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It has been a year like no other. Who would have thought that 2020 would see our life change so dramatically?

The much-anticipated Cumann na mBunscol hurling and camogie season never took place; likewise the Munster GAA Primary Game and all the other annual highlights that children all over Limerick relish and enjoy. March 2020 saw Kilbehenny NS, Herbertstown NS and The Green and White win national recognition at the Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol Awards. Little did we think that, less than a week later, schools would close and remain silent until September.

Interest in Gaelic Games has never waned and, in this issue, we attempt to sate your appetite for the good times that 2021 will surely bring while also looking back at highlights of the not-too-distant past.

Intercounty fare finally returned in October and we are delighted to feature interviews with high-flying Limerick county football captains, lain Corbett and Niamh McCarthy. We also celebrate Limerick's 2020 NHL success.

We chat with Damien Quinn, graphic artist and sports illustrator from Fedamore. We chat to Joe Murphy from Monagea GAA Club who is spearheading their Parish Maps fundraiser. We also meet rising star, Colin Coughlan, a mainstay of Ballybrown and Limerick minor hurling teams in recent years.

We salute Shane Dowling for his massive contribution to Limerick hurling teams over the years as injury problems brought the curtain down prematurely on his glittering intercounty career.

James Lundon takes time out of his busy schedule to tell us about his life and times as a referee.

We introduce a new feature based on the fantastic statistics section in **20/20 Vision** - Stats Sheets for former Limerick hurling stars.

We look back at how players and fans of all ages coped in the absence of GAA action during the first Covid-19 Lockdown - there were on-line guizzes and crosswords, throw-back photos on social media, daily skills challenges to complete and socially-distanced training regimes to follow. We also look back at the wonderful Hit the Woah fundraiser for Milford Hospice. On the Cumann na mBunscol front, we salute the Limerick schools who won Cornmarket Awards this year, and we have photo features on the East Limerick Indoor Hurling Competition and the City football finals.

The Green and White relies on a wide range of talented and generous friends who share their knowledge and expertise with us. Special thanks to: Seamus McElligott (Sport Action Photography); Tom Russell (Anois Photography); Br. JL Dormer, Rúnaí of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh; Liam O'Brien for sharing his excellent poem with us and for all the great support for *The G&W* on the Cuimhnigh ar Luimneach page on Facebook. Finally, we are also indebted to talented young artists Róisín Crowe, Niamh Barton, Chianna Bennis and Sinéad Baragry for providing us with artwork for this bumper issue of The G&W.

Luimneach abú, Ciarán Crowe & Joe Lyons Joint Editors



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## Cumann na mBunscol News

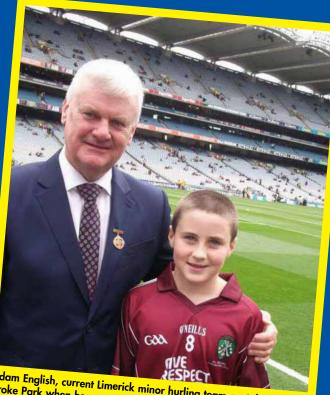


### **County Captains!**

Congratulations to Jack Ryan, who was named captain of the 2020 Limerick Under 20 hurling team and to this year's Limerick minor hurling captain, Adam English. Both are past pupils of Doon CBS, and both played in Croke Park in their Cumann na mBunscol days when they represented their school and county in the INTO GAA Mini 7s exhibition games.



Jack Ryan, current Limerick U-20 hurling team captain, in Croke Park for the INTO Mini 7s in 2015



Adam English, current Limerick minor hurling team captain, in Croke Park when he was a 6th Class pupil in Doon CBS pictured with GAA President Aogán Ó Fearghail.

## Cumann na mBunscol Statement Covid Arrangements



At its most recent Coiste Náisiúnta meeting, the officers of Cumann na mBunscol discussed the continuing impact of Covid 19 and decided to issue the following instructions to all Coistí:

- Cumann na mBunscol instructs all counties not to organise or participate in any inter-school games/competitions before Friday 8th January, 2021. This includes organising County Annual General Meetings.
- 2 Between now and February 8th, 2021, Cumann na mBunscol will continue to monitor the situation and will provide further instruction as appropriate to all counties on or before 8th January 2021.
- 3 All County Secretaries are asked to inform their schools of the above instruction as soon as possible.

Cumann na mBunscol aims to resume normal practice as soon as possible but the health and safety of all children and teachers is our priority at this time.















#### Limerick Schools Sweep the Boards in Thurles

2020 Cumann na mBunscol National Awards

Thurles hasn't always been a happy hunting ground for Limerick followers but both Herbertstown NS and Kilbehenny NS were placed first in their categories at the 2020 Cumann na mBunscol Awards, sponsored by Cornmarket Financial Services. The Awards Banquet took place in the Anner Hotel one week before the country was effectively locked down due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Kilbehenny NS was named as Small School of the Year while Herbertstown NS was winner of the category for Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture. Limerick won another title when The Green and White magazine was once again named as Best Publication.

Michael Fitzgerald is the driving force behind the Cumann na mBunscol activity in Herbertstown NS and the large group that travelled from the school were delighted to see his efforts rewarded. Kilbehenny NS, located on the border of Limerick, Cork and Tipperary, was placed second in the Small School Category last year but the school went one better this year and was named as Small School of the Year for 2020. Principal Stephen Walsh, a former Limerick hurler himself, and his staff are steeped in Gaelic Games.

From humble beginnings in 1996, The Green and White magazine has gone from strength to strength. With sales of more than 350,000 since then, The G&W now also has a strong presence on social media. For example, it has almost 5,000 followers on Twitter (and more than 1.5 MILLION Twitter views in 2019!) Edited by Ciarán Crowe

and Joe Lyons, the success of the magazine is due in no small part to the backing of Limerick County Board and the support of the clubs within the county.

Speaking at the Awards Banquet, Liam Magee, Chairman of

Cumann na mBunscol said, 'It is fitting that the Awards Banquet takes place in Thurles where the GAA was founded. Let's not forget that the driving force behind the movement was a teacher. Michael Cusack.'

Liam Sheedy, coach of All-Ireland hurling champions, Tipperary, was the guest speaker. He came straight from a training session at Semple Stadium to the Anner Hotel to address the guests. Liam listed some of the senior stars of today who started their days in Cumann na mBunscol competitions and then spoke of the positive influence teachers have on their pupils and praised the volunteerism which drives Cumann na mBunscol.



The editors of The Green and White Magazine receive the award for Best Publication

#### A Major New Book

#### A Message from the National Executive (Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta)

A number of events are being planned to mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Cumann na mBunscol in 1971 as a single national organisation to promote Gaelic Games in primary schools.

One of the events is the publication of a book to mark this fantastic milestone in our history. Cumann na mBunscol as we know it was founded in 1971. Joe Lyons and Ciarán Crowe have agreed to take on the task of writing this history of Cumann na mBunscol. Both have been involved in Cumann na mBunscol for well over 30 years. They are joint editors of *The Green and White*, a magazine which is produced 3 times each year and delivered to every primary school in Limerick city and county. The magazine was first produced in 1996 and has won numerous awards. They have also compiled two hardback publications, At Last, an account of Limerick's All-Ireland victory of

2018 and 20/20 Vision, Hurling and Limerick, which looked at how the game of hurling and approaches to it have evolved and also provided a statistical record of Limerick League and Championship games since 1918.

Although Cumann na mBunscol as we know it is only in existence since 1971, Gaelic Games have been played on an organised basis in primary schools for over a century. According to Joe. 'Sciath na Scol has records of inter schools hurling finals in Cork going back to 1901 while other counties [including Limerick] can trace their activities back to the early

years of the last century.'

We are asking people involved in Cumann na mBunscol in all 32 counties to use this Covid-induced downtime to help kickstart the research process by starting to gather as much information as they can on the genesis of Cumann na mBunscol in their own county. There may be members of the first committee from the '70s who are still available to provide information. The authors are now actively seeking to follow up on all the leads you can provide.



### Cumann na mBunscol Results Allianz (11) Cumann na mBunscol



#### Rolls of Honour!

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol competitions were cancelled in March and haven't resumed yet. The Green and White was a casualty of the Covid-19 crisis too when, for the first time in 24 years, Limerick's favourite magazine failed to appear during a school term (Term 3, 2020)! But we're back now - and there's a lot of housekeeping to be done. One of our most important duties is to maintain a record of the winners in our four divisions from year to year, so, here's a list of the winners of all of last year's hurling, camogie and football competitions.

#### South Schools

Roll of Honour

**Hurling 2019** 

Premier Roinn A (13-a-side) Roinn B (11-a-side) Roinn C ( 9-a-side) Roinn D ( 7-a-side) Roinn E ( 7-a-side)

Camogie 2019

Scoil Mocheallóg Roinn A Kilfinane NS Roinn B Roinn C Roinn D

**Boys Football 2019** 

Premier: Roinn C: D: Kilbehenny NS Girls Football 2019

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Galbally NS Roinn C: Roinn D: Roinn E: K

Scoil Dean Cussen, Bruff Herberstown NS Ballylanders NS Knocklong NS Anglesboro NS

Bulgaden NS v Lough Gur NS

Effin NS Knocklong NS Kilbehenny NS Scoil Mocheallóg

Croom NS Hospital NS Emly NSRoinn Roinn E: Lough Gur NS Scoil Mocheallóg

Herbertstown NS Emly NS Anglesboro NS nockadea NS

#### **West Limerick**

Roll of Honour

**Indoor Hurling 2020** 

Football 2019 Division 1 Division 2: Division 3: Division 4:

Girl's Football 2019

**Hurling 2019** Division 1: Division 2:

Division 3: Camogie 2019 Division Indoor Hurling 2019

**Indoor Camogie 2019** 

Mini 7's Hurling 2019

Winners: Mini 7's Camogie 2019

Mini 7's Football 2019 Mini 7's Girls Football 2019

**Ballingarry NS** 

Ahalin NS Kilcolman NS Monagea NS Athea NS Loughill NS

Ahalin NS Scoil Mháthair Dé, Abbeyfeale

Mahoonagh NS Feenagh/ Kilmeedy Monagea NS Templeglantine NS

Ahalin NS Broadford NS

Monagea NS

Shountrade NS

Mahoonagh NS

Ahalin NS

**Broadford NS** 

Mahoonaah NS



champions

**Ahalin NS, winners** of the West Limerick (A) Girls Football Championship



#### Cathair Luimnigh

Roll of Honour

**Hurling & Camogie Winners - 2019** 

Olo Cup: Olo Shield: Under 13 B: Under 13 C:

Camogie Under 13 A: Camogie Under 13 B: U 11 Hurling: Indoor Hurling: Indoor Camogie: Mini 7s Hurling: Mini 7s Camogie:

Milford NS Patrickswell NS & St Nessan's NS JFK Memorial School Gaelscoil an Ráithín Milford NS An Mhodhscoil Milford NS Milford NS Monaleen NS Milford NS

Football Winners - 2019/2020

Boys Under 13 B: Boys Under 13 C: Boys Under 11:

Girls Under 13 A: Girls Under 13 B:

Girls Under 13 C: Girls Under 11 Football: Mini 7s Football: Mini 7s Girls Football:

Spillane Cup (Boys under 13 A): Monaleen NS Spillane Shield: Milford NS Ballybrown NS Our Lady Queen of Peace Gaelscoil Chaladh an

Treoigh Corpus Christi Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh

Gaelscoil an Ráithín Milford NS St. Nessan's NS Gaelscoil Chaladh an

#### **East Limerick**

Roll of Honour

Football (School Year: 2019/2020)

Roxborough NS Lisnagry NS 12-a -side Girls Football: 13-a -side Boys Football: 11-a -side Boys Football: 9-a -side Boys Football: Caherline NS Murroe NS Murroe NS 9-a -side Girls Football 7-a -side Girls Football Nicker NS 7-a -side Boys Football: Cappamore NS Two-Teacher Schools: Barna NS

Indoor Competitions (2019/2020)

Lisnagry NS Caherconlish NS Camogie:

**Hurling Finals (Summer Term 2019)** 

Lisnagry NS 15-a-side (A): 11-a-side: Killinure NS 9-a-side: Oola NS Caherconlish NS 2-teacher schools: Barna NS

Camogie Finals (Summer Term 2019)

A: Knockea NS (First time winners)
B: Tineteriffe NS

Murroe NS D: Bilboa NS

Mini Sevens (2018/2019)

Lisnagry NS Scoil an Spioraid Naomh, Roxborough Doon CBS Boys Football **Hurling:** Lisnagry NS Camogie:

(2018/2019) **Indoor Competitions** Hurlina:

Doon CBS Lisnagry NS Camogie:

#### Rising Star:

## GR V File

#### Colin Coughlan

Colin Coughlan's star is in the ascent! In the past two years alone, he has won back-to-back County Minor Hurling Championship titles with his club and he has been a mainstay of the Limerick minor hurling team

Name: Colin Coughlan
Club: Ballybrown GAA Club

Schools/colleges attended: Crecora N.S., Ard Scoil Rís

Cumann na mBunscol memories: Winning the East Limerick Hurling 13-a-side League in 2011 with Crecora NS and winning the County Mini 7s Football competition when I was in 6th class, which led to me playing in a Mini 7s game in Croke Park at half-time of the 2015 football All-Ireland semi-final between Kerry and Tyrone.

Playing for East Limerick in the Mackey Cup and the Sarsfield Cup: My main memories are: losing to a late goal against the West in the Sarsfield Cup final under lights in the Gaelic Grounds and, also, losing to the City in the semi-final the first year I played in the Mackey Cup. However, winning the Mackey Cup the following year - and beating the City in the final is my greatest memory! Many of the players I played with and against, from all four divisions, have gone on to represent their county at minor level.

When did you first line out for the Limerick minor hurlers? May, 2018, in the Gaelic Grounds (v Tipperary).

**Highlight of your inter-county career, to date**: Winning the Munster Minor Hurling Championship in 2019.

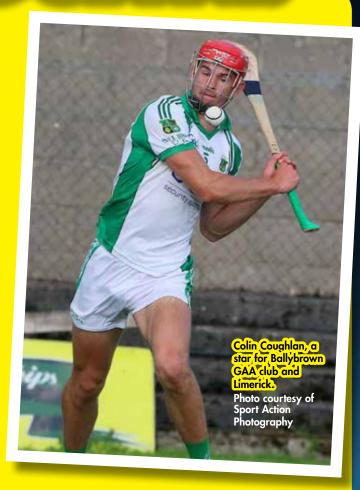
**Highlight of your club career, to date:** Winning backto-back County Minor Hurling Championships in 2019 and 2020.

**Favourite position:** Centre-back, mainly because that's the position I have played in throughout most of my career.

**Plans after Leaving Cert.:** I plan on going to college but I am not yet sure what career I want to pursue.

How did you keep in shape during 'Lockdown No.1'? That was all thanks to management at both club and county level who kept me on my toes with programmes to follow and Zoom sessions each week.

Major influences on you as a hurler: Everyone who helped me along the way, including my parents, grandparents, school coaches, club and county coaches.



Which hurling skills do you practise most?
First touch, as I believe it is the most important.
If there was a transfer market in hurling, who would you buy for Limerick? Patrick Horgan.

**Favourite Things** 

**Favourite food:** Turkey burgers and pasta **Favourite singer/band:** Gerry Cinnamon

Favourite song: Canter
Favourite video game: FIFA

Favourite TV programme: Home and Away
Best film you watched recently: The Equaliser 2
Favourite social media platform: Instagram

**Non-GAA hobbies:** Playing FIFA on the Xbox and listening to music

Sports hero of your childhood: Michael Fennelly
Favourite non-GAA sports star: LeBron James
Favourite hurler of today: Patrick Horgan
Pre-match superstitions: Listening to the same

music in the car. G&W



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#### **Questions & Answers**

G&W: What are your memories of playing Gaelic games in primary school?

N McC: When I was in National School, we did not have any girls teams to enter into Cumann na mBunscol competitions. We were a very sporty group though and loved playing club football! Instead of entering the competitions, we used to make up our own football tournaments during breaks at different times during the year. We played for a "cup"! It wasn't the real deal, but it still gave us a chance to compete for something! G&W: When did you first get involved with Limerick?

N McC: I remember being Under 12, or maybe Under 14, and training with underage county teams in Mick Neville Park in Rathkeale. If you know the back pitches there, you will know the monstrous hill close by! I still get shivers every time I see it now, as we used have to do sprints and runs up that hill on a regular basis. Back then, we mostly entered blitzes up the country. I first lined out with the adult team in 2014. I was 18 or 19 at the time and I remember being very proud to be part of the team. I followed them when they won the All-Ireland in 2010 and I had been waiting for the chance to play at that level for years.

G&W: To date, what has been the highlight of your inter-county career?

N McC: Captaining the Limerick Ladies Football team for the

year 2020. G&W: To date, what has been the highlight of your club

N McC: Winning our county final this year with my whole family involved, from my parents on the line to four of my sisters on the team ... that was special!

G&W: What is your favourite position on a football team?

N McC: Centre-back
G&W: How did you and your club and county teammates keep

in shape during the first Lockdown?

N McM: We were really lucky that there were great management structures in place at both club and county level this year. Our managers and trainers kept us busy and got us ready for action with gym programmes and running programmes. The gym programmes were home workouts; it wouldn't have been unusual to see my sisters and I trying to do pull-ups from the kitchen table!

G&W: Apart from playing football, what are your hobbies?

N McC: Hill walking & swimming in the sea – it usually involves my two beautiful golden retrievers, Harley & Luna. I also enjoy

#### The Basics

Club: Dromcollogher-Broadford Ladies Football Club Schools attended: St Joseph's National School and Hazelwood College (both Dromcollogher)

College: University of Limerick

Profession: Teacher (Science & Biology teacher at the

Abbey School, Tipperary)



cooking, baking, reading & sleeping.

G&W: Any pre-match routines or superstitions?

N McC: I have to have Deep Heat at the ready – more so for the smell, & I have to have a Dioralyte!

G&W: Favourite sports stars of your childhood?

N McC: I really looked up to girls in our club, Clodagh Reidy (my aunt, actually), Joanne O'Gorman and Jennifer Stokes.
They also would have played intercounty with Limerick and won the 2010 All-Ireland.

N McC: Favourite (current) sports star?
N McC: David Clifford, my brother's favourite footballer!

G&W: Any famous relations?

N McC: My uncle, Micheál Reidy played football with Limerick for years.

W: Tell us about some of the people who have influenced



you in your football career.

NMcC: My parents, Moss & Siobhan, ensured that each member of our family was immersed in Gaelic football from a very young age. At club level, they were involved with me at every grade at which I played. My dad has a massive passion for football and that has been passed on to all the family. We are always watching games at home on the TV, and the level of analysis that follows is in-depth, to say the very least. All of our club games & county games have been videoed this year and they are watched *on repeat* in the house! The other person I must mention is my partner, Gearóid, for his incredible advice and the support he gives on an ongoing basis.

G&W: Are there any skills you practise more than others? NMcC: Working off the left side of the body, left hand / left leg - it's important to develop your "weaker" side! The near hand tackle is also something I try to work on.

G&W: If you could change one rule in ladies Gaelic football, what would it be?

NMcC: I would love

to have some more physicality in the game, a shoulder, for example, maybe from *minors* up.

G&W: Name a young footballer who is showing great promise for the future.

NMcC: Caoimhe Sheehan from our own club, she's only 15 but played a huge role in our adult championship this year. She trains really hard and gives us oldies a run for our money at such a young age. She's not afraid to challenge herself despite her youth and I really admire that.

G&W: We notice a big drop-off in the number of girls participating in organised sports - of any kind - after they leave primary school. What advice would you give to encourage girls to continue playing Gaelic games beyond their primary school days?

NMcC: I play football for a number of reasons, but the reason that stands head and shoulders above the rest has to be the social aspect of it. I have made incredible friends in my football career, at club and county level. I cannot stress that enough. It is so important to get out, meet new people and feel a sense of belonging in your community. Playing a team sport like football is not just about winning, it's not about the first fifteen, its not just about training hard, it's not just about the gear - it's about twenty or thirty boys or girls coming together and sharing a *grá* and a passion

for something and, then, all the bonuses that follow from that. I would ask young players out around the county to get to know their team-mates off the training field - go for a puck together at the park, go to the cinema, go shopping, go out for dinner ... just do something. Make time for each other, get to know each other. It all helps to create a bond that is so strong it makes you want to be a better teammate, and even to go to war for your teammates. You make friends for life in these situations, don't let the chance pass you by. The craic, the laughs and the memories are so rewarding that you'll remember them for the rest of your life.

G&W: Finally, Niamh, as a teacher, a mentor to young people and a leader on the field of play, what advice for positive personal development have you for our readers?

NMcC: Just remember to look around at the people who surround you; you are the average of the five people you spend

> the most time with, so choose wisely. Put yourself in the best situation you possibly can to be the best person you can be. And remember, a lot of us struggle with our self belief - it's not just you. Ensure that you work on your mind and fill it with positive thoughts & affirmations on a regular basis, even a daily basis. It's a personal thing, no one has to know! G&W



Favourite song: Someone Else's Hand or, at the

minute, Head & Heart

Favourite video game: Call of Duty Favourite TV programme: Brooklyn 99 Best film you watched recently: The Addams Family (animation movie, Netflix)

Favourite social media platform: Twitter

Limerick ladies Gaelic football captain, Niamh McCarthy before a recent game against Carlow

The story of how, when our need was great, and the country was locked down, Ollie Dowling and a huge squad of volunteers delivered The G&W to every corner of the county.

SSUE No. 71 of The Green and White Magazine was in the process of being printed when the first Covid-19 Lockdown was announced earlier this year. Overnight, every school in the country - and all GAA grounds closed. For the next two months, over 5,000 copies of The G&W were locked down in the warehouse at Cube Printing in Eastway Business Park, Limerick City.

These magazines were the property of Limerick's GAA clubs who had already paid for them and expected that the copies they ordered would be delivered to each primary school in their catchment area, on their behalf. Clubs see this as a very well worthwhile investment in the creation and maintenance of healthy club-school relationships.

In normal circumstances, the Limerick Games Officers deliver the magazines to schools when they visit them to deliver Gaelic games coaching. However, with travel restrictions remaining in place as May and June slipped away, and with schools not

due to reopen until September, the task of delivering the magazines to 60 or 70 different regions in the county seemed insurmountable.

All of the above prompted us to use our social media channels to send out an appeal for help. The positive response we got to our appeal shook us to our green and white roots! Never let it be said that the

spirit of volunteerism is not alive and thriving in Limerick. We had offers of help from everywhere. Knockaderry man Ollie Dowling's immediate reply, "How can I help?" was typical of the huge number we received.

Ollie, armed as he was with diplomatic immunity to travel around the county, spearheaded our drive to get Issue 71 delivered. He liaised with club chairmen and secretaries in all four divisions and, within a couple of weeks, thanks to Ollie's ingenuity and the hard work of many other volunteers, many of whom are mentioned below, mission impossible became mission accomplished, as club officials distributed their magazines to young players at Cúl Camps and training sessions

throughout the summer.



Our thanks to the following volunteers and everybody else who helped us distribute the Spring 2020 issue of The G&W. If you didn't get a copy at the time, don't worry, a digital version of the magazine is available to read at: www.thegreenandwhite.com

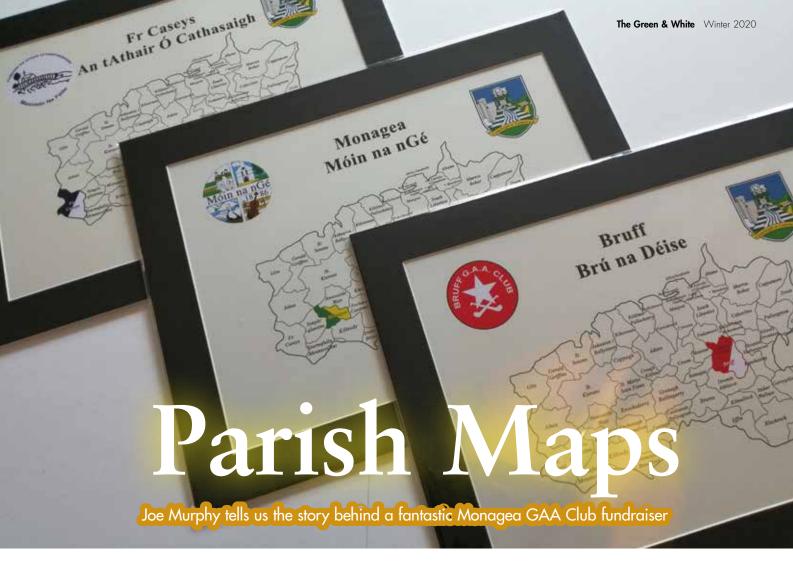
City
Na Piarsaigh - Gráinne Hickey
Mungret-St Paul's - Wanda Dwane/Kevin O'Hagan
Monaleen - Billy Burke
Patrickswell - John McDermott
Ballybrown - Joe Lyons
Kildimo-Pallaskenry - Peter Nash
Crecora-Manister - Pat Quirke
Old Christians - John Koogh Old Christians - John Keogh St Patrick's - Eamonn Phelan Claughaun - (via Eamonn Phelan) Abbey Sarsfield - Mike Cooke Ballinacurra Gaels - John Keogh

Ahane - Tony Harnett Ballybricken-Bohermoremore - Mike Murphy Doon - Br. JL Dormer Cappamore - (via Br Dormer)
Pallasgreen - (via Br Dormer
Oola - (via Br Dormer)
Caherconlish-Caherline (via Pa Ryan) Murroe-Boher - (Andrew Hickey) Kilteely-Dromkeen - (Robert Holmes) Knockane - David McGuinness Fedamore - Pádraig Kelleher South Liberties - (via Eamonn Phelan)

South
Bruree - David O'Dea
Kilmallock - Steve Connery
Kilmallock NS - Evelyn O'Dea
Galtee Gaels - Mark O'Connell
Glenroe - Mark O'Connell
Ballylanders - (via Mark O'Connell)
Kilbehenny NS - (via Mark O'Connell)
Kinskaina Knockainey - Kieran Madden Bruff - Fran O'Dwyer Dromin-Athlacca - (via Evelyn O'Dea)
C-Ballyagran - (via Evelyn O'Dea)
Galbally - (Liam Bourke/Ollie Dowling)
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Blackrock - (Liam Bourke/ Ollie Dowling)
Effin - (Liam Bourke/ Ollie Dowling)
Staker Wallace - (Liam
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Tournafulla - Séamus O'Sullivan St. Kieran's - Ivan Neary Monagea - Conor Murphy
Ahalin NS - Cormac Behan
Knockaderry - Ollie Dowling
Granagh-Ballingarry - John Lynch/Donal O'Grady
Feenagh-Kilmeedy - Tony Long
Feohanagh-Castlemahon - Pat O'Donnell
Newcastle West - Susan Gleeson Newcasile west - Susan Gleeson Killeedy - Majella Scanlan Rathkeale - Pat Sheehan Templeglantine - Alan Kelly Abbeyteale - Séamus McNamara Gerald Griffin's - Gary Thompson Dromcollogher-Broadford - Geoff Adare - Seán Scanlan Askeaton - Seán Morar Askeaton - Sean Moran
Ballysteen - John Neville
Cappagh - Edmond Madigan
Croagh - David Lynch
St. Senan's - Mike Mullane
Athea - Pat O'Sullivan
Glin - Alan O'Donovan Mountcollins - John O'Connell

Banogue - Mike Meade



#### The Project

Parish maps was born in a really simple way. I wanted a nice map on the wall showing all the parishes/GAA clubs of Limerick. There was none available and so, four years later, here it is! All the design work was done by graphic designer, Megan Ahern from Athea. There are 66 different versions of the map available, one for each parish/club in the county, plus a special green and white edition for Limerick. You can check them all out on monageagaa.ie/parishmaps/

Any profit generated by this fundraiser will go to the redevelopment of Monagea GAA field. The pitch is being moved slightly on the current site to facilitate the building of a small Astroturf training area at the dressing room end of the grounds.

We are a small club but we are very lucky to have great volunteers who help out with our boys and girls at underage level (and also, of course, with the men and women who play for the club at adult level). Our volunteers have one goal, and that is for kids to have fun as they are enabled to achieve their potential on the playing field. Hopefully, the renovation work at the field will help to ensure that this goal is achieved for generations of Monagea people to come.

#### To Order a Map

Maps are €26 each (including postage) or €20 if collected in Newcastle West. To purchase a map, contact us by email (parishmaps.ie@gmail.com) or WhatsApp/call Joe (087 7884190).

#### The Artist

The maps were drawn by Megan Ahern from Athea. Check out her page on Facebook. Megan can be contacted by email at meganaherngd@gmail.com

#### The Technical Stuff

We have a map for every club in Limerick, personalised with your club crest and colours. Size: 18 x 14 inch. Maps come with a 1.5 inch black mount and hardback cardboard backing.

#### The Competition

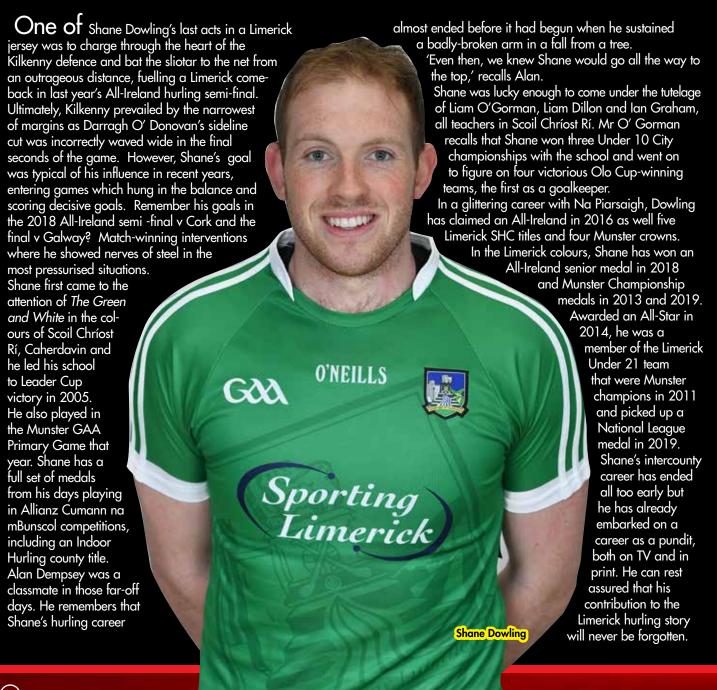
In conjunction with *The Green and White Magazine*, we are delighted to offer a free Parish Map to each of two lucky readers (while stocks last, we have only 15 of each version!). To be in with a chance of winning one, email the answer to the following question to info@thegreenandwhite.com. Winners will be announced in January 2021

#### **Question:**

In which Co. Limerick town is Mick Neville Park located?

# The Green & White Salutes The Down

We salute a Limerick legend who has been described as the most honoured Limerick hurler of all time, Shane Dowling All Star, All-Ireland winner with club and county, and so much more, Shane recently announced his retirement from intercounty hurling.





## City schools



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## PHOTOS FROM CITY SCHOOLS



## Take Five Meet the Referee

Regular correspondent James Lundon (*The Lundon Eye*) is well known to our readers as a keen collector of GAA memorabilia. Cappamore man James, a diehard Limerick fan, is also one of the busiest GAA referees in County Galway. Here, he *takes five* to chat about being the man in the middle.

#### Five Refereeing Do's

- 1. Do implement silent sidelines I am a huge fan of silent sidelines at all underage games, right up to U-14, or even U-16 level. Positive sidelines are okay but can be distracting to all involved. Negative sidelines are no good to anyone and should be strongly discouraged. Totally silent sidelines should be implemented by rule at all ages up to U-14, in all GAA codes!
- 2. Do apply all technical rules rigorously Kids can pick up bad habits early in their careers and these can be hard to break. It is up to referees to ensure that these things are dealt with properly in all competitive games. A particular action is either right or wrong; there is no in-between when it comes to rules for example, the correct free-taking style when lifting the sliotar.
- 3. Do warm up properly it is as crucial for the referee to warm-up properly as it is for the players. If a referee is not prepared, s/he is more likely to get in trouble

with physical injury, or make a mental mistake that could materially affect the result of a game. This will always bring unwanted attention in the direction of the referee.

- 4. Do 'Give Respect Get Respect (Our Games. Our Choice)' This is official GAA policy, but how enthusiastically is it implemented? Each referee must implement it to the best of his/her ability by always giving respect and by demanding it in return. If respect is not received, then there must be consequences. The GAA, in general, tolerates far too much poor behaviour on and off the field of play. It is up to referees to demand good behaviour from players and mentors alike, and from supporters too, although the latter is much harder to implement.
- 5. Do be fair and consistent as long as players can expect a fair and consistent performance from the referee, no one can criticise the woman (or man) in the middle. This goes to the heart of what refereeing is about. It also ensures that the players are protected, a primary aim for all right-thinking GAA officials.

#### Five Refereeing Don'ts

- 1. Don't talk too much The less the referee says, the less he/she can be misquoted. (It is amazing how many times I have been told things that referees are alleged to have said during games which it has been proved were never said at all). If the referee says nothing, the referee cannot possibly be misquoted. Some referees think it is their job to tell players not to foul, or to tell them not to break the rules of the game. However, as a referee, I believe that it is my job to adjudicate on foul play when I see it but, otherwise, to be a passive observer of events. If someone is intent on fouling, it is not up to me to tell them not to do it.
- 2. Don't be overly familiar with players and mentors I believe it is inappropriate to behave in this manner with anybody involved in games for which I am the referee, especially immediately before, during or after games. It is important to maintain a professional distance. There are always people looking for an excuse to condemn a referee's performance: over-familiarity can create a perception of favouritism to one side or the other and provide grounds for criticism, whether justified, or not.
- 3. Don't overuse the Advantage Rule This rule was introduced in recent times and it has taken a while to bed in. It is a hard rule to employ optimally, and it is all too easy to get it wrong. When it works, it is a joy; when it doesn't work, it can be a disaster. In most cases, a fouled defender should not be given an advantage. The referee should give the free and reset play. A forward should only be given the advantage when inside the 30-metre line with ball in hand and the tackle broken. Remember, the advantage is a full five seconds. Slowly...ONE THOUSAND, TWO THOUSAND, THREE THOUSAND, FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE THOUSAND!
- 4. Don't forget to submit game reports Many referees do not like carrying out the administrative duties associated with their role. As referees, we must remember that we are being paid not just to officiate at games but also to perform the attendant administration.

Most referees' reports are filed and forgotten, but a small number of them contain injury reports or reports of disciplinary issues that need recording and processing.

5. Don't forget your appearance – Perception can be reality in many spheres of life, and refereeing is no different. If you are being paid to appear at a pitch for an official assignment and you come with two different socks,

perhaps one pulled up, the other not, what are people supposed to think of you and your approach to the job at hand? Refereeing is hard enough without giving people another excuse to criticise you or/and your performance.



#### Five Reasons to be a Referee

- 1. It is a great way to be intimately involved in our native games. If you aren't cut out to be a mentor, manager, administrator or coach, perhaps you could be a referee. If you can survive your first two years on the whistle, you are likely to do it for as long as you
- 2. Overall, there is shortage of referees in the country. There is also a high turnover of referees in all codes, in all counties. Clubs can never have enough qualified referees. Many clubs have no referees at all, and, in some ways, this can be a disadvantage to them.
- 3. It is a good way of staying fit, mentally as well as physically. Refereeing a match is akin to doing a 5K run (or longer!). It can be a good way of unwinding after a long day, or a nice way to spend a weekend morning. It can be many other things too, but it is not for everyone.
- 4. It is a worthwhile way of putting your knowledge of the rules of the game to good use. To referee effectively, you must have a very good working knowledge of the rules of the code you are refereeing. (Getting a few good people to come with you to umpire is a key task, and perhaps the basis of another article for *The G&W* sometime in the future!)
- 5. If you are looking for a few quid for Christmas, there are easier things to do than refereeing GAA matches, nonetheless, it is an option for those who feel so inclined. However, if you are into refereeing primarily for the money, you are in the wrong game, no pun intended!

A picture paints a thousand words! Limerick have just won the All-Ireland Final and James Lundon is speechless

#### Rule Change I Would Implement If I had a Chance

I think the 'black card' in hurling is close at hand. There are enough instances, in both the inter-county as well as the club game, to demand that cynical foul play is punished with something more than a yellow card, but less than a red. The problem is how it will be implemented uniformly and fairly across my refereeing brethren. I find it funny that hurling pundits think that it is not necessary, that Gaelic football is not hurling, a sort of snobbery. Hurling is better than Gaelic football but that should not delay the era of the 'black card' any longer, as strategic fouling is not being penalised strongly enough at present.

**Highlights** 

Every final I officiated at in my 20 years as a referee is a highlight, to one degree or another, especially those where I felt I did a good job. Hopefully, there are many more finals to come. In my opinion, any referee who tells you that s/he does not like refereeing finals is lying. Personally, I aim to continue refereeing for as long as my body allows, and as long as I have the necessary desire. Without either, my refereeing career would be at an end.

Lowlights

I have had many lowlights in my 20 years as a referee. Referees cannot afford to be sensitive souls. Refereeing is a job with more "downs" than "ups". One unforgettable game I refereed is an example of the former: an incident from that particular match was reported in the local and national media. I had no problems with the coverage it got as it was all factually correct, albeit somewhat sensationalist. What I did have a problem with was that the journalist who filed the story and named me in his report. I spoke to him later and he agreed with me that doing that had been totally unnecessary.

A Funny Incident

The funniest moment that comes to mind is an incident that happened over 10 years ago in Annaghdown. I parked my car about 30 metres behind the high nets

protecting one of the goals. At half time, someone said that the back windscreen of a mentor's car had been shattered by a stray shot. I took little notice of what was said but early in the second half, when I was back on duty, I realised that there was something wrong with my car. It was MY car that had had its windscreen shattered! I found it hard to concentrate on the job at hand for the rest of the game, I can tell you! Thankfully, it didn't rain that evening. I was picking glass shards out of my car for the next six months though!

#### The Last Word

The closest I came to being assaulted by a player was about a dozen years ago at an U-10 camogie game. The game was played on a mini-pitch behind a small south Galway primary school. One team was enjoying the majority of the play so I tried to even things up a little by throwing the ball to the other side. A player

from the strong team took a swing at my ankle with her hurl (as they call it in Galway!). She almost connected with my one good Achilles saying, as she did so, that what I had done was "unfair". I had a narrow escape that day! I also learnt a valuable lesson: danger lurks everywhere, on and off the field of play, when you have a whistle in your hand.

James Lundon

## File

Meet

lain Corbett joint-captain of the Limerick senior football team

#### Questions & Answers

G&W: What are your memories of playing for Gaelscoil Ó Doghair in Cumann na mBunscol competitions?

IC: We used to play a 7-a-side competition between all the Munster Gaelscoileanna. That used to be a great day out!

G&W: When did you first line out for Limerick?

IC: That was at Under 15/16 level, under Diarmuid Sheehy. I first played senior for the county in 2012. I made my debut in the National Football League against Leitrim up in Carrick on

G&W: To date, what has been the highlight of your career in the green and white of Limerick?

IC: The victory over Tipp last year in Thurles.

G&W: What has been the highlight of your club career? IC: Winning my first senior county title in 2015 [\*Newcastle West defeated Dromcollogher-Broadford by 2-10 to 0-09 in the final.]

G&W: What is your favourite position on a football team? IC: Wing back, No. 5!

How did you keep fit during the early summer lockdown? IC: I did lots of road running. As restrictions eased, players started meeting in small pods and doing a bit of kicking and running. Luckily, in Newcastle, we have the Demesne and the camogie pitch, and we had access to both.

G&W: Apart from playing Gaelic football, what are your hobbies?

IC: I'm a big Man United fan. I enjoy reading sports biographies and I like meeting up with the lads.

**G&W**: Any famous relations?

IC: My sister Aoife plays ladies football for Limerick, does that conutsis

G&W: Name some of the people who influenced you as a younger footballer.

Declan Brouder, Joe Lee and my mother.

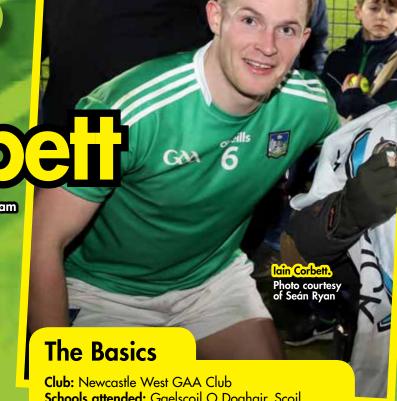
Are there any skills you practise more than others?

Pot shots from distance using the outside of the boot

[\*Practice makes perfect! Check out lain's sublime pass - with the outside of the boot - to Cillian Fahy in the build-up to Limerick's second goal (v Waterford) in this year's Munster Championship]

G&W: If you could change one rule in Gaelic football, what
would it be?

IC: As a defender, I'm not too keen on the forward mark ... G&W: Can you name some young Limerick footballers who have the potential to become good senior inter-county players? IC: Barrry Coleman (Rathkeale), Cillian Ferris (Ballysteen), John

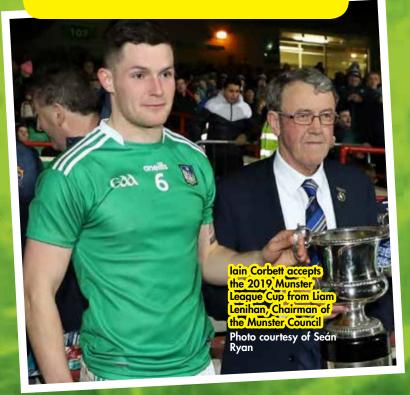


Schools attended: Gaelscoil O Doghair, Scoil

Mhuire Agus Íde,

College: Tralee Institute of Technology

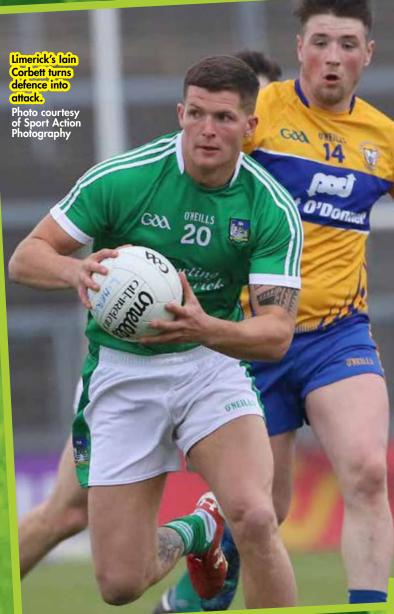
**Profession:** Garda



Hayes (St. Kieran's), Brian Nix and Brian Foley (Newcastle West)

G&W: Advice for young players:

C: I would just say to enjoy every session and every game, as this year has shown that it all can be taken away very quickly.



#### **Praise for lain**

Tomás Ó Sé @tomas5ky (October 26, 2020) Great weekend of football and some brilliant, amazing individual performances from the likes of McKenna (Tyrone), McManus (Monaghan), Conroy (Galway), Brosnan (Kerry), Ó Neill (Armagh) but for me lain Corbett of Limerick gave the best. Great day for Limerick/Wicklow. Enjoyed it!

\*A Tweet by former Kerry footballer and 5-time All-Ireland winner, Tomás Ó Sé following lain's barnstorming performance in Limerick's thrilling victory (v Wicklow) which secured the Division 4 title (and promotion to Division 3) for Limerick

**Billy Lee @billyleencw** (October 26th, 2020) Replying to @tomas5ky

A real leader of men Tomás. No challenge is too big for him, he just gets on with it

\*Billy Lee, manager of the Limerick senior football team, adds to Tomás Ó Sé's praise for Iain Corbett

#### Limerick Footballers @LmkFootballers

(November 2, 2020)

Well done to lain Corbett making the team of the week again.

\*This Tweet acknowledges another fine achievement by Iain Corbett in 2020: Limerick's joint-captain was named in the GAA.ie Football Team of the Week two weeks in-a-row as a result of some eye-catching performances in the League and the Championship (v Wicklow, and v Waterford)

#### A Few of lain's Favourite Things

Favourite food: Any type of fish Favourite singer/band: Stormzy Favourite song: Crown by Stormzy Favourite video game: FIFA

Favourite TV programme: Sons of Anarchy
Best film you watched recently: 'Fear' with Mark
Wahlberg, it's a very old film but I saw it recently

on Netflix

Favourite social media platform: Twitter
Pre-match routine: I have a playlist I listen to on

route to games

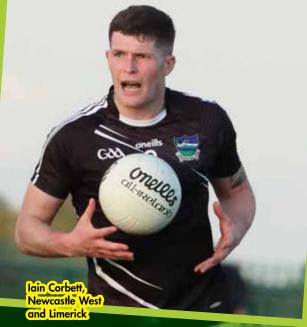
Favourite sports hero of your childhood: Roy

Keane

Favourite non-GAA sports stars: Soccer – Ronaldinho; NFL (American football) - Christian

McCaffrey or Kyler Murray

Favourite Gaelic footballer: James McCarthy [Dublin]



## Ifmerida UTALETS8 Vital Statistics

These player profiles were generated from some of the thousands of statistics published in 20/20 Vision - Hurling and Limerick, which is available in most good bookstores. Let us know which Limerick hurlers you would like to see included in this feature in next term's issue of The G&W. We are also very keen to publish statistics about Limerick footballers (men and women) and camogie players in future issues of The G&W. If you have the information we need, please contact us at info@thegreenandwhite.com



Brian Begley
Mungret GAA Club

Limerick Senior Hurling Appearances & Scores

Championship: 21 appearances (+ 1 as sub.) 1st Appearance: May 1999 — Last: Sept. 2007 Championship scores: 7-28

National League: 38 appearances (+ 4 as sub.) 1st Appearance: Feb 1999 — Last: March 2008 National League scores: 7-47

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Stephen Walsh Glenroe GAA Club

**Limerick Senior Hurling Appearances & Scores** 

Championship: 11 appearances (+ 6 as sub.) 1st Appearance: June 2009—Last: June 2015 Championship scores: 0-00

National League: 27 appearances (+ 3 as sub.) 1st Appearance: Feb. 2009—Last: March 2015 National League scores: 0-01

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Brian Geary
Monaleen GAA Club

Limerick Senior Hurling Appearances & Scores

Championship: 44 appearances (+ 1 as sub.)
1st Appearance: May 1999 — Last: July 2012
Championship scores: 0-11

National League: 52 appearances (+ 5 as sub.) 1st Appearance: Feb. 1999 — Last: April 2011 National League scores: 0-09

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#### **Donal O'Grady**

Granagh-Ballingarry GAA Club

Limerick Senior Hurling Appearances & Scores

Championship: 40 appearances (+ 6 as sub.) 1st Appearance: May 2004— Last: July 2015 Championship scores: 0-30

National League: 60 appearances (+ 1 as sub.) 1st Appearance: Feb 2005— Last: March 2015 National League scores: 2-43

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#### **Eamon Grimes**

South Liberties GAA Club

Limerick Senior Hurling Appearances & Scores

Championship: 26 appearances (+ 4 as sub.) 1st Appearance: June 1966 — Last: Sept 1980 Championship scores: 3-29

National League: 73 appearances (+ 8 as sub.) 1st Appearance: Nov. 1967 — Last: Mar. 1981 National League scores: 17-93

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#### Gavin O'Mahony

Kilmallock GAA Club

Limerick Senior Hurling Appearances & Scores

Championship: 27 appearances (+ 3 as sub.)
1st Appearance: July 2007 — Last: July 2017
Championship scores: 0-21

National League: 35 appearances (+ 5 as sub.) 1st Appearance: April 2007 — Last: April 2017 National League scores: 0-16

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Ger Hegarty Old Christians GAA Club

Limerick Senior Hurling Appearances & Scores

Championship: 17 appearances (+ 2 as sub.) 1st Appearance: June 1986 — Last: May 1998 Championship scores: 0-07

National League: 48 appearances (+ 4 as sub.) 1st Appearance: Oct 1985 — Last: March 1998 National League scores: 2-32

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Jim Allis Doon GAA Club

**Limerick Senior Hurling Appearances & Scores** 

Championship: 2 appearances (+ 1 as sub.)
1st Appearance: May 1968 — Last: June 1973
Championship scores: 0-00

National League: 25 appearances (+ 0 as sub.) 1st Appearance: Nov. 1967 — Last: Nov. 1973 National League scores: 0-00

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Jim O'Brien Bruree GAA Club

**Limerick Senior Hurling Appearances & Scores** 

Championship: 24 appearances (+ 0 as sub.)
1st Appearance: June 1967 — Last: July 1979
Championship scores: 0-00

National League: 76 appearances (+ 0 as sub.) 1st Appearance: Oct. 1965 — Last: April 1978 National League scores: 0-00

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**Leonard Enright** Patrickswell GAA Club

**Limerick Senior Hurling** Appearances & Scores

Championship: 20 appearances (+ 1 as sub.) 1st Appearance: July 1975—Last: June 1988 Championship scores: 0-02

National League: 60 appearances (+ 5 as sub.) 1st Appearance: March 1971—Last: Nov 1988 National League scores: 1-05

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**Mark Foley** Adare GAA Club

**Limerick Senior Hurling** Appearances & Scores

Championship: 47 appearances (+ 1 as sub.)
1st Appearance: June 1995 — Last: Aug. 2009 Championship scores: 1-16

National League: 73 appearances (+ 9 as sub.) 1st Appearance: Oct. 1994 — Last: Apr. 2008 National League scores: 1-46

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Mike Houlihan Kilmallock GAA Club

**Limerick Senior Hurling** Appearances & Scores

Championship: 24 appearances (+ 2 as sub.) 1st Appearance: May 1988 — Last: May 1999 Championship scores: 1-15

National League: 53 appearances (+ 0 as sub.) 1st Appearance: April 1988 — Last: Apr. 1999 National League scores: 2-52

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#### Pat Hartigan

South Liberties GAA Club

**Limerick Senior Hurling** Appearances & Scores

Championship: 25 Appearances
1st Appearance: June 1969—Last: June 1979 Championship scores: 0-01

National League: 79 Appearances 1st Appearance: Oct. 1968—Last: April 1979 National League scores: 3-10

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Seán Finn **Bruff GAA Club** 

**Limerick Senior Hurling Appearances & Scores** 

Championship: 21 appearances (+ 1 as sub.)
1st Appearance: June 2017 — Current player\*
Championship scores: 0-00 \*As of May, 2020

National League: 18 appearances (+ 3 as sub.) 1st Appearance: March 2017 — Current player National League scores: 0-00

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TJ Ryan Garryspillane GAA Club

**Limerick Senior Hurling Appearances & Scores** 

Championship: 38 appearances (+ 2 as sub.) 1st Appearance: June 1994 — Last: July 2006 Championship scores: 5-59

National League: 76 appearances (+ 7 as sub.) 1st Appearance: Oct. 1993 — Last: April 2006 National League scores: 4-35

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# Hit the Woodn Milford Hospice

In early summer, the Limerick Senior and Under 20 hurling panels took part in, Hit the Woah for Milford Hospice to raise vital funds for Milford Care Centre.

The challenge was for players and members of the Limerick backroom teams to be creative and upload video clips of their "Hit the Woah" dances to TikTok, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn so that Limerick fans everywhere could enjoy the fun and then show their appreciation by making a donation to Milford Hospice.

The fundraiser was a huge success. Here are a few pictures to remind you of the fun our hurling heroes had making their dance videos. The images are hazy in places; that's because they are screenshots. To watch, or re-watch the dances use/search the #HitTheWoahForMilfordHospice hashtag on your social media platform of choice and ... enjoy!

"Our fundraising efforts have been severely affected by Covid-19 but our work continues... " [Quoting Milford Care Centre]

Anyone can make a donation to Milford Hospice, at any time call: **061 485859**, or visit, **www.milfordcarecentre.ie** 













Aaron Gillane









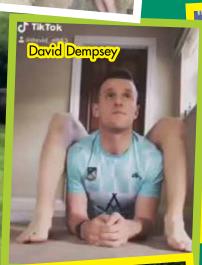


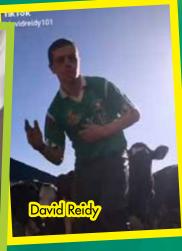


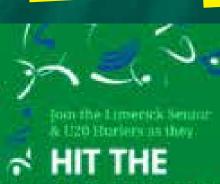




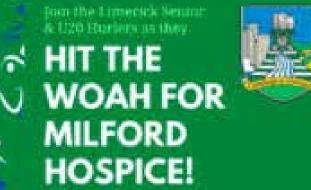
















Declan Hannon raises the National Hurling League trophy in an empty Semple Stadium. Photo SportsFile

A 'pop pass' from Cian Lynch during the Limerick v Tipperary NHL match, last January

Cian Lynch launches one of his famous handpasses to set up an attack in the NHL Round 1 match, v Tipperary



Declan Hannon leads the charge out of defence against Waterford in the 2020 Division 1 Group A match

The captain is in command! Limerick v Waterford, NHL, 2020.

David Dempsey battles through, v Tipperary

All action photos courtesy of Sport Action Photography



This was Limerick's 13th NHL title. They first won the title in 1933-34 (and then went on to win the next four as well!) They also won it in 1947, 1971, 1984, 1985, 1992, 1997 and 2019. Declan Hannon captained the team in both 2019 and 2020. Only Tipperary (19 titles), Kilkenny (18), and Cork (14) have won more NHL titles than Limerick.







#### Fact Box

#### Limerick's Division 1 (Group A) NHL Record

Round 1: Limerick 2-14, Tipperary 0-18 (Semple Round 2: Limerick 1-19, Galway 0-14 (LIT Gae

Round 2: Limerick 1-19, Galway 0-14
Round 3: Limerick 1-21, Waterford 1-17

(Semple Stadium, January 25th, 2020) (LIT Gaelic Grounds, February 2nd, 2020) (LIT Gaelic Grounds, March 7th, 2020\*

Round 4: Limerick 0-29, Cork 2-21

Round 5: Limerick 1-24, Westmeath 0-18

(Páirc Uí Chaoimh, February 23rd, 2020) (LIT Gaelic Grounds, March 1st, 2020)

Limerick won Division 1 Group A. Clare won Division 1 Group B. Due to measures taken to stop the spread of the Covid-19 Pandemic in Ireland, the quarter-finals and semi-finals were dispensed with and the organisers decided that Limerick and Clare would meet in the final when circumstances allowed.



Gearóid Hegarty in action v Waterford in

this year's National

Hurling League



interception in the Limerick v Waterford NHL match last March

#### 2020 NHL Division 1 Final\*

Limerick 0-36, Clare 1-23 (LIT Gaelic Grounds, October 25th, 2020)
\*[This match also served as the Munster Senior Hurling Championship quarter-final]

Limerick team for the 2020 NHL final: Nickie Quaid; Seán Finn, Dan Morrissey, Barry Nash; Diarmaid Byrnes, Declan Hannon, Paddy O'Loughlin; Cian Lynch, William O'Donoghue; Gearóid Hegarty, Kyle Hayes, Tom Morrissey; Graeme Mulcahy, Aaron Gillane, Peter Casey.

Subs: Darragh O'Donovan for T. Morrissey (57), Seamus Flanagan for Casey (59), Pat Ryan for Mulcahy (64), David Reidy for O'Donoghue (64), Jerome Boylan for Nash (72).

Limerick scorers in the 2020 NHL final: Aaron Gillane 0-12 (9fs, 1'65), Gearoid Hegarty 0-5, Tom Morrissey 0-4, Peter Casey, Kyle Hayes, Diarmaid Byrnes 0-3 each, Graeme Mulcahy 0-2, Cian Lynch, Declan Hannon, Seamus Flanagan, Pat Ryan 0-1 each.

**Note:** Tony Kelly scored an incredible 0-17 (0-9 from frees) and finished on the losing side.





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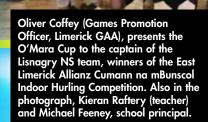
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# Before the LOCKDOWN!

A selection of hurling and camogie team photos taken earlier this year at the East Limerick Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Indoor Hurling Competitions played at the Millennium Hall in Caherconlish.



Pa Ryan, Chairman of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol East Limerick, presents the cup to the captain of Caherconlish NS, winners of the girls competition



Our thanks to Br J.L. Dormer who was our photographer-inchief at the East Limerick Indoor Hurling Competitions













Before the LOCKDOWN!















Knockea NS indoor camogie team









## amien <u>Prews</u>

Sports fans all over the world know that Damien Quinn draws great pictures. Now, it's time to find out a little more about the talented Sydney-based artist.

#### A bit of info about me

\*I'm an Illustrator and Graphic Designer based in Sydney, Australia. I've been living here for about 10 years now, I'm originally from Fedamore in County Limerick, and played football and hurling for the club since I was very young. I went to school in Bruff, and then studied Art and Design in the Limerick School of Art and Design. I try to get home to Limerick as much as I can. I follow all the Limerick hurling games on TV over here.

\*I do illustrations for all sorts of sports teams all over the world, but my favourite sport to illustrate is probably hurling.



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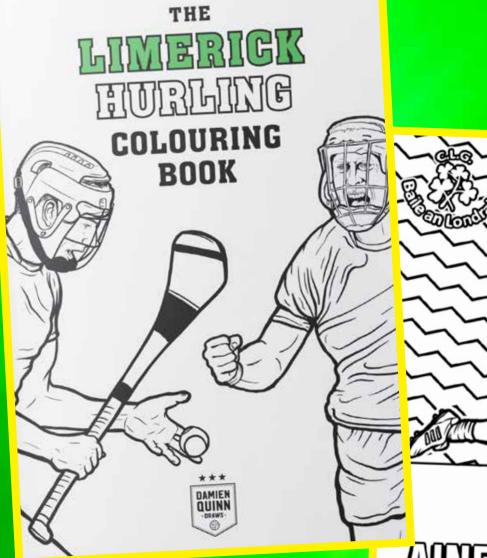
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#### A few samples of my work







## Fantastis Artwork

Inspired by The G&W's legendary cast of cartoon characters



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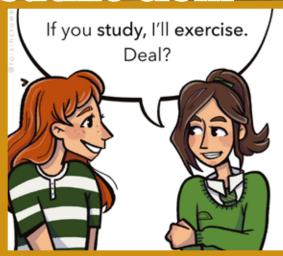
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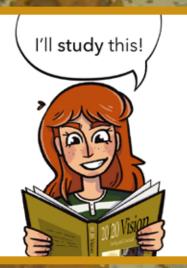
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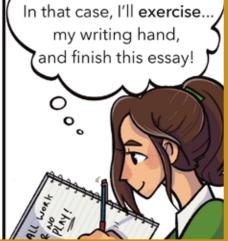


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#### Jackie & Jill







Jackie & Jill Cartoon Strip by Róisín Crowe

## Spill do la la

Young sports podcaster Seán Freney gives us the lowdown on his latest project - and he has a special message for Shane Dowling

G&W; Hi Seán, we really enjoyed listening to your Spill da Tae sports podcasts • great name, by the way! • will you introduce yourself to our readers?

SF; My name is Seán Freney and I am 12 years old. I am

SF: My name is Seán Freney and I am 12 years old. I am from Kilmallock, Co. Limerick. I have just started First Year in Coláiste Iosaef. I play hurling, football and soccer for Kilmallock.

G&W: When did you do your first podcast?

SF: I did four podcasts this year. The first one was with Jimmy Quilty Senior, in July. Jimmy was a selector with Limerick for two years, including Limerick's All-Ireland win in 2018. Jimmy is also a good friend of mine, we have many good chats about all things hurling when we meet.

#### G&W; What made you decide to do these podcasts?

SF: I had been thinking about doing something for a while and then, during *Lockdown* earlier this year, I had a bit more time on my hands so I was able to bring it to life. I had a lot of people help me pull it all together; my parents, grandfather and especially my aunt Tara played a big part. I always had a passion for hurling and have been to every Limerick match with my grandfather since I was three years old.)

I love the excitement of the game, it's so fast-paced and unpredictable.

#### G&W; Who was the most interesting person you interviewed?

SF: That's a very hard question and I mean this when I say it, I couldn't pick one over the other. I had the privilege of interviewing Jimmy Quilty, Paudie O'Brien, Darran O'Sullivan and Bernie Savage. Each of them had a different perspective on the game - football, in Darran's case - and shared many great stories about their experiences playing hurling and football with me.

G&W: If you could choose one person from any sport anywhere in the world to interview, who would it be?



start, one of my goals is to interview Shane Dowling (If you are reading this, Shane, hit me up!). He is a phenomenal athlete; he contributed many times to Limerick's success and has been a big influence on me. I would also love to interview Shane Lowry, a golfer who has achieved so much, including winning the 2019 Open Championship. He also seems like a really sound fella and could teach me a thing or two! LeBron James would be another one for the list, for his achievements in basketball.

G&W; Do you plan to do further podcasts or have you any other plans in the pipeline?

SF; Yes definitely, it's on the cards for 2021. If anyone is

interested in participating please get in touch!









Spilling da Tae with Jimmy Quilty

You can check out the Spill da Tae podcasts on-line at: spilldataepodcast.podbean.com



#### The Lundon Eye

By James Lundon

#### 2020 National Hurling League Final & Munster Hurling Championship Quarter-Final

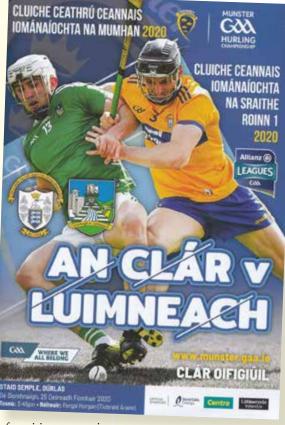
Limerick's last appearance in a Munster Hurling Championship game in the month of October was a losing one: they lost to Tipperary in a Munster final played in Dungarvan back in 1924 ... the tail-end of the Civil War. The last time Limerick played a National Hurling League final so late in the year was in 1947. That year, Limerick and Kilkenny played out a draw in Croke Park on November 9th. Limerick won the replay at the same venue on March 7th, 1948 ... the tail-end of The Emergency.

The year 2020 will be remembered for many things: the inter-county GAA season running late will not be one of them as far as most people are concerned. Top of the list will be COVID-19, lockdowns, face-masks, hand sanitizer ... and toilet rolls. Enough said! Limerick GAA

supporters, however, will have plenty of positive memories to recall from one of the strangest years on record.

Limerick's 2020 National Hurling League (Division 1A) campaign began all the way back in January with a come-from-behind victory over Tipperary in Thurles. A week later, they followed up with a good win against Galway at home, and then, three weeks later, with a brilliant away victory over Cork (who were wearing their special black-themed jerseys) in the new *Páirc*. A facile victory over Westmeath at home followed seven days later. A last-round home victory over Waterford on March 7th ensured that Limerick topped Division 1A. Then, nothing! Thirty-four weeks passed before Limerick met Clare, who qualified as winners of Division 1B, in the 2020 National League final.

A lot happened between March and October. The early summer lockdown was followed by a couple of frenetic months of club-only GAA action. For some, the action was cut short in early October when a second major lockdown started to bite hard. "Elite" sport continued;



one of the first big intercounty matches was fixed for October 25th, the date of a novel *dual-purpose* clash between Limerick and Clare.

The following is an account of how this dual-purpose match came about. The round-robin Munster Hurling Championship was re-drawn due to COVID-19. As a result, Limerick were drawn to play Clare in the only Munster quarter-final. Serendipity dictated that this match would double up as the National Hurling League final (Note: the 2020 cross-over semi-finals were dispensed with due to time constraints). It would be a unique game, counting for both League and Championship purposes. A strange game for

strange times!

As a result of the re-draw, the match was listed for Thurles, a neutral venue, and not Ennis as per the original draw. It would be live on television but there would be no fans in attendance. I, and many like me, worried that there would not be a match-day programme. Good sense prevailed, however, and thanks to Munster GAA's Social Media Manager, Ed Donnelly, a programme was produced and some were available to buy, much to the delight of more than one hundred serious programme collectors across the country! Programmes have been produced for League finals since the late 1930s and the streak would continue into 2021!

The build-up to the game was quite muted, most likely because of the possibility that the game would not take place due to a steady rise in the number of Covid-19 cases in the country. Just one week previously, the Minor and U-20 inter-county championships were postponed indefinitely. This included postponement of



the All-Ireland U-20

Football Championship final, a game that was due to be played the same weekend as our *dual purpose* game.

Little of the usual build-up attended the meeting of Limerick and Clare for the 58th time in Championship history, although there was some fun to be had on Facebook with the members of a new group that was set up in March – after the Waterford game – to build on the successes of the last few years: 'CUIMHNIGH AR LUIMNEACH: Limerick GAA Supporters Group'. Check it out!

Game day dawned with nowhere to go, except on or behind the couch! No early "dinner", no flask and sandwiches, no mid-morning incursion into County Tipperary - from whatever direction, no pre-game meet-ups, no securing of the vital *official* programme, no curtain-raiser, no long warm-up, no national anthem, just the telly come 3:45 pm. I skipped the Sunday Game analysis and almost muted the commentary as it was Marty 'Clare' Morrissey. I can see the game well enough with my own two eyes without being told what I'm looking at.

There was a very strange vibe to the contest itself, no crowd-noise and little on-pitch verbals, that I could hear anyway. Thurles was empty; it felt like a challenge game that was being played behind closed doors. This was just the second time since 1994 that I was not present at a Limerick Munster Hurling Championship game. I was terribly nervous, even more so at half time with the teams level at 0-15 each, and us not having played well. A popular bookmaker had Limerick 6-point favourites before the throw-in. Things were much tighter on the pitch than in some bookie's ledger!

We started the second half in lightning fashion, but soon gave most of our advantage back by conceding a soft goal. Soon after, we launched our now-famed third-quarter push and swept Clare aside with an avalanche of scores. (Speaking of quarters, I am no fan of the new-fangled 'water break'. I hope it will be done away with in 2021). Gearóid Hegarty was at the heart of most of Limerick's best work.

After the game, it took me an hour to fully unwind, such was the stress of watching the game on the small screen. I preoccupied myself with cleaning the cooker at a time when I usually would have been stuck in traffic in Templemore on my way back

to Galway. In any case, I discovered that I am a very poor armchair supporter!

Thirty-six points was a massive score, a record for the Limerick seniors in either League or Championship hurling. Eleven different scorers helped us achieve our ten-point victory. The winning margin did not flatter us in any way. This was our thirteenth League title (5-in-a-row in the mid 1930s, 1947, 1971, 1984 & 1985, 1992, 1997 and 2019 & 2020). Captain, Declan Hannon became just the fourth Limerickman to lead the county to a League title more than once. Leonard Enright, Mick Mackey and Timmy Ryan are the other three. Limerick are now fourth, only one title behind Cork (last success in 1998), in the National League roll of honour.

I received my printed programme in the post a couple of days after the game - 24 pages (glossy), standard size, no cover-price (it wasn't on sale on match-day), nine pages of advertisements and fifteen pages of teams, introductions, general information, interesting statistics. With this new addition, my 'streak' of Limerick SHC programmes now extends from the drawn 1944 Munster Final all the way to 2020. Wouldn't it be great to add three more before Christmas!

#### PS.

Jerome Boylan - born in June 1999 - made both his League and Championship debut very late on in this game (one minute to go). We are getting dangerously close to the day when a man born in the 2000s will play senior hurling for Limerick in the Championship!

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Pa Buckley

# THE BALLAD OF THE WESTON WARRIOR

By Liam O'Brien

Hail to the Weston Warrior!
Pa Buckley is his name;
You'll see him in the Green and White at every Limerick game!

In Thurles or in Croker, you'll hear his battle call: it's 'LIMERICK! LIMERICK!' the greatest of them all!

His castle is a sight to see, the trophies ever growing: With bunting, posters on display and Limerick flags a' blowing!

So next time when you hear the call from Limerick's bravest son;
Be sure to follow faithfully,
for he's the chosen one!

Hail to the Weston Warrior! with war-paint on his face; The truest heart on Shannonside, who loves his native place!

# PRIZE CROSSWORD

To enter Crossword Competition 72, 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 47 for last term's answers and winners.

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#### **TRASNA**

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- 8 Prizes presented to winners after finals (6)
- 9 Irish province with 9 counties in it (6)
- 10 3D shape with 6 square faces (4)
- 12 Popular Christmas movie (3)
- 13 Small, green Star Wars character (4)
- 16 Cool dude who works in freezers (6)
- 17 "The Limerick (?)", a popular newspaper (6)
- 18 (?) Geary, Cork camogie & TV star (4)
- 21 Irish for "three" (3)
- 22 Movie about humans trapped in a video game (4)
- 24 What does the "B" in "FBI" stand for? (6)
- 25 Red-breasted birds (6)
- **26** Untie A CAMP ROPE, to find a Limerick village! (9)



#### SÍOS

- 2 Limerick Senior Football county champions in 2020 (5)
- 3 Opposite of "Western" (7)
- 4 Seán Finn's home club (5)
- 5 Mr (?) Parker, the guy who wants to know all your business! (5)
- A country in western South America (4)
- 7 Something you can plant to grow a plant! (4)
- 10 The most populous country of all (5)
- 11 Na Piarsaigh hurling brothers: Adrian & David (?) (5)
- 14 The (?) of Malta, providers of 1st Aid & ambulances at matches (5)

15 First name of Limerick hurlers, (?) Costello and (?) Gillane (5)

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- 17 Least populated Irish county (7)
- 19 The name of a person, place or thing (4)
- 20 A place where gladiators fought (5)
- 21 Big loser in 2020 U.S. Presidential Election (5)
- 22 Irish word for a "well", such as the one in Patrickswell (5)
- 23 Noise a pig makes (4)

#### Scribble Box

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# CARTOON CORNER



# At last, we got our Covid Tactics the right way around! Now I get it! Social but not for backs Now I get it! Social but not for backs

# Recider Arthur By Wren Carey, Ball

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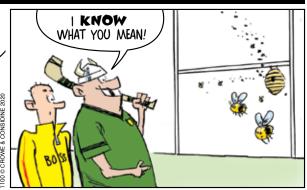




#### SETANTA MCFANTA



#### A LEGEND IN HIS OWN HELMET



# What did we do ng the lockdown

Schools may have been closed from March to September, the gates at GAA grounds around the county may have been locked, and all GAA group activities may have been cancelled, nonetheless, the team who bring you The Green & White Magazine were as busy as ever throughout the first Covid-19 Lockdown. On these pages we look back at some of the initiatives the G&W team started up • just as everything else was closing down • to keep Green and White fans everywhere entertained.

#### The #G&W123 Quizzes

A series of novel guizzes devised by The G&W Team proved to be one of the biggest hits of Summer 2020. For two months, a new quiz was posted to Twitter every day and by the end of the series these guizzes had been viewed on-line more than a quarter of a million times!

The format of the novel mini-quizzes was as follows: 1 x sports question + 2 x music/movies questions + 3 x general knowledge questions = G&W123 Quizzes! The fact that the quizzes were easy to do and that they appealed to people of all ages and all interests probably explains the popularity of these entertaining little brain-teasers.

There were joint-winners of the prize for Best Answering over the 52-quiz series: (1st Place ): Nikki Hayes, Ballylanders and Eoin Gleeson, Herbertstown. Other top quizzers included: Paul O'Dea, Ray Ryan (East Limerick), Ciara Tobin, Ger Nix (Limerick City), and @granballcamogie (West Limerick). Here are two of the quizzes; the full series is available at @LimerickGAAzine (March - May Tweets)...

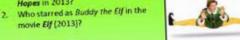
> The G&W 1-2-3 Quiz! **CREEN&WHITE**

Enter by DM or by replying to this Tweet (include #GW123 ) -- 10 Prizes

What surname connects a 2019 Limerick Camogle All-Star with a 2018 Limerick Hurling All-Star?

#### MUSIC/MOVIES

- Which Irish band had a worldwide hit with the song, High
- Hopes in 2013?
- movie Elf (2013)?



#### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- What is the second largest county in Ireland?
- What is the name of the hip-hop duo from Limerick whose classic recordings include Horse Outside and I Wanna Fight Your Father?
- How many All-Ireland Senior Football Championships has Limerick won?

inners will be announced next week... There will be 5 prizes for the best quit a draw for 5 more prizes for everybody who takes part in the #GW123 Quits

### The G&W 1-2-3 Quiz!

One Sports question—Two Music/Movie questions—Three General Knowledge questions

The Green and White Magazine Daily Quiz (for the next few weeks, at least...) Enter by DM or by replying to this Tweet (include #GW123 )—10 Prizes \*

#### SPORT

1. Who did Newcastlewest defeat in the 2019 Limerick County Senior Football Championship final?

#### MUSIC/MOVIES

- What is the name of the famous Swedish pop group who won the 1974 **Eurovision Song Contest when they** sang, Waterloo?
- 2. Which Irish actress played the lead role in each of the following movies: Brooklyn, Hanna and Ladybird?

#### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- Which famous man said: "Any customer can have a car painted any color that he wants so long as it is black?"
- In which Leinster county is Trim Castle?
- There is a statue of the Bard of Thomond near King John's Castle in Limerick City. Who was the Bard of Thomond?

ewinners will be announced when schools reopen... There will be 5 prizes for the best ers and a draw for 5 more prizes for everybody who takes part in the #GW123 Qubz

#### **G&W Mini-Crosswords**

In early summer, G&W readers who are also fans of puzzles and crosswords were entertained by a series of mini-crosswords which were posted to our Twitter page each day for a month. Here's a selection of what was on offer for the delectation of cruciverbalists of all ages, a few short months ago!

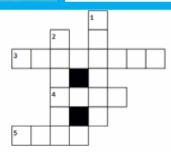
The answers to these, and all our on-line quizzes and crosswords, are available on our Twitter page among our May and June 2020 Tweets. G&W Mini-Crossword No. 14 2020 Hurling Championship



per of matches Limerick would be required and All-Ireland champions in 2020 Q/F of the 2020 Munster

G&W Mini-Crossword No.13

Theme: Limerick GAA Managers



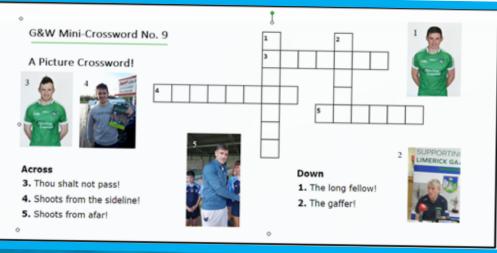


#### Across

- 3. Offalyman who managed Limerick
- 4. Garryspillane native, born in 1974

#### Down

- 1. Limerickman who managed Offaly
- 2. Kerryman who managed the Limerick football team,



A photo from 2014, when we were also in nostalgic mood and celebrating former Primary Game players who became county Minor hurlers in 2014

#### **Throwback Thursdays**

Blasts from the past, in the form of re-tweeted photos from our archives, were a very popular feature of The G&W's digital output during the spring Covid-19 Lockdown. We posted dozens of photographs of school, divisional and county teams from days gone by and each one was viewed thousands of times. As a result of the high level of interest in these photos, we propose to continue posting snaps from the vaults on our social media channels in the weeks and months ahead.

The following is a small selection of *throwback* 



The Green and White @LimerickGAAzine

Blast from the past: 3 lads who played minor hurling for Limerick in 2014 (in their 'Primary Game' days). Guess who!





The Green and White @LimerickGAAzine

Declan Hannon collected the Allianz Hurling League trophy today. Fourteen years ago, he was the proud captain of West Limenck, winners of the 2005 Mackey Cup. The 2019 Mackey Cup takes place on Wednesday May 8th.



# FUNRGAMES CONTROLLED

We hope you have fun puzzling your way through this page. There are many more G&W quizzes and crosswords for you to enjoy on our Twitter page: just go to @LimerickGAAzine and search back through our posts, particularly the content we posted between March and June, 2020. The answers to the puzzles below are to be found there too!

#### The G&W 123 Quiz

- 1 Sports question
- 2 Music/Movie questions
- 3 General knowledge question

Sport

Who is this hurler?



Music/Movies

Who is this actor?



Who is this singer?



General Knowledge Who are these Limerick people?







#G&W123 Quiz No. 46 – first published in May 2020 (no 46 in our 52-part quiz series on Twitter). All 52 quizzes are available on our Twitter back catalogue. Enjoy!

#### "Were You Paying Attention?"

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

- 1 Who is the captain of the Limerick Ladies football team for 2020?
- 2 "Parish Maps" is a current fundraiser for which West Limerick GAA club?
- 3 What primary school did Shane Dowling attend?
- 4 What club does Limerick senior football captain, lain Corbett play for?
- 5 What anniversary will Cumann na mBunscol celebrate in 2021?
- 6 Which South Limerick primary school won the Best Small School category at the 2020 Cumann na mBunscol National Awards?
- 7 Which Limerick GAA club is illustrator Damien Quinn's home club?
- 8 Who did Limerick defeat in the 2020 National Hurling League final?
- 9 Which Limerick primary school won the award for Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture at the Cumann na mBunscol National Awards in Thurles, earlier this year?
- 10 Which Limerick Minor hurler, who plays his club hurling for Balllybrown, is interviewed in this issue of The Green & White?
- 11 Which charitable organisation in Limerick benefitted from this summer's "Hit the Woah" fundraiser?
- 12 Who is the subject of the poem, "The Ballad of the Western Warrior"?

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### **Hurlers' Eyes**

#### Recognise these hurlers' eyes?

Then complete the G&W Mini Crossword

#### Across

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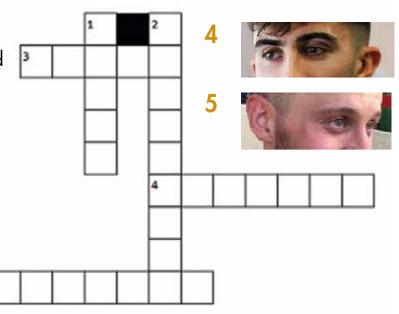






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# In off the POST

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#### **Crossword 71 Winners**

Aoife Holland c/o Ahane NS; Martha Bowles c/o Oola NS; Liam Fitzgerald, Kilcornan; Paul Allen, via email.

#### **Crossword 71 Answers**

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Síos: 2 Arena 3 Emerald 4 Flick 5 River 6 Area 7 Stop 10 Lohan 11 Virus 14 Otter 15 Ennis 17 Sixteen 19 Adam 20 Happy 21 First 22 Adare 23 Milk

Crossword No. 72 is on Page 42. To be in with a chance of winning a prize, email your answers to: info@thegreenandwhite.com, or send a photocopy of your completed crossword to: The G&W, 37 College Gate, Summerville Ave, SCR, Limerick.

#### And there's more!

There are many more G&W guizzes and crosswords for you to enjoy on our Twitter page: just go to @LimerickGAAzine and search through our March, April, May & June 2020 posts.

G&W Issue No. 73 is on the way! In our Spring 2021 issue, we'll have lots of football, camogie, hurling and handball photos from South Limerick schools; a feature on the legendary Timmy Ryan by Tom Ahern; Liam O'Brien's memories of the 1992 NHL final; interviews with rising and established Limerick GAA stars; and, of course, all your favourite articles, cartoons and puzzles.

To share your news, suggestions or views, email us at: info@thegreenandwhite.com

#### Dear Editors,

I hope all the GAA games will be back next year. We had training at school this year but no matches against other schools. It will be great when everything is back to normal.

Cian O'Neill, Mungret (by email)

#### Dear Editors,

Is there any chance you have a photo of the South Limerick team that won the Mackey Cup in '97?

Mike Fitzgerald, Herbertstown NS

\*We don't have a photo of this team to hand but we hope to locate one in the Green and White Archive.



#### Pa Ranahan @PaRanahan (October 31, 2020)

McGrath Cup •

Promotion and League Winners •

Championship Win •

Can't ask for any more than that so far. Great to have another week of playing at this time of year.

\* Former Limerick footballer, and current Limerick Football Post Primary School Development Officer, Pa Ranahan reflects on a great year for Billy Lee's men.

#### GerUnCanning @NotGerCanning

I have one question for you? Where are the 14 national awards kept? Maybe a @LimerickGAAzine museum in the pipeline... :)

Well done to all involved- well deserved! Have spent many a night perusing the interesting articles and photos in the magazine!

\*A message received shortly after The G&W was named Publication of the Year at the 2020 Cornmarket National Awards Banquet

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