

# Na Gaeil Notes Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Kerry GAA Coaching and Games Webinar** Kerry GAA Coaching and Games Committee would like to let you know that on next Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @7:30pm former Kerry Senior Hurling captain and former Kerry GAA GDA John "Tweek" Griffin will be facilitating an online coaching webinar through Microsoft Teams. Microsoft Teams can be used on your laptop, phone or smart device. John will focus the webinar on "Developing Game Awareness in Youth Players" and will draw on his own playing and coaching experiences throughout. There will also be a live Q&A through the live chat after this presentation. The link for the Webinar is: <https://tinyurl.com/16x1r5nn> All you will need to do to log on is to download Microsoft Teams and click the link. Hopefully you all enjoy it.

**GAA Covid Advisory Update** The Government representatives met with the GAA Covid Advisory last week and clarified that inter-county Gaelic Games activity is not covered under the current Level 5 exemptions for elite sports. As such a return to inter-county training or games is not permitted under the current restrictions. It was also clear that there will not be any change to this position post-March 5<sup>th</sup> when the restrictions currently in place are reviewed. It is the view of the GAA's Covid Advisory group that no on field activity will be permitted - training or games - until Easter at the earliest. In the interim, it is expected that the Government will publish an updated "Living with Covid" plan and it is expected that this will provide clarity on when clubs and counties are likely to be allowed return to training and games in 2021. It should also provide clarity on when other off-field club activities may be permitted to resume. It is clear that this extended delay to the planned return of the inter county season will have knock-on effects for both the inter county and club games programmes. As of now the GAA have made no firm decisions on what competitions may or may not be facilitated in any revised fixture programme – such decisions will be a factor of how much time is made available to them both for an inter county season and for the broader participation levels that will be necessary for a meaningful club season. While they will begin to look at contingency plans for the Master Fixtures programme, the GAA will not be able to take definitive decisions in this context until they have a clear picture of what restrictions the organisation are likely to be operating under at various points in the year ahead. Rest assured however, that once clarity is provided by Government and Public Health Authorities on the likely road ahead for society generally and sport in particular, the GAA will follow with its own roadmap and plan for their own activities at both inter-county and club level, that will cover whatever time is available to them for the remainder of the year. The GAA acknowledge that these latest developments will come as a great disappointment to all those who are anxious to resume their Gaelic Games involvement, be it on or off the field. While we remain in the midst of a deadly pandemic, there is significant cause for optimism that much better days lie ahead. President John Horan stated that the

manner in which we have endured and overcome thus far, both as individual members and as an Association generally, has been praised by many and is a cause of great pride to us all. With your help we are certain that we will eventually have a fulfilling season at both club and county level in 2021, just as we had in 2020. Finally, we would again like to take this opportunity to thank our members, players, coaches, managers and officers at all levels for their patience and understanding of the current situation and for co-operating with all of the restrictions that have been put in place. We want to remind you all again that we will prepare a revised Master Fixture Calendar and plan for the remainder of 2021 once a new Government road map for society and sport is made available.

**Sympathy** We offer our sincere sympathy to Sylvester Hennessy and members of the Hennessy and Behan families on the sad passing of his father Sylvester of Fortwilliam, Abbeydorney and formerly from Rathnure, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. May he rest in peace.

**Clubhouse** The clubhouse is closed for all outside activities and the gym will also be closed until there is further clarification from GAA Headquarters as to when they can re-open.

**Clothes Collection** There is now a Clothes Collection Bin situated in Na Gaeil car park for use by all members of the public.