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U15 Hurling Championship Double!



Congrats to both our U15 Hurling teams who had a great day in Parnell Park on Sunday 11th November last by winning the Double. The A's overcame Faughs in the Division A final and earlier in the day our B's beat Fingallians in the D final. A fantastic achievement by the lads and well done to all involved.





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Deirdre Lambe Memorial Tournament



It was decided exactly twelve months ago within the Ladies Football community of the club that it would be a good idea to hold an end of season blitz. Participants in the blitz would be the outgoing under 16 players about to enter the Minor ranks, continuing Minor players moving from first year Minor to second year Minor, outgoing Minor players about to enter the Adult ranks as well of course as all adult players within the club both present, past and hopefully some future.

As well as promising to be a great fun event, the blitz also had as one of its *raison d'être* to facilitate the transition from Under 16 to Minor and from Minor to Adult. So as well as there being a fun element to the blitz, it would also have a practical benefit which would hopefully pay dividends in creating a better and more integrated Ladies Football set up at Minor and Adult level.

One of the key movers in getting the blitz up and running last year was our beloved club Secretary Deirdre Lambe. The blitz was a perfect reflection of Deirdre's own approach to Ladies Football and indeed to club life generally. It involved lots of fun, a fair dollop of competition but it also had a clearly defined purpose and would lead to a better end product for all those involved in the enterprise.

Deirdre's untimely passing last April came as a profound shock first and foremost to her family but also to her wide circle of friends in Na Fianna. It is still difficult to come to terms with her no longer being here for us. The decision was taken some time ago to approach Deirdre's family and specifically her husband Pat O'Dwyer with a view to formally constituting the blitz as the Deirdre Lambe Memorial Tournament. Pat graciously agreed to this club request and therefore what had started out as a germ of an idea will now become an annual event in the club's November calendar in memory of Deirdre.

At the time of writing the blitz has attracted an entry of no less than 153 players.

Players have been divided into four separate playing squads. Each squad has a mixture of Under 16, Minor and Adult players. All squads are mixed ability. The focus of the tournament



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is on participation and integration across the nine separate club teams which contribute to the overwhelming number of these 153 players. Of course there are also some outliers. A particular welcome is extended to those who did not play Ladies Football in 2018 but hopefully will catch the bug and will do so in 2019.

Matches have been played last Wednesday evening week 7th November in Abbotstown and on also last Wednesday evening 14th November in Ballymun Kickhams. The third and final Wednesday night action will take place this coming Wednesday 21st, again in Ballymun Kickhams. A special note of thanks to our nearest neighbours for providing their pitches free of charge in honour of Deirdre's memory, a measure of the regard in which Deirdre was held. The Tournament will culminate on Finals Day in St Mobhi Road next Saturday 24th November. Deirdre's widower Pat will present the trophy to the winning captain and team and as Deirdre would have wanted it there will be a social celebration late into the evening in the Mobhi Suite.

Although Deirdre is no longer with us our memories of her engaging personality and beautiful smile will live forever. It is indeed fitting that this annual celebration of Ladies Football will forever be known as the Deirdre Lambe Memorial Tournament. All club members are urged to get along to some of the tournament games next Wednesday or Saturday.

Weekend Fixtures

This weekend's big game sees our U21A Hurlers in Championship Final in O'Toole Park on Saturday at 2.30pm against St Vincents and the lads are hoping for a big Na Fianna crowd to roar them on. Our U21B Hurlers are also in Championship action and play in semi final in Mobhi Road against Craobh Chiarán also on Saturday at 2.30pm. The final stages of the Deirdre Lambe Tournament, in memory of our late Club Secretary, take place this weekend with finals being played on Sunday at 12pm in Mobhi Road. Our three Minor Camogie teams play in Championship on Sunday, A's play St Judes in Mobhi Road at 10.30am, B's and C's away at 12.30 against St Vincents and Balinteer St Johns respectively. Minor B Hurlers are away in league against Crumlin at 11am. Best of luck to all our teams, all support welcome, full fixture list on website www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures



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Bienvenue en Mobhi Road

This weekend CLG Na Fianna welcome teams from our French partners Paris Gaels GAA Club to Mobhi Road. Already twinned with the French GAA Club, the partnership arrangement will be formalised over the weekend by Na Fianna when two teams from Paris Gaels will take to the field in challenge games and a social event will be held in the club on Saturday night to celebrate the twinning of both clubs.



At 2pm on Saturday in Mobhi Road, the Parisian Ladies Football team will play a Na Fianna side in the Deirdre Lambe Memorial Tournament. This will be followed at 3pm by a football match between Paris Gaels men and Na Fianna. In what promises to be a great multi-cultural experience, where football, general bonhomie and good old fashioned craic will be the winners, a fun evening will be held in the club and everyone's invited.



This weekend's visit by Paris Gaels has been in the planning for some time and comes about after a number of discussions between former Gaels Chairman (and former Na Fianna player) Mark Brannigan, and a number of Na Fianna reps. More recently, discussions between representatives from both clubs in Paris earlier in the year set the initiative on a formal footing. Pictured left are Chairman Paris Gaels GAA Club, Shane Harrison and CLG Na Fianna's Public Relations Officer, Cormac O'Sullivan earlier this year in Paris.

Club Games Promotion Officer Mark McManus visited Paris Gaels before the Summer to give a very successful "Train the Trainers" session which was well received. The Paris lads and ladies will be in town for the weekend and look forward to meeting up, playing a bit of ball, and forging new Na Fianna friendships. You can follow Paris Gaels on Twitter @ParisGaelsGAA and Facebook.



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**COMÓRADH 90 BLIAIN
90TH CELEBRATION**

SCOIL CHAITRÍONA 1928-2018
DÉARDAOIN 22 SAMHAIN - THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2018

Ag ceiliúradh 90 Bliain - Celebrating 90 Years 1928-2018

Teacht le chéile
Fáilte roimh iarscoláirí/iarthuismitheoirí, iarmhúinteoirí agus cairde uilig na scoile teacht chuig an scoil ar an Déardaoin 22/11/18 agus 90 bliain de Scoil Chaitríona a cheiliúradh.

Coming together
All past-pupils, teachers, parents and friends of Scoil Chaitríona are invited to a reunion evening in the school on Thursday 22/11/18 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the school.

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| Aifreann | 6.30 i.n. | Mass | 6.30 pm |
| Oíche Shóisialta | 7.30 i.n. - 11.00 i.n. | Social evening | 7.30-11.00 p.m. |

Ticéid ar fáil saor in aisce ón scoil - Tickets are available from the school. Admission is free

*Déan teagmháil linn agusordaigh do thicéid 90scoil@gmail.com
(Ar mhíste leat a chur in iúl dúinn an bhliain a d'fhág tú agus do rang)
Contact us at 90scoil@gmail.com and to order your tickets.
(Please let us know what year you left and what class you were in)*

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Scoil Chaitríona will mark their 90th anniversary this Thursday night, 22nd November, in the school and all in Na Fianna wish everybody involved the very best with their celebrations. Guímíd gach rath orthu.

As there are big numbers expected to attend the night's Mass and social evening, those Na Fianna members attending training sessions and events in the club on Thursday night are asked where possible to walk to the club and to avoid bringing cars on the night. Members should also note that there will be NO PARKING on the Scoil Chaitríona avenue.



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Juvenile Mentor Meeting - Wed 21st November

This Wednesday evening at 9pm the last Juvenile Mentors meeting of 2018 will take place in the Mobhi Suite.

2018 has delivered an interesting and eventful year of Club activity both on and off the field of play. There are a number of important issues which are likely to affect our club activities in the coming months and years which are currently been dealt with by the Club's Executive Committee. In order for us to face the challenges that lie ahead in a unified and well informed manner, it is vital that each juvenile team is represented at Wednesday's meeting where a full update on important club matters will be shared.

Ní neart go cur le chéile. Ag súil libh a fheiceal ar an gCeadaoín.

Grass Pitches Closed

With the winter period upon us and the weather deteriorating, the Facilities Committee, as per club policy have closed all grass pitches from November 18th 2018 until February 2019. The only games permitted are the remaining official County Board Championship and League games. Both pitches in St Mobhi Road will also be open on Saturday November 24th for Finals Day of the Deirdre Lambe Memorial Tournament.

No training or challenge matches will be permitted on grass pitches until next February at the earliest. Please do not request the use of them for this period. The All Weathers will be open and Winter Schedule is in place for teams. Míle Buíochas for your co-operation throughout the year.





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An Ghaeilge Mór Thimpeall Orainn

Have you seen the Photography Exhibition currently on display throughout the club? *An Ghaeilge mór thimpeall orainn / Seeing the Language* is a photographic project currently visiting Na Fianna which illustrates the visible presence of the Irish language in everyday discourse in Ireland in 2018. The underlying objective of the project is to raise public awareness of how the language is in many ways subtly embedded in our lives.



The project is a collaboration between Na Fianna's Fionán O'Connell and John Carroll and is their response to the Bliain na Gaeilge 2018 initiative of Conradh na Gaeilge. Well worth a visit.



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GAA Language Policy Launch



Pictured above with Dublin's Liam Rushe are Na Fianna's Caragh, Conn and Riona at the recent Croke Park launch of the GAA's language policy and the appointment of the Association's first fulltime Irish Language Officer, Jamie Ó Tuama.

Also at the launch, the GAA's continued support for Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha was announced, a scheme that is being administrated in conjunction with Glór na nGael. A series of 4 videos, called 'Buail Buille don Ghaeilge', was also launched. Intercounty stars, Cillian O'Connor, Michael Murphy, Tadhg de Búrca and Liam Rushe, who was present at the launch, took part in these videos.

The GAA's three-year plan for the Irish language will be launched shortly by the GAA's Choiste Náisiúnta na Gaeilge, of which Na Fianna Cathaoirleach Cormac Ó Donnchú is a member.





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National Club Draw

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB

Opportunity for your GAA Club to raise up to €20,000



The GAA National Club Draw, an opportunity for all clubs to raise up to €20,000 has come around again. Na Fianna has done very well from the draw over the last few years thanks to the generosity of Club members and the hard work and dedication of people like former Cathaoirleach Colum Cronin who took on the administration of the draw within the Club.

In 2017, Na Fianna was the highest selling club in Leinster and the previous year, 2016, in addition to achieving the highest sales in Leinster, we also had the second highest ticket sales figure in the country. Over the past four years, Na Fianna has raised, between ticket sales and prize money, the impressive sum of €60,000. The hope is that the Club can replicate its success of the last years in selling the majority of the 2,000 tickets available to it.

Tickets for the Draw are sold nationally, cost a tenner each Tickets are now on sale in the Club and can be bought this weekend at Saturday's Nursery.





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Members' Subscriptions Due

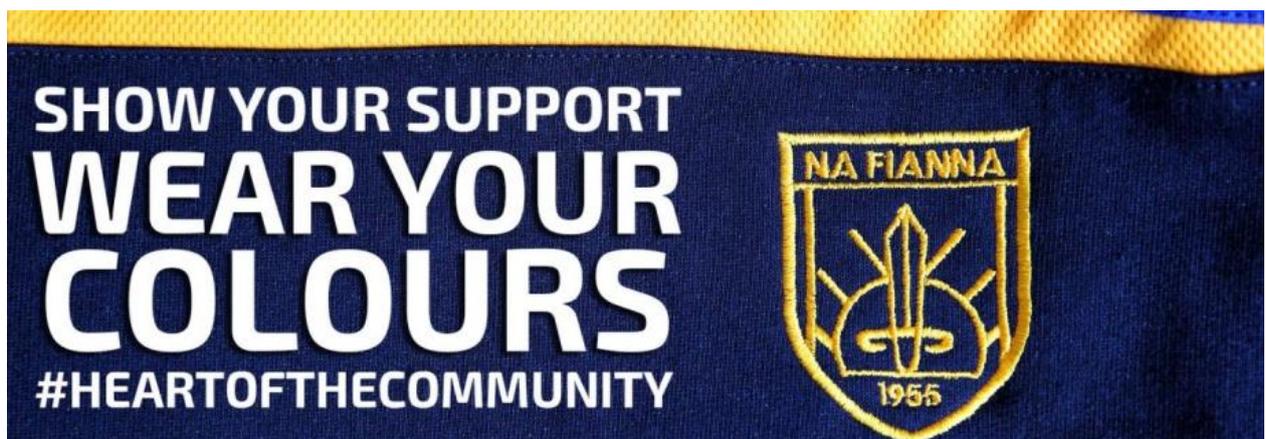
Membership subscriptions for 2018/2019 are now due and can be paid in a number of ways. The membership crew will be operating from the Fáilte Hub on Mobhi Road between 9.30 and 11.30am tomorrow (Saturday 20th October) to collect completed membership forms, take debit/credit card payments and answer any queries. Subs can also be paid online here: <http://www.clgnafianna.com/membership/> or in the club office Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1pm.

Changes To GAA Player Injury Scheme

The GAA Player Injury Scheme has changed the rules around injury claims. Previously, once players were registered by April 1st, claims were honoured for injuries from January 1st onwards. In future, claims will only be paid out for periods AFTER the date of registration. This means that in future club subs need to be paid by January 1st so that players can be registered and appropriately covered should they have an injury. Not ideal, but PLAYERS and MENTORS please take note of this important change and arrange to have club subs paid for 2018/2019 before players start training in the New Year.

Details of the Player Injury Scheme are available on the club website

<http://www.clgnafianna.com/club-information/player-injury-scheme/>





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NA FIANNA TABLE QUIZ Fundraiser (2011 Boys)

Thursday 22 November
@ 7.30

in the hall NaFianna clubhouse, St. Mobhi Rd.

Raffle and Spot prizes on the night.

Table of 4 €40, €10 individuals.

All are welcome. Come Along!

Contact: Mick Carr 086 332 0771

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Sincere sympathies are extended to the McInerney family on the passing of Norman McInerney, Father of Emma (former camogie and football player) and Hannah (Senior 1 Camogie).

Sympathies of the Club are also offered to the Sanfey Family on the passing of Mrs Mary Sanfey, Mother of Mark Sanfey and Grandmother of former players John Sanfey and David Sanfey.

Deepest condolences to the O'Carroll and Staines family on the passing of Mrs Nuala O'Carroll, Grandmother of Hugo Staines (U13 Hurlers) and James (U15 Hurlers).

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamnacha.



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....and finally

For your diary.....The annual Friends Of Na Fianna Night, known in the past as the Mentors' Night, and always a great night in the lead in to Christmas at Na Fianna, takes place Saturday, 15th December 2018 from 8pm till Late. Live Music from The Aces, Complimentary Finger Food, Drinks from €4.00.....all welcome, save the date.

Fógra Tabachtach

The objective of Na Fianna Nuacht is to communicate as much club activity as possible however it is important to note that all items for inclusion in either Club Notes or Na Fianna Nuacht are reported to news@clgnafianna.ie or texted to 087 9250697 by Sunday evening. With a growing membership of almost 3,000 and over 100 teams now competing it is difficult to ensure all club activity is reported upon – **Do not assume** that your team's activity is already known to Na Fianna Nuacht or that someone else has reported it. When errors or omissions occur it is the policy of Na Fianna Nuacht to correct these in subsequent issues when they are reported to news@clgnafianna.ie