

Na Gaeil Notes Monday February 1st 2021

Coiste na nÓg AGM Na Gaeil Coiste na nÓg AGM will take place virtually on this Thursday evening, February 4th at 8pm. If you wish to be part of this meeting please forward your email address to our secretary John Keating at john.keating @kerry.ie to ensure that you can log in on the night.

Club AGM Our annual AGM was held virtually on Thursday evening last at 8pm. The following officers were elected: President: Pat O'Connor; Vice President: Dónal Leahy; Chairperson: Tim Lynch Jnr; Vice Chairperson: Morgan Sheehy; Secretary: John Keating; Treasurer: Cathy Carey; Assistant Treasurer: Conor Kavanagh; PRO: Mícheál Herlihy; Assistant PRO: Tim Lynch Snr.

Stepping Down Eamon Browne has stepped down as secretary of the club after spending an amazing twenty years in the job. This length of time in one position is very unlikely to be equaled anybody ever again. He has given sterling service to the club. He was always very approachable and helpful and was very efficient in his dealings with the County Board, the Munster Council and the authorities in Croke Park. He always did his utmost to represent the club with dignity and honour and carried out his duties in a most professional manner. He had a great respect for everybody he came in contact with through his job as secretary and was always willing to work with them, despite any differences for the greater good of the club. Club President and founder member Pat O'Connor has also taken a well deserved break from club activities for the time being. He was one of the people instrumental in the founding of the club first day and was involved in the purchasing of the land in Killeen and the development of the field, dressing rooms and clubhouse. Pat also oversaw numerous other improvements of our facilities and was a great advisor on field maintenance over the years. He worked tirelessly for the betterment of our club as County Board delegate for what seems an eternity. He had a great way with people and when it came to fundraising Pat had few equals. He travelled far and wide raising money for the development of our Killeen grounds and was to the fore in all fundraising activities over the last four decades. He was instrumental in setting up our lotto and building up the lotto membership to what it is today. Another club stalwart that has stepped down as Bar Manager after many years at the helm is Seán O'Connor. He was involved in the club from the very beginning. He was on the field committee with Donie Buckley and Johnny Maunsell and during that time did trojan work on developing the grounds and the carpark. He was also heavily involved in the running of the clubhouse bar in the early years along with Mick O'Neill and took over as bar manager in the early nineties when Mick stepped aside. He managed the clubhouse with great efficiency and oversaw the running of many functions and events over the years. There was always a friendly atmosphere on the premises as Seán treated everybody with the greatest of respect. He had a kind word for everybody and was always very

accommodating, helpful and welcoming. He ensured that the highest of standards were maintained in the clubhouse at all times. His contribution to the club has been immense. From its humble beginnings over forty years ago it must have meant the world to Pat, Seán and Eamon to see their beloved Na Gaeil progress to an All Ireland Club Final in Croke Park just over twelve months ago and better still emerge victorious. But we know that we haven't seen the last of this trio. They will no doubt be involved in the club in some shape or form in the future. All in Na Gaeil wish them well in the years ahead and thank them sincerely for all they have done in the promotion and development of our club since its inception to the present day.

Sympathy We offer our sincere condolences to the Williams and Hurley families on the sad passing of Emer Williams (nee Hurley) of Kilmallock and Caherdavin, Limerick. Emer's sister Muirne Hurley was crowned the Rose of Tralee in 1994 and her parents Peig and Cormac frequently socialized in Na Gaeil. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Kerry GAA Masters Kerry GAA is delighted & excited to announce a Masters by research in collaboration with MTU Kerry, with the potential to progress to PhD. The project titled: *Quantifying physiological performance and attributes of development pathways in elite grade GAA football squads using GPS data*
See link below:

<https://www.ittralee.ie/en/media/ResearchScholarships/2020/Project14InformationAShields.pdf>

Applications are invited for a master by research project for which a fee waiver scholarship is available. It would suit a graduate with an interest in sport with a bachelor's degree (second class honours or higher) in either science, computing, business or a related field. Interested candidates are invited to apply to undertake the master by research degree programme on either a full or part time basis: To APPLY please e-mail your CV with a short cover letter outlining your interest in the project area to research@ittralee.ie

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 1PM ON FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2021. Informal enquiries on the project may be e-mailed to andrew.shields@staff.ittralee.ie

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.

