hopefuls through the competitions and imbued in them at such a young age, a true love of their national games.

One problem which is a continuing thorn in the side of the Killybegs Club — and which no amount of enthusiasm or dedication can overcome — is the demand made by the fishing industry on young adult players who frequently are faced with the unenviable choice on a Sunday of representing their Club or going to sea with their colleagues of the deep.

## SUCCESSES

Despite the problems, however, the Killybegs Club has continued to prosper and some successes have been achieved. In 1976, the Dr. McCloskey Cup was won by Killybegs Juniors and, in 1979, our Intermediate team won the Cathal McLaughlin Trophy. Few players still remain from those two winning teams and the Killybegs Senior team is now made up almost entirely of players who have come through the under-age leagues.

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Under-14 County Champions, 1981.



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"Voice of the GAA", Micheal O'Hehir, on his last public engagement — the opening of Killybegs Town Festival, in August, 1985. We wish him well.



Our own "Micheal O'Hehir", Club President, Frankie Cunningham, proudly displays the Ulster Championship Cup.

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# KILLYBEGS AT THE CROSSROADS

For the past nine years Killybegs have been the most successful club in the county by winning 17 under-age titles, 2 County Shield titles, 2 Ulster Club Minor titles, and 1 Intermediate County title. This run of successes is remarkable for the fact that since the under-12 victory in 1979 the club has contested 16 under-age county final and has been successful in every final. Surely a national record! All good things must come to an end, and to the Sean MacCumhaill club came the honour of lowering our colours in a county final for the first time in over ten years when they defeated us in this year's replayed juvenile final. Ironically we again fell in a county final for the second time this year when a better prepared Naomh Columba outfit beat a depleted Killybegs under-21 team in the county final. (Manus Boyle, John Cunningham, Barry Cunningham and Willie McCallig were missing for various reasons in the final).

Our under-age record for the past nine years: County winners: Under-12: 1979, 1983, 1986; Under-13: 1984, 1986, 1987; Under-14: 1981, 1985, 1987; Under-15 (Og Sport): 1982, 1986; Juvenile: 1983; Minor Championship: 1984, 1985; Minor League: 1983, 1984, 1985; Under-21: 1986; Ulster Minor Championship (Club): 1984, 1985.

With this great run of under-age success supporters would be correct in assuming that we should be making the inevitable breakthrough at senior level.

But football fortunes do not exactly run that way. To achieve success at the highest level commitment, maturity, hard work, pride (in oneself and one's club), loyalty, discipline, teamwork, humility, honesty, integrity, fair play coupled with football skill should be some of the ingredients that a manager might look for in order to be successful.

That Killybegs failed so miserably in 1987 must be cause for concern for loyal supporters. The promise of 1985 when defeated by Four Masters in the county quarter-final in what was the club game of that particular year followed by great performances in 1986 when again we took part in the game of the year against Naomh Columba only to fail in the county semi-final against a Marty Carlin inspired Red Hugh's by the narrowness of margins left us relishing the coming of 1987. Struggling to overcome Naomh Ultan in the preliminary we reached an all-time low when succumbing to a mediocre St. Eunan's team in the first round proper and in fact being defeated by three goals in O'Donnell Park. This Letterkenny debacle left followers in the county puzzled especially since it came within a fortnight of the county under-21 success in Roscommon.

The question immediately were being asked both in Killybegs and in the county at large was Killybegs just another under-age club with their players lacking the necessary "gut" to make the transformation to a good senior team?



Killybegs U-12 County Champions, 1979.





1979 Intermediate County Champions.

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County U-15 Ógspóirt Gael Champions, 1982.

## OFFICER BOARD

The following are the elected officers of Killybegs GAA Club for 1988:  
Frankie Cunningham, President; Seamus Tully, Vice-President; Patsy McGowan, Chairman; Josie Diver, Vice-Chairman; Clare Tully, Secretary; Bernard Conaghan, Assistant Secretary; Pat McGinley, Treasurer; Tony O'Callaghan, PRO.



# DONEGAL

	1 Gary Walsh	
2 Matt Gallagher	3 Brendan Dunleavy	4 Cathal Campbell
5 John Joe Doherty	6 Donal Reid	7 Martin Shovlin
8 Anthony Molloy	9 Martin Gavigan	
10 Barry Cunningham	11 Charlie Mulgrew	12 Declan Bonner
13 Martin McHugh	14 Joyce McMullan	15 Tommy Ryan

**SUBS.:** Michael Kelly, Corney Carr, Eamonn Breslin, Paddy Hegarty, John Connors, Brian Lafferty, John Cunningham, Marty Carlin, Brian Murray, Manus Boyle and Brian Tuohy.

FIRST HALF	GOALS	POINTS	WIDES	45's
DONEGAL				
LEITRIM				

# LEITRIM

	1 Damien Crossan	
2 Donie McLaughlin	3 Martin Flanagan	4 Keelan McLaughlin
5 Brendan Conway	6 Joe Darcy	7 Shane Heslin
8 Mickey Quinn	9 Paul Keeran	
10 Brian Doyle	11 Jimmy Ward	12 George Dugdale
13 Thomas Quinn	14 Seamus Mulhern	15 Frank Smith

**SUBS.:** Ollie Honeyman, Seamus O'Rourke, Pauric Kinney.

SECOND HALF	GOALS	POINTS	WIDES	45's
DONEGAL				
LEITRIM				

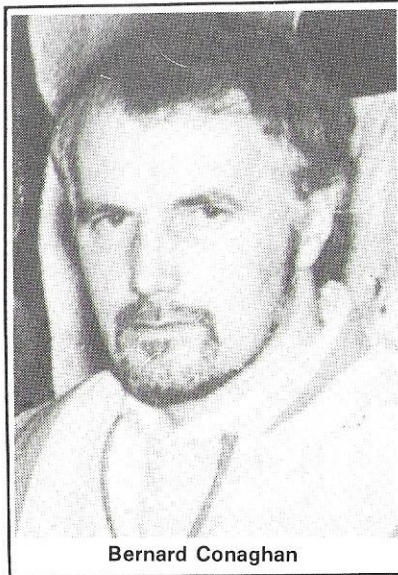


# "MR. G.A.A."

This is the man without whom the GAA in Killybegs wouldn't be the GAA in Killybegs. If commitment to GAA ideals and objectives were an offence, Bernard Conaghan would qualify for summary execution.

Happily, involvement with the Association is aimed at enhancing the quality and value of life, rather than the opposite and, as an untiring aficionado, Bernard has inspired many young hopefuls to persevere and dedicate themselves to the development of valuable skills and characteristics.

Totally devoted to the GAA, although he has never himself starred as a player, Bernard has been involved at all levels of management, organisation and coaching. He has been well described as: "The engine room of the GAA in Killybegs"



Bernard Conaghan

The vitality of the Association in Killybegs is due in no small measure to his work. Thanks. Bernard.

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Our 1984 Minor county champions.



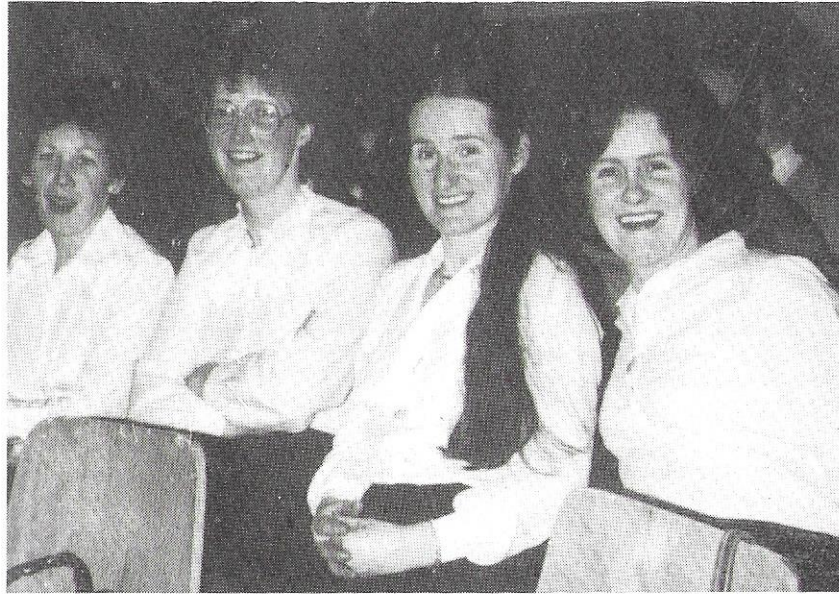
Under-21 county champions, 1986.



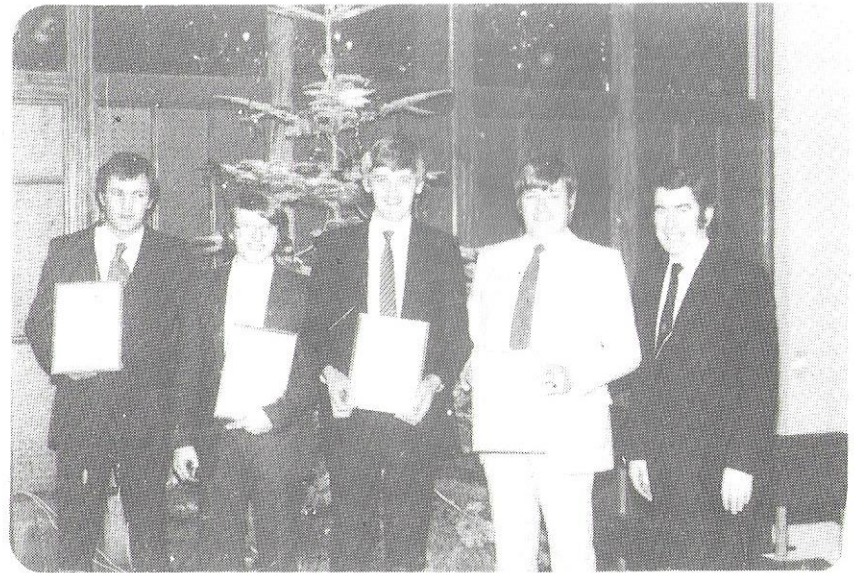
# CULTURE CLUB

We are particularly proud of our Scór Committee and Ceilí Club who have done so much in recent years to encourage and promote the living culture. Stars of that hard-working dedicated and knowledgeable group are: Mary Boyle, Rosaleen Mullen, Bridie Moore and Patricia Murrin.

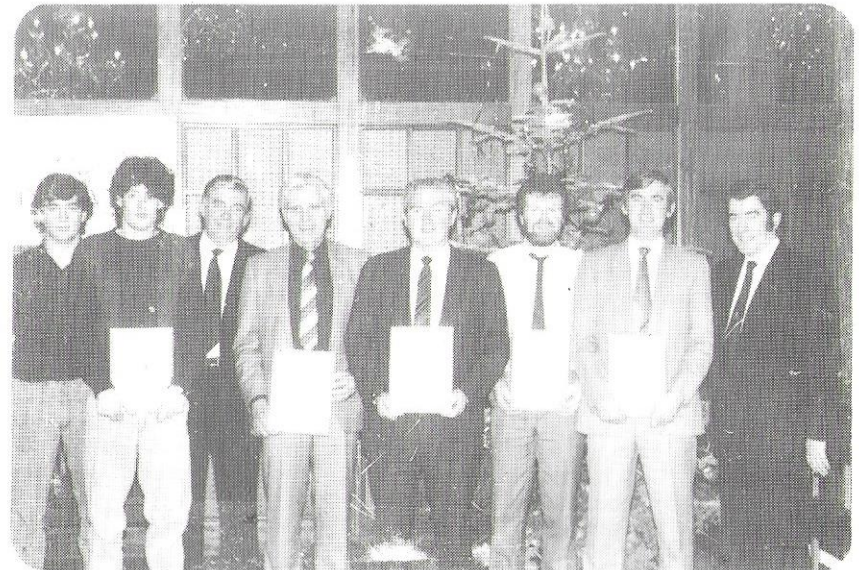
The revival of Scór in Killybegs, under the guidance of Frankie 'Tom' Gallagher, has blossomed and found a rich well of talent in the musical arts in the area.



County U-16 champions, 1983.



Our County hurlers with their Centenary commemorative scrolls, 1984.



Killybegs County footballers display the commemorative scrolls presented to them at the 1984 Centenary celebrations.





Ulster Minor Club champions, 1984.

## Killybegs — Ulster Club Champions

**Killybegs** ..... 4-9  
**St. Paul's** ..... 3-5

Killybegs made football history on New Year's Day, 1985, when they became the first Donegal Club team to win the Ulster Club Minor Football Championship for the Jimmy McConville Cup at Shaw's Road grounds in Belfast.

Their seven points winning margin reflected their superiority in a very exciting game. Two coach loads of supporters travelled with them to cheer them on. The victors' return was marked by bonfires and band parades in Killybegs.

The winners started off in glorious style when within a matter of minutes Martin Murchan lashed the ball into the net to score a great goal. However, their lead was shortlived and St. Paul's came back to score a goal and a point to put his side in front.

However, the Killybegs lads were on level terms when Willie McCallig had another point and from that there was

nothing in it to half time with St. Paul's leading 2-4 to 2-3.

Right from the resumption Killybegs took over and were level within a minute.

Midway through the half they struck a purple patch, scoring 1-3 within four minutes with some of the points coming from very acute angles.

Killybegs had a tower of strength at centre half back in John Cunningham with two brilliant wingers in Francis Murray and John Gallagher while Denis Carberry was a very steady full back.

Barry McGowan and Barry Cunningham were good midfielders and Conor White, Arthur Meehan, Manus Boyle, Martin Murchan, along with Willie McCallig were outstanding forwards.

Team and scorers: D. Meehan; P. Carberry, D. Carberry, G. O'Rourke; J. Gallagher, J. Cunningham, F. Murray; B. McGowan (0-1), B. Cunningham (0-1); A. Meehan (1-0), M. Boyle (0-3), M. Murchan (2-0); C. Doherty, C. White (1-2), W. McCallig (0-2).

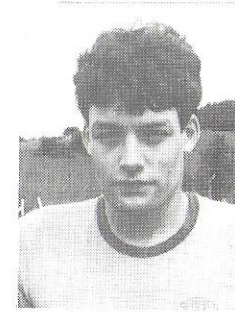
## OUR HEROES

The contribution of six players from the Killybegs Club to the County U-21 team which won the All-Ireland in 1987, was one of the highlights in the recent history of the club. An additional honour on that occasion, when Donegal beat Kerry at Dr. Hyde Park, Roscommon, was the fact that the assistant manager of the team was our own Jimmy White.

The Killybegs players who brought credit to themselves as well as their Club and County that day were John Cunningham (capt.), Manus Boyle, Barry Cunningham, Barry McGowan, John Gallagher and Conor White.



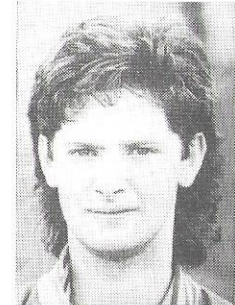
John Cunningham



Barry Cunningham



Barry McGowan



Conor White



John Gallagher



Manus Boyle





Killybegs Senior team, 1988



Killybegs Junior team, 1986

## THANKS BOYS

On this happy occasion of the dedication of McDevitt Park, our sincere gratitude goes to our Park Committee and the small band of hard-working volunteers whose energy and commitment has been unstinting.

Eunan Boyle, chairman; Patsy McGowan, secretary; Pat Conaghan, treasurer; Josie McGuinness, Sean McGuinness, Seamus Gillespie, Josie Diver, Frankie Cunningham, Francis Murrin, Tommy McBrearty, John Murrin, Con McBrearty, Frank Carr, Bernard Conaghan, Peter Breslin, Willie Cunningham, Peter Mullen and Charlie Tully.

# COUNTY TITLE FOR THE COMMONS N.S.

After six years of trying Commons National School, Killybegs, eventually became county champions when they went one better than in 1986 and beat Tiernasligo N.S., Clonmany, in the 3-Teacher Cumann na Bunscoil county final in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, in June. With the capturing of this county title the Commons had at last come away from the shadow of the town school Niall Mhór (in G.A.A. achievement) and

showed that hard work, determination and pride in their school got the success it deserved. The boys of 1987 were continuing a great tradition of sporting achievement in the Commons area. In the G.A.A. context it was a Commons team that were the last winners of the St. Catherine's Cup in 1952 and a special link with this present team and the 1952 team was that Jackie Meehan played in 1952 while his son, Martin, played in this year's winning team.



Back row (l. to r.): Leonard Meehan, John Connaghan, Martin Meehan, Sean McGinley, Rory McHugh, Michael Cannon, Ronan Connaghan, Brendan Connaghan. Front row (l. to r.): Michael Byrne, Gary Rodden, Declan McGettigan, Gareth Murphy, Nigel Rodden, Derek Vial, Martin Dorrian.



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## ALL-IRELAND U-14 TITLE FOR KILLYBEGS



Killybegs captured the All-Ireland U-14 Club Championship (Grade C) in July of 1987 at the Féile na nOg competition in Newbridge, Co. Kildare, where they represented their club and county with great pride. It is another exciting chapter in the long list of achievements by Killybegs at underage level.

They captured the title when they defeated Lurgan, Co. Cavan, in the final by four points. It was a thrilling match and a brilliant achievement by the Killybegs boys.

The panel was: James Lowney, Martin McGuinness, Peter McGinley, Gareth Murphy, Conal McBrearty, David McBrearty, Nigel McMenamin, Andrew McMenamin, Declan Bole, Mark Boyle (capt.), Kevin Byrne, Paul Rowan, Declan Haughey, Aidan McCallig, Barry Mullen. Subs., Adrian Callaghan, Brian Conaghan, Barry McBrearty, Ronan Smith, Mark McCallig, Tony Harvey, Andrew Mullan, Rodney McBrearty, Gillian McGuinness.

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*The Club would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Callaghan, P.R.O., for compiling this programme.*

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Niall Mor, 1984 National School county champions.