

OFFICIAL OPENING HALLA100

CLG Bhrugh Thuinne

Souvenir Programme

3rd April 2016



Official Programme

Pádraig Ó'Driscoll

An Runaí, CLG Bhrugh Thuinne

Mar chuimhneachán ar Éirí Amach na Cásca 1916

Cover picture: The image on our cover is the earliest surviving picture from the Club archives and was taken circa 1927 of the Hurling team in their stylish green jerseys with a gold chevron. Back Row L-R: Michael Gaffney, Maurice O'Mahony, Paddy O'Keeffe, Nat Simcox, Fr Daniel Foley PP, Mick O'Keeffe, John Flannery, Dave Manning. Middle Row L-R: Billy Fitzpatrick, Pad Relihan, A.N. Other, Pat O'Keeffe, Dick Galligan and Jim Kearney,. Front Row L-R: Tom O'Keeffe, Frank Flannery, Dan Relihan and Tim (Thady) Buckley.

*(Picture names research: Pat and Michael Murphy).
(Obelisk picture: Andrzej Witkowski)*

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BRUHENNY
2000

Bruhenry Obelisk was officially unveiled on 4th July 2009 by

Pat Cox
President of the European Parliament
2002 - 2004

Bruhenry Obelisk was erected to commemorate the Millennium in 2000. The obelisk also acts as a giant sun dial and the unveiling took place as part of the International Year of Astronomy 2009.

To the Stars - I d'Treo na Spéartha - Ad Sidera

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CLG Bhrugh Thuinne Official Opening of Halla 100

3ú Aibreán 2016

CLÁR

7.03 – *Sunrise*

11.30 – Mass in St Nicholas' Church

13.15 – Uachtarán arrives

13.45 – Opening ceremony in Halla 100

13.50 – Reading of 1916 Proclamation

13.55 – Welcome by Cathaoirleach, CLG Bhrugh Thuinne

14.05 – Address by CLG Coiste Abhann Dubh Official

14.10 – Address by CLG Chontae Chorcaí Official

14.15 – Addresses by CLG Coiste Na Mumhan Official

14.20 – Address by Uachtarán CLG

14.30 – Uachtarán unveils Opening Plaque

14.55 – Amhrán na bhFiann

15.00 – Intermediate Hurling Cork v Limerick

The Team Sheet is available separately

20.11 – *Sunset*

Music by The Thomas Davis Pipe Band.

The background music chosen for today's grand opening is from the Boss Murphy Music Legacy, by Dr Colette Moloney, published in 2003 (ISBN 0-952-4931-2-8) by the Churchtown Village Renewal Trust. It was recorded by students in the traditional music department of Waterford Institute of Technology. These tunes were collected by Churchtown native John Murphy (1875-1955) in the period 1933-1935. Tunes are also played from the CD entitled Boss Murphy's Spirit of Cork released in 1998.

Páirc Bhrugh Thuinne
Brugh Thuinne
3ú Aibreán 2016



*Croke Park - All Ireland
SHC Replay 2014
(Picture: Kieran Curtin)*

A Chairde,

Fáilte rómhaibh go léir chuig an lá iontach speisialta seo i gCumann Lúthchleas Gael Bhrugh Thuinne.

Is onóir mór dúinn go bhfuil Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Aogán Ó Fearghail inár measc chun an Halla100 a oscailt maraon leis an ionad spóirt faoi dhíon atá cúig mhíle troigh cearnach.

An t-ainm ar an ionad spóirt nua seo ná Halla100 mar chuimhneachán ar Éirí Amach na Cásca míle naoi gcéad is a sé déag.

Welcome to our special day here at Churchtown GAA when we are honoured to have Aogán Ó Fearghail, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael open Halla100; our new 5,500 square feet indoor astro-turf sports facility which is named to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Easter 1916.

We welcome our fellow GAA members and supporters from throughout counties Cork and Limerick and we especially welcome our fellow parishioners from Liscarroll as since 2011 Liscarroll and Churchtown have combined to field one hurling team – playing as Churchtown – and one football team – playing as Liscarroll. The Juvenile sections of both clubs have combined since 2003 and play under the Granard Gaels banner.

We also welcome CLG officials from Coiste Na Mumhan, Coiste Chontae Chorcaí and Coiste Abhann Dubh.

As Chairman I am very conscious of the time and effort so many members put into supporting our Club. It is true that without this unselfish voluntary support our successes both on and off the field would not be possible. I also wish to recognise the mothers, fathers, grandparents and families who support our players and the spouses and

partners who support our members so they have time to volunteer and play for the Club.

It is an honour to have Cork and Limerick Intermediate Hurlers, their management, the referee and his team of officials gracing our field today in a challenge match to mark the official opening of Halla100. Cork and Limerick have been great rivals over the years and whenever they meet it evokes memories of great games and great players. These counties have produced two of the icons of the game in Mick Mackey of Limerick and Christy Ring of Cork. While being mindful of the past, today we look forward to witnessing the skills of the ancient game being displayed by the up and coming stars of this generation.

CLG Bhrugh Thuinne has survived and prospered over the last 126 years. This is a great achievement and a credit to our committees and supporters over the years. Long may Gaelic games and Cumann Lúthchleas Gael continue to thrive in our parish and remain a vibrant amateur sporting and cultural organisation throughout Ireland and further afield.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

Antoin Ó Flaithbheartaigh

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Cathaoirleach
CLG Bhrugh Thuinne



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Roll of Honour

1929 North Cork Junior A Hurling Championship
1961 North Cork U14 Hurling Championship
1969 North Cork Novice Hurling Championship
1985 North Cork U14 Football Championship
1985 North Cork U16 Football Championship
1990 North Cork Junior B Football Championship
1995 North Cork U12 Hurling Championship
1995 North Cork U12 Football League
1995 North Cork U14 Hurling League
1995 North Cork U14 Football Championship
1995 North Cork U16 Football Championship
1995 North Cork U16 Football League
1997 North Cork Junior B Football Championship
1997 North Cork Junior B Football League
1997 North Cork U14 Hurling League
1998 North Cork U21 Football Championship
1999 Cork County Minor Hurling Championship
1999 North Cork Minor Hurling Championship
1999 North Cork Minor Hurling League
1999 North Cork Minor Football Championship
1999 North Cork Minor Football League
1999 North Cork U14 Football League
1999 North Cork Division 2 Football League
2000 North Cork U21 Hurling Championship
2000 Cork County Minor Hurling League
2000 North Cork Minor Hurling League
2000 North Cork Minor Football Championship
2000 North Cork U16 Football Championship
2000 North Cork U16 Football League
2000 North Cork U16 Hurling League
2002 North Cork Junior B Football Championship
2004 North Cork Junior B Hurling Championship
2005 North Cork Division 2 Football League
2006 North Cork Junior B Football Championship
2007 North Cork Junior B Football Championship
2014 North Cork Junior C Hurling Championship





A Chairde,

Is pribhléid agus onóir mhór dom a labhairt libh ar an ócáid speisialta seo. I mbun mo chuid taistil timpeall na tíre mar Uachtarán, is ónóir agus pléisiúr ollmhór é dom na háiseanna iontacha a fheiceáil atá ag Cumainn áitiúla, agus iad i gcónaí ar fáil d'imreoirí agus do tacathóirí – is sampla iontach é CLG Bhrugh Thuinne mar leanann an Cumann an fealsúnacht seo.

The player and spectator facilities that have been developed by CLG Bhrugh Thuinne over the last 30 years are a wonderful example of what can be achieved in the long term when a club has a vision and singular focus.

This does not happen by accident and so I commend those Club committee members who had the vision to purchase the Club grounds in 1987 and those subsequent committees who brought the facilities we can see today to fruition.

It is also very impressive that the Club has managed to complete their infrastructure development programme and be debt-free at the same time.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising and a time for us all to celebrate our achievements and consider the legacy this generation will give to our youth.

Halla100, which commemorates the Centenary of 1916, is indeed a fitting and a lasting legacy from CLG Bhrugh Thuinne to the youth of the future and not just in Churchtown, but in North Cork.

Ar aghaidh libh Brugh Thuinne.

Aogán Ó Fearghail
Uachtarán
Cumann Luthchleas Gael

Churchtown GAA

A Proud History*



Churchtown is a translation of Baile an Teampaill (Ballintemple) and that in turn was in substitution for the older medieval name of Brugh Thuinne which means 'The Royal House of the Pasture Lands'. All three names were mentioned together in the *Pipe Roll of Cloyne* in 1595.

The parish has a long history and was populated as long as 5,000 years ago as evidenced by the presence of a Dallaun (standing stone) which was erected by the first farmers in the Neolithic era.

Churchtown GAA was affiliated to the GAA in 1890 but prior to the forming of the GAA in 1884 Gaelic games in the form of hurling were played in the parish for hundreds of years. In ancient times the early version of hurling played in this area was called Scoubeen. A Scoubeen match could have up to 250 players a side. The sliotar was thrown up half way between two villages and the object of the game was to bring the sliotar home to your village. There is a record of a Scoubeen match between a combined Churchtown-Liscarroll team and a team

from Buttevant and the sliotar was thrown up adjacent to where St Brigid's Cemetery is situated today.

Churchtown GAA Officers 1890

President: Rev P Murphy

Chairman: R Roche

Secretary: J Flannery

Treasurer: E Flannery

Captain: P O'Mahony

The passage of time saw the game develop and Barra or field hurling became the popular game and was played in what were called 'goaling fields'. An expression which lived on into the 1930s was 'are you going goaling?'. There were numerous fields used for 'goaling' near the village and in townlands such as Egmont, Leap,

Annagh, Granard, Rath, Cullig and Burton Park.

The Club's first major success was the outstanding achievement of winning the North Cork Junior A Hurling Championship in 1929. The club had to wait until the 1960s to achieve further Championship successes. These were an Under 14 Hurling Championship in 1961

* Source: *The Annals of Churchtown* © 2005. ISBN 0-9524931-3-6.

The Club acknowledges the great work of Denis Hickey, Noel Linehan and Gerry Murphy of the Churchtown Heritage & Historical Society in preserving our parish heritage for future generations.



Churchtown GAA 1929 North Cork Junior A Hurling Champions. Back Row L-to-R: Tom Treacy (Vice Chairman), Michael Gaffney, Frank O'Brien, Nat Simcox, Frank Flannery, Thomas Wall NT (Chairman), Paddy O'Keeffe, Dave Manning, John Flannery, Mick O'Keeffe, Jack O'Mahony (Secretary). Middle Row L-to-R: Pat O'Keeffe, Tom O'Keeffe, Maurice O'Mahony, Tim (Thady) Buckley (Captain), Bill Relihan, Dick Galligan, Jim Kearney. Front Row L-to-R: Bill Fitzpatrick, Dan Relihan, Jim Cahalin, Pad Relihan, missing from photograph Tim Hedigan (injured).

and a Novice Hurling Championship in 1969. The club has had many successes in more recent years as readers will see in the *Roll of Honour* on page 4.

Gaelic games have been played in Churchtown for a very long time and we look forward to the future with renewed confidence.

Brugh nó Bhrugh?

There is confusion sometimes when to use Brugh and when to use Bhrugh. The 'h' is required when the expression relates to the possessive case where *tuiséal ginideach* rules apply in Irish.

So when Brugh Thuinne is in the *ginideach* you will always just put a 'h' as in CLG Bhrugh Thuinne.

Source: Dr Máire Nic An Báird, NUI, Maynooth.

Ireland in 1890

Churchtown GAA was founded in 1890 when Ireland was part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

What else happened in Ireland in 1890?

Michael Collins was born. Gladstone was Prime Minister. Ireland's first President, Douglas Hyde's book 'Beside the Fireside' was published as was Oscar Wilde's 'The Picture of Dorian Gray'. WB Yeats published his poem 'The Lake Isle of Inishfree'.

But most importantly Cork 'did the double' in both All Ireland Finals in 1890 defeating Wexford in both. The Football final was actually played in 1892.



A Churchtown GAA football team and supporters from the 1940s including Paddy O'Keeffe, T J Costelloe, Mick Relihan, Denis O'Leary, Bill Egan, Sean Twomey, Tim Lynch (CastlemacCarthy), John Fehan, Billy O'Keeffe, Jackie Flynn, Jack Murphy, Joe Fisher, Denny O'Leary, Mick Murphy, Micky O'Sullivan, Mick Howard, Christy Stack and others.



Churchtown GAA 1961 Under 14 North Cork Champions. Back row (L-to-R): Ned Dorney (Selector), John Doyle, Paddy Joe O'Mahony, Mikey Browne, Seamus McMahon, Pat Larkin, Ned O'Donovan, Michael McMahon, Maurice O'Mahony (Trainer). Front Row (L-to-R) Jerry Horgan, Thomas O'Brien, Kevin O'Leary, Tan Simcox (Captain), Ben Dorney (Mascot), Denis O'Mahony, Tommy Dwane, Eddie O'Donovan and Johnny O'Connell.

Churchtown GAA Hall of Fame

2009 – Christy Sherlock
 2010 – Michael Relihan
 2011 – Paudie Doyle
 2012 – Jack O'Flaherty
 2013 – Paddy Joe O'Mahony
 2014 – Patrick Corkery

RIP

As so many of our photographs in this Souvenir Brochure include people who are no longer with us we have decided not to include RIP after names. Of course, we do remember all these people *agus go ndéana Dia trócaire orthu.*

County Players

Three Club members have played championship hurling with Cork and one – Fr Moss O'Donovan – had the honour of playing in Croke Park on All Ireland Hurling Final Day in 1936 where his Minor team was beaten by a single point by Kilkenny. Christy Sherlock was a Cork Minor in 1949 and 1950 and Ger Hedigan won an U21 Munster Championship medal with Cork in 1991.



Churchtown GAA 1969 North Cork Novice Hurling champions. The victorious team was:
Back Row: Ned Dorney (Selector), Kevin O'Leary, Joe Egan, Billy O'Sullivan, Pakie Morrissey, Tan Simcox, Michael McMahon (Captain), Danny Relihan, Paudie Doyle, Paddy Joe McMahon, Ned Hawe, Tim Griffin (Trainer). Front Row L-to-R: Denis O'Mahony, John Bowles, Mick Carey, Jerry Hallihan, Jim O'Brien, Donie Jewitt, Paddy Behan, Paddy Joe O'Mahony, Pat O'Flynn, Moss O'Callaghan. Missing from photograph Paddy Joe Cronin.



Churchtown GAA 1999 Cork County Minor Hurling Champions: Back Row: Paul McMahon, Neilie Daly, Michael O'Halloran (Captain), John Howard, Diarmuid Fisher, Denis Fehan, John Breen, Thomas Fehan, Kieran Curtin, James Breen. Front Row: John Quinn, Brian O'Donovan, Noel Quinn, Thomas O'Flaherty, Thomas O'Brien and David O'Brien. (Picture: Kieran Brennan)

Churchtown GAA 2002

North Cork Junior B

Football Champions: Front

Row: Kieran Curtin, Eoin Butler, Noel Quinn, Thomas O'Flaherty, Michael Doyle, Thomas Fehan (Captain), John Breen, Colm Conroy, John Matthews, Brian Quinn, Denis Fehan. Back

Row: John Crowley, James

Breen, Thomas O'Brien, Kieran Brennan, Diarmuid Fisher, Anthony McMahon, Kieran O'Sullivan, Michael O'Connor, Patrick O'Connor, Seamus O'Connor, Tony O'Flaherty, Liam Crowley.



Churchtown GAA 2004 North Cork Junior B Hurling Champions: Front Row: Eoin Butler, Michael McMahon, Thomas O'Flaherty, Colm Conroy, Tony O'Flaherty (Captain), Thomas O'Brien, Michael Doyle, John Quinn, Thomas Fehan, Nat Simcox, Brian Quinn, Kieran Curtin. Back Row: John Breen, John Matthews, David O'Brien, Pat McMahon, Anthony McMahon, John Howard, Kieran Brennan, Brian O'Donovan, Noel Quinn, Pdraig Morrissey, Diarmuid Fisher, Joe Delee, Paul McMahon, Michael O'Halloran, Kieran O'Sullivan, Henry Greensmith, William Relihan, Daniel Relihan.

(Picture: Michael Jnr and Liz O'Halloran)



North Cork Junior C Hurling Championship 2014. Back row L-to-R; Kieran Hudner (Selector), John Howard (Selector), Alan O'Mahony, John Maher, James Cantillon, Peter Crowley, Tadhg Murphy, Darren Coleman, Anthony McMahon Jnr, Paddy Jewitt, Shane Hedigan, Pdraig Egan, Joe Delee, Brendan McMahon (Selector), Pat O'Driscoll (Secretary). Front Row L-to-R: Tadhg Egan, Ronan Lehan, James Kelly, Peter Crowley, Martin O'Brien (Captain), Michael Doyle, Darragh Doyle (boy), Mark Fitzpatrick, Paddy Barrett, Darragh Barrett (boy), Sean Healy, Barry Fehin, David Collins, Niall O'Shea (Treasurer).

(Picture: Kieran Curtin)

A Picture Parade



A panorama of the facilities developed by Churchtown GAA taken in March 2016. (Picture: Susan Daly).



"Let no one say the best hurlers belong to the past. They are with us now and better yet to come" – Christy Ring (1920 - 1979). This great quote from Christy Ring adorns our Club Hurling Wall. Our picture shows some of the volunteers attending on Saturday 27th February 2016. L-to-R: Alan O'Mahony, John Howard, Mike Doyle, Seamus O'Callaghan, Denis Crowley and Cormac Butler. (Picture: Tony O'Flaherty).



Churchtown Primary School was opened in 1947. It was extended substantially in 2014. The original primary school on Kerry Lane operated from 1846 to 1947 and was subsequently converted into a Community Centre. Churchtown GAA is delighted to make all Club facilities available to our local school. (Picture: Susan Daly)



Mike Doyle presenting Paddy Joe O'Mahony with his Hall of Fame award for 2013.

(Picture: Kieran Curtin)



Ben O'Connor and Seán Óg Ó hAilpín visited Scoil Náisiúnta Bhrugh Thuinne in January 2006 with the Liam McCarthy All Ireland Trophy. Here they are pictured with Jamie Fisher, Don Bourke and Michael Hedigan. (Picture: Vale Star)



Victorious Churchtown captain Martin O'Brien receives the 2014 McAuliffe Hurleys Junior C Hurling championship trophy from Avondhu Board Chairman John O'Donnell, with Board Vice Chairman Barry Aherne, after their victory over Milford in Dromina.

(Picture: Kieran Curtin)



At the Paudie Doyle Memorial tournament in November 2015 were: L-to-R Aileen, Darragh and Mary Doyle.

(Picture: Katie Murphy)

Churchtown Gardening Club volunteers helping with the landscaping of Halla100 on 10th October 2015.

L-to-R from the Gardening Club: Liz Hennessey, Geraldine Harrison, Helen Daly, Marie Lou O'Donnell and from the GAA Club Jack O'Flaherty.

(Picture: Eoin Butler)





A selection of the crowd in the Stand when Charleville played Castletownroche in the North Cork Premier Junior Hurling Final on 26th August 2007. (Picture: Gerry Murphy)

Mná Bhrugh Thuinne are always there to support our teams – L-to-R: Anne Marie Breen, Ellen Breen, Helen Aherne, Ann Fehan, Joanne Quinn, Betty Relihan Mary Howard, Lorraine O'Halloran, Joan Quinn, Kathleen Fisher, Julia Breen and Liz O'Halloran.



(Picture courtesy Mike Johnson / Vale Star 16 August 2001).



Churchtown Parent & Toddler Group, established in March 2015, which meets at Churchtown GAA Club Meeting Room is an informal group servicing the Churchtown, Liscarroll and surrounding communities. It aims to provide: (1) a safe, happy and stimulating environment for children to play, learn, interact and socialise with other children; (2) a welcoming place and social outlet for parents, guardians and carers to make friends and feel supported; and (3) the basis for developing long-lasting relationships for young families looking for friendship and support. It was formed and continues to be run by three mothers with young families living in Churchtown village: Marie Conroy, Karen O'Halloran and Linda Malone.

(Picture: Susan Daly)

Granard Gaels Abú



Granard Gaels is the juvenile hurling and football club for Churchtown and Liscarroll. It was formed in 2003 and draws its name from the townland of Granard which lies midway between both villages. The club caters for our parish youth aged from 5 to 18. It fields teams in all age groups, and works closely with the schools in Liscarroll and Churchtown. The Club acknowledges the great co-operation we receive from both schools.

While Granard Gaels is dedicated to promoting and developing the skills of our national games it also strives to make it an enjoyable experience. For instance, in recent years Granard Gaels has organised a very successful summer Cúl Camp for the children of the locality.

Great local support is reflected in the progress of the club – particularly in recent times – with the Gaels securing four North Cork Championships and a first County Championship. Granard Gaels is also well represented in the Divisional and County Development Squads which bodes well for the future.

Halla100 is a huge boost to Granard Gaels and could not have come at a better time. Indeed all ages have been making excellent use of the facility and it is already an integral part of the club's Coaching & Development Programme.



Granard Gaels 2013 – U13C Cork County Hurling Champions. Back Row: Ben McGovern, Eathan Evans, Danny Kelleher, Darragh Healy, Colin O'Brien, Pauric O'Shea, Shane O'Callaghan, Aidan Murphy, Liam Campbell, Luke Doyle and Douglas Wollam. Front Row: Donal Jones, Josh Hudner, Colin Healy, Ryan Morrissey, Egan Murphy, Corey Knipe and Luke Barrett. (Mascots: Sean Killeen, Seamie O'Callaghan, Oisín Hudner, Gearoid Healy and Matthew Thompson). (Picture: Mike Kelleher)

Granard Gaels 2014:
U14B North Cork Football
Champions. Back Row: Luke
Barrett, Ben McGovern, Billy
Fitzpatrick, Ryan Morrissey,
Eathan Evans, Darragh Healy,
Shane O'Callaghan, Jimmy
Duggan, Pauric O'Shea and
Aidan Murphy. Front Row:
Eathan Knipe, Aaron Curtin,
Egan Murphy, Vincent Daly,
Liam Campbell, Danny
Kelleher, Josh Hudner, Colin
Healy, Donal Jones and
Corey Knipe.



(Picture: Mike Kelleher)



(Picture: Pat O'Shea)

Granard Gaels 2013 – U15C North Cork Football Champions. Back Row L-to-R: Connor Barrett, Warren McElligott, Colin O'Brien, Sean Twohig, Dwayne Sheehan, Liam Barrett, Paul Sexton, Danny Kelleher, Garry O'Connor, Pauric O'Shea and Eugene Barrett. Front Row: Michael O'Shea, David Murphy, Anthony Nolan, Mikey Cummins (in front) Tadhg Jones, Luke Crowley, Evan Coleman and Aidan Murphy. (Mascots: Donal Jones, Gearoid Healy and Colin Healy).

Granard Gaels Juvenile Club Roll of Honour

2003 U14C North Cork Football Champions
2003 U16C North Cork Football League
2005 U16C North Cork Hurling League
2007 U12C North Cork Football Shield
2008 U12C North Cork Hurling League
2012 U12B North Cork Hurling League
2013 U12C North Cork Hurling League
2013 U13C North Cork Hurling League
2013 U13C North Cork Hurling Champions

2013 U13C Cork County Hurling Champions
2013 U13C North Cork Football Champions
2013 U15C North Cork Football Champions
2014 U12C North Cork Hurling League
2014 U13B North Cork Hurling League
2014 U14B North Cork Football League
2014 U14B North Cork Football Champions
2015 U12B North Cork Hurling League
2015 U12C North Cork Football League



Cork Coaching & Games,
Charleville September 2014:
Back Row L-R: Donogh Raftery,
Jaimie Eustace, Kiernan
Daly, Callum McCarthy, Oier
O'Callaghan, Daragh Crowley,
Jack Raftery and Pat Daly.
Front Row: Eamon Bowman,
Kyle Shanahan, Michael Delee,
Hugo Raftery and Michael
Shanahan.

(Picture: Susan Daly)



Granard Gaels U12 football team who
had the honour to represent Cork at
half time of the National Football League
Final Cork v Dublin in Croke Park on 26th April 2015. Back row L-R: Darren Fehan, Seamie
O'Callaghan, Kian Crowley, Billy Healy, Gearóid Healy and Seán Killeen. Front row: Josh Quinn,
Cillian O'Driscoll, Cormac Butler, Liam Bowman, Seán Delee, Timmy Morrissey and Oisín Hudner.

(Pictures: Melanie McGovern and Eoin Butler)



The journey to Croke Park was broken in Moneygall where this group picture was taken
on 26th April 2015. (Picture: Melanie McGovern)

Granard Gaels Club Officials / Committees 2016

Honorary Presidents

Fr Robin Morrissey PP, Marie Hudner and Janet Sherlock

Chairman Pat O'Shea

Secretary John J Quinn

Treasurer Mick Sheehan

PRO Melanie McGovern

Vice President Jack O'Flaherty

Vice Chairman Timmy Jones

Assistant Secretary Ger McCarthy

Assistant Treasurer Donogh Raftery

Coaching Officer Vincent Hudner

Children's Officer Seamus O'Callaghan

Committee

Vincent Hudner, Timmy Jones, Ger McCarthy, Donogh Raftery, Pat O'Brien and Seamus O'Callaghan

Managers / Coaches

Eamonn Barrett, Eoin Butler, Pat Daly, Joe Delee, Teddy Fitzgerald, James Fleming, Ger Healy, Kieran Hudner, Vincent Hudner, John Killeen, Ger McCarthy, Anthony McMahon, Paul McMahon, Timmy Morrissey, Pat O'Brien, Liam O'Callaghan, Seamus O'Callaghan, Tony O'Flaherty, Pat O'Shea, Donogh Raftery, Mike Shanahan and Mick Sheehan.



Thanks Mum!
We salute the mothers and fathers who make sure our teams are kitted to perfection. This Granard Gaels washing line is a fine example. Thanks mum... and dad!

(Picture: Eibhlís Brosnan)

Churchtown National School 1971-2016 Churchtown Juvenile GAA 1961-2002

The history of Gaelic Games in Churchtown National School from 1971 to 2016 and of Churchtown Juvenile GAA from 1961 to 2002 is a period over which the Club would like to improve its archives. If you have any memory or material in this connection please email it to club@bruhenry.com or alternatively bring memorabilia to Egmont Stores in the village where it will be scanned and returned immediately.

Churchtown GAA Juvenile Club and School Victories



Churchtown GAA Under 14 North Cork Football Champions 1985. Front row (l-r): Robert Murphy, Padraig Morrissey, Tony O'Flaherty, Maurice O'Sullivan, James O'Sullivan and Dan Jones. Middle row (l-r): Paul Carey, Christopher Scott, Declan Crowley, Michael Doyle, Adrian Corbett (Captain), Philip Sweeney, Dermot Carroll, Pat O'Connell. Back row (l-r): Ned Dorney, John Carroll, Michael Sheahan, James Crowley, Robert Dorney, Kevin O'Leary, Patrick O'Connor, Michael Lynch, John Gaffney, William Murphy and Michael Murphy.

Churchtown GAA U16 North Cork Football Champions 1985. Back row (l-r): William Murphy, John Gaffney, Thomas Crowley, Liam Crowley, Jimmy Fisher, Ger Carey, Ger Jones, Michael Lynch, Seamus O'Connor. Middle Row: Pat O'Connor, Robert Dorney, Tom Jones, Colm Conroy (Captain), Philip Sweeney, John Carroll, Gerard Hedigan. Front Row: Paul Carey, Dermot Carroll, Declan Crowley, Christopher Scott, Michael Doyle, Pat O'Connell.



Scoil Náisiúnta Bhrugh Thuinne - North Cork Primary School Hurling Champions 1989. Back Row (l-r): Paddy Daly, Thomas O'Flaherty, John Howard, John Quinn, Kieran O'Sullivan, James Breen. Middle Row: Denis Crowley, Anthony McMahon Jnr, Brendan Breen, Kieran Crowley, David Murphy. Front Row: Pat Fennessy NT, Brendan Sweeney, John O'Sullivan, Tim Sheahan, Kieran Brennan, John Breen and Danny Culloty.

Churchtown GAA Under 12 North Cork Hurling Championship & Football League Winners 1995. Back Row (l-r): Lorraine O'Halloran, Ann Marie Breen, Brian Nolan, Mark Flannery, Kieran Curtin, Denis Fehan, Michael Daly, James Murphy, Diarmuid Fisher. Middle Row: Adrian Carroll, John Crowley, Brian Quinn, Brian O'Donovan (Captain), Joe O'Herlihy, Joanne Quinn, Ian O'Flynn, Bertie Óg Hawe, Paul McMahon. Front Row: Patrick Crowley, Wesley Carey, Cathal Hawe, James O'Callaghan and Jason Carey.

(Picture: Thomas O'Brien / Juvenile Calendar 1996)



Infrastructure Development

1986 – 2016



Halla100 has been built and funded with a Department of Sports Grant of €120,000 plus local fundraising amounting to €250,000. It is the final part of the Club's €1.25 million Infrastructure Development Programme completed over 30 years from 1986-2016. Here is what has been put in place over the last 30 years:

- ◆ purchased 11 acres in 1987;
- ◆ leveled, drained and fenced the main pitch to a high standard;
- ◆ developed car park and viewing embankments;
- ◆ created a separate training pitch;
- ◆ constructed two dressing rooms, club meeting room, referee room and public toilets under a 500 person spectator viewing area;
- ◆ created a walk way around the main pitch;
- ◆ erected a limestone public sculpture;
- ◆ roofed the sports stand;
- ◆ floodlit the training pitch;
- ◆ built a hurling wall;
- ◆ facilitated the development of a children's playground for the parish;
- ◆ built a 5,500 square feet astro-turf indoor sports hall

The Club would like to thank all our supporters who have allowed us to develop our facilities. We especially thank members of other Clubs in Cork and Limerick who supported our various fundraising initiatives over the years.

Cork Examiner report 7th May 1987.
Viewing engineering drawings for the new playing field being developed by Churchtown GAA L-to-R: Pat Murphy, Treasurer GAA Field Fund; John Keane, Club Chairman; Barry Aherne, Club Secretary and William J Condon, Club Vice-President. The club would like to acknowledge the major input of the late Fr P J Twohig PP who was Parish Priest at the time and successfully negotiated the purchase of the property. Fr Twohig was unavoidably absent when this picture was taken.





The Minister for Arts, Tourism and Sports turning the sod for the new spectator stand and dressing rooms on Tuesday 23rd January 2001. L-R: Dan Joe Fitzgerald MCC, Gerry Murphy (Churchtown Village Renewal Trust), Minister James McDaid, Michael Moynihan TD, Jim Quinn (Chairman), Bertie Hawe, Cathal Hawe and William J Condon (Vice President). Right: the site sign erected during the construction of Halla100 explaining the background, costs and target opening day which were all achieved. The main contractor was John Ronan & Co, Ballyhea and the Consulting Engineers were Tim Lenihan & Co, Kanturk.



Working on the Sports Stand construction our FÁS team: James O'Sullivan, Neil Ellard, Jim Quinn, Pat O'Connell (Supervisor) and Gerry Quinn.



The Club was delighted to facilitate the development of a Community Playground on its grounds which was paid for by an anonymous donor. (Picture: Susan Daly)

On a wet and windy Saturday 6th February 2016 Club volunteers preparing for the grand opening of Halla100. L-to-R: Colm Conroy, Brendan McMahon, John Quinn, Seamus O'Callaghan, John Howard, Kieran Curtin, David O'Brien, Denis Crowley (who cooked a welcome hot brunch for the lads), Michael O'Halloran, Colin O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, Jack O'Flaherty and Tony O'Flaherty.

(Picture: Gerry Murphy)



Fundraising



Churchtown GAA has used a range of fundraising initiatives as it costs about €40,000 a year to finance the day-to-day running of our Club. These essential costs are funded by our: (1) Weekly Club Lottery, (2) Annual Race Night, (3) Club Sponsor Liam Healy (O'Brien's Bar), (4) American Tea Parties, (5) All Ireland Tickets Draw and (6) Membership subscriptions.

Infrastructure development must be funded separately. In our case the Club has organised fundraising initiatives such as: (1) Buy a Sod Scheme, (2) 500 Club Members Draw which raised £30,000, (3) Sponsored Walks and, of course, we (4) Raffled a House in December 2006 which raised over €250,000. We also received State support from the Department of



Sports / Capital Grants. In total the Club has drawn Sports Capital Grants amounting to €351,200. We have also received invaluable support from FÁS through its Community Youth Training Scheme.

Club members in a promotional photograph for the Win-a-House fundraising initiative in December 2006 – (l-r): John Breen, Darren Dorian, Kieran Curtin, Colm Conroy, Diarmuid Fisher and Tony O'Flaherty.

When the Infrastructure Development Programme was launched in 1986 the Club Officials and Committee were as follows:

Club Officials / Committee 1986

President

Fr Patrick J Twohig PP

Chairman

John Keane

Secretary

Barry Aherne

Treasurers

John Hedigan and
Anthony McMahon

Committee

William J Condon, Tony Daly, Paudie Doyle,
Dr Nicholas English, Denis Fehan, Jerry
Fisher, Michael Murphy, Pat Murphy, Maurice
O'Donovan, Jack O'Flaherty, Michael
O'Halloran, Michael Relihan, Christy Stack.

Trustees

John Keane, Christy Sherlock, Tim Lynch,
Walter Corbett, Micheál Hedigan, Denis Fehan,
Dr Nicholas English.



The legendary Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh recording a radio commercial for CLG Bhrugh Thuinne's Win-a-House Lottery in 2006 with Gerry Murphy in Milbrook Studios in Dublin in 2005.



9th December 2006 – the night of the Win-a-House draw. Back Row: Rosemary O'Flaherty and Gerry Murphy. Front: Willie Relihan (top seller), Colm Conroy, Pat O'Driscoll and Jack O'Flaherty.

WIN-A-HOUSE

The club would like to thank our 100+ promoters of the Win-a-House draw and offer a special acknowledgment to the Top Ten fundraisers namely: Willie Relihan, Tony & Rosemary O'Flaherty, Colm Conroy, Gerry Murphy, Niall O'Shea, Jack O'Flaherty, Barry Aherne, Jim Breen, Pat O'Driscoll and John J Quinn.

WEEKLY CLUB LOTTERY

The Club would like to thank all our Weekly Club Lottery promoters for their crucial voluntary work. Many of our promoters have been doing this for the last for 27 years. They are: Jim Breen, Eoin Butler, Denis Crowley, Colm Conroy Jnr, Mary Doyle, Egmont Stores, Fisher's Takeaway, Kelly's Convenience Stores, Patsy Jones, Boss Murphy's, Anthony McMahon Snr, Padraig Morrissey, O'Brien's Bar, Pat O'Driscoll, Peggy & Jack O'Flaherty, Liz O'Halloran, Niall O'Shea, Brian Quinn, Joan & Jim Quinn, John J Quinn and Willie Relihan.

Churchtown GAA and the Arts



When the Sports Stand was built the Club commissioned a large limestone sculpture of a Hurley, Football and Sliotar which now stand proudly on the roadside car park. For Halla100 the Club commissioned Sue Gifford to produce two artworks – an internal ‘wall hanging’ or *trompe l’oeil* and a silhouette of a hurler – in the style of Louis le Brocqy Táin artworks – on the external wall which you can see on the front cover of this Programme. A *trompe l’oeil* is French for ‘deceive the eye’ and is an art technique that uses realistic imagery to create an optical illusion so that the objects in the painting exist in three dimensions.



The limestone hurley, sliotar and Gaelic football which stand on the roadside outside Churchtown GAA's grounds.



In early March 2016 Churchtown GAA hosted a Rebel Óg Award 1 seminar in Halla100. Our picture shows the delegates from various Clubs in North Cork under the amazing almost completed Mural painted by Sue Gifford. The Mural features three iconic village landmarks – St Nicholas' Church built in 1839, the Market House built in 1845 and the Equine Sculpture erected in 2001. (Picture: Kevin O'Callaghan, Killshannig GAA)

Club Officials / Committees 2016

President

Fr Robin Morrissey PP

Chairman

Tony O'Flaherty

Secretary

Pat O'Driscoll

Treasurer

Niall O'Shea

PRO

Barry Aherne

Vice Chairman

Michael O'Halloran Jnr

Assistant Secretary

Brian Murphy

Assistant Treasurer

Denis Crowley

Vice Presidents

Anthony McMahon Snr, Michael McMahon, Pat Murphy, Maurice O'Donovan, Jack O'Flaherty, Kevin O'Leary and Christy Sherlock.

Working Committee

John Breen, Kieran Curtin, Joe Delee, Thomas Fehan, John Howard, Anthony McMahon Jnr, Brendan McMahon, Seamus O'Callaghan, Sandra O'Shea and John J Quinn.

Weekly Club Lottery

Colm Conroy Jnr, David O'Brien, Jack O'Flaherty, Rosemary O'Flaherty, Liz O'Halloran Niall O'Shea and John J Quinn.

Delegates to North Cork Board

Padraig Morrissey and John J Quinn

Insurance Officer

Thomas O'Flaherty

Infrastructure Committee

Gerry Murphy, Jack O'Flaherty and Niall O'Shea

Souvenir Programme &

History Committee

Gerry Murphy, Pat Murphy, Jack O'Flaherty, Tony O'Flaherty, Niall O'Shea and Denis Crowley

MC – Opening Halla100

Eoin Butler

Recent Chairpersons

Eoin Butler, Denis Crowley, Colm Conroy Jnr, Jim Quinn and Paudie Doyle

Club Archive

Churchtown GAA would like to create a Club Archive and in this connection is looking for pictures or memorabilia. Anyone with suitable material should please scan/photograph the material and email it with a caption to **club@bruhenny.com** or alternatively bring the picture to Egmont Stores in the village where it will be scanned and returned immediately.

The Future...



“Let no one say the best hurlers belong to the past.
They are with us now and better yet to come.”

Christy Ring 1920 - 1979

The future of our Club is our young people and the future looks bright as Granard Gaels U12s completed a North Cork Hurling and Football double in 2015. Ar aghaidh libh!



Granard Gaels U12 2015 North Cork Hurling League Champions. Back row L-R: Billy Healy, Sean Killeen, Jerry Jewitt, Seamie O'Callaghan (Captain), Darren Fehan, Cormac Butler, Gearóid Healy, Oisín Hudner, Cillian O'Driscoll. Front Row: Caylem O'Callaghan, Timmy Morrissey, Josh Quinn, James Buckley, Liam Bowman, Joe Healy and Sean Delee.

Granard Gaels U12 2015 North Cork Football League Champions. Back row L-R: Oisín Hudner, Joe Healy, Gearóid Healy, Billy Healy, Sean Killeen, Seamie O'Callaghan, Timmy Morrissey, Josh Quinn, Cormac Butler, Cillian O'Driscoll. Middle Row: Liam Bowman, Caylem O'Callaghan, Sean Delee, James Buckley, Luke MacQuillan. Front Row: Kian Crowley, Darren Fehan (Captain) and Jerry Jewitt.

Pictures: Seamus O'Callaghan





Go raibh míle maith agaibh ...

Churchtown GAA acknowledges the great community work of the Churchtown Development Association over many years; the vision of the Churchtown Village Renewal Trust; the beautifying of our village by the Churchtown Gardening Club and their help landscaping our grounds. We also salute the work of the Churchtown Wednesday Club for our senior community and Churchtown Foróige with our youth; the great work of Slí Eile at Burton Park; Churchtown Parent & Toddler Group, Churchtown Roadrunners and the work of the Churchtown Heritage & Historical Society and the Ballyhoura Ramblers for preserving our culture.

SOLAS / FÁS

Churchtown GAA would like to thank SOLAS / FÁS for great support over the years. We also thank all FÁS staff over the years, especially FÁS executives Gerry Farrissey, John Murphy and Paddy Carleton.

O'Brien's Bar

The Club thanks Pat O'Brien and Liam Healy for their continued support over the years.

Annual Race Night Sponsors

The Club is extremely grateful to all the corporate and individual sponsors over very many years of our Annual Race Night which is a key fundraising event.

and you ...

We thank everyone who has supported our Club over the years and most especially you for taking the time to read our Souvenir Programme.

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