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A Cháirde Gael

Fáilte mhór romhaibh uilig inniu chuig an lá is mó dúinn sa tsraith, le cluichí tabhachtacha ar an lá chéanna sa dá chód.

We welcome you hopefully to two venues today, with critical games in both codes, to Pairc Uí Cheallaigh, Port Gleann Eoghain, Port Chluain Eoghain and to Pairc Naomh Iosaef Lann Abhaigh. We are deeply indebted to both clubs for their expertise and experience in hosting our teams and for having their facilities in such impeccable condition.

Both our senior hurlers and footballers have made strong starts to their respective league campaigns. Our footballers have opened with wins against Wexford and most recently in gruelling conditions in Ruislip against London setting up a mouthwatering clash today against Carlow. A solitary point separated us in our away game against Sligo, with an obscurely short amount of additional time being played, when we awaited a kick out with the wind at our backs. Our hurlers have won both games away to Wicklow and home to Mayo, with tougher tests awaiting for the rest of the league, starting today against Meath, who of course beat us in the 2016 Christy Ring final. Storm Dennis defeated both us and Offaly last week, in a key match which will require to be re-fixed before our final fixture away to Kerry in Tralee on 1st March. Promotion from both leagues is a key strategic objective for both panels and whereas it will be difficult we have started as we mean to go on.

Since our last home games we have welcomed the All Ireland hurling champions Tipperary to an exceptional day that will live long in the memory of all those fortunate to have been there, especially the members of Davitts GAC who will record the day as one of the finest in their history. We have also conducted our club championship draws with seasons ambitions now fixed on those summer contests. We are deeply indebted to those business that support our club championships through their generous sponsorship, namely Northern Switchgear, Larkin Cassidy Solicitors and The Devenish for our senior, intermediate and junior football championships and bathshack.com, Andersonstown Social Club and Casement Social Club for our senior, intermediate and junior hurling championships. We have also cut the first sod on the Corrigan Park development, which is featured within these pages.

I would also like to commend the sterling work undertaken by the SAFFRON GAEL website who provide a unique and crucial service for gaelic games in our county. Formed in 2017 Saffron Gael had 724,728 views in 8 months of 2017 with 1,373,793 views in 2018 with over 1.5 million views in 2019. Saffron Gael cover schools games, all tiers of all of our club games in all codes, and also provide unparalleled previews and match reports for all activities in the county. Saffron Gael also provide an exceptional service in recollecting past victories, such as the 1989 team and the 1969 under 21 All Ireland winning team last year, with an exceptional article recollecting the 50th Anniversary of the 1970 All Ireland winning intermediate hurling championship team recently hosted on the site.

Many thanks again to Club Aontroma for preparing our match programs today which includes FOUR player profiles today and TWO reviews of exceptional capital developments in the county. I would encourage any local small businesses to avail of the advertising opportunities to promote their businesses on these pages and equally I would encourage all of our patrons to support those businesses that contribute to county development. Ní neart go cuir le chéile!!

Go raibh maith agaibh a chairde, we are very appreciative of your continued support, year in year out.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Ciarán Mc Cavana/ Ciarán Mac an Mhanaigh
Cathaoirleach CLG Aontroma

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Sinne Fianna Fáil,
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Buíon dár slua
thar toinn do ráinig chugainn,
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Seantír ár sinsear feasta,
Ní fhágfar faoin tóirán ná faoin tráill.
Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil,
Le gear ar Ghaeil, chun báis nó saoil,
Le gunna scréach faoi
lámhach na bpiléar,
Seo libh canáidh amhrán na bhfiann

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

FOOTBALL

REFEREE Conor Doureen (Cabhán)

STAND BY Paul Faloon (An Dún)

LINESMAN John Murphy (Fear Manach)

LINESMAN Darren O Hare

HURLING

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STAND BY Chris Mooney (Áth Cliath)

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PATRICK GALLAGHER

AGE 29 **CLUB** St Joseph's, Glenavy **POSITION** Full back
PRIMARY SCHOOL Ballymacrickett Primary School
POST PRIMARY SCHOOL Rathmore
HONOURS Antrim IFC, Antrim Division 2, Antrim Division 3
OCCUPATION Civil servant **HEIGHT** 5ft 11" **WEIGHT** 13.5st



INTER-COUNTY DEBUT

COMPETITION McKenna Cup

YEAR 2009

OPPOSITION Queen's

SQUAD SECRETS

HARDEST TRAINER

Colum Duffin

TOUGHEST DRILL

Worst case scenarios

TEAM MESSER

Fintan Burke

FAVOURITE PRE MATCH MEAL

Porridge with jam and raisins followed by toasted soda bread with avocado, soft boiled eggs and bacon. Plenty of coffee.

FAVOURITE MACHINE IN THE GYM

Free weights only

FAVOURITE WORK OUT SONG

Believer by Imagine Dragons

BIOGRAPHY

FAVOURITE VENUE

Casement Park

FAVOURITE MUSIC

The Saw Doctors

FAVOURITE FILM

Les Miserables

FAVOURITE RESTAURANT

Ox

CHILDHOOD SPORTING HERO

Roy Keane

BIOGRAPHY

TOUGHEST OPPONENT

Mattie Donnelly

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OTHER CLUBS

CLUB YOU LIKE TO SEE DO WELL

Ballymena Rugby Club

FAVOURITE GROUND

Creggan

TOUGHEST OPPONENT

Kevin Niblock

ADVICE?

MOST IMPORTANT SKILL

First touch

TIPS FOR NEXT GENERATION

Get outside and play football as much as you can

GOAL FOR 2020

A healthy happy baby, and promotion for county and club



KEVIN QUINN

AGE 26

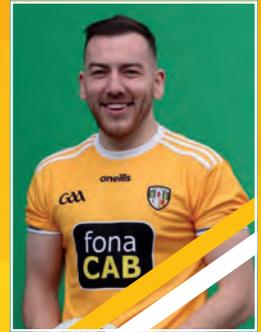
CLUB Lamh Dhearg

POSITION Midfield / Half Forward

PRIMARY SCHOOL St Marks

POST PRIMARY SCHOOL St Marys CBGS

OCCUPATION Financial Crime SME **HEIGHT** 6ft 1" **WEIGHT** 80kg



INTER-COUNTY DEBUT

COMPETITION National Football League

YEAR 2018

OPPOSITION Derry

SQUAD SECRETS

HARDEST TRAINER

Fintan Burke. Animal

TOUGHEST DRILL

Pressure cookers

TEAM MESSER

Few very strong contenders but has to go to Marc Jordan. Always messing about

FAVOURITE PRE MATCH MEAL

Porridge

FAVOURITE MACHINE IN THE GYM

Vending

FAVOURITE WORK OUT SONG

Pump it up - Endor

BIOGRAPHY

FAVOURITE VENUE

Casement

FAVOURITE MUSIC

Gerry Cinnamon

FAVOURITE FILM

Cool Runnings

FAVOURITE RESTAURANT

Goodfellas

CHILDHOOD SPORTING HERO

The Gooch

BIOGRAPHY

TOUGHEST OPPONENT

A fit and healthy Aidan McGarrity

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OTHER CLUBS

CLUB YOU LIKE TO SEE DO WELL

Celtic

FAVOURITE GROUND

Casement

TOUGHEST OPPONENT

A fit and healthy Aidan McGarrity

ADVICE?

MOST IMPORTANT SKILL

Hard work

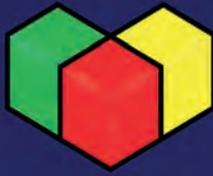
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Make sure to be at every training session and to enjoy it

GOAL FOR 2020

To get promoted. Can set championship goals following that





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The management and development of the GAA in Antrim is in a strong, confident and vibrant era.

With our new and ambitious capital projects at Casement Park and Corrigan Park and our Centre of Participation at Dunsilly, as well as the GaelFast initiative, we have much to look forward to and plan for.

Our shared goal is to increase support for Gaelic Games and cultural activity within our county and to promote support for our county teams.

Our new committee seeks to attract more members into Club Aontroma to increase the funds raised for the GAA in Antrim.

With the relaunch of our membership scheme we invite new members to be grass roots ambassador for our county. Membership is £10 per month, which affords entry to All Ireland final ticket draws and free admission to our county finals.

Our county is blessed with the success of the Saffron Business Forum and the crucial funds which it generates, however Club Aontroma will provide grass root access to support our teams and Gaelic ethos and ambitions for the future.

Ní neart go cuir le céile



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

£10 PER MONTH

- Entry to a draw for 2 tickets for 2020 All Ireland football final and a night for 2 in a hotel
- Entry to a draw for 2 tickets for 2020 All Ireland hurling final and a night for 2 in a hotel
- Free entry to Antrim SHC final
- Free entry to Antrim SFC final
- Free entry to Antrim Camogie final
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WHY JOIN CLUB AONTROMA

1. Because Antrim belongs to all of us, it is our place and our home
2. Because we share as a collective ambition, a desire to see our county being successful and the Antrim jersey being something all of our children aspire to wearing and taking pride in.
3. Because we are committed to community, parish, club and county and we cherish the volunteerism that the GAA is built on. We are about contributing, not benefitting. We, not me.
4. Because we believe in Saffron.



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AONTROI M



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Lenny Harbinson



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Naomh Seosamh, Lann Abhaigh



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Lámh Dhearg



6. James McAuley
Séamus Mac Amhalai
Naomh Éanna



7. Peter Healy
Peadar Ó hÉilidhe
Naomh Éanna



8. Colum Duffin
Coilm Ó Duifinn
Naomh Eargnait, Muine Glás



9. Marc Jordan
Marcas Mac Shiúrtáin
Lámh Dhearg



10. Dermot McAleese
Diarmuid Mac Giolla Íosa
Ruairi Mhic Asmáint, Port Chluain Eoghain



11. Patrick McBride
Pádraig Mac Giolla Bhráide
Naomh Eoin



12. Niall Delargy
Niall Ó Duilearga
Ruairi Mhic Asmáint, Port Chluain Eoghain



13. Patrick Cunningham
Pádraig Ó Cuinneagáin
Lámh Dhearg



14. Ruairi McCann
Ruairi Mac Cana
Naomh Mhuire, Achadh Galláin



15. Conor Murray
Conchúr Ó Muiri
Lámh Dhearg

Fir Ionaid

16. Oisín Kerr (*Ciceam an Creagán*)

21. Kevin Quinn (*Lámh Dhearg*)

17. Fintan Burke (*Ciceam an Creagán*)

22. Mick McCann (*Clann na hÉireann, Carragan*)

18. Odhrán Eastwood (*Naomh Éanna*)

23. Ryan McNulty (*Naomh Eoin*)

19. Eamon Fyfe (*Conn Mag Aoidh, Ghleann Fhreibhail*)

24. Conor Small (*Ciceam an Creagán*)

20. Adam Loughran (*St Mary's Aghagallon*)

25. Eoin Nagle (*Naomh Éanna*)

26. Eunan Walsh (*Naomh Mhuire, Achadh Galláin*)





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Riobard Sansom
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Manager
Turlough O'Brien



2. Liam Roberts
Liam Mac Roibeaird
Kildavin/Clonegal



3. Shane Redmond
Shane Reamonn
Tinryland



4. Josh Moore
Josh Ó Morá
Rathvilly



5. Jordan Morrissey
Sioradán Muireasa
Éire Óg



6. Ray Walker
Réamann Mac Siúlaí
O'Hanrahans



7. Ross Dunphy
Ross Ó Donnchaidh
Éire Óg



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Rathvilly



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Éire Óg



11. Darragh O'Brien
Dara Ó Briain
Éire Óg



12. Eoghan Ruth
Eoin Rut
Éire Óg



13. Diarmuid Walshe
Diarmuid Breatnach
Tinryland



14. Paul Broderick
Pól Bruadaú
Tinryland



15. Darragh Foley
Darragh Ó Foghlú
Kilbride

Fir Ionaid

- 16. Robbie Molloy (*Rathvilly*)
- 17. Conor Doyle (*Rathvilly*)
- 18. Daniel St Ledger (*Kildavin/Clonegal*)
- 19. Mikey Bambrick (*Old Leighlin*)
- 20. John Murphy (*Grange*)
- 21. Conor Crowley (*Palatine*)

- 22. Lee Walker (*O'Hanrahans*)
- 23. Colm Hulton (*Éire Óg*)
- 24. Danny Moran (*Tinryland*)
- 25. Stephen Reilly (*Palatine*)
- 26. Robbie Kane (*Bagenalstown Gaels*)



CORRIGAN PARK REDEVELOPMENT



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Ulster GAA President Oliver Galligan, county chairman Ciaran McCavana and St John Chairman Gerry McCann were joined by representatives of the Saffron Business Forum, Club Aontroma and fellow supporters of Antrim GAA, at Monday morning's ceremonial sod-cutting at Corrigan Park as Phase One of the project to build a new stand at the famous old ground got underway. Chairman of the project's steering committee Collie Donnelly spoke about the pride he felt at finally seeing the venture get underway.



Former county chairman Collie Donnelly who is chairman of the Corrigan Park Development Steering Committee at Monday's cutting of the ceremonial sod to mark the start of the building of the new stand. Pic by John McLwaine

Donnelly, a former St John's and Antrim hurler, who was also chairman of the Antrim county board, was one of the leading lights in driving the project forward. The St John's man was quick to point out that this was far from a one man campaign and had high praise for his former colleagues on the Antrim county board, the current board, the Ulster Council, fundraising groups within the county like the Saffron Business Forum and Club Aontroma. Collie also singled out former GAA Director General Páirc Duffy who he said had given great help and support during the venture.

One of the project will see a covered seating area which will hold 500 people, with terracing for a further 2000 along the side of the pitch where the old stand once was. Phase Two will see terracing added on the other side of the ground which would raise the capacity of the ground to 5000. With Phase One underway it is hoped that the new facilities will be ready by time the Antrim championships get underway in August and it is likely that the county finals will be played there this year, that is of course provided St John's are not one of the teams involved.

Corrigan Park was the main ground for Antrim GAA before the opening of in 1953. It is named in honour of Sean Corrigan, mentor of the Brian Óg club who were 's first hurling champions.

Corrigan Park was associated with the run of the Antrim hurling team to the final of the All Ireland, the Saffrons claiming the scalps of in the semi-final and in the final.

Corrigan Park staged the of 1944, 1946 and 1947, two of which were won by the Antrim girls, It also staged several of Antrim's semi-finals in that period and became known as the home of camogie during that golden era.

Among the major football championship matches it staged were the -Antrim Ulster championship semi-finals of 1930, 1931 and 1949. Its last major provincial football championship match was Antrim v in the Ulster championship of 1952.



St John's chairman Gerry McCann, Ulster GAA President Oliver Galligan (left) and Antrim county chairman Ciaran McCavana (right). Pic by John McLlwaive



The old stand at Corrigan Park forms the backdrop as Antrim and Galway parade before the 1946 All Ireland Final which Antrim won by 4-2 to 2-3 to complete the second of their 3-in-a-row



Ulster GAA President Oliver Galligan and local MP Paul Maskey joined members of the Antrim county board, Club Aontroima, The Saffron Business Forum and members of the St John's club at Monday's cutting of the ceremonial sod to mark the start of the building of the new stand at Corrigan Park. Pic by John McLlwaive



AONTROI M



Manager

Darren Gleeson



1. Conor Mc Allister
Conchúr Mac Alastair
Ruairi Og



2. Phelim Duffin
Feilim Ó Duifinn
Cú Chullain



3. Ciaran Johnson
Ciaran Mac Seain
Naomh Eoin



4. Stephen Rooney
Stiofán Ó Ruanaidh
Naomh Pol



5. Gerard Walsh
Gerard Breathnach
Ó Dhonnabháin Rosa



6. Paddy Burke
Pdraig De Búrca
Ruairi Og



7. Joe Maskey
Seosamh Ó Meascaigh
Naomh Eanna



8. Eoghan Campbell
Eoghan Mac Cathmhaoil
Ruairi Og



9. Keelan Molloy
Caolán Ó Maolmhuiaidh
Cú Chullain



10. James Mc Naughton
Seamus Mac Neachtain
Na Seamroga



11. Neil Mc Manus
Néill Mac Mánaís
Ruairi Og



12. Michael Bradley
Micheal Ó Broichain
Naomh Eoin



13. Donal Nugent
Dónall Nuinseann
Naomh Eoin



14. Niall McKenna
Neill Mac Cionaoith
Pdraig Sairséil



15. Daniel McCloskey
Dónall Mac Bhloscaidh
Na Seamroga

Fir Ionaid

16. Ryan Elliott (Cú Chullain)

17. Aodhan O'Brien (Ó Dhonnabháin Rosa)

18. David Kearney (Ruairi Og)

19. Matthew Donnelly (Mac Uilín)

20. Conor Mc Hugh (Roibeard Eimeid)

21. Alex Delargy (Ruairi Og)

22. Nicky Mc Keague (Cú Chullain)

23. Ronan Molloy (Cú Chullain)

24. Eoin O'Neill (Cú Chullain)

25. Ryan Mc Garry (Cú Chullain)

26. Ryan Mc Cambridge (Ruairi Og)





AN MHÍ



Manager
Nick Weir



1. Charlie Ennis
Searlas Ó hAonais
Átha Troim



2. Seán Geraghty (C)
Seán Mac Óireachtaigh
Cill Scire/Maolach



3. Shane Brennan
Seán Ó Braonáin
Cill Mheasáin



4. Stephen Morris
Stiofáin Ó Muiris
Gaeil Bláth Gall



5. Keith Keoghan
Ceiteach Mac Eochagáin
Cill Liadhain



6. James Toher
Seosamh Ó Tuachair
Átha Troim



7. Luke Moran
Lúcás Ó Móirin
Átha Troim



8. Shane Whitty
Seán Mac Faoitigh
Gaeil Bláth Gall



9. Patrick Potterton
Pádraig Potterton
Cill Dealga



10. Damien Healy
Daimian Ó hÉili
Maigh Deartháí



11. Pádraig Ó Hanrahan
Pádraig Ó hAnracháin
Rath Tó



12. Jack Regan
Seán Ó Réigin
Cill Teidhil



13. Michael Burke
Micheál de Búrca
Maigh Deartháí



14. Alan Douglas
Ailín Mac Dúghlais
Átha Troim



15. Éamon Ó Donnchadha
Clann na nGael

Fir Ionaid

16. Colm O'Riordan (*Rath Tó*)

17. James Kelly (*Cill Teidhil*)

18. Mikie Mullen (*Cill Liadhain*)

19. Callum O'Sullivan (*Clann na nGael*)

20. Nicholas Potterton (*Cill Dealga*)

21. Jack McGowan (*Rath Tó*)

22. Peter Slevin (*Na Fianna*)

23. Ger Dwane (*Átha Troim*)

24. Jack Walsh (*Ó Mathúna*)

25. Mark Slevin (*Na Fianna*)

26. Simon Ennis (*Rath Moliadhain*)





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Loughgiel Shamrocks GAC extend a warm welcome to both teams today. Wishing Antrim hurlers every success in the NHL and Joe McDonagh Cup.

A special word of mention for our own two club members on the panel, Dan McCloskey and James McNaughton.

Also we would like to thank our club member Orla McIntyre who will sing Amhran na bhFiann before the match



PADDY BURKE

AGE 24 **CLUB** Ruairi Og Cushendall **POSITION** Half back

PRIMARY SCHOOL St Mary's Cushendall

POST PRIMARY SCHOOL St Killians Garron Tower

HONOURS 3 Antrim Senior Hurling Championships, 2 Ulster Senior Hurling Championships, 1 Antrim U21 Hurling Championship, 1 Antrim Minor hurling championship, 1 Ulster Minor hurling championship

OCCUPATION Software Developer **HEIGHT** 6ft 1" **WEIGHT** 87kg



INTER-COUNTY DEBUT

COMPETITION League

YEAR 2014

OPPOSITION Offaly

SQUAD SECRETS

HARDEST TRAINER

Conor McCann

TOUGHEST DRILL

2 men in the middle tackling

TEAM MESSER

Sean Duffin

FAVOURITE PRE MATCH MEAL

Pancakes and fruit

FAVOURITE MACHINE IN THE GYM

Foam roller

FAVOURITE WORK OUT SONG

Giant Calvin Harris

BIOGRAPHY

FAVOURITE VENUE

Páirc Mhuire Cushendall

FAVOURITE MUSIC

Eminem

FAVOURITE FILM

Any of the Marvel films

FAVOURITE RESTAURANT

Amici Portstewart

CHILDHOOD SPORTING HERO

JJ Delaney

BIOGRAPHY

TOUGHEST OPPONENT

Seamus Callanan

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OTHER CLUBS

CLUB YOU LIKE TO SEE DO WELL

Cushendun

FAVOURITE GROUND

Cushendun

TOUGHEST OPPONENT

Conor Boyd

ADVICE?

MOST IMPORTANT SKILL

First touch

TIPS FOR NEXT GENERATION

Don't be afraid to fail

GOAL FOR 2020

Promotion



NIALL MCKENNA



AGE 25 **CLUB** Sarsfields **POSITION** Half forward
PRIMARY SCHOOL Bunscoil tsleibhe Dhuibh
POST PRIMARY SCHOOL Colaiste Feirste
HONOURS 1 Antrim Intermediate Championship, 5 Ulster Senior County, 2 National Hurling League
OCCUPATION Window Glazier **HEIGHT** 6ft **WEIGHT** 14st

INTER-COUNTY DEBUT

COMPETITION Ulster Final

YEAR 2013

OPPOSITION Down

SQUAD SECRETS

HARDEST TRAINER

Domhnal Nugent

TOUGHEST DRILL

Pressure cookers

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Alex Delargy

FAVOURITE PRE MATCH MEAL

Scrambled eggs and bacon

FAVOURITE MACHINE IN THE GYM

Anything for a disco pump

FAVOURITE WORK OUT SONG

ATB-Ecstasy

BIOGRAPHY

FAVOURITE VENUE

Croke Park

FAVOURITE MUSIC

Fan of everything

FAVOURITE FILM

One Flew over the cuckoo's nest

FAVOURITE RESTAURANT

Goodfellas

CHILDHOOD SPORTING HERO

Eoin Kelly (Tipp)

BIOGRAPHY

TOUGHEST OPPONENT

Padraic Maher

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OTHER CLUBS

CLUB YOU LIKE TO SEE DO WELL

Rossa

FAVOURITE GROUND

St Johns

TOUGHEST OPPONENT

James Black

ADVICE?

MOST IMPORTANT SKILL

Winning Ball & Scoring

TIPS FOR NEXT GENERATION

Listening to your coaches, and always have a hurl in your hand

GOAL FOR 2020

Promotion to Div 1 and win Joe McDonagh



CLUB FOCUS

NAOMH ÉANNA CLG



The calendar year of 2019 saw the most successful year in the history of Naomh Éanna CLG, with both their senior teams claiming Intermediate Ulster championships, losing only to Kerry football and Kilkenny hurling champions, their footballers odyssey concluding in Croke Park in the All Ireland final, with the hurlers only being stopped by the most successful club team in Kilkenny history, led by 9 times All Ireland champion and All Star, GAA legend Tommy Walsh. Club PRO Seamus Mac Dhomnaill tells us about the construction of a £2 million community hall, Halla Éanna! Nestled into the Cave Hill and visible from the M2 passing Sandyknowes, the hall is a beacon for language, culture and sport for all north Belfast and Glengormley Gaels.

January 2020 saw another first for the club, the completion of the construction of Ionad Pobal Éanna – Halla Éanna, while our recent on-field activities inspired our juveniles and brought our history to national attention, the new community building is the physical manifestation of the continuous and ongoing development of Pobal Éanna. Pobal Éanna is; Naomh Éanna CLG, Naíscoil & Gaelscoil Éanna, Croí Éanna & Cumann Óige Chroí Éanna, each independent but also interdependent.



The 20 month construction of the hall began in June 2018 and it's recent conclusion has provided a spectacular result!

The almost £2 million cost, came from a cocktail of funding, with investment coming from An Ciste Infheistíochta (the Irish Language Fund), the Social Investment Fund, the Department of Communities, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and crucial in-house fundraising which collectively allowed the dream to become a reality.

Ground floor, reception, changing rooms, sports hall and ball wall

The entrance area is an ideal display area or event space. The sliding partition allows this space to be quickly and easily changed, underlining a multi-use aspect.

Just off the exhibition area, we have a modern kitchen and also an office space, which we intend to locate our successful Siopa Éanna which provides all playing gear for our 981 members and school uniforms for Gaelscoil Éanna, providing a crucial income for the wider Éanna community.

The reception, opens into a corridor to two changing rooms, complete with showers, affording internal and external access to the indoor 4G hall and the outdoor Ball Wall and grass pitches.

Exiting the changing rooms, passing “Seomra an Réiteora” we enter the massive hall, 30m length by 20m wide with 4G synthetic playing surface encased by 12 metre high concrete walls height creating rebound surfaces on all four planes with a generous storage facility at the rear.

At the back door, the largest ball wall in Ireland presents with a 2500 square feet wall serviced by a 5500 square foot flush tarmac surface.

1st floor Ionad Gaeilge

From our Fáiltú (reception area), lift and stair access brings us upstairs to the Irish language centre and from the elevated platforms of the first floor, the view of the whole site is stunning, and will provide supporters with a shelter to watch matches on the Gerry Devlin pitch.

The view from within the building give a breath-taking vista of Slemish straight ahead and Loch Lao just to the right, with Scotland beckoning on a clear day.

Internally the Irish language centre is the heartbeat of the building and under the direction of An Ciste Infheistíochta, the centre has four state of the art classrooms, complete with interactive whiteboards, acoustic dampening and environment controls all to create a pleasant and positive

learning environment, ensuring that language development in this area will continue well into the future. The 1st floor is serviced by a communications room, with the highest mechanical and electrical specifications complete with LAN and WLAN.

The entire building is ethically built achieving an ‘excellent’ environmental BREEAM grade. The building produces part of the electricity requirements itself with solar panels, and of course the sedum (grass) roof forming an integral part of the building with the roof lights replicating the Orion star constellations as another of the buildings many unique highlights.

Basement

The building is future proofed with the sub-committee ensuring that a basement area was excavated with retaining walls and steel beamed roof built in the current phase. As yet unfinished, this space will be developed as a gym with room further provided for two more changing rooms and another referee room.

Cost: £1.8 million

Funders: SIF, An Ciste Infheistíochta, DfC, ANBC, club fundraising.

Architect: Nial O’Neill from DON

BREEAM Certification of “Excellent”



Saffron Business Forum

The Saffron Business Forum has nearly 100 members and facilitates local businesses with an affinity to Antrim GAA promote their business interests and gain access to a wider market by association with a large sporting organisation.

The Saffron Business Forum will promote business between its members and others through networking events, business referrals and social media. The forum hosts four business networking events every year, which consist of one fundraising lunch and three business breakfasts.

Members and Associates include

- Antrim GAA Corporate & Commercial Sponsors
- Other Corporate and Commercial Business representatives
- Antrim GAA Patrons
- Local Businesses and SME's



Benefits of Membership include

- Networking opportunities
- Business Referrals
- Business Information Seminars & Workshops
- Marketing and Promotional Initiatives
- Representation and Lobbying
- Antrim Championship pass
- Limited edition Saffron Forum coat
- Limited edition Saffron Forum polo shirt
- Entry into a draw for All Ireland tickets



Our Members

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Automation Controls Ltd	Hart & Co Solicitors	O'Neills International
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**Wishing Antrim hurlers
all the best for 2020**

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**Wishing Antrim hurlers every success
in the National Hurling League
and the Joe McDonagh Cup**





FOOTBALL FIXTURES

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY SLIGO VS WATERFORD 2PM
 SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY WEXFORD VS LONDON 12PM
 SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY LIMERICK VS WICKLOW 2PM
 SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY ANTRIM VS CARLOW 2:30PM

HURLING FIXTURES

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY WICKLOW VS KERRY 2PM
 SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY ANTRIM VS MEATH 12:30PM
 SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY MAYO VS OFFALY 2PM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	SD	PTS
LIMERICK	3	3	0	0	31	26	5	6
WICKLOW	3	2	0	1	44	33	11	4
SLIGO	3	2	0	1	52	43	9	4
ANTRIM	3	2	0	1	47	38	9	4
WEXFORD	3	2	0	1	38	36	2	4
CARLOW	3	1	0	2	29	35	-6	2
WATERFORD	3	0	0	3	27	39	12	0
LONDON	3	0	0	3	28	46	18	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	SD	PTS
KERRY	3	3	0	0	60	35	25	6
ANTRIM	2	2	0	0	51	18	33	3
OFFALY	2	1	0	1	40	41	-1	2
MEATH	3	1	0	2	62	66	-4	2
WICKLOW	3	1	0	2	57	66	-9	2
MAYO	3	0	0	3	36	80	-44	0