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The Throw In

It's Springtime in Ireland and, despite the ravages of Hurricane Ophelia, Storms Dylan, Fionn and Emma, Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh has hit the ground running! Springtime brings March winds, April showers but also indoor hurling, indoor camogie, Mini Sevens in boys and girls football, hurling and camogie.

2017 went out in a welter of excitement. Limerick won the All-Ireland Under 21 title for the second time in three years. What will 2018 bring? Limerick hurling followers get behind their team like nobody else. Will the Green and White Army be marching on Croke Park this summer? In this issue, we meet Limerick captain Declan Hannon. Declan made his mark as a player in the colours of Scoil Iósaf, Adare and West Limerick before wearing the Limerick jersey for the first time in the Primary Game. Now, he has the honour of leading a Limerick team intent on ending a famine that dates back to 1973.

In all four Divisions of Limerick, football competitions dominated the playing fields in Autumn of 2017. Limerick City captured the Sarsfield Cup while City champions St Nessan's NS of Mungret won the County Shield. The girls of West Limerick were worthy winners of the Larkin Shield. There was a new name on the Celtic Image Shield as Mahoonagh NS proved to be unbeatable in their march to glory.

The Green and White met a hurling legend in Austin Flynn, who was an outstanding full back on the Waterford team that won the Liam McCarthy Cup in 1959. Austin had a distinguished career in the Waterford jersey but his memories of his schooldays in Abbeyside, and how they shaped his attitude to success on the playing fields, make for riveting reading.

There is much to look forward to in 2018. The Mackey, Cup, Neville Cup and all the other Cumann na mBunscol competitions will dominate our thoughts as Spring turns to Summer.

In this issue, you will find all the regular features that our readers enjoy...crosswords, cartoons, news from all parts of the city and county. This magazine relies on the dedication of the officers of Cumann na mBunscol who supply photos, results and so much of the material that fills these pages. Thanks also to James Lundon, Conor Wyse, Seamus McElligott of Sports Action Photography, Michael Fitzgerald of Herbertstown NS, Diarmuid Carroll of Ballyagran NS, Carl Musgrave of Manister NS, Stephen Walsh of Kilbehenny NS, Harry Coyne, Auspin Flynn and everybody who added some ingredients to the winning recipe that has seen The Green and White go from strength to strength for 22 years.

Luimneach abú,
Ciarán Crowe & Joe Lyons
Joint Editors

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G&W News

First Silverware of 2018!

Limerick won the 2018 Co Op Superstores Munster Senior Hurling League in January. Despite the unavailability of the Na Piarsaigh players and injuries to some key personnel, Limerick went through the campaign unbeaten. Let's hope this success is an early sign of great days ahead!

Due to an injury to Declan Hannon, Paul Browne captained the side in the final and as a result the man from Bruff had the honour of raising the cup.

The Cup-Winning Run

In Mallow, Limerick 2-23, Cork* 1-21 (*2017 winners)
At the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick 3-19, Kerry 1-15
At the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick 0-16, Clare 0-10 (MSHL Final)

Munster GAA Awards

Congratulations to all the Limerick winners at the Munster GAA Awards which were presented at Fota Island Resort Hotel, Co. Cork recently. Aaron Gillane won the U21 Hurling award. JP O Connor won the Munster Handball award. Johnny Murphy & Donnacha O Callaghan received medals for refereeing last year's Munster Minor Hurling Final and Munster U17 Football Final, respectively. As you can see from our photo, Limerick GAA was well represented on the night.

L to R. Back Row: Eamonn Phelan, Mike O Connor, Frank Reidy, Donal Hayes, Paul Foley, Liam O Mahony, Michael Fitzgerald. Front Row: Donnacha O Callaghan, Johnny Murphy, PJ O Connor, Oliver Mann, Liam Lenihan, Joe Lyons.

What is a GAA 5 Star Centre?

Recognition as a GAA 5 Star Centre is awarded to Primary Schools that undertake to deliver a programme of Gaelic Games activity that is age-appropriate and meets the developmental needs of children within the school. In order to receive recognition as a GAA 5 Star Centre a Primary School must provide for the flexible delivery of the following activities over the course of a school-year:

Have a Ball

GAA Fun & Run

GAA Catch & Kick

Go Games Skills Challenges

GAA Go Games

GAA Camán and Play

Further information is available at: learning.gaa.ie/5star

Congratulations to Liam O'Mara (2nd Year, Castletroy College) who was first in his category (Technology: Junior Individual) at this year's BT Young Scientist competition. Liam's invention, which is called Hel-Mate, is a concussion monitoring device. The device is intended to fit onto the back of a hurling helmet and measure the g-force of impacts and instantaneously relay the information to personnel on the sideline who are trained in concussion management.

This is not the first time Liam has featured in The G&W Magazine. In our Spring 2015 issue, Liam was the subject of an article entitled, 'My Lucky Year' which told the story of his experiences as water-boy with Ahane's championship-winning minor hurling team.

Cumann na mBunscol News

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Cumann na mBunscol – Condae Luimnigh.

County Fixtures - 2018

Indoor Hurling / Camogie Finals
- Tuesday: 20th March – at Caherconlish Hall
- Hurling at 11.45am – Camogie at 1.15pm

Mini Sevens Football - Boys and Girls.
- Monday: 16th April at Neville Park, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick
- Girls at 11.30am – Boys at 1.15pm
- Note rule on age-limits in this competition

Mini Sevens Hurling and Camogie.
- Wednesday: 18th April at Neville Park, Rathkeale
- Hurling at 11.30am – Camogie 1.15pm
- Note rule on age – limits in this competition

Mackey Cup (Boys Hurling)
Tuesday: 1st May at the Gaelic Grounds
- At 3.30am West V South. At 4.15am East V City
- Final at 5.15pm

Neville Cup (Camogie)
Thursday: 3rd May at the Gaelic Grounds.
- At 3.30pm City V West. At 4.15pm South V East
- Final at 5.15pm

Green and White Camogie Shield - 12 players a-side
- Tuesday: 12th June at Neville Park, Rathkeale
- At 12.30pm East V City and South V West
- Final at 1.30pm

Leader Cup – Hurling
- Wednesday: 13th June at Neville Park, Rathkeale
- At 12.30pm: City V West and South V East
- Final at 1.30pm

The late Gerry O Sullivan, ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam, pictured here with one of the many St Nessan's NS teams he managed over the years.

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Br JL Dormer, Liam Lenihan, Leas Cathaoirleach Munster Council, Joe Lyons, outgoing Chairman, Niamh O Dea, incoming Treasurer & Ruairi Walsh attended the Munster Allianz Cumann na mBunscol AGM

Mini Sevens 2017/18.

- The age limits as set out below apply to the 2017/ 2018 mini sevens competitions.
- Age limits for Boys or Girls
- Total enrolment of Boys only or Girls only: (3rd to 6th class inclusive)

Enrolment	Children born on or after:
200 pupils or more	1st January 2006
170 - 199 pupils	1st December 2005
140 - 169 pupils	1st November 2005
110 - 139	1st October 2005
80 - 109	1st September 2005
50 - 79	1st August 2005
30 - 49	1st July 2005
0 - 29	1st June 2005

Mini Sevens Rules!

Rules: Hurling, Camogie, Boys and Girls Football.

The normal rules of hurling and football with some important adaptations shall apply. Please check the Limerick Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Blog (County Section) for further details. The link is: cumannnambunscol.wordpress.com. The Blog can also be accessed from the Main Page of the Green and White Website (www.thegreenandwhite.com).

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Meet Limerick Senior Hurling Captain

Declan Hannon

Q. What are your memories of playing for Scoil Iosaf, Adare in Cumann na mBunscol competitions?
I have fantastic memories of playing hurling and football with my primary school in Adare. We were lucky enough to win the Leader Cup on one occasion, and probably should have won it twice. It was always great to play our games in the school pitch as many of the younger classes would come out and watch.

A few broken windows behind the goals was a common occurrence, although Stephen Lavin and Barry O'Riordan often let it slide…thank God!

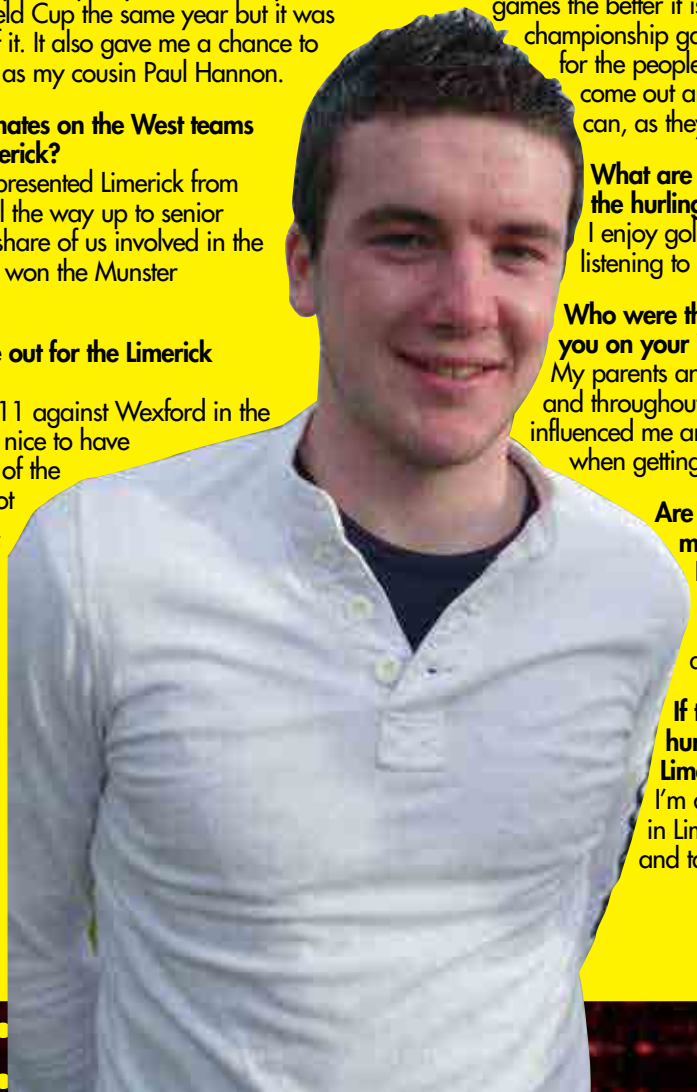
Did ye have any memorable victories?
The most memorable was winning the Leader Cup. We had a very strong team and a lot of the lads went on to represent Limerick at underage level.

What do you remember about your days playing with West Limerick in the Mackey Cup or Sarsfield Cup?
I remember winning a Mackey Cup after extra time against 'The City' which was great for us in 'The West'. After this a lot of us got the chance to play before the Limerick Senior team on Munster Championship day. Unfortunately, we lost by a point in the Sarsfield Cup the same year but it was fantastic to be a part of it. It also gave me a chance to play on the same team as my cousin Paul Hannon.

Did any of your teammates on the West teams go on to play with Limerick?
Yes, a lot of the lads represented Limerick from underage teams and all the way up to senior level. There was a fair share of us involved in the Limerick U21 team that won the Munster championship in 2011.

When did you first line out for the Limerick senior hurlers?
I made my debut in 2011 against Wexford in the Gaelic Grounds. It was nice to have your first game in front of the home crowd and we got a good win on the day.

What has been the highlight of your senior intercounty career?
2011, winning the U21 Munster Championship and 2013, winning the Munster Senior Hurling Championship… hoping to have many more days like these!



You have played in many positions for Limerick. What is your favourite position and why?
My favourite position would be Centre Back, mainly because I grew up playing there in primary/secondary school. But no matter where you are placed, you always have to do what is best for the team.

How were you chosen as Limerick captain? Was it a vote among the players or did management choose the captain?
The management made the decision, I was delighted when I got the phone call from John, I'm very honoured and look forward to what lies ahead for this group of players this year.

What does being captain involve? Is it extra pressure or is it something you look forward to?
I look forward to it, both management and players are a great group and there is a real bond between everyone. Everyone takes on extra responsibility in one shape or another and enjoys the added pressure.

How will you measure success for Limerick in 2018?
We will measure our success on the results we get, working on our performances will lead to positive results and who knows where that will bring us come the end of 2018.

How do you think the new round robin format will work out? Is it a good thing?
I think it is great for us in Limerick, the more competitive games the better it is for us. Having two Munster championship games at home is fantastic for the people in Limerick and we hope they come out and support the team as best they can, as they always do.

What are your hobbies away from the hurling pitch?
I enjoy golf when the weather improves and listening to music.

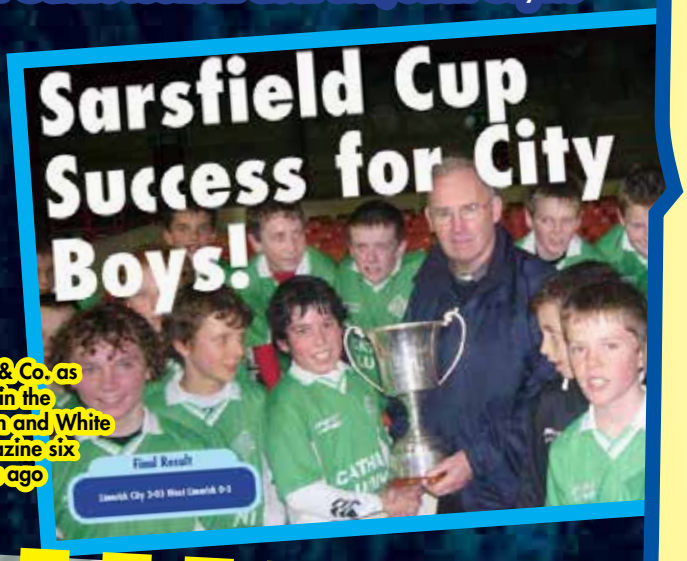
Who were the people who influenced you on your journey to senior status?
My parents and all underage coaches in Adare and throughout primary and secondary school all influenced me and guided me in the right direction when getting involved in sport.

Are there any skills you practise more than others?
I like to focus a bit more on the tackling side of things, having a good technique sets you up well for any opposition.

If there was a transfer market in hurling, who would you buy for Limerick?
I'm quite happy with everyone we have in Limerick, they are a very dedicated and talented bunch of lads.

Then and Now

The G&W catches up with rising basketball and Gaelic football dual star, Jack Coyne



Jack & Co. as seen in the Green and White Magazine six years ago

In 2011 Jack Coyne captained Limerick City to victory in the Sarsfield Cup. On the City divisional football team that defeated West Limerick in the final at the Gaelic Grounds that evening were several of Jack's classmates from St. Nessan's NS, Mungret.

Just six years later, Jack and many of his former primary school classmates were in the winners enclosure once again, when Mungret/St. Paul's defeated Monaleen in the 2017 Limerick Minor Football Championship final. And, once again, Jack was captain.

Questions and Answers

Q How many lads from your primary school played on the City Sarsfield Cup team you captained in 2011?

A There were four lads from our primary school, St Nessan's NS on the Sarsfield Cup team. Eoghan Killian, Nevil O Sullivan, Louis Dee and myself.

Q Did many of the lads with whom you won the Primary School Football County Shield back in 2011 feature on this year's County Minor Championship-winning team?

A About 11 of us were playing in both finals in 2011 and 2017.

Q As well as being an accomplished footballer, you play basketball at a high level. What are the highlights of your basketball career to date?

A 1) I played for Ireland at U17 level. 2) All Ireland schools champion in 2017. 3) League and Cup winners in Limerick in 2017. 4) 1st and 2nd Year All Ireland champions.

Q Do you think playing basketball improves your skill-set for Gaelic football?

A Yes it helps a lot with your handling skills and most certainly fitness too. Some of the greatest footballers such as Kieran Donaghy and Aidan O Shea get a lot of their skills from playing basketball in their younger life.

Jack Coyne in action for Mungret- St. Paul's

Jack Coyne receives the Premier Minor Football County Cup

Jack Coyne

		Then (2011/12)	**Now** (2017/18)
School:		St. Nessan's NS, Mungret	Crescent College Comprehensive
Teams:	Basketball	Limerick Lions	Limerick Lions
	Football	Mungret GAA	Mungret GAA
Favourite Music/groups		Jason Derulo	Drake
Favourite Movie(s)		The Hangover	The Purge
Favourite TV shows		Friends	Family Guy
Favourite sports stars		Messi, Lebron James	Steph Curry, Devin Booker

Slán le Johnny and Seánie

Limerick senior footballers will face into Championship 2018 without two wonderful servants who have given sterling service to the county cause.

Johnny McCarthy first donned the Limerick jersey when he played in the Primary Game in 1997. The St Kieran's clubman went on to become one of the outstanding defenders of the modern era. Johnny marshalled the Limerick defence for fourteen seasons and made 46 championship appearances for Limerick in a distinguished career.

Wing-forward Seánie Buckley from Dromcollogher/Broadford played just one season less than Johnny, wearing the Limerick jersey in Championship action on 40 occasions.

McCarthy played in three Munster finals in 2004, 2009 and 2010, with Buckley featuring in the latter two. Luckless Limerick were beaten narrowly on every occasion, losing to Kerry in 2004 (after a replay) and 2010 while Cork prevailed by a single point in 2009.

Johnny and Seánie were key members of the Limerick teams that captured two Division Four National League titles, with Buckley the captain on both occasions, as they defeated Waterford in 2010 and Offaly in 2013.

Johnny McCarthy in a action for Limerick

Limerick captain Seanie Buckley meets Cork captain Graham Canty before a munster first round clash at Páirc na nGael

Seanie Buckley

Limerick Primary Game hurling team of 1997 with Johnny Mc Carthy third from right in back row

Mahoonagh NS win Celtic Image Shield

by a Special Correspondent

It was a fantastic first term both on and off the pitch for Mahoonagh National School, but the cherry on the cake was the performance of our all- conquering Girls Football Team when they captured the Celtic Image Shield (County Football Championship), beating East Limerick champions Scoil an Spioraid Naomh of Roxborough in a pulsating semi final, and later defeating the City champions Milford NS in a gruellingly tough title decider. It was end- to- end stuff and a mile- a- minute, but in the end the sheer determination, work ethic and physical fitness of our girls saw Mahoonagh NS emerge as winners by two goals, 5-3 to 3-3. Captain Lucy O'Brien accepted the Celtic Image County Championship Division 1 Shield from Brother James Dormer. This is a fantastic achievement for this group of girls and the school, and indeed for their coaches Noel Guina and Ms. Kennedy, winning West and County Division 1 Titles. The girls had captured the West Championship by defeating Dromcollogher NS, Foynes NS and Broadford NS before overcoming Killoughteen NS in the West Final. It is also a testament to the work being done in the local club, and all of this is of great benefit to the girls. 18 girls played in the Football competitions this year. A massive well done to all involved.

Brother James Dormer presents the Celtic Image Shield to the victorious Mahoonagh NS team after victory in the Celtic Image Shield

Milford NS were runners up in the Celtic Image Shield

Scoil Dean Cussen from Bruff represented South Limerick

Brother James Dormer presents the Celtic Image Shield to Lucy O'Brien Mahoonagh NS team after victory in the Celtic Image Shield

U13A Girls Football Teams

Mahoonagh NS
Ciara Barrett
Clara O'Brien
Moya O'Connor
Olivia Meehan
Sarah Doody
Maria Cagney
Lucy O'Brien
Molly Creedon
Laura Browne
Maria Sheedy
Katie Whelan
Caoimhe Guina
Lisa Hartnett
Leah Walsh
Molly King
Danika Farnan
Lucy Sexton
Caoimhe Lyons

Milford NS
Ellen Hosey
Ella O'Halloran
Lily Holloway
Kim Ivory
Molly Walsh
Eva O'Dwyer
Eve McCarthy
Kate Brennan
Abigail Hourigan-Powell
Zahra Hogan
Ellie Madden
Grace Field
Laura Southern
Bella Collins
Hazel Sargeant
Aoife O'Brien
Olivia Foley
Ellen Carey
Melissa Do

St Nessan's NS are County Football champions!

Bruree NS captain John O Connell and St Nessan's NS captain Diarmuid Hynes pictured with referee Eamon Phelan before the final

The first county title of the 2017-2018 Allianz Cumann na mBunscol football season was decided in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale when St Nessan's NS, Mungret captured the County Football Shield. Played in constant rain, all four teams showed how they had won the right to take their place in the County stages. Doon CBS, holders of the Limerick Leader Cup for hurling, represented East Limerick. They met St Nessan's NS in the semi final and it was a titanic struggle. St Nessan's qualified for the final, pipping the East Limerick champions by a two point margin. Final score St Nessan's NS 2-6: Doon CBS 1-7.

In the other semi final, St Patrick's NS from Bruree enjoyed a comfortable victory over 2016 champions St Mary's BNS from Abbeyfeale, running out winners by 4-4 to 0-3. The stage was set for a classic final and the spectators were not disappointed as both teams made light of the conditions to serve up some sparkling fare.

It was the City champions who emerged victorious after a sporting contest. St Nessan's were pushed all the way by a determined and skilful Bruree outfit and edged the issue by a two point margin. Final score: St Nessan's NS 1-6: St Patrick's NS, Bruree 1-4.

After the game, Brother James Dormer of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh presented the County Shield to a delighted St Nessan's NS captain Diarmuid Hynes. Brother Dormer praised the quality of football on display and complimented all four schools, their teachers, coaches and parents. He thanked Limerick County Board GAA for the use of Mick Neville Park and Games Manager Noel Hartigan for his help in organising the fixtures. G&W

St Nessan's NS pictured with team coaches John Scanlon and Brian Fahy after the County Shield Final

South Limerick champions Bruree NS were runners-up in the 2017 County Shield

West Limerick win Larkin Shield

The Larkin Shield Final of 2017 was played under floodlights in the Gaelic Grounds. West Limerick, captained by Lucy O Brien of Mahoonagh NS, emerged as winners after a thrilling contest with East Limerick. The semi finals were played in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale.

Results

Semi Finals

1: East Limerick 1-10 : Limerick City 1-6 (AET)
2: West Limerick 1-7 : South Limerick 2-1

Final

West Limerick 3-2 : East Limerick 1-4

West captain Lucy O Brien accepts the Larkin Shield from Joe Lyons of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh

West Limerick were winners of the Larkin Shield in the Gaelic Grounds

Larkin Shield Finalists East Limerick

Limerick City Girls Football team who played in the Larkin Shield semi final in Mick Neville Park

City captain Emer Conroy and East Limerick captain Ella May Roche with referee JP Kiely before the Larkin Shield semi final

A mentor's work is never done!

West Limerick and South Limerick captains with referee JP Kiely before the Larkin Shield semi final in Rathkeale

South Limerick Girls Football team who played in the Larkin Shield semi final in Mick Neville Park

West captain Lucy O Brien and East captain Ella May Roche with referee JP Kiely before the Larkin Shield final

Action from the Larkin Shield Final in the Gaelic Grounds

Final Team Lineups

West Limerick

Lilly Duggan	Monagea NS
Ava Baynham	Monagea NS
Sophie Bourke	Monagea NS
Lucy O' Brien	Mahoonagh NS
Sarah Doody	Mahoonagh NS
Olivia Meehan	Mahoonagh NS
Caoimhe Smith	Killoughteen NS
Grace Cremin	Killoughteen NS
Kate Foley	Killoughteen NS
Tori Smith	Abbeyfeale NS
Aoife Cullinane	Abbeyfeale NS
Megan Reidy	Broadford NS
Molly O'Brien	Broadford NS
Ciara McAuliffe	Gaelscoil Ó Doghair
Leah Quinlan	Gaelscoil Ó Doghair
Sinéad Kelly	Kilcolman NS
Molly Murphy	Kilcolman NS
Leah Reidy	Shanagolden NS
Ava Neville	Foynes NS
Katie Dore	Raheenagh NS
Poppy Giltenane	Our Lady's Abbey NS

Selectors:

Cormac Behan	*Ahalin NS*
Denise Fitzgerald	*Monagea NS*
Mary Moore	*Ballyhahill NS*

East Limerick

Ali Walsh	Roxborough NS
Hazel Coulter	Lisnagry NS
Éadaoin Crowe	Doon GNS
Ciara Keogh	Nicker NS
Roisín Lenehan	Lisnagry NS
Orla Ryan	Caherelly NS
Alannah Culhane	Caherelly NS
Shauna Lynch	Doon GNS
Roisín Flaherty	Lisnagry NS
Jessica O'Shea	Castleconnell NS
Alex Russell	Knockea NS
Emily Breen	Roxborough NS
Emma Cross	Ahane NS
Grace Leaden	Garrydoolis NS
Ella May Roche	Roxborough NS
Heather Byrnes	Crecora NS
Tara Hogan	Knockea NS
Grace Wall	Crecora NS
Amy O' Brien	Caherelly NS

Mentors:

Eileen Stapleton	*Roxborough NS*
Frances Barrett	*Crecora NS*
Leshia Horgan	
Lisa Barrett	

Austin Flynn

Austin Flynn (centre) accepts the Munster GAA Hall of Fame Award for Hurling

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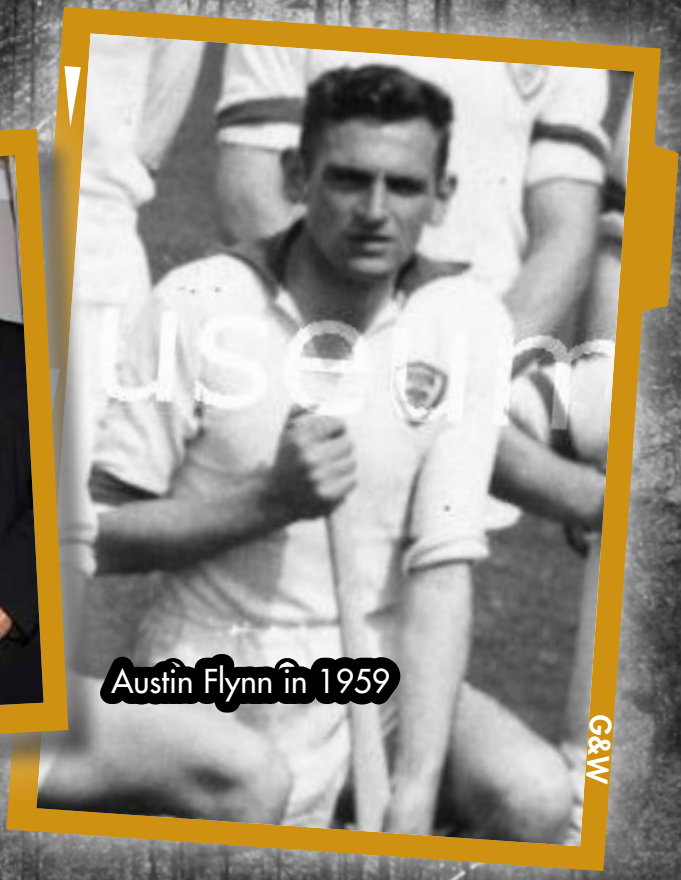

Austin Flynn in 1959

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Austin Flynn is one of Waterford's greatest hurlers. He played on the last Waterford team to win the senior All-Ireland title and had a long career as an outstanding full-back in the Waterford jersey. That was 59 years ago in 1959. Austin was recently awarded the Hall of Fame award for hurling by the Munster Council GAA at a ceremony in Fota in Cork. Austin enthralled the large audience as he spoke of his early life growing up in Abbeyside in Dungarvan. He spoke very fondly of the influence of one of his teachers in primary school, Michael Foley. Mr Foley encouraged Austin's love of hurling and encouraged the young players in Abbeyside NS by organising a hurling league within the school.

A local solicitor, Paddy Joe Morrissey, donated a set of red knitted jerseys and a set of medals as the prize for the successful team. Austin's team reached the final but he was bitterly disappointed when defeat was their lot. Austin recalled how he returned home after the final and was tearfully pucking a ball against the wall in his back garden when his mother spotted him. When he told her the reason for his distress, that his team had been beaten in the final and he would not be getting a medal, his mother asked him if he had played well in the final. He replied that he had. 'Well then,' she said, 'Don't be crying. You did your best and played a great match. That's all that matters and don't mind the auld medal! Sure they're only bits of tin. Look at your brother, he got a medal even though he was a sub on the winning team. He didn't even turn up for the final. He went to the cinema instead!'

The young boy realised at that moment that it was far more important to do your best, regardless of the outcome, than to measure success in medals. This was a lesson he carried throughout his life as he went on to play for his club Abbeyside, Waterford and Munster. He made lifelong friends, whether teammates or opponents and placed little value on medals or trophies.

'Later on in my hurling career, I picked up some gold medals but, looking back, I found that in pursuit of those gold medals, I made some great friends. They were the real gold I found.'

Austin spoke of Mr Foley as the man who guided him in so many aspects of his life, coaching him as a young hurler in primary school and giving him and other classmates extra tuition so that they could go on to secondary school. (This was long before free secondary education was introduced. In those days, only a fraction of families could afford to send their children to post primary school.) G&W

Rena Buckley with the children from Herbertstown NS and their teacher Mike Fitzgerald at the RDS Science Fair in Mary I

Herbertstown NS explore the Science of Hurling

RDS Science Fair in Mary Immaculate College

Our project question was:

Ash - is it the only suitable wood for the clash?

First we sent out a survey to all the children in the school who played hurling or camogie. Questions on the survey included: 'What weight do you like your hurley to be?' and, 'How flexible do you like your hurley?' After everybody finished the survey, we gathered up all the information. We put the results into bar charts and graphs.

Next, we went to meet Ed Shanahan to find out how to make a hurley. We gave him four planks of wood - sycamore, yew, holly and elm - and asked him to use them to make hurleys. He did a really good job.

Following this, we did four tests. The first test focused on ball control. Every hurley survived that test. The second test was a 'soloing' test. Again, every hurley passed the test. The third test focused on striking. Once again, every hurley survived unscathed. The fourth and final test was on 'blocking.' The yew and sycamore broke. We put our results on posters and charts.

On January 18th we brought our project to the RDS Primary Science Fair in Mary I. We had a really good day.

Joe Redington with the children from Herbertstown NS at the Science Fair in Mary I

Cork camogie star, Rena Buckley studies the Herbertstown project

West SCHOOLS

Division 1 Runners Up, Killoughteen NS

Division 1 Winners, Mahoonagh NS

Division 2 Runners Up, Our Lady's Abbey NS, Adare

Division 2 Winners, Monagea NS

Division Four champions St James NS from Cappagh pictured with Mr Madigan

Killoughteen NS players on the West Limerick Larkin Shield panel

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PHOTOS FROM WEST SCHOOLS

St Mary's BNS from Abbeyfeale were champions of Division One football in West Limerick

Mahoonagh NS were Division Two winners in Boys Football 2017

Mahoonagh NS had a great day at the West finals

Boys Football results

Division 1:
Winners St. Mary's Boys NS, Abbeyfeale
Runners Up: Scoil Iosaf, Adare

Division 2:
Winners: Mahoonagh NS
Runners Up: Shountrade NS

Division 3:
Winners: Kilcolman NS
Runners Up: Glin NS

Division 4:
Winners: St. James' NS, Cappagh
Runners Up: Monagea NS

Girls Football Results

Division 1:
Winners: Mahoonagh NS
Runners Up: Killoughteen NS

Division 2:
Winners: Monagea NS
Runners Up: Our Lady's Abbey NS, Adare.

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The South Primary Schools One Wall Blitz

The South Primary Schools One Wall Blitz was played before the end of last term. John the Baptist Community School kindly allowed the South Schools Board the use of their excellent facilities for the event. 31 pupils from 4 schools took part. Hospital NS, Kilmallock NS, Herbertstown NS and Knocklong NS were represented. There were 4 categories: U13 Boys & Girls and U11 Boys and Girls. Each category had an A & B competition so there were over 40 games in all. The quality of play was very high and there was no shortage of skill and excitement on the day.

Following the event, John English of South Limerick Cumann na mBunscol and Limerick Handball Secretary, John Penny made presentations to all the finalists. Paudie Quish, Munster Senior 60X30 Handball champion and teacher in Hospital NS, was also on hand and presented some handball prizes on behalf of GAA handball.

South Limerick's best primary school handballers

U11 A Boys finalists

U11 A Girls finalists

U11 B Boys finalists

U11 B Girls finalists

U13 A Boys finalists

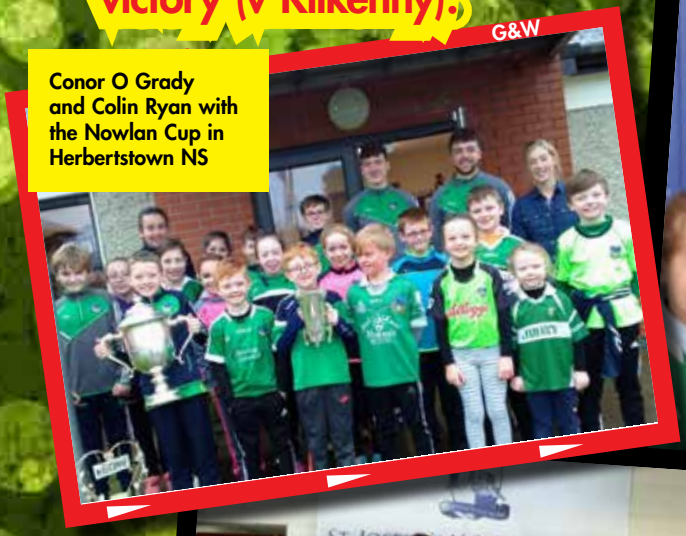
U13 A Girls finalists

U13 B Boys finalists

U13 B Girls finalists

The Nowlan Cup On Tour!

Limerick U-21 hurlers and management have been visiting primary schools around the county since their recent 0-17 to 0-11 All-Ireland final victory (v Kilkenny).



Conor O Grady and Colin Ryan with the Nowlan Cup in Herbertstown NS

Aaron Gillane & Cian Lynch, both past pupils of Patrickswell NS, were delighted to visit the school to chat about Limerick's All Ireland U 21 victory

Manager, Pat Donnelly and Cian Hederman got a great reception in Ballybrown NS

Pupils in Herbertstown NS were delighted when Under 21 stars Conor O Grady and Colin Ryan brought the Nowlan Cup to the school

Limerick GAA Club awarded for promoting Integration of Refugees:

BALLINACURRA Gaels GAA Club has been recognised for its commitment to promoting integration of refugees and asylum-seekers.

The Limerick city club was one of five GAA and football clubs to receive an award, having successfully completed the 'Club Welcome' programme developed by the anti-racism charity Show Racism the Red Card.

'Club Welcome' - Show Racism the Red Card. supports activities aimed at increasing the participation of refugees and asylum-seekers in grassroots sports. As part of the programme, Ballinacurra Gaels GAA Club hosted a number of 'Have A Go' days targeted at the children of refugees and asylum-seekers.

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Limerick City win Sarsfield Cup 2017

Action from the Sarsfield Cup final

The Sarsfield Cup final of 2017 was played under floodlights in The Gaelic Grounds. Limerick City emerged as winners over a fancied West Limerick side. City captain Fintan Fitzgerald of St Nessan's NS accepted the Sarsfield Cup from Joe Lyons of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh. The Sarsfield Cup semi finals were played in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale.

Christy Carroll in action for Limerick City in the Sarsfield Cup final

East Limerick team that played in the Sarsfield Cup.

City captain Fintan Fitzgerald in action in the Sarsfield Cup final

Field cousins Mark Field from Milford N.S and Johnny Field from Mahoonagh NS pictured with their grandfather Michael.

Limerick City captain Fintan Fitzgerald accepts the Sarsfield Cup from Joe Lyons of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh

Limerick City, Sarsfield Cup winners 2017

Results

Semi Finals

1: Limerick City 1-7 : South Limerick 1-5
2: West Limerick 2-9 : East Limerick 1-8

Final

Limerick City 1-6 : West Limerick 1-1

South captain Sean Casey and City captain, Fintan Fitzgerald before the Sarsfield Cup semi final

The South Limerick team that played in the Sarsfield Cup in Mick Neville Park

West Limerick were runners up in the Sarsfield Cup final in the Gaelic Grounds

Sarsfield Cup Teams

West Limerick

Eoin Horgan	Granagh NS
Cian Curtin	Templeglantine NS
Diarmuid Lyons	Courtenay Boys NCS
Oisin O'Sullivan	Adare NS
John Fitzgerald	Cappagh NS
Callum Boyle	Abbeyfeale NS
Ben Murrihy	Mahoonagh NS
Míchéal Fahy	Broadford NS
Aidan O'Shea	Cappagh NS
Tommy Ryan	Dromcollagher NS
Darragh Gleeson	Shauntrade NS
Billy O'Sullivan	Abbeyfeale NS
Fintan McNamara	Rathkeale NS
Luke Mansfield	Gaelscoil, NCS
Ronan O'Sullivan	Broadford NS
Robbie Lynch	Broadford NS
Tim Lyons	Abbeyfeale NS
Cormac Lane	Mountcollins NS
Jack Murphy	Shauntrade NS
Aidan O'Malley	Shanagolden NS
Jim Downey	Kilcolman NS
Johnny Field	Mahoonagh NS
Keelan Lyons	Templeglantine NS

Selectors:

James Hennessy	*Shanagolden N.S.*
Mike Murphy	*Dromcollogher N.S.*
Diarmuid O'Connor	*Feenagh N.S.*

East Limerick

Fintan Fitzgerald	St Nessan's NS Mungret (Capt)
John Wright	St Nessan's NS Mungret
Tom Lloyd	St Nessan's NS Mungret
Diarmaid Hynes	St Nessan's NS Mungret
Cian Moloney	St Paul's NS
Josh Sheehan	An Mhodhscoil
Aaron Byrnes	Scoil Chríost Rí Caherdavin
Seán Toomey	Scoil Chríost Rí Caherdavin
Mark Field	Milford NS
Paddy Hussey	Milford NS
Seán O'Brien	Ballybrown NS
Christy Carroll	Patrickswell NS
James Murphy	St. Patrick's NS
Seán Mc Keown	Monaleen NS
Muiris Ahern	Gaelscoil an Ráithín
Conor Mc Mahon	Kildimo NS
Ciarán Mc Mahon	Kildimo NS
James Ranahan	Kildimo NS
Eli Goldberg	Pallaskenry NS
Padraic Phelan	Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh
Tom Mc Carthy	Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh

Mentors:

Mike Cronin	*Scoil Chriost Ri, Caherdavin*
John Scanlon	*St Nessan's NS, Mungret*
Brian Fahy	*St Nessan's NS, Mungret*

Action photos by Seamus McElligott

SOUTH SCHOOLS

Anglesboro NS boys football team, winners of Roinn E (football) in the South Division

Anglesboro NS, Roinn E (ladies football) runners-up

Barry Blasts Bulgaden to Victory

By Rachel Treacy, 5th Class

Following emphatic wins over Banogue NS and Knockadea NS, Bulgaden NS boys team took on Lough Gur in the South Football Final. The match took place in Staker Wallace GAA club.

At half time, we led 2-0 to 1-2. Lough Gur took the lead in the second half but our lads fought back bravely and, with just one minute left, we were only 2 points behind. Then, Shane Treacy gave a lovely pass to Sean Barry who stuck the ball in the back of the net... and that was that! Bulgaden had the won the final once again.

After the match Patrick O Reilly received the cup from Mrs. Gleeson. He made a great speech. He thanked Paddy Mooney, the parents, the club and all at the school who had helped the team to win. When we returned to school we got a drink, taytos, sweets and chocolate.
We celebrated the great win in style!

The team was: Patrick O'Reilly (Captain), Sophie O'Byrne, Mary Kate Herbert, Shane Treacy, Aidan Carroll, Rachel Treacy, Tianna O' Sullivan, Sean Barry and Timmy O'Sullivan.

Coach Paddy Mooney gives a team talk to the Bulgaden players

The victorious Bulgaden NS boys football team.

The Bulgaden Girls' Football team who lost out to the Lough Gur Girls in the Final

PHOTOS FROM SOUTH SCHOOLS

6th class pupils in Kilbehenny NS with the All Ireland Under 21 trophy (which was brought to the school by Pat Donnelly and Tom Morrissey).

Kilbehenny NS girls football team won the South Limerick section of the INTO Mini Sevens

Maeve Heenan (captain) and Leah Geary from Kilbehenny NS played on the South Limerick team in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Larkin Shield

Kilbehenny NS girls football team, winners of the South Roinn E championship for the 3rd year in a row, with Mr. Walsh & Mr O Connell

News from Ballyagran NS

In October, parents were treated to a footballing spectacle in Martinstown not once, but twice. The blitz format which operates in the South division has proven extremely successful since its introduction. It was welcomed with open arms by teachers and pupils alike. This year was no different.

Victories over gallant opponents from Emly NS and Manister NS, guaranteed Ballyagran NS a place in the final. The rub of the green favoured the boys wearing black and amber in the final and this helped them overcome a valiant Martinstown NS effort.

Throughout the tournament, there were great performances on all sides but the standout player was Paul Murphy of Ballyagran NS (3rd Class). Commiserations to the pupils of Martinstown NS for a superb effort in their first final at this level. Congratulations to Ballyagran NS on a hard-fought victory.

South Chairman, Brian Fitzgerald presented the cup to Pádraig Vaughan (6th class) and the rest as they say," is history!"

South Limerick Football Results

Girls Football

Roinn A:	Bruree NS 0-1	:	Scoil Dean Cussen, Bruff 4-3
Roinn B:	Hospital NS 2-2	:	Galbally NS 1 1
Roinn C:	Knockainey NS 2-8	:	Ballylanders NS 2 5
Roinn D:	Martinstown NS1-5	:	Emly NS 1-2
Roinn E:	Kilbehenny NS 12-8	:	Anglesboro NS 0-1
Roinn F:	Lough Gur NS 4-4	:	Bulgaden NS 2-0

Boys Football

Roinn A:	Bruree NS 1-1	:	Bruff NS 1-0
Roinn B:	Croom NS 4-3	:	Galbally NS 1-5
Roinn C:	Knocklong NS 5-10	:	Ballylanders NS 5-8
Roinn D:	Ballygran NS 2-3	:	Martinstown NS 2-0
Roinn E:	Angelsboro NS 5-3	:	Glenbrohane NS 1-0
Roinn F:	Bulgaden NS 6-1	:	Lough Gur NS 5-3

INTO Mini 7s

Boys:	Bruree NS 2-7	:	Kilfinane NS 3-0
Girls:	Kilbehenny NS 2-3	:	Scoil Dean Cussen Bruff 2 2

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Knocklong NS, winners of the South Schools Roinn B boys fotball final

Croom NS, Roinn B football winners

Scoil Dean Cussen, Bruff, runners up in Roinn A boys football

Manister NS are disappointed but determined to be back!

September 26th, 2017 was a very disappointing day for our footballers in Martinstown. After victories over Martinstown NS and Emly NS and a narrow defeat to Ballyagran NS, we were one of three teams which had won two games. The tournament organisers put the names of the three schools in a hat and Ballyagran NS had the luck of the draw and won a bye to the final. This meant we had to play Martinstown NS for a second time -and win again- to get through to the final.

The play-off match was a thriller! The scores were level at full time so it went to "sudden death". Unfortunately for us, the boys from Martinstown got the next score and, consequently, we were knocked out. It was truly devastating. All our players excelled themselves on the pitch and it was a cruel way to lose out on a place in the final. We have another tournament coming up soon, so let's hope we can go one better then!

Scoil Íosagáin, Hospital were Roinn B Girls football winners

The girls of Scoil Dean Cussen, Bruff had a great season

Green & White on holidays in Paris & Rome!

In recent weeks, Limerick's favourite magazine has been living it up in Paris and Rome. Check out our holiday snaps from half way up the Eiffel Tower, the skylight of the Louvre Museum, the Trevi Fountain and Mr. Gepetto's Workshop, where once upon a time a special little boy wished upon a star...

East SCHOOLS

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Barna NS won the two teacher schools East Limerick Allianz Cumann na mBunscol football final in the Gaelic Grounds

Caherelly NS winners of the East Limerick 7-a-side girls football competition

Doon CBS Primary School football team winners of the Allianz East Limerick Primary Schools A football competition.

Garrydoolis NS School football teams, boys and girls who played in the East Limerick Allianz Cumann na mBunscol football finals in the Gaelic Grounds

Killinure NS, runners up in the East 11-a-side football competition

Margaret Mescall presents the trophy to Tommy Ryan, captain of the Oola NS football team after the Allianz East Limerick Cumann na mBunscol football final

Murroe NS Girls football team played in the East Limerick Allianz Cumann na mBunscol finals in the Gaelic Grounds.

PHOTOS FROM EAST SCHOOLS

Noel Hartigan presents the trophy to Kephan Purcell, captain of Cloverfield N S after their victory in the East Limerick Allianz Cumann na mBunscol football final

Noel Hartigan presents the trophy to Eoin Power, captain of Barna NS after their victory in the Allianz East Limerick Cumann na mBunscol football

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh Roxborough East girls football champions

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh Roxborough were runners up in the East Limerick Boys football final

Tineterriffe NS were winners of the East Limerick Allianz Cumann na mBunscol 9-a-side girls football final in the Gaelic Grounds

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol East Limerick Football Finals played at the Gaelic Grounds

Wednesday 25th October 2017

	Winners	Runners-up
13 a-side boys:	Doon CBS	Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh
12 a-side girls:	Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh	Knockea NS
11 a-side boys:	Caherline NS	Killinure NS
9 a-side boys:	Oola NS	Murroe NS
9 a-side girls:	Tineterriffe NS	Murroe NS
7 a-side boys:	Cloverfield NS	Cappamore NS
7 a-side girls:	Caherelly NS	Garrydoolis NS
Two Teacher Schools:		
	Barna NS	Garrydoolis NS

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City SCHOOLS

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Ballybrown NS Under 11 football team who played in the Limerick City Allianz Cumann na mBunscol leagues

Cailíní Ghaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh ag ceiliúradh taréis an cliuiche ceannais Roinn B a bhuachaint

City Under 11 football champions, Monaleen NS

Monaleen NS won the City Under 11 Girls Football Final in Páirc na nGael

Scoil Chríost Rí Under 11 football team

St Nessan's NS, winners of the City Under 13 football title with coaches Mr Scanlon and Mr Fahy

St Bridget's NS from Singland celebrate their success in the City C football final

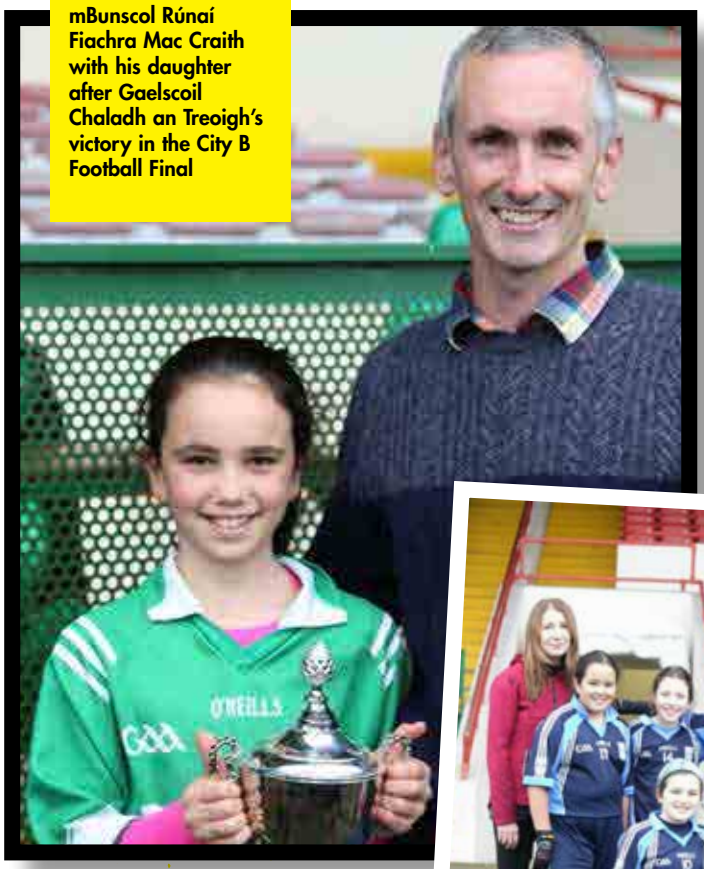
PHOTOS FROM CITY SCHOOLS

St Paul's NS celebrate victory in the City B Football final

Limerick City Results

	Winners	Runners up
U13 Boys A:	St Nessan's NS Mungret	Monaleen NS
Under 13 Boys B:	St Paul's NS, Dooradoyle	Gaelscoil an Raithín
Under 13 Boys C:	JFK Memorial School	St. Brigid's NS
U11 Boys:	Monaleen NS	Scoil Chríost Rí.
Under 13 Girls A:	Milford NS	St Nessan's NS
Under 13 Girls B:	Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh	
Under 13 Girls C:	St Brigids NS	
U11 Girls:	Monaleen NS	St Nessan's NS

Limerick City Cumann na mBunscol Rúnaí Fiachra Mac Craith with his daughter after Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh's victory in the City B Football Final



The boys from JFK Memorial School enjoyed their victory in the City C football final

Under 13 girls champions, Milford NS with coaches Ms Newman and Mr Nelligan

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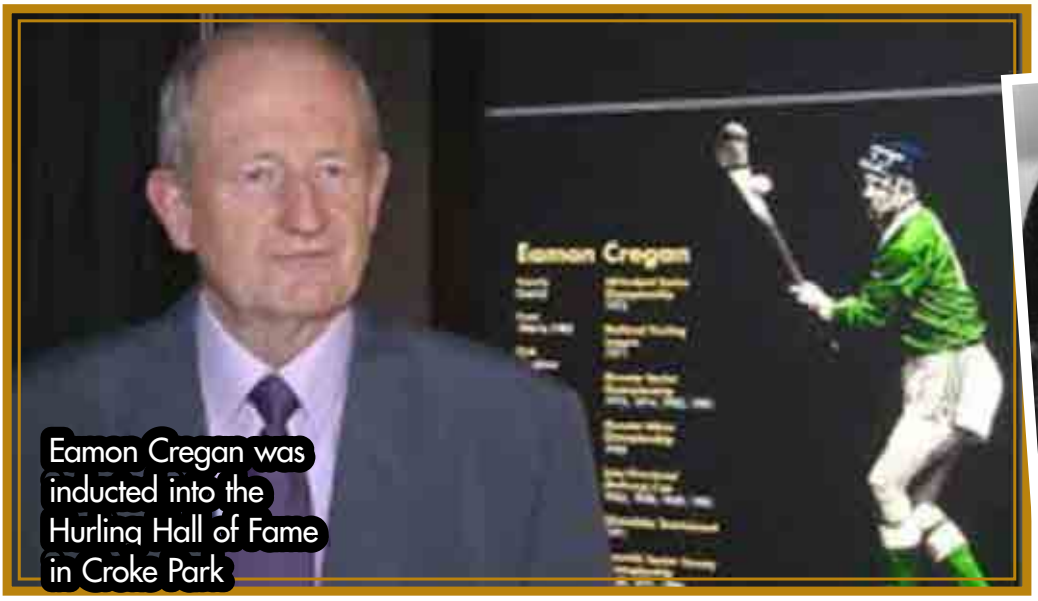
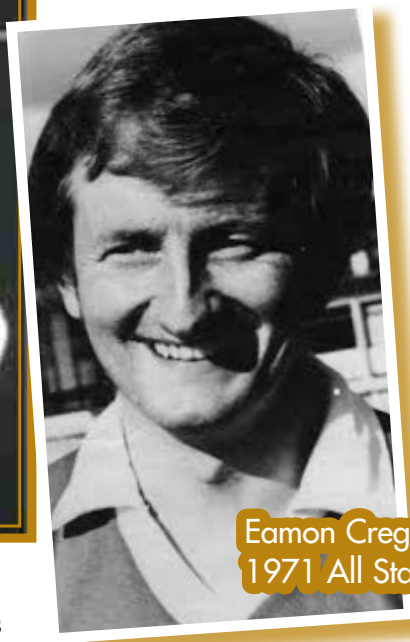
The Quest for Limerick's Greatest Player

A series in which we ask, Who was Limerick's greatest player ever?

2. Eamon Cregan



Eamon Cregan was inducted into the Hurling Hall of Fame in Croke Park



Eamon Cregan 1971 All Star

Eamon Cregan was born to be a hurler. His father, Ned, was a member of the Limerick team that won the 1934 All-Ireland. Eamon's family lived in Glentworth Street in Limerick and he attended An Mhodh Scoil on O Connell Avenue where he played on school teams who contested the Spillane Cup and the Olo Cup. Eamon honed his skills in the People's Park and in Hanratty's Lane, pucking the ball against the wall. It was in this lane that his father taught him the necessity of being able to strike off either side, a skill that stood him in good stead throughout his illustrious career. Eamon attended CBS Sexton Street where he was coached by Brother Burke and Brother Hennessy, two men who played a pivotal role in the school's successes in the Harty Cup as CBS won 4 in a row from 1964 to 1967. 1963 saw Limerick reach the All-Ireland minor hurling final but defeat was to be their lot, despite Eamon's best efforts. In 1964, Eamon captained Sexton Street to victory in the Harty Cup and Croke Cup (All-Ireland Colleges' championship).

Eamon burst onto the senior intercounty team when Limerick shocked Tipperary in the Munster Championship semi final of 1966. Tipperary had won the All-Ireland titles of 1964 and 1965. They were favourites to make it 3 in a row in 1966 but Limerick had other ideas and Eamon Cregan scored 3-5 in a game that rocked the hurling world. Unfortunately, Limerick lost to Cork in the Munster Final. Cork went on to win the All-Ireland while Eamon, and Limerick, had to wait for a further seven years before the quest for a Munster title was finally ended. The Holy Grail was reached in 1973 when Limerick defeated Tipperary in the Munster Final courtesy of a last minute 65 (or 70 as it was known in pre-metric days!). Eamon was a free-scoring forward in those days who had been chosen as corner-forward on the inaugural All-Star team of 1971 and again in 1972. As the All-Ireland final of 1973 approached, Limerick's selectors felt that the Kilkenny centre half-forward, Pat Delaney, posed the greatest danger to their hopes. Eamon, Limerick's ace forward, was positioned at centre half back for the final. He kept Delaney quiet and marshalled the Limerick rearguard with authority. Limerick's dream of All-Ireland glory was realised as the McCarthy Cup made its way back to Shannonside after a gap of 33 years. Eamon played in two further All-Ireland finals for Limerick but his tally of All-Ireland medals remained at one. In 1974, Kilkenny gained revenge for the defeat of 1973. In 1980, Eamon was back in the full-forward line and finished with 2-7 to his name but Galway proved too strong on the day.

Eamon's contribution to Limerick GAA cannot be adequately reflected in statistics and scoring feats. He played senior hurling for Limerick for 18 years. He played at midfield and half back although he is remembered chiefly as a prolific scorer. He was a team player who put Limerick first and never thought of personal glory. Eamon scored 4-1 in the Munster Hurling Final of 1976, a game which Limerick lost. He played his heart out whether Limerick were dominant or heavily defeated. Eamon was an outstanding footballer and was a key member of the Limerick football team that reached the Munster Final of 1965. His tally of medals with Claughaun in football and hurling is impressive but it is his artistry as a hurler who possessed every skill in the game and always put Limerick's needs ahead of his own that mark him apart from all others. G&W

Green & White Gallery

Guard of Honour. Celebrations as County Champions Galtee Gaels visit Anglesboro NS.

JP O'Connor was named Handballer of the Year at the Munster GAA Awards. Munster GAA Chairman Gerry O Sullivan presented the award.

Handball All Star winner, Caitríona Millane with her parents Marie and Pat Millane.

JP McManus catches up on all the news in the Green and White

Interested spectators at the Gaelic Grounds, Declan Hannon, Paul Browne and Cian Lynch. Photograph by Conor Wyse.

President Michael D Higgins with former Limerick hurling captain and All Star, Ollie Moran

Top referee, Johnny Murphy receives his Munster Minor Hurling Final medal from Gerry O Sullivan at the Miunster GAA Awards.

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The Lundon Eye
By James Lundon

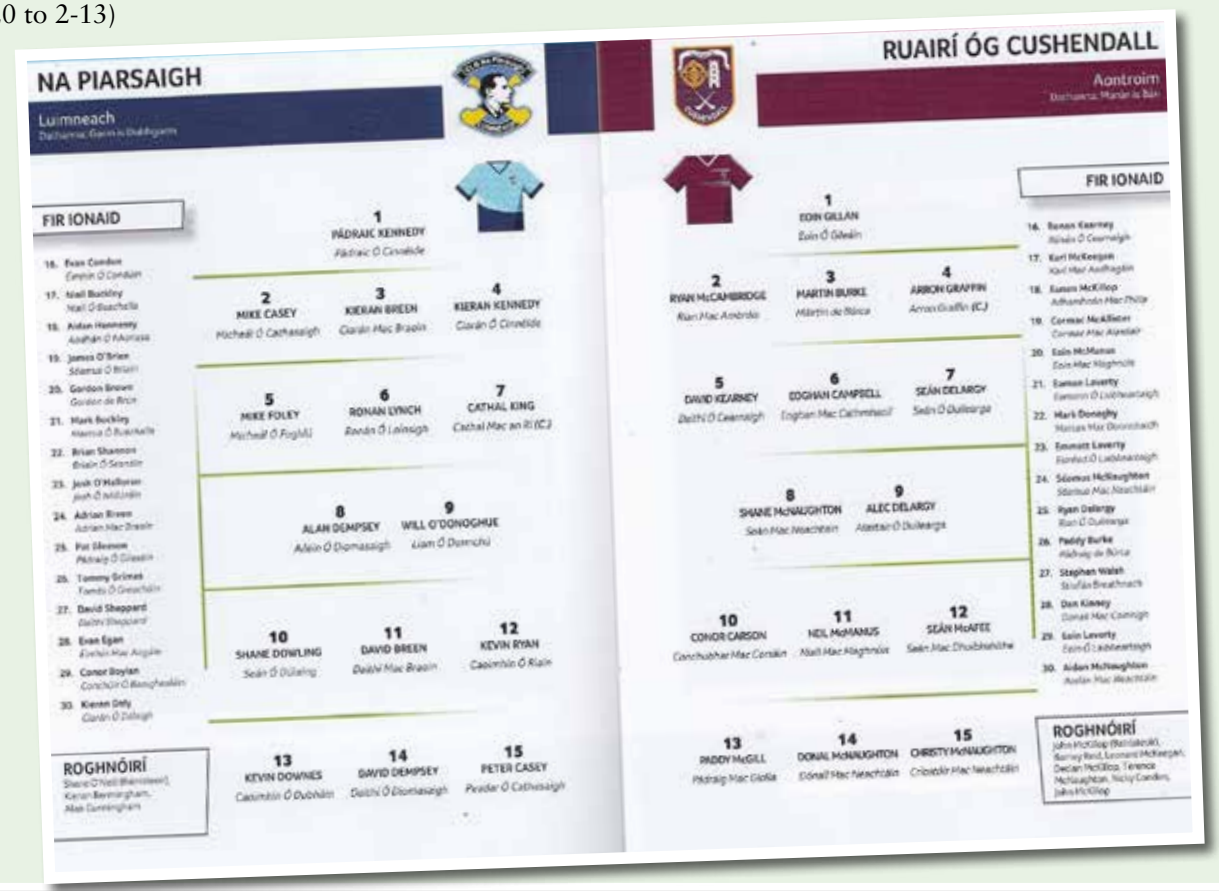
2016 All-Ireland Club Hurling Final

Na Piarsaigh made it to the top of the senior club hurling tree on St. Patrick's Day 2016, 48 years after the club was founded in early 1968. It was the 46th iteration of the All Ireland senior club hurling championship. Na Piarsaigh were the first Limerick club to win it; their win brought the number of different winners of the competition to 25. Ballyhale Shamrocks are at the top of this particular roll of honour with 6 victories, followed closely by Portumna and Birr, both with four successes. Galway clubs have 13 titles, Kilkenny 11, Cork 9, Offaly 4, Tipperary 3, Antrim and Clare 2, with Wexford, Limerick and Dublin having one each. (Victory for Dublin's Cuala last year means the democratisation of club hurling is almost complete!)

It was a meteoric rise for the Limerick City-based club and the end of a season's journey which began against local rivals Doon the previous May. Na Piarsaigh followed up with victory against Ballybrown in Round 2 and a draw with Adare in Round 3! Bruff and Croom were very easily accounted for in the last two round-robin games. A dramatic one-point victory against Kilmallock in the semi-final (0-20 to 2-13) was followed by an epic victory against Patrickswell in the county final, live on TG4, again by a solitary point (1-22 to 4-12).

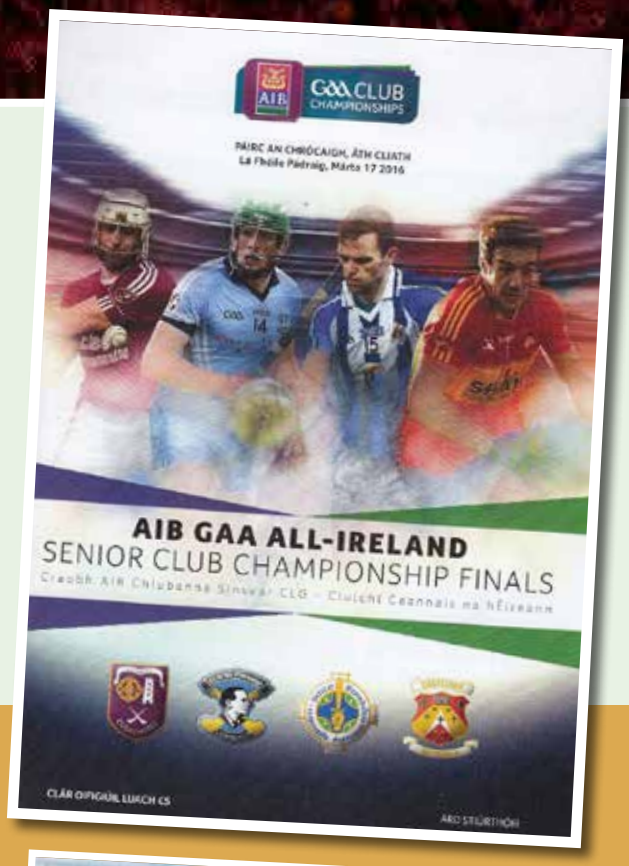
Na Piarsaigh defeated Sixmilebridge (Clare) by two points in the Munster Club championship. They followed this up with a four-point win against Thurles Sarsfields (Tipperary) in the semi-final and a seven-point victory over Ballygunner (Waterford) in the Munster final. Oulart the Ballagh (Wexford) were beaten in a never-to-be-forgotten All-Ireland semi-final in Thurles in early February, after extra time. It was an honour to have been there among the 2,566 spectators that early spring evening. The game that had everything: it finished 1-22 to 0-20 after 80 minutes of non-stop action. Na Piarsaigh looked a beaten docket at the end of normal time but dug very deep and mined previously unknown reserves of mental and physical energy to win by five points AET.

Cushendall of Antrim surprised Sarsfields of Galway in the other semi-final the same afternoon, to set up a novel final pairing on the big day in Croke Park. The final was pretty much over after 10 minutes though, as Na Piarsaigh built up an unassailable lead which increased to 2-12 to 0-6 by half time. Cushendall got two goals in the second half to put a better gloss on the scoreboard. The final score was: 2-25 to 2-14.



The day was cold and crisp but bright. I watched the match from the relative comfort of the Hogan Stand, a far cry from the time I was in that stand 18 months earlier for Kilkenny v Limerick (senior hurling semi-final) when there was a downpour of biblical proportions!

The match-day programme, a 64 page, slightly-bigger-than-usual production, cost €5. It is a fine publication with lots of interesting articles, statistics and pictures. Following their All-Ireland success, Na Piarsaigh produced a lovely booklet entitled, "Na Piarsaigh GAA – Our Story 2015-2016." This 68 page, high-quality production goes through the club's glorious year game by game and features match reports, photographs and articles from various media. It is a very worthy addition to a good collector's accumulation. I have one copy but am looking for more... G&W

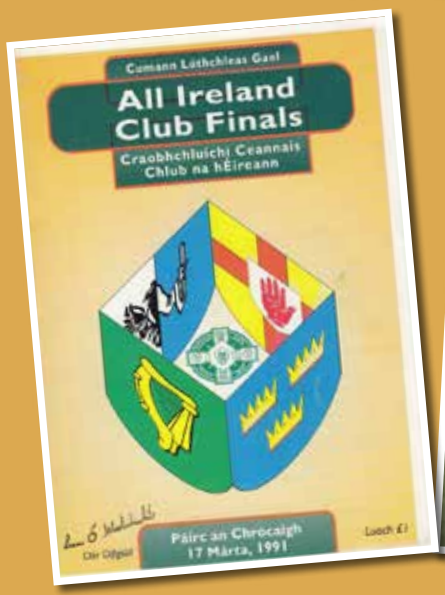


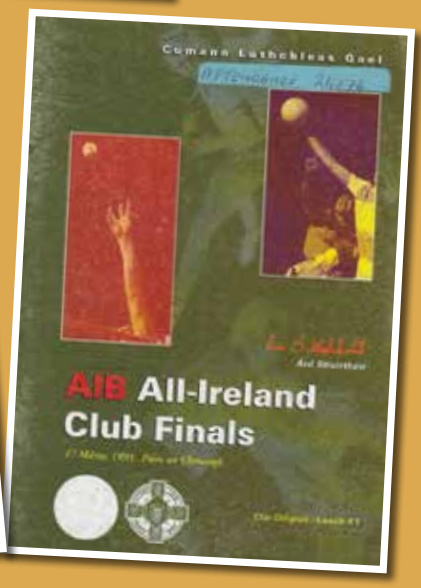
1990-93 All-Ireland Club Hurling Finals

Limerick teams had been in four finals before Na Piarsaigh made the ultimate breakthrough. In 1990, the 20th year of the competition, Ballybrown became the first Limerick team to reach the club hurling final. They lost by a single goal to Ballyhale Shamrocks (Kilkenny). Patrickswell lost by four points the following year to another Kilkenny team, Glenmore. Kilmallock, in 1993, were the third Limerick team in four years to reach the Croke Park decider; they lost by 13 points to Sarsfields of Galway. In 2015, after a truly epic Munster Championship campaign, Kilmallock reached their second All Ireland club final. They were beaten, however, by an exceptionally good Ballyhale Shamrocks team.

Members of the collecting community find programmes for these four matches reasonably easy to obtain. The programmes from the 1990s cost £1, were of the standard size and were produced along conventional lines.

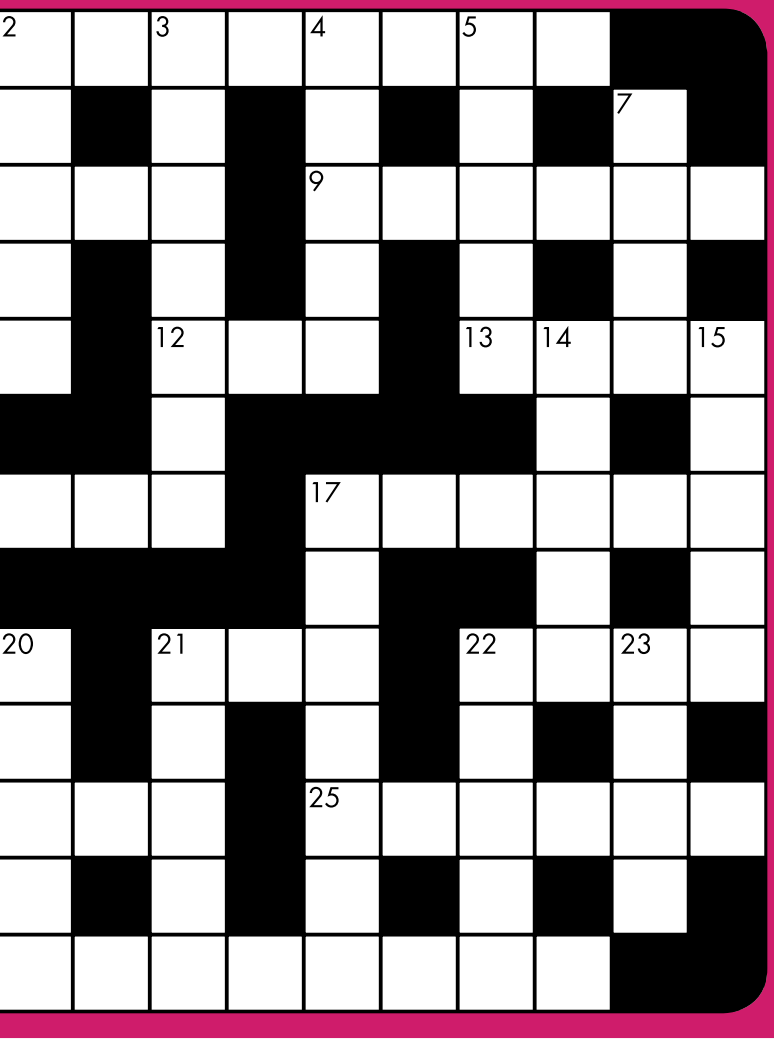
The 2015 programme is a standard production too, but it cost €4 – it is a much inferior item to its 2016 successor.





THE GREEN&WHITE PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 65

To enter Crossword Competition 65, send a photocopy of your completed crossword or a list of answers to: **The Green and White,** 37 College Gate, SCR, Limerick. Answers by e-mail to: info@thegreenandwhite.com. See page 35 for last term's answers and winners.



TRASNA

1 Limerick hurling manager (4,5)
8 Mother or father? (6)
9 Ainmhí = ? (6)
10 Former Limerick captain: James ----? (4)
12 Limerick Gaelic football manager: Billy ---? (3)

13 Famous Patrickswell No. 11: ---- Kirby? (4)
16 Fools (6)
17 Country where Ottowa is capital (6)
18 The sound a pig makes (4)
21 Above this, it's a point! (3)
22 Mediterranean, Irish, Red, etc. (4)
24 Má 'sé do thoil é! (6)
25 Film series: Identity? Supremacy? Legacy? (6)
26 Limerick camogie manager's name has YOUTH in it! (9)

SÍOS

2 Cinema in Castletroy (5)
3 Stinger plants! (7)
4 Spitting -----? = Identical (5)
5 Not telling the truth (5)
6 Ms Poppins' first name? (4)
7 Gruaig? (4)
10 Animal with a horn on its nose (short name) (5)
11 E.T. (5)
14 Captain Declan Hannon's club (5)
15 Blianta *(as Béarla!)* (5)

17 I COBRA U = reindeer!(7)
19 ---- of Man (in the Irish Sea) (4)
20 Nickname for Roy & Robbie (soccer) (5)
21 Surname of Na Piarsaigh hurling brothers (5)
22 Kilmallock's (Limerick GAA) division (5)
23 Camogie star who Dances with the Stars: ---- Geary (4)

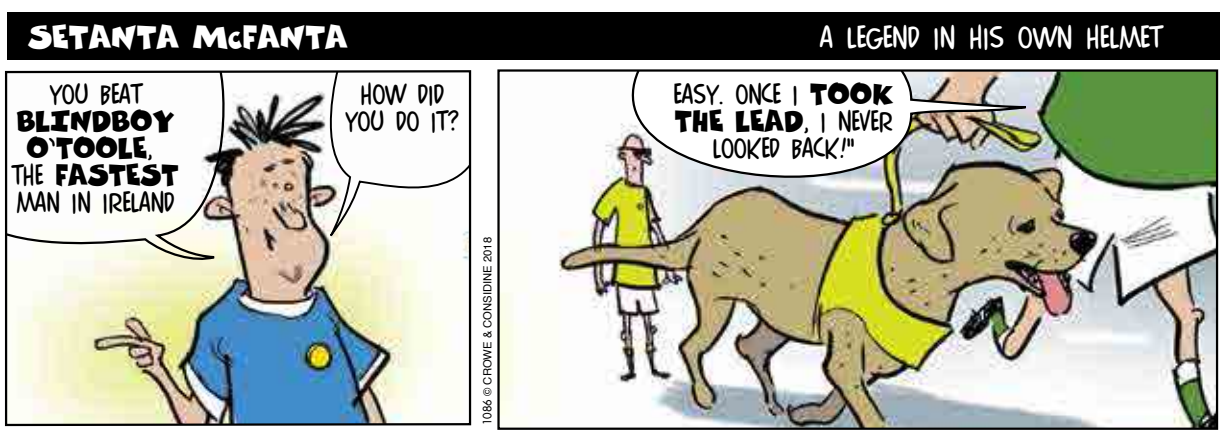
Scribble Box

25 Trasna
Do you have ID?

CARTOON CORNER

Reader Art

Drawing by Raymoon Loh, Scoil Íosagáin



FUN & GAMES

It All Adds Up!

So, who are the confused individuals listed below? One is a footballer, two are hurlers, one is a manager and one plays camogie. All are involved with teams that represent Limerick at senior level. And, in no particular order, their initials are: SC, SD, AG, BL & PN.

ILL BY EEL (5,3)

LEO WING HANDS (5,7)

IN-GROAN ELLA (5,7)

NET SHAPER (5,4)

e-CASH ARRAY (5,5)

Flower Faces

Name the Limerick captains hiding among the flowers

Jackie & Jill

by Roisín Crowe

True or False

1. Ex Limerick footballer John Galvin represented Ireland in volleyball.
2. Limerick lost the 1980 All Ireland hurling final.
3. The Limerick Leader Cup was first contested in 1899.
4. The Slim n' Rick cartoon characters are based on two well known (and very vocal) Limerick fans who played hurling for Claughaun in the 1980s.
5. Na Piarsaigh GAA club is the only Limerick club to have won a 15-a-side All Ireland senior hurling club title.
6. In Olo Cup matches (Limerick City primary schools U-13 hurling), two points are awarded when a point is scored directly from a sideline cut.

Answers: 6-F, 5-T, 4-F, 3-F, 2-T, 1-F

Were You Paying Attention?

The answers to each of the following questions are to be found in this issue of the Green and White. To get an 'A' in your GAA Test, you need to score ten out of ten!

1. W1. Who won last term's Larkin Shield?
2. Who will captain Limerick in this year's All Ireland senior hurling championship?
3. Which team won the Sarsfield Cup before Christmas?
4. Who is the current All Ireland Under 21 Hurler of the Year?
5. Which school won the County Football Shield in 2017?
6. Which two European capital cities did the Green & White visit this spring?
7. Which school are the current Celtic Image Shield champions?
8. With which county did Austin Flynn win an All Ireland hurling medal in 1959?
9. Is Setanta McFanta a 'legend' in his own club, mind or helmet?
10. Green and White issue No. 1 appeared in 1996. What number is this issue: 35, 45, 55 or 65?

In off the POST

Editorial Address: The Green & White, Patrickswell NS, Co. Limerick
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Dear Sirs,

Ed Sheeran is doing a big tour in Ireland in May. He's going to Pairc Uí Chaoimh in Cork & Pearse Stadium in Galway, as well as Belfast and Dublin.

Why don't stars like Ed Sheeran come to the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick?

Jenny Johnson,
Anglers Walk,
Rhebogue,
Limerick

Hi,

My son James, aged 11 is an avid Green and White fan! He asked me to send this message to you. He looks forward to each new issue of the magazine as he absolutely adores hurling! He plays for Ahane U-13 in County Limerick and on his school team, Lisnagry NS.

Best wishes

Murna Griffin O Malley

Tweets

St.Clement's College @clements_st · Feb 13
Happy students today who attended our primary school blitz. Great performances by all involved. bright futures ahead @nuellkgm @LimerickCLG @LimerickGAAzine @LimkLeaderSport @DonnOSullivan #stclementshurling #blitz2018

Liam Aherne @laherne84 · Feb 12
After 10 years at Limerick's Live 95FM I have decided in the next few weeks it's time to say goodbye. I've had some memorable moments.But alas it's time to move on.Thanks for listening and I look forward to the next chapter.
#luimneachabu
68 28 461

The Green and White @LimerickGAAzine · Feb 13
Liam, over the past 10 years, u have given incredibly good service to Limerick GAA fans everywhere. It has been appreciated HUGE-ly -and enjoyed immensely!
What PASSION! What HONESTY! ...& now what a LOSS!
Thanks 4 all the memories. Good look with the next chapter. #LuimneachAbu!
1 6 24

Liam Aherne
@laherne84
Following
Replying to @LimerickGAAzine
Really appreciate the kind words. But players deserve the credit, all I was doing was telling the story

Tweety Stone @TheTweetyStone · Feb 25
Anyone know the provenance of "Corn Eilis Ni Cheallachain" (Eilis O Callaghan Cup)? It was on display in St. Munchin's B.N.S. for many years...
@PeopleofLIMK @LimerickGAAzine @limerickslife @LimerickMuseum

Crossword 64 Winners
Lucy and Jack Foley, Patrickswell NS, Co. Limerick, Seán Nolan, Donoughmore N.S., Co. Limerick, Amelie Ní Fhloinn, Brookville, Limerick

Crossword 64 Answers

Trasna 1 staggered 8 tattoo 9 German 10 home 12 nor 13 Ryan 16 angles 17 Romans 18 draw 21 aon 22 uses 24 horrid 25 ladder 26 starboard

Síos 2 title 3 grounds 4 eager 5 error 6 halo 7 Tara 10 heard 11 magma 14 years 15 nests 17 Ronaldo 19 room 20 worst 21 adder 22 under 23 even

Crossword No. 65 is on Page 32. To be in with a chance of winning a prize, send a photocopy of your completed crossword to The G&W, 37 College Gate, S.C.R., Limerick. Alternatively, e-mail your answers to: info@thegreenandwhite.com

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Action from the recent Sarsfield Cup and Larkin Shield finals, played under lights at Limerick Gaelic Grounds

Photos by Séamus McElligott, Sports Action Photography

Look out for G&W ISSUE 66 Next term

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