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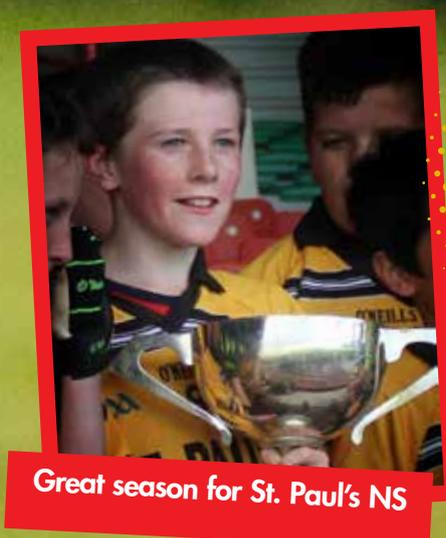
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worked, the
more games
we won**

Stephen Lavin

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on the Double!**

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Limerick**

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Hurler of the Year**



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The Throw In

Another year has come round and it promises to be a busy time for everybody involved in Allianz Cumann na mBunscol in Limerick. Teachers from all over Limerick attended meetings in February to arrange dates, venues and referees for all the fixtures that will take place until school closes for the summer. The season kicks off with Indoor Hurling and Camogie and it's all systems go after that! Virtually every school, big or small, urban or rural, will take part. Already, school teams are training and each school sets out with high hopes that 2015 will be their year.

Donal O Grady's season began with the Ballingarry man collecting the Waterford Crystal trophy in the first month of the year. The fervent wish of all Limerick fans is that it won't be the last trophy he brings home in 2015. For 42 years, we have been waiting for the Liam McCarthy Cup to return to Limerick. Could this be the year?

In this issue, we meet a player who hopes to be in TJ Ryan's plans in 2015. Tom Morrissey was a star of the successful Limerick minor teams of 2014 and 2015. Can he or Cian Lynch add the firepower to bring Limerick to the next level? As new stars appear on the inter county scene, familiar faces depart the stage. John Galvin and Stephen Lavin have been wonderful servants of Limerick football for over a decade. The Green and White salutes them in these pages. Many of the articles in this issue are written by readers like Liam O Mara and Ellie Sheehy. Some are members of school teams, others are household names of Gaelic games. Have you got a story to tell? We'd like to hear from you.

Also in this issue, we look back at the football season of autumn, 2014. Congratulations to Lisnagry NS and Milford NS on winning county titles and to West Limerick who did the double, winning the Sarsfield Cup and Larkin Shield. Well done to every boy and girl who wore a school jersey in a Cumann na mBunscol competition. It's a privilege that you will appreciate in years to come.

It's all to play for as the season stretches ahead. Mackey Cup, Leader Cup, Neville Cup, Primary Go Games... a year full of promise and hope lies before us. Enjoy every minute!

Luimneach abú,

Ciarán Crowe & Joe Lyons
Joint Editors

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A Big Limerick Welcome for Anthony Daly



Anthony Daly is the new head coach of Limerick's underage hurling academy. Daly, who managed the Clare senior hurling team and led Dublin to their first Leinster Senior Hurling title in 52 years, is the proud owner of 2 All-Ireland senior hurling medals and 3 All-Star awards. As head coach of the underage hurling academy, Anthony Daly has taken on responsibility for Limerick's inter-county hurling teams from U-14 up to minor level. He is also coach to the Limerick Minor Hurling team.

We wish Anthony every success in his new role, and hope his work will lead to success for Limerick hurlers for many years to come. Luimneach Abú!

Laochra Gael: Ciarán Carey

Check out: www.tg4.tv 9 (Player/Seinnteor) if you missed the excellent episode of Laochra Gael featuring Limerick GAA legend, Ciarán Carey. Nemeton TV, producers of the show for TG4, describe Carey as, "A giant of a player for Limerick during the nineties, exceptional at midfield or centre back, Ciarán Carey led the charge throughout Limerick's campaigns to achieve All Ireland glory. Frank and forthright, the Patrickswell man recalls the heart-break of losing both the 1994 and 1996 All Ireland finals but also the incredible last minute point he scored against Munster rivals Clare in 1996 one of the greatest winning scores ever in GAA history".



For more, the following article (from *The Irish Examiner*) is well worth a read: <http://www.irishexaminer.com/sport/gaa/hurling/ciaraacuten-carey-seeks-help-for-retiring-gaa-players-311038.html>

GAA President's Award for Eithne Neville

Presenting his special awards at a banquet in Croke Park in February, Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Liam Ó Néill said: "It gives me great pleasure to present these awards for the last time in the last few weeks of my three years as GAA President. "The lifelong commitment of these people – and so many others – is impossible to quantify and difficult to overestimate."

This year's select group of recipients included Croagh-Kilfinny's Eithne Neville. Presenting the award, Mr Ó Néill said: "A member of a strong GAA family, Eithne's late father, Mick won All-Irelands with Limerick and Dublin. She has overseen Trojan work to promote Gaelic games in Limerick and represented the county with distinction on the camogie fields. Along with her family, Eithne donated Mick Neville Park to the Limerick County Board."



Paudie O'Brien: Toughest

Who was the toughest, bravest and most honest hurler in Munster in 2014?

Voted for by national and regional GAA media, and based on overall performance throughout the 2014/15 club season, the clear winner was Limerick's Paudie O'Brien. O'Brien picked up the AIB-sponsored award for his performances with Kilmallock in 2014. As he collected his #TheToughest award, Paudie was described as, "a half back with the ability to go into all-out attack, (who) is also able sit back and read the game as required making him a dynamic player. Not to mention his capability of hitting long range points when needed."





Dates for Your Diary

Indoor Hurling and Camogie

Round Robin System
March 25th, Caherconlish
11.45 a.m. Hurling
1.15 p.m. Camogie

Mini Sevens Football

Round Robin System
April 15th, at U.L.
11.30 a.m. Girls
1.15 p.m. Boys

Mini Sevens Hurling & Camogie

Round Robin System
April 22nd, at U.L.
11.30 a.m. Hurling
1.15 a.m. Camogie

Mackey Cup (Hurling)

May 12th, Gaelic Grounds
3.30 p.m. South V City.
4.15 p.m. East V West.
5.15 p.m. Final.

Neville Cup (Camogie)

May 13th, Gaelic Grounds
3.30 p.m. South V East
4.15 p.m. West V City
5.15 p.m. Final

Leader Cup (Hurling)

June 10th, Gaelic Grounds
1.00 p.m. West V East.
1.45 p.m. City V South

Green and White Shield

(Camogie)
June 16th, Gaelic Grounds
1.00 p.m. South V West
1.45 p.m. East V City

Notes for Schools and Divisional Sides

- Panels for Mackey Cup and Neville Cup, strictly 21 players
- Players Under 13 years of age: Born on or after 1st January 2002
- Mackey Cup and Neville Cup teams, 15 players-a-side
- Leader Cup, 15 players-a-side
- Green and White Shield, 12 players-a-side
- The Mackey Cup, Neville Cup, Leader Cup and Green and White Shield are fixed for the Gaelic Grounds. In the event of the Gaelic Grounds being unavailable the games will be played in U.L.

Primary Game Notes

- All players to be born on or after 1st January 2002; i.e. under 13 years of age
- Players to be in 6th class (exception: a player in his/her thirteenth year, in 5th class)
- Only one boy and one girl from a school in the series per year
- The following divisions will provide the goalkeeper for 2015
- Boys Football – West Division.
- Girls Football – South Division.
- Hurling – East Division.
- Camogie – City Division.



Primary Go Games, supported by Shannon Airport

In 2014, a total of 440 boys and girls played in their county colours as part of the Primary Go Games supported by Shannon Airport. 66 boys and girls wore the Limerick colours in Páirc na nGael, Semple Stadium or Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Final arrangements for Primary Game 2015 are being decided at time of going to print. Thanks to Robert Frost and the Munster Council for their commitment to this unique experience.



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Tom Morrissey

Tom Morrissey was named Munster Minor Hurler of the Year for 2014 after winning Man of the Match awards for his display v Cork in the Munster semi-final and for his performance in the replayed Munster final v Waterford in Semple Stadium. The young Ahane star scored five points from play in both matches and notched 1-17 in the Limerick colours as Limerick advanced to the All-Ireland final. Tom crowned a great year when he helped Ahane to victory in the county minor hurling final, scoring 0-10 of his team's winning total of 0-11. Ahane's captain was Tom's twin brother Paddy!

Tom now joins older brother Dan as part of TJ Ryan's Limerick panel.

Name: Tom Morrissey

Club: Ahane

Primary School: Lisnagry NS

Secondary School: Castletroy College

Current occupation: Business Studies student in University of Limerick

Have you any pets? A dog called Kabe

Favourite TV programme: Love/Hate

Favourite Food: Chicken Curry

Favourite Band: The Script

Last film you saw at the cinema: The Hunger Games

Favourite Playstation game: FIFA 15

Favourite Car: VW Golf

Last CD you bought: I've moved with the times and download my music from the internet

Highlight of your GAA career: My second Munster Minor Hurling title with Limerick in 2014 and winning Man of the Match in the replayed final v Waterford

Favourite venue: Semple Stadium, Thurles

Sporting ambition: To win a senior All Ireland with Limerick

Sporting Hero of Childhood: Henry Shefflin (Kilkenny)

Favourite GAA star: Seamus Callinan (Tipperary)

Your sporting hero (any sport): Ronan O Gara

Which sports do you play: I play a small bit of golf during the summer. I wouldn't be the best at it so I stick to the hurling

What skills do you practise most often? First touch and catching

Favourite position: Full forward

Biggest influence on your career: My primary school principal in Lisnagry NS, Mr Paul Kennedy

Any advice for young players? Hard work - and keep practising. Hard work will always be rewarded

Highlight or favourite memory of playing in Cumann na mBunscol competitions: Winning the Mackey and Sarsfield Cups with East Limerick



Tom Morrissey Munster Minor Hurler of the Year 2014



Tom Morrissey in action against the Galway minors last year



A full forward in the making!

Classic final lights at the Gaelic Grounds as West Limerick win Sarsfield

The semi finals of the Sarsfield Cup were played at the all-weather complex at North Campus at the University of Limerick while the final took place under lights at the Gaelic Grounds. Joe Lyons, Chairman of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh presented the Sarsfield Cup to West Limerick captain Oisín Enright from Courtenay BNS in Newcastle West.



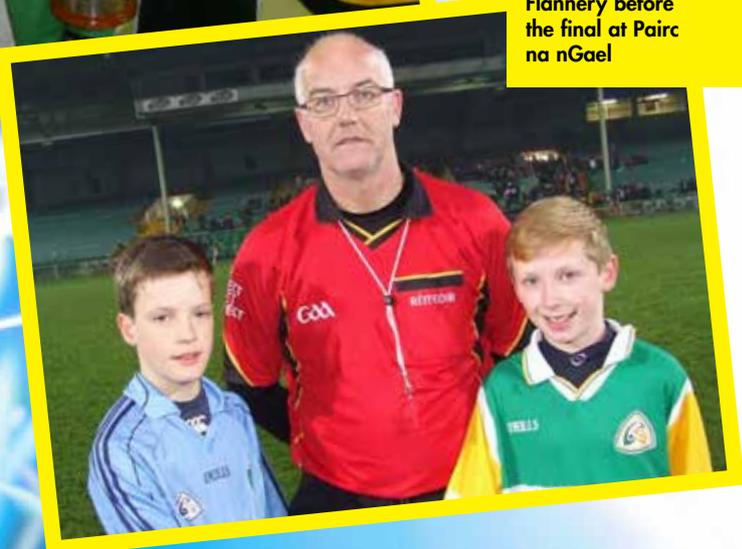
2014 Sarsfield Cup champions, West Limerick

Celebration time for Newcastle West players & selector James Hennessy after the Sarsfield Cup final



East captain Jack O Carroll and West captain Oisín Enright with referee Mike Flannery before the final at Pairc na nGael

East captain Jack O Carroll and City captain Jack Killian with referee J.P. Kiely before the final at UL



Sarsfield Cup 2014

Results

Semi Finals

1: East Limerick 0-7 : Limerick City 1-3

2: West Limerick 3-8 : South Limerick 1-3

Final

West Limerick 1-6 : East Limerick 0-7



East Limerick, runners-up in the 2014 Sarsfield Cup



Joe Lyons of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol presents the Sarsfield Cup to West captain Oisín Enright



The Sarsfield Cup



Limerick City team pictured before the Sarsfield Cup semi final

John Galvin, a Warrior Departs

A familiar name will be missing from the Limerick senior football teamsheet in 2015. John Galvin, the giant midfielder from Croom, announced his retirement from intercounty football in January 2015. John has been one of the outstanding midfield players of his generation since his debut in 1999. The highlights include four Munster senior football final appearances, none of which ended in victory. In 2004, Kerry were lucky to escape from the Gaelic Grounds with a draw. In the replay in Killarney, Limerick surged into a seven-point lead but the Kerry men didn't panic and eventually eked out victory. By the end of September 2004, Kerry were All-Ireland champions. That's how close Limerick were to a breakthrough. In 2010, Cork sneaked past Limerick in extra time and they too were All Ireland champions two months later. But John Galvin doesn't dwell on hard luck stories. He doesn't have regrets. He is content in the knowledge that he gave his all in the Limerick cause. He enjoyed good times, too. In 2000, he captained Limerick to victory in the Munster Under 21 championship, a season that saw Limerick march to the All-Ireland final where Tyrone proved too strong. In 2003, Limerick went to Páirc Ui Chaoimh and defeated Cork by ten points. In 2010, John was named at centrefield in the GPA All Stars team, recognition for his enduring excellence. In the same year, Limerick won the Division Four title in Croke Park.

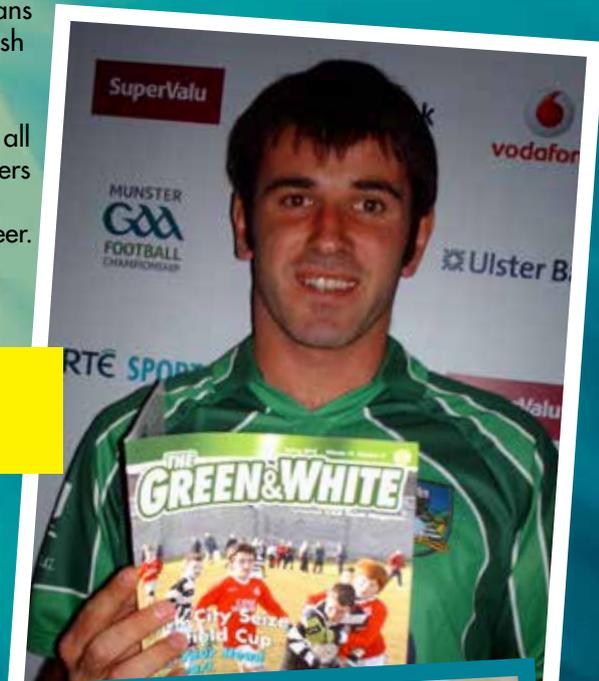
All these accolades were achieved while John was playing basketball at the top level. Looking back on his career, Galvin attributes the skills he learned playing basketball as being a huge boost to his GAA career. He believes that playing basketball with Árd Scoil Rís developed his ball skills and gave him the ability and confidence to be more aggressive and involved in games on the football field. John won national honours with Burger King of Limerick and, more recently, with St Mary's of Castleisland.

In an interview with *The Green and White* in 2006, John spoke of how he had struggled to gain a place on Croom teams of his childhood. It was only when he reached Under 16 grade, (and had grown to be over six feet (1.93 m) tall!) that he felt sure of a place on his club team. This meant that he appreciated every step he took on the ladder to the top and he also believed that if you want something badly, then you never give up trying.

In 2014, John transferred to Cratloe in County Clare where he now lives and won a County Championship medal in the Cratloe colours.

Limerick fans everywhere wish John well. He has been a role model for all young footballers during his wonderful career.

John Galvin
basketball &
football star



Limerick captain
John Galvin pictured
with Tyrone captain,
Cormac McAnallen

Stephen Lavin

Stephen Lavin turned in a string of eye-catching star performances for the Limerick football team for 13 years, during what was a Golden Era for the County. Stephen, a teacher in Scoil Iosaf in his native Adare, is a superb athlete who also represented Limerick in hurling, and Munster in Gaelic football. In this article, Stephen shares some of his GAA memories with readers of The Green & White.

My earliest GAA memories are of playing both football and hurling in our school leagues at a young age. To us, it was like we were lining out in Croke Park for the All Ireland every time we togged out. There was great excitement in the school field at Scoil Naomh Iosaf every Tuesday and Thursday with parents screaming encouragement at their children as the games hit fever pitch. The school has had a strong hurling and football tradition for many years and that continues to this day.

My parents encouraged me to play as many sports as possible, so I played football, hurling, soccer, rugby, tennis, badminton and golf to name a few. I am very grateful because I think that's what helped me most as a footballer. I would encourage any boy and girl to play as many sports as possible because you learn so many skills that can be used in every sport.

I never played underage football or hurling for Limerick and while I gave my all at every opportunity, I never quite made the grade. Eventually, Liam Kerins, who was a great motivator, called me onto the Limerick U21 football panel. I was very grateful to Liam and made sure that I always gave 100% in every game. I had many great years with Limerick and played in two league finals in Croke Park, four Munster finals and an All Ireland quarter final. I was fortunate to win an Inter-Provincial medal with Munster also; a medal which I hold dear to my heart.

Playing with Limerick was an honour and took a huge commitment. The funny thing is that I never looked at it as a huge commitment because I enjoyed it so much. The great thing was that I had 29 other guys who enjoyed it as much as I did and we found that the harder we worked, the more games we won. When you play football for Limerick for thirteen years, you make friends with some incredible people. As I look back now, I think of all the great games we played, but I also think of all the great friends I made and how lucky I was to have played with them.

What I learned after playing was that working hard and being honest were the two most important things. The greatest compliment I was ever paid was when my father told me that while I was a decent footballer and hurler, my best quality was that I never gave up. That's what I always tried to do with Limerick. If we lost, I could always say that I gave my best. That's all anyone could do. If I was to give one piece of advice, it would be this: hard work will always beat talent, when talent won't work hard.



Stephen Lavin
in action v
Tipperary

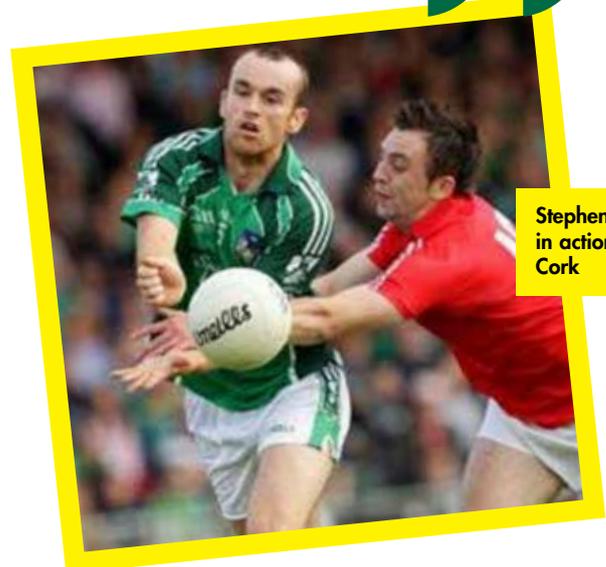
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Stephen Lavin
in action v
Cork

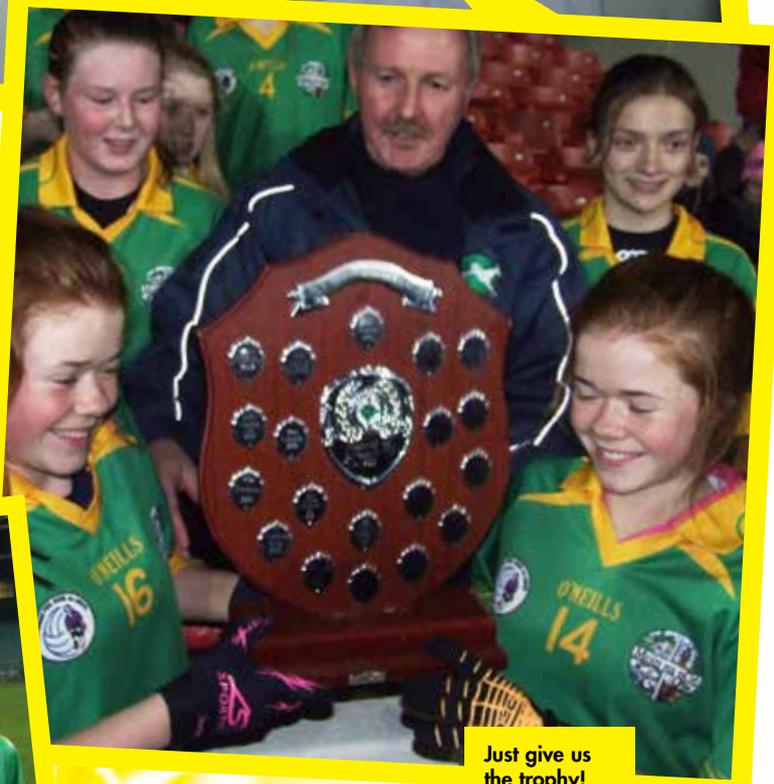
Larkin Shield

West Shine under Lights as Sisters Star



Smiles all round from the Shine sisters after West Limerick victory in the Larkin Shield final

Ladies football is the fastest-growing sport around in terms of participation and popularity, and anybody who witnessed the 2014 Larkin Shield will know why. Both semi finals were so close that a single score separated the teams at the end. Limerick City and East Limerick drew 1-7 to 3-1 and a solitary goal in extra time clinched victory in a game played in torrential rain. West Limerick had a point to spare over the girls from the South.



Just give us the trophy!

City captain Aoife Nelligan and West Limerick joint captains Anna and Maura Shine with referee Mike Flannery before the final of the Larkin Shield.



2014

Results

Semi Finals

1: Limerick City 2-7 : East Limerick 3-1 (AET)

2: West Limerick 1-4 : South Limerick 1-3

Final

West Limerick 2-6 : Limerick City 1-3



West captain Anna Shine and City captain Aoife Nelligan pictured before the final of the Larkin Shield at the Gaelic Grounds



East Limerick played in the Larkin Shield at UL



West Limerick, winners of the Larkin Shield final at the Gaelic Grounds



Limerick City girls team pictured at the Larkin Shield in UL



Milford NS are Celtic Image Shield champions

The 2014 Celtic Image Shield was played in the all-weather complex in UL.

All four schools had strong grounds to be confident of victory, having emerged victorious from their own Divisions.

After the final, Páil Kennedy of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh presented the 2014 Celtic Image Shield to Eimar Morgan, captain of Milford NS amid scenes of great jubilation.



Paul Kennedy presents the Celtic Image Shield to Milford NS captain Eimar Morgan



County champions Milford NS pictured after the Celtic Image Shield final in UL



Scoil an Spioraid Naomh Roxborough were runners-up in the Celtic Image Shield

Results

Semi Finals
 1: Scoil Dean Cussen 0-0 : Scoil an Spioraid Naomh 1-4
 2: Milford NS 2-6 : St Fergus NS 0-1

Final
 Milford NS 2-6 : Scoil an Spioraid Naomh 1-1

Lisnagry NS are county football champions

Results

Semi Finals

1: Lisnagry NS 5-5 : Courtenay BNS 1-2
2: St Nessian's NS 3-3 : Bruree NS 2-2

Final

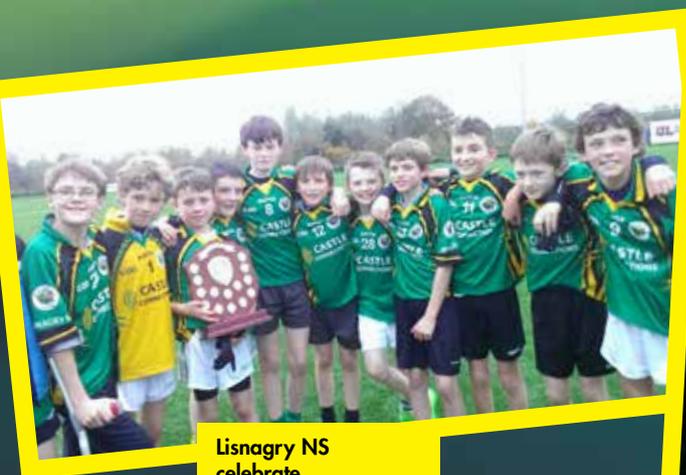
Lisnagry NS 0-8 : St Nessian's 1-1

The boys of Lisnagry National School made history when they captured the County Football Shield at the all-weather facility in the University of Limerick. It was a case of third time lucky for Lisnagry as the school had previously lost two finals, in 2005 and in 2013. Now, the school that provided Limerick hurling with the Moran brothers Ollie, James and Niall, the Morrisseys, Dan, Tom and Paddy, as well as Sean O Connor, has made it to the summit of the football roll of honour.

Paul Kennedy of Cumann an mBunscol Luimnigh presented the County Football Shield to Peter Donohoe, captain of Lisnagry NS. It was indeed fitting that Paul had the honour of presenting the trophy because, as a former Principal of the school, he nurtured a great love of Gaelic Games among pupils of the school over three decades.



Paul Kennedy presents the County Football Shield to Lisnagry NS captain Peter Donohoe.



Lisnagry NS celebrate



Lisnagry NS, winners of the 2014 County Shield, with coaches Mr Feeney and Mr Raftery

Around the Grounds

Part 1 of a series of articles by Henry Martin on the naming of Limerick GAA grounds

Ahane GAA: Mackey Park, called after the famed Mackey family was officially opened in 1995.

Askeaton GAA: The field was rented for a number of years and referred to locally as 'The Meadow'. Askeaton GAA then bought the field from the O'Grady family in 1958. It assumed the name Páirc na nGael without ever being officially being named.

Ballybrown GAA: There are two GAA fields in Ballybrown, following the opening of a new facility in recent years. The name on the old Ballybrown GAA field is Páirc Uí Riain. It was named after the late Willie Ryan senior, father to both the legendary Tom (who played for and managed Limerick) and local historian Willie junior. The newly redeveloped Ballybrown GAA field has not been named.

Ballylanders GAA: The grounds are called after Frank B Dineen. He founded the Ballylanders club and was President and General Secretary of the G.A.A. He also purchased and developed the land where Croke Park is now built. In 2009 a plaque was unveiled to him in Ballylanders and in 2014 it was decided to call the Ballylanders GAA grounds Frank B Dineen Park.

Ballysteen GAA: An old field in Ballysteen was referred to locally as the Goaling Field in the early days of the club. The present field is called the Ballysteen Sportsfield.

Bruff GAA: The field was originally a Community Field and evolved into a GAA field over time. It has since assumed the name 'Bruff Sportsfield'

Crecora/Manister GAA: The club originally played on their present field which was then owned by the McCarthy family. From 1952 to 1986 they played at Dave Lewis's field and upon his death they played at numerous locations while attempting to purchase a suitable site. During this

time, the club used sportsfields owned by Ned and Kathleen Punch near Kilpeacon Cross for training. They played games at Mary Immaculate College and the Analog pitches. In 1988 they purchased the present site and it was officially opened in 1991. The field has not been officially named.

Old Christians GAA: Old Christians GAA ground is officially named Páirc Seán de Paor. It is named after one of the founding members, who continues to be active in the club.

Pallaskenry GAA: The field has never been officially named and is known as the 'GAA Field'.

Rathkeale GAA: Seán Finn Park (known locally as The Bog Garden) in Rathkeale is home to the recently re-named Rathkeale GAA Club (formerly St Mary's/Sean Finns). In the deeds of the grounds, it is referred to as The Bog Garden which is a name that goes back well beyond living memory. It is believed that in previous times the land, with its rich black soil, was used by local farmers as a garden thus giving it its local name. Seán Finn Park is the official name of the grounds. This was in honour of Seán Finn of Rathkeale who was killed by the Black and Tans during the War of Independence in 1921. At the time of his death, Seán Finn was Brigade Commander of the West Limerick Old IRA. He was captain of the local football team and also a playing member of the hurling team.

South Liberties GAA: South Liberties pitch is called Dooley Park after a former player, the late Johnny Dooley who died unexpectedly in 1970 just four days after playing a championship match. He had previously represented Limerick, winning two All-Ireland Junior titles in 1954 and 1957.



Limerick Gaelic Grounds



Páirc Uí Riain, Ballybrown GAA grounds

My Lucky Year

Liam O'Mara (Lisnagry NS)

It all started when my Dad asked me to be water boy for Ahane minors. I said yes. I was really excited. They got through the group rounds and the semi-final against Doon and were now in the Premier County Final.

I had been water boy for their whole season.

The morning of the county final I filled my water bottles and put the bottles in my black bag. I always use pure filtered water. The final was on in the Gaelic Grounds and when I got there with my Dad I went straight into to the dress

ing room under the stand. The players were all very focused. I put on my boots and my hi-vis top and listened to the team talk. The manager and selectors were giving them loads of advice. When the game started everyone was nervous, even me. After a few minutes I ran out onto the pitch to give water to some of the players. It was really close. Ahane got off to



a good start but at half time the score was 0-6 to 0-5 to Na Piarraigh.

In the dressing room at half-time the players were very focused on what they were going to do. They had a discussion about a few things before they ran back out onto the pitch. I walked after them. A doctor had to go into the Na Piarraigh dressing room because someone was injured. The re-start was delayed by five minutes so I ran in again to give some players water. When the game got started it was even-steven. I was running on and off the pitch quite a bit in the 2nd half. The match ended in a draw, 0-15 to 0-15 with a replay fixed for 2 weeks later on the 21st of December.

On the morning of the replay I did the same again, filled up my water bottles and put them in my black bag. When we got to the Gaelic Grounds I got my black bag and went into the dressing room with my Dad.

This time I didn't listen to their talk. I just gave them some water when they were warming up. Then it was all eyes on the action. The half time score was 0-6 to 0-6. With time running



out in the second half, it was 0-10 to 0-10. Na Piarraigh's goalkeeper had the ball but Ahane got a 65 by shoving the goalie out over the end line.

While Tom Morrissey was walking out to take the 65, I ran out onto the pitch to give him a drink. He placed the ball, took the 65 and scored a great point. Ahane won by that single point on a scoreline of 11 points to 10. Paddy Morrissey, the team captain says he thinks it was the magic water that did the trick.



What I didn't know was James O'Keefe the Ahane photographer took a great picture of me handing the water to Tom. It is a really

nice picture. A few weeks later at the Ahane awards night for the minors, Tom Morrissey and his brother Paddy Morrissey, the Ahane captain, presented the framed picture to me signed by them.

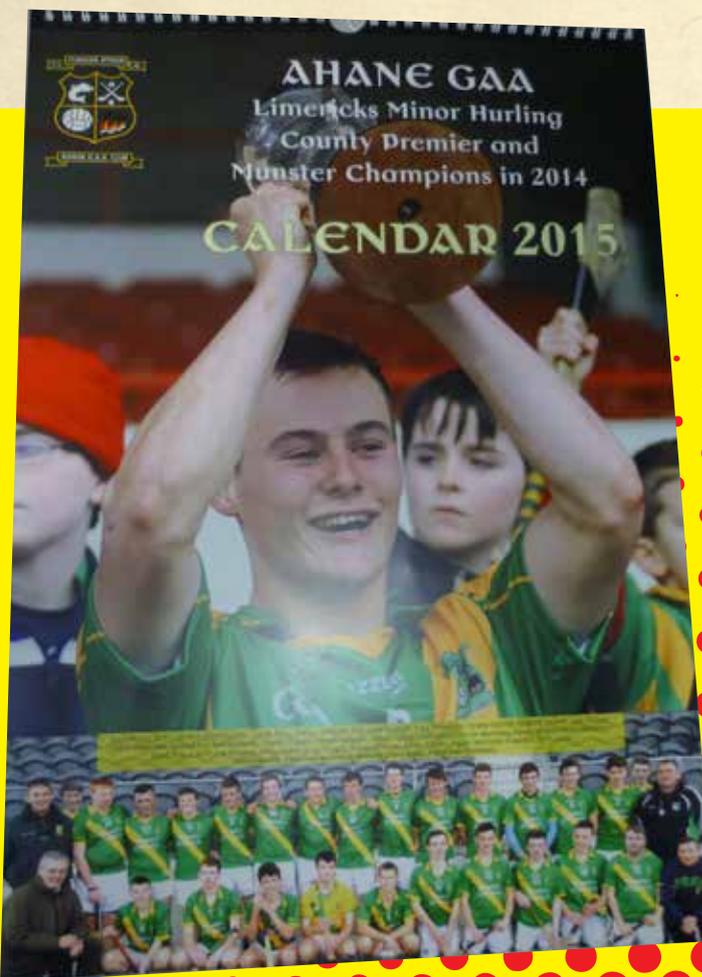
It was a great year for me and Ahane and I have the picture to prove it! What a lucky year!!!



Another Triumph for Ahane

When Ahane won the Premier Minor hurling title last December, the final and replay were regarded as classic games. Ahane's victory was the club's first at that grade for over 20 years. The club decided to mark the occasion by producing a commemorative calendar, with three members of the panel featured on each page along with other superb photos by local man James O'Keefe.

A souvenir that will be treasured in years to come and is already a collector's item, this calendar is another triumph for the famous East Limerick club.



The Shape of Things to Come

Ed Shanahan, Master Hurley Manufacturer

Ed Shanahan, master hurley manufacturer from Ballybrown, has a client base that covers not just the 32 counties of Ireland. Shanahan sticks are to be found in America, Canada and as far afield as Australia. In the course of a conversation with The Green and White, Ed spoke of how the hurley trade has changed in recent years. 'I am making 26 inch hurleys today with a bigger bas than Jamesie O Connor had on his 35 inch adult hurley when he was starring on the great Clare teams of the 1990's. The trend is for a bigger bas today but each hurley has only one sweet spot and that's still the same regardless of the size of the bas. Some outfield players today have a bas almost as big as the bas on a goalkeeper's hurley. Every hurler is looking for every advantage he can get so, at the same time, top players want the lightest hurley they can get so as to speed up their pull.'

Ed buys his ash from Coillte. The planks are dried in a special drying room before they are ready for use. Hurlers from all parts of Ireland make their way to Clarina to order hurleys for the season ahead. Each hurley is made to measure and each hurler has his/her own preferences. Some players insist on the same type of hurley year after year while others hone their choice as they search for perfection. Tiny adjustments are made.

As Al Pacino says in his famous speech in the movie Any Given Sunday

*You find out that life is just a game of inches.
one half step too late or too early
you don't quite make it.
One half second too slow or too fast
and you don't quite catch it.
The inches we need are everywhere around us.
They are in every break of the game
every minute, every second.*

The next time you see your favourite hurler in action, just remember the work that has gone on behind the scene to find a hurley that will gain the vital inch, the split-second that is the difference between victory and defeat.

Ed Shanahan



Planks stacked in the drying area to ensure that they are dry enough for use



Jamesie O Connor's 35 inch hurley on top as used by the Clare star of the 1990's. Below is a 26 inch hurley 2015 style

PHOTOS FROM WEST LIMERICK SCHOOLS

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Kilfinny NS won Division Five football in West Limerick



Limerick football star Ian Ryan teaches in Kilcolman NS and the school were Division Four runners-up



Meenkilly NS were Division Five runners-up



Shountrade NS love girls football!



Shountrade NS were runners up in Division Two

Smiles all round from the girls of Ballygultenane NS



St. Fergus NS from Glin were Division One winners and had a great season



Croagh NS girls football team

All Star Ellie

Ellie Sheehy

My Name is Ellie Sheehy and I have Spina Bifida. I am in 6th class in Templeglantine N.S.

Thursday the 12th of February was one of the best days of my life as I got to meet Richie Hogan, the Kilkenny All-Star and Hurler of the Year 2014. I had a hospital appointment in Dublin and he agreed to meet me at Belgrove Senior Boys School in Clontarf where he teaches. We got there at ten o'clock and he came out of his classroom and greeted us very warmly. Richie is a very nice person and

Our meeting has been part of a roller-coaster ride for me for the last four years. In 2011, I started playing wheelchair hurling/camogie and I've been playing it since. Hurling is the national sport of Ireland and wheelchair hurling is a version of hurling played by disabled people.

Over the past two years our Limerick team [Treaty Warriors] has won two All Ireland titles and the All Ireland League. I have also played with the Templeglantine N.S camogie team for three years and last year was a great year as we won the West Indoor and the County Mini sevens camogie titles. Last year I was able to walk using my leg braces so I got to play in goals and I helped keep a clean sheet.

In September 2014, I was chosen to give the sliothar to referee, Brian Gavin, at the All Ireland Hurling Final Replay between Kilkenny and Tipperary. Wheeling myself out onto Croke Park in front of 81,753 people was nerve-wracking and exciting at the same time.

My favourite hurler of all time is Henry Shefflin of Kilkenny and I have met him on a few occasions. I felt really sorry for him after he went off injured in the 2010 All Ireland final so I decided to write to him to cheer him up. I sent him photos of me doing my leg exercises to encourage him. He wrote back saying my photos are an inspiration to him!

In January 2015 I found out I had been nominated for two All Star awards [Defender and Camogie Player of the Year). I was so nervous waiting for my categories to be announced by the Minister for Health, Leo Varadkar in St. Peregrine's GAA Club in Blanchardstown. I was named Camogie Player of the Year for 2014. It is a huge honour for me to hold the very first All-Star in this category. It is something that I will treasure forever.



Presenting the sliothar to the referee at the 2014 All-Ireland Hurling Final Replay

we spoke at length about hurling. I asked him to sign the All Ireland replay programme and he offered to take it to training and get all the players to sign it for me. He told me that he also played handball as a youngster and played in Hospital, Co.Limerick and in parts of Tipperary. Like me, he loves animals. He has twenty chickens at home and a golden Labrador who likes to chew on his hurling boots. I told him that James Ryan comes into our school to train us and he said that James is an excellent hurler and that Limerick would probably be their biggest opposition for 2015. He also reminisced about last year's semi-final and playing during the torrential rain that fell, stating that Kilkenny were very lucky to come away with the win on the day. He is a very down-to-earth person.

Meeting Richie Hogan



Ellie Sheehy, Camogie Player of the Year All Star for 2014

Fun Indoors!



Ger Downes

Thanks to Ger Downes for sending on these photos from the 2nd and 3rd Class Hurling Blitz, held recently in Old Christians GAA Club. Ger, who organised the event, was assisted by members of the Southside Community Arts & Leadership Programme. Indoor hurling ensures that hurling can be played and enjoyed by young players throughout the year no matter what the weather or the state of pitches. For exercise, skill development and no small amount of fun - Indoor Hurling is the way to go!



St Patricks BNS at the Old Christians 2nd & 3rd class Blitz



St Patrick's BNS (Team 2) in Old Christians GAA Club Hall for the recent 2nd & 3rd Class Indoor Hurling Blitz



Ballybrown NS at the 2nd & 3rd Class Blitz



St Nessans NS team at the 2nd & 3rd Class Blitz



Scoil Christí Rí team at the 2nd & 3rd Class Blitz



Players from St Munchins BNS & Our Lady Queen of Peace NS with members of the Southside Community Arts & Leadership Programme who ran the Blitz

The Lundoon Eye

By James Lundoon



2011 All-Ireland Football Qualifier versus Wexford

July 23rd, 2011 is a date etched in the memory of every self-respecting Limerick football supporter. It was a beautiful summer's evening in Portlaoise and our beloved Limerick executed a classic smash & grab against Wexford in a Round 4 All-Ireland Football Championship Qualifier. At stake was a place in an All Ireland Football Quarter Final, v Kerry, in Croke Park.

First things first though. Limerick reached this juncture by losing badly to Kerry in the Munster Championship in May. Limerick got back in their groove with two good back door victories over Offaly and Waterford. They didn't concede a goal in either game and scored 3-27. All three games were played at the Gaelic Grounds. Meanwhile, Wexford had come agonisingly close to causing a once-in-a-lifetime upset against Dublin in the Leinster Football Final. Ultimately that game was decided by a Wexford own goal. Needless to say, Wexford were hot favourites to beat Limerick who were missing talismanic midfield general, the incomparable John Galvin. Galvin suffered a serious injury earlier in the year and served his teammates as bottle-carrier for all their matches that season. Limerick supporters travelled with some hope but little expectation in what was the first clash between the sides in the history of the All-Ireland Football championship (the less said about our recent hurling encounters the better ... 1996 2001!)

It was an excellent game of football, played with great pace and intent from the start. A man once told me that Limerick always needed to keep the opposition to 10 or 11 scores to have a chance (because Limerick would never score more than that in any game). This would be the exception to prove the rule as scores came thick and fast throughout the game. At half time, Wexford led by 10 points to 9 and looked (slightly) the better team. I was in the open terrace but moved at the turnover, to get out of earshot of a vocal Wexford supporter who was just a tad too vigorous in his dislike of the opposition. I'll say no more...

The €3 programme was a well-produced 32-page standard-sized programme. Since then, programmes for 'qualifier' games have been 'genericified' - in other

words, each qualifier round has one programme to cover three, four, or more games. I feel short changed when I buy a programme that's little more than a team sheet for a particular game. Also, like many programme collectors, I am not a fan of programmes that do not have an action shot on the front cover (as is increasingly the case). Years later, these programmes can be very difficult to tell apart.

The second half picked up where the first half left off, with Wexford getting what looked like the decisive score 10 minutes into the second half. The fact that the goal should have been disallowed because the Wexford player switched hands before shooting only added salt to the wound. That salty wound was further opened with 10 minutes to go when Limerick had a man sent off. (To be diplomatic like commentators and newspaper men of old - and to spare the player's blushes - I will not name him!)

Limerick never lost their heads but the game was slipping away and, with normal time ticking over into added time, the deficit was still three points: 1-17 to 0-17. Following a lot of hard work by late sub Jamesie Kelly, a ball was unleashed into the Wexford square. Eoghan O'Connor somehow got clean possession and kicked for glory into what was surely the only gap in the Wexford defence. GOAL! The game was level, 1-17 each. We held our breath while jumping about like eejits! Extra time was on the menu.

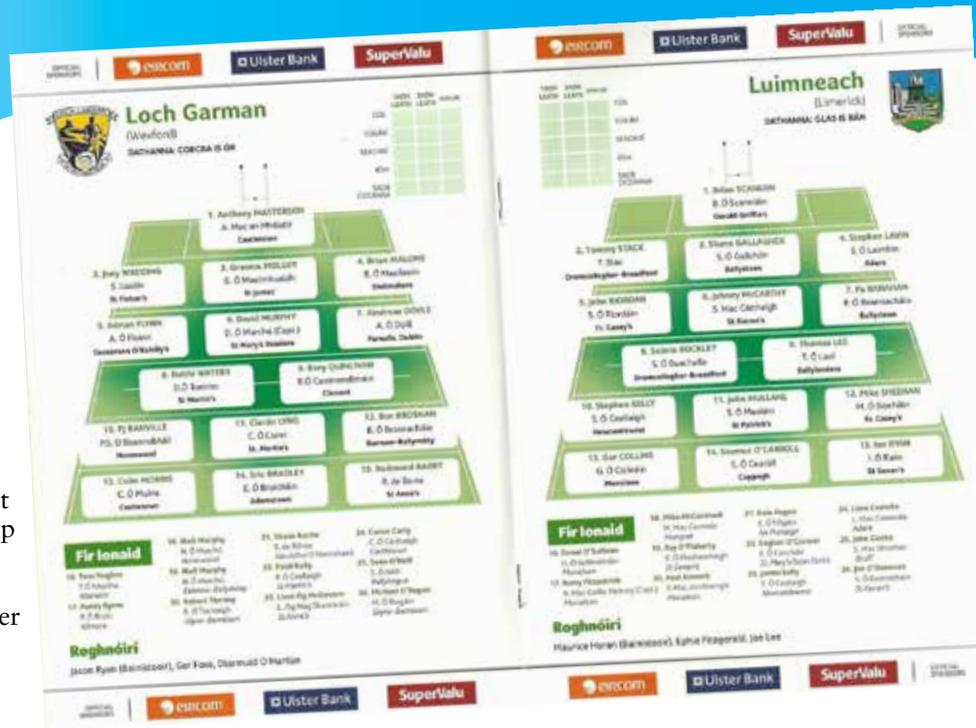
The next play is the one that is most remembered from this eventful game. Once again, Limerick got possession and the ball was played into Ian Ryan's corner. He was tracked by his marker who stayed in very close proximity but the referee blew the whistle. A free in for a nudge in the back! We could hardly believe

it; neither could Wexford. Ian then launched a massive balloon which looped around the post. Inside or outside though? One umpire signalled a score; the other a wide. The referee was properly positioned and made the final, but very contentious, call, "Point!" It wasn't a free but it was a point, in my hurling-refereeing opinion!



It was a comeback that dreams are made of. The referee gave Wexford one last chance. But, once Limerick won possession from that final kick out without conceding a free, the game was up for Wexford. They were utterly devastated – first high-flying Dublin and now low-lying Limerick! The Wexford goalkeeper (who shall also remain nameless) wasn't the most sporting with his media comments after the game but it had been a harrowing month for the chap to be brutally honest.

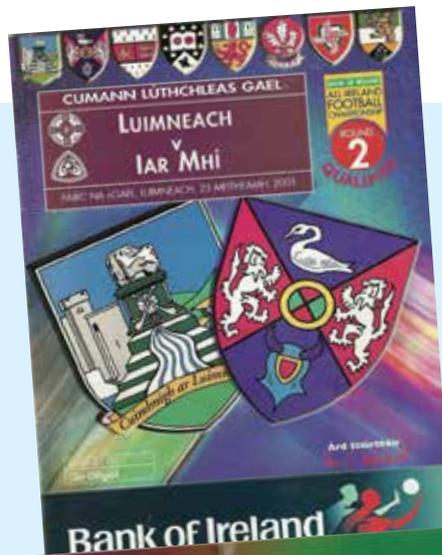
We invaded the pitch. Limerick footballers were going to Croke Park after 10 years of near- misses and heartbreak! Who cared that we were facing The Kingdom again? We didn't. Not that evening anyhow. We had climbed one of our mini-Everests at last. We had achieved something really special, a trip to Croke Park for a championship game. The journey home was not a short one but I was in no rush. I must have gotten 30 texts from all over the world as word of our historic victory filtered out. It wasn't the same the following Sunday ... but that's a match programme tale that's not ever likely to grace these pages!



2001 All-Ireland Football Qualifier, versus Westmeath

Limerick's first ever football 'qualifier' game - and the first time in 105 years we played a team from outside Munster in the Championship - was against Westmeath in the Gaelic Grounds in 2001. (It came about as a result of a serious trimming by Kerry in the Munster Championship). Unfortunately, Westmeath taught Limerick a harsh footballing lesson that day (and, no doubt, exacted a certain amount of revenge for a surprise defeat at the hands of Limerick in the previous year's All-Ireland Under-21 Football Championship semi-final!) A few short years later, Westmeath went on to win a Leinster Football Championship under Páidí Ó Sé.

The 16-page programme cost the princely sum of £1. I think I'd be fairly safe in saying that no one under the age of 18 remembers the old one punt coin at this remove...



In Their Own Words

Match Reports by our Readers

Ballybrown NS Girls win U-13 City Cumann na mBunscol Final

by Róisín Musgrave

It was a proud day for the Ballybrown NS Girls U-13 Football team. We were the first girls football team from our school to play in a City Cumann na mBunscol Final. The match took place in the Gaelic Grounds against Castletroy Gaelscoil. To make the day more special, the Ballybrown boys were playing in the boys' final after us.

It was a very even first half. The weather was terrible and the wind and rain made it difficult to play good football. Castletroy were very strong and we could not score against them. They scored the only point of the first half. We felt disappointed not to have scored, but relieved that we were only one point down.

The second half was just as tough and got even worse for us when Castletroy managed to score the first goal of the game. We finally scored a point and this gave us some hope. The match went into the last 5 minutes and we needed to score a goal quickly. We piled on the pressure and our chance came. We pressurised the Castletroy goalie and managed to squeeze the ball across the line to level the game. We were ecstatic but the match wasn't over yet.

Our chance came when we got a close-in free. Sarah-Jane Mulqueen stepped up to take the free and put the ball over the bar. The Castletroy goalie just had time to kick out the ball when the final whistle blew. We had won by 1-2 to 1-1! We fell onto our hands and knees with tiredness and delight. Our supporters were shouting and clapping. We couldn't believe what we had just achieved, especially in such dramatic fashion!

The following day we got to show the winning cup in Assembly. We are the first- ever Ballybrown girls' football title winners and are over the moon.

St. Nessian's NS, Mungret – Spillane Cup Winners 2014

By James Killian – St. Nessian's N.S., Mungret.

This year I had the honour of captaining my school's Under 13 football team, 2014 Spillane Cup champions. This year's A Division was made up of four very good teams from Milford N.S., Monaleen N.S., Scoil Chríost Rí and St. Nessian's N.S. After finishing top of our group, we faced a strong Scoil Chríost Rí team in the semi-final. Following a slow start to the match by both teams, the boys from Caherdavin finally took the lead. Mungret fought back and kept pressing until finally we went ahead. A brilliant save by Ciarán Kenny, coupled with some free flowing attacks, ensured that Mungret prevailed.

After all the preparations and build up, the day arrived when we faced Monaleen N.S. in the final in the Gaelic Grounds. The weather conditions were dreadful and it was very hard for either team to play their best football. Gradually we got over the conditions and got stuck into the game and our opponents. After a spirited, whole-team performance, St. Nessian's built up a lead they never relinquished, despite playing against a very strong wind in the second half. When the final whistle blew, St. Nessian's were the champions, winning on a 0-6 to 0-3 scoreline. I accepted the Spillane Cup in the Mackey Stand on behalf of my teammates.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Scanlon and Mr. Kavanagh for training us throughout the season. I'd also like to praise and thank my teammates for their hard work and commitment during training and in our matches. I was honoured to be picked for, and captain, the Limerick City Sarsfield Cup team. I was joined on the team by my St. Nessian's teammates Jake Prendergast, Darragh O' Hagan and Darragh Bridgeman. All in all, we had a great year and now we look forward to the Olo Cup hurling campaign.

Lisnagry NS are County Champions!

By Seán Fahy

Our season started with a tough game against Doon CBS in Ahane. We were a bit rusty and gave away two sloppy goals in the first half. As a result we lost the game. Our next match was away to Crecora NS. When match day came we were ready for the challenge. We forged a lead early on and, while our opponents were resilient, we eventually got a couple of goals to finish the game off. Our next game, away to Roxboro, was also a very tough game but some late goals gave us victory. The East Limerick Final went like a blur and a couple of late points gave us victory against a strong Doon CBS team. We were elated, but knew that there was a county final to be won. Standing between us and a county final were Courtenay N.S., West champions. It was another tough game but we worked hard and the game fell in our favour. We were tired after the semi final but we knew that we would need the same intensity if we were to beat St. Nessans N.S. We stuck to our game plan and emerged as County Champions with a score line of 0-8 to 1-1. It was the first time in the history of Lisnagry N.S that we won a county football final. We were overjoyed with our achievement. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Feeney and Mr. Rafferty for giving up their time to train us and bring us to the matches.

Milford NS Under 13 Girls win Celtic Image Final

by Íde Ní Ifeárnáin

In November 2014, Milford Under 13 girls played in the Limerick County Girls' Football Championship for the first time in our school's history. We were representing the City Division. The Championship was held in the University of Limerick North Campus.

Our hopes soared after winning comfortably against Glin (West Limerick) in the Semi-Final. The Final against Roxborough (East Limerick) took place immediately after the Semi-Final. We didn't have time to be tired, but had just enough time to imagine the Perpetual Shield being brought to Milford National School for the first time ever.

A few minutes into the game, Milford's Grace Clohessey rattled the net with the first score of the match. Mr. Nelligan's advice came to mind: "Aim for the crossbar!". We also remembered the advice to "Take your points!" and scored six points in total. Our two goals were scored in the first half. Caoimhe Hackett bagged 1 - 1 from open play. Íde and Ciara chipped in with a point a piece while captain Eimar kicked three points.

Though our opponents were physically big and strong, it became obvious as the game progressed that we were the fitter and faster team. Most of the activity took place in Roxborough's half of the field and, as a result, their goalkeeper was under constant pressure. Roxborough had very lively and dangerous forwards and half-forwards however they were starved of possession. In spite of this they still managed to score a goal and a point. The final score was 2-6 to 1-1. Victory was ours, history was made.

Our win would not have been possible without our coaches: Mr. Nelligan, Ms Newman and Ms Larkin. We are very grateful to them for guiding us on our road to victory, and for all the time they spent training us and for believing in us as a team.

Milford Abú!

(There is a report on Milford's victory in the City final on the Green & White Blog)

RESULTS

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol County Finals

	Winners	Runners Up
Sarsfield Cup:	West Limerick	East Limerick
Larkin Shield:	West Limerick	Limerick City
County football Shield	Lisnagry NS	St Nessian's NS
Celtic Image Shield	Milford NS	Scoil an Spioraid
Naoimh		

Correction (Page 30, Issue 55): Milford N.S. won the county final of the indoor camogie competition 2014.

2014 Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic Football finals (Limerick City schools)

	Winners	Runners Up
Under 13 A: Spillane Cup	St. Nessian's NS,	Monaleen NS
Under 13 A: Girls	Milford N.S.	Monaleen NS
Under 13 B	St Paul's N.S.	Ballybrown NS
Under 13 B: Girls	Ballybrown N.S.	Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh
Under 13 C	Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh.	Pallaskerry NS
11 Boys	Scoil Chríost Rí	Milford NS
11 Girls	St. Nessian's NS	Monaleen NS

Cumann na mBunscol. East Limerick

Boys Football:	Winners	Runners Up
13 -a-side.	Lisnagry NS	Doon CBS.
11-a-side:	Ahane NS	Killinure NS
9-a-side:	Billboa NS	Oola NS
7-a-side:	Barna NS	Scoil Chaitríona, Cappamore
Girls Football:	Winners	Runners Up
12 -a-side	Roxboro NS	Doon Convent NS
9-a-side	Killinure NS	Donoughmore NS
7 -a-side:	Oola NS	Caherline NS

West Limerick Football Results

Boys	Winners	Runners Up
Div.1 (15-a-side)	Courtenay B.N.S Newcastle West	Abbeyfeale BNS
Div.2-(13 -a-side)	Ardagh N.S	Shountrade NS
Div.3 (11-a-side)-	Broadford NS	Athea NS
Div.4 (9-a-side)	Ahalin NS	Kilcolman NS
Div.5 (7-a-side)	Kilfinny NS	Meenkilly NS

Girls	Winners	Runners Up
Div.1 (9-a-side)	Glin NS	Our Lady's Abbey, Adare
Div.2 (7-a-side)	Ahalin NS	Shountrade N.S

South Limerick Results

Boys Football
Premier Division: Bruree NS 2-05 Scoil Dean Cussen NS 2-03 AET
Roinn A: Croom N.S. 2-01 Galbally NS 1-03
Roinn B: Ballylanders N.S. 1-06 Effin NS 2-02
Roinn C: Ballyagran N.S. 9-04 Herbertstown NS 1-04
Roinn D: Glenbrohane N.S.5-05 Anglesboro NS 0-04
Roinn E: Lough Gur N.S. 3-08 Knockadea NS 0-05

Girls Football
Roinn A: Scoil Dean Cussen 1-02 Scoil Mocheallóg. 1-01
Roinn B: Bruree NS 3-03 Galbally NS 2-02



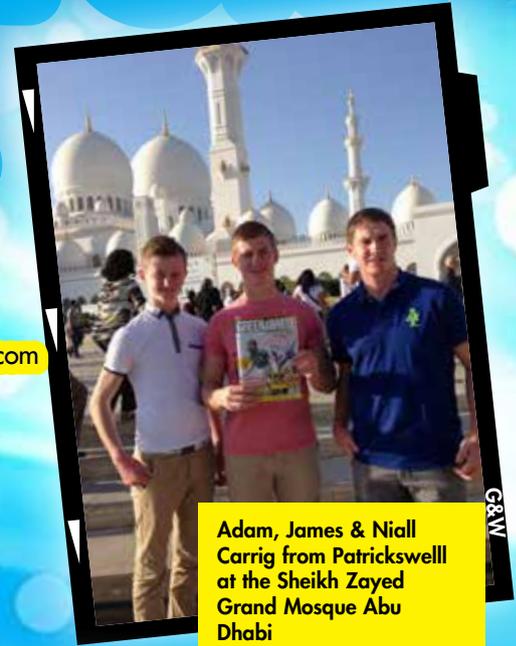
Result! Limerick
Donal O Grady with
Waterford Crystal Cup
2015

Green & White ... and Read All Over (The World)!



Denis O'Connor with the Green & White magazine at the Allianz Arena, Munich

Don't forget your copy of the G&W when you go on hols! Send your photos to info@thegreenandwhite.com



Adam, James & Niall Carrig from Patrickswell at the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Abu Dhabi

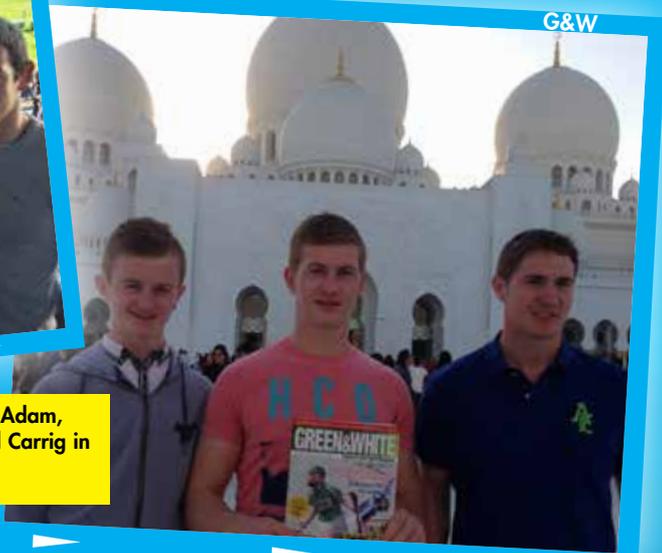
Limerick hurlers, Cathal King, Barry Hennessy, Stephen Walsh and Tommy Quaid at Cheltenham Racecourse, Gloucestershire, England



Patrickswell's Adam, James & Niall Carrig in Abu Dhabi



Milford N.S. teacher, Denis O'Connor shows his true colours at the Frauenkirche, Dresden



The G&W at Gretna Green (a village in Scotland famous for runaway weddings)!



The G&W in Scotland (Gretna Green)

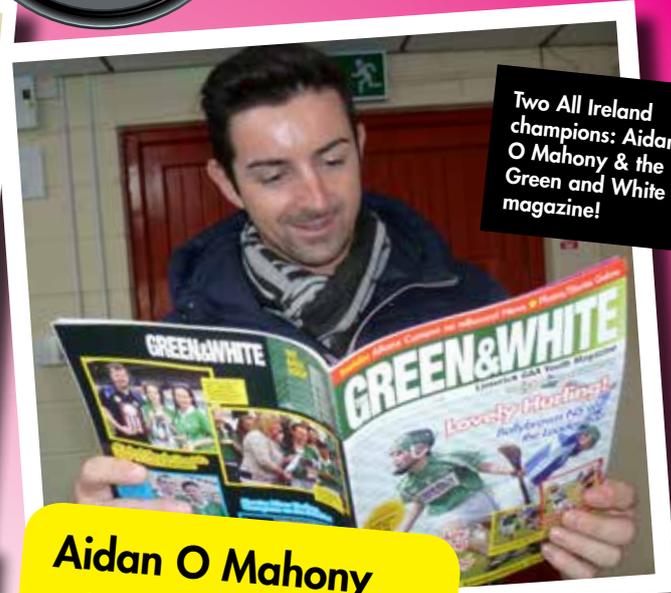
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Gallery



Limerick U16 Camogie Committee held a fundraising quiz. And the winners were ...The Green & White team!



Two All Ireland champions: Aidan O Mahony & the Green and White magazine!



Ronan Lynch checks out a recent issue of The G&W Magazine. He especially liked the cover!



RTE hurling expert, Offaly's Michael Duignan, enjoys reading the Green & White

Aidan O Mahony

Aidan O Mahony is the proud holder of five senior football All Ireland medals with Kerry. A Garda based in Tralee, Aidan visited Limerick in February where he met up with Luke O Connor, a pupil in Ballybrown NS. Luke asked Aidan some questions on behalf of The Green and White.

- Name:** Aidan O Mahony
- Club:** Rathmore
- Primary school attended:** Shrone NS
- Occupation:** Garda
- What car do you drive?** Renault Megane
- Favourite GAA player of childhood:** Seamus Moynihan (Kerry)
- Favourite GAA star of today:** All Kerry players!
- Favourite star from other sports:** Brian O Driscoll
- Pets:** None
- Favourite food:** Chicken and pasta
- Favourite TV programme:** The Sunday Game
- Favourite Band:** Walking on Cars
- Last DVD you watched:** All Ireland football final 2014
- Hobbies:** Golf
- Highlight of your GAA career:** All Ireland final v Donegal in 2014
- Ambition:** To train football teams some day
- Biggest influence on you:** My family, my teachers and my club trainers
- Superstitions:** I always sit on the front seat of the bus
- Apart from Gaelic football, what other sports do you play?** Soccer and badminton
- What skills should young players practise?** Kicking
- Advice to young players:** Enjoy every minute of your time playing
- Advice to teachers training teams:** Focus on players' weaknesses and encourage them at all times

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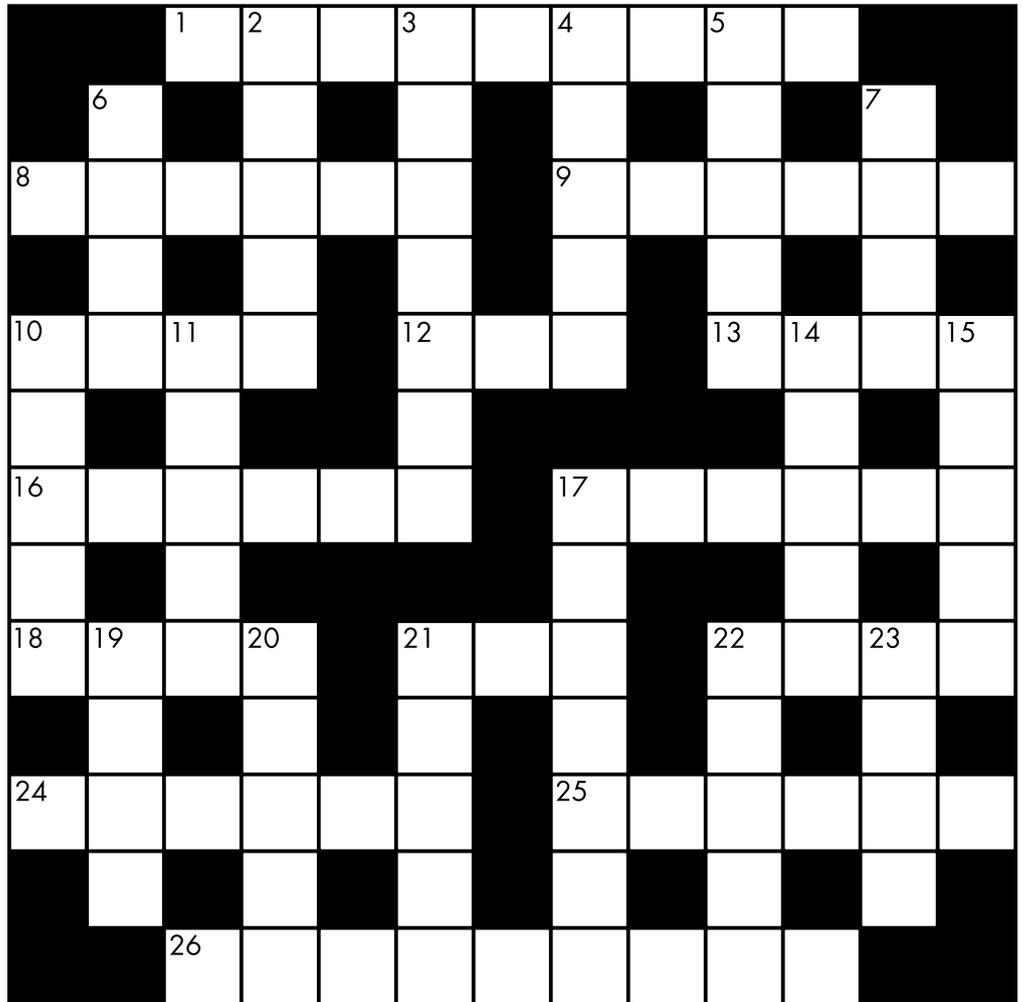
THE GREEN & WHITE PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 56

To enter Crossword Competition 56, send a photocopy of your completed crossword or a list of answers to: **The Green and White**, Patrickswell NS, Co. Limerick. Answers by e-mail to: info@thegreenandwhite.com. See page 35 for last term's answers and winners.

TRASNA

- 1 Nickname for County Clare (3,6) 
- 8 Another name for a pullover/sweater (6)
- 9 DRY GOO? Limerick river flowing through Castletroy (6)
- 10 Sam Smyth song, "---- with Me" (4)
- 12 A tiny, powerful insect - Dec's friend! (3) 
- 13 A place for lawnmowers and tools (4)
- 16 Surname of recently retired Limerick football legend (6)
- 17 Surname of Limerick hurling star from Adare (6)
- 18 First name of Manchester City's Touré? (4)
- 21 English for *gluaisteán* (3)
- 22 Irish for donkey (4)
- 24 Limerick hurler from Kilmallock, ---- O'Brien (6)
- 25 The number on a Centre Forward's back (6)
- 26 2014 Munster Minor Hurler of the Year, Ahane's Tom ----- (9)



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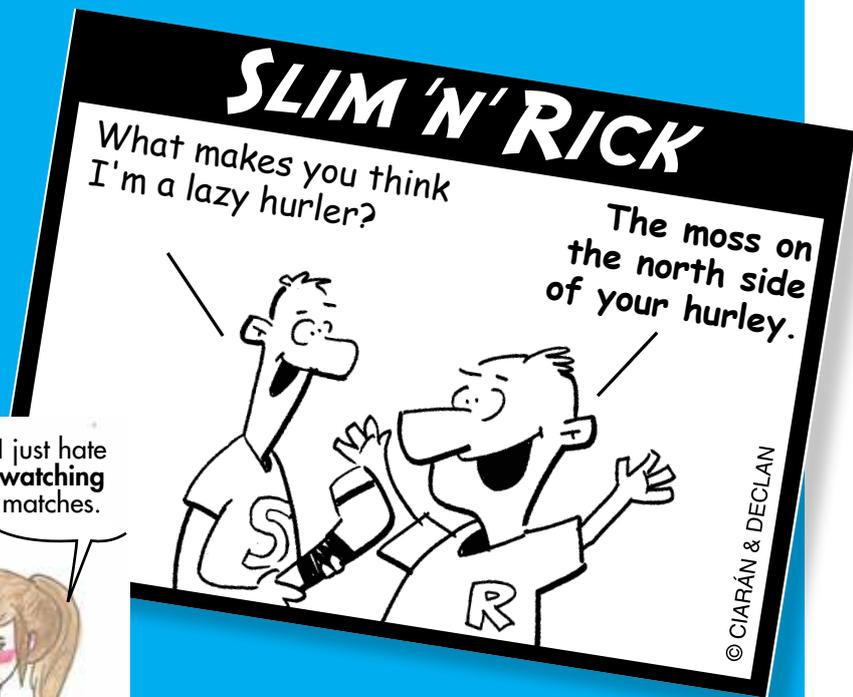
- 2 Pharrell Williams song from 'Despicable Me 2' (5) 
- 3 A good deal at a good price (7)
- 4 The opposite of day (5)
- 5 Teddy bear-like characters in Star Wars, OK, WES? (5) 
- 6 Iron oxide (4)
- 7 Not working, having nothing to do (4)
- 10 Soaked and spongy (5)
- 11 A small backstreet, fit for a stray cat (5)
- 14 *Lámha* (5)
- 15 ---- O'Grady, Limerick senior hurling captain? (5)
- 17 Working gear or tackle for a horse (7)
- 19 The first man, ever! (4)
- 20 Recorded or transmitted sound (5)
- 21 What cheerleaders do! (5)
- 22 Who had a worldwide hit with 'Someone Like You'? (5)
- 23 The last word in a lot of prayers (4)

Scribble Box



22 Síos
Someone like you

CARTOON CORNER



Reader Art

Drawn by RoCro

SETANTA McFANTA

A LEGEND IN HIS OWN HELMET



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FUN & GAMES

Take Five

5 Quiz Questions about Limerick G.A.A.

1. Which Limerick and Ahane hurler was selected as Munster Minor Hurler of the Year for 2014?
2. Which Limerick All Star forward is an analyst with Setanta Ireland?
3. Which Limerick and Na Piarasigh hurler was selected as Munster Minor Hurler of the Year for 2013?
4. John Galvin recently retired from inter-county football after 15 years as a Limerick senior footballer. With which club does he currently play?
5. Who are the holders of the Celtic Image Shield?

As You Were

Name these well known Limerick Sports Stars, seen here as they were not so many years ago.

This Limerick forward pictured (a few short years ago) in the colours of Killinure NS.
Name him.

All Star, free taker, racehorse owner and pundit. Here he is captaining his school in the 2005 Leader Cup.
Name him.

He wore no. 9 in the Primary Game football team in 2002. Now, he wears no. 9 for Munster, Ireland & the Lions.
Name him.

Oh Brother!

Brothers who played senior hurling for Limerick (since 2000)

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Note: Many more than ten sets of brothers have played senior hurling for Limerick since 2000.

E-mail your answers to us at info@thegreenandwhite.com (or tweet them to us at @LimerickGAAzine). We'll compile a list of all your answers and publish them in the magazine and on the web.

The 'Issue 56' Quiz

(All the answers are in this issue of The Green & White Magazine)

1. Who captained Ahane minor hurlers to the 2014 County title?
2. What is the cover price of this issue of The G&W Magazine?
3. Which well known hurley-maker is featured in this issue?
4. Which (City Division) school won the 2014 Spillane Cup?
5. Name the Templeglantine N.S. pupil who presented the referee with the sliotar for last year's All Ireland hurling final at Croke Park?



6. How many All Ireland senior football medals has Aidan O Mahony won?
7. Which Limerick camogie legend received a GAA President's Award in 2015?
8. Who was named 'The Toughest' in the 2014 Munster Club hurling championship?
9. Who were runners-up in the 2014 Celtic Image Shield?
10. Which twin sisters starred on the West Limerick team that won last term's Larkin Shield?

ANSWERS: Photo Quiz: Seánie Tobin (Killinure N.S.), Conor Murray (Football & rugby No. 9), Shane Dowling (Leader Cup winner)
Issue 56 Quiz: All the answers are to be found in this issue...
Take 5 Quiz - answers: 1. Tom Morrissey 2. Shane Dowling 3. Ronan Lynch 4. Craíole 5. Milford NS

In off the POST

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Crossword 55 Winners:

Sean Duff, (age 8)
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Kevin Maher,
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Crossword 55 Answers:

Trasna: 1 Aborigine 8 Failed
9 Balbec 10 Also 12 Lón
13 Numb 16 Tennis 17 Gerbil
18 Crab 21 Doo 22 Tony
24 Orange 25 Grimes
26 Loom Bands

Síos: 2 Baloo 3 Riddles 4 Gabon
5 Nylon 6 Ball 7 Team 10 Attic
11 Santa 14 Umbro 15 Bally
17 Georgia 19 Rare 20 Bingo
21 Dream 22 Third 23 Need

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Crossword No. 56

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Limerick Cumann na mBunscol
(via G&W Magazine),
I just want to thank you and your team for giving my son Michael the opportunity to play in the Primary Game hurling game (v Cork) in Pairc Ui Chaoimh last Sunday. It was an amazing experience for him and I'm sure he will treasure memories of it for a long time to come. I guess a special mention should also go to the sponsors of these primary games matches, Shannon Airport, without whom many kids wouldn't be able to experience these great occasions. Many thanks again to all involved and keep up the good work.

Regards,
Mike Keane,
Castleroberts, Adare, Co. Limerick

A chairde,
Thank you so much for the prize, which I loved, & the letter and much-needed sliotar. After I got into the car after school I was opening my bag and the zip came off so it's good that I have a new one to replace it. I will definitely be buying the Green & White in the future. I hope success will come to your magazine and I wish you all the best of luck. Limerick abú. Go raibh míle maith agat. Tá Luimneach ar fheabhas!

Lorcan Ryans,
Scoil Íosagáin, Hospital, Co. Limerick

Dear G&W,
Would it be possible to get a copy of the 1936 photo of the Limerick team in New York (Which appeared in issue 55). My grandfather Tom Shinnay was in the photo. We have other photos but not this one.

Vera O'Meara
by e-mail
(Contact details for Mr. J. Lunden who supplied us with the photo were forwarded...)



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Bernie Hennessy retweeted you Feb 5
Jan 28: @KilmallockGAA are really motoring this year!
(This gr8 pic was posted by @HoulihansBar)
#BalbecAbu !

Pa Ranahan and 7 others favorited your Tweet Feb 5
Feb 4: Delighted to announce that The Green & White Magazine has been shortlisted (along with 1 x Dublin & 1 x Cork publication) for best of 2014!

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football final between
St. Paul's NS and
Ballybrown NS,
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photographer,
Wanda Dwane,

St Paul's N.S., City
Under 13 B Gaelic
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