

THE GREEN & WHITE

Limerick GAA Youth Magazine



**Niall Moran....
Lord of the Dance**

**Introducing
Justin McCarthy**

GAA -125 Years Young



Throw In

We hope you enjoy this, the first issue of 2009. We're sure you have already noticed that "The Green and White" has changed... full colour, a different shape and 32 pages. It's a special issue to mark a special year. The GAA is 125 years young this year, on November 1st, to be exact.

SPECIAL EDITION

We thought we'd like to mark this birthday with a special edition of your favourite magazine. We hope you like the new look "Green and White". And we want to hear if you do. Or even if you don't.

GAA 125

125 years of progress. The GAA is the largest, most successful amateur sporting organisation in the world. Is there a finer spectacle anywhere than a game of hurling? Or a more skilful sport? Is there any organisation anywhere in the world that has a branch in every parish of its country? Truly Gaelic Games are our National Games. And international too. When Dublin and Tyrone met in Croke Park in the opening round of this year's National Football League, those amateur players were playing in front of the biggest crowd to attend any sporting event anywhere in the world that weekend. Bigger than attended at Old Trafford, the Bernabeu, Melbourne Cricket Ground, or any other sporting venue you care to name.

JUSTIN McCARTHY

In this issue, we introduce Justin Mc Carthy to Limerick fans. To say that Justin is charismatic does not do justice to this legendary hurler and coach. He is a man driven in the pursuit of excellence. Hurling is in his thoughts every hour of every day. And just because he's 64 doesn't stop him taking out his hurley and testing himself every chance he gets. He is a man of many interests, some far from the tumult of Croke Park or Thurles. The details await you within...

JOHN HAYES & PALLAS PRINTING

Finally, our thanks to John Hayes and his staff at Pallas Printing for their huge contribution to this magazine over the years. Pallas Printing ceased trading at the end of 2008. John Hayes' involvement in The Green and White story goes back to the very beginning, September 1996 to be precise. That's when the first issue was printed. For the next 12 years, three times a year, the magazine continued to be printed in Pallaskenry.

It was John who provided the sponsorship to cover the cost of our first full-colour cover and, indeed, it was John who suggested the move from an A5-format magazine to the square-shaped magazine that became so familiar throughout the county from 1999 onwards. We wish John and his colleagues a very happy retirement and we look forward to receiving John's input into future issues of The Green and White.

Luimneach abú,

Ciarán Crowe & Joe Lyons/Joint Editors

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GAA 125

Fireworks lit up the Dublin sky as the GAA launched a year of celebrations to mark the 125th anniversary of its founding at the conclusion of the Dublin v Tyrone NFL game at Croke Park. Exciting events during the year will include Schools Day on April 24th (see Page 4 for further details), the launch of a special set of coins, and the recent St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin had a GAA theme. For a more detailed list of events, check out www.gaa.ie and click on the *125 Calendar link*.



Mark Foley

Mark Foley has been nominated by his club, Adare to captain the Limerick Senior Hurling team in 2009. Mark made his first championship appearance for Limerick in 1995. So, 2009 is Mark's fifteenth consecutive year wearing the green and white. It is also his fourth term as Limerick captain.



Lights, Compromise Rules, Action! And that's Great News for Limerick!

Let there be light... October 24th, has been designated as the date for the switching on of the floodlights at Páirc na nGael. On that evening, the First Test in the 2009 Ireland v Australia Compromise Rules Series will be played at the Ennis Road venue.



Irish 'Star' Kieran Donaghy

Stack Says Club is Special

Tommy Stack says that winning the Munster club football title with Drom-Broadford was the stuff of dreams.

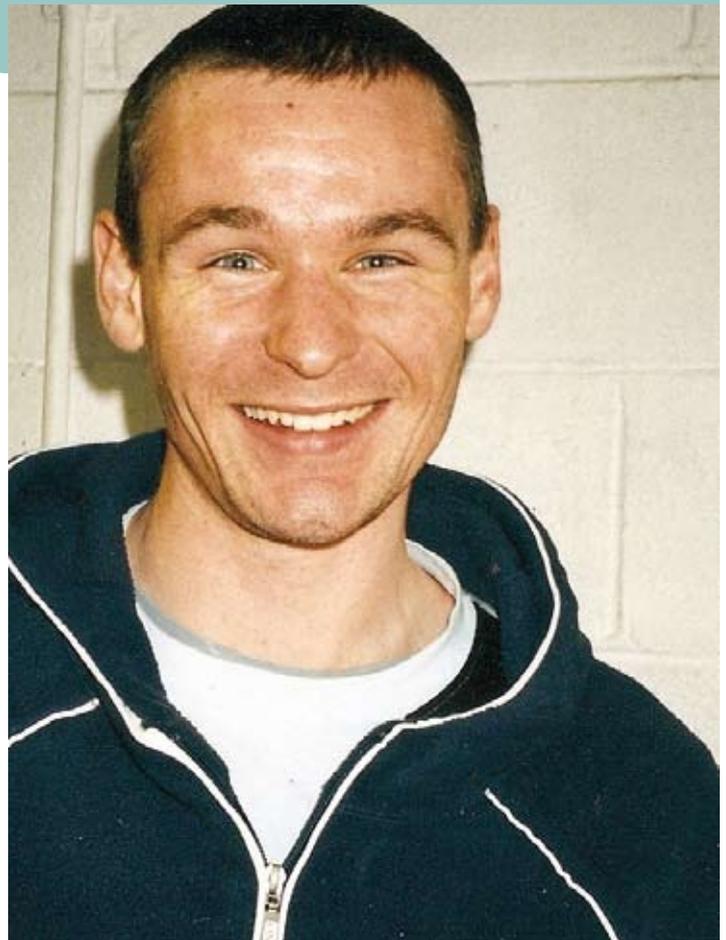
The Limerick champions had one point to spare over Clare kingpins, Kilmurry-Ibrickane to become the first Limerick club in 30 years to win the Munster football crown. "We had such hard work put in this year. We knew something special was going to happen and it just snowballed".

Tommy, who is a teacher in St Joseph's BNS,

Rathkeale, went on to say that winning with the club easily outweighed anything he has done with the county side.

"For me it is more special than anything because the club is where you grow up and where your friends are and where you kick football as a young fella. So to represent your club in a Munster final is phenomenal really".

He added: "It is beyond my wildest dreams. Having experiences with the county was great but I would have to say it is more special- I am thinking of my family and all the fellas I have played with over the years."



Cumann na mBunscol News



GAA 125

This year we celebrate 125 years since the foundation of the Gaelic Athletic Association. April 24th, 2009 has been designated GAA 125 Schools Day. On this day, schools are asked to become involved in a celebration of Gaelic Games. Suggested activities include: playing Gaelic games (hurling, camogie, Gaelic football, handball and/or rounders), inviting a GAA personality to visit your school, using your school's Céim ar Aghaidh pack, uploading an article about your local club to Wikipedia or wearing a GAA jersey to school. No doubt, many schools will come up with their own original ideas to mark this special milestone. There is more information about GAA 125 on Pages 16 & 17 of this issue of The Green and White.

Note for teachers: GAA-themed lessons and resources may be downloaded from www.ceim.gaa.ie

"GAA 125" Quiz

Even if it rains every day during the month of April, there's still something your school can do on April 24th to mark GAA 125 Schools Day. Just log on to the Green and White website (www.thegreenandwhite.com) and see how many questions you can answer in the Bumper Anniversary Quiz.

Sisk Group/The Irish Times GAA Photography Competition

The Sisk Group and The Irish Times are both celebrating anniversaries in 2009. They have teamed up with the GAA and Cumann na mBunscol to hold a competition for any schools who participate in GAA 125 Day. To enter, schools are invited to send a maximum of two photos to: circulation@irish-times.ie



Dates for your Diary

Inter City U13 Hurling Challenge

Sunday March 29th 2009

Cork City (Sciath naScol)
v Limerick City (Cumann na mBunscol)

INTO Mini Sevens County Finals

Thursday April 23rd at Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale.

12 noon: Girls Football
1.15 p.m.: Boys Football

Tuesday April 28th at Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale.

12 noon: Camogie
1.15 p.m. Hurling

Allianz Mackey Cup 2009.

Monday May 18th. at Páirc na nGael

3.45 p.m. West v City
4.30 p.m. South v East
5.30 p.m. FINAL

Allianz Neville Shield 2009

Thursday May 21st. at Páirc na nGael
3.45 p.m. East Limerick v South Limerick
4.30 p.m. Limerick City v West Limerick
5.30 p.m. FINAL (This is 15-a-side camogie)

Limerick Leader Cup 2009.

Monday June 8th. at Páirc na nGael
1.30 p.m. South champions v East champions
2.15 p.m. West champions v City champions
3.15 p.m. FINAL

The Green and White Shield 2009-02-10

Thursday June 11th at Páirc na nGael.

1.30 p.m. South champions v City champions
2.15 p.m. West champions v East champions
3.15 p.m. FINAL

Note: this is a 12-a-side tournament contested by the A division camogie champions in each area of the county.

Meet Justin McCarthy

Limerick's new Senior Hurling Manager is a true legend of the game. He is also a human dynamo with a wealth of experience and a store of fascinating ideas to share, as we discovered when we met him recently for an in-depth interview.

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Sixty Four next June, Justin McCarthy shows no signs of slowing down. A Cork player into his late 30's and a club player in to his late 40's, he still manages to play, "a bit of hurling most days" and to cycle up to 10 miles around his beloved Rochestown every day. And, for almost forty years he has been driving all over the country training County teams in Antrim, Clare, Cork and Waterford (not to mention Cashel King Cormacs in Tipperary)—as well as doing, "The 'day job'... an Area Marketing and Sales Manager with Tedcastles/TOP Oil, although I'm in semi-retirement now."

FAMILY & HOME

Family, he explains, is his wife, Patricia, "She has strong Limerick connections with Ardpatrick and Effin," their three children and two grandchildren, "and one on the way!"

"I live next door to the house where I was born. In Rochestown. Surrounded by fields and countryside and nature. I love rural life, quietness—being away from the hustle appeals to me.

HOBBIES

"I love photography, especially landscape photography. I've had a few exhibitions over the years. I like gardening too. And nature. I have a great interest in travelling and meeting people. Remote places fascinate me. The Scottish Highlands; the Hebrides... You meet very interesting people there, on the Isle of Lewis, on Harris, North Uist and Barra.. It's a five hour boat-trip to get to Barra--but it's worth it. To meet the people at church or on the small pier all dressed up to go to the mobile cinema... I like going to British Columbia too, near Alaska, to watch bears and eagles. Or up the Rocky Mountains ... remote places.

DRIVING

"I never owned a car before I was 33 years old. I've done a lot of driving since then. I always look after the car I'm driving with great care. At the moment, I'm driving a Honda Jeep. I never minded driving. Driving gives me a chance to think (often about matches!) and to listen to the radio and to pray. I never forget to keep in touch with God. I ask Him for guidance every day. We all need guidance.

MUSIC & MORE

If I'm listening to music in the car, I listen to traditional music, or ballads, or Country & Western music. Paddy O' Brien, Jim Reeves...they're some of my favourites. I like songs with good words. The last film I saw in a cinema was on the island of Barra. Mamma Mia it was. There were about 60 people at it, in a mobile cinema that folded out of a truck. Before that, it was The Wind the Shakes the Barley. And the last film I saw in a cinema before that was The Ten Commandments! (A Cecil B de Mille film made in 1956! G&W). As for the TV, I don't watch too much. I'd watch political programmes, world news, CNN ... Irish people are inquisitive! I like documentaries. And nature programmes. And wildlife and travel programmes too.

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Meet Justin McCarthy continued

PETS

“Sadly, Misty, our dog, died about 6 months ago. Cashel was another dog we had. Cashel used to bring the ball back to me! We’ve no pet now. Unless you count our fox! For the last few months, a fox has been coming up to our door in the evenings—and more recently right into our kitchen. She even takes food from my hand now. The fox will come if I whistle for her. She’s having cubs soon...

OTHER SPORTS

“Other sports? Well, hurling, hurling and hurling! And I’d watch a bit of golf on the TV. I enjoy that but I wouldn’t have the time to play it. I played Gaelic when I was younger.

“J1” & “J2”

“Personality-wise, I have two personalities—there’s ‘J1’ and ‘J2.’ J1 is the chatty, relaxed fellow talking to you now. J2 is the no-nonsense fellow on the training field focused on detail—and high-quality training ... and ... DISCIPLINE!

PERSONALITY

I’m an optimist—but I’m a realist too. I’m a very regimented person. I like to do the same things at the same time every day—things like sitting in the same seat at the same time for breakfast every morning. I’m a man in a hurry; I’ve no time for dabbling...or messing. There are 8 clocks in my house. There’s even one in the bathroom... and one in the hall. I don’t like wasting time. I learned something about the value of time many years ago when I worked in a Dutch-owned shipyard in Cork. The owners put up a sign that read, ‘If you have 5 minutes to spare, don’t spend it with someone who hasn’t.’

Time is precious. **G&W**



Justin McCarthy Hurling Matters!

HIGHLIGHTS

“Playing for my County, at the highest level... winning an All-Ireland final (in 1966) puts a cap on a lot of things! I have 15 scrapbooks of playing and coaching memories at home. I often look at them. As a coach, there have been many highlights. There’s great satisfaction from helping teams, big and small, to achieve some success—especially when they’ve been starved of it for a long time. Antrim’s Intermediate All-Ireland title, Cashel King Cormac’s first County title in 50 years, Clare’s success, Waterford’s outstanding breakthrough... the All-Ireland Cork won in 1984 (Justin managed the team with Fr. O’Brien. *Ed*)... helping players and teams reach their potential is my reward.

MINDSET

People believe what they want to believe. And, if that includes, ‘You’ll never beat Kilkenny,’ then you probably won’t. But beliefs can be changed. Cashel, Clare or Waterford, none of them would have achieved anything if they hadn’t changed their mindset. In Cork, we genuinely believed that we had a real chance of winning every match we played, no matter who we were playing, no matter what the circumstances. That’s the way you have to think if you want to be the best.

MOTIVATION

“Your burning ambition must be to play for the team. Nothing must faze you. I tell County players, ‘Have pride in your County’, it’s the same for whatever team you play for. If you have that pride you can motivate yourself.

TEST YOURSELF ALL THE TIME

“I’ve played hurling all my life. I still play every day in a small 40-yard field I have at the back of my house. Youngsters and older fellows call in all the time for a puck around. You have to play—and practise—as much as you can, pucking a ball against a wall, hand-passing a ball against a wall—100 times with your left hand, then the same with your right. That’s what Kilkenny lads do—what D.J. Carey did, and he could handpass a ball into the next field! Make up games. Test yourself all the time. I have three trees at home, I use them for target games, hitting the trunk—or between two trees— and so on. Sometimes I use three or four sliotars and give each one a different number and then make up games where the balls ‘compete’ against each other, to see which one wins. In my playing days I practised every day, even on Christmas Day...in the ball alley.

DISCIPLINE & MUTUAL RESPECT

“You have to have discipline. Remember, if you slack on the small things you can’t expect to get the big things right. Small things like being on time, being prepared for what you’re about to do are very important to me. Respect is vital too. You can’t work with large groups if there isn’t mutual respect. We all have a job to do—players, managers, County Board. We must all remember no-one is bigger than the team.

SIMPLE GAME

“Hurling is a simple game. It’s a game of instinct and reaction. It’s a game of repetition. If you repeat the same things often enough in training or on your own you won’t make mistakes. Mistakes lose matches. Mistakes can be avoided. You have to practise the same things over and over and over again—then, in a match, when it really matters you won’t leave a ball behind you ... or fail to rise it when you’re under pressure. Skill levels have to be high. They have to be at a constant level. You have to get your skill level up and up and up. That stands to you, and it stands to you in a special way late in games. There’s no crash course to success. You have to practise, practise, practise.

SKILL

“To be a top player you have to develop your full potential. Most players never reach more than 70%! As I’ve said, ‘Practise, practise, practise... As a coach I believe in providing quality training every night. You must add to what players already have, make it better, develop them. Every player must get hundreds of touches on the ball every time they train. That develops first touch, control—speeds up thinking. They learn about strong grip, soft grip, holding the hurl at different angles... Skill development is ongoing. Players can improve at any age. Learning when you’re young is an advantage, though.

SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS!

In hurling, we have the greatest game in the world. We in the GAA fall down when it comes to promoting what we’ve got. Sometimes GAA commentators and others seem to be looking for the negatives. We must promote the positives. We need to make a lot more of the players because it’s the very least these fantastic people deserve. We must also promote the organisation itself, and do this without forgetting where we came from.

PRESENT DAY HURLERS

“True, they’re not brought up as hard as we were in my day—and they start out a bit softer. But hurleys, grips, sliotars, training, coaches are all better now. Without a doubt, the best hurlers are there now. They are faster. Fitter. More skilful.

Justin Talks about Limerick Hurling

“I was nearly born in Limerick, you know. My father was a farm manager in Athlacca but the family moved back to Cork... just before I was born.

“There’s a lot of respect for Limerick hurling in Cork. I’d describe the Limerick style as tough, direct—let the ball go. There was always grit in Limerick play; they play with passion. There’s a lot of knowledge about hurling in Limerick. And the conversations about hurling are good too. That’s been very clear to me since I came.

“My first match against Limerick was in Killarney in the 1966 Munster final. One thing I remember about that match was racing out to a ball with Bernie Hartigan, then we heard a whistle and the two of us stopped—at exactly the same moment the two of us realized that it wasn’t the ref’s whistle we’d heard but one blown by someone in the crowd. Well, the two of us looked at each other and took off after the ball again! You remember things like that. Or like seeing a hurler in a helmet for the first time... that was in a Cork v Limerick match too. The player in the helmet was Donal Clifford. I think he was marking Pat Hartigan that day!

“My reward is leaving something behind me that’s better than what was there before”

“There are lots of Limerick players I’ve admired over the years. Believe it or not, even though I’m a Corkman, I heard of Mick Mackey before I heard of Christy Ring. Mackey was a legend in our house. So, you can imagine how proud I was to play for Munster when Mackey was a selector. Dick Stokes and Jackie Power were heroes in our house too. Other players I admired included Kevin Long from Feenagh, P.J. Keane, Tom McGarry, Vivian Cobbe, Jim Hogan the goalkeeper, and Tony O’Brien. In more recent times there were Liam O’Donoghue, Frankie Nolan, Eamon Cregan, Pat and Bernie Hartigan and the other brothers, Phil and Richie Bennis. And... Tommy Quaid. I got to know Tommy quite well from when we took part in the All-Ireland Puc Fada competitions in the Cooley Mountains. In the 90’s I had great time for lads like Mike Houlihan, Ciaran Carey and Gary Kirby. I admire fellows on the present Limerick team too!

“Sometimes you get a message, like the one I got from Donie Ryan lately, telling me ‘I won’t make the training session at the pool tonight because there’s two calves on the way...’ A thing like that reminds you how committed these guys are. It’s not easy keeping it all going, between training, travelling, playing matches and trying to make a living...

I want to make a contribution to Limerick hurling. I want to improve the players, to improve the team. I keep this in mind all the time. My reward is leaving something behind me that's better than what was there before.

Hopefully, many years from now, there will be a big 'Limerick' scrapbook on the McCarthy household bookshelf, just as outstanding as the other 15 – jam-packed with wonderful memories of the 'McCarthy Years' in the Green & White County.



Justin deep in thought during his interview for the Green and White Magazine

“If you have five minutes to spare, don't spend them with someone who hasn't”

That's something I learned when I worked in a Cork shipyard. It was a Dutch-owned company. The Dutch lads taught us all something about the value of time”.

G&W



Ten Things Teams Need to Know

- There is nobody—nobody—more important than the team!
- Discipline is of the utmost importance.
- Mentality must be right... be competitive. And, remember there's hardship on the road to success.
- The right path is not always the easy path.
- You need goodwill to create an environment for success.
- To succeed you have to have energy—and a good attitude
- There are no barriers, just challenges
- Sometimes... you have to gamble.
- Sometimes youth must have its fling.
- And—you have to have luck too...

West Limerick win Allianz Larkin Shield



The curtain came down on the 2008 Allianz Cumann na mBunscol football season at Mick Neville Park in Rathkeale when the girls of West Limerick regained the Larkin Shield.

Coached by Athea wizard Timmy Woulfe, West Limerick were indisputably the best team on view and Rebecca Delee was the tournament's outstanding player.



East Limerick who took part in the 2008 Larkin Shield

Result

FINAL: West Limerick 6-7: South Limerick 1-1

Semi-final 1: West Limerick 4-4: East Limerick 0-2

Semi-final 2: South Limerick 4-1: Limerick City 0-1

REFEREES

The referees for the Larkin Shield were Richard Moloney (Bruff) and Catherine Murphy (Mungret-St. Paul's).



Joe Lyons of Cumann na mBunscol presents the Larkin Shield to West captain Rebecca Delee



South Limerick Larkin Shield team 2008



South captain Brid Condon, ref Catherine Murphy, West captain Rebecca Delee



Limerick City Larkin Shield team 2008



West Limerick, winners of the 2008 Larkin Shield

Celebrating 125 Years of the GAA



GAA 125 Fireworks and Lights Show

BOOK LAUNCH

Cumann na mBunscol will celebrate GAA 125 by publishing a book entitled *(From Cumann na mBunscol to Páirc an Chrócaigh and Beyond.)*

This publication showcases sportspeople who played in Cumann na mBunscol competitions and later went on to represent their county in Croke Park or their country in international competition.

The book will be launched during Easter 2009. It will feature many people who are now household names including: Niamh Mulcahy and Michael Fitzgerald, of Limerick, Declan O’Sullivan of Kerry and Cork’s Sean Óg Ó’hAilpín. Did you know that World Champion boxer Katie Taylor represented her native Wicklow in Croke Park as a primary school pupil? Richie Power (Kilkenny), Barry Owens (Fermanagh) and Clare’s Diarmuid McMahon and Deirdre Murphy are among the many stars featured who learned their skills in their local national schools.

This stamp was launched in 1984 when the GAA celebrated its centenary

“ONE-TWO-FIVE” DAY

April 24th has been designated as “1-2-5 Schools Day.” Check out our Cumann na mBunscol News page for further details...

SPECIAL “125” ISSUE of THE GREEN & WHITE MAGAZINE

We hope you are enjoying this special issue of The Green and White. Let us know what you think of the new layout and size by contacting us at: info@thegreenandwhite.com



This postage stamp marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the GAA

WEBSITE QUIZ FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS

Be on the lookout for the Green and White Quiz which will appear on our website (thegreenandwhite.com) on April 24th. Maybe your teacher will organise a Table Quiz in your school on that day (a good idea if it's a wet day!). The answers to the quiz will appear in the next issue of this magazine.

LIMERICKS ABOUT LIMERICK

Here is an example of a "limerick". It has 5 lines and lines 1,2 and 5 rhyme with each other. Lines 3 and 4 also rhyme.

*There was a young lady from Niger
Who smiled as she rode on a tiger
They returned from the ride
With the lady inside
And a smile on the face of the tiger*

We want you to compose a limerick of your own. Your school or club must be mentioned in the limerick. The best entries will be published in our next issue and there will be a prize for the composer of each limerick published.



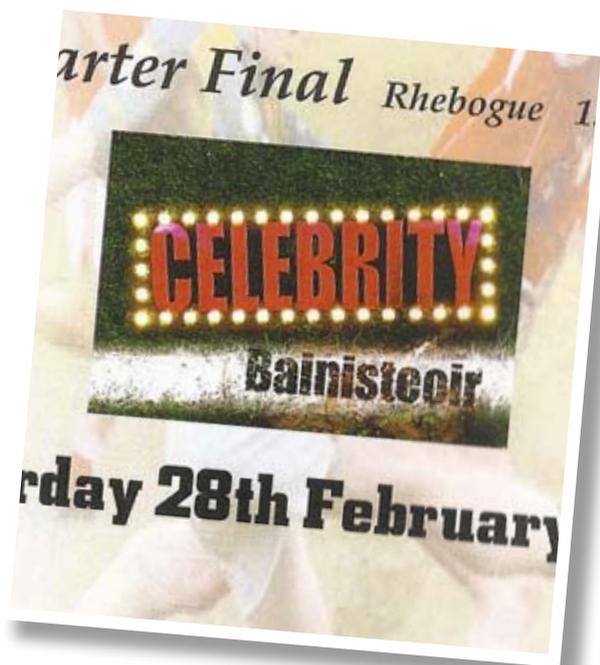
Getting in the Mood for a Birthday Party!



Uachtaran Nicky Brennan at the 125 Schools Day Launch



Celebrity Fun & Games!



Seamus Hickey XFactor

No Shortage of Factor X among Limerick GAA Stars

Celebrity X Factor, Celebrities on Ice, Celebrity Jay-Walking, Celebrity Jigs and Reels... It seems to be "Celebrity Whatever-You're-Having-Yourself" every time you turn on the TV these days. However, in recent times Limerick GAA stars have been using their fame to do good for others through their participation in a variety of celebrity events. Limerick Sporting X Factor, organised by David Dineen, featured 17 local sporting heroes, including ex-Limerick hurlers Leo O'Connor and Clem Smith and current star Seamus Hickey. Hickey's prowess as a Frank Sinatra impersonator impressed the judges so much that he won the competition! Next day, The Limerick Leader carried the following headline, "Seamus was best, to be Frank, at Limerick X Factor!!" Over 1,500 people attended the show which was a fund-raiser for the Cancer Care Unit in the Mid-West Regional Hospital.

Celebrity Jigs and Reels took place in March. Among the local celebrities who took part in the extravaganza were Niall Moran of Ahane and Limerick, ex Ireland rugby international, Peter Clohessy and Labour T.D., Jan O'Sullivan.

The Cancer Care Unit in the Regional Hospital also received the proceeds from this event. Moran matched Seamus Hickey's X-Factor success by winning the Jigs & Reels competition. Now defences all over the country can look forward to the awkward task of trying to mark the fleet-footed Moran who's sure to dazzle them all with his fancy footwork!

Celebrity Bainisteoir features Limerick City's St. Patrick's GAA club, this year. RTE star, Emma O'Driscoll, is St. Pat.'s Celebrity Manager. Ex-Limerick and Laois manager, Liam Kearns is acting as the Rhebogues club's special football consultant. In early March, St. Pat's played Sneem from Kerry and club stalwarts such as Jack Sheehan, Vivian Cobbe and Paddy Quilligan were delighted to witness their club's superb victory over the highly fancied south Kerry club side in the quarter final of the competition. A reliable source informs us that the lads have recorded a team song with ex-Six lead-singer, Emma O'Driscoll ("Here Come the Boys," according to The G&W Mole!) Check out the RTE Guide for details of airing times of this excellent series. **G&W**



Celtic Image Shield

Results

Semi Finals

Roxborough defeated Hospital

Finals

Roxborough defeated Newcastlewest



Roxborough win The Celtic Image Shield

By special reporters from Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh, Roxborough

The Semi-final

There was lots of excitement in the school as we set off for the County final on Friday, November 14th. Our first match was against Hospital. Roxborough got off to a slow start as Hospital notched the opening score. It was a tough match and it took us a while to get going. We were still behind at half time. Some encouraging words at half time gave us greater determination. Roxborough started to put points away slowly. We were still behind with a few minutes to go but a late goal by Chloe secured a 2-point win. We were in the County final!

by Sarah, Haylee, Aisling, Abbey and Shauna

The Final

Roxborough played Scoil Iósaf Newcastlewest in the final. An early goal from Ciara Stapleton gave us the start we needed. Half forwards Sarah and Aine were superb in getting the ball down to the full forwards. Chloe soon added two more goals to the our tally. Our captain Amy Dinneen led by example and played brilliantly in mid-field. Fiona did a superb job marking the talented number 12 for Newcastlewest. Fantastic defending from our backs Haylee and Abbey had held Newcastlewest to a single point in the first half. The half time score was 3-2 to 0-1.

Newcastlewest put up a mighty fight in the second half and put Roxborough under great pressure. The backs defended superbly and Ciara, Shannon and Ellen kept the score down. The goalkeeper put in a superb performance conceding only one goal. Subs Aisling and Shauna brought fresh legs to the game in the second half. Chloe and Ciara added a goal each to the final score line. There were great celebrations at the final whistle. It was undoubtedly a brilliant team performance. A big thank you to our supportive parents, coach Eileen Stapleton and mentors Donat Leahy and Neil Dignam.

by Ciara, Fiona and Amy

Roxborough Team: Amy Dinneen (Captain), Isobel Mc Namara, Chloe Dineen, Nicole McNamara, Julie Mc Namara, Fiona O'Shea, Ciara O'Halloran, Shannon Maher, Ellen Dilger, Aisling Horan, Katie McDonnell, Orla Mc Elhinney, Ciara Stapleton, Abbey Hickey, Haylee Dignam, Áine Ryan, Sarah Murphy, Shauna Ryan, Niamh McGee.



CIS Winners: Roxboro NS Girls Football team



Scoil Iosaf Newcastlewest



St Nessian's NS Mungret



Captains Call! Roxborough v Newcastlewest Amy Dineen and Ashley Normoyle with referee Catherine Murphy



Scoil Iosagain Hospital



Referee Catherine Murphy presents the Celtic Image Shield to Amy Dineen of Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh Roxboro



Allianz County Football Shield 2008/09

3-in-a-Row for St. Nesson's!

St. Nesson's NS, Mungret made it 3-in-a-row when they won the County Football Shield in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale. The County Football Shield is contested by the 15-a-side "A" champions from each of the four divisions. St. Nesson's, representing the City Division, defeated East representatives, Doon CBS in the final.

Results

Semi Finals

- 1: St. Nesson's NS defeated Courtenay Boys' NS
- 2: Doon CBS defeated Galbally NS

Finals

- St. Nesson's NS defeated Doon CBS

County Shield presentation to Mungret





Captains and referee meet before the final begins



Celebration time for St Nessans



Mungret County Shield Winners 2008

Doon CBS East Football Champions and County runners-up





Allianz Sarsfield Cup

East Limerick Bridge Ten Year

East Limerick won the Allianz Sarsfield Cup for the first time since 1998 when they overcame a fancied Limerick City side in the final of the 2008 tournament which was played at Neville Park, Rathkeale.

Joe Lyons of this magazine is a Sarsfield Cup veteran. "This year's tournament was one of the best ever," said Lyons. "In the quarter of a century since the first Sarsfield Cup was played, the standard has risen year in, year out and this year's tournament augurs well for the future of Limerick football."

Lyons added that, "Limerick hurlers Michael Fitzgerald and Denis Moloney were members of the last East team to win the trophy"

Semi-finals:

East Limerick advanced to the final when they overcame the South by 2-6 to 1-3. This was a close-fought encounter with the sides locked 1-1 apiece at the interval. Tom Morrissey had the East goal while Michael Donovan raised a green flag for the South. East took command after the break and Paddy Morrissey, Michael Wixted and Barry Murphy were inspired as they helped their team to the final.

In the other semi-final, the West, winners for the last three years, were shocked by a City team who won a thrill-a-minute match on a scoreline of 3-10 to 2-4. The Limerick City combination really

clicked into gear after the interval. Edward Doyle reigned supreme as target man, laying off to his colleagues or scoring himself. He was ably assisted by Ronan Lynch, Jack Harrington and Kieran Daly. Cillian Ryan and Ross Griffin dominated the central defensive positions for the City team as they advanced to the decider. Hughie Bourke and Jonathan Lyons were outstanding for the West.

Final

East Limerick 1-7: Limerick City 0-3

The City lads got off to a flying start with points from Edward Doyle and Ronan Murphy. The East boys were not fazed and responded with a goal from Dylan Sheehan which followed a period of sustained pressure. East seized the initiative and tacked on two further points before the break. The half-time score was:

East Limerick 1-2: Limerick City 0-2

City needed to score first after the interval but it was the East lads who got the next three points thanks to Shane O'Connell, Tom Morrissey and Barry Nash (son of former Limerick fullback Mike). Ronan Murphy narrowed the gap and Kieran Daly saw two great efforts shave the upright but the City could not breach the East rearguard in which Bernard Kennedy, Tom Morrissey and Darragh Fanning were rock-solid. Tom Morrissey rounded off victory for East with the last point of the game.



The Sarsfield CUP

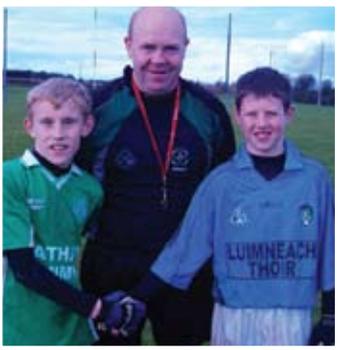
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East Limerick, winners 2008 Sarsfield Cup



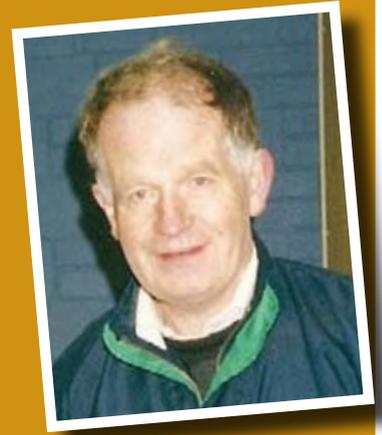
Limerick City, runners up in the Allianz Sarsfield Cup at Neville Park, Rathkeale



City captain Cillian Ryan and East captain Dylan Sheehan with referee Richard Moloney



East met South in the semi final.

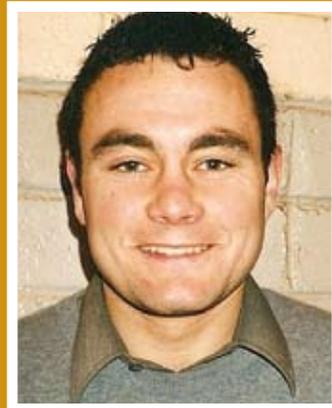


Paddy Hurley

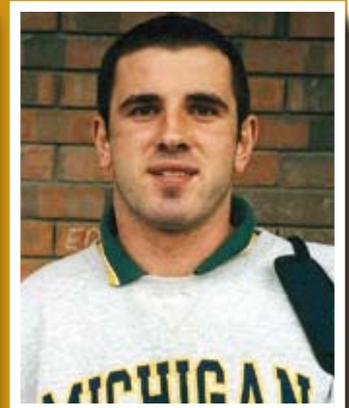
Best Wishes Paddy!

The Green and White sends its best wishes to Paddy Hurley who has retired after many years teaching in Croom NS. Paddy trained Croom NS to victory in the County Shield and Leader Cup and many other competitions while teaching at the school. Among those who benefited from Paddy's expertise were Limerick hurlers, Peter Lawlor and Stephen Lucey, star footballer, John Galvin and Damien McCrory who is making a name for himself at Coca Cola Championship side, Plymouth Argyle.

Famous past-pupils of Croom NS



Peter Lawlor



John Galvin

New Cup for 2009

Cumann na mBunscol Luimni decided to replace the Sarsfield Cup at its recent meeting. The meeting also decided that the new cup would be paid from the Mackey Draw Fund money that is given to the primary schools.

The Sarsfield Cup has been a feature of Cumann na mBunscol since 1983. Ollie Moran, Mark Foley, Tommy Stack, Jason Stokes all played in this tournament. Ireland's most-capped rugby player, John Hayes of Cappamore Boys N.S. lined out for East Limerick when he was only a "Bullock."

Annual AIB Munster Council Awards



Joe Lyons accepts an award on behalf of The Green & White

The 2008 Munster Council Awards were presented at a gala banquet at the Malton Hotel in Killarney, in December. There were a number of Limerick players and officials honoured, including :

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Footballer of the Year: | John Galvin |
| Handballer of the Year: | C.J. Fitzpatrick |
| U-21 Hurler of the Year: | Seamus Hickey |
| Intermediate Hurler of the Year: | Tom Condon |

...and ...

Distinguished Service Award: Coaching & Schools
The editors of The Green & White:
Ciaran Crowe & Joe Lyons



Liam Lenihan, Fr. E. Morrissey,
Joe Lyons, Owen Hayes, Br. JI Dormer.



Limerick handballer C J Fitzpatrick receives his award from Dan Nelligan



Pat Fitzgerald presents Limerick's Seamus Hickey with his Munster Council Award



Pat Fitzgerald presents Tom Condon with his Munster Council Award

East Limerick Indoor Hurling Championship



Ahane indoor team



Carnane indoor team



Doon indoor team

Glory for Roxborough

The East Limerick Indoor Hurling Championship was held at the Millennium Centre, Caherconlish. The winners of the tournament were Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh, Roxborough whose star player was young Brian Ryan.



Killinure NS



Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh- East Indoor Hurling Champions

Ideal Way to Hone Skills

Indoor hurling is the ideal way to hone the skills of hurling, especially for young hurlers during the months of winter when pitches are often unplayable. Indoor hurling gives players a great opportunity to practise pulling on the ground and helps them to speed up their striking while also improving hand-eye coordination.

Murroe indoor team



Cloverfield Indoor Hurling team

Hurling The Warrior Game

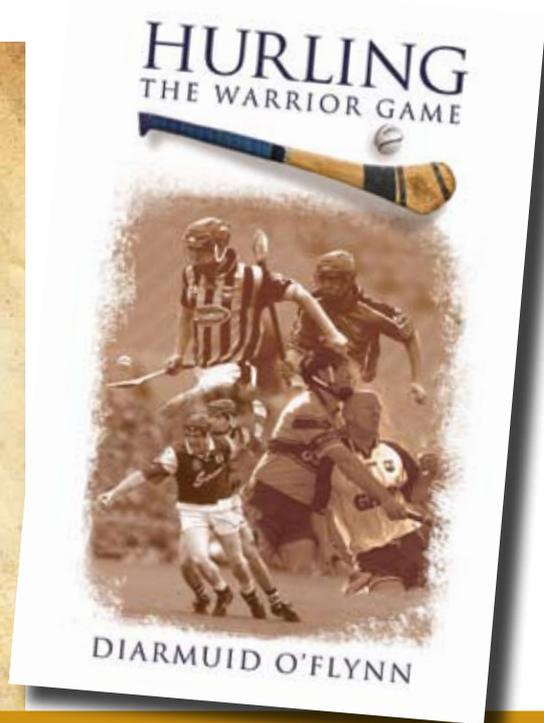
We didn't come up with this title. The credit belongs to Diarmuid O'Flynn whose excellent book of the same name was published in 2008.

"Hurling-The Warrior Game," by Diarmuid O'Flynn, is a must-read for all hurling fans. The author's in-depth examination of the game is conducted through a series of fascinating interviews with past and present star performers in each of hurling's 15 field positions.

Limerick players interviewed by O'Flynn include; Pat Hartigan and Stephen Lucey (for the chapter on full backs); Richie Bennis (mid-field); Gary Kirby (centre forward); Joe McKenna (full forward) and Eamonn Cregan (left corner forward).

Interesting and unexpected facts abound in this book. For example, Pat Hartigan reveals that he favoured a heavy 38-inch hurley. He used weight-training to strengthen his wrists and regularly practised hitting heavy sliotars over the bar from 65 metres...with just one hand on the hurley! Pat sharpened his skills by going to the alley with his hurley and a tennis ball to play matches against a tennis-player friend, using handball rules and scoring! There's compromise rules for you! Stephen Lucey gives an insight into a different aspect of top-flight sport. He says that the key for any inter-county player is composure on the ball and mental toughness. He sums it up as T-CUP. The acronym stands for: Think Clearly Under Pressure...

Think clearly and borrow or buy this book! 57 top players are waiting to share the tricks of the trade and the secrets of their success with you.



We love the names Diarmuid uses to sum up each position. Here's the full list:

- | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| | 1
Goalkeeper
The Gamekeeper | |
| 2
Right Corner Back
The Terrier | 3
Full Back
The Gatekeeper | 4
Left Corner Back
The Lurcher |
| 5
Right Half Back
The Sweeper | 6
Centre Back
The Pivot | 7
Left Half back
The Artiste |
| | 8 & 9
Midfield
The Athletes | |
| 10
Right Half Forward
The Sniper | 11
Centre Forward
The Gamebreaker | 12
Left Half Forward
The Wing-man |
| 13
Right Corner Forward
The Corner boys | 14
Full Forward
The Rock-Breaker | 15
Left Corner Forward
The Fall Guy |

The Green & White Gallery



A 1973-style Limerick jersey



A happy group from Doon CBS in Croke Park at the presentation of the O'Neills Awards



President in waiting, Christy Cooney is up to speed with all things Green & White!



Twin brothers on the double! East Limerick's Tom Morrissey, Brian Fanning, Paddy Morrissey and Dara Fanning with the Sarsfield Cup



All Star hurler Shane McGrath Tipperary



The CJ Fitzpatrick Group at the Munster Council Awards

George Fitzpatrick R.I.P.

It was with deep sadness that we learned of the untimely passing of Milford N.S. Principal, George Fitzpatrick. George, or "Mr. Fitzpatrick" as he was known to the huge number of children he taught, trained, managed on teams and transported to and from matches over the years, was a sportsman in the truest sense of the word.

Sport was a huge part of George's life. He was a star of the Clare senior football team throughout the '80's and played many other sports with many other teams, including rugby with Young Munsters RFC in the 1990's.

George was also a thorough gentleman. On behalf of all the readers of The Green and White Magazine, we offer our heartfelt sympathy to George's family, to all in Milford NS and to his wide circle of friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.



Caoimhe Browne of Ballybrown NS in Croke Park with her parents John and Belinda

Proposals for Restructuring of Hurling Competitions Cumann na mBunscol Cathair Luimnigh

The following proposals will be discussed at the Cumann na mBunscol/Limerick City Board AGM. Teachers working in schools in the City Division are encouraged to attend this meeting and to participate in the decision-making process. An invitation to attend the A.G.M. will be sent to schools in the City Division in due course.

Under 10 Changes:

- Teams will be class based rather than age based (i.e. 2nd & 3rd Classes)
- Teams will have 4 blitzes per year (possibly 2 indoor and 2 outdoor)
- No Leagues proposed

Under 11 1/2 Changes:

- Will become Under 11's
- Schools will have 2 options – schools can only enter one of the following:
 1. Competitive League
 2. Non-competitive



Cillian Ryan accepts the Spillane Cup from Helen Cross after the City Final

Coaching Clusters i.e. schools will be grouped in clusters of approximately 4 schools. Each school to host other schools in their cluster once. City Coaches will be present at each session to provide a fixed amount of coaching. Sessions will end with "mini games".

Under 13s

- Present structure remains as it is, but with up to 12 schools competing in the Olo Cup.
- Following the 2009 hurling leagues, the committee will grade all schools according to results, amount of coaching received, numbers in schools, etc.

It is proposed that the above changes would take effect from September 2009.

Ballybrown NS Under 13 B winners



Patrickswell Girls team Football Shield winners

South Limerick Football Results

Winners

Roinn A Galbally NS

Roinn B Croom NS

Roinn C Knockainey NS

Roinn D Knockadea NS

Roinn E Bulgaden/Martinstown NS



Galbally South Cumann na mBunscol Champions 2008

Croom NS



Bulgaden & Martinstown 7-a-side Champions



Knockainey NS Team



Banogue NS



Knockadea NS Football Team with their trainer John Kelly, celebrate their South Schools Championship victory in Herbertstown.

East Review

Lisnagry NS win East Mini Sevens Football girls



Lisnagry NS win East Mini Sevens Football Title

Our picture shows the victorious Lisnagry Mini-7's football team. To qualify for the East Limerick Mini 7's finals, Lisnagry defeated Caherelly, Caherconlish and Caherline. The finals were played as a "round robin" series. At the East Limerick finals, Lisnagry beat Roxboro, Killinure, Crecora and Tineteriffe on their way to ultimate glory. Captain on the day was Karen Leahy.

Cumann na mBunscol East Limerick Primary Schools

Football Finals 2008
all matches @ The Gaelic Grounds

13-a-side Boys A
Doon CBS 5:3
Roxborough NS 1:2

13-a-side Boys B
Crecora NS 2:2
Knockea NS 4:2

12-a-side Girls
Doon Convent 1:3
Roxborough NS 3:3

11-a-side Boys
Nicker NS 1:6
Tineteriffe NS 2:1

9-a-side Boys
Oola NS 2:5
Cappamore NS 1:0

10-a-side Girls
Oola 2:1
Tineteriffe 4:4

7-a-side Girls
Caherelly NS 5:2
Killinure NS 6:2

7-a-side Boys
Cloverfield NS 3:3
Kilteely NS 8:5



Killinure Girls Football team

Jonathan Dervan presents Tineteriffe NS with their trophy



Kilteely N.S. Football team



Nicker N.S. celebrate their thrilling cup-final victory



Cloverfield N.S. Football team



West Limerick Football Results

Compiled by Nora Ryan, West Secretary

BOYS:

Division 1 (15-a-side)

Winners: Courtenay School, N.C.W.

R/up: Shountrade N.S.

Division 2 (13-a-side)

Winners: Gaelscoil O Doghair, N.C.W

R/up= Mahoonagh N.S., Castlemahon

Division 3 (11-a-side)

Winners: Monagea N.S.

R/up: Dromcollogher N.S

Division 4 (9-a-side)

Winners: Croagh N.S

R/up: Ballingarry N.S

Division 5 (7-a-side)

Winners: Kilfinny N.S.

R/up Loughill N.S

GIRLS:

Division 1 (10-a-side)

Winners: Scoil Iosaf, N.C.W

R/up: Athea N.S

Division 2 (8-a-side)

Winners: Ardagh N.S

R/up: Shountrade N.S

Division 3 (7-a-side)

Winners: Glin N.S

R/up: Raheenagh N.S

Glin National School Girls are West Champions!

with thanks to our Glin Correspondent

St Fergus N.S. Can boast of many great sporting achievements in the past. Our boys have won many Western titles over the years. Their two County A football titles and their All-Ireland 5-a-side soccer title were all very memorable occasions, but this victory, a first for our girls after many years of effort must rank up there with the best of them.

The final score in this 7-a-side final was: St Fergus NS, Glin 4-3; Raheenagh NS 2-2. Our thanks to Jim Long who refereed the match and to Nora Ryan of the West Board who presented the cup to our captain, Elena Costello. It was a historic day for St Fergus NS and manager Mr. Trant deserves special thanks and praise. Surely there was nobody prouder of this victory than Mr. Trant who has given freely of his time managing teams and transporting children to and from games, throughout the years. Thanks also to Jackie Henderson and Maura Henderson of Glin Bord na nOg for all they have done to mould our young footballers into the fine, courageous footballers they are today.

List of Players: Grace Meade, Danielle Wallace, Emma Shine, Laura Mullaly, Ann Marie Sheehan (0-1), Katie Wallace (1-0), Elena Costello (2-1), Lia Fitzgerald (1-1), Subs: Kate Ann Moore, Caolainn Healy, Claudia Scanlon, Lisa Buckley, Niamh Trant, Ruth Sweeney, Megan Ryan, Emelia Costello, Natalia Czarska.

Katie Wallace, Elena Costello and Ann Marie Sheehan played on the West Limerick team that won this year's Larkin Shield.



West captain Rebecca Delee holds the Larkin Shield

St Fergus NS Glin. The Best in the West!



Courtenay Boys National School, Newcastle West, West Cumann na mBunscol champions 2008



THE GREEN & WHITE Prize Crossword

No. **38**

To enter Competition 38, send a photocopy of your completed crossword or a list of answers to: **The Green and White**, Patrickswell N.S., Co. Limerick. Answers by e-mail to: info@thegreenandwhite.com. Last term's winners and answers are printed on Page 31.

TRASNA

1 Title of a Doggy Movie: "Beverly Hills -----" (9)



8 First name of Limerick senior hurling manager (6)

9 The Sam Maguire trophy is a replica of a chalice discovered in which Co. Limerick village? (6)



10 Liathróid? (4)

12 Raidió Teilifís Éireann, initially (1,1,1)



13 "The ---- of Tralee" is a famous international festival (4)

16 The "U" in U.S.A.! (6)

17 Complete the movie title: "The Curious Case of Benjamin -----" (6)

18 U2 guitarist, another name for a border or a rim (4)

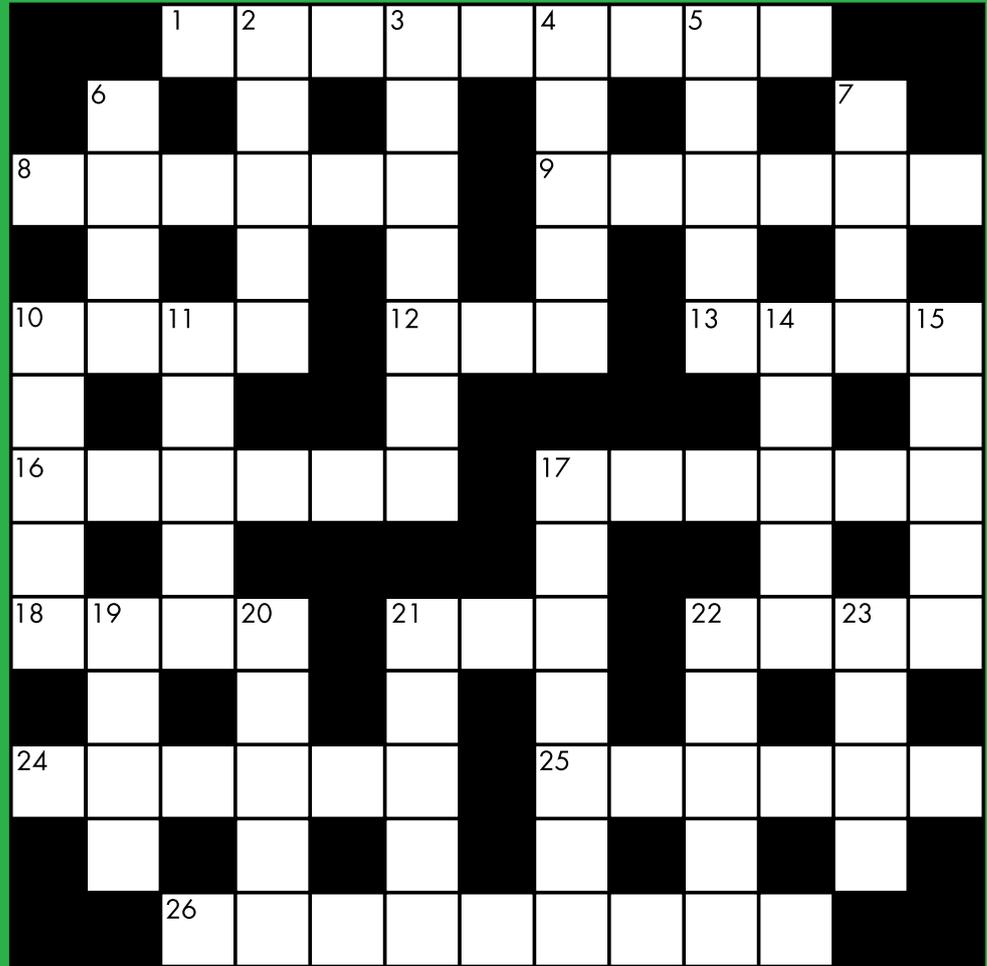
21 Buachail? "The --- in the Striped Pyjamas" (3)

22 Turn RUNS around and discover vases! (4)

24 A good egg sinks, a bad egg -----? (6)

25 Books for stamp or photo collections (6)

26 What girl's name lurks within E.E. DARLING? (9)



SÍOS

2 Another Doggy Movie title: "---- for Dogs" (5)



3 The GAA is one ---- and twenty five years old, this year (7)

4 Current Limerick senior hurling champions (5)

5 The opposite of "over" (5)

6 The Irish for a dress, rhymes with Úna (4)

7 Hens lay them and bad ones sink! (4)

10 A savage beast—could it B TRUE? (5)

11 Not telling the truth (5)

14 River dog? A fish-eating mammal (5)

15 Biggest town in County Clare (5)

17 Westlife is one, so is Boyzone—but not Girls Aloud (7)

19 American computer company with a strong Limerick connection (4)

20 Rub out or remove written marks (5)

21 The Irish word for a box (5)

22 The opposite of rural (5)

23 Movie title: "Finding ----" also a Cork club "---- Rangers" (defeated by Drom/Broadford in this year's Munster Club Senior Football championship) (4)



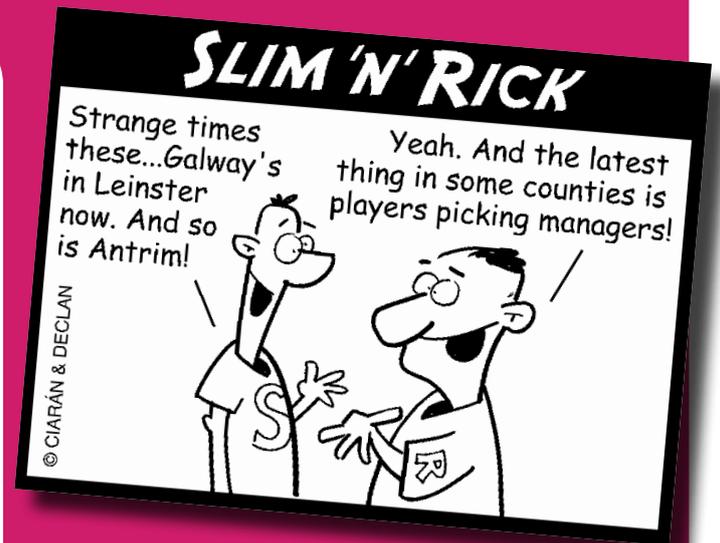
Scribble Box



17 Síos
Flying without wings

Cartoon Corner

Readers' Showcase



Drawing of Setanta by Tomás MacConsaidín. Send your drawings to The Green & White, Patrickswell NS, Co. Limerick

SETANTA McFANTA

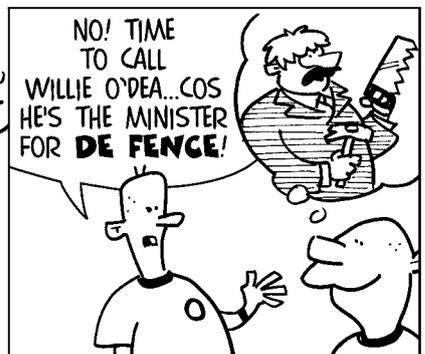
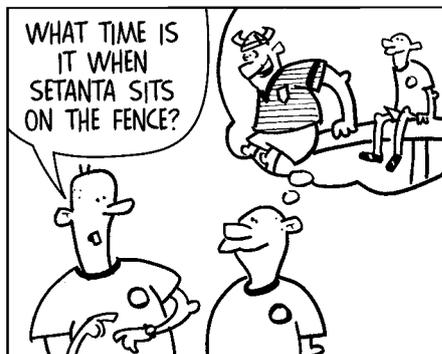
A LEGEND IN HIS OWN HELMET



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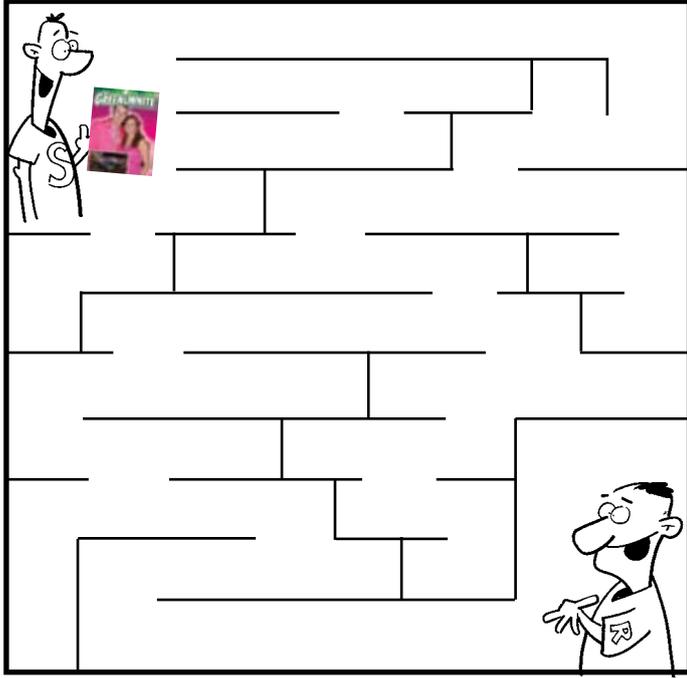


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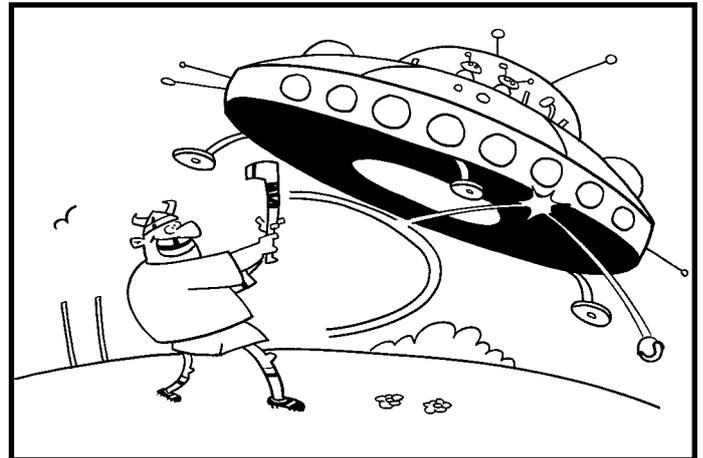
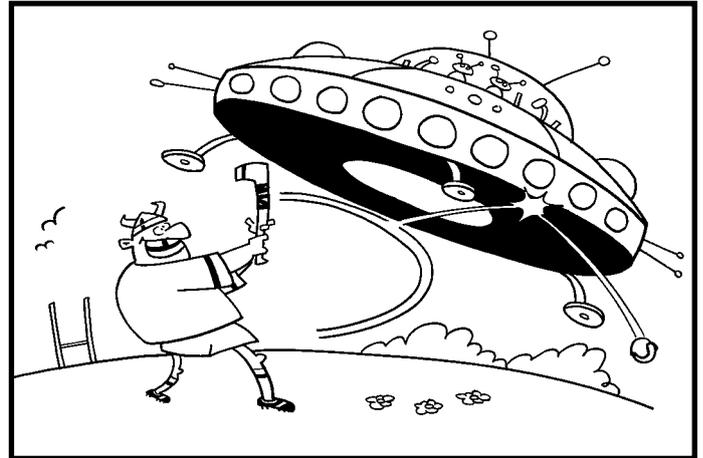
Puzzle Page

Help **Slim** deliver the latest a-MAZE-ing issue of The Green & White to his friend **Rick** who seems to be lost in a maze?"



Spot the Difference

How many differences can you find between our two pictures? There are 10 for you to discover"



Green & White Fun Quiz

Answers on Page 31

- 1 What saint is the cathedral in the Catholic Diocese of Limerick named after?
- 2 Which side won the Limerick & Munster Senior Club Football Championships in 2008?
- 3 Which Limerickman acted as Dumbledore in the early Harry Potter movies?
- 4 Which club side are the current Limerick senior hurling champions?
- 5 Which Limerick band has sold more albums than any other Irish band, apart from U2?
- 6 Which Limerickman was named Footballer of the Year at the recent Munster Council Awards?
- 7 What is the name of the Main Street in Limerick City?
- 8 Name the well-known hurler who won Limerick's Celebrity Jigs and Reels in March 2009
- 9 Which East Limerick village is sometimes humorously referred to as Zero Zero L.A.?
- 10 Which top hurler won Limerick's Celebrity X-Factor singing in the style of Frank Sinatra?

Scoring system: 3-5 (Luke warm) 6-7 (Decent) 8-9 (Nice work!) 10 (Freedom of Limerick City and County!)

Match these Limerick Hurlers with their Nicknames!

Answers on Page 31

- | | |
|------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Bangers | A. Andrew O Shaughnessy |
| 2 Shamu | B. Brian Geary |
| 3 Razor | C. Donal O Grady |
| 4 Shocks | D. Mark O Riordan |
| 5 Gears | E. Mike O Brien |
| 6 Dodge | F. Seamus Hickey |
| 7 Goose | G. Brian Murray |
| 8 Rooster | H. Mark Foley |
| 9 Nuggets | I. Stephen Lucey |
| 10 Rashers | J. Niall Moran |

Scoring system: 0-2 (Fair) 3-4 (Good) 5-6 (Very Good) 7-8 (Excellent) 9-10 (G&W Expert!)

In off the **post**

Crossword 37 Winners:

Remember to include your name and address with your entry. The first all-correct crossword drawn from the green and white 10-gallon hat this term was submitted without these key details which means that some unlucky reader missed out on a prize.

This term's winners are:

Paul Chidamba
Oakliegh Wood, Mungret

Fiona Coyle
Kilmore Drive, Castletroy

Martin Toomey
New Road, Stradbally

Crossword 37 Answers:

Trasna: 1. Vanishing 8. Justin 9. Tyrone 10. Star 12. Yes 13. Swan 16. Galvin 17. Spells 18. Says 21. Tar 22. Zeus 24. Narnia 25. Person 26. Man and Boy
Sios: 2. Actor 3. Ian Ryan 4. Hates 5. Nerds 6. Dust 7. Enya 10. Sagas 11. Alley 14 Wall-E 15. Noses 17. Striped 19. Alan 20. Santa 21. Tiara 22. Zorro 23. Upon

Green & White Fun Quiz Answers

1. St. John
2. Dromcollogher/Broadford
3. Richard Harris
4. Adare
5. The Cranberries
6. John Galvin
7. O'Connell Street
8. Niall Moran
9. Oola
10. Seamus Hickey

Limerick Players & their Nicknames

Bangers = Mike O'Brien
Shamu = Seamus Hickey
Razor = Mark O'Riordan
Shocks = Andrew O'Shaughnessy
Gears = Brian Geary
Dodge = Donal O'Grady
Goose = Stephen Lucey
Rooster = Niall Moran
Nuggets = Brian Murray
Rashers = Mark Foley

A chairde,

Congratulations on your latest award for The Green and White Magazine. It has been an amazing success story since first published in 1996. It was a badly needed publication for the youth of the County. It is pleasing to the eye, full of information and rich in colour. Continued success in the future editions and, hopefully, more awards!

P.S. Great to see the progress made by Drom-Broadford and Adare in the Munster Club Championships. Let's hope their success will be a big boost for Limerick football and hurling in the coming year.

Regards,
Tom Aherne,
Glensharrold, Carrigkerry,
Athea, Co. Limerick

Dear Green & White,

There has been no Limerick GAA Annual for a good few years. Could The Green and White produce one this Christmas?

Pa (Packie) O'Sullivan,
Thomondgate, Limerick

Sound Advice from Seamus Hickey

Limerick star, Seamus Hickey was the guest of honour at the recent Patrickswell Juvenile Club Medal Presentation Ceremony.

The "main event" was the presentation of County Féile medals to the Patrickswell Under 14 team. "It was a great achievement," Hickey told the players, "to win the County Féile Championship and then to go on to reach the All-Ireland semi-final. And, there was no shame in losing at that stage to the eventual winners, James Stephens' of Kilkenny.

"I remember playing in the East Féile final against Doon a good few years ago. They annihilated us in that final. But, after a loss, you have to pick yourself up, dust yourself down ... and try harder. And the only way for a hurler to improve is to practise. We played Doon in the East championship later that year and we actually beat them by a couple of points! You lads can learn from defeat too. You can go on, get even better and, maybe, beat that great James Stephens' team in the future..."



The Back Door



Joe & Ciaran from The G&W Magazine with Christy Cooney President Elect of the GAA



Margaret Cunningham, Declan Kelleher, Ciaran Crowe, Christy Cooney

Green & White is Best in Ireland!

The Green & White Magazine won the "Best Publication" award at the recent Cumann na mBunscol National Awards. The awards ceremony was held at the Lyraeth Estate Hotel in Kilkenny. This was the sixth time that the magazine won the coveted "Best Publication" award. Christy Cooney, President-Elect of the GAA, Margaret Cunningham, Chairperson of Cumann na mBunscol and Declan Kelleher, President of the I.N.T.O. were on hand to make the presentation to Ciarán Crowe and Joe Lyons, Joint Editors of The Green & White Magazine since it was launched in 1996.

Gary Kirby cheers the green and white from the Mackey Stand at the Gaelic Grounds



Kilfinny NS Girls Football Team who competed in the West League for the first time



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