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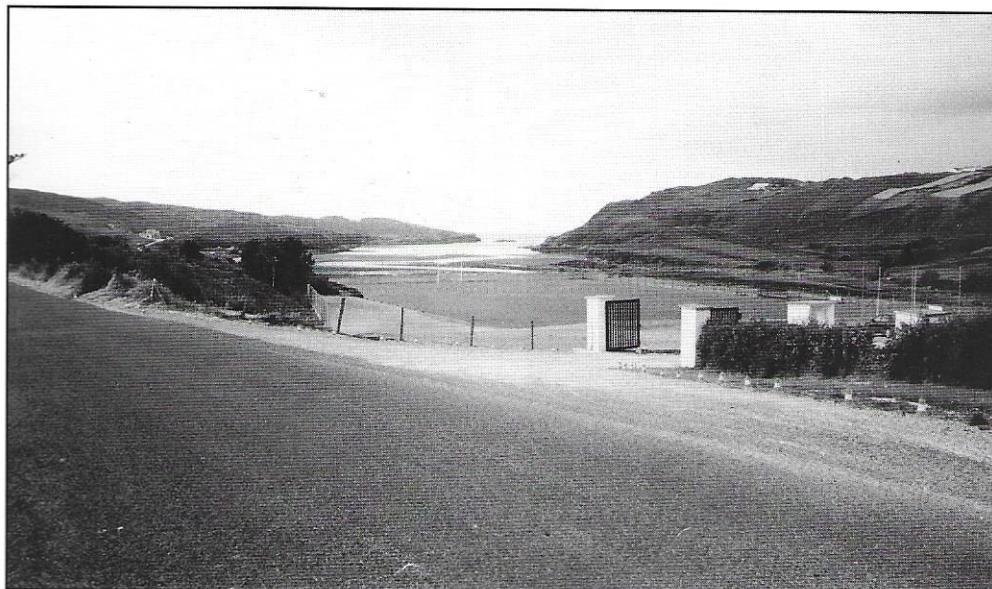
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# CILL CHARTHA 2000

This is the second of our yearbooks. Putting last year's publication together was quite simple as Martin Mc Laughlin had kept a detailed diary for 1999. The approach this year was different. All managers had to submit reports of their year's activities. My thanks to those who kept records during the year and those who didn't are asked to keep them in the year 2001.

As we end the year 2000 and enter a new century (don't believe the hype, the new century started on Jan 1st 2001) it is important to record the happenings of C.L.G. Chill Chartha for the year 2000. Reports on the progress of all of our teams are included.

The games played and the achievements of teams from Gairm Scoil na Carraige during the years 1999/2000 & 2000/2001 are recorded in an article by Sean Burke.



The Millennium Party

A short report on the achievements of Tir Chonail Gaels under the management of Largymore man, Maurice Carr - brother Michael plays at corner back - is included together with a report on the New York club final, won by Donegal, New York.



Millennium Tree 1 / 1 / 2000

Peter Campbell's *Donegal Democrat*, review of football in Donegal gives a broad outline of affairs county-wide during the year 2000.

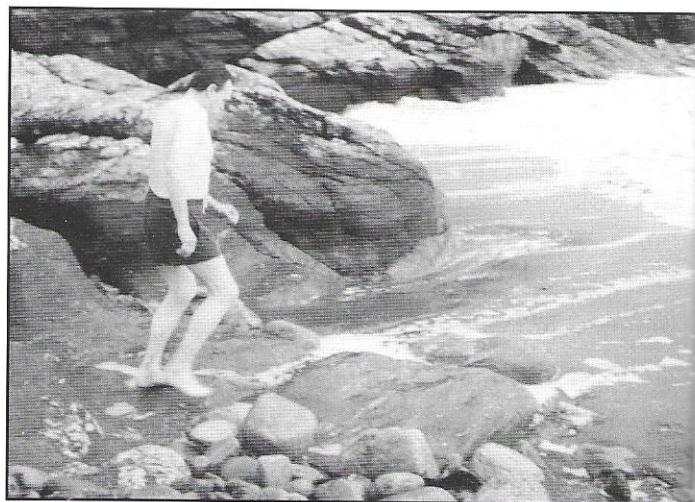


Cill Chartha 2000 / 2001

It is also important to remember those who gave of their time in the early days in order to ensure that Gaelic games were fostered and nourished in Kilcar. One of those people was Joe Mc Devitt, a colourful character and uncle of Charlie Mc Devitt. We are indebted to Brughna Mc Devitt, a son of Joe's for the article on Joe's life and times.

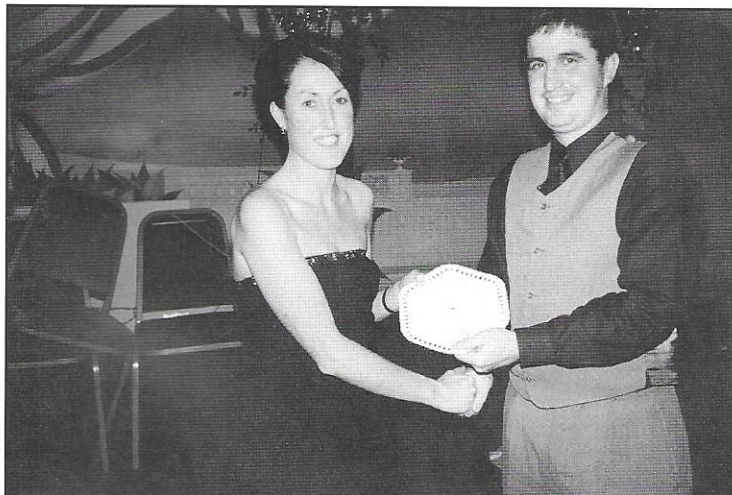
One of the greatest risks to our youth at present is the abuse of alcohol and we have included an article, "Fighting an epidemic" by Tommy Conlon, *Irish Independent* in which he deals with the fight by Dr. Mick Loftus against this abuse.

While this book is primarily a record of the happenings of C.L.G. Chill Chartha during the year 2000 it was felt that details of the births, marriages and deaths of the our Parish and the pupils who attended Scoil Naisiunta Cartha Naofa should be included. The political quotations are included lest we forget that there is life outside the GAA.



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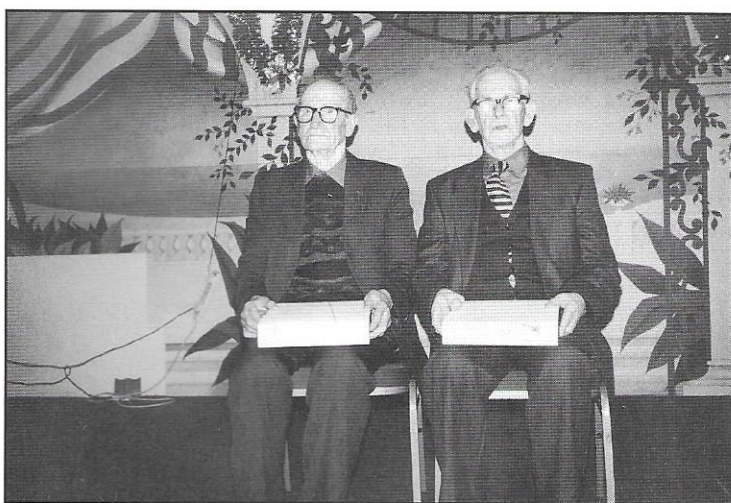
The Naomh Chartha Pipe Band and a fireworks display brought crowds onto the streets to welcome the new Millennium. Some of our members plunged in to the icy



Dinner Dance 2000. Jacinta McBrearty & John McConnell

waters off Muckcross on Jan 1st and Paul Byrne, Cashel won £1000 in the GAA Millennium draw.

On Sat. Jan. 8th the Annual presentation dance was held in The Blue Haven. Hall of Fame presentations were made to James Patrick Mc Ginley and Francie Mc Nulty. Paddy Sweeney received the Chairman's award for his work with under age players and Jacinta Mc Brearty received a special award in recognition of her running in The Dublin City Marathon. The A.G.M. was held on Sunday Jan. 9th in the Parish hall. The secretary and treasurer were absent. The former was in bed with the 'flu and the latter, having given birth to the first Kilcar child of the New Millennium, was on maternity leave. The outgoing officers were re-elected.

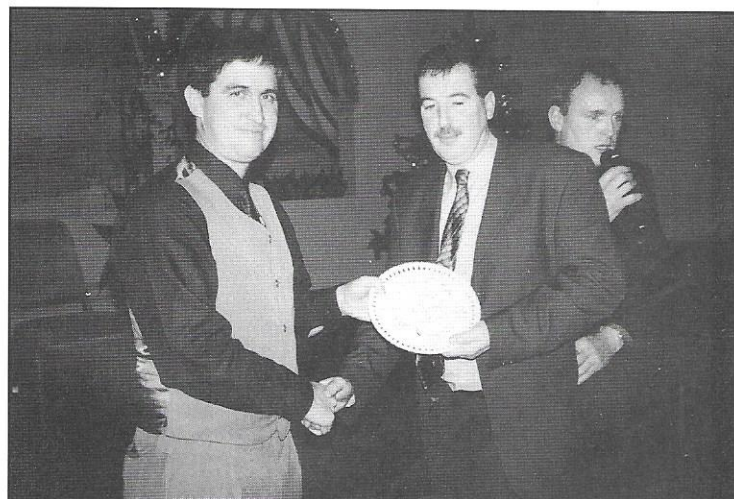


Dinner Dance 2000. James Patrick & Francie.

The pro. Sean Campbell, resigned on Feb. 5th as a conflict of interests arose due to the expected publication of a book on Kilcar GAA which was not a club publication.

A fund-raising dance was held in The Belvedere Hotel, Dublin on Sat. March 4th, the eve of the Donegal v Dublin league game, which was organised by The Millennium Committee.

There were many achievements during the year 2000. Our Senior team did win the Comortaisi Peile na Gaeltachta Sinsir Dhún na nGall and reached the final of the All Ireland competition. Our Junior team won the County Junior B Championship, Our u-21's were only beaten by one point by the eventual winners Cloich Ceann Fhaola and our u-16 Girls won the County Girls U-16 Championship. Michael Hegarty, Crokeeragh represented us at Senior County level; James Hegarty, Largymore, at U-16 level; Stephen Showlin at U-15 level; Oisín Mc Fadden, Towney and Noel Hegarty, Crokeeragh, at under 14 and James Mc Hugh was on the management team of the county minor team.



Dinner Dance 2000  
County Chairman John McConnell & Paddy Sweeney

Mary Breslin, Patrice Mc Hugh and Jacinta Mc Brearty walked The Dublin City Marathon this year along with 10,000 others and did us proud. They also collected a considerable amount of money for a charity.

Once again Martin Mc Hugh has been honoured by his selection on "Realta na Milaoise - Comortaisi Péile na Gaeltachta"



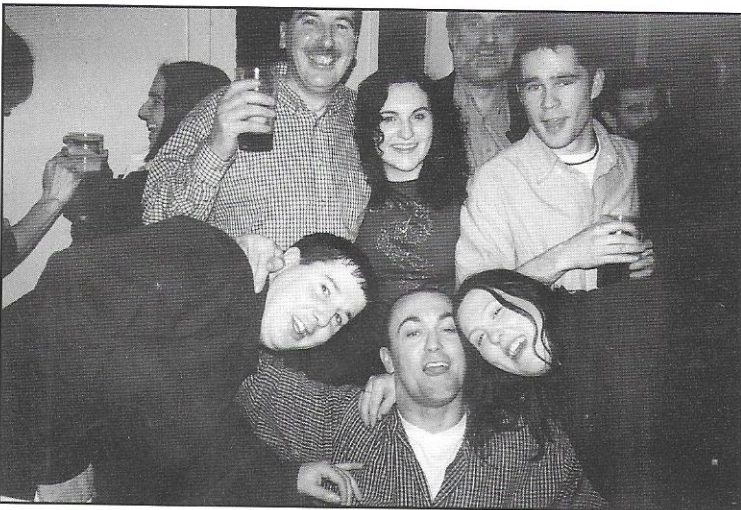
Dinner Dance 2000  
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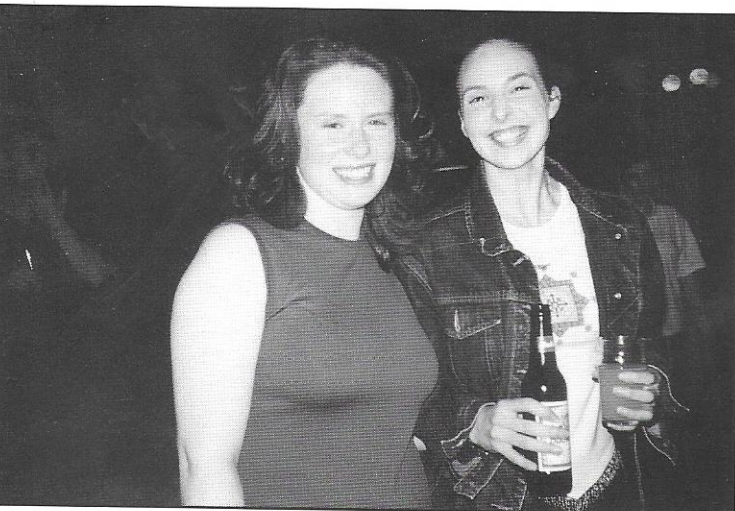
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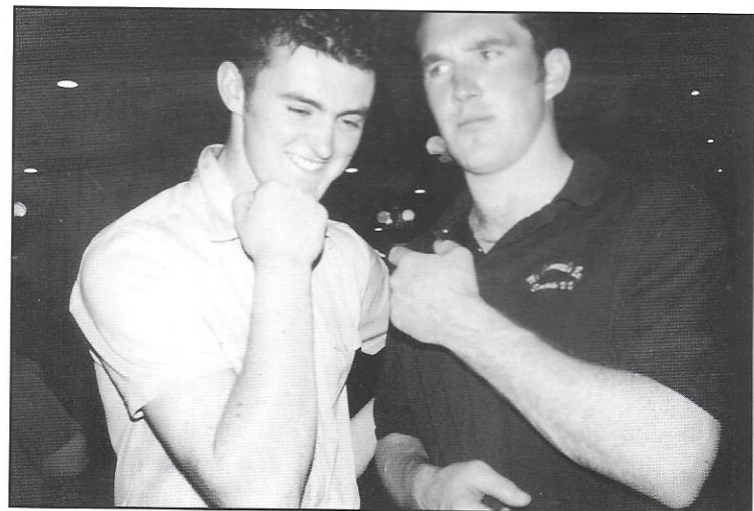
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Fashion Show



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## Under 10's

This is the energy of the club. Great footballers being managed by Timmy Driscoll assisted by Martin Mc Hugh, Declan Gallagher, and Keith Cunningham. Stars of the present and future. They participated in all the local blitz and were unlucky not to win a few of them.

## Under-12's

The year commenced with a trip to Ballyshannon to see the National League game, Donegal v Kerry and they played Naomh Naille on the way home in Mountcharles. In a very entertaining match they won by a scoreline of 5-12 to 3-06.



**U-12'S 2000 WITH MANAGERS PADDY SWEENEY AND DERMOT CANNON**  
 Back Row L/R: Eoin Breslin, Stephen O'Gara, Daniel Boyle, Barry O'Donnell, Barry Breslin, Aongus McFadden, Barry Shovlin, Shane McCloskey, Barry McGinley, Lisa Byrne, Niamh McFadden, Eoin Glynn, Ronan Diver, Ciaran McGinley  
 Front Row L/R: Mark McHugh, Mark Sweeney, Blaine McIntyre, Kevin Milsop, Thomas Byrne, Barry McBrearty, Ashley Carr (Capt), Kevin Campbell, Robert McShane, Eoin McHugh, Michael O'Driscoll, James Carr



County U-12 Semi-final v Ardara in Fintra.  
 Half-time, finished level at full time.

The Divisional Championship started with an away game in Dungloe on Friday April 7th, which they won easily, 7-11 to 0-05. On Monday April 10th they beat Naomh Columba by 5-19 to 1-01. They travelled to

Dooley on Monday April 17th and beat Na Rossa by 9-14 to 2-06. In a home game on April 24th against Ard A' Ratha they lost by 3-08 to 3-05. This was a very exciting game and the result was not decided until the last minute when Ard A' Ratha scored a goal. On Monday May 1st they lost to Na Cealla Beaga by 3-07 to 0-07. Na Cealla Beaga went on to win both the Divisional and



County U-12 Semi-final replay V Ardara in Fintra. Half-time talk.

County Finals. They beat Naomh Chonail in Glenties by 8-11 to 2-04 with Barry Mc Ginley the hero scoring three goals

Having won four and lost two games they qualified for the Div. Two Divisional Final. In the final they beat Naomh Mhuire by 5-11 to 0-06 in Tamhnaigh. The team and scorers were: Shane Mc Closkey, Aongus Mc Fadden, Ciaran Mc Ginley, Barry Breslin, James Carr, Eoin Breslin, Robert Mc Shane, Barry Shovlin, Ashley Carr (0-04), Mark Mc Hugh (0-01), Mark Sweeney (0-02), Lisa Byrne, Michael O' Driscoll, Barry Mc Ginley (4-04) Barry Mc Brearty. Substitutes were; Thomas Byrne, Ciaran Cannon, Stephen O' Gara, Blaine Mc Intyre, Kevin Milsop, Barry O' Donnell, Kevin Campbell, Ronan Diver, Daniel Boyle, Eoin Mc Hugh, Elaine Glynn.

They entered the All County A Competition for the first time and this turned out to be a very enjoyable experience. This commenced on June 1st. with a preliminary match against Naomh Naille and won by 4-10 to 2-09. Scorers were Mark Sweeney 3-04, Barry Mc Ginley 1-00, Ashley Carr 0-04, Mark Mc Hugh 0-01, and Lisa Byrne 0-01.

On June 12th they defeated Sean Mac Cumhails by 6-16 to 1-05 in Donegal Town. Scorers: Ashley Carr 1-04, Barry Mc Ginley 0-01, Mark Sweeney 0-09, Barry Mc Brearty 2-00, Lisa Byrne 1-00, Mark Mc Hugh 1-02 and T Byrne 1-00.

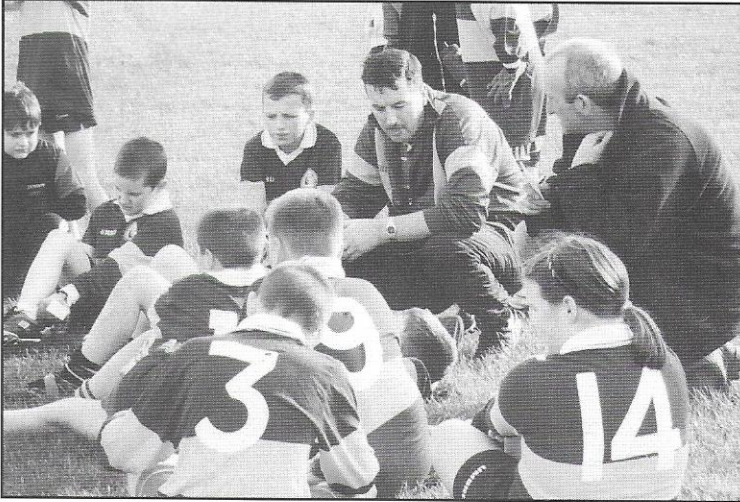
On June 19th in Mac Cumhail Park, they defeated Cloich Ceann Fhaola by 3-19 to 0-05. This was an excellent performance on a very warm evening in

Ballybofey. Scorers: Ciaran Mc Ginley 1-01, Barry Mc Ginley 1-00, Ashley Carr 1-05, Mark Sweeney 0-09, Mark Mc Hugh 0-01, Lisa Byrne 0-02, and Barry Breslin 0-01.

Having defeated Naomh Naille, Sean Mac Cumhalls and Cloich Ceann Fhaola they gained a semi-final place in which they met Ard A' Ratha in Fintra on June 26th. Cill Chartha started this game in flying fashion and led by 2-03 by 0-02 after fifteen minutes. Ard A' Ratha fought back in the second quarter and both sides ended the first half level with a score of Cill Chartha 4-03, Ard A' Ratha 3-06. Cill Chartha scored three points early in

Naomh Mc Fadden, Eoin Glynn, Kevin Milsop, Barry O' Donnell, Eoin Mc Hugh and Daniel Boyle.

In an eagerly awaited replay Ard A' Ratha came out on top by three points in another excellent match. Ard A' Ratha led at half time by three points 1-07 to 1-04. They extended their lead early in the second half. Having



U-13's in Tawney, V Glen, Half-time.

the second half but Ard A' Ratha equalised with a goal. Cill Chartha scored two more points. Ard A' Ratha rallied and scored a goal which saw them take the lead for the first time with only a few minutes left. Cill Chartha equalised with a point from a free just before full time. The game ended with both teams having to meet again. The Cill Chartha team and scorers were: Shane Mc Closkey, James Carr, Barry Shovlin, Aongus Mc Fadden, Robert Mc Shane, Eoin Breslin, Kevin Campbell, Barry Mc Ginley, Ashley Carr, Barry Mc Brearty (2-00), Mark Sweeney (0-08), Mark Mc Hugh, Michael O' Driscoll, Lisa Byrne (2-01), Ciaran Mc Ginley. Substitutes were; Barry Breslin, Blaine Mc Intyre, Ronan Diver, Stephen O' Gara, Thomas Byrne,



Action from U-13 Division 2 final v Glen in Tawney. Glen win a very entertaining game

made a great comeback in the second half Cill Chartha could not score the goals that would be needed to win the game. The final score was Cill Chartha 3-09, Ard A' Ratha 3-12. Great credit is due to the entire panel of players for their dedication and sportsmanship during this competition. This was the first time that Cill Chartha competed in the All County "A" competition. The team and scorers were: Shane Mc Closkey, Aongus Mc Fadden, Barry Shovlin, James Carr, Ciaran Mc Ginley, Eoin Breslin, Kevin Campbell, Barry Mc Ginley (1-00), Ashley Carr (1-00), Barry Mc Brearty, Mark Sweeney (1-09), Barry Breslin, Michael O' Driscoll, Lisa Byrne, Mark Mc Hugh. Substitutes were; Thomas Byrne, Daniel Boyle, Ronan Diver, Eoin Glynn, Eoin Mc Hugh, Ciaran Cannon, Blaine Mc Intyre, Barry O' Donnell, Stephen O' Gara, Robert Mc Shane, Noel O' Donnell.

In August they visited Croke Park for the All Ireland Semi - Final between Kerry and Armagh accompanied by Hugh Shovlin, Dermot Cannon, Gerard Mc Brearty and Paddy Sweeney. The year finished with Cill Chartha winning The Shield Competition in the Willie Rogers Tournament in Ballyshannon.

Great credit is due to their managers Paddy Sweeney and Dermot Cannon whose long hours of coaching and looking after this team was rewarded by great performances by each one of the panel during the year 2000.



Ashley Carr v Glen. U-13's in Tawney



## The National School team

took part in the mini-sevens finals in Ballyshannon in May. They reached the final but were defeated by Niall Mor, Na Cealla Beaga.

## The A.I.B. Summer Camp

was held in Páirc Thamhnaigh during the week July 3rd - 7th. Glorious summer weather and a full week of coaching and other activities for boys and girls under the watchful eye of County Coach Paddy Hegarty, Naomh Columba.

### Under 13's

Managed by Paddy Sweeney, Denis Mc Brearty, Aiden Gallagher and Gerard Mc Brearty were defeated by Naomh Columba in their first game by 3-09 to 2-03. The team was: Shane Mc Closkey, Aongus Mc Fadden, Barry Shovlin, Martin Gillespie, James Carr, Declan Callaghan (Capt.), Eoin Breslin, Declan Sweeney, Eunan Gillespie, Catriona Mc Brearty, Alan Kearns, Ciaran Mc Ginley, Barry Mc Brearty, Mark Sweeney and Lisa Byrne. Substitutes were: Barry Breslin for Aongus Mc Fadden. Scorers: Declan Sweeney 1-01, Mark Sweeney 1-02. Cill Chartha defeated Na Rossa by 8-17 to 1-01 in Towney. The scorers were Eoin Breslin 1-01, Alan Kearns 0-01, Declan Sweeney 0-01, Barry Mc Ginley 3-04, Ashley Carr 1-03, Barry Mc Brearty 1-00, Lisa Byrne 1-02, Eunan Gillespie 0-05, and Michael Driscoll 1.00. Cill Chartha lost to Naomh Columba by 4-08 to 2-09.

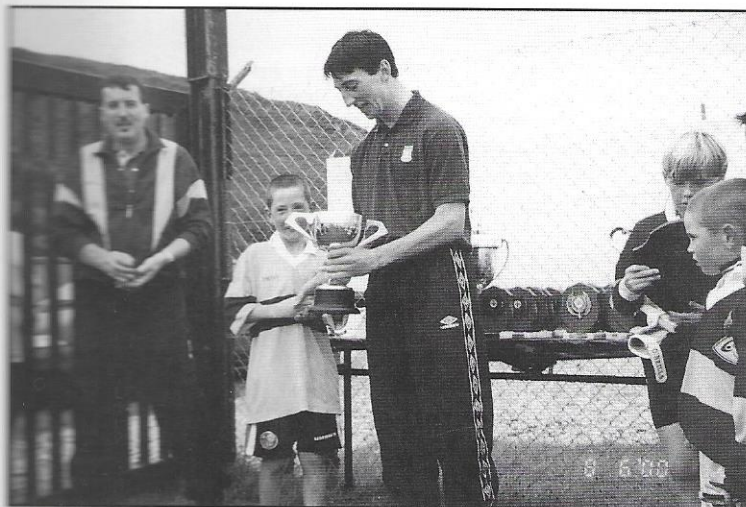
Brearty, and Chris Mc Brearty, Lisa Byrne. Substitutes were: James Carr, Michael O' Driscoll, Thomas Byrne, Ronan Diver, Emma Donovan, M. Gillespie, Stephen O'Gara. Scorers: Ashley Carr 1-02, Mark Sweeney 0-03, and Declan Sweeney 0-01.



**Fr. Mc Clafferty Cup 2000 (Winners)**  
 Back Row L/R: Mary Breslin (M), Denise McSweeney, Laura McGuire, Olivia Doogan, Noelle Jones, Grainne Boyle, Caroline Molloy, Donna Byrne, Clare Rafferty.  
 Front Row L/R: Grainne Gillespie, Rachel Byrne, Nicola Cunningham, Amanda Byrne, Linda Curran, Olivia Boyle

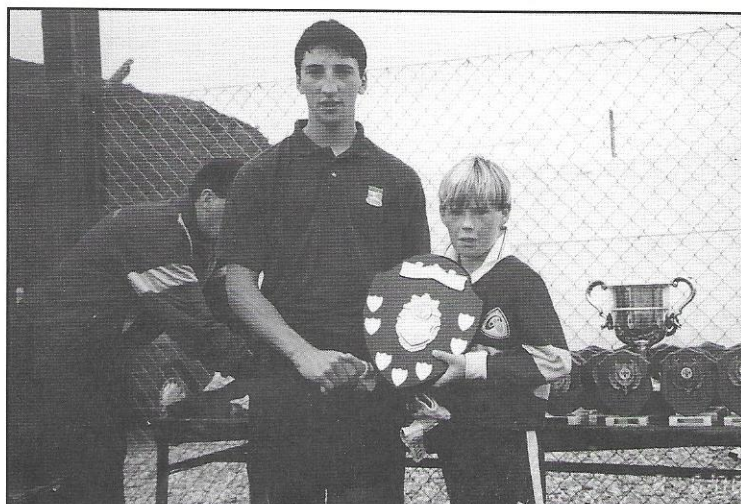


**Fr. Mc Clafferty Cup (Runners-up)**  
 Back Row L/R: Irene Campbell (M), Caitriona McBrearty, Niamh MacFadden, Leanne Shovlin, Linda Mac Giollacuddy, Orla Carr, Laura Carr, Siobhan O Gara, Sinead Cunningham  
 Front Row L/R: Jacinta McBrearty, Emmer Doherty, Lisa Byrne, Joanne Dolan, Andrea Cunningham, Sinead McNern, Emma Byrne, Caroline Brady



Michael Hegarty presents the "Cill Chartha Cup" to Mark McHugh

The scorers were Declan Sweeney 1-02, Lisa Byrne 1-01, Mark Sweeney 0-02, Alan Kearns 0-02, Kevin Campbell 0-01, and Christopher Mc Brearty 0-01. In the under 13 (B) Divisional Final Cill Chartha were defeated by Naomh Columba by 3-07 to 1-06. The team was Shane Mc Closkey, Barry Breslin, Barry Shovlin, Kevin Campbell, Declan Callaghan, Declan Sweeney, Kevin Mc Ginley, Eunan Gillespie, Alan Kearns, Ashley Carr, Mark Sweeney, Eoin Breslin, Barry Mc



Michael Hegarty presents the Under 10 shield to Aongus McFadden

# Broderick Trophy



**John Carr, Matthew Broderick, Charlie McDevitt & Paddy Sweeney**



**Broderick Trophy: Back Row L/R: Aiden Gallagher, Martin Gillespie, Eamon McGinley, Eunan Gillespie, Noel Hegarty, Declan Carr. Front Row L/R: Daniel Boyle, Barry McBrearty, James Carr, Barry McGinley.**



**Patrick O' Donnell's Team Winners**

**Back Row L/R: Matthew Broderick, Eamon McGinley, Christopher McFadden, Patrick O' Donnell (Capt.), Stephen O' Gara, Noel O' Donnell, Aidan Gallagher (Manager)  
Front Row L/R: Alan Kearns, Kevin Milsop, Pauric Sweeney, Ashley Carr, Barry Breslin**



**Oisín McFadden's Team (Runners-up)**

**Back Row L/R: Matthew Broderick, Daniel Boyle, Eoin Glynn, Jonathan Mc Brearty, Oisín McFadden (Capt), Dinny McBrearty (Manager).  
Front Row L/R: Ronan Diver, Michael O'Driscoll, Declan Callaghan, Mark Sweeney, Eoin Breslin, Shane McCloskey**

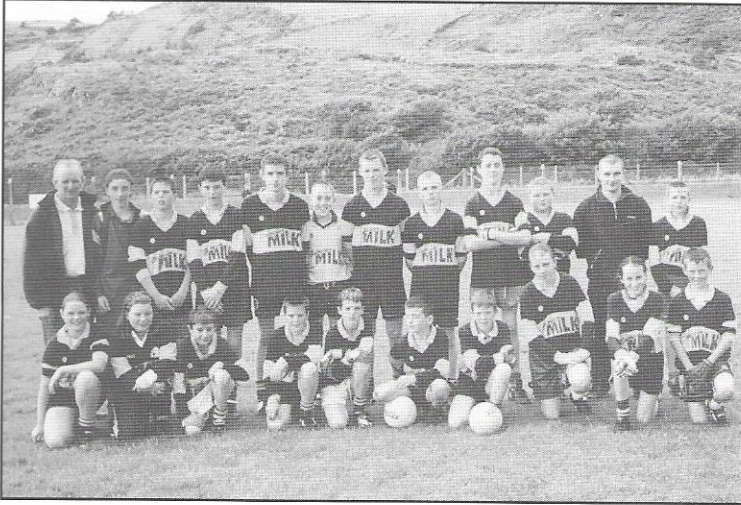


**Philip O'Donnell's Team**

**Back Row L/R: Ciaran McGinley, Philip O'Donnell (Capt), Paul Boyle, James Boyle, Barry Shovlin, Gerard McBrearty (Manager)  
Front Row L/R: Declan Sweeney, Thomas Byrne, Barry O'Donnell, Eoin McHugh, Ciaran Cannon**

## Under 14's

The managers were Paddy Sweeney, Denis Mc Brearty, Aiden Gallagher and Gerard Mc Brearty. They had a very enjoyable year's football but were unsuccessful in their competitions. Luke Carr was a big loss to this team when he broke his arm while playing against Four Masters. Congratulations to Noel Hegarty and Oisín Mc Fadden on representing the club at County level this year.



U-14 2000. Back Row L/R: Dinny McBrearty (Man), Luke Carr, Pauric Sweeney, Noel Hegarty, Patrick O'Donnell, Barry McGinley, Oisín McFadden, Philip O'Donnell, Eamon McGinley, Shane McCloskey, Gerard McBrearty (Man), Barry Shovlin.  
Front Row L/R: Niamh McFadden, Caitriona McBrearty, Ashley Carr, Mark Sweeney, Declan Sweeney, James Carr, Declan Callaghan, Andrea Cunningham, Lisa Byrne, Eoin Breslin in Tawney.

The year commenced for the Under 14's on Wed. May 17th when Cill Chartha defeated Na Cealla Beaga by 4-07 to 1-02. The team and scorers were: Eamon Mc Ginley, Declan Sweeney, Patrick O' Donnell, Declan Gallagher, Jonathan Mc Brearty, Luke Carr, Ashley Carr, Noel Hegarty (Capt.) (1-00), Oisín Mc Fadden (0-03), Declan Carr, James Boyle (0-01), Paul Boyle, Eunan Gillespie, Philip O' Donnell (1-01), Pauric Sweeney (1-02).

**Substitutes Used:** Christopher Mc Fadden (1-00), Barry Shovlin, and Mark Sweeney.

On May 24th they were defeated by Ard A' Ratha by 2-09 to 5-08 in Ard A' Ratha. The scorers were Noel Hegarty 0-01, Oisín Mc Fadden 1-03, James Boyle 1-02, Barry Mc Ginley 0-01, and Pauric Sweeney 0-02. They defeated An Clochan Liath in Tamhnaigh on Wed. May 31st by 4-15 to 0-03. The scorers were Jonathan Mc Brearty (0-02), Luke Carr (0-02), Noel Hegarty (1-00), Barry Shovlin (0-01), James Boyle (0-03), Oisín Mc Fadden (2-07), Mark Sweeney (1-00). They lost to Naomh Chonaill in Tamhnaigh on Tue. June 6th by (3-09) to (3-06). Scorers were Oisín Mc Fadden (1-04), James Boyle (1-01), Eunan Gillespie 1-00, and Mark Sweeney (0-01). On Wed. June 14th they defeated Four Masters by 5-12 to 2-05 in Donegal Town. Luke Carr was injured in the last minute of the game, (a broken bone

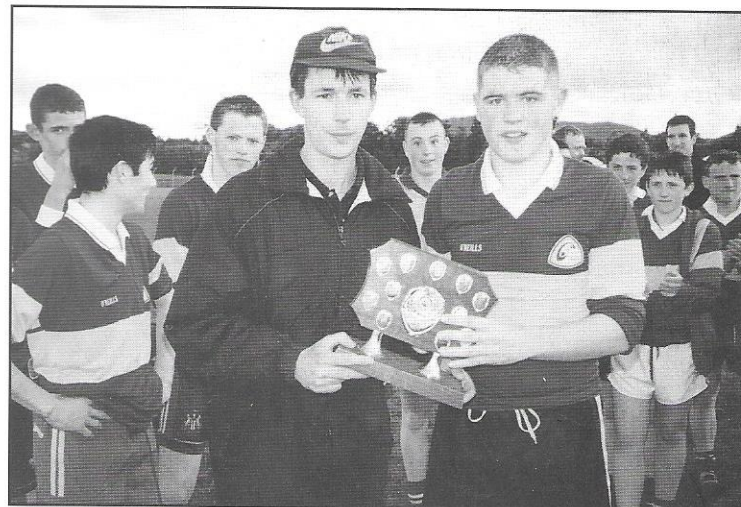
in his arm, and did not play for the rest of the season. The team was Eamon Mc Ginley, Barry Shovlin, and Patrick O' Donnell, Declan Carr, Ashley Carr, Luke Carr, Declan Sweeney, Oisín Mc Fadden, Noel Hegarty, James Boyle, Jonathan Mc Brearty, Philip O' Donnell, Mark Sweeney, Pauric Sweeney and Barry Mc Ginley. Scorers were Oisín Mc Fadden (4-08), Noel Hegarty (0-01), Luke Carr (0-01), Pauric Sweeney (0-01), and Mark Sweeney (1-01). On June 21st Cill Chartha defeated Bundoran by (5-12) to (2-05). In their next game they lost to Naomh Chonaill by (7-13) to (2-07). The scorers were Noel Hegarty (1-00), Oisín Mc Fadden (1-02), Pauric Sweeney (0-02), and Mark Sweeney (0-01).

## Under 16's

Under the management of Micheal Molloy and Vernon Hegarty this team had a very successful year, playing nine games winning eight and losing one, the big one, the County Final to Bundoran in Donegal Town.

In the Division the results were Cill Chartha 1 - 19 Na Rossa 0-02, Cill Chartha 3-16, Naomh Mhuire 2-07. In the Divisional Final the score was Cill Chartha 2-20 Naomh Mhuire 0-05.

In the All County League (South) the results were Cill Chartha 2-21, Naomh Naill 0-07; Cill Chartha 1-09, Bundoran 0-07; Cill Chartha w/o Naomh Ultan. In the All County quarterfinal Cill Chartha defeated



Damien O' Donnell U-16's Divisional Final

Malin by 3-08 to 2-04. In the semi-final they defeated Iorris by 3-13 to 1-05.

The All County Final was played in Tir Chonaill Park, Donegal Town on July 8th. Cill Chartha got the first two scores, a brilliant Stephen Hegarty free from the sideline and a James Mc Hugh point in the first seven minutes. Christopher Keeney scored a goal for Bundoran having collected the ball 30 metres out. Bundoran then added

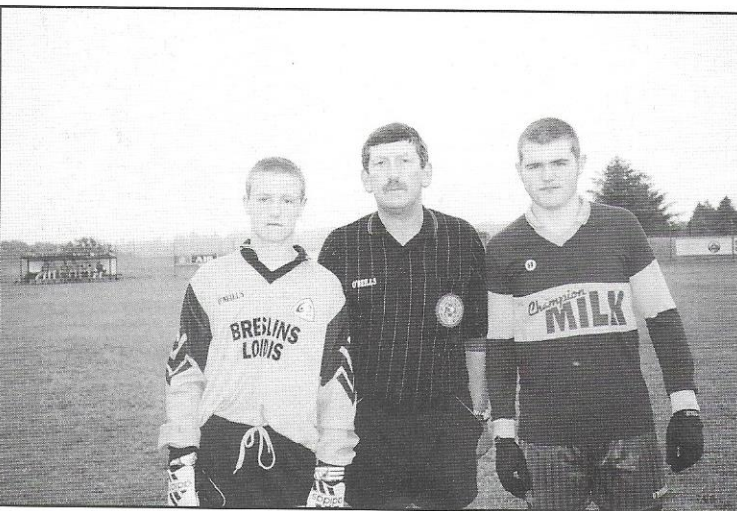
three more points from Aiden Mularkey, Connor Clancey and Kieran Sheridan. Cill Chartha replied immediately with a free from Stephen Shovlin to leave a goal between the sides approaching half-time. In the 25th minute Fergal Mc Kieran increase the lead to four with a free. Cill Chartha scored four quick points



Damien O' Donnell and Eamon Doherty, one each and Stephen Shovlin two points, to leave the scores level at half-time.

Bundoran were far superior in the second half. Cill Chartha did not play to their full potential and did not score in the first 23 minutes of the second half. In that period Bundoran scored five points by Christopher Keeney (2), Fergal Mc Kiernan, Mark Daly and Peter Loughlin one each. Cill Chartha scored two points in the last two minutes and Bundoran replied with another point. The game ended with Bundoran winning by four points. The final score Bundoran 1-10, Cill Chartha 0-09.

The teams and scorers were Bundoran. Karl Campbell, Shane Mc Gowan, Darragh Fallon, Barry Mc Gowan, Mark Daly (0-01), Rory Dunne, Darren Craig, Peter Laughlin (0-01), Conor Clancy (0-01), Fergal Mc



Kiernan (0-02), Christopher Keeney (1-03), Adrian Mularkey (0-01), Kieran Shierdan (0-01), Declan O' Donnell, Jason Brennan.

Cill Chartha Stephen Byrne, Eamon Doherty (0-01), Conor Cunningham, Patrick O' Donnell, Fergal O' Gara, James Hegarty, Noel Hegarty, Stephen Shovlin (0-02), Damien O' Donnell (0-01), Donal Cannon, James Mc Hugh (0-01), Cathal Haughey, Pauric Sweeney, Stephen Hegarty (0-04), Stephen Gallagher. Substitutes: Oisín Mc Fadden, Patrick Hegarty, Noel Kennedy, Brian Hegarty, Declan Carr, Derrick Gillespie, Luke Carr and Philip O' Donnell.

## I Comortaisi Peile na Gaeltachta

Fuair siad an laimh in uachtar ar Naomh Columba leis an scór Cill Chartha 2-10, Naomh Columba 0-08. Fuair Naomh Chonaill an bua oraibh ins an cluiche leath - cheannais leis an scor Cill Chartha 1-09, Naomh Chonaill 2-11.

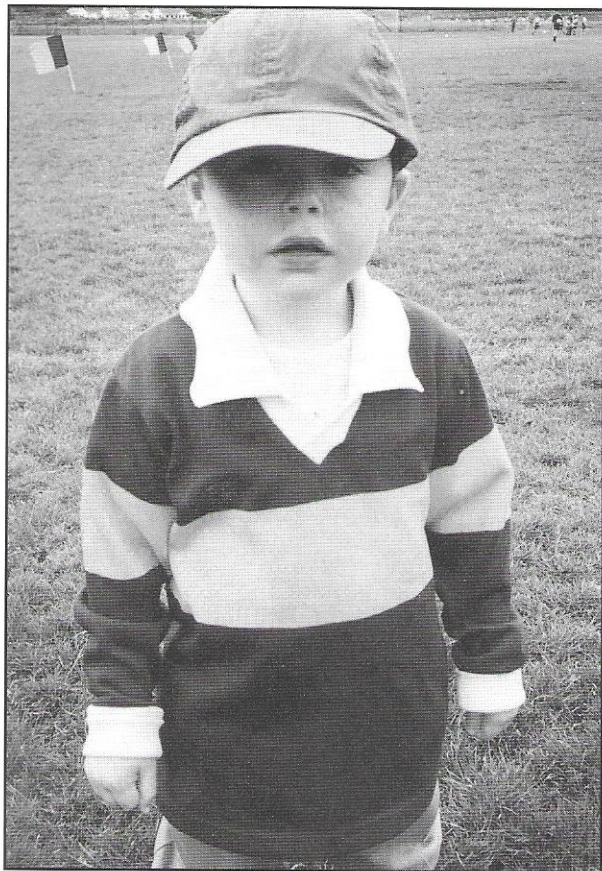
## In the u-15 óg sport

Cill Chartha defeated Ard A' Ratha and Naomh Columba and lost the Divisional Final to Naomh Chonaill by five. In the All County Competition the results were Cill Chartha 8-06, Convoy 1-02. Cill Chartha 2-11, Aodh Ruadh 3-02.

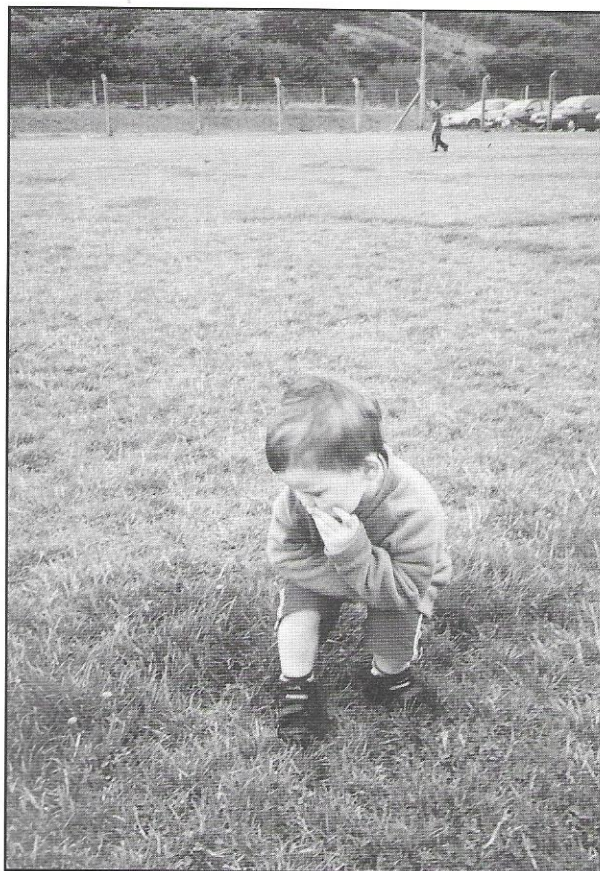
In the All County quarter-final they defeated Cloich Ceann Fhaola by 3-09 to 2-04. Cill Chartha was defeated in the semi-final by Bundoran. The score was Cill Chartha 2-05, Bundoran 2-08. The Cill Chartha panel was: Eamon Doherty, Patrick O' Donnell, Fergal O' Gara, Stephen Shovlin, Noel Hegarty, Oisín Mc Fadden, Cathal Haughey, Brian Hegarty, Noel Kennedy, Pauric Sweeney and Philip O' Donnell.



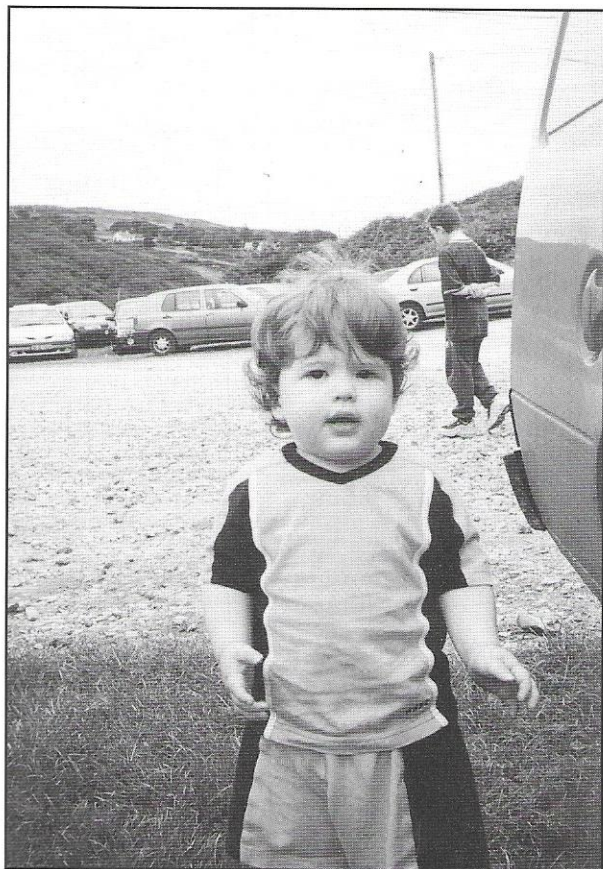




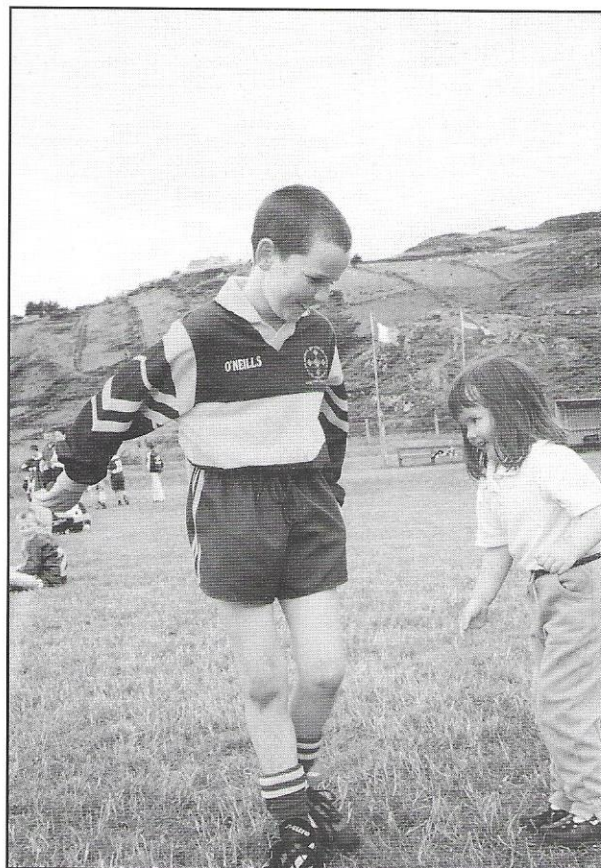
Neil Sweeney (Trim)



Andrew McClean



Gary Molloy



Sean & Maria Garvey

## Minors

Under the management of Aodhan O' hEigartaigh and Neilly Byrne they had a good run in the league and were beaten by Naomh Columba in the quarter final of the Championship.

3rd July	League	Cill Chartha	0-11	Naomh Columba	0-13
17th July	Champ.	Cill Chartha	2-09	An Clochan Liath	2-04
24th July	Champ.	An Clochan Liath	1-07	Cill Chartha	1-10
15th Aug.	Champ.	Cill Chartha	2-02	Naomh Columba	2-07
30th Aug.	League	Cill Chartha	6-08	Naomh Chonaill	2-10
1st Sept.	League	Cill Chartha	3-07	Na Cealla Beaga	2-16
22nd Oct.	League	Ard A' Ratha	2-04	Cill Chartha	0-05

The Minor Panel for the year 2000.

Ciaran Cunningham, Ronan Shovlin, James Cunningham, Kevin Byrne, Michael Molloy, Barry Doherty, Declan Mc Closkey, Cormac Hughes, Mark Mc Shane, Ciaran Bonner, Diarmuid Byrne, Oran Mc Laughlin, Glen Mc Brearty, Fergal Campbell, Michael Doherty, Damien O' Donnell, James Hegarty, Stephen Hegarty, Connor Cunningham and Stephen Shovlin.

## Under 21's

Under the management of Aodhan Hegarty and Neilly Byrne their year got off to a good start by defeating Four Masters on Sat. March 4th by a score of 2-04 to 1-06 and then defeating Naomh Columba on Sat 9th of April by 0-10 to 0-08.

### Peter Campbell's report from Fintra.

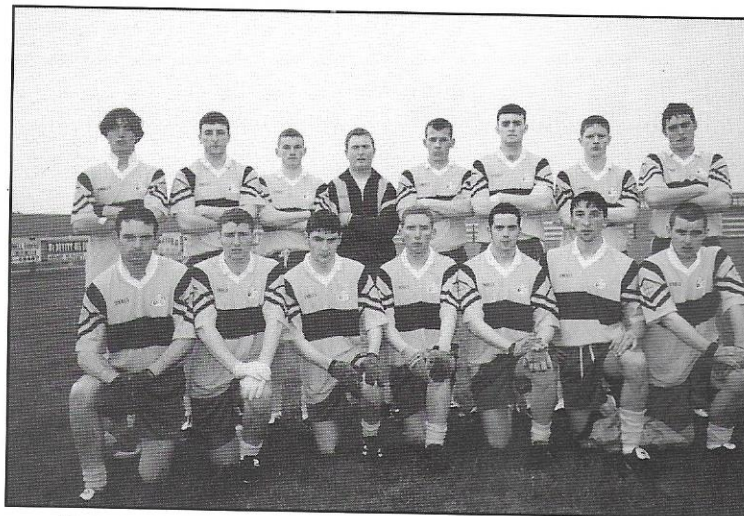
Michael Hegarty was the difference in the South -West battle: his ability to take scores settled what was a very well contested game, especially in the second half. Paul Hegarty put Cill Chartha in front with two frees in the first two minutes, but by the 12th minute Naomh Columba were back on level terms, Michael Byrne from a 45 and Andrew O' Gara from a free.

In the next four minutes Naomh Columba recorded five wides from good chances. Cill Chartha went back in front thanks to a good score from Jason Shovlin. Michael Hegarty scored two points from frees and Paul Hegarty got on the end of a six man move to make the score 0-06 to 0-02. Andrew O' Gara reduced the margin with a free to leave the score at half-time Cill Chartha 0-06, Naomh Columba 0-03.

Cill Chartha got off the hook when Keith Kennedy was hauled to the ground in front of goal, but a free out was given.

By the 41st minute Michael Hegarty had added two points, one from a free and one from distance. Keith Kennedy, Brian Mc Intyre and Michael Mc Guire scored to reduce the margin to two points after 45 minutes. A bad tackle on Stephen O' Donnell yielded another point

for Michael Hegarty in the 50th minute. A Brian Mc Intyre point followed two Naomh Columba wides and then with two minutes of normal time left, Michael Maguire reduced the margin to the minimum. Michael Hegarty was wide from a 40 metre free, but Dara Byrne made a match-winning run to draw a free and Michael Hegarty converted in injury time to decide the issue Cill Chartha: Glen Mc Brearty, James Cunningham, Daniel Gillespie, Ciaran



Under 21's 2000. Back Row L/R: Gabriel Gillespie, Daniel Gillespie, James Cunningham, Glen McBrearty, Paul McNulty, Keith Cunningham, Patrick Gallagher, Barry Doherty  
Front Row L/R: Dana Byrne, Ciaran Cunningham, Stephen O'Donnell, Hegarty, Gary Reilly, Michael Hegarty, Gerard McBrearty.

Cunningham, Dara Byrne, Patrick Gallagher, Jason Shovlin (0-01), Michael Hegarty (0-06), Keith Cunningham, Gabriel Gillespie, Paul Mc Nulty, Christopher Carr, Paul Hegarty (0-03), Barry Doherty, Stephen O' Donnell. Substitutes: Gary Reilly for Christopher Carr, Gerard Mc Brearty for Gabriel Gillespie. Naomh Columba: John Boyle, Brian Mc Ginley,



Michael Byrne, Michael Mc Guire (0-02), Cathal Mc Ginley, Kevin Cunningham, Alan Doherty, Hughie Cunningham, Terence Byrne, Keith Kennedy (0-01), Andrew O Gara (0-03), Brian Mc Intyre (0-02), Alan Burke, Stephen Kennedy, Dermot Maguire. Substitutes: Bernard Cannon for Andrew O Gara. Referee: Bernard Devine.

In the County Semi-Final they lost by one point to the eventual County winners Cloich Ceann Fhaola. The final score was Cill Chartha 0-09, Cloich Ceann Fhaola 1-07.

A one point victory for Cloich Ceann Fhaola over Cill Chartha in a very entertaining game played in Mullach Dearg on Sat. 29th of April earned them a place in the County Final. Cill Chartha had the better of the early exchanges. After ten minutes they led by 0-05 to no score. Michael Hegarty, Gabriel Gillespie, Gerard Mc Brearty, Keith Cunningham and Gary Reilly were the marksmen. Cloich Ceann Fhaola scored a point after twenty minutes. On the stroke of half-time Cloich Ceann Fhaola struck with the only goal of the game. Wing forward Sean Mc Fadden sent a John Paul Gallagher cross past Glen Mc Brearty to send the teams in at half time with Cill Chartha leading by one point. Cill Chartha 0-05 to Cloich Ceann Fhaola 1-01. In the early minutes of the second half Cloich Ceann Fhaola drew level with a point by Sean Mc Fadden. Minutes later Barry Doherty was unlucky not to score a goal. Michael Mc Ginley in the Cloich Ceann Fhaola's goal made a point blank save to deny the Gortalia man a goal. Almost immediately Liam Coyle pointed to put Cloich Ceann Fhaola into the lead for the first time. Cill Chartha came back into the game and dominated for the next ten minutes. Micheal Hegarty scored three points from frees to give Cill Chartha a two-point advantage as the game entered the final quarter. Tommy Coyle from a free, Dermot Cannon and John Paul Gallagher from play put the Northwest men back in

front. Gabriel Gillespie and Gerard Mc Brearty put Cill Chartha back in front. With ten minutes remaining Gabriel Mc Nulty equalised and Tommy Coyle put Cloich Ceann Fhaola in front with a forty-metre point. Despite some gallant efforts Cill Chartha could not get an equaliser and the game finishe with a one-point win for Cloich Ceann Fhaola. The Final Score was Cill Chartha 0-09, Cloich Ceann Fhaola 1-07. Kilcar were inspired throughout by their captain Michael Hegarty and he was well assisted by Patrick Gallagher and Daniel Gillespie.

Teams: **Cloich Ceann Fhaola** Michael Mc Ginley, Danny Doohan, Denis Ferry, Michael Lynch, Brian Ferry, Tommy Coyle Cpt. (0-02), Cathal óg Gallagher, Joe Friel, John Cannon, Sean Mc Fadden (1-02), Liam Coyle (0-01), Joe Boyce, Dermot Cannon (0-01), John Paul Gallagher (0-01), Ciaran Gallagher.

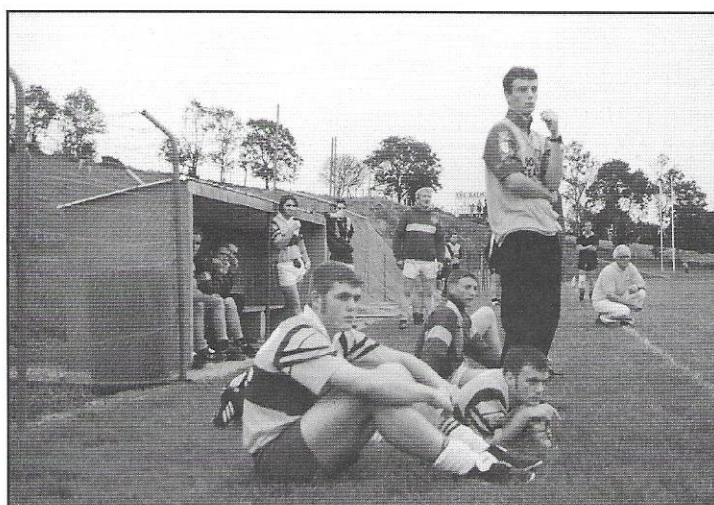
**Cill Chartha:** Glen Mc Brearty, James Cunningham, Patrick Gallagher, Ciaran Cunningham, Gabriel Gillespie (0-02), Daniel Gillespie, Dara Byrne, Keith Cunningham (0-01), Michael Hegarty (0-04), Stephen O Donnell, Gerard Mc Brearty (0-01), Paul Mc Nulty, Gary Reilly (0-01), Barry Doherty and Paul Hegarty. Substitutes used: Conor Mc Shane for Paul Hegarty, Aaron Hegarty for Garry Reilly, Christopher Carr for Paul Mc Nulty.

### The Junior Team

This team had an outstanding year by finishing third in the league and winning the Junior B Championship. Managed by Neilly Byrne they won the Junior B Championship by defeating Naomh Pdraig Lifford in the final, which was played in Ballintra. On their way to the final they had an epic battle with Four Masters and it took four games to decide the winner. In the semi-final they defeated St. Eunan's. Great commitment from all players and especially from their manager Neilly Byrne.



The Junior B County Champions 2000



## League Results

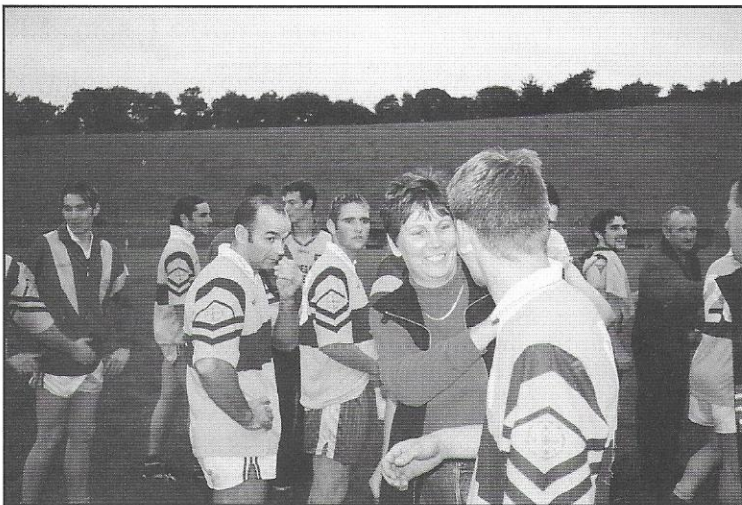
Round 1	1st April	Cill Chartha	0-09	Na Cealla Beaga	2-07
Round 2	24th April	Gleann Fhinne	2-10	Cill Chartha	2-08
Round 3	22nd April	Cill Chartha	7-09	Pettigo	0-09
Round 4	10th June	St. Eunan's	1-12	Cill Chartha	1-07
Round 5	6th May	Cill Chartha	2-06	Naomh Columba	1-12
Round 6	Free				
Round 7	14th May	Cill Chartha	w/o	Four Masters	
Round 8	28th May	Na C. Beaga	2-12	Cill Chartha	1-13
Round 9	3rd June	Cill Chartha	3-07	Gleann Fhinne	0-04
Round 10	17th June	Pettigo	1-12	Cill Chartha	0-16
Round 11	24th June	Cill Chartha	w/o	St. Eunan's	
Round 12	24th June	N. Columba	4-08	Cill Chartha	0-10
Round 13	Free				
Round 14		Cill Chartha	w/o	F. Masters	

### All County League table 2000.

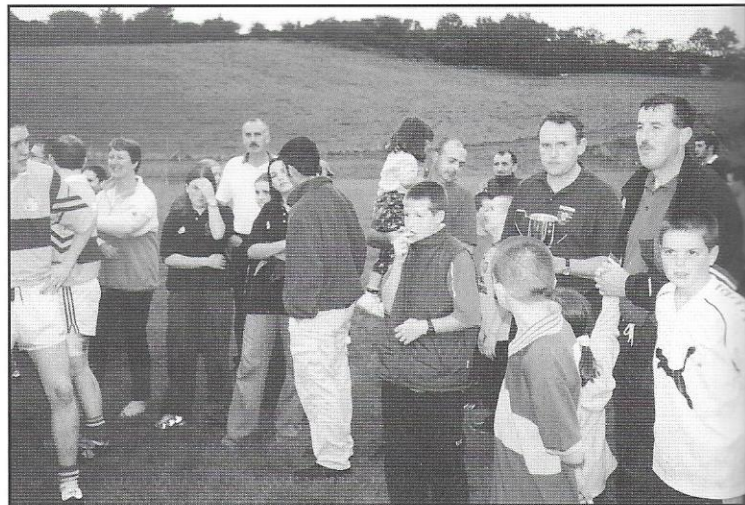
Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
N. Columba	12	7	2	3	16
St. Eunan's	12	8	0	4	16
Cill Chartha	12	6	0	6	12
Pettigo	12	5	2	5	12
Four Masters	12	5	0	7	10
Killybegs	12	4	1	7	9
Gleann Fhinne	12	4	1	7	9

In the Junior B Championship it took Cill Chartha four matches in order to dispose of Four Masters

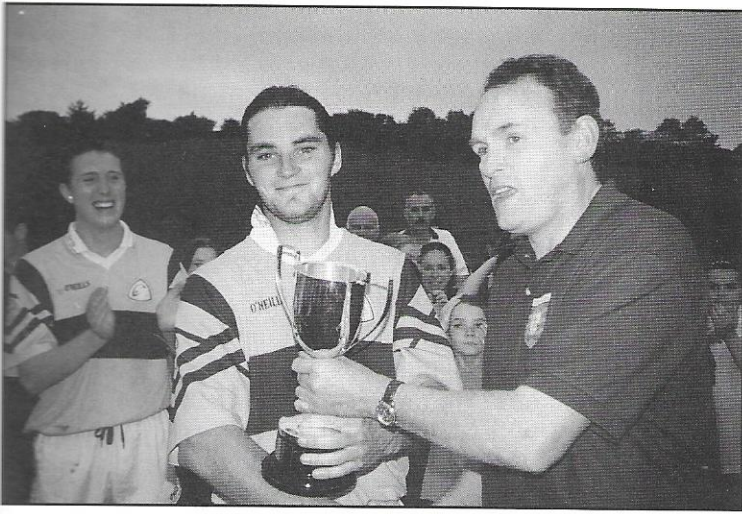
1st Round 1st Leg	2nd July	Cill Chartha	2-14	Four Masters	2-07
1st Round 2nd Leg	15th July	Four Masters	1-09	Cill Chartha	1-08
1st Round Play-off	28th July	Cill Chartha	1-09	Four Masters	2-06
1st Round Replay	12th Aug.	Cill Chartha	3-08	Four Masters	2-07
County Semi-Final	26th Aug.	Cill Chartha	2-09	St. Eunans	0-08
County Final	9th Sept.	Cill Chartha	3-17	Lifford	0-05



Well Done Ronan.



Waiting for the presentation

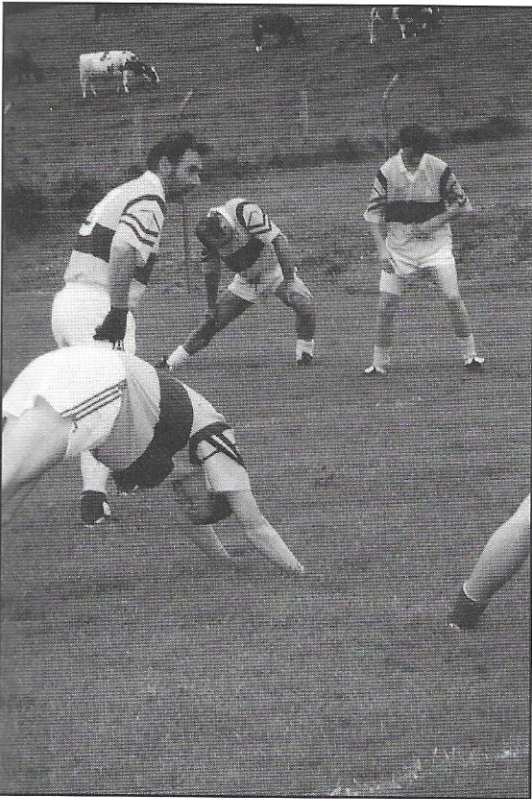


Cill Chartha: Stephen Shovlin, Aiden Gallagher, Neilly Byrne, Johnny Gallagher, Paul Hegarty, Cormac Hughes, Mark Mc Shane, Niall O' Donnell, Declan Mc Brearty, Michael Oliver Cannon (1-01), Francis Mc Brearty (0-02), Ronan Shovlin (1-02), Stephen O' Donnell (0-04), Michael Molloy snr. (0-05), Declan Mc Closkey (0-03).

Substitutes: Michael Molloy jnr. (1-01), Sean Mc Ginley snr. Oran Mc Laughlin, Ciaran Bonner and Joseph O' Donnell.

### Senior Reserve

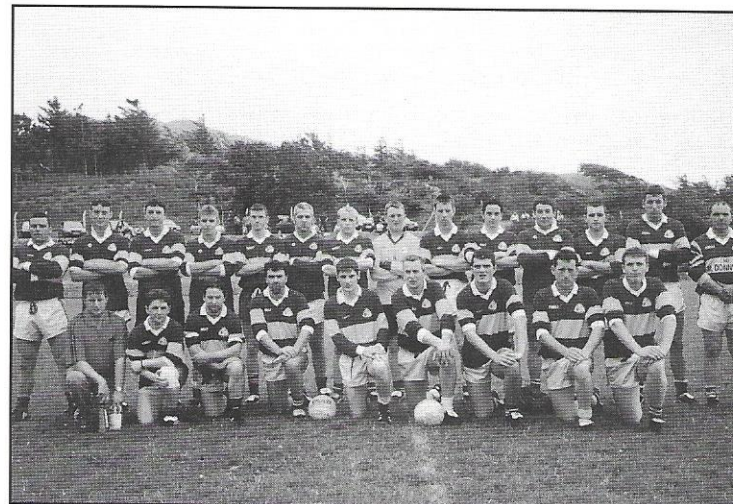
They lost the first round of the Championship after three games, being beaten by Gaioth Dobhair. Under the management of Paddy Carr and James Mc Ginley this team is providing football for some very good young players.



Lads - let's forget the first half

Cill Chartha proved too strong for a Lifford side, Naomh Padraig, in the final of the Junior B Championship played in Ballintra, on Sat. Sept. 9th.

Cill Chartha, with a good mix of youth and experience (auld fellas Neilly and Sean) won their second Junior B title, having last won in 1996 by defeating Ard A' Ratha. Cill Chartha were always in control of this match, thanks to the dominance of Cormac Hughes at centre half-back and the fielding and distribution of their midfielders Niall O' Donnell and Declan Mc Brearty. The experience of Michael Molloy (Sr.) in the forward line ensured that all the younger players got a good supply of the ball. Cill Chartha were in front by seven points at the break. In the second half Naomh Padraig rallied but to no avail and Cill Chartha won easily in the end. The cup was presented to the Cill Chartha captain Declan Mc Brearty by Charlie O' Dónaill, Cisteoir Condae.



Senior Reserve Team

Back Row L/R: Anthony Diver, Gabriel Gillespie, Daniel Gillespie, Ronan Shovlin, James Cunningham, Phelim O'Donnell, Gavin O'Donnell, Glen McBrearty, Ross Brady, Gary Reilly, Dermot Cannon, Gerard McBrearty, Jason Shovlin.  
Front Row L/R: Paddy Carr, John McNulty, Eamon Carr, Gerry Carr, Declan Cannon, Stephen O'Donnell, Peter Hegarty, Aaron Hegarty, Michael McShane, Christopher Carr

### League Results

Round 1	2nd April	Cill Chartha	3-11	Naomh Mhuire	1-03
Round 2	15th April	Ard A' Ratha	1-06	Cill Chartha	0-13
Round 3		Cill Chartha		Aodh Ruaidh	
Round 4	23rd April	Gaoth Dobhair	2-08	Cill Chartha	0-08
Round 5	Free				
Round 6	13th May	Cill Chartha	w/o	Naomh Chonail	
Round 7	7th May	Gleann Fhinne	1-08	Cill Chartha	1-08
Round 8	27th May	Cill Chartha	3-10	Naomh Naille	1-04
Round 9	18th June	Mac Cumhaill	1-13	Cill Chartha	1-09
Round 10	25th June	Cill Chartha	0-08	Four Masters	2-18
Round 11	9th July	N. Columba	1-08	Cill Chartha	1-08
Round 12		Cill Chartha	3-09	Na Cealla Beaga	2-05
Round 13		St. Eunan's	5-10	Cill Chartha	1-06
Round 14	20th May	Cill Chartha	1-02	An Clochan Liath	2-06
Round 15		Na Rossa	0-08	Cill Chartha	4-05

### Senior Reserve Championship

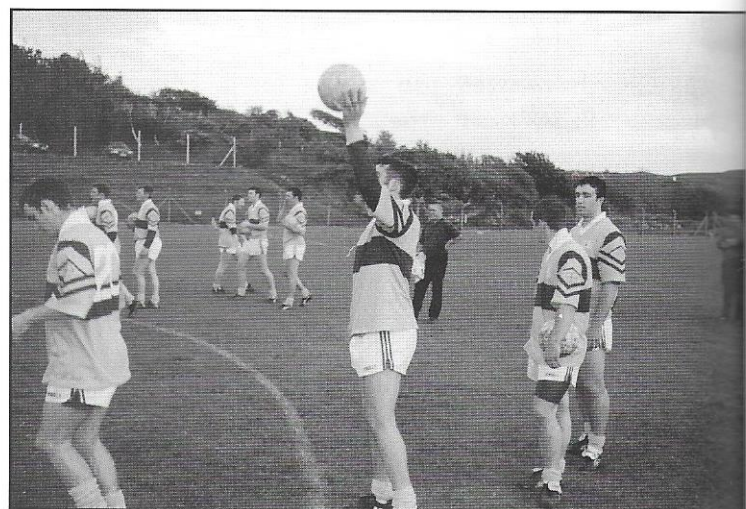
2nd July	1st Round 1st Leg	Cill Chartha	2-10	Gaoth Dobhair	1-08
16th July	1st Round 2nd Leg	Gaoth Dobhair	3-17	Cill Chartha	1-07

**Cill Chartha team 16th July** : Glen Mc Brearty, Ross Brady, Daniel Gillespie, Dermot Cannon, James Cunningham, Gavin O' Donnell, Paddy Carr, Gabriel Gillespie, Pheilim O' Donnell, Christopher Carr, Gerard Mc Brearty, Gary Reilly, Aaron Hegarty, Peter Hegarty. Substitutes: Jason Shovlin for Dermot Cannon, Eamon Cannon for Gary Reilly.

22nd July	1st Round Play-off	Gaoth Dobhair	1-12	Cill Chartha	2-07
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The Senior Team 2000



Training in Tawney

## Seniors

The year commenced very well by winning Craobh Chomortaisí Peile na Gaeltachta na Condae in Tamhnaigh.

The league campaign is one to be forgotten (see a report by Peter Campbell, Cill Chartha v An Clochan Liath in Towney on May 20th - none of our forwards scored !) having won only one league game in Páirc Thamhnaigh and losing out in the first round of the Senior championship to Gaoth Dobhair.

### Senior League Results

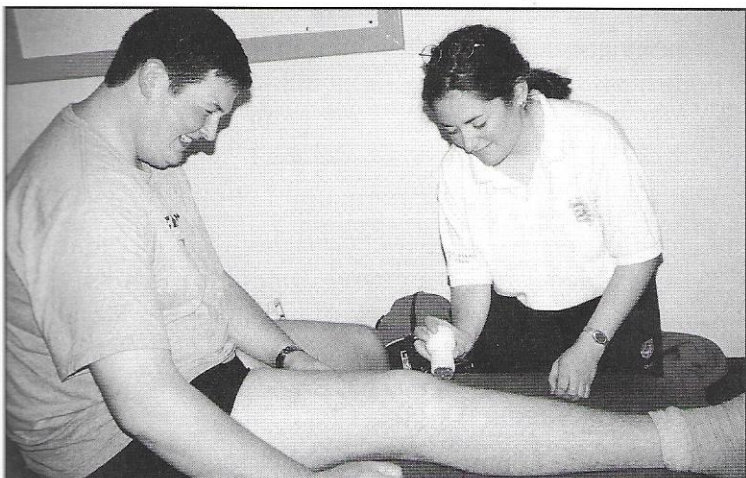
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Round 3	27th Aug	Cill Chartha	0-12	Aodh Ruaidh	1-11
Round 4	23rd April	Gaoth Dobhair	0.05	Cill Chartha	0-09
Round 5	Free				
Round 6	13th May	Cill Chartha	w/o	Naomh Chonail	
Round 7	7th May	Gleann Fhinne	3-05	Cill Chartha	1-12
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Round 10	25th June	Cill Chartha	0-13	Four Masters	0-14
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Round 14	20th May	Cill Chartha	1-02	An Clochan Liath	1-05
Round 15	23rd July	Na Rossa	2-14	Cill Chartha	0-10
Play-off	1st Oct.	Cill Chartha	0-07	Four Masters	1-05
Play-off	8th Oct.	Cill Chartha	0-08	Naomh Mhuire	0-05
Scores:		For	7-127	Against	13-120



Martins last game ?



Christy's Comeback



Smiles of pain !



A manager and his mentors

## A report by Peter Campbell (*Donegal Democrat*) on a League game between Cill Chartha and An Clochan Liath on May 20th 2000 In Towney.

A goal a minute from the end of normal time gave Dungloe the two points in a sub-standard Div. I encounter in Towney.

Conditions were a factor, with a cold wind and rain falling on the slippery surface, but to say that the fare on view was poor would be an understatement. Apart from a few well-taken points from Tony Boyle and an expertly hit penalty by birthday boy, Keith Cunningham, the highlights were few and far between. Cill Chartha, without their scorer in chief, Michael Hegarty, could only manage three scores over the hour (none of the forwards scored). Dungloe probably deserved their victory on the fact that they scored double that amount.

Dungloe were without Raymond Sweeney but they were playing a very poor Cill Chartha side which was without the Mc Hughs, David Cannon, Roger Mc Shane and Michael Hegarty. Dungloe had the much better of the opening half and apart from a Brendan Byrne point in the first minute, Cill Chartha failed to raise a flag in the first half-hour. The only other time that Cill Chartha threatened was when Gerard Mc Brearty pulled on a loose ball five minutes from the break to bring a double save from Danny Gallagher. Tony Boyle, with two points in the first ten minutes and points from Myles Sweeney and Charlie Gallagher, left the score at half-time Cill Chartha 0-01, An Clochan Liath 0-04. Cill Chartha were playing with corner-forward Michael Mc Shane in a sweeping role in front of Tony Boyle and he excelled in that role, while Paddy Gallagher did an excellent policing role on Adrian Sweeney. Indeed Paddy Gallagher had time to roam forward on occasions and five minutes into the second half he got Cill Chartha's second point. The entertainment value was helped a little when the umpire at the bay side disputed a wide ball midway through the half, while a line ball was also the subject of controversy (at this stage it was also discovered that Cill Chartha were supplying both linesmen, something that Dungloe were unaware of for the entire game).

For much of the second half Mark Mc Shane was moved to full forward and although he won plenty of possession, his accuracy was in question. However, his presence threw Cill Chartha a lifeline when he tackled a high lob, which yielded a penalty in the 47th minute. Keith Cunningham stepped forward to drive low to the right corner to put Cill Chartha in front. Cill Chartha held out until three minutes from the end when Tony Boyle turned to level matters from 30 metres. With time running out Dungloe got a lucky break when a high ball broke for substitute Manny Brennan, to run onto

and find the Cill Chartha net.

**Cill Chartha:** Kenneth Kennedy, Seamus Cunningham, Kevin Lyons, Keith Cunningham (1-00), Cornelius Campbell, Patrick Gallagher (0-01), Conor Mc Shane, Brendan Byrne (0-01), Mark Mc Shane, Gerard Mc Brearty, Dara Byrne, Tommy Deane, Michael Mc Shane, David Mc Shane, Declan Gallagher. Substitutes: Gabriel Gillespie for Gerard Mc Brearty.

**An Clochan Liath:** Danny Gallagher, Sean Campbell, Jim Bonner, Pauric Bonner, Sean Sharkey, P.J. O' Donnell, Myles Sweeney (0-01), Cathal Brennan, Charlie Gallagher (0-01), Martin Mc Glynn, Adrian Sweeney, James Boyle, Brendan Mc Gee, Tony Boyle (0-03), John Sweeney. Substitutes: Con O' Donnell for John Sweeney, Manny Brennan (1-00) for Myles Sweeney.

### Play-off games

#### Cill Chartha 0-07 Four Masters 1-05

In the wind and heavy rain, the game was always going to be close, but Cill Chartha were in a very strong position when they turned over at half-time with a four point advantage, despite playing against the elements. The Cill Chartha first half scores came from Martin Mc Hugh 3, Brendan Byrne and Declan Gallagher 1 each.

Four Masters moved Barry Monaghan to midfield at the start of the second half and the Donegal Town side started to dominate. Barry Monaghan scored two points and one each from Ciaran Cassidy and Peadar Espey brought the sides level. The Four Masters corner forward Rory O' Donnell scored a goal to put Four Masters in the driving seat midway through the half. Cill Chartha tried hard to get back into the game but all they could manage was two pointed frees from Michael Hegarty. Cill Chartha did have a chance in the dying seconds but, due to the elements, Michael Hegarty was wide from a 40m free.

#### Cill Chartha:

Kenneth Kennedy, Patrick Gallagher, Kevin Lyons, Seamus Cunningham, Dara Byrne, James Mc Hugh, Keith Cunningham, Michael Hegarty (0-02), Mark Mc Shane, Michael Mc Shane, Martin Mc Hugh (0-03), Gabriel Gillespie, Stephen O' Donnell, Brendan Byrne (0-01), Declan Gallagher (0-01). Substitutes: Cornelius Campbell for Seamus Cunningham, David Cannon for Stephen O' Donnell, Tommy Deane for Michael Mc Shane.

### Four Masters

Sean Durkin, Damien Cassidy, Gareth Britton, Kevin Molloy, Kevin Callaghan, Don Monaghan, Lee Gorman, Paul Hand, Ciaran Cassidy (0-01), Peadar Espey (0-01), Marcus Monaghan, Francis Cassidy, Joel Carr, Barry Monaghan (0-03), Rory O' Donnell (1-00). Substitutes: Vinny Murphy for Barry Dunnion. Ref: Seamus Mc Gonigle (Aodh Ruaidh).

**Cill Chartha**                    **0-08**  
**Naomh Mhuire**                **0-05**

Apart from being a point down after one minute Cill Chartha were always in control against a Naomh Mhuire side who never came to terms with the game. Cill Chartha can thank their veterans especially for their win with Christy Gillespie making a rare appearance at centre-half forward. Christy (38) had a major influence on the game as had his partner Martin Mc Hugh (39) who contributed half of the Cill Chartha's total. Naomh Mhuire had many chances in the first half but their forwards failed to deliver. On the other hand Cill Chartha could easily have killed off the game in the first half but Michael Hegarty and Declan Gallagher failed to take advantage of two gilt-edge goal chances. John Gorman put Naomh Mhuire in front in the opening minute but gradually Cill Chartha took control where it mattered (on the scoreboard) with points from Martin Mc Hugh (two frees) and a Michael Hegarty free at the 16th minute. The underfoot conditions posed problems for both teams and there were just two scores in the second quarter with points by Donal Gillespie, Naomh Mhuire and Michael Hegarty, Cill Chartha. Michael Hegarty pointed again three minutes into the second half with a goal at his mercy. By the 48th minute Cill Chartha were five points clear with points from Martin Mc Hugh (free) and another from play by Michael Hegarty. Naomh Mhuire staged something of a comeback in the last ten minutes with points from a free from Donal Gillespie, and points from play by Declan Mc Glinchey and Paul Gallagher. Cill Chartha had the final say with Martin Mc Hugh pointing a free in the last minute to seal victory.

**Cill Chartha:** Kenneth Kennedy, Patrick Gallagher, Kevin Lyons, Cornelius Campbell, Dara Byrne, James Mc Hugh, Keith Cunningham, Brendan Byrne, Barry Doherty, Tommy Deane, Christy Gillespie, Michael Mc Shane, Declan Gallagher, Martin Mc Hugh (0-04), Michael Hegarty (0-04). Substitutes: Stephen O' Donnell for Tommy Deane.

**Naomh Mhuire:** Eamon Hanlon, Charlie Doherty, Danny Doohan, John Ferry, John Mc Garvey, Brendan Boyle, Declan Mc Glinchey (0-01), Joe Boyle, John

Gorman (0-01), Donal Gillespie (0-02) Patrick Greene, John Gallagher, Timmy Mc Bride, Paul Gallagher (0-01). Substitutes: Packie Gallagher for Patrick Greene, Owen Bonner for Timmy Mc Bride. Ref: Seamus Mc Gonigle (Aodh Ruaidh).

## Senior Championship

2nd July	1st Round 1st Leg	Cill Chartha	1-11
		Gaoth Dobhair	2-12
16th July	1st Round 2nd Leg	Gaoth Dobhair	1-14
		Cill Chartha	0-14

1st Round 1st Leg report by Peter Campbell (*Donegal Democrat*)

## First half display enough for Gaoth Dobhair

A stunning first half forward's display was enough to give Gaoth Dobhair a big advantage in an away first leg victory against Kilcar in Towney on Sunday evening.

The Gaoth Dobhair forward line was on fire in the first half, with James Gallagher particularly fired up with good support from Stephen Cassidy.

Added to this the winners had a midfield dominance which provided plenty of possession and it was a full thirty minutes before Kilcar came to grips with the situation, and by that stage the horse had bolted with Gaoth Dobhair ahead by 2-9 to 0-4 at the break. The margin of eleven points was helped by a fortuitous goal in the 19th minute. A Stephen Cassidy effort for a point dropped into the net but in essence they were probably worth their half-time lead such was the stranglehold they had.

The second half, however, was a different affair as Cill Chartha re-organised and introduced James McHugh. The fact that Cill Chartha actually won the second half by 1-7 to 0-3 doesn't really tell the story of the complete turnaround in fortunes. Cill Chartha had three or four good goal chances which they faded to take which could easily have resulted in the comeback of the day.

The opening minutes saw James Gallagher ( who had three different markers during the first half ) being fouled and his free could have easily been caught but was deflected over the bar by Keith Cunningham. Tommy Deane equalised from a free at the other end, but by the 6th minute James Gallagher (2) and Sean

Diver had opened up a three point gap. A foul off the ball on Barry Doherty gave Michael Hegarty his only point of the half, as Gaoth Dobhair continued to dominate and points flowed from Stephen Cassidy, Brian Mc Bride and James Gallagher again from a free. Manny Gallagher found an opening in the Cill Chartha defence in the 18th minute to set up a goal chance for Ruairi McCool, but he was wide, almost immediately, though the ball was in the Kilcar net - Sean Diver and Cassidy setting up Manny Gallagher to finish. A minute later disaster struck for the home side, a Stephen Cassidy effort for a point deceiving replacement keeper, Stephen Gallagher to leave Gaoth Dobhair 2-7 to 0-2 ahead. The dominance of Gaoth Dobhair at this stage was underlined by Stephen Cassidy blazing wide after a great catch by James Gallagher, and Gallagher himself shot wide from an easy free. Michael Hegarty robbed a defender at the other end to set up Tommy Deane for a point in the 29th minute and two minutes later Tommy Deane had Kilcar's fourth point from a free. However, both scores were cancelled at the other end, Ruairi McCool pointing and Sean Diver winning and converting a free to leave the half-time score: Kilcar 0-4, Gaoth Dobhair 2-9.

## HALF - TIME

James McHugh, suffering from a back injury, was brought into the Kilcar side at half-time and he had an immediate impact pointing after 15 seconds of the new half. Gaoth Dobhair hit back with James Gallagher winning and pointing a free, and Stephen Cassidy had a great score in the 34th minute to open up a twelve point gap. The first of Kilcar's goal chances came in the 36th minute but corner-back Brendan Boyle made a great block to stop Barry Doherty. James McHugh added another Kilcar point before they got a break in the 10th minute - a Michael Hegarty free was fumbled by Gaoth Dobhair keeper, Sean Sweeney, and Barry Doherty was on hand to flick to the net

Two minutes later another goal chance presented itself to Declan Gallagher but he delayed a little too long and his effort came back off an upright. Brendan Boyle was on hand to bravely defend in a crowded goal-mouth and he won a free out. Michael Hegarty converted a free as Kilcar began to dominate possession. Hegarty, now playing up front found himself through on goal in the 47th minute but his effort from an angle was saved for a '45'. From that kick, he had another goal effort blocked by the keeper.

Again a minute later Brendan Byrne found an opening but his weak effort was saved and from the rebound Barry Doherty toe-poked wide.

Michael Hegarty won and pointed a free in the 50th minute to leave just six points between the sides, and

one felt that the gamble of going for goals too early was working against the home side.

After a bad kick out Stephen Cassidy gave Gaoth Dobhair some respite with their final point but Michael Hegarty hit three points at the other end to put a better look on the scoreline. The win away from home was a big boost to the Gaoth Dobhair side. Apart from Gallagher and Cassidy and the excellent Brendan Boyle, Pearse Coyle, Ruairi McCool, Sean Diver and Manny Gallagher played a big part with Kevin Cassidy to the fore in the second half. Kilcar relied too heavily on Michael Hegarty although Mark Mc Shane and Paddy Gallagher tried hard to get Cill Chartha back on track.

**Cill Chartha:** Stephen Gallagher, Seamus Cunningham, Keith Cunningham, Paddy Gallagher, Cornelius Campbell, Kevin Lyons, Connor Mc Shane, Dara Byrne, Mark Mc Shane, Paul Mc Nulty, Michael Hegarty (0-06), Brendan Byrne, Declan Gallagher, Barry Doherty (1-00), Tommy Deane (0-03). Substitutes: James Mc Hugh for Paul Mc Nulty, David Mc Shane for Tommy Deane.

**Gaoth Dobhair:** Sean Sweeney, Joe Duffy, Sean Gallagher, Brendan Boyle, Brian Gallagher, Pearse Coyle, Kevin Cassidy, Michael Mc Cafferty, Ruairi Mac Cumhaill (0-01), Brian Mc Bride (0-01), Manny Gallagher (1-00), Paul Mc Bride, Sean Diver (0-02), James Gallagher (0-05), Stephen Cassidy (1-03). Substitutes: Paul Sweeney for Michael Mc Cafferty, Pdraig Mc Garvey for Sean Diver.

Ist Round 2nd Leg report by Diarmuid Doherty  
(*Donegal Democrat*)

## Gweedore advance to last eight

Just when it seemed that Cill Chartha had taken a grip of this encounter after coming from behind to lead by four points going into the closing stages, 14-man Gaoth Dobhair produced a splendid late rally to book their place in the last eight of the championship. Gaoth Dobhair found themselves 1-07 to 0-14 in arrears with seven minutes left on the watch and Cill Chartha looked all set to gain the win they needed to take this tie to a play-off.

However, roared on by the home support, Gaoth Dobhair produced a late scoring spree, kicking seven points without reply to kill off the Cill Chartha challenge.

The introduction of substitute, Manny Gallagher, midway through the second half certainly made a



difference for Gaoth Dobhair. He hit two points in the closing stages as Cill Chartha's challenge collapsed.

The Gaoth Dobhair display was very impressive given that Ruairi Mac Cumhaill was sent off for an off-the-ball incident involving Brendan Byrne in the 20th minute. Once again the front pairing of James Gallagher and Stephen Cassidy did most damage. They scored 1-10 between them and up to three minutes from time were Gaoth Dobhair's only scorers.

Cill Chartha's cause was not helped by the loss of Mark Mc Shane who was injured in a league game against Naomh Columba on the previous Sunday. Cill Chartha will also point to a penalty that ultimately decided the game. Referee, Paddy Mc Bride, awarded a penalty after ten minutes when he judged that James Gallagher was fouled when challenged by two defenders. James Gallagher made no mistake from the resultant kick, firing a low ball to the corner past Kenneth Kennedy. This goal ensured that Gaoth Dobhair held the upper-hand for the remainder of the half although Cill Chartha stayed in touch with Brendan Byrne leading the way from midfield and Michael Hegarty hitting three first half points. Gaoth Dobhair led at half-time by 1-06 to 0-07.

## Half-time

Michael Hegarty put the teams back on level terms early in the second half with two points. Cill Chartha then took the game by the scruff of the neck and hit four points without reply. The scorers were Tommy Deane, James Mc Hugh, Keith Cunningham and a superb line ball from Michael Hegarty. Gaoth Dobhair's first score of the second half came after 20 minutes when James Gallagher kicked a close in free. Tommy Deane responded with a point to Cill Chartha 0-14 to 1-07 in front with nine minutes left in the game. Gaoth Dobhair scored seven points without reply in the last seven minutes to ensure that they went through to meet their neighbours An Clochan Liath in the quarter final.

Cill Chartha: Kenneth Kennedy, Conner Mc Shane, Seamus Cunningham, Patrick Gallagher, Cornelius Campbell, Kevin Lyons, Keith Cunningham (0-01), Brendan Byrne (0-01), David Mc Shane, Tommy Deane (0-03), David Cannon, Stephen O' Donnell, James Mc Hugh (0-02), Michael Hegarty (0-06), Barry Doherty (0-01). Substitutes. Declan Gallagher, Paul Mc Nulty, Stephen Gallagher, Michael Mc Shane.

## Team Managers Report

When asked to write a report for this book the senior team manager Kevin Lyons submitted the following. They say that you should never start anything on a

Saturday, as it was a Saturday I took the responsibility of managing the Kilcar Senior team for the year 2000. This was just eight weeks before we were due to play our first league game at home to Naomh Mhuire, and it was ironic that the next time we should meet would be our last game of the league in a play-off to stay in Division One.

That was after (in all competitions) 61 training sessions, four retirements, one comeback, four Captains, one sending off, nine wins, nine losses, two draws, one walkover, one game not played, for which we lost the points, six different goalkeepers, 35 players used, hundreds of phone calls, Saturday nights drinking, Throw in the flu, the bug, several hamstrings and ankles, Some arguments, One refusal, dodgy referee decisions and a very patient wife and one gets some idea of what's involved and the time spent.

Saying all that I really enjoyed the experience. As for silverware we won the County Gaeltacht Competition and lost out by two points in the All-Ireland Gaeltacht Final. We were knocked out in the first round of the County Senior Championship, which did not help. But the most disappointing thing to me personally was the fact that we only won one Home League Game all season. There's nothing certain in life as everyone knows and Kilcar staying in Division One cannot be sure unless we work well together on and off the field and I hope that whoever takes over for 2001 can achieve more with the help of the players and officials to keep our supporters happy, after all we are the best supported club in the County. There are too many people to thank for all the help I received all year but just the players, physio's, assistants and club officials to mention a few.

## Mná Chill Chartha

### U-12

In the first year to field a team of this age, this talented group of girls showed commitment and enjoyed their games. Their first game, on April 4th, was against Na Cealla Beaga, which they lost by a scoreline of Cill Chartha 2-04 Na Cealla Beaga 4-08. On 9th of May they played Ballyshannon. In a very good game Ballyshannon won by three points. Score: Cill Chartha 3-06, Aodh Ruaidh 5-03. On May 23rd in front of a good home crowd in Towney they chalked up their first victory against visitors Aodh Ruadh. Score: Cill Chartha 5-06, Aodh Ruaidh 4-06. In the year's games they drew one, lost three and had two walk-overs.

### U-14

They came second in the league and were beaten by St. Eunan's in the Championship.

On May 2nd they defeated Na Cealla Beaga by 5-04 to 1-04.

On May 17th they lost to Ard A' Ratha by 3-02 to 5-06.

On May 23rd they defeated Ard A' Ratha by 4-05 to 4-03.

On May 30th they defeated Na Cealla Beaga by 6-03 to 2-01.

On June 6th they were defeated in the County Semi-final by St. Eunan's with a scoreline Cill Chartha 3-05, St. Eunan's 3-05.

The team was: Donna Byrne, Laura Mc Guire Cpt., Olivia Curren, Caitríona Mc Brearty, Clare Rafferty, Leanne Shovlin, Loretta Breslin, Orla Carr, Noelle Jones, Lisa Byrne, Nicola Cunningham, Laura Carr, Andrea Cunningham, Sinead Mc Nern, Emma Ni Dhonabhain and Niamh Mc Fadden.

### U-16

They enjoyed a very successful year, which ended by defeating Bundoran in the County final in Dunkineely. Captained by Sinead Cunningham this was a great achievement in only their second year in the competition.

On July they defeated Ard A' Ratha by 5-08 to 3-06.

On July 18 they defeated Glenfin by 4-03 to 2-08.

On July 25th they lost to Ard A' Ratha, 4-05 to 6-08.

On August 8th they defeated Glenfin by 5-06 to 4-03.

On August 15th they defeated Glenfin by 6-08 to 4-03 in a Championship play-off.

On Aug. 22nd they defeated Robert Emmets in the County Semi-final by 5-12 to 1-04.

On Aug. 26th they played in the Championship B final.

This game was played in Dunkineely and a large crowd had travelled from Kilcar. In a very close and entertaining final they defeated Bundoran by 4-05 to 4-03. Captained by Sinead Cunningham they played well and were deserving winners. A great credit to a squad who are nearly all under age again next year.

### Senior

The senior ladies had mixed fortunes. They came second in the League and lost out to Merville in the County Championship final.

This year the league was split geographically with a round robin and a play-off for the title. Kilcar, Bundoran, St. Naul's and Glenfin played in the Western section. On April 23rd they beat Bundoran by 3-06 to 3-04.

On May 7th they lost to Glenfin by 2-06 to 4-08.

On May 14th and May 21st St. Naul's failed to field. Two walk-overs.

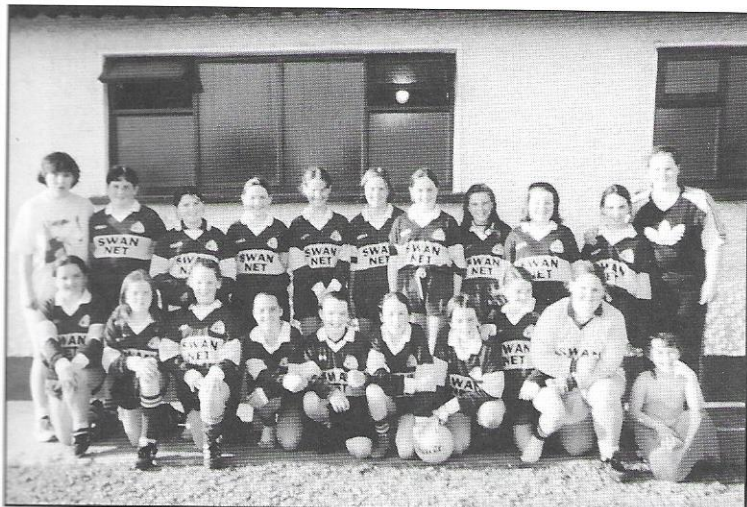
On June 4th they beat Bundoran by 4-06 to 3-07.

In the championship they were drawn against Malin on a home and away basis. They won both legs. In the away match they won by a score of 4-03 to 3-02. At home in Towney they won by 5-08 to 3-02. The County Semi-final was played in Tirconaille Park, Donegal Town on the 20th of August. Kilcar won with a score of 4-12 to 3-08. In the county final they played Merville in O' Donnell Park, Letterkenny on Sunday 27th of August. Kilcar played extremely well in the first half and had a slender lead at half-time. In the second half Merville proved the stronger team and killed off Kilcar's challenge with some fine goals. This young Kilcar team have much potential and providing that they stay together they will have their day in the sun. The final score was Kilcar 2-05, Merville 4-08.

The team travelled to Dublin in October and participated in the All Ireland 7-a-side tournament. They played six games in the first round but failed to qualify for the finals. However, they all enjoyed the experience.

Emma Ní Dhónaill, having gone to France in March, was a big loss to the senior team in 2000. She did bring her boots to Paris and practised her gaelic skills with other ladies (and boys) and played with Paris Gaels while there. She attended a Ladies' football weekend camp in Brussels and was selected for the European team. In September she played for the European team in an International Competition which was held in Dublin. Well done Emma.

# Ná Mná



U-12 2000

Caroline Ni Bhradaigh (M), Olivia Doogan, Emmer Doherty,  
Niamh McFadden, Emma Donovan, Grainne Boyle, Olivia Curran,  
Joanne Curran, Fiona O'Donnell



Cill Chartha Seniors 7-a-side 31st Oct 2000

Mary Breslin, Orla Carr, Irene Campbell, Sharon White,  
Donna Byrne, Shaunna Ni Bhradaigh, Andy Doherty (M)  
Front Row L/R: Yvonne Boyle, Caroline Ni Bhradaigh,  
Emma Ni Dhónaill, Patrice McHugh, Orla Ó Gara



Béidh lá eile



Ladies Seniors: Yvonne Boyle, Jacinta McBrearty, Noreen Cunningham,  
Patrice McHugh, Threasa Gavigan, Majella O'Donnell, Sinead Cunningham  
Donna Byrne, Sharon White, Orla Carr, Andy Doherty (M)  
Front Row L/R: Fiona MacBrearty, Mary Breslin, Noreen McLaughlin,  
Irene Campbell, Caroline Ni Bhradaigh, Marina McGuinness, Maureen Carr  
Glenda Dolan, Orla Ó Gara, Donna Burn



Under 16 Girls



**U16 Co. Final 2000**

Noelle Jones, Majella O'Donnell, Fiona McBrearty, Glenda Dolan,  
 Irene Campbell, Orla Carr, Sinead Cunningham, Emma MacSweeney,  
 Donna McGuire, Orla O'Gara, Leanne Shovlin  
 Front Row L/R: Lisa Byrne, Clare Rafferty, Donna Byrne, Laura McGuire,  
 Andrea Cunningham, Caitriona McBrearty, Denise Mac Sweeney, Laura Carr



**Laura Mac Guire**  
 Player of the match U-16 Co. Final



**Sinead Cunningham with Anne McKenna**  
 Sec. Ladies Co. Board



**U-16 Co. Final Day**  
 Glenda Dolan, Sinead Cunningham, Majella O'Donnell, Emma MacSweeney, Orla Ó Gara

# Comortaisi Péile na Gaeltachta 2000. Dhun na nGall

Bhí an buaidh ag Cill Chartha do'n darna bliain as a cheile nuair a fuair siad an laimh in uachtar ar Ard A' Ratha, ins an comórtas Sinsir, i bPáirc Thamhnaigh, ar an Luan Bealtaine. D'éirigh leis Na Dúnaibh ins an Craobh Soisear agus le Naomh Chonaill ins an chomórtas faoi-15.

## Torthai na cluichí leath-cheannais

Sinsir Cill Chartha 2-10 Na Rossa 0-06  
Ard A' Ratha 0-10 Cloich Ceann Fhaola 0-08

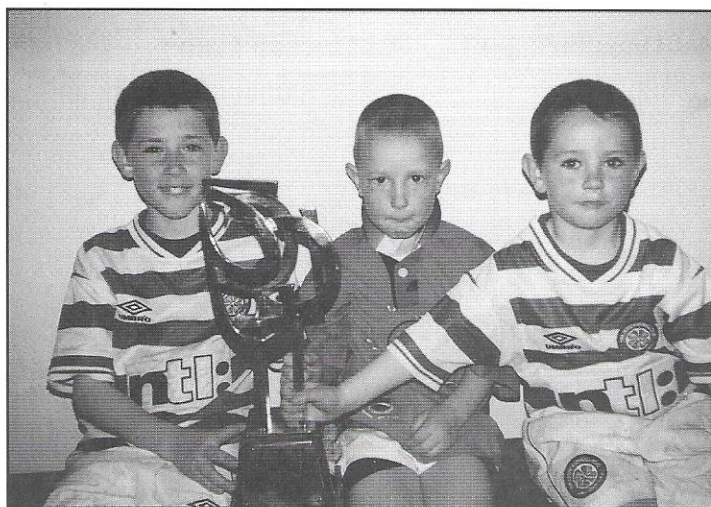
Soisear An Clochan Liath 2-09 Cill Chartha 0-08  
Na Dunaibh 1-14 Naomh Columba 0-07

## An Cluife Ceannais Sinsir

### Cill Chartha 0-11 Ard A' Ratha 0-09

Bá é Mícheal O' hEigearthaigh laoch Chill Chartha, 6 pointe as an aon cheann déag a scóráil Cill Chartha in an cluiche so. Bá e Ard A' Ratha an foireann ab fhearr ins na céad bomaití. Bhí 4 phoinnte scóráilte acu agus gan ach ocht bomaithe caite, Conor O' Domhnaill, Mícheál O' Dochartaigh agus péire ó Jonathan O' Baoill, gan aon scor ón foireann baile. D'éirigh le Mícheal O' hEigearthaigh, Barra O' Dochartaigh agus Tomás O' Deaghanaigh pointe a fhail do Cill Chartha, rud a d'fág an scor ag 0-04 go 0-03 taréis 18 bomaite. Fuair Jonathan O' Baoill pointe eile do Ard A' Ratha taréis 2 bhomaite ach fuair Cill Chartha 4 phoinnte idir sin agus an briseadh, péire an duine ó Mícheál O' hEigearthaigh agus Tomas O' Deaghanaigh D'fhág sin an scór ag leath-am, Cill Chartha 0-07, Ard A' Ratha 0-05. Cuireadh Brendan O' Baoill den pháirc ag tús an dara leath agus fuair Mícheál O' hEigearthaigh pointe eile do Chill Chartha. Ní raibh Ard A' Ratha buailte go foill agus scorail siad dhá phoinnte, ó Mícheál O' Dochartaigh agus Maitiú De Faoithe. Ins na bomaithe deire fuair Mícheál O' hEigearthaigh, Cill Chartha agus Peadar Mac Aoidh, Ard A' Ratha, pointe ach fuair Micheal pointe eile le deire a chur leis an cluiche. Bhí seans ag Ard A' Ratha cúl a fhail ins an bomaithe deire ach rinne Daithí Mac Seáin an-sabhail ins na cúil agus bhí an bua ag an foireann baile.

**Cill Chartha :** Cionnaith O' Cinnéide, Pádraig O' Gallachoir, Ciarán O' Cuinneagain, Séamus O' Cuinneagain, Dara O' Beirn, Caoimhin O' Laidhin, Niall O' Coilin, Marc Mac Seáin, Brendan O' Beirn, Tomas O' Deaghanaigh (0-03), Daithi O' Canainn, Cionnaith O' Cuinneagain, Declan O' Gallachoir, Barra O' Dochartaigh (0-01), Mícheál O' hEigearthaigh (0-07). Fir ionad : Daithí Mac Seáin, Séamus Mac Aoidh agus Ruairí Mac Seáin.



Mark, Eoin agus Ryan MacAoidh

**Ard A' Ratha :** Conor O' Currain, Seán De Faoithe, Eamon O' Dochartaigh, Seosamh O' Dochartaigh, Pádraig Mac Aoidh, Mairtín Mac Seáin, Darren Mac Guibhir, Breandan O' Baoill, Conor O' Dómhnaill (0-01), Peadar Mac Aoidh (0-01), Aodh O' Breanain, Maitiú De Faoithe (0-01), Jonathan O' Baoill (0-04), Don Early, Micheal O' Dochartaigh (0-02). Fir ionad : Séamus O' Breanáin, Pádraig O' Gállachoir. Reiteoir : Connie O' Gara.



Paidi Beag agus Declan

## An Cluiche Ceannais Soisear.

**Na Dúnaibh 1-13 An Clochan Liath 1-05.**

Is fada an lá é o 1981, sin é an tam deire a bhain Na Dúnaibh Craobh Soisear Dhún na nGall. Ag imirt leis an ghaoth ins an chead leath bhí 6 pointe ag Na Dúnaibh ag leath ama agus gan scor ar bith ag An Clochán Liath. Déirigh níos fearr leis An Clochán Liath ins an darna leath agus bhí 1-02 scorailte acu agus gan ach ceithre bomaithé imithe ins an darna leath. Tareis 38 bomaithé ní raibh eadar na foirne ach 2 phoinnte ach idir sin agus deire an chluiche scóráil Na Dúnaibh 1-4 agus bhí an lá leo.

## An Craobh Faoi - 15

**Naomh Chonaill 5-07 Gaoth Dobhair 0-11**

Ba é Conal Mac Niallais laoch an cluiche so, ag scóráil 3-03 do Naomh Chonaill. Ag leath ama ba é an scór nó Naomh Chonaill 3-04 Gaoth Dobhair 0-02. Cé gur imir Gaoth Dobhair ní bfhearr sa darna leath ní raibh siad abalta na cúil a fhail agus déirigh le Naomh Chonaill dha cúl eile a fhail agus an craobh faoi-15 a thógail leo.

## Na Comórtaisí Náisiúnta i Cill tSéadhna 2-5 Meitheamh 2000

“anois teacht an earraigh beidh an lá dul chun síneadh,  
Is tar éis na Féile Brídhe ardóidh mé mo sheol;  
O chuir mé i mo cheann é ní stopfaidh mé choíche  
Go seasfaidh mé thíos i lár Chondae Maigh Eo”

### An Cómortas Sinsir

Cill Chartha	1-10	An Spidéal	1-09
Cill Chartha	2-09	Lios Pól	0-05
Cill Chartha	0-10	Naomh Abán	2-06

### An Cluife Ceannais Sinsir

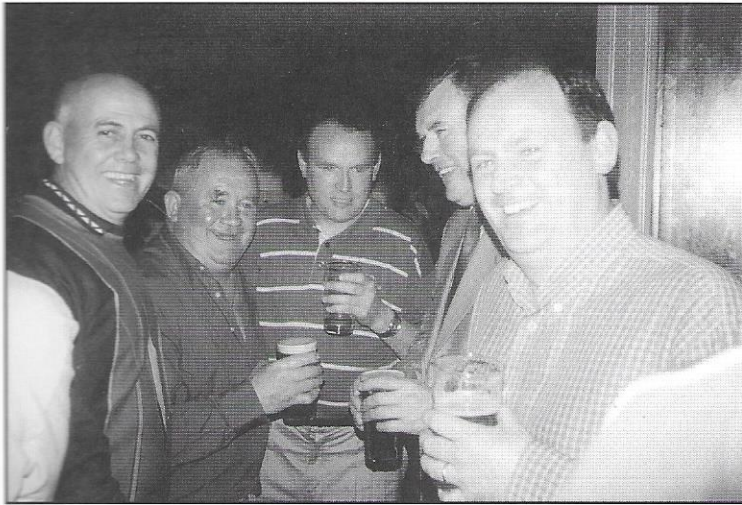
Cill Chartha 0-10 Naomh Abán (Corcaigh) 2-06  
Dhá chul, ceann i gach leath den chluiche a d'fhag an Craobh an an turas fada ó dheas chuig Baile Mhuirne, Co. Corcaigh.

Is cinnte nach raibh muintir Chill Chartha sásta leis an réiteoir nuair a scóráil Justin O' Tuama an chead cúl mar go raibh sé istigh ins an chearnóg nuair a chur sé a láimh le cic ard a tháinig isteach. Bhí Cill Chartha ag imirt in éadan na gaoithe ins an chead leath, gan an imreoir Condae Mícheál O' hEigearthaigh agus ní raibh ag éirí ró mhaith leo. Fuar Naomh Abán an chead dha

phoinnte ach fuair Séamus Mac Aoidh péire pointe a chothromaí an cluiche taréis aon bhomaithé dhéag. Bhuail tubaiste Chill Chartha ar an 14 bomaithé nuair a fuair Naomh Abán a céad cúl. Thainig Mícheál O' hEigearthaigh ar an pháirc tareis 22 bomaithé ach fuair Naomh Abán pointe eile laithreach. Fuar Naomh Abán pointe eile agus scóráil Mícheál O' hEigearthaigh do Chill Chartha roimh an briseadh. Ba é an scor ansin nó Naomh Abán 1-04 Cill Chartha 0-03. Bhí pointe eile ag Naomh Abán taobh istigh de bhomaithé agus tharla an darna tubaiste do Chill Chartha. Cic ard isteach sa chearnóg, bhuail Dónal O' Croinín, Naomh Abán, é lena dhorn agus bhaigh i ins an eangach. Ach taréis pointí ó Declan O' Gallachóir, Mícheál O' hEigearthaigh, Marc Mac Seain agus Mícheál O' hEigearthaigh arís, bhí Cill Chartha i bfoisceart 4 phoinnte do Bhaile Mhuirne agus 45 bomaithé imithe. Fuar Declan O' Gallachóir agus Mícheál O' hEigearthaigh pointe do Chill Chartha Scóráil Micheal O' Croinín pointe do Naomh Abán ach fuair Marc Mac Seáin pointe do Chill Chartha le dha phoinnte a fhagail idir na foirne agus gan fágtha ach 9 mbomaithé. Fuar Mícheál O' hEigearthaigh pointe ins an bomaithé deire ach cuireadh ar ceall é mar gur mheas an réiteoir gur thóg sé coiscéim no dhó sa bhreis. Níor aontaigh lucht leanta Chill Chartha le so agus bhí an cluiche thart. Cuireadh Eoghain O' Scanáil, Naomh Abán, den pháirc roimh deire an cluiche.

**Cill Chartha:** Cionnaith O' Cinnéide, Dara O' Beirn, Séamus O' Cuinneagain, Caoimhin O' Laidhin, Daithí O' Canainn, Pádraig O' Gallachóir, Cionnaith O' Cuinneagain, Brendan O' Beirn, Daithí Mac Seáin, Marc Mac Seain (0-02), Ruairi Mac Seáin, Tomas O' Deaghanaigh, Declan O' Gallachóir 0-01, Barra O' Dochartaigh, Seamus Mac Aoidh 0-02. Fir ionad (22 bomaithé) Micheal O' hEigearthaigh do Barra O' Dochartaigh, Mairtin Mac Aoidh (leath ama) do Tomas O' Deaghanaigh.

# Comortas Péile na Gaeltachta



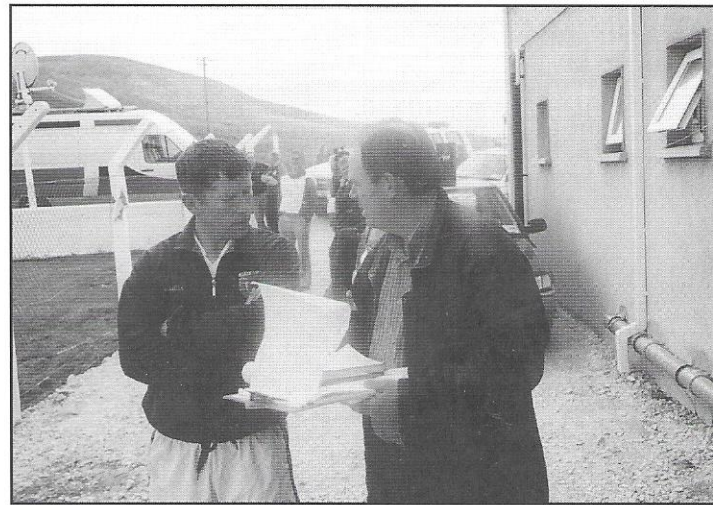
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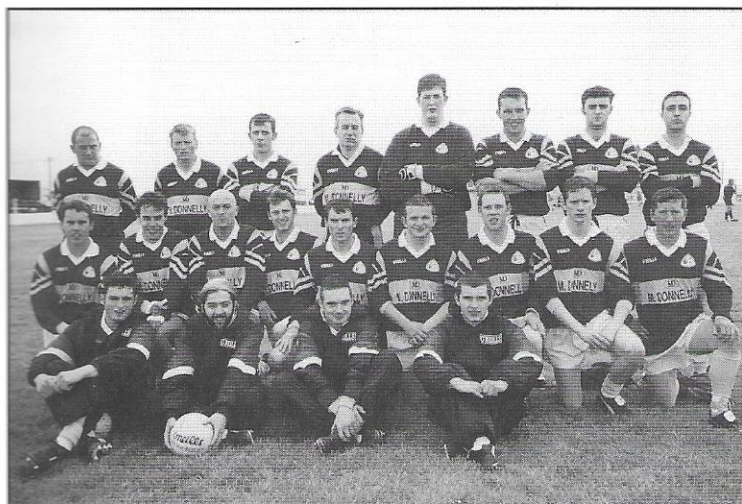
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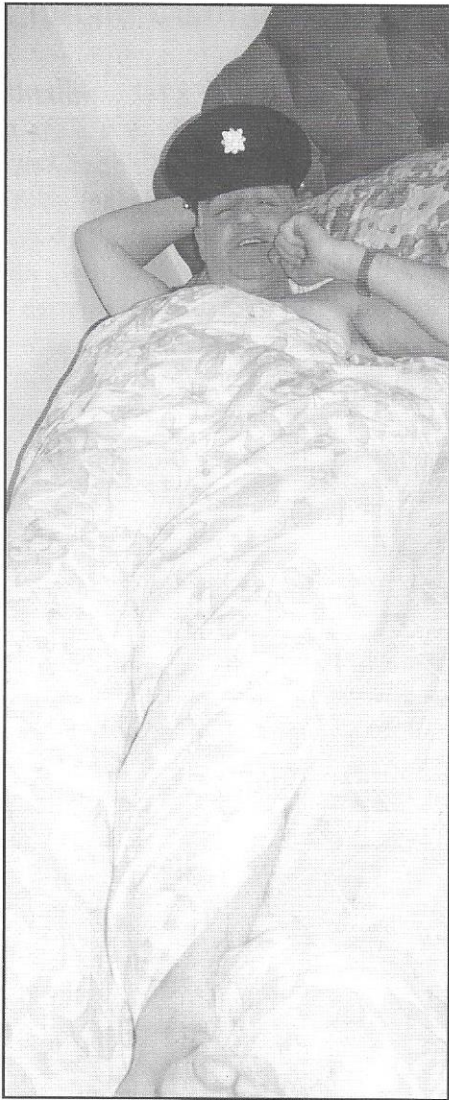
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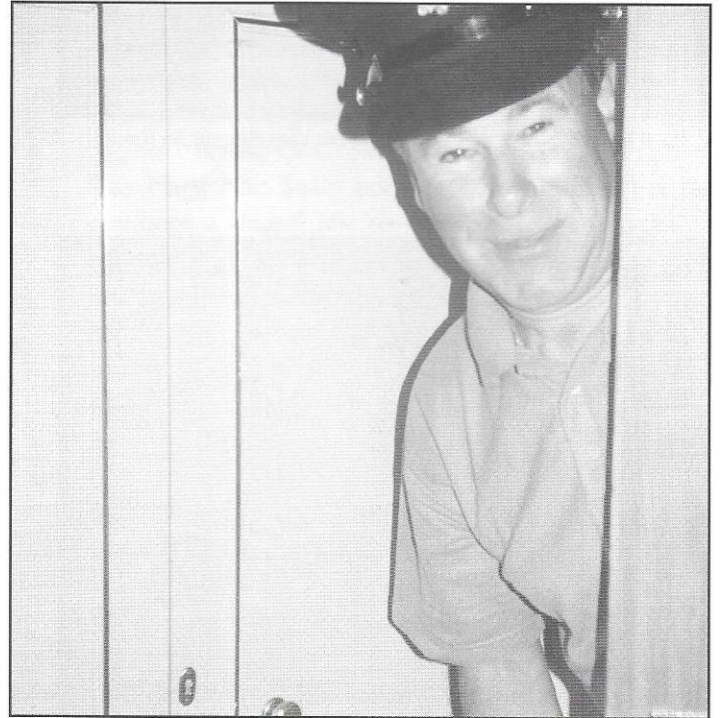
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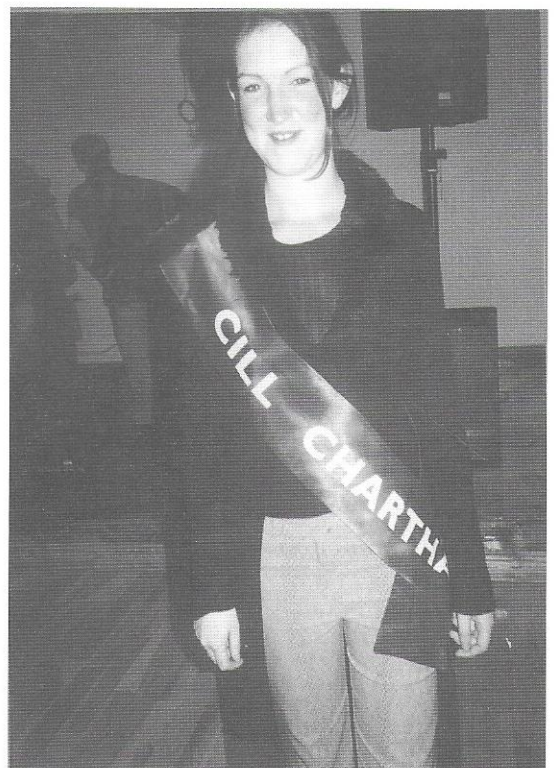
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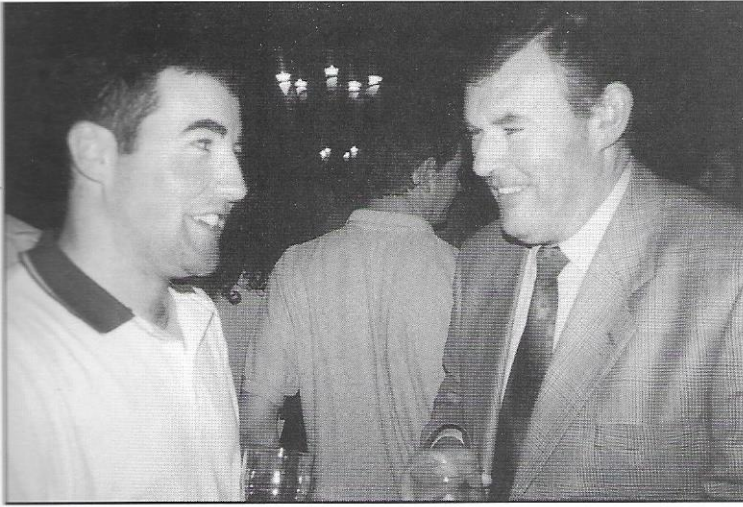


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An Cailín Gaelach





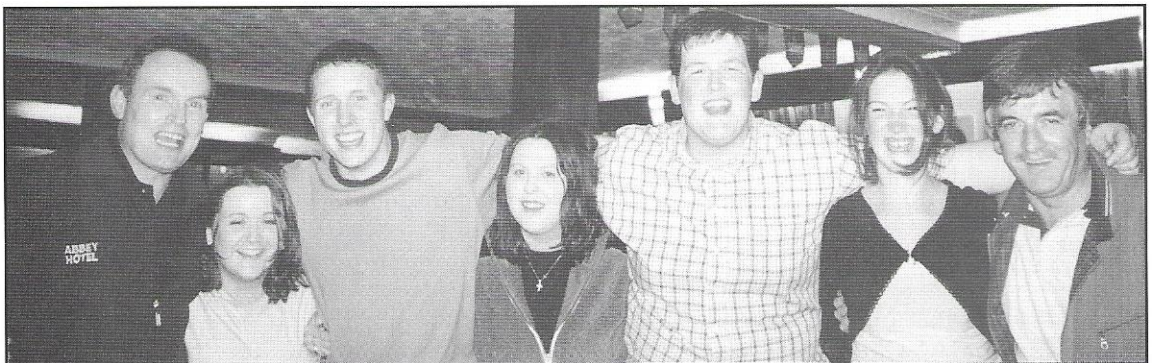
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# GAIRM SCOIL NA CARRAIGE

The school year 1999/2000 was a most successful one as both the U-16a and the U-18A won their respective County Championships - a unique double. The school also took part in the U-16a competition.

## The Senior Campaign (U-18s)

The senior team began their campaign against Killybegs in Tamhnaigh and after the usual tense struggle between these local rivals the game ended in a draw. The Carrick team felt hard done by as a point was disallowed after the umpire had abandoned his post. The final score was Carrick V.S. 0-11, Killybegs V.S. 1-08.

The second game was played in Tir Conaill Park, Donegal Town against The Abbey V. S. Donegal. The omens were not good as the bus broke down on the way to the match but when they eventually got there they played out of their skins to win by five points. The final score was Carrick V.S. 2-11, The Abbey V.S. 1-09. Killybegs having also defeated The Abbey forced a play-off with Carrick in order to decide who would qualify for the county semi-final. This game was played in Ard A' Ratha. Killybegs had a great start and scored six points without reply. At this stage Mr. Whelan threw in the towel and headed in-through. This seemed to inspire the Carrick lads and they turned the game around with some wonderful points to win in the end two points. The final score was Carrick V.S. 0-19, Killybegs V.S. 4-05.

The semi-final was played in Dunkineely on 13th of December 1999. Glenties Comprehensive School provided the opposition. The first half was closely contested but Carrick pulled away in the second half to win easily. The final score was Carrick V.S. 3-13, Glenties Com. 1-08.

Due to examinations Carrick were unable to play the final before Christmas. Carndonagh, the other finalists, were anxious to play and felt that Carrick were trying to pull a fast one. The game was eventually played on March 31st 2000 in Convoy. Carrick, with an enrolment of less than three hundred, faced the might of Carndonagh who have an enrolment in excess of one thousand five hundred. After a nervous start Carrick settled well and ran out easy winners. The final score was Carrick V.S. 1-13, Carndonagh V.S. 1-03. The panel for the final was : Ciaran Bonner; Alan Burke; Ciaran Cunningham; Martin Curren; Alan Doherty; Declan McCloskey; Brian McIntyre; Gerard McIntyre; Marc McShane; Michael Molloy; Kevin Byrne; Jordan Oliver; Ronan Shovlin (all 5th year); Damien McBrearty; Gavin McGinley; Michael McGuire; Jonathan Ward (all 4th year) Aiden Gillespie; James Hegarty; Gary Kennedy; Kieran Oliver and Francis Gillespie.

Prior to the final on March 31st 2000 Carrick played Ballygawley, coached by Pascal Canavan, in the Ulster Vocational championship, at Aughabrack. Donegal teams in general have little success in Ulster as the six

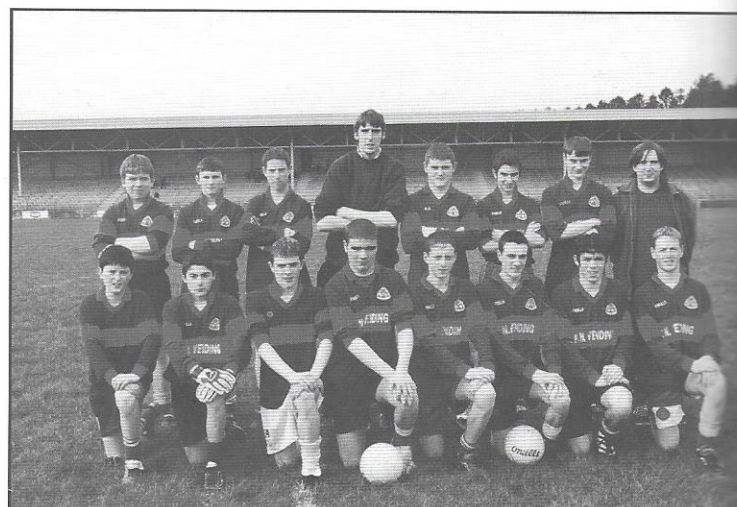


Senior Team 1999/2000 County Champions  
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 Front Row L/R: K. Bonner, D. McBrearty, G. Kennedy, K. Cunningham, A. Burke, D. McCloskey, M. Curran

county teams are usually older. All of the Carrick team except one, would be eligible to play in the following year's competition. In a very good game they played very well, were unlucky to concede two goals and were defeated by four points. The final score was Carrick V.S. 0-05, Ballygawley 2-03.

## The U-16's.

The year commenced with a victory in Tamhnaigh against Killybegs V.S. The final score was Carrick V.S. 2-10, Killybegs 1-05.



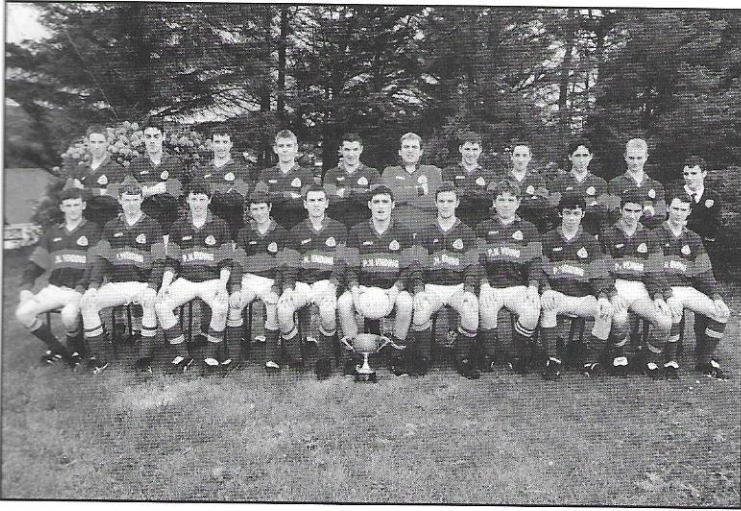
County U-16 Champions 1999/2000  
 Back Row L/R: A. Gillespie, D. McBrearty, J. Ward, M. Doherty, D. O'Donnell, J. Hegarty, M. Boyle, (Chris Smith)  
 Front Row L/R: N. Hegarty, D. Cannon, S. Shovlin, G. McGinley, C. Cunningham, K. Oliver, G. Kennedy, P. Curran

In the second game they defeated The Abbey V.S. by two points. 2-08 to 1-09.

In the semi-final they met Carndonagh V.S. and having played extremely well won by five points.

The final score was Carrick V.S. 2-11, Carndonagh 3-03. In the final, played in Ballybofey, they met Falcarragh Community School who were the hot favourites with several star players. Chris Smith had the Carrick lads well prepared as he was determined to get one over his old Alma Mater. Play in the first was end to end stuff with both teams scoring some excellent points. One point separated the teams at half-time with Carrick holding the advantage. Early in the second half Carrick were reduced to fourteen players as their centre half-back was sent off. This dismissal put a lot of extra pressure on the other backs but they rose to the occasion and held on to their half-time advantage to win by one point, a sweet victory.

In the Ulster Schools Competition they were defeated by five points by Crossmaglen.



County U-16 Champions 1998/1999

Back Row L/R: J. Ward, A. Burke, G. Carr, R. Shovlin, M. McGuire, F. Gillespie, K. Cunningham, R. O'Byrne, M. McShane, J. Mockler, H. O'Gara  
 Front Row L/R: D. McBrearty, G. McIntyre, B. McIntyre, D. McCloskey, G. Kennedy, B. Doherty, K. Bonner, A. Gillespie, G. Kennedy, J. Hegarty, J. Cunningham

The U-16 panel for the final was: Gerard Mc Intyre (5th year); Fergal Campbell; Michael Doherty, Damien Mc Brearty, Gavin Mc Ginley, Jonathan Ward (4th year); Martin Boyle, Patrick Cunnea, Conor Cunningham, Aiden Gillespie, James Hegarty, Stephen Hegarty, Kieran Mc Brearty, Damien O' Donnell, (3rd year); Noel Hegarty, Pauric O' Donnell, Kieran Oliver, Stephen Shovlin.

The U-14's defeated Killybegs V.S. but lost narrowly to The Abbey V.S. and therefore did not qualify for the County semi-final. The U-14 panel was: James Boyle; Gary Byrne; Kenneth Byrne; Declan Carr; Luke Carr; Oisín Clancy; Michael Curran; Derek Gillespie; Gerard Hardy; Christopher Harkin; Declan Harkin; Noel Hegarty; Noel Kennedy; Eamon McGinley; Hugh

McGuire; Jason McGuire; David Ó Donnell; Patrick Ó Donnell; Pauric Ó Donnell; Philip Ó Donnell; Fergal Ó Gara; Mark Sweeney; Pauric Sweeney; Damien Ward.

### School Year 2000/2001

The senior team (U-18) played four games in the first term. Even though the panel lost 14 players from the previous year the team played very well defeating Rosses Community School (Dungloe) by 4-06 to 0-07. Gweedore P.S. were the victors in Towney by three points, final score 3-07 to 1-10.

In a close encounter in their third game against Glenties Carrick again were victorious, final score 3-08 to 2-10. In the final group game Carrick defeated Killybegs in Fintra on a very stormy day, final score 2-13 to 1-15. The County semi-final was played in Mulladuff and a very strong Falcarragh team, strongly tipped to go all the way, was the opposition. Carrick led at half-time by four points but were eventually beaten by the same margin.

### Senior Panel 2000/2001

Diarmaid Byrne; Fergal Campbell; Donal Cannon; John Cunningham; Barry Doherty; Francis Gillespie; Damien Mc Brearty; Gavin McGinley; Kieran McHugh; Jonathan Ward; Martin Boyle; Patrick Cunnea; Connor Cunningham; Aiden Gillespie; James Hegarty; Stephen Hegarty; Gary Kennedy; Kieran Mc Brearty; Damien O Donnell; Pauric Ó Donnell; Kieran Oliver; Stephen Shovlin.

### Under-14 B

The U-14 have begun their campaign after a narrow defeat by Ballinamore in one of the highest games ever played in Towney.

Final Score: Ballinamore 8-02, Carrick 2-19  
 The young lads pulled their socks up after that and had easy victories over Bundoran and Stranorlar. They have qualified for the county semi-final.

### Under-14 2000/2001

Liam Boyle; Gary Byrne; Declan Callaghan; Luke Carr; Oisín Clancy; Kevin Cunningham; Eunan Gillespie; Declan Harkin; Rory Jones; Alan Kennedy; Michael Kennedy; Jonathan Mc Brearty; Oisín Mc Fadden; Barry McGinley; Darren McGinley; Eamon Mc Ginley; Jason McGuire; John McHugh; David Ó Donnell; Patrick Ó Donnell; Conor Ó Gara; Declan Sweeney; Mark Sweeney; Pauric Sweeney.

Finally it should be pointed that the U-16A Championship was won by Carrick in 1998/99 defeating Falcarragh C.S. in the final. See photograph of that Panel.

# TÍR CHONAILL GAELS

## Tír Chonail Gaels

The year 2000 saw C.L.G Tír Chonail Gaels become the first British club to own their clubhouse and grounds outright, which was followed by continued achievement on the pitch. The Gaels secured the lease to Ealing Rugby club for 15 years and with the help of a few building contractors with strong Gaels links, the clubhouse was completely revamped.

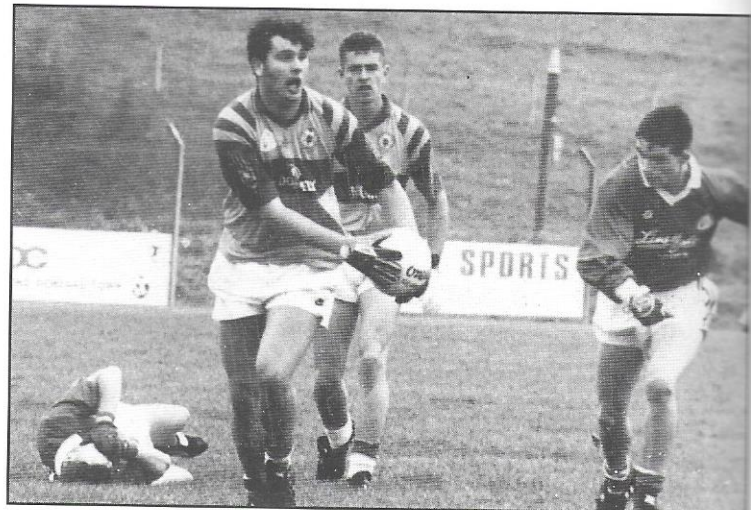
The AGM, which was held in a half-built clubhouse, found many of the committee members discover that their job descriptions were drastically amended. The roles of President, Francie O' Donnell; Secretary, James Mc Fadden, Towney and Manager Maurice Carr, Largymore, now included the physical transformation of a rugby club into a Tír Chonail Bar. The bar was opened in June 2000 and 200 members, supporters and players, past and present, celebrated the club's achievement. Two extra committees were set up to deal separately with the running of the bar and the pitches. The grounds include three professionally drained pitches, floodlights and a car park. The club have also drawn up plans for Britain's first under age pitch, now that the U 10's, U 12's U14's and U 16's under Danny Tully, Dunkineely, and Denis O' Leary now dominate the London scene.

Maurice Carr stressed that the club's increased profile off the pitch would be worthless without senior team success. The aim for the Gaels seniors, for 2000, was to reach and win an All Ireland quarter-final. They have battled strongly without success in recent years at the

The Gaels' dominance in London is perhaps best shown by the achievements of Largymore brothers Maurice and Michael Carr. This year's County Championship win over Kingdom-Kerry Gaels was Michael's seventh as a player while it was Maurice's sixth and also his first as player-manager.

The year began with success in the Birmingham 9-a-side tournament, which secured an invitation to the Kilmacud 7-a-side tournament in Dublin on the All Ireland weekend in September. This trophy was the first one to be brought back to the Tír Chonail bar, which had opened two weeks previously. The Kilmacud trip was organised by Stephen O' Byrne, Doonin, who was sidelined all year with a back injury.

The winning of the London title (see separate report) was followed by the British Championship campaign where Tír Chonail Gaels defeated a tough Yorkshire



Stephen O' Byrne

side, Hugh O' Neil's in the semi-final. In the final the Gaels defeated the strongest team outside London, Sean Mc Dermott's of Birmingham. Maurice Carr's large squad was fully utilised in the final due to injuries to key players. This was Michael Carr's best game of the year. He moved to full back and was outstanding. Nemo Rangers visited London for the All Ireland quarter-final in December and the game went ahead despite atrocious playing conditions. Nemo Rangers were fortunate to get two goals, one in each half, which secured the match for them. The Gaels fought hard and were within two points of Nemo with only five minutes remaining. However Nemo rallied and won with a score of Nemo 2-07, Tír Conail Gaels 0-06.

Tír Chonail Gaels are proud that Paddy Burke (Frosses), one of the Gaels most popular clubmen has been honoured by Coiste Condae Dhún na nGall, in January 2001, for his work in the overseas development



Michael, John, Maurice & James

quarter-final stages against Crossmaglen, Castlehaven and Knockmore and Lavey on two occasions in the early 90's. The Gaels' ever-present supporter, Kilcar's Tony Byrne, will no doubt recall them all. The pressure was on London's Team of the 90's to carry that reputation into the new Millennium.

of Cumann Luthcleas Gael over the last three decades. Finally, with the semi-finals of the League, Conway and Tipperary cups still to play, the year is certainly not over and a domestic clean sweep is a possibility. The trophy cabinet at Páirc Thir Chonaill awaits them all.

## Tír Chonaill Gaels take London Championship title 2000

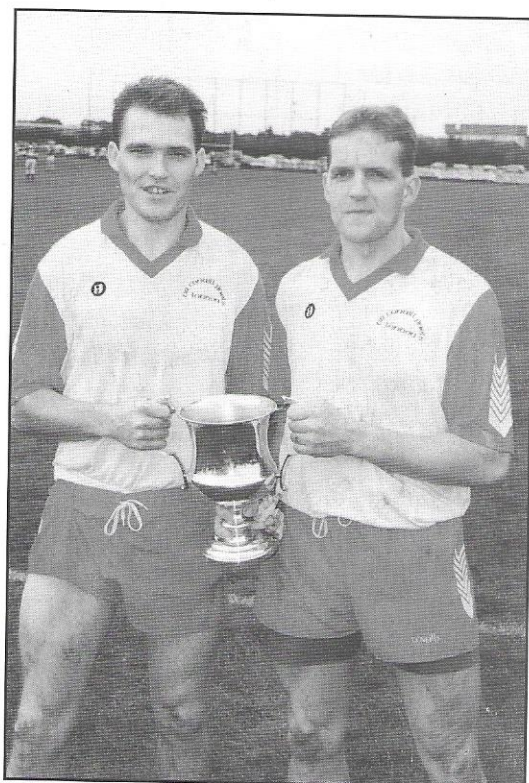
Tír Chonaill Gaels      0-13  
Kingdom                    0-07

An excellent second-half performance saw the team of the 90's Tír Chonaill Gaels, secure their first championship of the new millennium at Ruislip. Despite trailing by 0-05 to 0-01 after 25 minutes, the Gaels were level at the break thanks to veterans Timmy Connolly, Tommy Maguire and Stevie Mc Laughlin. Tír Chonaill Gaels assumed control in the second half with scores from Tommy Maguire (0-05) and Damien Gillespie (0-03).

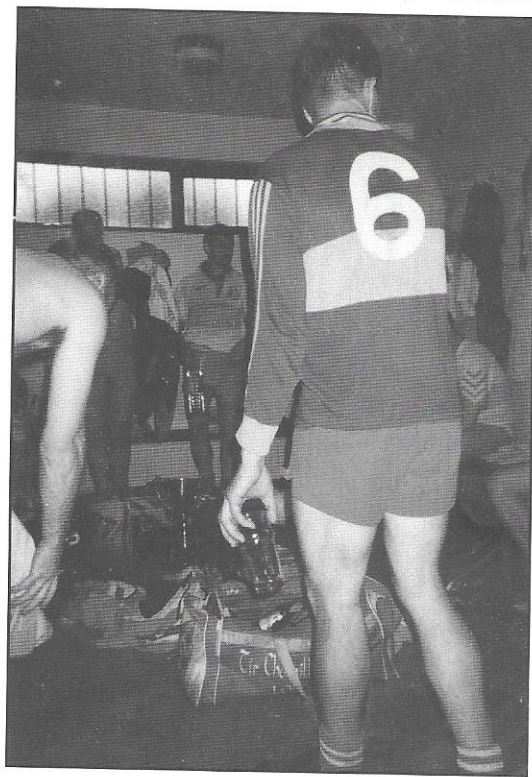
With the forwards finding the range, and the Gaels' defence restricting the Kerry men to just two second-half points, the Donegal exiles were six points clear at the final whistle.

**This win was especially sweet for the Carr brothers Michael and Maurice from Kilcar. This was Michael's seventh as a player and Maurice's first as player manager.** The other Donegal interest was provided by Naomh Columba's Paul Hegarty and Ballybofey's Damien Gillespie, both of whom played a prominent role in the forward line.

**Tír Chonaill Gaels.** Don Kelly (Derry), **Michael Carr (Kilcar)** Dermot Gordon (Wicklow), Michael Donohoe (Roscommon), Barry Delargy (London), Pat Dooher (Mayo), Maurice Somers (Down), Barry Mc Donagh (0-01) (Fermanagh), Bosco Lyons (Tyrone), Paul Hegarty (N. Columba), Timmy Connolly (0-01) (Antrim), Paul Goggins (Roscommon), Damien Gillespie (0-03) (Ballybofey), Stevie Mc Laughlin (0-02) (Antrim), Tommy Maguire (0-05) (Fermanagh), Substitutes. Terry Mc Givern (0-01) (Down).



Michael & Maurice Carr



Now we know where the Jersey went to

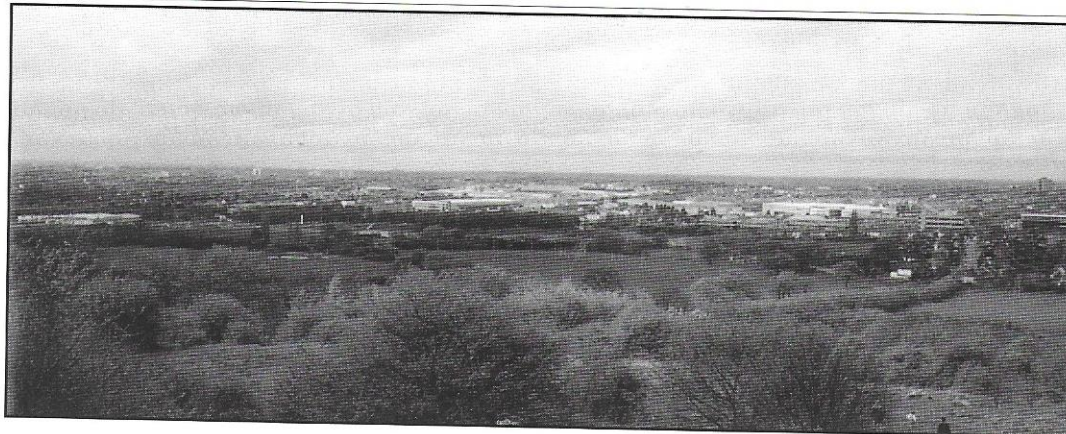
**Nemo get the breaks when it matters**

Nemo Rangers (Cork)                    2-8  
Tír Chonaill Gaels                            0-6

11/12/00: Underdogs Tír Chonaill Gaels produced a gritty performance to push the visiting Nemo Rangers all the way in the AIB All-Ireland club football championship quarter-final at Ruislip. Two fortuitous goals, one in each half, and both against the run of play, decided the game for the visitors. The first came in the

16th minute when a 40-metre free by full forward Niall Corkery was finished to the net by Joe Kavanagh after full back Dermot Gordon, who otherwise had a superb game, dropped the slippery ball. The all-important second goal 15 minutes from the end left Alan Cronin with a clear run after his marker, Michael Carr, misjudged the flight of the ball on a quagmire of a pitch.

Tír Chonaill Gaels were clearly determined to make their presence felt early on but intense pressure yielded scant reward mainly because of over-use of the ball and some desperate defending. Indeed, Rangers owed much to the calming influence of Cork county player Stephen O'Brien at centre half-back. In arrears by 1-04 to 0-03 at the



Tír Chonaill Gaels Grounds

interval, Gaels, aided by a stiffish breeze, dominated the early stages of the second-half, with Damien Gillespie hitting a well struck point a minute after the restart. A further score by substitute Bosco Lyons left only two points separating the teams. But Rangers rallied their forces and prolonged pressure was rewarded with a long-range point by substitute Gary Murphy. Although Gaels continued to press, they were rocked by Cronin's goal.

This score gave the visitors the fillip they needed and although Gaels refused to throw in the towel, the end was inevitable.

**NEMO RANGERS:** D Heaphy; L Kavanagh; N Geary; I Gibbons; K Connolly; S O'Brien; D Creedon; M Cronin, K Cahill; S O'Brien; J Kavanagh (1-2); D Niblock (0-1); D Kavanagh; N Corkery (0-2); A Cronin (1-1). Substitutes: K Cowie for L Kavanagh; J P O'Neill (0-1) for N Corkery; A Morgan for A Cronin, G Murphy (0-1) for D Creedon.

**TIRCONAILL GAELS:** D Kelly; **M Carr;** (Kilcar) D Gordon; M Donoghue; C McGovern; P Dooher; B Delargey; B McDonagh (0-1); T Connolly; M Somers; T McGivern (0-1); T Maguire (0- 2); D Gillespie (0-1); J Grimes; P Coggins. Substitutes: B Lyons (0- 1) for J Grimes; S McLaughlin for M Somers. ( **Manager Maurice Carr, Kilcar**) **Referee:** G Lynch (Fermanagh).

## New York Title For Donegal

Donegal 0-14  
Kerry 0-08

The drought is over! After years of disappointment Donegal claimed the first title of the new Millennium to bring to an end a barren spell that stretches back to 1992.

A large crowd in Gaelic Park, New York, witnessed a strong and determined Donegal team overcome reigning champions Kerry in the senior "A" decider. In a tough and often uncompromising seventy minutes

of football Donegal triumphed in a contest that did not live up to pre-game expectations.

With so much at stake the final did not reflect the quality which we have come to expect from both teams. Experienced footballers found themselves making elementary mistakes and this contributed to a largely disjointed performance from both teams. However, Donegal prospered due to a solid team performance but in particular because of outstanding contributions from Gary Kelly (Red Hugh's) and man of the match, midfielder, Martin Coll, Gaoth Dobhair.

Donegal led by 0-03 to 0-01 at half-time following thirty-five minutes of tough tackling and expert defending typified by two excellent saves from Donegal keeper Eunan Doherty (St Michael's). The second half witnessed a more co-ordinated attacking approach for the victors mainly due to the midfield dominance of Martin Coll and Mick Moran. A plentiful supply of quality ball enabled Donal Breslin (Gaoth Dobhair), J.P. Boyle (Naomh Mhuire) and Kieran O' Hare to register a succession of unanswered scores as Donegal built up a commanding five point lead. This victory under the guidance of manager Connie Molloy (Ardara), Laurance Mc Grath (Pettigo) and Donal Gallagher (Killybegs) will be a great boost to the club and bring to an end a losing sequence which has seen Donegal defeated in four previous finals.

**Donegal:** Eunan Doherty (St Michael's), Mark Mc Clafferty (Downings), Owen Cummins (Tipp.), Paddy Mc Gonigley (Fanad Gaels), Gerry Kelly (Red Hugh's), Anthony Lynch (Cork), Adrian Mc Clafferty (St. Eunans), Mick Moran (Cork), Martin Coll (Gaoth Dobhair), Donal Breslin (Gaoth Dobhair), Niall Mc Cready (Aodh Ruadh), Kieran Keaveney (Roscommon), Kieran O' Hare (Dublin), John Paul Boyle (Naomh Mhuire), Keith Murray (Dublin). Substitutes. Edmund Cleary (Cork), Gary Dowd (Pettigo).

**Kerry:** Finbarr Flood, Adrian Reilly, Paul Galvin, Paul Dillon, Paddy O Connor, Johnny Driscoll, Adrian Finn, Dave Mc Sweeney, Sean Og O' hAilpin, Mike Carmody, William Ó Donnell, Bingo Driscoll, Mark Fitzgerald, Mike Francis Russell, Paudie Mulvihill. Substitutes: Dave Mc Carthy, Jake Rooney.

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History will record that not alone did they win the championship, but they went on to complete the double by winning the League.

### Failed to deliver

The 2000 championship is all about Ardara - when a new team comes along and wins a championship after a nineteen-year gap, it creates a buzz which has been absent for quite a while.

There had been no real surprises in the opening games with St. Eunan's too strong for an under-strength Aodh Ruadh; Dungloe overcoming neighbours Na Rossa; Four Masters too strong for Glenfin; Naomh Chonaill accounting for Naomh Mhuire; Gaoth Dobhair again coming out on top against Kilcar while MacCumhaill's needed a third game to overcome MacCumhaill's. Indeed the big surprise of the first round was the fact that Ardara were lucky to take their tie with St. Naul's to a third game.

The quarter-finals saw Ardara just about get Four Masters in the closing stages; two games were needed as big crowds flocked to the banks with Gaoth Dobhair, through the finishing of James Gallagher and Stephen Cassidy, accounting for Dungloe, who, not for the first

time, failed to make the breakthrough. An injury to Tony Boyle was a big blow to their chances in the second game.

The loss, through injury, of Paddy Campbell left Naomh Chonaill facing an uphill battle when they encountered hardy annuals, Killybegs, in the quarter-final in Ardara, while St. Eunan's again proved too strong for Naomh Columba without really impressing. Ardara's progress, largely unnoticed, continued in the semi-final with the 'drink ban' and Harkin's training beginning to get them out of the traps quicker and they finished off Gaoth Dobhair in the final minutes. However, it could have been different but for some indifferent shooting by the Magheragallon men.

In the other semi-final Killybegs kept in touch with St. Eunan's for most of the hour, but the Letterkenny side pulled away near the end despite Manus Boyle's best efforts.

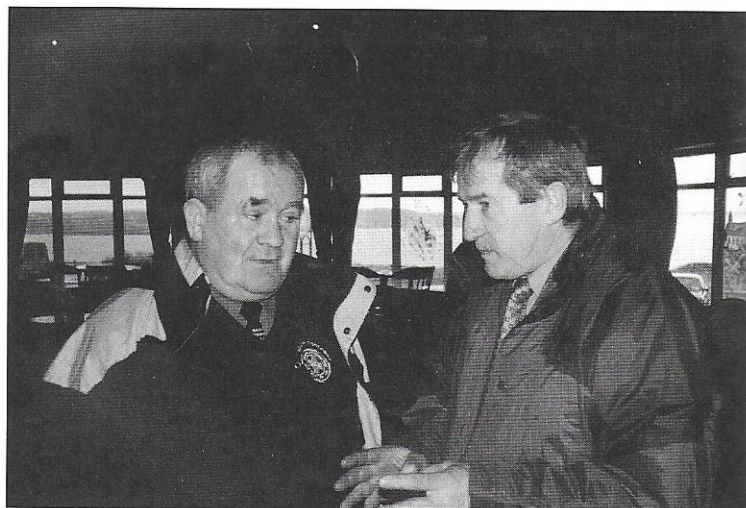
Everything was set for the county final with all the focus on the 'new' side, Ardara - even though they were very, very much the underdogs in everybody's book. The word 'underdog' is again appropriate as this young team really took the form of greyhounds as they took the field on county final day, running the opposition ragged. The game had slipped by St. Eunan's before they really knew what hit them. The change from the previous year which saw Charlie Mulgrew with a sideline role, also made a difference - the Letterkenny side suffering from on-field leadership.

Overall, the championship was a success - mainly because of the emergence of a new team - Ardara. They have given hope to the other clubs.

## County Convention 2000 / 2001

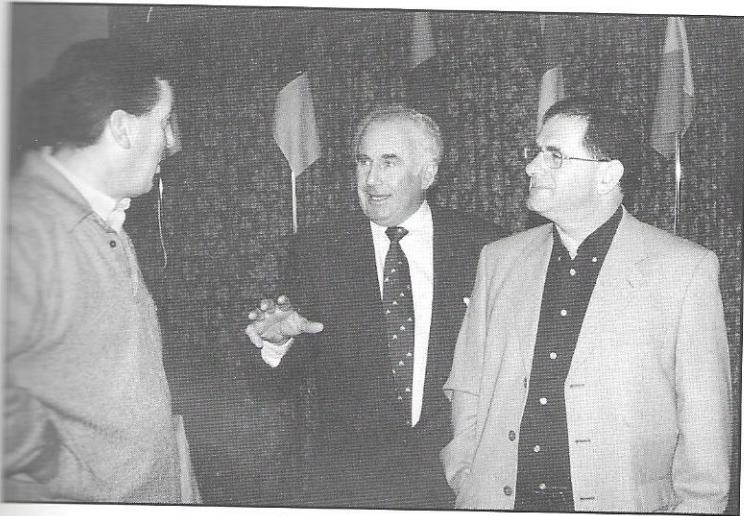


Breakfast

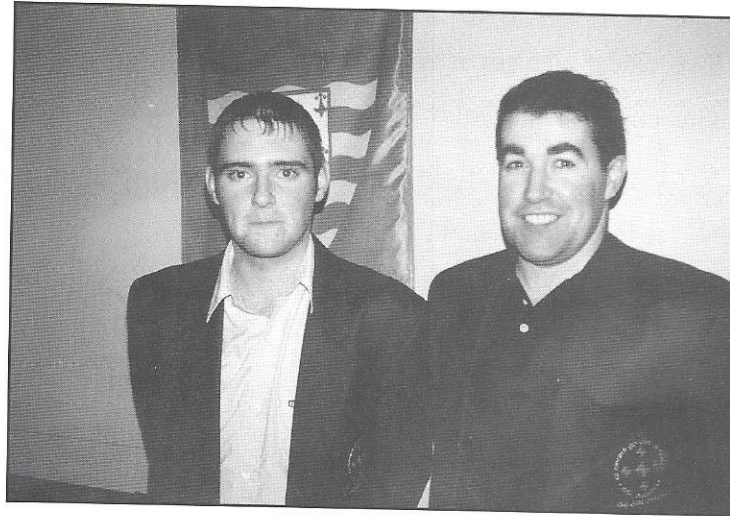


What did Sean say to Páidí Beag?

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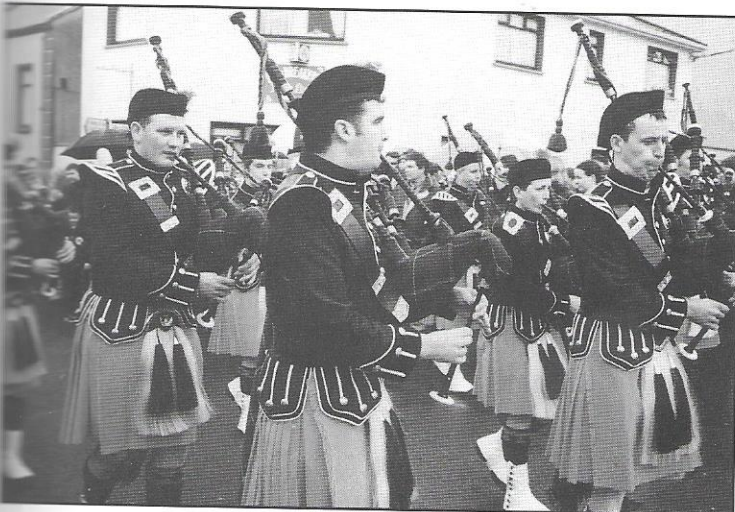


Paddy, Charlie & Seamus



Oran agus Dermott

## St Patrick's Day Parade



## C.L.G. Dhún na nGall

### County Convention 1999 - Malin Sunday December 12th

Two officer changes at very quiet convention.	<i>Donegal Democrat</i>
Grave worries for youth.	County Chairman, John Mc Connell
Co. Board £20,000 in the red. 739 games played during the year.	
Good relations with media important PRO. Reform necessary in hurling.	Davis
Handball coaching bearing fruit. Two motions passed.	
Discipline (minors) on and off the field vital. GAA receives £500,000 in grant aid.	
Anglicization almost complete.	Seamus de Faoithe
New intercounty u-16 competition muted.	
Theresa will be delighted.	Josie Doohan

#### Officer Board officers elected

<b>Chairman:</b>	John Mc Connell	<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	P. J. Mc Gowan
<b>Secretary:</b>	Noreen Doherty	<b>Asst. Secretary:</b>	Edward Molloy
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Charlie O' Dónaill	<b>Asst. Treasurer:</b>	Brendan Kelly
<b>PRO:</b>	Paddy Mullen	<b>Development Officer:</b>	Mick Mc Grath
<b>Oifigeach na Gaeilge:</b>	Seamus de Faoithe	<b>Youth Officer:</b>	Michael Mc Menamin
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## C.L.G. Dhún na nGall

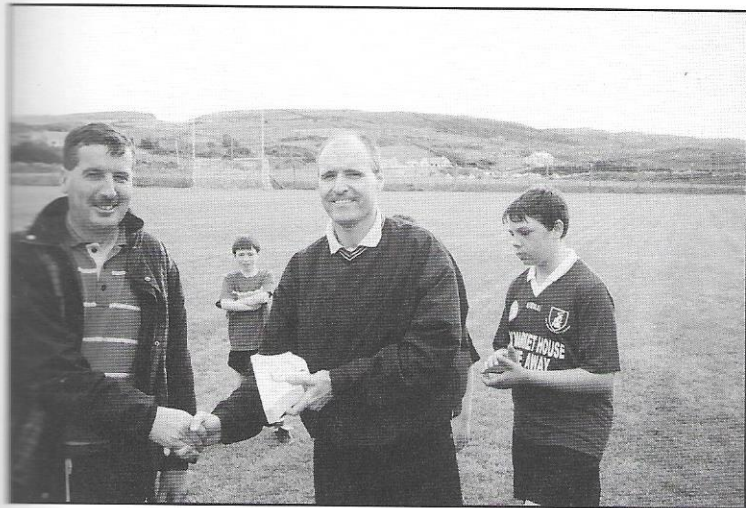
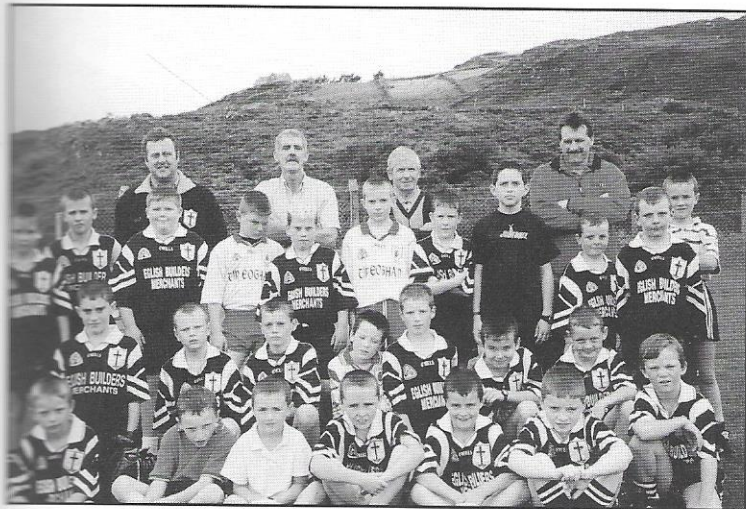
### County Convention 2000 - Cill Chartha Sunday December 10th

Organisation top class but . . . . Convention again quiet affair.	
Drugs test to cause concern and confusion.	County Chairman John Mc Connell.
Alcohol abuse no one concerned.	youth officer.
New bye-law on transfers passed. Positive picture painted.	Referees Board.
Faith, hope and charity needed.	Hurling board chairman.
More cash will be needed.	Treasurer, Charlie O' Dónaill
Record number (718) of games played. Clubs using media - to get at others PRO.	
Importance of culture difficult to progress.	de Faoithe.
Youth urged to get involved - Minor board. Use of Croke Park.	Secretary.

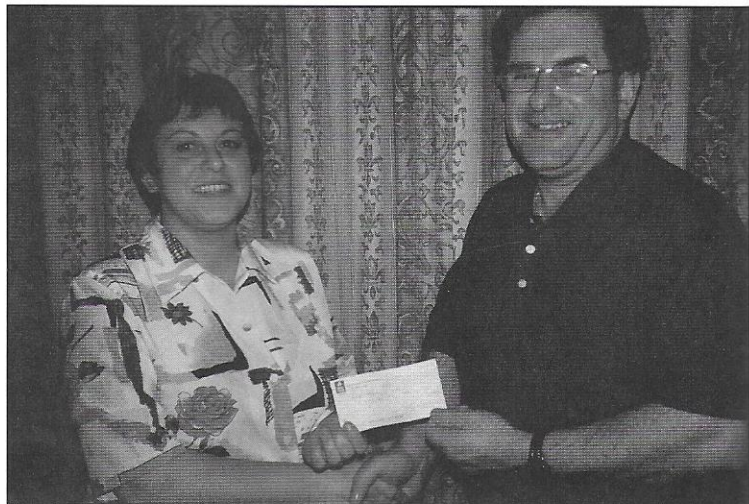
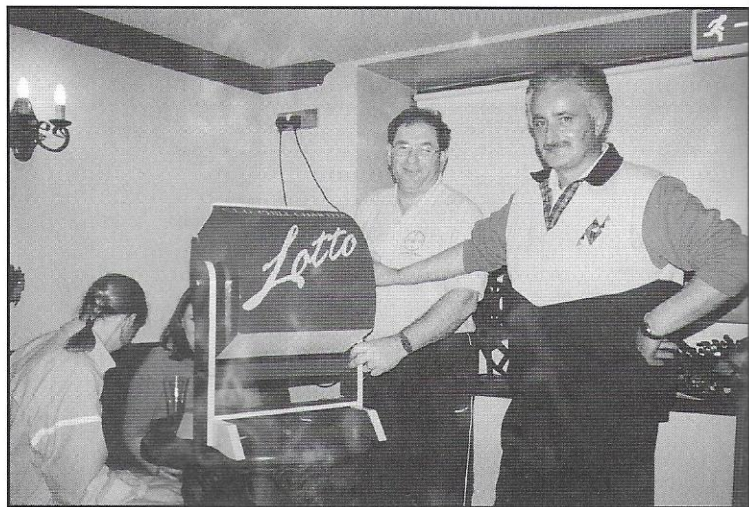
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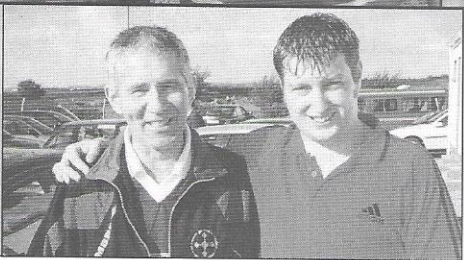
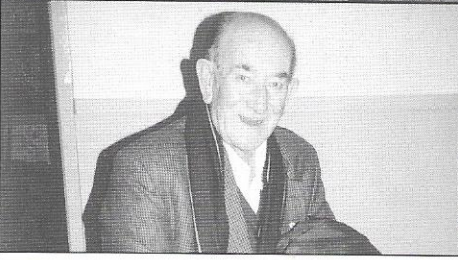
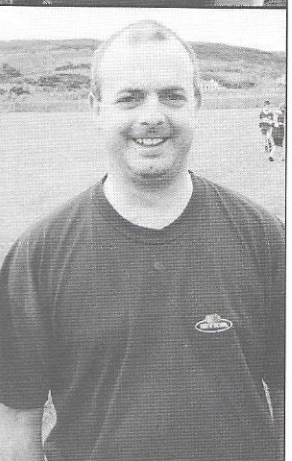
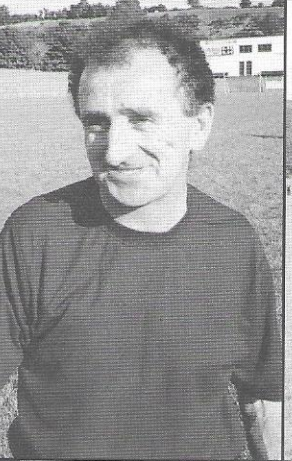
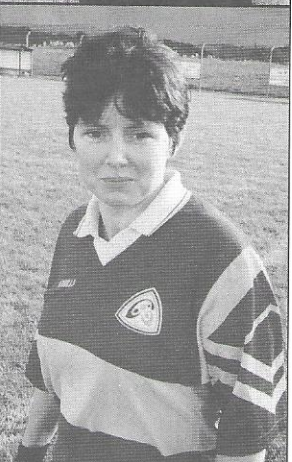
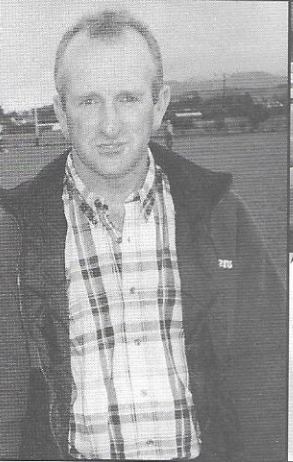
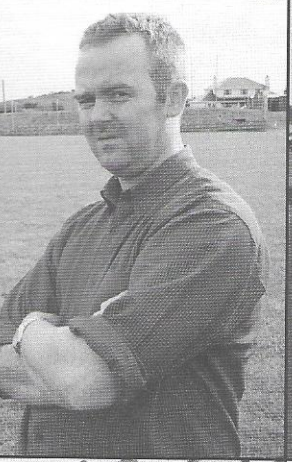
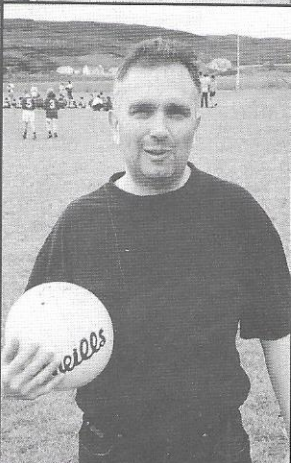
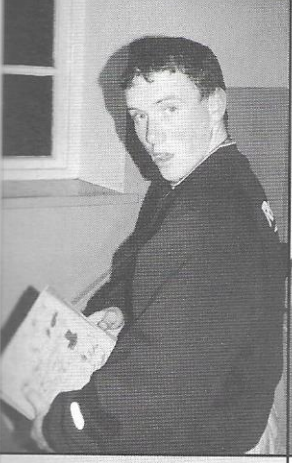
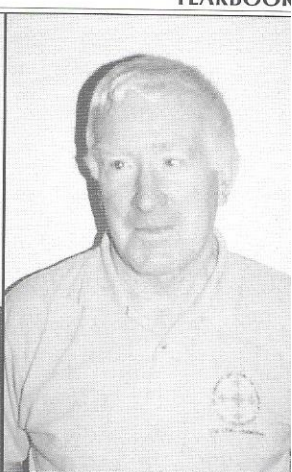
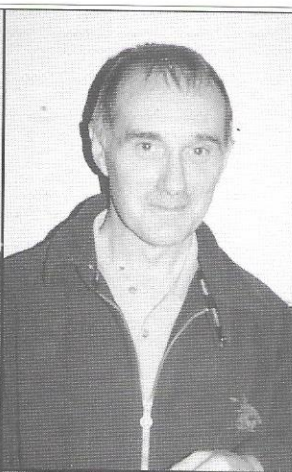
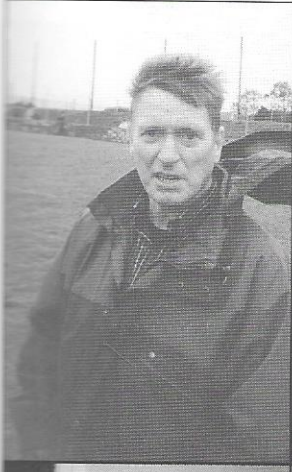
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# VISITORS



# MILLENNIUM DRAWS 2000

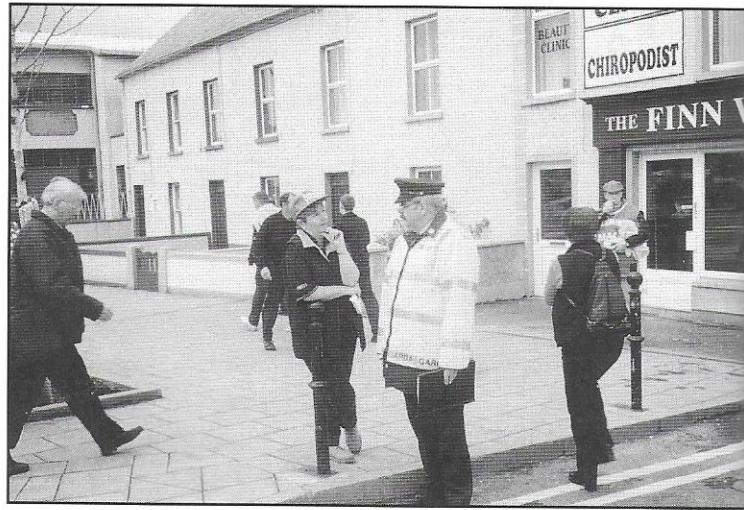




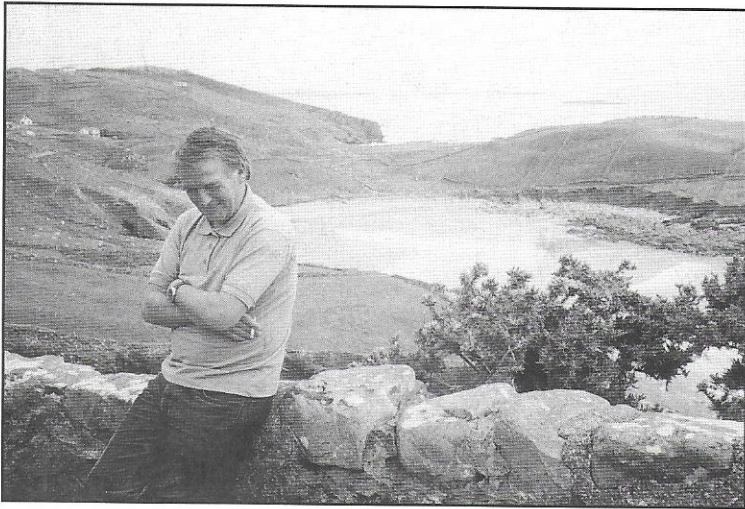
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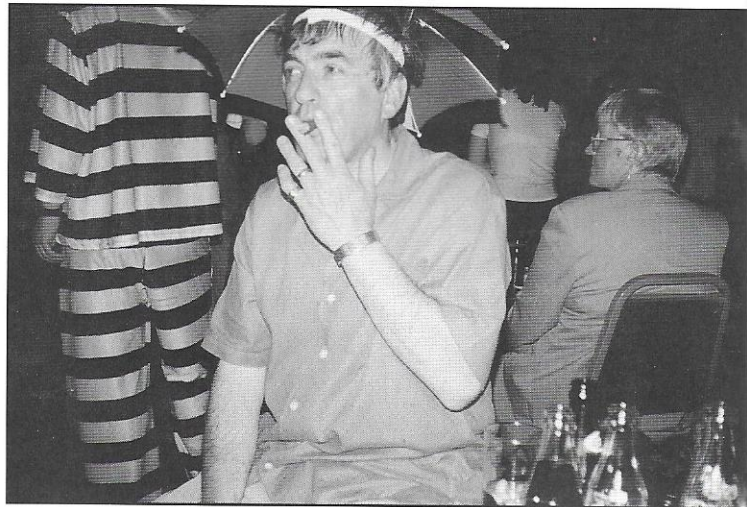
A man on a mission



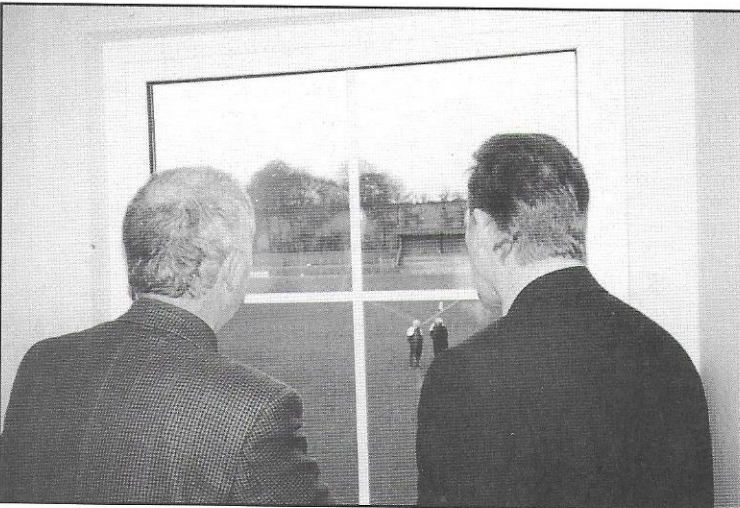
Guard, my feet are killing me



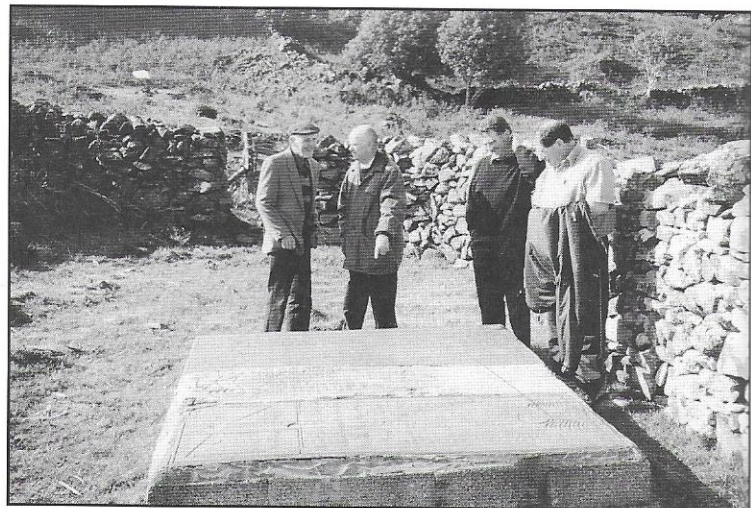
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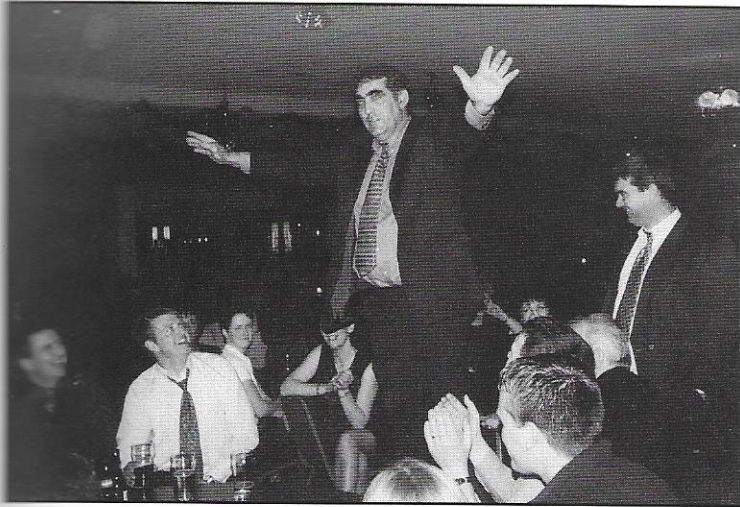
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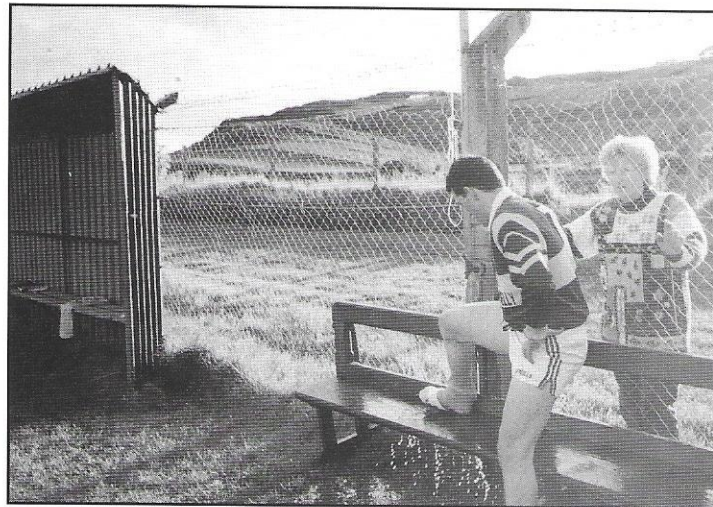
That's a fine field!



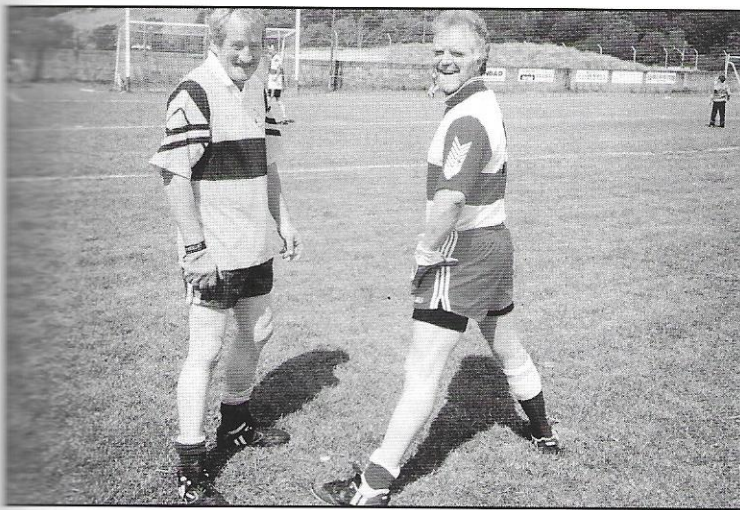
Prionnsias, Can you read latin ?



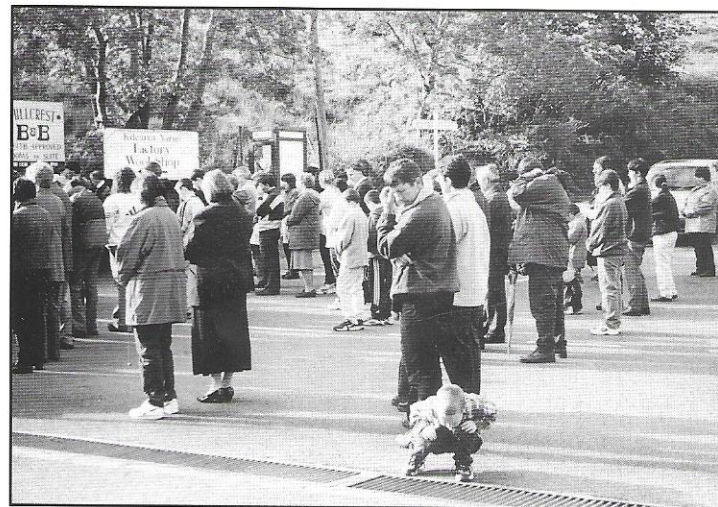
And the mountains of Mourne.....



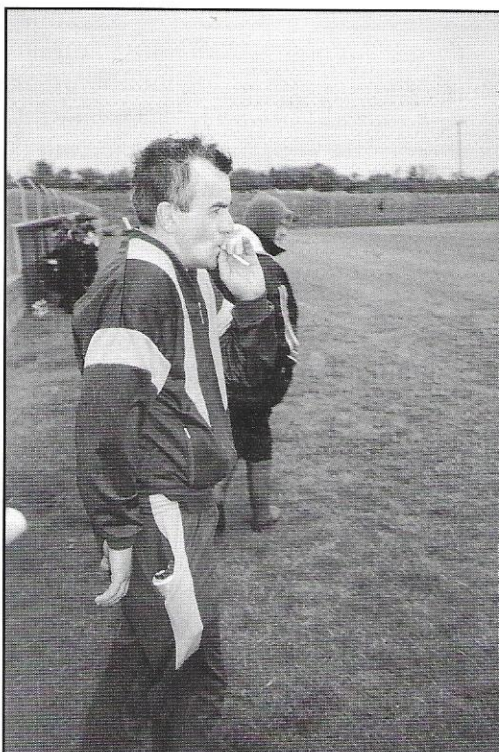
Michael a stór what happened?



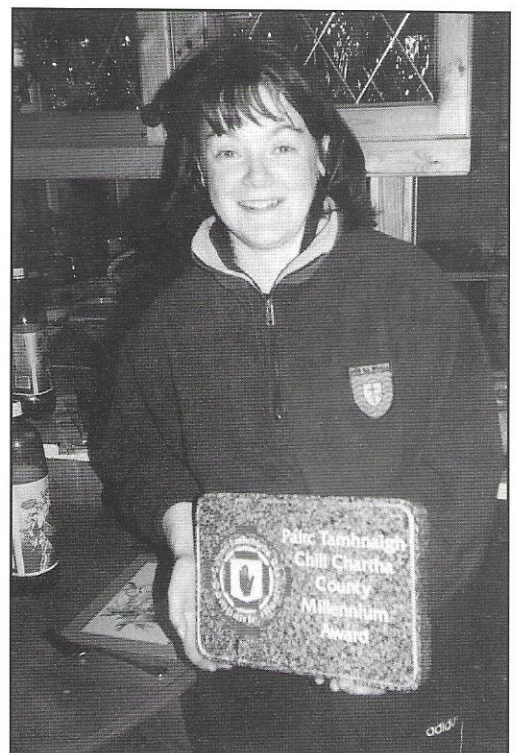
tough and tougher



Daddy, what's down there?



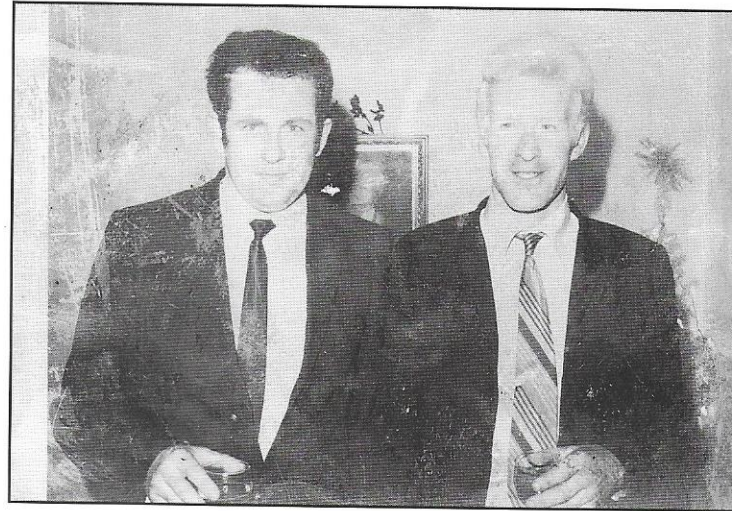
Pressure



The one Ardara didn't win. Take your hands off our award Mary.



# AN AMHARC SIAR



Charlie McDevitt & Seamus Gildea 1971



1971



# SCOIL CHARTHA NAOFA 2000

I Mí Eanáir 2000, bhí na páistí seo ag freastáil ar Scoil Chartha Naofa

## NAONÁIN I

Séamus Mac Giolla Cearra,	Cill Chartha.	Nicole Nic Ghiolla Cearra.	Cóguis.
Eoin Mac Aoidh,	Cruach Bheag.	Róise Nic Ghiolla Cearra,	Cill Chartha.
Séamus O Seibhleáin,	Cruach Chaorach.	Céile Nic Fhionghaile,	Bábhdhún.
Cian O Gallchóir,	Baile an Teampaill.	Cairín Ní Bheirn,	Bábhdhún.
Caoimhín Ó Baoill,	Cnoc Chartha.	Niamh Nic Seáin,	Cill Chathasaigh.
Seán Ó Baoill,	Cill Bheag	Siobhán De Búrca,	Fionntrá.
Deasún Mac Cuinneagáin,	Na Curra	Niamh Ní Dhochartaigh,	Mínte Caoracháin.
Deasún Mac Giolla Mhóir,	Cill Bheag.	Deirdre Ní Chanainn,	Cnoc Chartha.[SCI]
Aaron Ó Dochartaigh,	Gort tSáile.	Laura Ní Bheirn,	Tamhnaigh.
Caoimhín Ó Gallachóir,	Bábhdhún.	Éilis Nic Ghiolla Cearra,	Leitir

## NAONÁIN II

Ruadhan Ó Beirn,	Cill Bheag.	Edel Ní Bheirn,	An Leargán Mór
Peadar Mac Cuinneagáin,	Droim Riabhach	Orla Nic Giolla Chearra,	Na Caislíne
Nollaig Mac Giolla Chearra,	Mín á Chanainn	Martina Ní Chanainn,	Port Achran.
Ciarán Ó Domhnaill,	Baile Na Móna	Eimear Nic Fhionghaile.	Umascan.
Ruadhan Mac Aoidh,	Bábhdhún.	Laura Nic Fhionghaile.	Bábhdhún.
Déaglan Ó Gairbheith,	Droim na Fiongaile.	Cassandra Ní Chiaráin,	Port Achran.
Maitiú Mac Léin,	Na Curra.	Lúsaí Ní Ghallachóir,	Bábhdhún.
Muiris Mac Giolla Chearra,	Leitir.		
Ruadhan Mac Fhionnlaoich,	Cnoc Chartha.		

## RANG A hAON

Gabhann Ó Coilín, Caiséal an Chairn.		Clár Ní Dhuibhir,	Bábhdhún.
Ruadhan Ó hEochaidh, Cnoc Chartha.		Éilis Ní Sheibhleáin,	Cruac Chaorach.
Daithí Ó Ciaráin, Port Achran.		Clodagh Ní Bhrádaigh,	Tamhnaigh.
Niall Ó Beirn, Bábhdhún.		Máire Nic Suibhne,	Bábhdhún.
Stiofán Ó Cuinneagáin, Droim Riabhach		Airlín Ní Chuinneagáin,.	Na Curra.
Séamus Ó Beirn, Mucros.		Tanya Ní Bheirn,	Bábhdhún.
Conal Mac Giolla Mhóir. Cill Bheag.		Amy Ní Dhomhnaill,	Na Curra.
Colm Ó Lúdhóg. Baile an Teampaill.		Caitlín Ní Bhaoill,	Cill Bheag.
Rós Máire Ní Eochaidh, Port Achran.		Aoibheann Ní Ludhóg	Cill Chartha.
Tara Nic Giolla Easbuic, Cill.			

## RANG A DÓ

Damien Ó hEigheartaigh,	Na Curra.	Ciara Ní Chuirrín	Cnoc Chartha.
Pádraig Mac Giolla Cearra,	Cóguis.	Sorcha Ní Bheirn,	Bábhdhún.
Pádraig Mac Pháidín,	Tamhnaigh.	Bríd Nic Giolla Easbuic.	Cill Chathasaigh.
Conal Ó Duibhir,	Bábhdhún.	Cristín Ní Laighin.	Caiseal.
Tomás De Búrca,	Fionntrá.	Gráinne Nic Bhriartaigh,	Cill Chartha.
Diarmuid Mac Fhionghaile,	Doire Leathan.		
Derek Ó Drisceoil,	Baile an Teampaill.		
Seán Ó Seibhleáin,	Cruach Chaorach.		
Daithí Mac Giolla Easbuic,	Dachtan.		
Darren Mac Giolla Chearra,	Cill Chartha.		
Liam Ó Dochartaigh,	Mínte Caoracháin.		

## RANG A TRÍ

Diarmuid Mac Giolla Easbuic, Deaglán Ó Domhnaill, Brian Ó Beirn, Eoin Ó Beirn, Ciarán Ó Léime, Scott Mac Briartaigh, Marc Mac Aoidh, Liam Ó Gallchóir. Aonghus Mac Phaidín, Chloe Ní Dhomhnaill,	Mucros. Baile Na Móna. Bábhdhún. Cill Bheag. Bábhdhún. Na Curra. Bábhdhún. Bábhdhún. Bábhdhún. Tamhnaigh. An Leargán Mór.	Brid Ní Chanainn, Eimear Nic Giolla Chearra, Aisleen Nic Bhriartaigh, Tara Nic Rabhartaigh, Ciara Nic Chloscaigh, Niamh Ní Chonnachtáin, Emma Nic Aoidh. Tracy Ní Sheibhleáin, Cristín Nic Giolla Chearra, Danielle Ní Chuinneagáin,	Leitir. Cill Chartha. Dachtan. Baile an Teampaill. Na Curra. Sealbhúí. Cruach Bheag. Bábhdhún. Leitir. Cruach Bheag.
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## RANG A CEATHAIR

Barra Mac Briartaigh, Barra Ó Domhnaill Caoimhín Milsop, Caoimhín Mac Giolla Chudda, Seán Ó Garbheith, Eoghan Mac Aoidh, Roibeárd Mac Seáin. Edgar Ó Ciaráin, Seán Ó hEigheartaigh, Eoghan Ó Ghloinn, Michéal Ó Drisceoil, Ruadhan Ó Domhnaill, Caoimhín Ó Coilín,	Caiséal an Carn. Na Caislíni Caiseal Leitir. Droim na Fiongaile. Cnoc Chartha. Caonachán.. Port Achrann. Na Curra. Droim na Fiongaile. Baile an Teampaill. Na Curra. Cill Chartha	Eimear Ní Dhochartaigh, Rachel Ní Bheirn, Amanda Ní Bheirn, Deirdre Nic Giolla Chearra, Nicola Ní Chuinneagáin, Aoife Ní Dhochartaigh, Lorraine Nic Ghiolla Cearra, Sinéad Nic Bhriartaigh, Aisling Nic Giolla Easbuic,	Gort tSáile Bábhdhún. Bábhdhún. Leitir. Cuiscreach. Mónte Caoracháin. Cill Chartha. Cill Chartha. Cill Chathasaigh.
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## RANG A CÚIG

Doiminic Mac Giolla Chearra, Tomás Ó Beirn, Damien Mac Giolla Chearra, Stiofán Ó Gadhra, Barra Ó Seibhleáin Rónan Ó Duibhir, Ciarán Mac Briartaigh, Ciarán Mac Fhionghaile, Nodlaig Ó Domhnaill, Ciarán Ó Canainn, Blaine Mac a tSaoir,	Umascan. Mucros. Leitir. Mucros. Bábhdhún Babhdhún Na Curra. Umascan. Port Achrann. Leitir. Caiseal an Chairn	Lynne Nic Dhúill Fiona Ní Dhomhnaill, Emma Ní Bheirn, Máire Ní Chonnachtáin, Niocól Nic Seáin, Siobhán Ní Chuirrín, Seairlín Ní Ghallachóir. Laoise Ní Bhreisleáin, Niamh Nic Phaidín, Oilbhe Ní Dhúgáin,	Bábhdhún. Baile Mhic Phaidín An Leargán Mór. Sealbhúí. Caonacháin. Cnoc Chartha. Bábhdhún. Sealbhúí Tamhnaigh. Droim Riabhach.
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## RANG A SÉ

Mairtín Ó hEigheartaigh, Seán Mac Closcaigh, Adhamhnán Mac Giolla Easbuic, Máirtín Mac Giolla Easbuic, Marcus Mac Suibhne, Diarmuid Mac Giolla Cearra Aisle Mac Giolla Cearra, Barra Mac Fhionghaile, Pádraig Ó Domhnaill, Séamus Mac Giolla Chearra,	Na Curra. Na Curra. Na Curra . Na Curra. Bábhdhún. Droim na Fiongaile. Cill Chartha. Umascan. Baile na Móna. Leitir.	Lisa Ní Bheirn, Brenda Ní Dhomhnaill, Loretta Ní Bhreisleáin, Gráinne Ní Bhaoill, Caitriona Nic Bhriartaigh, Oilbhe Ní Bhaoill, Linda Nic Ghiolla Cudda, Ceidhligh Nic a tSaoir, Deaglán Ó Ceallacháin,	Baile an Teampaill. Na Caislíni. Sealbhúí. Cnoc Chartha. Caiseal an Chairn. Coillín. Leitir. Caiseal an Chairn. Leitir.
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D'fhág rang a sé Scoil Chartha Naofa ar an t-aonú lá is fiche de mhí Meitheamh 2000  
Thosaigh na páistí seo leanas sna Naonáin ar an chéad lá de mhí Meán Fómhair 2000

Cormac Ó Canainn, Cnoc Chartha.

Pilib ó Gallachóir, Bábhdhún

Conor Mac Giolla Easbuic, Cill

Deasún Ó Coilín, Cill Chartha.

Aaron Ó Ludhóg, Caiseal an Chairn.

Eamonn Mac Giolla Cearra, Leitir.

Eoin Ó Léime, Bábhdhún.

Aodán Mac Fhionghaile. Doire Leathan.

Aindrias Mac Léin, Na Curra.

Caitriona Nic Ghiolla Cearra, Cill Chartha.

Nóra Sínead Ní Dhomhnaill. Cill Chartha.

Fiona Nic Seáin, Cill Chathasaigh.

Caitriona Ní Dhúgain, Bábhdhún.

Cristín Nic Giolla Easbuic, Mucros.

Deirbhile Ní Ghaifeagáin. Cruach Bheag.

Máirtín Ó Beirn, Mucros.

Criostóir Ó Dúgain, Baile Mhic Pháidín.

Tháinig na páistí seo leanas go dtí an Scoil I rith na bliana 2000

{Seán Briers Michéal Briers} Tháinig siad i Mí Márta ó na Cealla Beaga agus d'fhág siad i Mí Bealtaine

Odhrán Ó Gaifeagáin, Cruach Bheag. Méan Fómhair 2000. Rang a Dó.

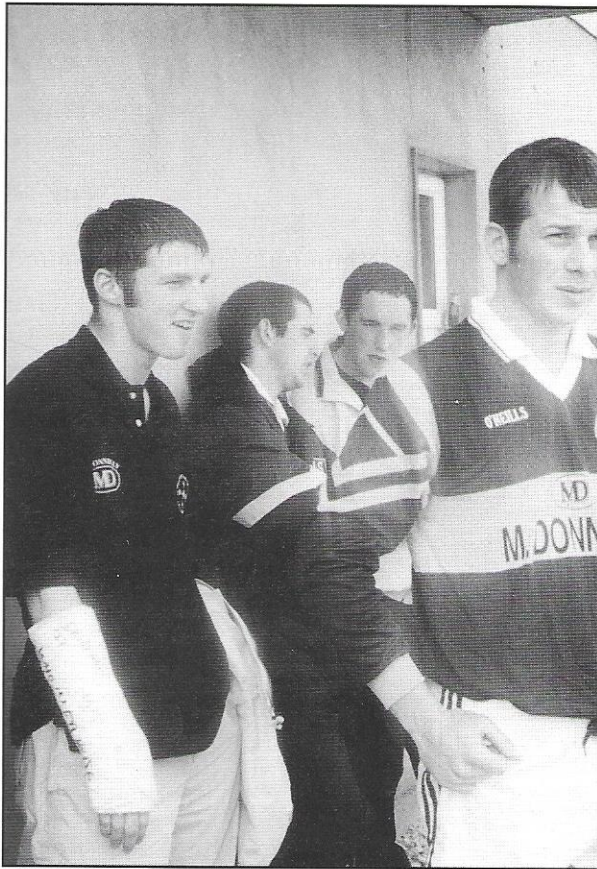
Ciarán Ó Gaifeagáin, Cruach Bheag. Méan Fómhair 2000. Rang a Ceathair. (Tháinig an chlann seo abhaile ó Shasana )

Erin Shine, Fionntrá Méan Fómhair 2000. Rang a hAon.

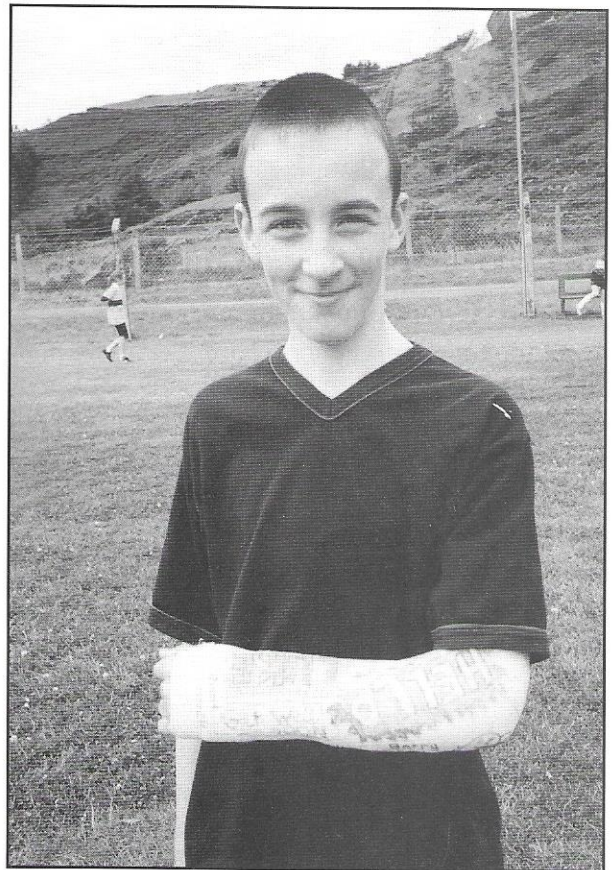
Ciara Shine, Fionntrá Méan Fómhair 2000. Rang a Trí. (Tháinig an chlann seo ó S.N. Fionntrá.)

Gráinne Nic Aonghusa, Baile Uí Eadhra. Méan Fómhair 2000. Rang a Sé. (Tháinig Gráinne ó S.N. Fionntrá )

## Injuries 2000



Ciaran Cunningham



Luke Carr

# Cill Chartha 2000

## Baptisms

Mary Clare O'Donnell  
Ellen Geraldine Haughey  
Kenny Doogan  
Oran Doogan  
Jonathan Peter Byrne  
Keelin Mark Curran  
Colm Philip Garvey  
Nicole Louise Lyons  
Fionn Gallagher  
Maria Cathriona Kennedy  
Kim Catherine Cunningham  
Lauren Ethna Boyle  
Cian Mc Brearty  
Meadbh Cara Mc Brearty  
Anna Marie Carr  
Deirbhile Ann Mc Shane  
Joyce Hudy  
David Colm Byrne  
Shane Martin Mc Hugh  
Cormac Liam O' Léime  
Rosaleen Cannon  
Brenda Margaret Mc Nelis

## Deaths

Charlie Boyle, Crove  
Patrick Haughey, Cronroad  
Ronnie Hegarty, Cruckarra  
Maeve Haughey, Meenacannon  
Mary Haughey, Cronroad  
Michael Byrne, Arragle  
Mary Kate Mc Cauley, Towney  
John Doogan, Stranakirke  
Kitty Mc Laughlin, Towney Road  
Francie Cannon, Lower Crove

## Marriages

William O' Donnell & Mabel Hegarty  
Damien Nolan & Cristene Mc Cavley  
Sean Sheedy & Anita Mc Brearty  
Jarleth Gallagher & Eileen Curran  
Malachy Haughey & Karen Gallagher  
Darren Rowan & Valerie Hegarty  
John Hardy & Kathleen Mc Hugh  
John Cooney & Elaine O' Byrne  
Michael Love & Sharon Mc Devitt

# DONEGAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS '00

## DONEGAL DEMOCRAT SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1ST RD., 1ST LEG

N. Chonaill	1-11	0-10	N. Mhuire
Killybegs	0-13	0-12	Cloughaneely
Glenfin	3-09	0-23	Four Masters
Na Rossa	1-10	1-11	Dungloe
St. Naul's	0-13	0-12	Ardara
St. Eunan's	2-16	0-09	Aodh Ruadh
N. Columba	0-09	0-08	MacCumhail's
Kilcar	1-11	2-12	Gweedore

### 1ST RD., 2ND LEG

Cloughaneely	0-09	1-13	Killybegs
Aodh Ruadh	0-09	2-09	St. Eunan's
N. Mhuire	1-07	1-15	N. Chonaill
Four Masters	0-17	0-08	Glenfin
Dungloe	1-16	0-09	Na Rossa
Ardara	0-09	0-07	St. Naul's
MacCumhail's	0-11	0-07	N. Columba
Gweedore	1-14	0-14	Kilcar

### 1ST RD. PLAY-OFFS

MacCumhail's	2-05	2-10	N. Columba
Ardara	1-09	0-04	St. Naul's

### QUARTER-FINALS

N. Columba	0-06	0-12	St. Eunan's
Ardara	1-10	1-06	Four Masters
Dungloe	0-10	0-10	Gweedore
Killybegs	0-09	0-08	N. Chonaill

### QUARTER-FINAL REPLAY

Dungloe	0-09	0-14	Gweedore
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### SEMI-FINAL

Ardara	0-11	1-06	Gweedore
Killybegs	0-10	0-14	St. Eunan's

### FINAL

Ardara	1-09	0-07	St. Eunan's
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## DONEGAL PEOPLES PRESS SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1ST RD., 1ST LEG

N. Chonaill	1-08	3-06	N. Mhuire
Killybegs	0-11	1-10	Cloughaneely
Glenfin	1-06	1-11	Four Masters
Na Rossa	1-04	2-18	Dungloe
St. Naul's	1-14	0-06	Ardara
St. Eunan's	1-08	0-07	Aodh Ruadh
N. Columba	0-07	2-04	MacCumhail's
Kilcar	2-10	1-08	Gweedore

### 1ST RD., 2ND LEG

Cloughaneely	1-10	0-08	Killybegs
Aodh Ruadh	1-10	2-06	St. Eunan's
N. Mhuire	1-07	1-07	N. Chonaill
Four Masters	4-10	0-09	Glenfin
Dungloe	4-09	0-04	Na Rossa
Ardara	1-07	1-10	St. Naul's
MacCumhail's	2-09	1-07	N. Columba
Gweedore	3-17	1-07	Kilcar

### 1ST RD. PLAY-OFFS

Aodh Ruadh	0-05	1-08	St. Eunan's
Kilcar	2-07	1-12	Gweedore

### QUARTER-FINALS

MacCumhail's	0-04	1-10	St. Eunan's
N. Mhuire	0-07	5-15	Cloughaneely
St. Naul's	1-06	0-16	Four Masters
Dungloe	1-09	0-09	Gweedore

### SEMI-FINALS

Four Masters	1-11	1-06	Dungloe
Cloughaneely	0-09	0-08	St. Eunan's

### FINAL

Cloughaneely	0-08	0-08	Four Masters
Final Replay			
Cloughaneely	1-03	0-12	Four Masters

## SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

### Semi-Final 1st Leg

Four Masters	1-12
Burt	7-20
Setanta	w/o
N. Mura	dnf

### Semi-Final 2nd Leg

Burt	10-12
Four Masters	0-02
N. Mura	dnf
Setanta	w/o

### Final

Setanta	0-06
Burt	5-14

### Intermediate Hurling Final

1st Leg	
Aodh Ruadh	1-11
Pettigo	2-08

### 2nd Leg

Pettigo	1-07
Aodh Ruadh	1-06

### Junior Hurling

#### Semi-Final 1st Leg

MacCumhail's	3-10
St. Eunan's	5-14

Carndonagh	2-03
Burt	2-13

#### Semi-Final 2nd Leg

St. Eunan's	2-06
MacCumhail's	0-08
Burt	1-13
Carndonagh	2-06

### Final

Burt	3-06
St. Eunan's	2-12

### Minor Hurling Championship Final

MacCumhail's	1-07
Burt	5-11

## WESTERN CELLULAR INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1ST RD., 1ST LEG

Moville	1-09	0-09	Malin
Buncrana	2-13	0-05	Red Hugh's
Downings	1-08	1-09	Fanad Gaels
Urris	w/o	dnf	Bundoran
Carndonagh	0-12	1-13	Termon
N. Brid	1-08	0-14	St. Michaels
N. Ultan	1-13	1-08	Burt

### 1ST RD. 2ND LEG

St. Michael's	1-08	2-04	N. Brid
Malin	0-13	3-10	Moville
Red Hugh's	1-09	2-07	Buncrana
Burt	1-07	0-12	N. Ultan
Fanad Gaels	0-10	1-11	Downings
Termon	1-09	1-10	Carndonagh
Urris	1-11	3-18	Bundoran

### 1ST ROUND PLAY-OFFS

Fanad Gaels	0-09	2-10	Downings
Urris	0-11	5-11	Bundoran
Termon	2-14	1-07	Carndonagh

### QUARTER FINALS

St. Michael's	1-08	0-09	N. Ultan
Moville	2-11	0-03	R. Emmetts
Bundoran	0-12	0-14	Termon
Buncrana	1-06	1-12	Downings

### SEMI-FINALS

St. Michael's	0-15	0-10	Downings
Moville	1-07	2-11	Termon

### FINAL

St. Michael's	1-10	1-10	Termon
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### Final Replay

St. Michael's	0-04	0-16	Termon
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# DONEGAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS '00

## GUNDRY'S JUNIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

### Preliminary Rd. 1st Leg

Ardara	0-09	0-11	N. Padraig
Glenfin	0-04	4-13	N.Columba

### Preliminary Rd. 2nd Leg

N. Padraig	1-08	2-09	Ardara
N. Columba	7-12	1-06	Glenfin

### Preliminary Rd. Play-off

Ardara	1-04	1-09	N. Padraig
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### First Rd. 1st Leg

St. Eunan's	1-10	0-04	Aodh Ruadh
Pettigo	2-08	1-05	Killybegs
Kilcar	2-14	2-07	Four Masters
N. Padraig	0-11	0-09	N. Columba

### 1st Rd. 2nd Leg

Four Masters	1-09	1-08	Kilcar
Aodh Ruadh	1-06	1-09	St. Eunan's
Killybegs	0-03	5-18	Pettigo
N. Columba	3-06	2-12	N. Padraig

### 1st Rd. Play-off

Four Masters	2-06	1-09	Kilcar
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### 1st Round Replay

Four Masters	2-07	3-08	Kilcar
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### Semi-finals

St. Eunan's	0-08	2-09	Kilcar
N. Padraig	2-12	2-07	Pettigo

### Final

Kilcar	3-17	0-05	N. Padraig
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## DALY BROS. JUNIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1st Rd., 1st Leg

Convoy	1-13	1-05	N. Mura
Glenswilly	5-12	1-05	N. Colmcille
Muff	2-10	1-07	L/kenny Gaels
Milford	2-12	1-11	N. Padraig

### 1st Rd., 2nd Leg

L/kenny Gaels	1-04	2-15	Muff
N. Colmcille	0-03	3-13	Glenswilly
N. Padraig	1-07	2-11	Milford
N. Mura	dnf	w/o	Convoy

### Semi-Finals

Glenswilly	2-08	1-06	Muff
Milford	2-18	1-05	Convoy

### Final

Glenswilly	0-10	0-11	Milford
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## LAGHEY WASTE UNDER 21 B CHAMPIONSHIP

### Preliminary Round.

Buncrana	2-07	1-07	Urris
N. Brid	1-09	1-10	Red Hugh's
N. Colmcille	0-01	2-09	Muff
Moville	5-10	2-08	Glenswilly
N. Ultan	2-09	3-12	Malin

### First Round

Convoy	1-03	2-12	Carndonagh
St. Michael's	4-16	1-03	Milford
Muff	3-10	0-02	R. Emmetts
Red Hugh's	2-09	0-06	N. Padraig
Na Rossa	1-08	0-11	Fanad Gaels
Bundoran	0-12	1-12	Malin
Buncrana	8-11	2-04	St. Eunan's B

Downings	0-02	1-11	Moville
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### 1st Round Replay

Fanad Gaels	1-12	0-08	Na Rossa
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### Quarter-Finals

St. Michael's	3-13	4-04	Muff
Moville	0-11	1-08	Carndonagh
Malin	2-15	5-04	Red Hugh's

### Quarter-Final Replay

Moville	2-13	3-11	Carndonagh
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### Semi-Finals

Carndonagh	0-18	1-06	Malin
Fanad Gaels	2-12	0-13	St. Michael's

### Final

Carndonagh	0-07	1-15	Fanad Gaels
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## DUNNION CONSTRUCTION INTERMEDIATE RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1st Rd., 1st Leg

Moville	1-07	2-09	Malin
Buncrana	3-11	0-07	Red Hugh's
N. Ultan	2-10	2-07	Burt
Downings	1-07	0-12	Fanad Gaels
Urris	w/o	dnf	Bundoran
Carndonagh	1-08	1-08	Termon

### 1st Rd., 2nd Leg

Malin	1-06	0-09	Moville
Red Hugh's	0-11	1-11	Buncrana
Burt	0-07	3-07	N. Ultan
Fanad Gaels	0-05	2-06	Downings
Termon	4-11	2-13	
Carndonagh			
Urris	1-02	5-11	Bundoran

### 1st Round Play-offs

Fanad Gaels	1-09	3-08	Downings
Urris	1-08	0-11	Bundoran

### 1st Round Replay

Urris	1-07	3-05	Bundoran
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### Quarter-Finals

St. Michaels	2-06	2-06	N. Ultan
Malin	2-12	0-04	R.
Emmetts			
Bundoran	1-10	1-08	Termon
Buncrana	1-10	2-07	Downings

### Quarter-Final Replays

Buncrana	2-13	0-09	Downings
St. Michael's	0-05	0-12	N. Ultan

### Semi-finals

Malin	0-04	4-13	Bundoran
Buncrana	0-15	0-07	N. Ultan

### Final

Buncrana	1-12	1-05	Bundoran
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## GALLAGHER'S OIL UNDER 21 A CHAMPIONSHIP

### Round 1.

Cloughaneely	5-11	1-04	Killybegs
Termon	3-11	1-02	N. Mhuire
N. Columba	3-12	2-12	Gweedore
Four Masters	1-06	2-04	Kilcar
Ardara	1-06	1-06	St. Eunan's
Aodh Ruadh	1-14	0-07	Dungloe
St. Naul's	1-10	2-07	MacCumhaill's
Glenfin	2-17	0-06	N. Chonaill

MacCumhaill's	0-10	1-11	St. Naul's
St. Eunan's	0-13	1-07	Ardara

### Quarter-Finals

Aodh Ruadh	1-16	0-09	St. Naul's
Cloughaneely	1-10	0-10	St. Eunan's
Termon	0-15	1-09	Glenfin
Kilcar	0-10	0-08	N. Columba

### Semi-Finals

Aodh Ruadh	1-05	0-09	Termon
Kilcar	0-09	1-07	Cloughaneely

### Final

Termon	3-08	2-15	Cloughaneely
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### 1st Round Replays

## Fighting an epidemic

From an article by Tommy Conlon, *Sunday Independent*, December 17th 2000.

In early December Dr. Mick Loftus, former president of the GAA, a doctor in Crosmolina, Co. Mayo and coroner for North Mayo, resigned as president of his local club. A club that he has been involved with for over 60 years. Why? His local club, Crosmolina, has been granted a temporary bar licence for Sunday November 19th, the day that they would host the Galway champions, Corofin in the Connacht club championship final.

"I didn't want any big fuss about it" he explained. "It was one of the most regrettable things I ever had to do but I just felt I had to take a stand".

Now 71, he continues to work as a GP in Crossmolina, his native home town, where he practised for the last 42 years. He has been coroner for North Mayo since 1972 and served as president of the GAA between 1985 and 1988.

This uniquely combined professional and public life has helped him project a dissenting view of Ireland's drinking culture, his experiences as a doctor and coroner lending him the authority, his term in office as GAA president giving him the profile. He is but a lone voice, out on the margins and barely audible against the wall-to-wall cacophony of hard-sell advertising and the tidal wave of consumer demand.

Dr. Loftus, insofar as anyone thinks of him, is seen to be belonging to the GAA's Neolithic age: old, old hat and old fashioned. His views on alcohol are about as popular as TB - and belong to that era. He is perceived as a caricature of the old Ireland: the pioneer pin, the GAA man, and the pious advocate of temperance. And over the years it was hard in fairness, to avoid those associations. Two hours spent in his company was enough to shatter those preconceptions. In Séamus Mc Rory's book "Great GAA Personalities", Loftus is described as a "kind, caring doctor" and he is obviously a GP of the old school, immersed in his community, part social worker and social observer, a warm, good-humoured and a palpably decent man. His attitude to the alcohol culture is informed by a lifetime spent dealing with consequences both as a doctor and a coroner.

It was in his early years as coroner for North Mayo that the recurring pattern really struck him. Inquest after inquest into road traffic accidents, suicides and domestic tragedies repeatedly revealed the same

underlying cause - the pathologist had more often than not found excessive alcohol levels in the bloodstream. As coroner Loftus was entitled to add an opinion to the findings at any given inquest and as cases mounted he found himself repeating the same message.

"Basically I keep saying about alcohol that if it wasn't promoted the way it is we'd probably have less deaths on the road. I speak out," he adds "because of what I've seen and what I am seeing at the moment". For all his commitment to his beliefs there is no sense of a campaigning crusader about Loftus. Rather he is mild-mannered and low-key. His tone is one of hurt and indignation rather than anger, the demeanour modest and self-effacing. His sincerity on the issue unassailable - it couldn't be any other way, given what he's seen. Road traffic accidents are really heart-rending because it's always someone young. I can see mothers, you know, what they're still going through 20 or 25 years later, you can see the loneliness which is and if you sit them down and talk to them you'll see the tears coming after a while...It has a profound effect, their hearts are absolutely broken".

"They're pushing it on them at a younger and younger age all the time". In December 2000 an edition of Prime Time on RTE featured a report on drinking among young people which backed up Dr. Loftus's assertions. "Irish 16 year-olds top the European league for alcohol consumption," it stated. A new international survey also found that Ireland now has the second highest level of alcohol consumption in the world - up ten places on a previous survey.

One specialist described it as "an epidemic in alcohol consumption" and it is against this backdrop that Dr Loftus condemns the industry's invasion of sport. "It permeates everywhere, not just the GAA but rugby, soccer, racing, you name it, it's everywhere. In soccer you have the Harp Lager FAI cup, in racing you have the Budweiser Derby. If you pass the rugby ground you'd swear it was the Smithwicks/Heineken ground. And of course we have the Guinness hurling championship in the GAA.

When it comes to the organisation he once led as its president, he is nostalgic. "I don't think my life would have been near as happy and enriched if I hadn't the GAA. Out from my family, nothing has given me greater fulfilment - I'd say it has made my life."

On the Guinness sponsorship he says, "I didn't feel let down. I just felt it was wrong. I appreciate the money but I think no matter what money we get it won't compensate for the damage alcohol has done. The GAA reaches into every corner of this country and when young lads playing football and hurling see us adults



accepting it, it's bound to have an influence." But where will the pressure come from? "I think it will come from the parents but the Government will have to lead on this."

Dr. Mick Loftus knows that he is seen as someone with outdated views, a throwback to a more frugal Irish age, marooned in a modern society buoyed by affluence and charged with a new hedonism. But he sees signs of

growing alarm among many people, in the letters, and the calls he regularly receives, "and I know within my heart that there's so many people out there thinking the way I am thinking.

No one shouted stop - another Mayo man, John Healy, once famously wrote - Dr Mick Loftus, at least, will never be accused of that.

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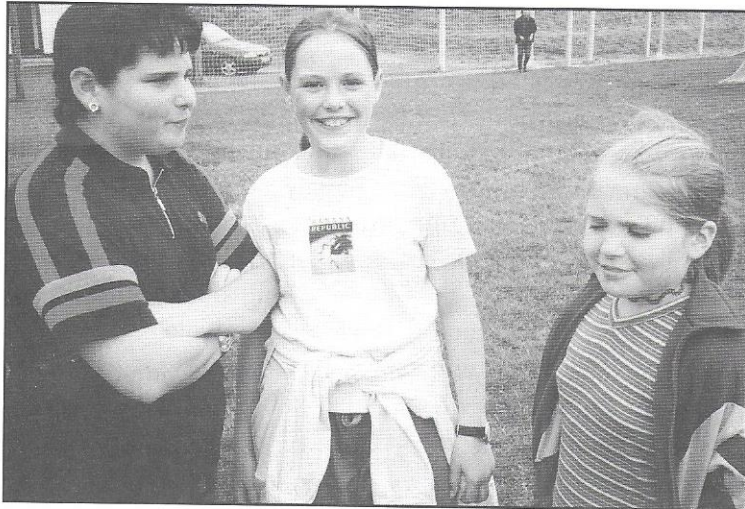
Spending on alcohol in Ireland has increased by almost 70% since 1990. £3.2 billion was spent on alcohol in 1999 compared to £2.2 billion in 1990. In the most recent national health and lifestyle survey, men had 7 drinks "on a typical drinking occasion", whereas women on average 5 drinks.

According to Garda statistics public drunkenness among young people has been steadily increasing since 1994, and shot up in 1999 by more than 20% on the previous year.

Mr Anthony Martin, A&E consultant at University College Galway said recently that the soft drink Red Bull, used as a mixer, is aggravating the problem of teenage violence "because it allows them to function while they are drunk and they can keep drinking. Whereas before they would get drunk and fall down, now they're able to stand up and hit you."

Colm O'Rourke, the former meath captain and secondary school teacher, said recently that "young people in their teens were going out drinking late at night and were not able to get up for games the following morning". He added that too much alcohol was drastically affecting many young players' performance on the night before games." In many instances they were not able to play at all, and if they did, their performances were well below par", he said.

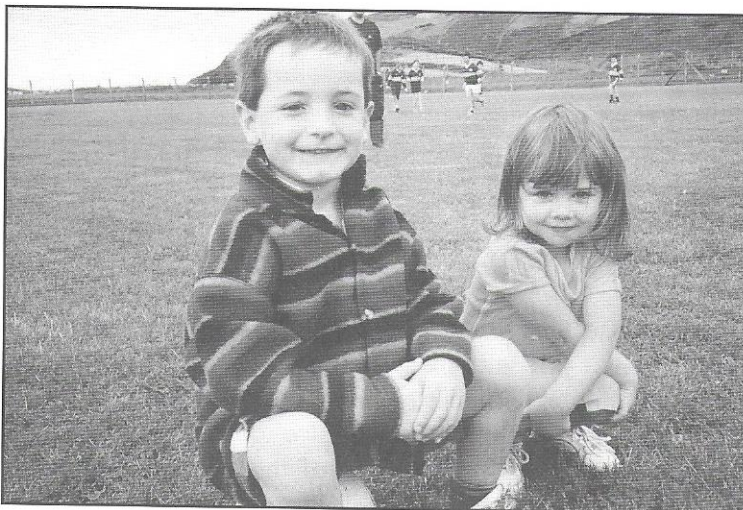
County Chairman, John McConnell warned delegates, at the County Convention of 1999/2000, that alcohol abuse by young people was one of the greatest threats to the GAA.



Olivia Doogan, Niamh MacFadden, Tracy Shovlin.



Shannon Molloy, Colm Molloy & Clodagh Ní Bradaigh.



Jason Campbell & Rachel McHugh

## Political Quotes of the Year 2000

There I was in my bath this morning with the radio on. - **Ms Mary O'Rourke, on when she heard of the resignation of Mr Brian Joyce as CIE chairman**

I find her attitude is one of complete, breathtaking arrogance . . . I am so concerned by the latter that I really feel I need a professional opinion from an appropriate medical person before I pass judgement . . . I mean here a psychologist or psychiatrist. - **Judge Mary Devins, of Audrey Flynn, daughter of Pdraig Flynn, who was in court on charges concerning the operation of a school bus service without appropriate insurance**

I want to apologise to you for the words I used . . . They were inappropriate and unnecessary and not befitting a judge. - **Judge Harvey Kenny, to an 18-year-old male defendant he had described as a "big, fat, thick man with a head like the front of a mallet"**

If there is no decommissioning there will be no full implementation of the Good Friday agreement, there will be no devolution in Northern Ireland. It is a matter of colossal regret, but it is a fact. - **The Northern Secretary, Mr Peter Mandelson, in the Commons**

I would remind the Minister he is in Stormont and not Castlereagh [RUC interrogation centre] . . . He is permitted to answer questions. - **Mr Sammy Wilson, DUP, to Mr Martin McGuinness**

[Seamus] Heaney, whose talents wouldn't, in a sane world, have taken him beyond the parish magazine, is a Nobel-Prize winner because he's a Catholic from Northern Ireland. - **The British author and journalist A. N. Wilson**

God made the skies and the sunlight and the daylight for all of us to see, and I resent that that's going to be taken from me. - **Ms Minny Masterson, whose house at upper Mayor Street, Dublin, would be put in the shade by the proposed Spencer Dock scheme**

I can tell you, I know this, that he forgave those who trespassed against him. - **Mr John Bowman, asking those against whom Jonathan might have trespassed to forgive him**

The only thing I ordered was a cappuccino. - **Mr John Gilligan denying in the Special Criminal Court that he had put a price on the heads of those prepared to testify against him**

You had your husband assassinated, and you tried to assassinate his character. - **Miss Justice Mella Carroll jailing Catherine Nevin for life for the murder of her husband, Tom Nevin**

I never got it in the Burlington or anywhere else. - **The Taoiseach, Mr Ahern, denying allegations he ever received £50,000 from the Cork property developer Mr Owen O'Callaghan**

There is no difference in practical terms if IRA weapons are made permanently inaccessible or unusable - this is decommissioning. - **Mr David Trimble, UUP leader**

As far as democracy is concerned, these folks ain't house-trained yet. - **Mr David Trimble, talking about Sinn Féin, at a UUC vote**

I do, yes. He should be convicted. - **The Tánaiste, Ms Harney, asked in a recent interview if she believed Mr Charles Haughey should be jailed following the latest Moriarty allegations**

When Charles Haughey said in 1980 in what was probably his most famed speech that the country had . . . to live within its means . . . that we had to cut our cloth according to what was available, it's a pity he didn't live by that himself. - **Mr Bertie Ahern**

Something political has come up. I hope it stays down, rather than up. - **Minister of State for Agriculture and Food, Mr Noel Davern, apologising for the absence of the Tánaiste at an embassy reception in London**

I am eternally grateful to you, the Taoiseach, Tánaiste and members of the Government, as well as those who favoured me in the recent Dáil vote. The decision to make this request is mine and mine alone. - **Former Supreme Court Judge Mr Hugh O'Flaherty, withdrawing his candidacy for the post of EIB vice-president**

I was going to go to TV3 but I prefer working for a television station instead. Being honest I'm sticking by RTÉ. I'm like the captain in the Titanic. I'm going down with it. - **Dustin the Turkey**

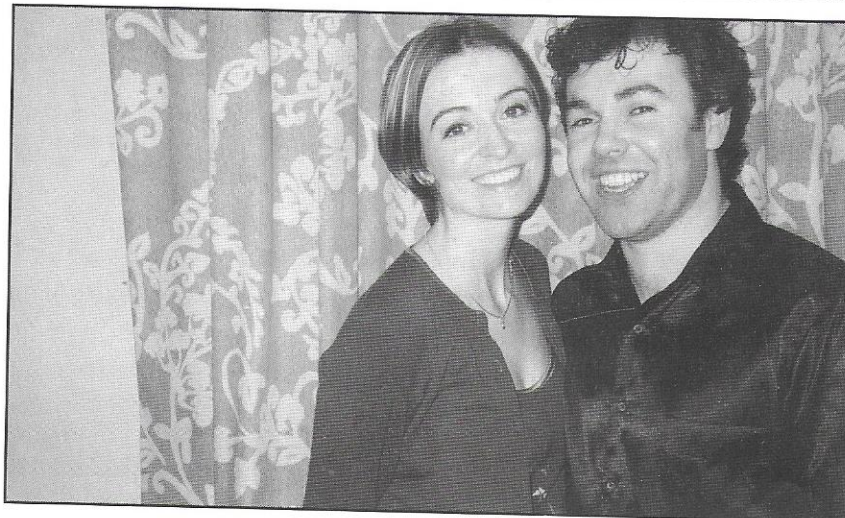
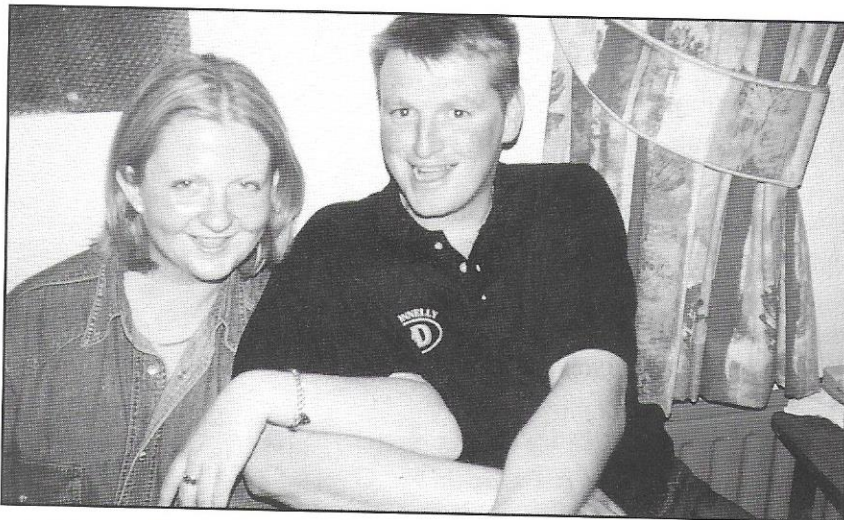
You are never going to have to deal with abortion, whether to have an abortion or not . . . You can always walk away. The woman is left with the child for the next 18 years of her life. - **Fianna Fáil delegate, Ms Siobhán Kelly, addressing male colleagues at the party's Ógra conference**

It's always important to be realistic and accept that life is hard and all anyone can do is contribute in some way to helping somebody else, rather than believing idealistically that you can change the world. - **Ms Olive Braiden, the outgoing director of the Rape Crisis Centre**

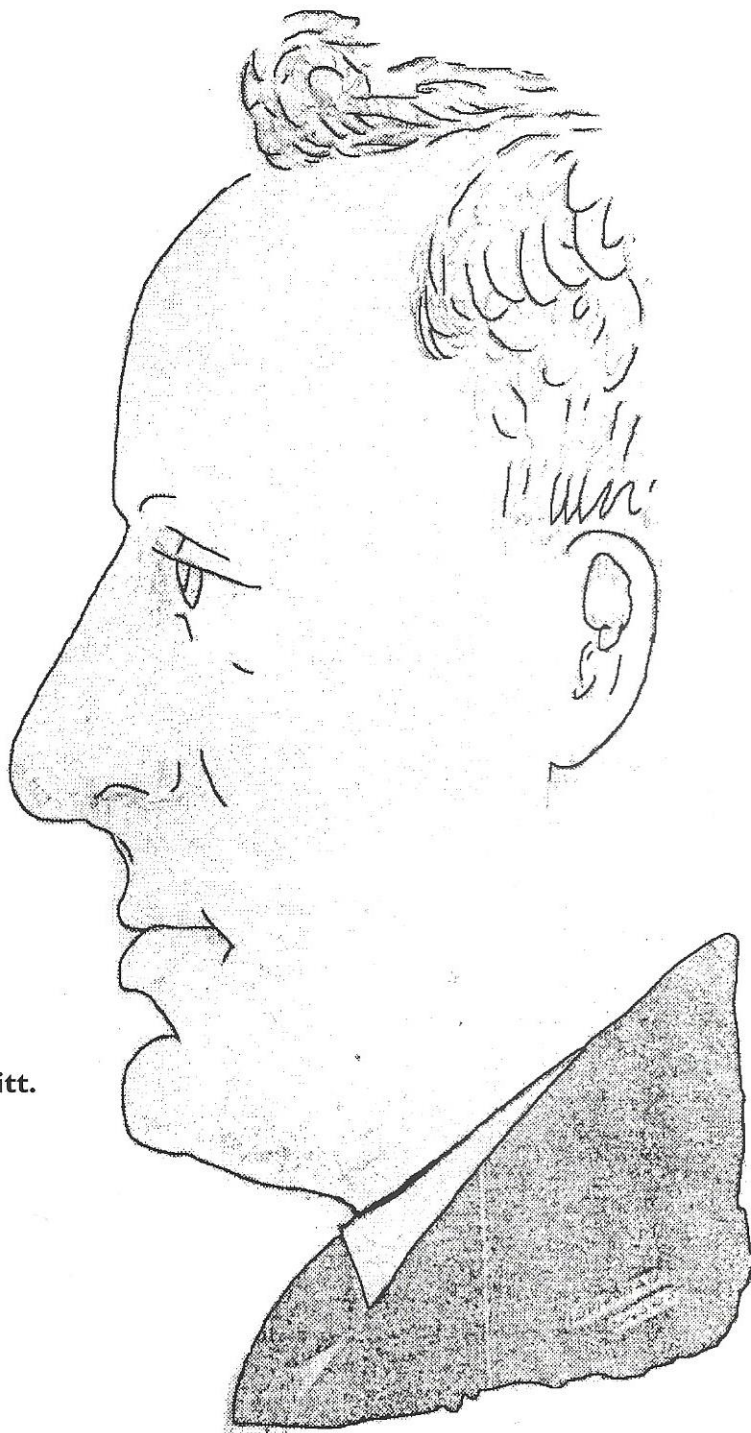
Sometimes it takes a big player to remind people of the big picture. - **NI Secretary Mr Peter Mandelson on the significance of President Clinton's December 12-13 visit to Ireland**

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By Brughha Mc Devitt.

On Saturday 1st June 1968 at approximately 9.30a.m. a call came to my front door. I saw an uniformed figure standing there. I had just opened the morning's post, which included a letter from my stepmother. In it she informed me that my father had gone into hospital a few days previously for a course of injections to relieve the arthritis which had plagued him for many years. She told me that he had developed a heavy cold and was coughing frequently. A young doctor had told her that this could affect his heart. Although I was on a week's certified leave from school I resolved to go to see him immediately. I was about to leave when the fateful message arrived. He had died during the early hours of a heart attack. He was three months short of seventy-six years of age. It was indeed ironic that a man who had survived five bullet wounds in military engagements, four hunger strikes, the infamous first world war flu and double pneumonia should succumb to an infection incurred while in hospital for medication to enable him to enjoy the remainder of the dry fly fishing season on the local river.

As I drove from my home in Navan to Roscommon I felt very much alone. My wife was housebound with four children, all under four years of age. During that journey, I had time to reflect on the life and career of a man who lived through a great epoch in the history of our nation and who played no small part in shaping its destiny.

My wife, Mary made me promise that I would endeavour to record his life and times, no small task given that I would be working from memory alone. Joe Mac Devitt was born on 1st August 1892, the ninth of twelve children to Charles and Nabla Mac Devitt in Churchtown in the parish of Kilcar in SouthWest Donegal. Charles was a schoolteacher in the small rural village in Muckross. He possessed a very smallholding on the side of the hill, which is Churchtown. A teacher's salary in those days was so meagre that such a family barely lived above the poverty line although the circumstances in the Mac Devitt household would have been considerably better than many of their counterparts in the village. However their conditions were enhanced somewhat by the annual visit of Nabla's brothers particularly John O'Donnell who regularly came on holiday from the United States, a rare occurrence in those times when emigration meant a trip of no return. Not only did John O'Donnell lighten the burden on the family exchequer he also created what could be termed a bursary for the education of any of the family prepared to study for the priesthood. Three were to avail themselves of this facility, Charles, Bernard and Joe.

Muckross School was built literally on the side of a mountain with spectacular views over Donegal Bay. Nevertheless I doubt if the Mac Devitt children who

walked barefoot the three miles along a stony path to school had the time or inclination to appreciate the scenery. My father told me that at three years of age he made the journey to school for the most part on his brother Charles' back. This was to ensure that the attendance numbers be maintained to secure my grandfather's continued employment.

As the young Joe grew older and stronger he gave vent to his love of roguery and devilment. The local folklore abounds with accounts of his many exploits on his journeys to and from school. He was often described as the terror of the parish, as it was not known when or where he might strike next. Many a time I have been reduced to tears of laughter when regaled by Joe Mac Devitt recounting the deeds of his early childhood. This penchant for fun and games remained with him for the rest of his life. As a boy he helped his brothers on the farm, saving the hay which was the harvest and planting and gathering vegetables and tending to cattle, few as they were. They also saved their own fuel from the bog on Coguish Mountain. Joe developed a great love for the outdoors particularly fishing and hunting. He had his own greyhound with which he hunted the wild hare on Coguish Mountain and regularly returned with ample supplies for the family dinners. He would maintain that he had a very happy childhood. Swimming was his great passion and he often chilled me when pointing out the cliffs from which he dived or distances he swam. Towney Bay or Teelin Bay was nothing to him. He also developed his skill as an oarsman and sailor at this stage of his life. I am not sure where he got the books, but he told me that as a boy he found inspirational readings in the works of Thomas Davis, John Mitchell's Jail Journal and Myles Byrne's history of ninety-eight. These works inculcated in him a strong patriotic and nationalistic fervour that was destined to last.

When the time came for secondary education the future for Joe was already decided. The fact that funding would be made available in the event of his studying for the priesthood meant that he had to enrol in a Diocesan College. There was a rule that only boarding students in a Diocesan College would be admitted to Maynooth College. This condition no longer holds. St. Eunan's College in Letterkenny accepted Joe as student in the early 20th century. An older brother Charles had already passed through St. Eunan's and was currently studying for the priesthood in the Irish College, Salamanca in Spain, courtesy of John O'Donnell. Incidentally one of his classmates in Salamanca was William O'Dwyer of Bohala, Co. Mayo later to become Mayor of New York and brother of the famous congressman and civil rights lawyer Paul O'Dwyer.

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was a Donegal woman who will feature later in the account of Joe Mac Devitt's funeral. She became the godmother to one of his daughters, Nuala. Kathleen McLoughlin married Moss Twomey an I.R.A. leader who became the proprietor of a tobacconist and confectionery store - prominently situated in O'Connell Street.) It seems that due to his multifarious activities there was very little time for serious relationships. By 1920 as the battle campaign intensified Joe Mac Devitt went on full-time active service.

He was appointed Director of Organisation in the West with the rank of Commandant. His first assignment was to his native Donegal where the burning of the courthouse took place. Other than the burning of the Courthouse in Donegal Town very little happened. Then he was promptly despatched to the West of Ireland where his desire for action was quickly satisfied. Apart from his organising ability he found himself in charge of a flying column carrying out ambushes. He was now on the run mainly in the Sligo area. Names that readily spring to mind who were contacts or comrades in arms at the time would be Tom Deignan of Riverstown, Jack Brennan of Cloonacool, Jack Leonard of Sligo and Martin Bernard McGowan of Leitrim. I played football for Roscommon C.B.S. against the offspring of those very men. He was a wanted man with a price on his head. Towards the end of 1920 he was captured with Nurse Linda Kearns and Dr. Conlon at a roadblock and after a severe beating was brought to Belfast Jail for charging and sentencing. He was incarcerated in the condemned cell but was reprieved when the British Officer whom he disarmed following the Lough Arrow Ambush and to whom he had shown courtesy on that occasion refused to testify and identify him. (A tape came into my possession a few years ago in which Joe Mac Devitt gives a vivid description of Lough Arrow ambush to an American cousin.)

Then followed a long sequence of prisons mainly in Scotland, such as Edinburgh, Peterhead and Inverness at most of which he organised resistance and as a consequence was in solitary confinement. He was regularly before the Governors for a variety of punishments. One day he was summoned to the Governor's Office and he wondered what new ordeal was being dreamed up for him. Imagine his surprise when the official left his desk and shook hands saying, "I am glad to tell you that your country and ours have signed a treaty."

His welcome home to his native Kilcar is the stuff that legends are made of. At one stage coming down the Trough Brae, able-bodied men removed the pony from the trap and pulled him up and down the village while bonfires blazed on every hill from Slieve League to Croaghmhuicross. This joy was to be short-lived as

divisions began to appear when the terms of the Treaty were published.

The main aspects of the Treaty which did not meet with the approval of a substantial minority both in the Dail and the Army (the IRA as the volunteers came to be called after 1919) were the Oath of Allegiance to the British Monarch, Dominion status, partition and the retention of strategic ports by the Royal Navy. The tensions and bitterness were exacerbated by the seizure of the Four Courts by a group of the Army led by Rory O'Connor.

The new Irish Executive Council was under strong pressure from the British Government to deal with the new situation. Eventually Collins gave the order to attack the Four Courts and a bitter and destructive Civil War broke out. Joe Mac Devitt was one of those who opposed the treaty. He maintained that as a member of the IRA he had taken an oath to uphold the Republic and like many others he saw the treaty as a betrayal. I do not propose to dwell on the merits or demerits of the pro or anti treaty positions. Suffice it to say that Mac Devitt felt that it was a clear-cut decision for him. Within the Republican movement of the time or rather separate to it was a secret oath-bound Organisation called the IRB - the Irish Republican Brotherhood that Joe Mac Devitt had joined while in Dublin. This was a continuation of the Fenian movement of the 1860's whose rising in 1867 was aborted mainly through the activities of informers. Collins was the leader of the IRB in Ireland and used his position and contacts to identify the latter-day spies and deal with them ruthlessly. My father attested quite vehemently that a secret campaign was undertaken emanating from the leadership of the IRB to have the treaty endorsed by the officers of the IRA. This despite the fact that until his dying day he yielded to no one in his unstinted admiration for Michael Collins. As I have said the following years were bitter and bloody. Mac Devitt was active in South Mayo North Galway area. Michael Kilroy and Tom Maguire, Tom Powell and Mick Martin were the leaders of the Anti-treaty forces in the region and he formed a lasting friendship with them. (When my father passed away in 1968, Michael Kilroy was already dead. Dr. Tom Powell and Mick Martin, two former brigades O.C.S. were at the funeral and General Tom Maguire gave an eloquent oration at the graveside.)

He was eventually captured and he avoided execution, he was told, by a mutinous action by some Free State Officers who determined that it would not take place. He was imprisoned in Tintown Camp No. 3 where he completed the hunger strike together with 35 others, among them. Brian O'Higgins, Mick Hilliard and Jim Ryan. When the final order came from De Valera to



dump arms to the "Soldiers of Freedom, Legion of the Rearguard" the prisoners were released. Joe Mac Devitt tells of the ironic situation of arriving in Kilcar with no job, no army commission. In contrast to a few years previously there was no one to meet him. The following years must have been very difficult. Nevertheless he was far from idle.

He was instrumental in founding the Kilcar G.A.A. Club at a time when soccer was the game played by the young boys of the parish.

It is recorded in "C.L.G. Chill Chartha 1924 -1984" published in 1984 that there were three main reasons for the change-over from soccer to Gaelic in Kilcar.

1. Because of Black and Tans involvement in the parish the men became much more nationalistic and adopted the game of Gaelic football in preference to soccer.
2. This trend was also very powerful in the colleges and the boys attending there brought these 'ideals' home to spread among their own kinfolk.
3. Because of one Joe McDevitt. He, more than anyone else was instrumental in setting up the G.A.A. in Kilcar.

The following reports also appear in the book, which record his involvement with the club.

1922 politics had determined that these young lads would never play soccer again. Columba Carr and Joe McDevitt, The Murray's and John Gara got the organisational ball rolling in 1922 and over in Towney they were using a field that the soccer team had been using. They bought another piece of land adjoining it from Bidy Jim for £5.00 in order to level the field off.

The official establishment of the club came in late 1923 and afterwards Kilcar began to arrange challenge games with Glen and Ardara. There are no minutes available from those first meetings but some of the main participants were Paddy Tim O'Gara, Hugh Gillespie, Leo Murray, Joe McDevitt, Francis Carr, Pat McShane, Columba Carr, etc.

Joe McDevitt took over the running and training of the team, using the expertise that he had gained in St. Columb's, Derry, and in Dublin. Indeed it wasn't always a smooth road for poor Joe. For instance he found it impossible to persuade some of the players to wear togs so on one particular day in Glen he was so exasperated with the team's narrow-mindedness that he went to the dance afterwards in a pair of short trousers, just to prove a point. Needless to say he didn't get many dances. A dance in these times usually followed a game.

In these first games for the club, Joe McDevitt did a lot of the refereeing.

But now and again Joe ended up in the middle of clubs squabbling, for instance he refereed a game between Donegal and Ballyshannon on December 15th, 1924. The Donegal reporter had the following to say: "There was a palpable foul by two of the Ballyshannon players immediately before the score but the referee apparently didn't observe fouls committed by the visitors. He left many of the spectators present under the impression that he didn't understand the G.A.A. rules . . . Mr. Joseph McDevitt, Kilcar, did not give satisfaction as a referee." This prompted the Ballyshannon correspondent to reply in the paper, Friday Dec 26th, 1924: "An unfair criticism . . ." "Only an identsness opponent would dream of supposing that the referee, Mr. Joe McDevitt, was partial to any particular team."

"Furthermore, criticism like that does nothing in the furtherance of Irish games. When a team is beaten they should accept their defeat in a sporting manner." Because the 1924 League finished so late the latter stages were to be played in 1925.

A report in the *Democrat* of May 8th, 1925 read as follows: "South and SouthWest League matches have all been played, and the results are as follows . . .". Kilcar finished third in the League having played eight games, won 3, drew 1, and lost 4. Five teams in all competed in the league. They were Kilcar, Ardara, Ballyshannon, Donegal and Mountcharles."

The top two teams in the South and South-Western League were to play off and the winners were then to meet the Northern champions, Dunfanaghy, in the Championship final. Ballyshannon and Ardara finished first and second in the league but Kilcar protested. "Kilcar protested that Ballyshannon and Ardara be automatically disqualified owing to their not playing at the correct venue", (*Democrat*, July 21st, 1925). Both teams were supposed to have played their game in Kilcar in the deciding game to see who was to play Dunfanaghy, but both teams agreed to play in Mountcharles. The Kilcar protest was successful and they were to play Dunfanaghy in the county final in Letterkenny on July 26th, 1925. This prompted a reporter from Ballyshannon, pen-name "Assaroe", to publish an attack both belittling and scotching the Kilcar club and its delegates to the Donegal County Executive. The following are extracts from the reply by Joe McDevitt in the following week's *Democrat* (July 17th, 1925)

"It can hardly be doubted that I am the 'gentleman from Kilcar' to whom Assaroe refers. I do not wish to enter into a newspaper controversy with anyone, much less with one who until recently I believe was an ardent

supporter of the G.A.A. But "Assaroe's" latest contribution to your journal forces me to vindicate myself. First of all as I was openly and bitterly attacked and next my comrades of the Tirconnel County Board G.A.A. Assaroe states that I "bribed" and shrewdly he puts "bribed" in inverted commas, delegates to vote for Kilcar as a venue for the final for the South and South West League. Poor Assaroe! I don't know if he is a Tirconnel man or not but I do know that he is as ignorant of the psychology and sense of honour of the men of Tirconnel as he is of the rules and regulations of the G.A.A."

Joe McDevitt then went on to explain how at a meeting of the County Board, Kilcar was chosen by a clear majority to be the venue for the final between Ardara and Ballyshannon. Ballyshannon and Ardara had also been proposed as venues but the majority of delegates voted to play the neutral venue. He explains how Ballyshannon and Ardara teams ignored the decision of the executive and took Mountcharles as an alternative venue despite his warning to lodge protest. He goes on: "I proposed that the two teams be suspended, not because I wanted Kilcar to get the league medals. (for we are not accepting them), but because I did not want to see irregularity and anarchy taking the place of regularity and order ..."

"There are no pawn shops in Kilcar of course, or no "cheap medals" exhibited for sale. If there were we would not attach so much importance to them as some people apparently do. We never looked for trophies. We turned up for fixtures more often with inferior teams than with our real team and were prepared to win or lose. The medals for the South and South-West League we will not accept. We do not want any trophies that we did not win on the field. We were the third team in the league surely but if we could chose to wait until Kilcar men - teachers and students - were available I have no hesitation in saying that the probability is we would have as good a chance of heading the league as Ballyshannon or Ardara."

Joe McDevitt lodged the protest, as it was his duty as referee of that league final in Mountcharles on 28th June 1925.

Kilcar travelled to Letterkenny to play Dunfanaghy but they failed to turn up, so Kilcar played a Letterkenny selection instead who were fairly strong at the time. Kilcar went to the game on Paddy Tim O'Gara's (Bradley's) lorry and played the game in a field just outside the town. Joe McDevitt was referee. He noticed that after a while there seemed to be a lot of players on the field and on counting discovered that Letterkenny had fifteen (only 13-a-side at the time). Kilcar won anyway.

At a meeting of the South and South-Western League, Joe McDevitt was a vice-president and James Murray and Dan Byrne delegate.

Failure to travel for games and to get byes were condemned and Joe McDevitt said, "Rather than disappoint Ballyshannon, Kilcar travelled that day although five of their principal players were missing. Teams that have no intention of travelling should not have come into the league."

Mr. Woods, the Ballyshannon delegate, stated that it had cost £12.00 for car hire to Kilcar. Again at the meeting Joe McDevitt answered the criticisms of the Donegal correspondent who had criticised his refereeing between Donegal and Ballyshannon.

He stated: "In the present league he refereed all the matches apart from two as well as most of the friendlies in and around Kilcar and visiting teams coming to Kilcar asked him to referee their matches. Regarding his knowledge of the Gaelic games he was one of the first men in Donegal affiliated to the G.A.A. in St. Columba's College, Derry. Subsequently he studied football in Croke Park.

As president of St. Enda's College (Dublin) he played and refereed matches as he also did in the West of Ireland. So he thought he knew the rules of Gaelic better than the Donegal correspondent. He felt that the proper place for complaints was at the County Board and not through the press. He hoped that all matches would be played in the same sporting manner as Kilcar vs Ballyshannon in Ballyshannon and Ballyshannon vs Kilcar in Kilcar." A vote of thanks was then passed on to Joe Mc Devitt.

Also, during his early involvement with the Kilcar GAA Club, he organised ceilithe for Conradh na Gaeilge. He formed a Drama group that won high acclaim throughout the county. He was in great demand as a public speaker in places like Drumboe (where 4 Republicans were summarily executed as a reprisal) and throughout the country. He could not allow his situation of unemployment to continue. He had no job or prospect of one. The defeated republicans or "irregulars" as they were called were regarded as pariahs by the establishment. Joe McDevitt applied to join the Hudson Bay Company in Canada, which specialised in hunting and trapping animals and fish for commercial purposes. While he was waiting for confirmation of his passage and employment he heard of a vacancy in Omagh, Co. Tyrone for a part-time agent with the Pearl Assurance Company. He decided to apply for the position.

This volte-face on his part could be ascribed to the fact

that he had met a schoolteacher two years his junior also from Kilcar, Annie Brown from Ballymoon, but teaching on Inish Meáin off the Gweedore Coastline. They became engaged and a decision was taken to marry when she felt the hardship and privations of a remote island too difficult to bear. They married and set up house in Omagh where he had obtained the position with the Pearl Assurance Company. He must have done well because within a short time he was appointed ordinary Branch Inspector with the same firm. He went to live in Limerick. As inspector he had "the run of the country" from Limerick to Sligo. My elder sister Eithne and I were born in Limerick. Ruairi who died in infancy and Sile were born in Fermoy.

He was not long in Limerick but continued to participate in extra-curricular activities. He produced "The sign of the Cross" to great public and critical acclaim. He was still a member of the I.R.A., which organisation supported De Valera in 1932 with the slogan "Put him in to get them out". Them in question were the numbers of republican prisoners still in jail. For the first and last time in his life Joe Mac Devitt spoke all over Limerick for Fianna Fáil. (De Valera founded Fianna Fáil in 1927 when a motion by him as President of Sinn Fein, permitting members to enter Dáil Eireann thereby taking the oath of allegiance to the British monarch was defeated. De Valera lead his followers from the Ard Fheis and formed Fianna Fáil whose members duly entered Dáil Eireann and in 1932 became the governing party.)

His active association with the I.R.A. faded after this when he became disillusioned with lack of organisation and discipline viz. the Stephen Hayes affair, and the various splinter groups being formed such as Saor Eire, and the Republican Congress. Peadar O'Donnell with whom he disagreed on many issues remained a life-long friend. He failed to interest Joe in Saor Eire.

He was promoted again to the position of District Manager for North Cork and was domiciled in Fermoy. His political activities were curtailed apart from the regular orations. He rented a large house in town on the banks of the Blackwater.

Card playing became a regular pastime, and 110 being the most played game, punctuated by argument and laughter.

Two events from that time stand out in my memory. We travelled to Crosshaven in Cork Harbour to witness the fireworks and general celebrations when as a result of the implementation of the new constitution of 1937, in 1938 the ports were handed back by the British. In the first Sunday in September 1939 we heard the historic statement from Chamberlain that Britain and France had declared war on Germany.

The following year Joe Mac Devitt was transferred as District Manager of the Irish Assurance Company to their offices in South Mall, Cork City. (The Pearl and Prudential Insurance companies were amalgamated within Ireland and became the Irish Assurance Company and later Irish Life.)

He was to have a very happy two years in Cork. He had many friends from the old I.R.A. days such as Tom Barry the Commander of the third West Cork Brigade and Aodh O Tuama and Liam Deasy. He rented a house in Ballintemple in the parish of Blackrock where he developed a great love of hurling which he instilled in me. The house was in Barrington's Avenue, a stone's throw from the Athletic grounds - now Pairc Ui Chaoimh - where all the big games were played. The card games continued. We went to school locally in the O.L.A. convent at Ardfoyle where later on Eithne entered from Letterkenny and Sheila from Roscommon. I was booked into the North Monastery C.B.S. for the year following my departure from Cork.

In 1941 my mother finally succumbed to the regular illness that had beset her over the years. One day we were sent for at school and told that my mother had a stroke. When we arrived, an ambulance was parked outside the house and I remember distinctly climbing onto the vehicle to say goodbye. She died later that evening. Joe Mac Devitt made a decision that for our upbringing we would be better off among our relations in Donegal. Therefore Christmas 1941 found us in Ballymoon, Kilcar and enrolled in Coghish National School. A vacancy as District Manager arose in Letterkenny and he made a successful application for the post. Wishing to keep the family together he booked us into O'Donnell's Hotel in Letterkenny on a purely pro tem basis. This was a small commercial hostelry famous as the place where Wolfe Tone was identified following his arrest in Lough Swilly. The hotel is no longer standing. (Wolfe Tone was a founder of the United Irishmen, an organisation famous for the rising of 1798 where there was intense fighting particularly in Wexford, Antrim and Mayo. He was arrested when captured on a French ship that was intercepted off Lough Swilly.)

Eventually Joe found a house to rent in Rathmullen, a seaside village 15 miles from his office in Letterkenny. Like many others who did not need a car for emergency purposes he had got rid of his Morris Oxford in Cork shortly after the outbreak of the war. Now he had to cycle 15 miles to and from work and very often had to cycle on various calls throughout the day. He enrolled us in the local primary school, which was to be my fourth - there were five in all. One of my teachers was Annie Keane (nee Browne) a cousin from Carrick whom I remember well as being very kind to us. We got to know the Kennedy's who were to become

our next door neighbours in Letterkenny. Christy, a Garda, was an old friend of my fathers from the footballing days in the 1920's. He was stationed in Ardara then where he married Nan Brennan. She has celebrated her 100th birthday just at the turn of the millennium together with Mrs. McMenamin a native of Rathmullen whose family were also great friends. Lough Swilly was known as the Lake of Shadows and my father got the opportunity of indulging his favourite pastime of angling. He used to fish off the pier for glass on a small but very tasty fish. There was always an abundant supply of them.

In 1943 he married my 1st cousin, the niece of his first wife, Nora Carr; Coughish We knew her well and regarded her as part of the family. It was a very quiet wedding. All I remember is that we were given a day off school. The whole atmosphere at home was transformed. Nora was a very good cook and the fact that she was well known to us made it very easy for us to adapt to the new situation. Being of the same flesh and blood meant that she took a personal interest in our welfare and she relieved Joe of much of the maternal responsibilities. Four children were born of this marriage, Nuala, Delma, Kevin (deceased) and Crona.

He continued to speak on special occasions. I remember him speaking at Drumboe at the annual commemoration and for Sean Mac Cumhaill an independent Republican candidate in 1944 in the famous old Market Square in Letterkenny. ( Sean Mac Cumhaill was also an active republican and had been recently released from prison in the North of Ireland and was elected Secretary of the County Board of the G.A.A.)

He renewed his interest in G.A.A. administration and became Chairman of St. Eunan's Club in Letterkenny. It was now that he became passionately involved in angling and found many exciting outlets for his favourite pastime.

Apart from the River Swilly flowing through the town there were many lakes and rivers in the surrounding area providing ample opportunity for this disciple of Isaac Walton; Lough na Cibbon and Garton often provided abundant catches. All these places of entertainment were reached on his trusty bike. He also had access to Glen Veagh where he had a standing invitation to this very private fishery. Lough Fem provided the occasional salmon in the springtime. As stated earlier he eschewed active politics although he was always available for a lecture or an oration. He remained solidly republican although as outlined earlier he had severed all connections with the I.R.A., especially when the Russell and McCaughey element took over.

In 1946, a number of council houses became available on the upper end of the town and we were fortunate to be allocated one. The official name of the area was Ard O'Donnell but the locals hearing all the blasting, necessary even before foundations could be considered christened it the Burma Road. To this day it is still known as the Burma.

Around this time politics beckoned. Sean Mac Bride, an active I.R.A. man until 1938 and the son of renowned parents, Major John Mac Bride executed in 1916 and Maud Gonne, formed a radical political party Clann na Poblachta. During the war years many I.R.A. activists were executed such as Maurice O'Neill, Charlie Kerins, Tony D'Arcy and George Plant. The prominent lawyer, Sean Mac Bride, defended most of these. A substantial minority was outraged especially when it was found necessary to bring over an English hangman to carry out the executions. When Mac Bride announced in 1946 that he was to found a Republican Party to work within the Irish Constitution through solely peaceful means Joe Mac Devitt was one of the first to rally to his side. Meetings were held throughout the country. At this time, 1946, at a County Convention, held in Ballybofey, he was elected Chairman of the County Board of the G.A.A., Sean Mac Cumhaill was elected secretary and Sean Cassidy treasurer. He held this position for two years (1946,1947). Although the Donegal senior team was not particularly successful in those years the position was very prestigious and he had the opportunity of travelling with the Donegal team to places as far away as Belfast and Newcastle, Co. Down. It was at this time that he had a falling out with the St. Eunan's Club and our next door neighbour Christy Kennedy. In 1946 St. Eunan's and Gaoth Dobhair had qualified for the county final. There was an emergency situation throughout the country owing to a disastrous summer. The crops were left unharvested and volunteer groups from the towns and cities were recruited to assist the farmers in their time of need. Major events and sporting fixtures were postponed including the All Ireland finals. The County Secretary Sean Mac Cumhaill called to my father. In those days telephone communication was difficult but they took a unilateral decision to postpone the county final which was to be held on the following Sunday.

The St. Eunan's officials were very annoyed as they felt that my father should have consulted them as he was living in the town. His answer was that it would have been grossly unfair to meet St. Eunan's when it was impossible to contact Gaoth Dobhair. In fact almost half of the St. Eunan's team was made up of clerical students mostly in Dalgan Park and these would not be available for the re-fixture. At a subsequent meeting of the St. Eunan's Club a resolution was passed condemning the action of the Chairman and Secretary

of the County Board. This was passed and Joe Mac Devitt left the meeting together with some others never to return. The Eunan's officials, Christy Kennedy and Joe Callaghan brought their protest to the County Board meeting but it was rejected out of hand.

In 1947 three By-elections were held in the country, Dublin South West, Tipperary North, and Waterford. Clann na Pobachta to everyone's amazement won two of the contests, including Sean Mac Bride in Dublin. There was a great surge of interest and De Valera the astute politician that he was, called a general election. In hindsight the Clann was not ready or organised. They fell into the trap of nominating enough candidates to form a government.

There was little doubt but they wanted Joe Mac Devitt to run in Donegal. He was selected for the West Constituency together with Aodh O' Dubhgáin (Hughie Doogan), the grandfather and uncle of the famous singing group Clannad. Sean Mac Cumhaill was selected for the East. (The Chairman and Secretary of the Donegal County Board of the GAA were standing for election to political office). Neither was elected, although Joe came within a hundred votes of unseating Cormac Breslin a sitting T.D. for many years and a subsequent Ceann Comhairle of the Dáil. As it transpired Clann na Poblachta won only 10 seats, but for the first time since 1932 Fianna Fáil lost power. A coalition Government was formed which included Clann na Poblachta. This move angered many of the republicans that supported the party. The bitter memories of the civil war were only a quarter of a century away and the thought of joining forces with the likes of Mulcahy; Mac Eoin and others was anathema to many who immediately resigned. Joe Mac Devitt on the other hand, an indefatigable republican, supported the move. He never allowed bitterness to affect his outlook or approach. He cultivated a friendship with his erstwhile enemies, a fact that enhanced his esteem and social standing.

When the T.D. for East Donegal, Neil Blaney died in 1948 an immediate by-election was called. There were two coalition candidates, the local G.P., J.P. McGinley for Fine Gael and Jim O'Donnell for the Clann. Neil Blaney Junior was the Fianna Fáil candidate. Mac Devitt supported and canvassed for O'Donnell. A public meeting in support of the coalition candidates was called for the Market Square, at which the Taoiseach of the day J.A. Costelloe, Dick Mulcahy, James Dillon (Indep.) William Morton (Labour) and Joe Block (Clanna na Talmhan) and Seán McBride all spoke. It was agreed unanimously before the meeting that Joe Mac Devitt would preside. His introduction was a tour de force in oratory. The atmosphere was electric and when he called on Dick Mulcahy to speak, his dramatic

and eloquent skills came into play. "There are many here to-night who might think it strange that I share a platform with Dick Mulcahy. Thanks be to almighty God I have lived to see the day." It was pure theatre to see the two old opponents embrace one another on the platform. (It was a scene that will remain on my "inward eye" for the rest of my life.)

Was my father disappointed at not being elected? I feel myself that he shouldn't have been surprised, but there was disillusionment. My stepmother told us that she prayed long and hard that he wouldn't be elected. Peadar O'Donnell, his great friend told him in my hearing that it would be extremely dangerous for him as the Dáil was as he described it 'a drinking den'. The emotional experience of meeting old comrade friends and former enemies could be a grave temptation for one so gregarious. Indeed a saying of his when declining invitations to functions fraught with danger would be 'et ne nos inducas in temptationem'.

A vacancy occurred the following year in West Donegal and despite pressure from Sean McBride that I witnessed myself, in the Central Hotel, Letterkenny, he declined to allow his name go forward.

In 1948 with the ending of petrol rationing he purchased a new car and as his term of office with Donegal County Board was up, he had more time to pursue his hobby of angling. Distance now was no longer a problem and apart from occasional forays into the mountains seeking unexplored lakes, his Mecca was the Kilmacrenan, Cresslough and Dunfanaghy area and of course the magical Lough Veagh. As outlined earlier he had ready access to the estate and very often after a day's fishing we would retire to the castle kitchen for a venison supper with the state staff. It was fishing de luxe in the incredibly spectacular surroundings.

Serious games of poker were played on Saturday nights in our living-room. A regular player was Peadar O'Donnell and I was allowed to stay up until the tea break when I would delight in the discourse monopolised by Peadar and Joe. If a recording had been made it would prove invaluable. These games lasted very often until daybreak.

He still maintained an interest in politics through the local Cumann and the national executive of Clann na Poblachta. He took part in the campaign during the bye-election in West Donegal. I remember travelling with him to Dungloe with Liam O'Doherty where in spite of severe laryngitis he delivered a fiery oration with Dr. Noel Browne then Minister for Health. We had a great night afterwards when Paddy the Cope Gallagher, the founder of the co-operative movement joined us in Donegal and others.

He never lost the opportunity for practical joking although the boot could be on the other foot at times. He purchased a standard 8 car in 1948. It had a Union Jack painted on its bonnet. Joe had the emblem painted over. Some locals had the outer paint removed during the night causing the Union Jack to reappear. Eventually he had the sign removed altogether. There was much amusement in the town over this incident. On another occasion he received a letter from the Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Elizabeth "thanking him for conveying his loyal felicitations on the occasion of her engagement to Prince Philip Mountbatten". His reaction leaves little to the imagination. He found out eleven years later that a St. Eunan's College priest and a friend, Fr. Hugo Bonar had sent the wishes in Joe's name.

He also played a reasonable game of chess and I remember organised games with the Gallagher brothers, both higher Civil Servants, one who became an Ambassador, and Jack Dawson, one of the insurance agents in the house. Dinner parties were organised for students in St. Eunan's College who came from "in through", Kilcar, Carrick and Glencolmcille. These alternated with parties for girls from the local convent. In fact, I can rarely remember our house without visitors or overnight stayers.

In late Spring 1950 Joe told us that he had had a tempting offer. There was a large district in trouble in the West of Ireland comprising all of County Roscommon, East Mayo and part of East Galway as far as Athlone. The Manager was being demoted - reduced was the technical term then and a vacancy would occur. Due to incompetence a large part of the area was untapped and he explained that salary and commission wise with a pension in mind it would mean a lot to a man who would have family responsibility for many years. My stepmother was unenthusiastic but would not stand in his way. Síle and I raised no objections although we were enjoying Letterkenny and doing well in our respective schools. Therefore the momentous decision was taken to leave Donegal and Joe Mac Devitt took up his new position on the third of July 1950, with Headquarters in Roscommon town.

He moved initially and lodged in the town and drove home at weekends. We joined him in November in a house he rented a mile outside the town without water and electricity. Joe adapted very quickly to the new surroundings. We settled in our respective schools, as we were adaptable to change by now. My father had campaigned for Jack McQuillan the Clann na Poblachta T.D. for Roscommon in the local elections of 1950 while still in lodgings. McQuillan was the winner of two All Irelands in 1943 and 1944 with his native County in their only national championship victories. The two men became and remained close friends. In 1951 Dr.

Noel Browne fell foul of the Irish Hierarchy when he insisted on proceeding with his Mother and Child Scheme in the Dáil. In those days the Catholic Church authorities and the Irish Medical Association were establishment bodies that you only challenged at your peril. Browne was forced to resign from the Clann and relieved of the Ministry of Health. My father sympathised strongly with Noel Browne. Jack McQuillan resigned and became an independent T.D. Mac Devitt attended a meeting of the local Cumann where he stated that he would not be returning. He did not wait for the vote, which went strongly in favour of McQuillan. He wrote to both Mac Bride and Browne. Only one thought fit to acknowledge the letter and that was Noel Browne.

Joe Mac Devitt was not a great collector of historical memorabilia and many of the letters he received seem to have disappeared. However, I read the letter in which Noel Browne stated that he appreciated the fact that there were conscientious men in the country concerned about the inadequacies of our health services. My father to my knowledge never spoke from a political platform again. He was available still for lectures and commemorative oration. He spoke at the unveiling of the Heaney memorial in Glencolmcille and the Dermot O'Dwyer plaque in North Frederick Street, Dublin. O'Dwyer was a student of his in St. Enda's who was shot in Frederick Street during the War of Independence.

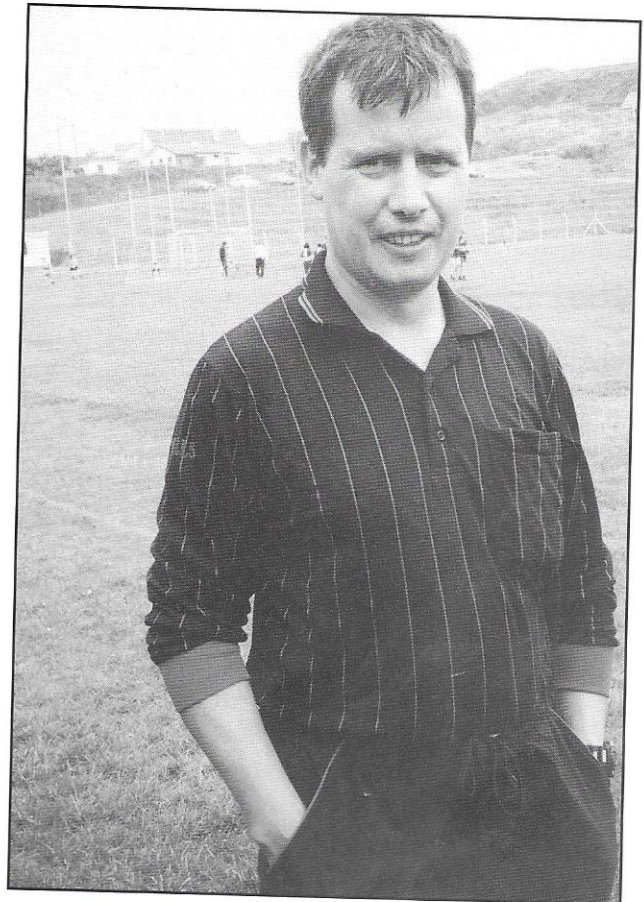
He was also active in the pre-truce old I.R.A. association and made many representations for veterans not in receipt of a pension. He also organised appropriate ceremonial at the funerals of these former activists. Angling was pursued with renewed vigour and the local river, the Hind, a small tributary of the Shannon yielded many fine catches. Co. Mayo was a happy hunting ground for him. The Yellow River a tributary of the upper Moy, was a magnet for after-work hours in that county. I remember drinking tea with him in a cottage high in the Ox Mountains as the witching hour of night approached. In his latter years he cultivated a skill in fly fishing, a pursuit largely foreign to one used to the fast flowing rivers of Donegal. For a man with a relatively low threshold of tolerance in many other respects he was consummately patient when it came to angling. After retiring in 1957 he continued to take an interest in drama, angling increasingly in gardening. He became president of the Drama Festival Committee and my last meeting with him was in March 1968, in Roscommon town, when in formal outfit he was about to welcome the Director of the Arts Council and others to the opening function.

When I arrived in Roscommon in 1968 I was charged with the responsibility of making all arrangements for the funeral. Nora expressed the wish that he be buried locally in Roscommon. Then followed a series of hectic organising. Major General Frank Simons whom my father held hostage during the civil war was a tower of strength. Tom Maguire the veteran Republican agreed to give the oration. The C.Y.M.S. requested permission to have a guard of honour at the graveside and the surviving local members of the War of Independence were to march from the Church behind the coffin to the cemetery. A bugler from a Western Command of the National Army would sound the last post. He got a send-off worthy of and evocative of his many and varied interests. As we reached the graveyard one mile from the town, the rear of the cortege had not yet left Athlone Road. Maguire's address was eloquent and evocative. Dan O'Rourke the former President of the G.A.A. and former T.D. for Roscommon, recited a decade of the Rosary as gaeilge following which the crowd went their separate ways.

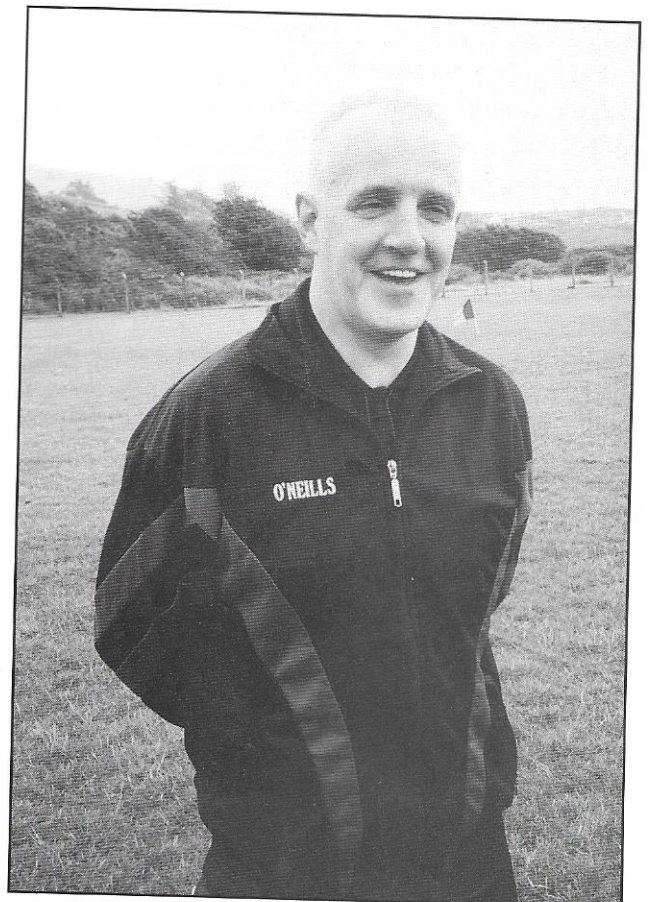
One footnote to all this deserves recording. You will remember that Joe Mac Devitt in 1920 was incarcerated in Belfast Jail in the condemned cell. During that time one of his visitors was Mrs. Pearse, mother of the executed leader of 1916. She presented him with a gift of a small chess set. He often spoke about the same gift during his lifetime wondering what became of it. When the funeral ceremony ended this elderly lady approached me to sympathise. I knew directly who she was when she told me her name was Kathleen Logan. This was the same Kathleen McHugh, one of my father's girlfriends during the Troubles. I invited her to the house for refreshments. She replied that she was coming not for tea but that she had something for me. In an emotional moment she presented me with the chess set that she had kept safe all those 48 years. He had given it to her for safekeeping and she was reluctant to part with it.

She knew that I would treasure it. I intend to present it to the museum in Scoil Eanna in Rathfarnham where Joe Mac Devitt from 1918 to 1920 had a brief but distinguished time nurturing the minds of youths that were entrusted to his care.

## Referees



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