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4.30.	Exhibition match by Cill Na Sean Rátha juvenile club
4.45.	Cill Na Sean Rátha V Cill Dalláin – An Dara Leath
5.15.	Cill Na Sean Rátha Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann
6.00.	Opening Ceremony performed by Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh
6.45.	Parade of county teams
7.00.	An Cabhán V An Dún
7.30.	Exhibition match by Cill Na Sean Rátha juvenile club
7.45.	An Cabhán V An Dún – An Dara Leath





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KILLESHANDRA GFC CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS



Mar Cathaoirleach ar Chill Na Seanrátha tugann sé an-áthas orm fáilte a chur romhaibh ar fad anseo inniu leis an athoscailt oifigiúil Pairc Phadraig Uí Dhoibhlin. Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú chun fáilte a chur roimh ár n-imreoirí ar fad atá caite agus oifigigh, ár bhfoirne ar cuairt, aionna agus ár n-aoi speisialta Mícheál Ó Muirheartaigh.



As Chairman of Killeshandra it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here today to the official reopening of Packie Devlin park. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our past players and officials, our visiting teams, invited guests and our special guest Mícheál Ó Muirheartaigh. This is a proud day for us here in Killeshandra. It seemed a daunting task at first and adverse weather in 2008 and 2009 delayed progress for up to twelve months but thankfully we have ended up with a fine facility for the people of our community. It is also a monument to hard work and dedication and co-operation of a small group of people. Even they would be helpless without the backing of the community. I thank everybody who helped in any way. I would like to thank our main contractor Hyland Turf Care Gowna (Michael Hyland) also our main sponsor Anslem Lovett of Cavan Box and all our other sponsors. To the Kildallan club I thank them very much for the use of their facilities over the last two years and to all our neighbouring clubs who allowed us to use their pitch in that period. A special thanks to my fellow committee members who worked so hard to bring this development to a finish.

Since the club was reformed over 50 years ago, there has been a natural change of faces in our community. We see names and faces that have left this world many at a ripe old age and some perhaps too young. We should use these memories as an inspiration for our future achievement. This book will help preserve the memories the bits and pieces that moulded the leaguers into a club of fine tradition. Our young people should take this example to ensure that this tradition will continue.

Mise le Meas,

Padraig MacOireachtaigh,
Cathaoirleach.





CAVAN COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS



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MÍCHEÁL Ó MUIRCHEARTAIGH



2010 marked the end of an era in Irish sport when Mícheál, at the age of 80, announced his retirement from broadcasting. His first commentary was on a Railway Cup match, as Gaeilge, in 1949 and he enjoyed a career that spanned 62 years in total.

Mícheál hails from Dun Sion, An Daingean, Chontae Ciarraí. He was a teacher by profession until he retired in the 1980's, thus allowing him to concentrate on his broadcasting duties.



He broadcasted commentaries in English on RTÉ radio from 1956 until his retirement. He also covered All-Ireland Minor Semi-Finals and Finals in both hurling and football in the Irish language on RTÉ television, for over 25 years from the inception of television coverage in 1962.

He is widely described as being a modest and down to earth man by all who know him. His lyrical and infectious commentaries will live long in the memory by all who were privileged to hear them. When you turned on a match that Mícheál was commentating on, you were guaranteed to be mesmerised.

Mícheál's unique style of interweaving the "cúpla focail" into commentaries helped to keep our national tongue alive in a meaningful way in all our lives. The long list of memorable quotes we have from Mícheál are now part of Irish Folklore.

Killeshandra Leaguers are delighted and honoured to welcome him here today to Pairc Phadraig Uí Dhoibhlin to perform the official opening of our redeveloped grounds. We would like also to take this opportunity to wish Mícheál many happy healthy years in his retirement.





TODAY'S REFEREES

■ KILLESHANDRA V KILDALLAN ■



Brian Seagrave

Brian is a member of Drumlane Sons of O'Connell G.F.C. and is presently in his fifth year as Chairman of Bord Peil Na Óg. He is currently one of the top referees in Cavan and his abilities in 2007 were recognised when he was named referee of the year. His no nonsense approach to refereeing is held in high regard throughout Cavan.

■ CAVAN V DOWN ■



Pat McEaney

Pat McEaney hails from Corduff in Monaghan and is brother of current Meath manager Séamus. He is one of the most experienced referees in the business with 4 All Ireland Finals to his credit, 1996 Mayo versus Meath twice 2000 Galway versus Kerry and 2004 Kerry versus Mayo. He has also officiated at 8 International Compromise Rules tests. Pat is one of the most respected officials in the business. His common sense approach to games has earned him the respect of players and spectators alike. We thank Pat for refereeing the Cavan-Down match here today.



FIELD DEVELOPMENT



Killeshandra Leaguers acquired the present site in 1974 and played their first games here in 1975. The club originally developed the facilities in 1982. In recent times, due to the demands made on the pitch and amenities from senior, underage and ladies teams the club decided to consider a new development.

Development Committee

In early 2007 the club executive committee headed by Chairman Pat McGearty decided that a major redevelopment of our grounds was required, a finance committee was established and a decision was made to run a development draw. The draw was launched by then County Board Chairman Philip Smith.

The development committee presented a three phase to a club meeting in early 2007. This proposal involved the development on the existing site of a full size playing pitch, a new training pitch on the site of the old play ground, walking track and development of existing changing rooms. The proposal was ratified at a meeting in spring 2007. See plan outlined below

Development Committee Proposal





FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Following many months of very hard work by numerous club members who travelled most of County Cavan, parts of Longford, Leitrim and Fermanagh, selling tickets, a very successful draw was held in October 2008. Together with lottery funding of ?75,000, CLAR funding of ?15,000, Ulster Council grant of ?15,300? plus generous support from club sponsors and club patrons a total amount of approximately ?350,000 will be spent on this development.



Contractors

Work commenced in June 2008 but extremely bad weather over two summers prevented much work being done and this delayed the project for one year. The contract for the pitch development and running track was awarded to Hyland Turf Care Gowna. Other contractors were Paddy McNamee who built the Tobermore Brick retaining wall, the erection of fences completed by Sean Brady Engineering Ltd, Tony Scullion who erected the ball stop fence, Sean Shannaghy Plant Hire ground work.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Downey and all of the FÁS employees whose work contributed significantly to this development and to Paucic Loughlin, building surveyor, for his professional advice and help on this project.

The club is very proud of this facility. It must rank as on of the best in Cavan. Much credit is due to Chairman Pat McGearty and his hard working club executive, finance and development committees and also everyone who helped in a voluntary capacity. Hopefully this facility will be a springboard for the future development of our games within our club and the wider community.



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PADRAIG UI DHOIBHLIN

PACKIE DEVLIN -1909 - 1951



Packie Devlin was a star of Cavan football during the county's first golden era of the late 20's and 30's. He first joined the Cavan panel in 1927 and would go on to play a part in winning the All-Ireland Junior title of that year – Cavan's first All-Ireland crown. En route to the final they defeated Armagh in the Ulster decider and in the All-Ireland semi-final they overcame Mayo. In the final against Kildare, played on the 3rd of June 1928, the Breffni men emerged victorious by 0-7 to 1-3. Packie played at right half forward on that occasion.



However Kildare were to exact revenge later on that year as both counties contested the All-Ireland senior final – the first decider at which the Sam Maguire cup was presented. The final score on the day was Kildare 2-6 Cavan 2-5. By this stage Devlin was playing at centre half forward a position he held for most of the following decade. The breakthrough for Cavan came in 1933. On the 27th of August they beat Kerry in the All-Ireland semi final in Breffni Park by 1-5 to 0-5, thus denying the Kingdom a chance of completing a unique 5 in a row of All-Ireland titles. In the final against Galway the Breffni men ran out deserved victors by 2-5 to 1-4. On the day Packie contributed two points to Cavan's final tally. Cavan collected their second All-Ireland in 1935 when Kildare were the opponents. The score line read 3-6 to 2-5. In the 1937 All-Ireland decider Cavan met Kerry and the game ended in a draw. Football followers of the time would state that this was Devlin's finest performance for Cavan. In the replay however Cavan lost a bruising encounter by 4-4 to 1-7. This defeat marked the end of a great Cavan team and a great era for Cavan football.

Devlin about to score in the 1937 All-Ireland final against Kerry – It is widely regarded as his finest game for Cavan

Packie Devlin also served his local club, known for a time as Croghan, with great distinction both on and off the field for over 25 years. During the 30's he helped Croghan win two Junior championships in 1935 and 1939. He also trained the team for a while during these years.

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Back row (l. to r.) – J. Gilheaney (President), W. Young, J. Smallhorne, D. Morgan, V. McGovern, M. Dinneny, J.J. Clarke (Secretary), Centre row (l. to r.) – Captain J.P. Murphy (Manager), P. McNamee, P. Brady, T. O'Reilly, W. Connolly, T. O'Reilly (Cornafean), P. Devlin, H. O'Reilly, J. Rahill, H. O'Reilly (Trainer). Front row (l. to r.) – T. Crowe, L. Blessing, P. Phair, J. Smith (Captain), P. Lynch, T. Coyle, M.J. Magee.

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Front row (l. to r.) – Michael Hoey, Paddy McCaffrey, Packie Devlin, John Prunty. Second row (l. to r.) – John Masterson, Mickey Brady, Phil Sexton, Frank Dinneny, Pat Sexton. Back row (l. to r.) – John Smith (Chairman), Paddy Brady, Tommy Connolly, Willie Reilly, Eugene Gallagher, Pat Leddy, Packie Cunningham, Paddy Galligan.

Sadly Packie died aged only 42 years on the 8th of November 1951. Perhaps the man is best summed up by tributes paid to him at his funeral. The newspaper "The Irish News" stated, "His death recalls the magnificent Cavan Sextet in attack between 1933 and 1939 namely – DonalDonal Morgan, Pat Devlin, Jack Smallhorne, Paddy Boylan, Louis Blessing and M.J. Magee.



OFFICIAL OPENING OF PACKIE DEVLIN MEMORIAL PARK



He was regarded as one of the most brilliant tacticians his generation ever seen at Croke Park – gritty, speedy and a deadly marksman in the vicinity of the posts, Pat's gentlemanly and kindly disposition, both on and off the field, endeared him to everybody. A grand team colleague and faithful friend, his early death will be genuinely regretted by all G.A.A. folk and by a host of friends in private life."

Another of Packie's contemporaries declared, "As a footballer he had few equals, his fine physique, his superb fielding and his lengthy accurate drives ranking him as the greatest 40 yards man ever."

In July 1982 Killeshandra Leaguers acknowledged Packie Devlin the footballer by naming their new football pitch in his honour.

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KILLESHANDRA LEAGUERS – A HISTORY

The first mention of Killeshandra Leaguers is in June 1888 and the following year John P Johnson is listed as the delegate representing Killeshandra on the County Board. In 1889 there were three clubs in the Killeshandra Parish, Arva Davitts, Killeshandra National Leaguers and Cornafean Tom Moronies.

- In 1890 the crime branch in Dublin Castle noted the existence of the Killeshandra National Leaguers and that they were "Ribbonmen" i.e. supporters of the Molloy Maguries.
- The GAA in Cavan as elsewhere died in 1891 and did not re-emerge until 1900. In 1901 there were two teams in the Parish, Drumanery Emmets and Killeshandra De Wets.
- 1903 the GAA was radically reformed in Co. Cavan and Killeshandra Leaguers began to feature as a well run club with a very good team. Players listed in 1906 included Benny Reilly, Paddy Gilronan, Terry Reilly, Joe Gilronan, Thomas Farrelly, John Masterson, Michael Fleming, Pat Reilly, T. Henry. J. McCormick, T. McNabal (McNaboe), B. Leddy, P. Reilly, Willie Mc Clean.
- In October 1906 Killeshandra won the Western County Final defeating Ballyconnell First Ulster's and were to play Kingscourt Sinn Feiner's who won the Eastern section in the showground's in Cavan in the County Final. The game was never played as Kingscourt refused to play in Cavan and in
- July 1907 the Senior title was awarded to Killeshandra. The Leaguers did not re-affiliate in 1907 in disgust with the handling of the aforementioned affair.
- The Leaguers had a shaky existence in the 1910's and 1920's but fielded teams in the twenties and produced players like Tom and Paddy Gilronan, John Crotty, Pat and Joe Sexton, Mick and Packie Dinneny and Paddy McCaffery
- 1932 marked the beginning of the modern era of the Leaguers and the club re-formed at an AGM held in the Market House. Officers elected were John Smith Chairman, Paddy McCaffery Vice Chairman, Tommy Connolly Secretary and Treasurer. Committee-Pat Sexton, Phil Sexton John Burns, Tommy Gilronan and John Devlin. Packie Devlin was captain of the team with Jim Connolly as vice captain.
- They were also known as Croghan at this time and beat Crubany in the 1935 Junior championship Final (*see photo of team in article on Packie Devlin*)
- In 1937 the club was suspended after a row with Belturbet
- In 1939 Croghan reached their second Junior final and they beat Crubany by a solitary point after a replay. Killeshandra (Croghan) went senior after this but only for one year





- During the 1940's many good and loyal players served the club.

Croghan 1946 team



- In the fifties the Club lapsed again but was still functioning and in 1953 a fund raising game was staged at the Castle field between current and veteran players.

Fund Raising Game in Castle Field 1953 – Veterans V **Current players**



Current Players: Back row (l. to r.) – Stephen Shannon, Noel Fitzpatrick, Gerry Brady, Jim O'Reilly, Brain Fay, Joe Hayes, Gabriel Fitzpatrick, Joe Shannon, Benny O'Reilly. Front row (l. to r.) – Stephen O'Reilly, Paddy O'Reilly, Frank Shannon, Packie Teevan, Tommy Brady, Enda Shannon.





KILLESHANDRA LEAGUERS – A HISTORY

Fund Raising Game in Castle Field 1953 – Veterans V Current players



Veteran Players: Back row (l. to r.) – Peter Brady, John O'Rourke, Eugene Gallagher, Tommy Connolly, Packie Phair, Jimmy Duignan, Séamus Dolan, Benny Fay, Mick Brady. Front row (l. to r.) – Johnny Devlin, Jimmy Kearns, Des Benson, Michael Maguire, John O'Reilly (Drumambry), Pat Leddy, Frank Harrington.

- The club was revived at an AGM in 1960, Charlie Lynch Chairman, Joe Hayes Secretary and Mick King Treasurer. McCann's Hill was rented from Jack Bell for the year.

Killeshandra Leaguers 1961



Back row (l. to r.) – Junior O'Dowd, Joe Hayes, Tommy Galligan, Cathal Toal, John.P. Murphy, Joe Shannon, Eugene Nealon, Gerry O'Reilly, Noel Brady. Front row (l. to r.) – Michael Kivlehan, Brian Sheridan, Billy Murphy, Paul O'Rourke, Michael O'Reilly, Paddy Sheridan, Stephen O'Reilly, Michael Fay, Charlie O'Rourke, Gabriel Fitzpatrick.



KILLESHANDRA LEAGUERS – A HISTORY



- July 1907 the Senior title was awarded to Killeshandra. The Leaguers did not re-affiliate in 1907 in disgust with the handling of the aforementioned affair.
- In 1970 Killeshandra won the Junior Championship beating Butlersbridge in the final.



Front row (l. to r.) – Eugene Fitzpatrick (R.I.P.), Mick Fay, Pat Brady, Hugh Reynolds, Tommy Galligan (Captain), John Sweeney, Cecil Rapple, Charlie O'Rourke. Back row (l. to r.) – Pat Reynolds, Brian O'Dowd, Cathal Toal, Paddy Rapple, Paul O'Rourke, Mark Goldrick, Rory Toal, Enda Shannon, John Brady, Brendan Toal, Johnny Devlin (R.I.P.).

- 1973 Killeshandra were defeated in the Intermediate Final by Redhills and there was to follow several lean years at senior level in the club.
- In 1974 the "Rectory Field" was purchased for £8,400.
- On March 16th 1975 the Leaguers played their first match in the "Rectory Field" against Castlerahan. The Leaguers ran out winners on a score-line of 4-4 to 1-12 with John Sweeney getting the first score in the new field, a goal from a penalty. The scorers on the day were; J.Sweeney 1-0, J.Dinneny 2-0, O.Dinneny 1-1, N.Phair 0-1, H.Reynolds 0-1, P.Boyce 0-1. The team lined out as follows; S, Magarahan, G.Duffy, P.Reynolds. John Phair, J.Sweeney, P.O'Rourke, Jim Phair, John Brady (Capt.), Jim O'Dowd, N.Phair, P.Boyce, J.Dinneny, J.Teevan, H.Reynolds, O.Dinneny.
- 1978, 79 and '80 Killeshandra won three Junior League titles in a row, beating Belturbet in the 1978 final, Drumlane in 1979 and Knockbride in the 1980 final and the Leaguers progressed from here





KILLESHANDRA LEAGUERS – A HISTORY

1980 Junior League Champions (3 in a row)



Front row (l. to r.) – Tommy Brady, Sean Óg Minagh, Paddy Minagh, John Brady (Captain), Declan Sheridan, Stephen King, Philip O'Reilly, Benny Duffy, Niall Phair. Back row (l. to r.) – Peter Maguire (R.I.P.) Trainer, Fergus McMenamin, John Martin, Jimmy Phair, Hugh Reynolds, Michael Keenan, Tomás McDermott, Seán McGearry, Cyril Reilly, Brendan Reilly, Pat McGearry, Kevin Sexton, Johnny O'Reilly, Francis (Junior) McKiernan.

- In 1982 Killeshandra Leaguers were promoted to Division 2 and on the 11th July the Club opened its new playing pitch and clubhouse- Pair Phadraig Ui Dhoibhlin and this was to be the spring board for a golden era for the Leaguers.

Killeshandra G.F.C. Officers 1982



Left to right – Charlie O'Rourke, treasurer; Séamus Cuddy, assistant treasurer; Pat Brady, President; Joe Hayes, secretary; Enda Shannon, vice-chairman; Paddy McKeon, President; Joe Braiden, assistant secretary; Tomás McDermott, youth officer. Inset: Left, John Brady, chairman; Right, Fergus McMenamin, Irish officer.





Killeshandra Park Development Committee 1982



Front row (l. to r.) – Charlie O'Rourke, Séamus Cuddy, Tomás McDermott, Enda Shannon, Dermot O'Connor, John Brady, Philip O'Reilly. Back row (l. to r.) – Stephen King, Jim Reilly, Phelim Cox (R.I.P.), Joe Braiden, Mickey McGearty. Missing from photo, Peter Maguire (R.I.P.), Joe Hayes and Andy Feeney.

Killeshandra G.F.C. Officers 1982



Back row (l. to r.) – Tomás McDermott, John McKeown, Seán Feeney, Brendan O'Reilly, Johnny O'Reilly, Seán McGearty, Junior McKiernan, Michael Keenan, Pat Brady, Stephen King, Séamus McDermott (RIP), Tommy Brady, Mick Fay (Manager). Front row (l. to r.) – Jimmy Phair, Anthony Phair, Declan Sheridan, Kenneth Teevan, Paddy Brady, John Sweeney (Capt), Declan Feeney, Ronan Flanagan, Seán Óg Minagh, John Martin, Pat McGearty.

- The Leaguers won the Junior Championship in 1983 defeating Kill in the final.





KILLESHANDRA LEAGUERS – A HISTORY

1983 Junior Champions



Back row (l to r): Peter Corr (Rip – Treasurer), Christy Woods (Selector), Brendan O'Reilly, Tomás McDermott, Peter Brady, Stephen King, Seán McGearty, Shane Devine, John Brady, John Sweeney, John McKeown, Tommy Brady, Neil Phair, Rev Colm Hurley.

Middle row (l to r): Mick Fay (Manager), Charlie O'Rourke (Chairman), Paul O'Dowd, Tom McKiernan, Des Flanagan, Jimmy Phair (Capt), Bernard Brady, John Martin, Benny Duffy, Seán Feeney, Seán Magarahan.

Front row (l to r): Tom Gray, Emmett Minagh, Ronan Flanagan, Declan Feeney, Pat McGearty.

Missing from picture: Johnny O'Reilly, P.O'Reilly.

- In 1984 The Killeshandra Leaguers gained promotion to Division 1 after defeating Drung in the Division 2 Final

1984 Division 2 League Winners



Back row (l to r): Christy Woods (Selector), Winston Morrison, Junior McKiernan, John Sweeney, P.O'Reilly, Tomás McDermott, Stephen King, Brendan O'Reilly, Seán Feeney, Tom Downes, Shane Devine, Tony McDonnell, Mick Fay (Manager)

Front row (l to r): Peter Brady, Des Flanagan, John Martin, Kieran Barry-Murphy, Bernard Brady, Johnny O'Reilly, Ronan Flanagan, Declan Feeney, Pat McGearty, Tom McKiernan.





Killeshandra Leaguers Centenary Year (1984) Committee & Officials



Back row (l to r): Paddy Phair, Neil Phair, Tom Devine, Johnny McGearty (RIP), Michael McGearty, Séamus McDermott (RIP), Seán Magarahan, Christy Woods, Tomás McDermott
 Front row (l to r): Jim O'Reilly, Mick Fay, Philip O'Reilly, Stephen King (Snr), Rev. Colm Hurley, Peter Corr (RIP), Jimmy Farrelly (RIP), Philip Sheridan.

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1986 Intermediate Champions



Back row (l to r): Michael McGearty, Mick Fay (Manager), Andy Feeney (County Secretary), Shady O'Reilly, John Brady, Brendan O'Reilly, Des Flanagan, Tom Downes, Paul O'Dowd, Seán McGearty, Tomás McDermott, Shane Devine, Junior McKiernan, Johnny O'Reilly, Seán Feeney, Peter Brady, Tony McDonnell, Charlie Shanley (Selector), Christy Woods (Selector).
 Front row (l to r): Philip O'Reilly, Sean Magarahan, John Martin, Tomas McKiernan, Connor Flanagan, Harry O'Reilly (RIP), Paddy Minagh, Stephen King, Bernard Brady, P. O'Reilly, Declan Feeney, Pat McGearty, Kieran Barry-Murphy, Gerry Sheridan, Nudie McGovern.

- In 1990 Killeshandra won the Div 2a league- 2 in a row, when defeating near neighbours Cornafean in the final.





KILLESHANDRA LEAGUERS – A HISTORY

- 1991 Killeshandra Leaguers won their second Intermediate Championship title defeating Munterconnaught in the final.

1991 Intermediate Champions



Back row (l to r): Declan Feeney, Emmett O'Shannon, Seán McGearty, Alan Brady, Junior McKiernan, Patrick Duffy, Tom Downes, Ronan Fitzpatrick, Coman Flanagan, Kenneth O'Connor.

Middle row (l to r): Ronan Flanagan, Martin McKiernan, Connor Flanagan, Stephen King, Pat McGearty, Seán Feeney (Capt), Ollie Fay, Fergal O'Reilly, Mícheál Murphy, Kieran Fitzpatrick.

Front row (l to r): Joe Brady, Kieran McGovern, Tom Gray, Finbar O'Reilly, Bernard Rodgers, P. O'Reilly

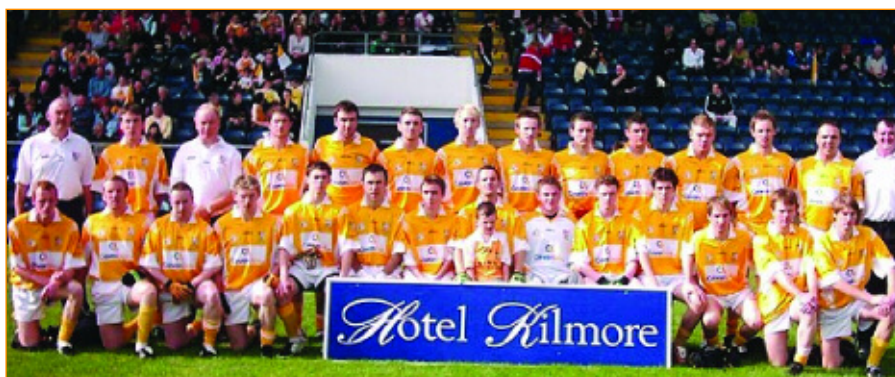
- In 1992 Killeshandra Leaguers reached the quarter final of the Senior championship losing narrowly to eventual winners Ramor United.
- 1993 saw the start of the decline in the Leaguers fortunes with relegation to Division 2 and in
- 1996 they were relegated to Division 3
- 1997 heralded a change in fortune for the Leaguers with victory over Drumgoon in the Division 3 League Final and promotion to Division 2
- Relegation to Division 3 returned in 2001 and the club remained here until 2007.





- 2007 the Leaguers won the Junior Championship which was unique, in that 3 teams from the parish competed in the semi-finals. The Leaguers defeated Shannon Gaels in the final on score line of 11 points to 8. They also won promotion and the Division 3 League title after a replay beating Cavan Gaels convincingly with a very youthful side.
- In 2007 the club also competed in the Ulster Junior Championship for the first time defeating St. Mary's Ahoghill (Antrim) in the first round before losing the semi final narrowly to the Rock (Tyrone) in Clones.

2007 Junior Champions



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- 2009 The Leaguers returned to Division 1 where they remain at present and with the talent available and the commitment of the players the club is expecting more success on the playing field.





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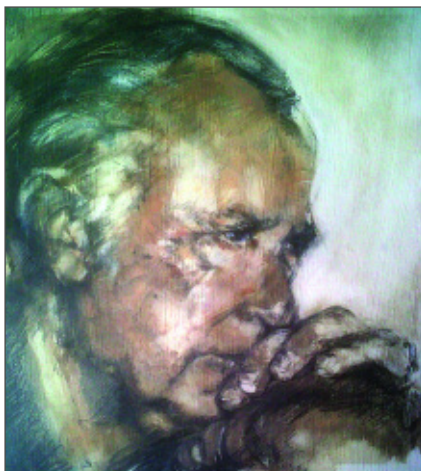


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Killeshandra Players & Officials

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Kildallan Players & Officials

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MEET THE TEAMS



Cavan Players & Officials

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PAST ENCOUNTERS IN ULSTER FINALS

Cavan & Down Past Encounters – 1959 to 1978

Cavan and Down are two of Ulster's most decorated Counties having won 10 All Ireland Finals and Numerous Ulster Championships between them. Their greatest period of Ulster dominance came between 1959 and 1969 when they met in 8 Ulster finals each being successful four times. Down also went on to win three All Irelands during this period.

1959 Ulster Final: Down 2-16 Cavan 0-07

DOWN: E.McKay, George Lavery, L.Murphy, P.Rice, K.Mussen (c), J.McCartan, K.O'Neill, Joe Lennon, P.O'Hagan, Sean O'Neill, J.Carey, P.Doherty, K.Denvir, T.Hadden, Brian Morgan. Subs: Dan McCartan for O'Neill, O'Neill for Denvir.

CAVAN: Brian O'Reilly, N.O'Reilly, Gabriel Kelly, Mickey Brady, H.Gaffney, T.Maguire (c), J.McDonnell, Hugh Barney O'Donoghue, K.McIntyre, Con Smith, B.Gallagher, J.Conaty, Jimmy Sheridan, C.Gallagher, J.Brady. Subs: Jimmy Meehan for N.O'Reilly, Tommy Galligan for Maguire, Maguire for Galligan.

1960 Ulster Final: Down 3-07 Cavan 1-08

DOWN: E.McKay, George Lavery, L.Murphy, P.Rice, K.Mussen (c), D.McCartan, K.O'Neill, P.J.McElroy, J.Lennon, Sean O'Neill, J.McCartan, P.Doherty, T.Hadden, P.O'Hagan, Brian Morgan. Subs: J.Carey for McElroy, Eamon Lundy for Lennon.

CAVAN: Brian O'Reilly, J.Meehan, G Kelly, M.Brady, H.Gaffney, T.Maguire, T.Galligan, H.B. O'Donoghue, J.McDonnell (c), J.Sheridan, Mal Shiels, Con.Smith, Seamus Conaty, J.Brady, C.Gallagher. Sub: P.Carolan for Sheridan.

1962 Ulster Final: Cavan 3-06 Down 0-05

CAVAN: Sean Óg Flood, G.Kelly, P.J.McCaffrey, M.Brady, T.Morris, T.Maguire, J.McDonnell (c), Ray Carolan, Tom Lynch, C.Smith, H.B. O'Donoghue, Jimmy Stafford, Seamus McMahon, C.Gallagher, J.Brady. Sub: P.J. O'Gorman for Kelly.

DOWN: E.McKay, George Lavery, L.Murphy, P.Rice, P.Hamill, D.McCartan, P.O'Hagan, J.Carey, J.Lennon, Sean O'Neill, J.McCartan, P.Doherty (c), T.Hadden, P.J.McElroy, Brian Morgan. Subs: K.O'Neill for Hamill, K.Mussen for Carey.

1964 Ulster Final: Cavan 2-10 Down 1-10

CAVAN: P.J.Gorman, G.Kelly, P.J.McCaffrey, T.Morris, Frank Kennedy, T.Maguire, J.McDonnell (c), Ray Carolan, Tom Lynch, J.J.O'Reilly, H.B. O'Donoghue, C.Gallagher, Mattie Cahill, Jimmy O'Donnell, J.Stafford. Sub: Peter Pritchard.

DOWN: P.McAlinden, George Lavery (c), L.Murphy, K.O'Neill, P.O'Hagan, T.O'Hare, P.Hamill, Larry Powell, D.McCartan, B.Johnston, J.Lennon, P.Doherty, S.O'Neill, J.McCartan, V.Kane. Subs: Jackie Fitsimons for Lavery, B.Morgan for O'Hare.





1965 Ulster Final: Down 3-05 Cavan 1-08

DOWN: P.McAlinden, Seamus Doyle, L.Murphy, T.O'Hare, J.Lennon, D.McCartan, P.O'Hagan, George Glynn, L.Powell, Felix Quigley, V.Kane, P.Doherty, J.Fitzsimons, S.O'Neill (c), B.Johnston. Subs: Colm Curtis for Powell.

CAVAN: John Reilly, G.Kelly, Tony Keyes, T.Morris, Brian Kennedy, T.Maguire (c), Donal O'Grady, R. Carolan, T.Lynch, John Joe O'Reilly, J.O'Donnell, C.Gallagher, S.McMahon, Danny Brady, Phil Murray.

1967 Ulster Final: Cavan 2-12 Down 0-08

CAVAN: Seamus Gallagher, Andy McCabe, G.Kelly, P.Pritchard, Pat Tinnelly, R.Carolan, Brendan Murtagh, Brendan Donoghue, T.Lynch, Steve Duggan, J.J.O'Reilly, Michael Greenan, J.O'Donnell, C.Gallagher (c), P.Murray.

DOWN: P.McAlinden, Brendan Sloane, L.Murphy, T.O'Hare, Ray McConville, D.McCartan (c), L.Powell, G.Glynn, J.Lennon, John Murphy, C.McAlarney, John Purdy, J.McCartan, S.O'Neill, V.Kane. Subs: Ray Carville for Murphy, J.Fitzsimons for Kane, Brian McVeigh for Sloane.



Action from the Cavan v Down 1967 Ulster Final in Clones





PAST ENCOUNTERS IN ULSTER FINALS

1968 Ulster Final: Down 0-16 Cavan 1-08

DOWN: Danny Kelly, B.Sloane, D.McCartan, T.O'Hare, R.McConville, Willie Doyle, J.Lennon (c), C.McAlarney, Jim Milligan, Mickey Cole, Dickie Murphy, J.Murphy, P.Doherty, S.O'Neill, J.Purdy.

CAVAN: Pat Lyons, G.Kelly, B Donoghue, P.Pritchard, P.Tinnelly, T.Lynch, A.McCabe, Fergus McCauley, Hugh Newman, Michael Greenan, J.J.O'Reilly, P.Murray, J.O'Donnell, C.Gallagher (c), S.Duggan. Sub: B.Murtagh for Newman.

1969 Ulster Final: Cavan 2-13 Down 2-06

CAVAN: Pat Lyons, G.Kelly, B Donoghue, A.McCabe, P.Tinnelly, T.Lynch, Enda McGowan, R.Carolan, Hugh Newman, S.Duggan, J.J.O'Reilly, Hugh McInerney, Gene Cusack, Declan Coyle, C.Gallagher (c).

DOWN: Danny Kelly, B.Sloane, D.McCartan, T.O'Hare, R.McConville, Willie Doyle, J.Lennon, C.McAlarney, Jim Milligan, Mickey Cole, J.Murphy, J.Fitzsimons, Peter Rooney, S.O'Neill (c), P.Doherty. Sub James Morgan.

1978 Ulster Final: Down 2-19 Cavan 2-12

DOWN: Martin McCabe, B.Sloan, M.Turley, Michael Sands, C.Digney, Brendan Toner, John McCartan, C.McAlarney (c), Liam Austen, B.Gardner, M.Cunningham, Ronnie Matthews, Joe Byrne, P.Rooney, Jarlath Digney. Subs Emmett McGivern for Matthews, Tommy McGovern for Toner, Pat Murtagh for McCartan.

CAVAN: A.Elliott, F.Dolan, D.Dalton, J.J.Martin, D.Meade, O.Brady, E.McGowan (c), A.King, O.Martin, Tony Brady, Paddy McNamee, Ray Cullivan, O.Leddy, Donal Donohue, Mark Goldrick. Subs K.O'Keefe for King, S.Leddy for Cullivan.



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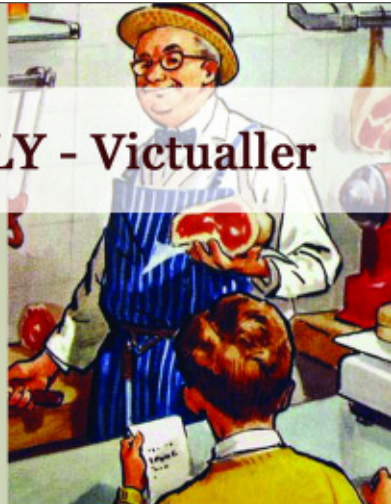
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OFFICIAL OPENING OF DEVLIN PARK, KILLESHANDRA

NEXT SUNDAY marks the official opening of Devlin Park, Killeshandra, and to mark the occasion, the President of the G.A.A., Mr. Paddy Buggy, will perform the official opening ceremony. Cavan play Longford in a senior football challenge at 4 o'clock and will be preceded by a challenge game between Killeshandra and Butlersbridge at 2 o'clock. The opening ceremony is at 3.30. The recently developed park cost approximately £85,000 and the club were assisted by grants from Central and Ulster Council and amenity grants from Cavan County Council, together with the Youth Employment Scheme. This is the last of the club development schemes undertaken throughout the county for this year to be completed with their official opening.

The park is named after Packie Devlin, one of Cavan's stars of the late twenties and early thirties and who also gave sterling service to Killeshandra club.

Packie Devlin first joined the Cavan team in 1927 the year Cavan won the first major trophy, the All-Ireland junior championship, when they defeated Kildare in the final at Breffin Park. Packie Devlin was at right half-forward. Five of that team appeared in the All-Ireland junior competition the same year, including Devlin but Cavan were beaten by one point.

Packie Devlin lined out at centre-half forward against Kildare, a position he commanded to the end of the



PACKIE DEVLIN

twenty-five years. He and his brother, Johnny, were members of the junior championship winning side of the late thirties.

He died in November, 1951, at the age of 42.

Football in Killeshandra parish goes back to the earliest days of the G.A.A. In 1889 there were three clubs in the parish — Arva Davitta, Killeshandra National Leaguers and Coranlean Ten Moresons. The G.A.A. subsequently went out of existence for a period and wasn't revitalised until 1900. The following year there were two teams in the parish, Drumsnary Brimets and Killeshandra De Wets and other clubs spring up in the area around the same time.

Killeshandra lived very much in the shadow of Coranlean at the time. The year 1937 saw the club produce a crop of top-class players, including Packie Devlin, Willie Young, Mick Dinneen and Big Tom O'Reilly, members of a large and flourishing parish. The Leaguers were reformed in 1938 and Creghan reached their first ever junior championship final in '36 beating Mountsney after a replay.

In 1938 Creghan reached their second final and won the cup and moved up to senior grade for the year. The club played again in the late thirties

and was revived in 1960. Killeshandra were forced to drop back from intermediate to junior, following a number of defections by players to neighbouring Kildalian. Killeshandra came back to regain the junior crown in 1970 beating Butlersbridge in the final.

Other successes followed with three junior league titles in a row from 1976-80.

JUVENILE FOOTBALL

Under-age football has also been to the fore and the club won its first under-age title in 1955. They won the minor title in '65 and '66 and the minor league title the latter year also. The under-16 title was also captured by St. Joseph's (Arva-Killeshandra) in 1969.

The under-12 side together with Coranlean and Arva joined forces to win the urban under-12 championship in 1970. In 1978 under-age football was to the fore again and after several narrow defeats the minor league team won honours in 1980. The following year things were even better, the minors capturing the championship title.

Camogie was founded in 1961 and progress is being reported, while in Scott Killeshandra won the Score na nOg All-Ireland title for their novelty act last year.

PARK DEVELOPMENT

The Killeshandra Park Development Committee put a lot of work into raising the necessary funds to bring their dream to fruition. The total cost of £85,000 also included grants from the Central and Ulster Councils. Amenity Grants from Cavan County Council amounted to £6,000, while the Youth Employment Scheme, which was Government sponsored, yielded £16,000 over a two year period.

The club itself raised over £20,000 over the last three years. In the first year, £5,000 was raised and this year a total of £14,000 was collected.

Cavan, whose last outing was against Leitrim in a game to mark the official opening of Gowra Park and who surprisingly suffered defeat, include Jimmy Phair (Killeshandra) in goal and also marks the return of Ollie Brady to the team at full-back, flanked by Robbie McDermott and Eugene Kiernan. Jim McGannon is recalled at centre half-back and Danny Finnegan is retained at midfield where he teams up with Stephen King. In the attack, Joe Cassidy (Shercock), Derek McDonnell and Mickey McEnlee is a new-look half-forward line with Felim Costello, Hubert Conaty and Barry Tierney in the front line of the attack.

The Longford team includes players like John Joe Orobok and Mick Casey in defence, and Kevin O'Rourke, former Cavan player, and Pat Mulooly in attack.

Cavan, — J. Phair; R. McDermott, O. Brady, E. Kiernan; T. Brady, J. McGannon, J. Reilly; S. King, D. Finnegan; J. Cassidy, D. McDonnell, M. McEnlee; B. Costello, H. Conaty, B. Tierney. Subs. — S. Axworthy, A. Elliott, D. Reilly, J. Fay, A. King, D. Donohoe, R. Cullivan, J. McAwoney, J. Dillon, F. McNamee.

Longford — J. Martin; G. Burns, T. Madden, P. O'Brien; J. J. Orobok, M. Casey, P. Smith; N. Drake; J. Reilly; J. O'Connor; P. Kiernan, K. O'Rourke; L. Tierney, P. Mulooly; R. Martin. Subs. — K. Hughes, G. Kiernan, S. O'Neill, C. Kenny, H. Reilly, T. Gallagher.



OLLIE BRADY

thirty. He enjoyed his greatest moment in 1953 when Cavan won their first All-Ireland title and helped the county to further success in '55. Devlin had one of his finest games in the 1937 All-Ireland drawn final against Kildare but saw his team lose the replay.

When he retired from county football he assumed Killeshandra as trainer, player and officer. For a brief period the club became known as Creghan, the name of the townland he was born in.

He acted as team captain of Killeshandra Leaguers for





OFFICIAL OPENING OF PACKIE DEVLIN MEMORIAL PARK – 11TH JULY 1982

CAVAN TOO STRONG FOR WEAK LONGFORD

CAVAN 3-12, LONGFORD 1-7

CAVAN had too much strength in depth for a very depleted Longford side in a senior football challenge game at Devlin Park, Killeshandra on Sunday last. The Breffnemen were never in trouble and held the upperhand throughout. Longford, showing ten changes from their original selection, seldom threatened and it was only a late flourish which yielded the visitors a face-saving goal. It was a good work-out for Cavan, who hope to have a number of challenge games lined up during the coming weeks.

This was a game which lacked any real competitive spirit and for the most part, Cavan were well on top. The team showed a number of changes from the selected line-out with Joe Casidy (Knockbride), Mickey McEntee (Shercock) and Phelim Costello (Drumalee) absentees from the attack. Ray Cullivan, Donal Donohoe and Paddy McNamee were the replacements. The new midfield partnership of Stephen King and Danny Finnegan impressed throughout, and Finnegan in particular continues to impress many with his form.

There were a number of top-class performances in the Cavan team, notably, Jim Reilly in defence and recalled Jim McGannon at centre-half-back; Stephen King and Danny Finnegan at midfield and Derek McDonnell, Paddy McNamee, Donal Donohoe and Hubert Conaty in the attack.

The scores were level four times in the first-half, but Cavan finally made the breakthrough with a goal from Paddy McNamee right on half-time, which left the interval score, 1-6 to 0-4 in favour of the Breffnemen. A second goal from McNamee three minutes into the second-half ended the match as a contest.

With Cavan leading by 2-11 to 0-

5 entering the final quarter, Longford put in a brief challenge. Points from former Cavan and Mullaboran player, Kevin O'Rourke was followed by a goal from Gerry Kiernan.

Scorers for Cavan were — Paddy McNamee 2-1, Derek McDonnell 1-2, Donal Donohoe 0-5, Danny Finnegan 0-2, and Hubert Conaty and Barry Tierney 0-1 each. Longford — Gerry Kiernan 1-0, Sean O'Neill and Kevin O'Rourke 0-3, and Jimmy Martin 0-1.

Cavan — J. Phair; R. McDermott, O. Brady, E. Kiernan; Tony Brady, Jim McGannon, Jim Reilly; S. King, D. Finnegan; Ray Cullivan, D. McDonnell, Donal Donohoe; P. McNamee, H. Conaty, B. Tierney.

Sub — J. McKiernan for B. Tierney.

Longford — T. Gallagher; P. O'Brien, T. Madden, H. Reilly; J. J. Oroho, K. Hughes, P. Smith; J. Martin, J. Reilly; S. O'Neill, P. Kiernan, P. Masterson; S. McInerney, Kevin O'Rourke, G. Kiernan.

Subs — G. Minnagh for H. Reilly; H. Reilly for McInerney.

Referee — Jim McCorry (Cavan).

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CAVAN v. LONGFORD

JUNIOR FOOTBALL MATCH 2.00 p.m.

KILLESHANDRA LEAGUERS v. BUTLERSBRIDGE



Mr. John Brady, chairman, Killeshandra G.F.C. presenting the trophy to the Killeshandra captain, John Sheehy, following their defeat of Butlersbridge in the opening game.



OFFICIAL OPENING OF PACKIE DEVLIN MEMORIAL PARK



Mr. Paddy Buggy President of the G.A.A. officially opening The Packie Devlin Memorial Park Killeshandra. Also in picture front row: Very Rev. T. Canon McCauley P.P.; Most Rev. Dr. F. McKiernan Bishop of Kilmore; Mr. John Wilson T.D., Minister for Transport, Posts and Telegraphs; Mrs. Lena Henderson, sister of the late Packie Devlin; Mr. Seamus Dolan Co.C.; Mr. Phil Smyth, Vice-Chairman of the Ulster Council G.A.A.; Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick T.D. At back from left: Andy Feeney Cavan Co. Secretary; Mr. Philip O'Reilly, Park Development Committee and Mr. John Brady, Chairman Killeshandra G.F.C.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF DEVLIN PARK, KILLESHANDRA

G.A.A. PRESIDENT PERFORMS OPENING CEREMONY

YEARS of hard work and a combination of community spirit and dedication culminated in the official opening of the new 150,000 Packie Devlin Park, Killeshandra on Sunday last. The opening ceremony was performed by the G.A.A. President, Mr. Paddy Buggy, who in the course of his address said it had been a great achievement for a club so young and hoped it would go from strength to strength as they had now a permanent home, which could only help it to prosper. The attendance also included the Minister for Transport, Posts and Telegraphs, Mr. John Wilson, T.D.; Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick, T.D., Fine Gael spokesman on The Environment; Mr. Peter Harris, Chairman of the Ulster Council and Mr. Phil Brady, Chairman Cavan Co. Board. His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. F. McKiernan, Bishop of Kilmore, imparted the Blessing.

William Walsham marked the occasion, and while the attendance was disappointing, it didn't detract from a fine afternoon's entertainment. In a soccer football challenge match, Cavan defeated a depleted Killeshandra side by 2-17 to 1-7, and in a cup contest, Killeshandra triumphed by 2-10 to 1-5. The music was provided by bands from Mitchamstown in Cavan and Killeshandra Youth Band.

Mr. Buggy, accompanied by Mr. John Brady, Chairman of Killeshandra G.F.C. said that he would be particularly welcome G.A.A. President, Mr. Paddy Buggy on his first official visit to

the county. He had done the club's great honour by his presence, and would like to know that it was deeply appreciated.

Mr. Brady thanked the people of Killeshandra for their support over the past number of years, and the whole community could feel proud of the park. Nothing less would have done to honour the memory of the great Packie Devlin.

"I think in particular the Park Development Committee not only have they given us a fine pitch and amenities, but left us in a very sound financial position.

Mr. Brady said a special word of thanks was due to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Michael

McGearty, and a former Chairman, Mr. Ambrose Garvey and the late Sergeant James Maguire for their hard work. The park was proof of what community spirit could achieve in depressed times.

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"Today we salute the memory of the greatest Killeshandra League of them all — Packie Devlin. He was our best known and most faithful son. He brought fame to the parish wherever he went. Throughout the 'thirties, he remained with the League, then a struggling junior team, when the lure of top-class senior championship football beckoned from the not too distant hills.

"He loaned them and led them to two junior championship wins in 1935 and 1938 as Oughlin League.

"May this park which bears his name be for ever a tribute to his memory, his ardour as a player and his fidelity to his club. May he give life on in the souls of tomorrow who wear the colours of Killeshandra League.

Mr. Brady also paid tribute to others in the parish, although they hadn't worn the League jersey.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mr. Paddy Buggy in

commending Killeshandra on the opening of their club grounds said it had been a great achievement for a club so young as this one. The club was reformed in 1960, the old one having gone out of existence in 1959. A field was rented until 1967 when an area of land was purchased and which was used as a pitch until the present property came on the market.

Once the first pitch had been sold, he continued and purchased the present one. The present development was started and completed.

Continuing Mr. Buggy said: "It is the aim of the G.A.A. that every club will have its own grounds by our centenary year, 1984, and I congratulate you on getting the many clubs that have achieved this aim."

"Since heard as Minister on a Council level alone, grants amounting to 1,649,700 had been made available to county grounds for development and a sum of 683,500 in direct grants to club grounds.

"This amounts to a total of over one million pounds, and if one adds the grants paid by the Provincial Councils and County Boards, the total must come to well over two million pounds. The G.A.A. is often criticised as to what it does with its funds, and these figures give a very good answer to the many who are critical of us in this regard."

Mr. Buggy said he was glad Killeshandra G.F.C. had made

and schoolboy teams and he hoped the young people of the area appreciated the facilities now available to them in Killeshandra for the playing of Gaelic football. He hoped that the local school would be satisfied in providing juvenile football and open-air.

"For far too long we have taken our teachers for granted, and if your club is to have a future you have to show an interest in the level and help at every possible opportunity in promoting the game of football."





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STEPHEN KING – A CAVAN GREAT

When Pairc Phadraig Ui Dhoibhlin was opened in 1982 a book was published to mark the official opening and in that book there was an article title “A Rising Star”, this article was about Stephen as a young footballer already marked out as having the potential to play at the highest level in the sport.

This was very perceptive as he went on to deliver on the expectations culminating in him captaining Cavan to an Ulster title in 1997- seen below is Stephen raising the Anglo Celt Cup in Clones on Sunday 20th July.

Stephen wore the Cavan jersey for the first time as an under 16 in 1978 and went on to play minor in 1979 and 1980. He played Under 21 county football between 1979 and 1982. He made his senior debut against Meath in a challenge game in Kells on the 22nd September 1980, he then played two weeks later against Donegal in the National League in Breffni Park. Stephen missed the 1981 Ulster Championship through injury but in 1982 he started a 16 year involvement with Cavan in the Ulster Championship. He played in the 1983 Ulster Final defeat to Donegal.



He was a member of the winning McKenna Cup team in 1988, won Cavan Supporters Club player of the year awards in 1991 and 1996, he was a member of the Ulster Railway winning cup team in 1992. He also represented Ireland in the compromise series against Australia in 1987 but in 1997 his greatest achievement was as stated above captaining Cavan to the Ulster title and the scenes in Clones will be long remembered when he lifted the cup and said “ People of Cavan, the Anglo Celt Cup is coming home”. Many media commentators admired and highlighted his abilities and as Jimmy Magee the sports commentator said “Stephen King brought class to a couple of decades of Cavan teams and he fully deserved his coronation at Clones”



STEPHEN KING – A CAVAN GREAT



On Monday 21st July Stephen and his team-mates brought the Cup to his home club Killeshandra and the town was thronged with people for the occasion, bonfires were lit on the route into the town to welcome the team.

Pictured below is a section of the crowd in the town that evening



Killeshandra welcomes home Stephen, Cavan and The Anglo Celt Cup

Stephen was an all round sportsman and a gentleman on and off the field, his high fetching and his charging runs lifted his team mates and the fans also, his worth to Cavan was described very well by Fr. Dan Gallogly when he wrote “When King played well, Cavan played well”

Many memories of that night will remain with the people of Killeshandra but one lasting memory was to see Stephen sit alongside double All Ireland winner Packie Phair a resident of Killeshandra who played on the winning Cavan teams in 1933 and 1935.





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Two Cavan Greats from Two Generations – Stephen and Packie



**25th August 1997 – All Ireland Semi-Final – Cavan Vs Kerry.
Stephen King Leads Cavan in Pre-Match Parade.**

While Stephen was starring for Cavan he never forgot his Club and he was an inspirational leader and motivator in helping the team win the Junior Championship in 1983 and also when the Leaguers won two Intermediate titles in 1986 and 1991. His true loyalty and commitment to the Leaguers was epitomised in 1986 when he cut short his honeymoon to lead the Leaguers to victory against Cuchullains in the intermediate final.

When the time came to hang up his playing boots he went into the managerial side of the sport and was joint manager with Killeshandra when they won the Junior Championship and Junior League double in 2007. He now is a selector with the Cavan senior team and if his attributes with regard to commitment, passion and sheer will to win are taken on board then success cannot be far away.



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Féile Peil na nÓg is a national festival of Gaelic football for boys and girls under 14 years of age. It was first held in Cavan in 1982, the brainchild of Fintan Tierney of Butlersbridge. Féile An Cabhán 1982 saw a total of 40 teams participate, 20 of whom were from other counties. It consisted of two boys divisions only – Girls first participated in 1994.

Each year approximately 25,000 boys and girls from each of the 32 counties, and some teams from the UK, Europe and USA, participate in Féile. A preliminary competition is held in each county for the right to represent the county at the Féile finals. The winning club then travels to the host county, where they are hosted by one of the clubs in that county.

Féile Peil na nÓg places great emphasis and importance on proper participation, presentation, punctuality and sportsmanship. Féile involves the whole community, clubs, schools, social and cultural groups, families, civic and religious authorities. It is recognised by the GAA as a major festival of great importance for the promotion of football among the youth of our country.

In 2008 Féile Peil na nÓg returned to Cavan and Killeshandra for the first time since 1984. Killeshandra fielded both Boys and Girls teams in the competition. The Leaguers hosted St. Patrick's Wicklow Boys and Warwickshire Girl's teams. Féile Peil na nÓg proved to be an enjoyable weekend for all involved, and although neither of our teams were successful on the field our girls did pick



Killeshandra Féile Team On Parade In Cavan





ALL IRELAND FÉILE PEIL NA NÓG

up an award for Best Presented Cavan team, and Killeshandra's Conor Mc Gearty reached the skills final, narrowly losing out on the top prize.

Cathal ORourke R.I.P. and Collette McGearty acted as Féile officers over the weekend and with Una Feeney (Juvenile Chairperson) and Blaithin Higgins (Juvenile Secretary) organised a very enjoyable weekend. Killeshandra's Patricia O'Reilly acted as Cavan Féile Peil na nÓg Secretary.

During the course of the week Scoil Bhríde was visited by Aaron Kiernan(Armagh) Ross Munnley(Laois) and Jason Sherlock(Dublin) also Ladies GAA President Gearldine Giles among others. The Town Parade and opening ceremony was very entertaining. A BBQ and disco were held on Saturday night for all involved in the area over the weekend.



Féile Peil na nÓg 2008 promotional tour visits Killeshandra N.S.

FÉILE PEIL NA NÓG HOST COUNTIES

Cavan	1982, 1983, 1984, 2008
Cork	1985, 1986
Kildare	1987, 1988, 2009
Galway	1989, 1990, 2003
Meath	1991, 1992
Kerry	1993, 1994
Mayo	1995, 1996
Donegal	1997, 1998

Clare	1999
Dublin	2000
Tipperary	2001
Carlow	2002
Tyrone	2004
Limerick	2005
Wicklow	2006
Leitrim	2007





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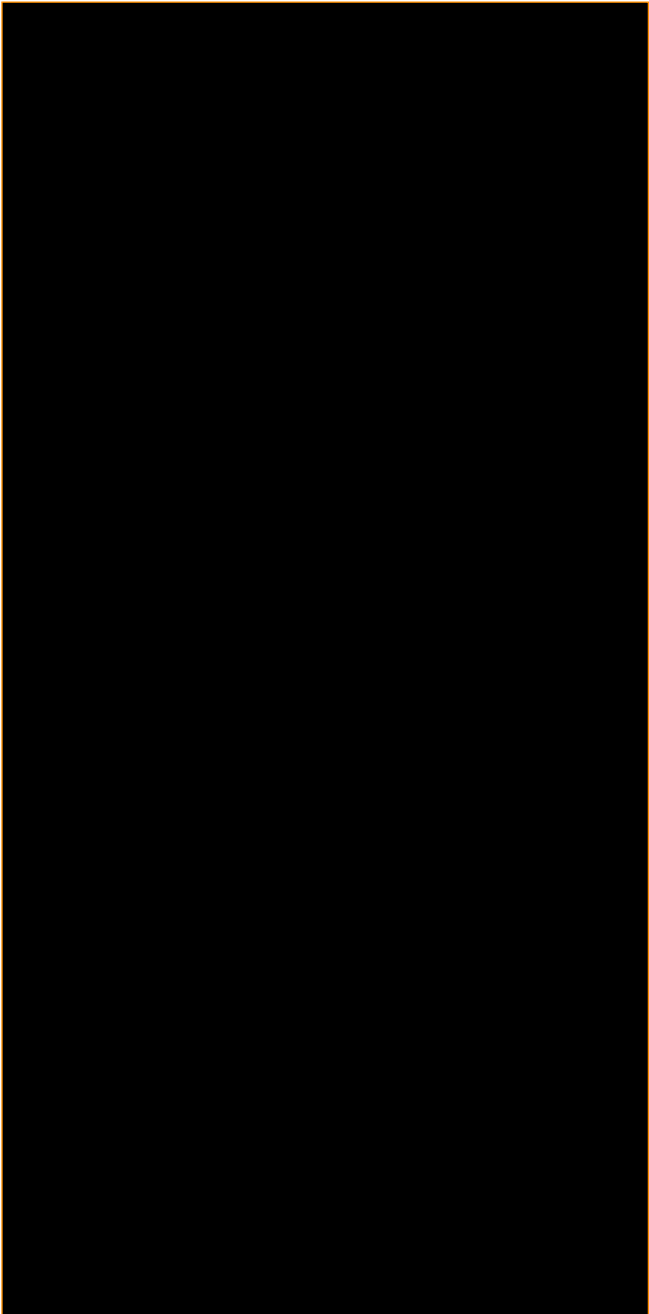
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KILLESHANDRA TEAMS

U6s, U8s, U10s



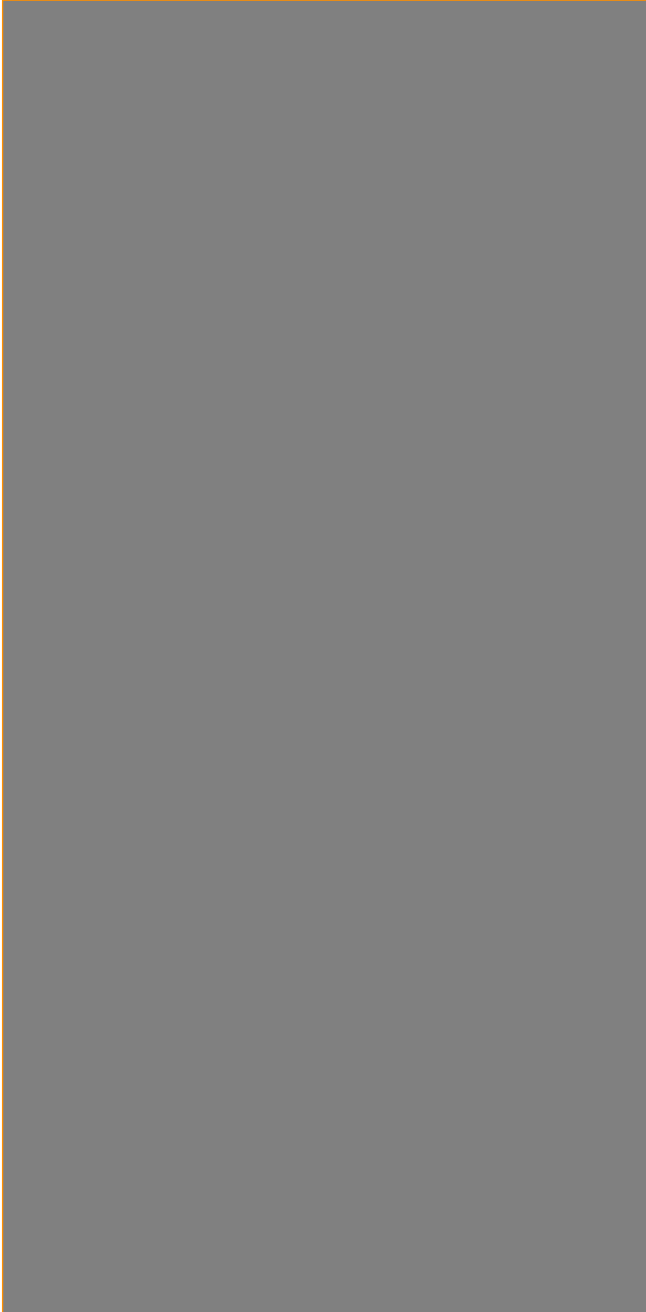
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U12s, U14s



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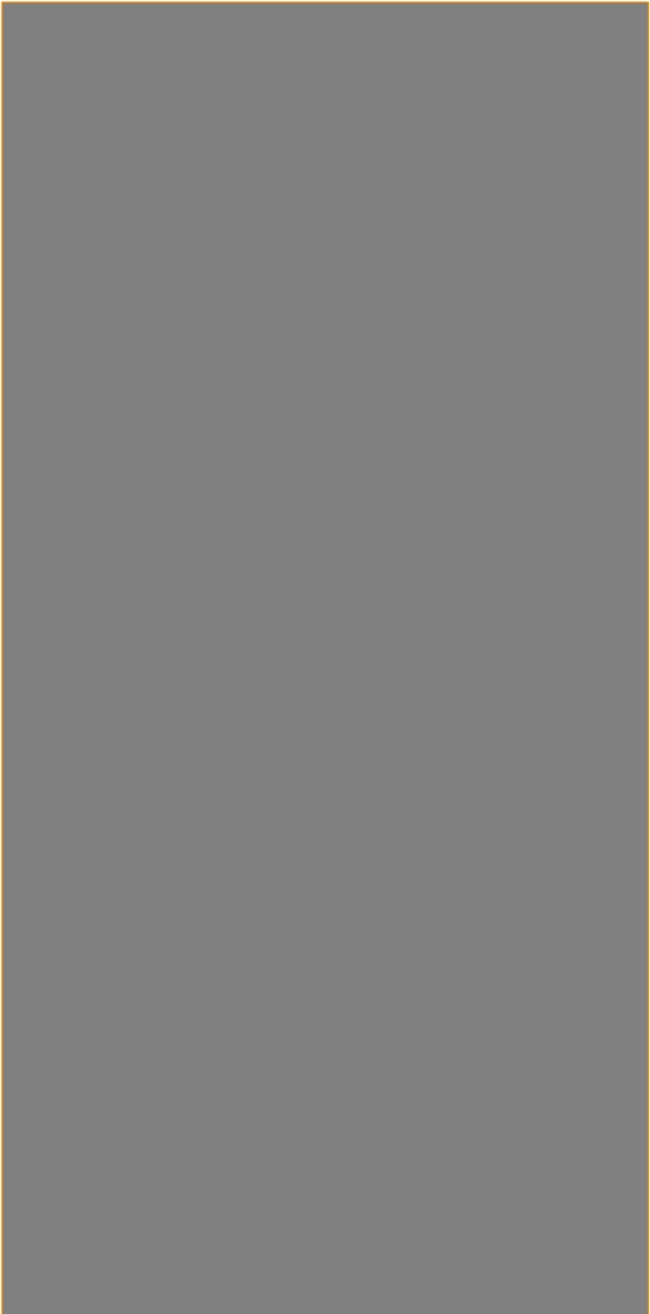
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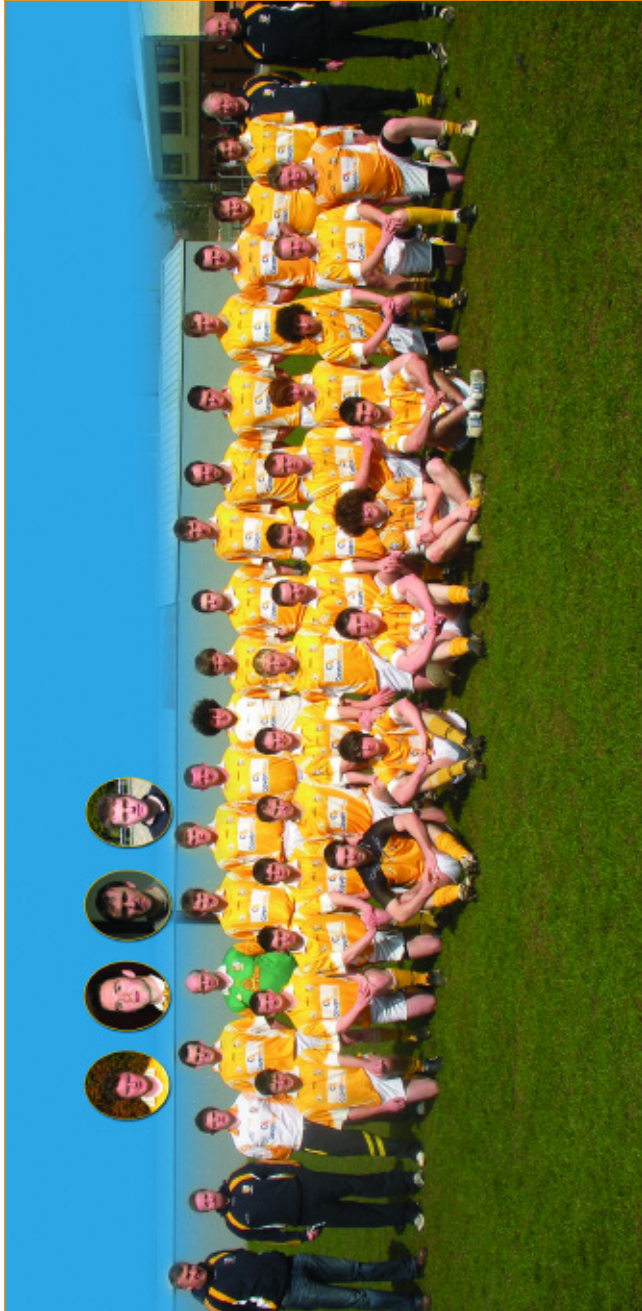
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Current Men's Senior Team



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KILLESHANDRA LADIES GFC

Current Ladies Senior Team



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Killeshandra Scór was founded nearly 34 years ago in October 1977. With such a wide and long established tradition of Irish music, song and dance in Killeshandra it was inevitable that Scór would generate a keen interest.

Since then Killeshandra has been actively involved in both Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsear annual competitions. The club has been successful in many county finals in all eight disciplines – reaching Ulster finals on many occasions and being crowned Ulster champions in Rince Fóirne, Ceol Uirlise, Nuachleas and Tráth na gCeist.

History was made for club and county with the winning of the Novelty act in the Scór na nÓg All Ireland final in Limerick in 1982. This was county Cavan's first All Ireland victory in Scór.

All-Ireland Champions 1982 – Scór Na nÓg Novelty Act



Left to Right: Martina Tiernan, Declan Feeney, Majella McDermott, Ronan Flanagan.

Club Cill Na Sean Rátha is still a vibrant and active participant in Scór, this year taking part in Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsear with the Senior Seit emerging as winners of the county title.

The committee and members of Killeshandra Scór wish the Club every success with their new development and look forward to many more years of participation and enjoyment in Scór.





KILLESHANDRA SCÓR

Presentation to Scór Ulster Champions 2001 – Rince Foirne by Killeshandra GFC Chairman Tom McKiernan



Back row (l to r): Pat McGearty, Dónal O'Reilly, Mary Duffy, Aisling Gallagher, Sinéad Duffy, Elaine Duffy, Tom McKiernan, Ailís Kelly, Thelma Kelly, Maura Fitzpatrick, Gavin McDermott, Mathew Keaney, Helena King.
Front row (l to r): Sandra McDermott, Sinéad Duffy, Rosaleen Peake (Dancing Teacher), Elaine Woods, Angela McDermott, Imelda Fay. Missing from picture Ann O'Reilly.

Scór Ulster Champions 2003 – Ceol Uirlise



Deirdre O'Reilly, Anne Smith, Paddy McDermott (Chairman Cavan County Scór), Dónal O'Reilly, Elaine Duffy, Ailís Kelly.





Scór Ulster Champions 2001 – Rince Fóirne



Back row (Dancers l to r): Sinéad Duffy, Elaine Duffy, Ann O'Reilly, Ailís Kelly, Angela McDermott, Elaine Woods, Aisling Gallagher, Sinéad Duffy.

Front row (Musicians l to r): Brian McCaffrey, Mathew Keaney, Dónal O'Reilly, Paul Duffy.





KILLESHANDRA OFFICERS DOWN THE YEARS 1960 - 2011

Years	Cathaoirleach	Rúnaí	Cisteoir
1960-1982	Charlie Lynch (Rip) Benny Fitzpatrick Peter Maguire (Rip) Micheal O'Reilly John Brady Andy Feeney Joe Hayes	Joe Hayes Frank McGoohan Andy Feeney John Brady	Mick King (Rip) Charlie O'Rourke

Due to the lack of official records the above lists may not be conclusive.
We apologise for any omissions.

Year	Cathaoirleach	Rúnaí	Cisteoir
1982	John Brady	Joe Hayes	Charlie O'Rourke
1983	Charlie O'Rourke	Joe Hayes	Jim O'Reilly
1984	Stephen King (Snr)	Philip O'Reilly	Jim O'Reilly/Peter Corr (Rip)
1985	Stephen King (Snr)	Philip O'Reilly	Jim O'Reilly/Peter Corr (Rip)
1986	Micheal McGearty	Philip O'Reilly	Peter Corr (Rip)
1987	Stephen King (Snr)	Philip O'Reilly	Peter Corr (Rip)
1988	Stephen King (Snr)	Philip O'Reilly	Peter Corr (Rip)
1989	Stephen King (Snr)	Philip O'Reilly	Peter Corr (Rip)
1990	Stephen King (Snr)	Philip O'Reilly	Peter Corr (Rip)
1991	Stephen King (Snr)	Philip O'Reilly	Peter Corr (Rip)
1992	Stephen King (Snr)	Tom Downes	Peter Corr (Rip)
1993	Stephen King (Snr)	Mícheál O'Reilly	Peter Corr (Rip)
1994	Stephen King (Snr)	Mícheál O'Reilly	Peter Corr (Rip)
1995	Stephen King (Snr)	Joe Braiden	Peter Corr (Rip)
1996	Declan Woods	Joe Braiden	Peggy Martin
1997	Declan Woods	Ollie Sheridan	Peggy Martin/Helena King
1998	Tom McKiernan	Ollie Sheridan	Una Feeney/Helena King
1999	Tom McKiernan	Pat McGearty	Una Feeney/Helena King
2000	Tom McKiernan	Pat McGearty	?
2001	Tom McKiernan	Donagh O'Reilly	Una Feeney/John Sweeney
2002	Tom McKiernan	Donagh O'Reilly	Cathal O'Rourke (Rip)/John Sweeney
2003	Ollie Sheridan	Donagh O'Reilly	Cathal O'Rourke (Rip)/John Burns
2004	Ollie Sheridan	Donagh O'Reilly	Cathal O'Rourke (Rip)/John Burns
2005	Ollie Sheridan	Donagh O'Reilly	Cathal O'Rourke (Rip)/Tom McKiernan
2006	Ollie Sheridan	Donagh O'Reilly	Cathal O'Rourke (Rip)/Tom McKiernan
2007	Pat McGearty	Donagh O'Reilly	Cathal O'Rourke (Rip)/Tom McKiernan
2008	Pat McGearty	Donagh O'Reilly	Cathal O'Rourke (Rip)/Tom McKiernan
2009	Pat McGearty	Donagh O'Reilly	Cathal O'Rourke (Rip)/Tom McKiernan
2010	Pat McGearty	Donagh O'Reilly	Cathal O'Rourke (Rip)/Peggy Martin
2011	Pat McGearty	Donagh O'Reilly	Tom McKiernan/Ciaran Burns



DECEASED CLUB MEMBERS



Since the original opening of our field in 1982 we have lost some loyal Leaguers and our thoughts and sympathies are with their families especially on club occasions like this. In particular in the last 12 months we have lost two club presidents, Paddy Smith and Jimmy Farrelly.

Paddy was a long time supporter of the Leaguers, a man big in stature and big in heart, it was always a pleasure to meet Paddy especially after the Leaguers were successful on the playing fields and his spirit and support will always be felt when the Leaguers take the field of play - Ar dheis De go rabh a anam.

Jimmy Farrelly was an avid supporter of the Leaguers and as a younger man his car was used to transport players to games. He loved to see the Leaguers been successful and even when ill in hospital in 2007; it was such a delight to see his reaction when the Junior Championship cup was brought into to him in the hospital. A resolute attendee at every AGM he would always voice an opinion, his presence like that of all deceased members will always be remembered at club gatherings and functions.

We also lost a very prominent member of our committee, Cathal O'Rourke, this man lived for the Club, he was a hard working officer and a vibrant lively influence across all areas in the club.

He helped train the underage teams, was a former senior player and a manager of our junior team as well as a player. He also was an active member of Scór and was always first to volunteer for the novelty act when the Senior Scór events were announced. He was treasurer of the club for 8 years and was an instrumental part of the team that has brought the facilities here today to fruition. The memories of Cathal are many but one would have to recall his sheer delight when the Leaguers won the Junior Championship, Division 3 League and promotion to Division 2 and then to Division 1, he would always say- "it will be great to open the field as a senior division 1 team". His talents were numerous and song writing was a particularly strong one, the song he penned in honour of the Junior Championship victory will always be with us and to recall him singing it at our celebrations in 2007 will always be special.



To the wider G.A.A. community he was known as Cathal but to us Leaguers we knew him simply as "Rourkie", a friend sadly missed. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues. - Go rabh sonas na blath air.





LÁ NA GCLUB

The 10th of May 2009 was chosen as Lá na gClub, a day where local clubs were at the centre of the 125 years celebrations and Killeshandra Leaguers celebrated the day by involving the whole community in our Celebrations

- We organised a schools art competition for schools 1 and 2 – the Title of the competition was “The GAA in our community”. A huge number of entries were received and these were posted on the club room walls for all to see.
- A mass was celebrated in St. Brigid's Chapel with the GAA and the Club prominent in all aspects of the service. The Scór musicians provided beautiful traditional music throughout the service and the gifts carried to the altar reflected the ethos and culture of the organisation as a whole.
- Readings and prayers including the Irish Language were read by club members
- All adult members and children turned up to the Church in the Club colours and this was a sight to behold
- After the Mass there was a photographic exhibition in the Club rooms with an array of past and present photographs on show, this generated a lot of interest and talking point.
- Tomás O'Raghallaigh gave a talk on the history of the GAA outlining where the games originated and how they developed. This was a most interesting talk and the amount of time and work given by Tomas to this was greatly appreciated.
- Refreshments were served and many thanks to all who helped with providing them on the day.

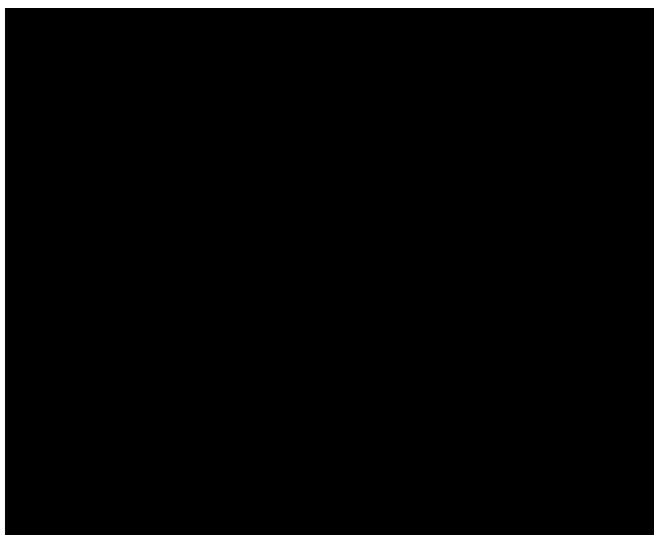
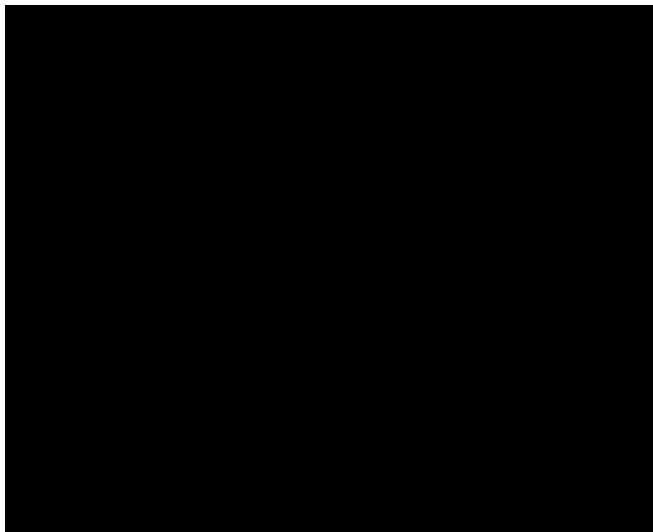
Photographs attached of the exhibition in the club house and also of the many people who attended

Photographic exhibition



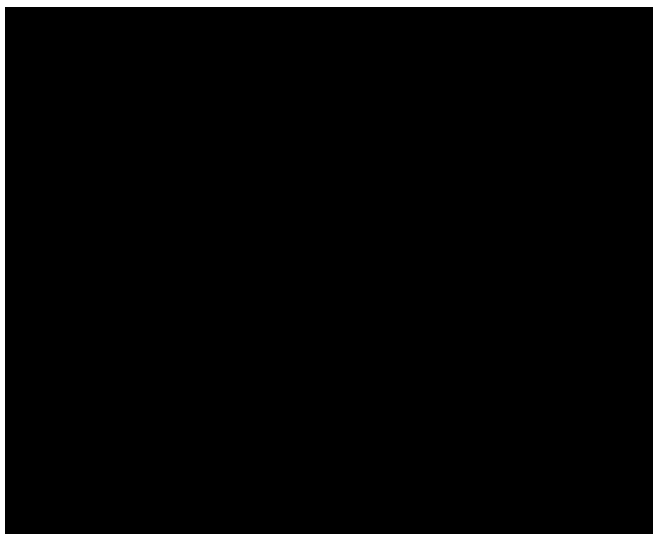
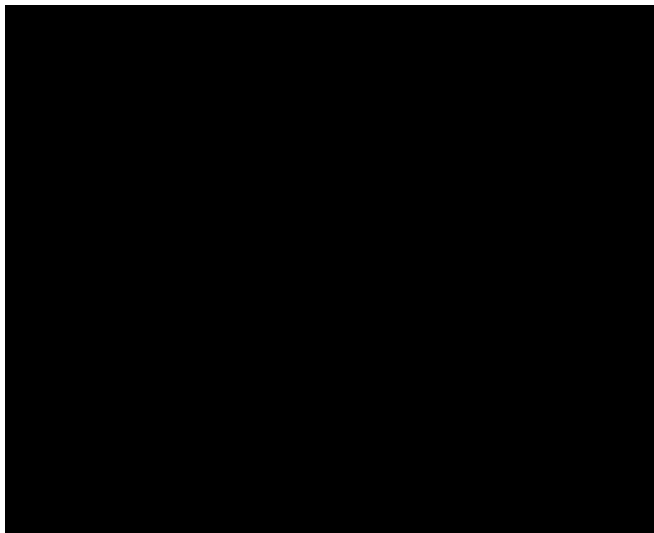


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