

Parish of Donaghmore

The parish of Donaghmore has a long and proud Gaelic tradition. The events and achievements are often not fully appreciated at the time. Current, apparently trivial, events can over time become key milestones in history. We are indebted to the foresight of the club officers who produced club histories in 1956 and 1981 or the excellent Pictorial Annuals produced by Philip O'Hare in the 1980's. Those who worked on this history now know the effort it took and the value of their work.

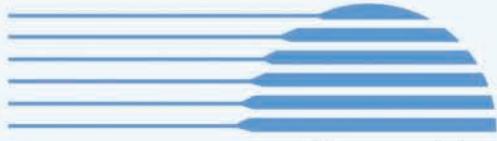
Throughout this account we set out to record, as accurately as possible, the history and achievements of Glenn John Martin GAC in particular and the various groups within the parish that strive to serve the community and further our culture, games, language and music.

To everyone who contributed to the history in any way – articles, photographs, advice, advertising – we say a sincere thank you. Thanks to David Ellison and Printline Direct for the time taken and advice given. Particular thanks must go to Aidan & Moira Conlan who has shown immense dedication to this task during 2006. It is no exaggeration to say that without you, Aidan & Moira, this history would not have been written. Mile buiochas.

This history has been written to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of Glenn John Martin GAC on 11th November 1931. We hope you will find this production interesting, informative, factual and in some way inspirational as we look to future generations of Glenn Gaels to further the ideals fostered by our forbearers.

Glenn John Martin GAC.





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Cuireann Cathaoirleach an Choiste Contae Failte roimh an leabhar

Is mor an onoir domh comhghairdeas a thabairt do Cumann John Martin An Ghleann as an leabhar stairiul e seo. Taim cinnte go mbeidh suim ag Gaeil An Ghleann an sceal seo, agus gan amhras gheofarr an-taithneamh as. Is math an rud e go bhuiil stair an chlub curtha I gclo do na glunta ata ag teacht ia ar ndiaidh.

I deem it to be an honour and a privilege as Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae for me to write these few words of introduction to the History of John Martins GAA Club. I am indeed delighted to welcome the publication of the history of one of the leading clubs in our county. This is a club which has enjoyed success on the playing fields and also contributed much to the success of our county teams. Since the formation of the John Martin club your players have been to the forefront of our county football team successes....and when Down teams were entering new territories Glenn players were there.

This eagerly awaited publication is a social, cultural and a sporting history of the parish and the community that is Glenn.

It tells the story of men and women who cherished the Gaelic ideals and a Gaelic way of life. It is not just the story, but a permanent testimony to the efforts and the sacrifice of the individuals, the families and the committee members who by their efforts and their sacrifices, often made at great personal cost, inconvenience and sacrifice gave us not just the Association but the club we have in Glenn today.

This club History will not just be a permanent record of the sacrifices made but it will I am sure provide an inspiration to all of the young people and to generations yet unborn to continue the work begun seventy five years ago.

On behalf of An Coiste Chontae and on my own behalf I offer my sincere congratulations to the club committee and in particular to Aidan Conlon and the Editorial sub committee whose efforts have resulted in this magnificent publication.

Sean O'Cuinn

Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae.



A Letter From the Chairman

It is with pride that we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Glenn John Martin GAC. It is an honour for me to be chairman of the club at this momentous time. A time when we reflect on 75 years of memories, many successes and a few disappointments. I can think of no better way to commemorate our 75th anniversary than by ensuring it is recorded for future generations.

I share the pride of the whole club that we can mark 2006 in two particularly special ways. Firstly, the purchase in February of 20 acres of land for the further development of the club's facilities. Secondly, the winning by our Under 14 team of our first County underage title on 23rd September and also the Under 12 victory in the final of the South Down League. As we celebrate the achievements of our club, let us not forget the dedicated Gaels who have gone to their eternal reward. We owe it to them to continue their work.

Thanks to all who have played for the club and the many who have given unselfishly of their time to serve the club and the community. Thanks to Aidan Conlan and the History committee for producing this, the third history of Glenn John Martin GAC.

Finally I would like to welcome all our friends, past and present, to celebrate our history and to ask you to seize the opportunity to mirror the achievements of our forefathers as we look forward to our next twenty five years – our centenary.

Martin Murtagh
(Cathaoirleach)

Editors Note

Preparing a book of this type for publication has been a daunting task and one which I alone could never have completed. First of all I wish to thank my wife Moira who worked day and night typing, proof reading, sorting and arranging the different articles and enhancing them with suitable photographs. Seamus Kennedy helped enormously by researching and producing accounts of various activities which took place in the last 75 years. He also spent a lot of time unearthing photographs of players, supporters, teams and events long forgotten about. John Cookson contributed the bulk of the photographs, wrote captions for these and identified many teams and players. The Editor of the 1981 Glenn Book, Philip O'Hare gave invaluable advice and assistance. Our Chairman Martin Murtagh and Secretary Donal McNally helped when they could and made themselves available at all times. Finally thanks to all those who helped in any way especially those who contributed articles, poems and so on, not forgetting David, Martin and the production staff and typists.

In appreciation
Aidan Conlan



Contents:

This book represents the history of the Glenn John Martin Club from 1931 to 2006 with special reference to the period from 1981.

The articles are generally arranged in chronological order with related photographs where available. While the greater part of the book details the history of football in the area, we have covered the many other activities and events which took place during this period, such as Camogie, Hurling, Athletics, Scor etc.

We hope you enjoy this publication and that it helps to give some idea of the dedication of so many people over the years and their efforts to enrich the life of our community.

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Donaghmore - Its Townlands

Much thought has gone into the study of our townland names. Local tradition and the physical features of the area were taken into consideration, although with the passage of time, both of these became less helpful. Some of our townlands can mean a number of things. After lengthy discussions and much consultation, we have here chosen what we think is the most likely meaning.

Annaghbane - Éanach bán - the white marsh.

Aughintober – Achadh an tobair – the field of the well. The well is still there. It is thought to be an ancient Holy Well. Some say the well was formerly at the bottom of the present school field and was (stone) shore-drained to the present position.

Ardkeeragh – Árd Caorach – the sheep hill.

Aughacavan – Achadh an Chabháin – the hollow field

Ballyblaugh – Baile bláthan – the townland of blossoms. The flowers may have been what are locally called the espey ban (easbogan) or large dog-eyed daisies, which were prevalent in areas.

Ballylough – Baile an locha – the townland of the lake. The lake has disappeared. All that remains now is a marshy woodland.

Ballymacaratty – (Mór and beg – great and small). Baile Mhic an Reachtai – Hanratty's townland.

Buskill – Bos choill – palm (of the hand) shaped wood

Cargabane – An Carraigeach bán – the white rocky place.

Carrickavaddy – The old parish registers up to 1885 speak of Carrickavaddy. Carraig a'mhadaidh – the rock of the dog.

or
Carrickovaddy – Carraig rua a'mhadaidh – the red rock of the dog. We find in this townland outcrop of red rock. The present School Road, which passes through Carrickovaddy, before it was 'Tarmac-ed' was known as 'the red-road', because of the red stone base and puddles of red rock.

Corgary – Corr-dhoire – the round oak grove.

Derrycraw – Doire creamhach – the oak grove of the wild garlic. This garlic plant appears often in old Irish place names. Recently 13 old and 14 young oak trees were counted on the Derrycraw road from Dromantine Gates to the Bog Road corner. So the oaks are still with us.

Dromantine – Droim an tsíán – the hill of the fairy mound.

Drumiller – Droim muilleora – the hill of the miller. There was a large corn-mill on the Clanrye River here at Mount Mills. Indeed over the centuries there must have been various mills on the river.

Glebe – An English term for church land. The townland was formerly Tullynacross – Tulach na croise – the hill of the cross. The cross was the old Celtic High Cross in Donaghmore graveyard.

Killysavin – written Kilasavan in Parish registers(1848), Killisammon in Donaghmore Vestry Book (1772). Coill a' Suinn – the wood of the stake (stakes were used in olden times for building).

Knockanarney – Cnoc an n-áirneadh – the hill of the sloes. Sloe bushes are still very much in evidence around the Barracks in Knockanarney.

Lurganare – Lurgan Áir – the ridge of the slaughter. The slaughter referred to may have been the battle fought here in 332 A.D between the 3 Collas and the forces of Fergus the King of Ulster. The 3 Collas were three brothers of the same name, who fought the High King of Tara. They were victorious and went on to take Armagh where Fergus was killed. The rout was so complete that the followers of Fergus retreated to Down

and Antrim. They built a fortification from Newry to Lough Neagh, later called the Danes Cast, to defend their territories. The Carnyey (cárne) at Barr P.E School, may well refer to the 'heap' of stone piled up over a burial spot resulting from the above battle, of which, an ancient historian writes, no doubt with some exaggeration, 'the dead bodies were strewn from Carn-eochy in Drumiller (Lisnagade) to Glan Righe (Clanrye)'. The word Cárne usually denoted a heap of stone marking a pre-Christian burial spot.

Moneymore - Muine Mór – the big shrubbery.

Maddydrumbrist – Mág dá drom briste – the plain of two broken hills or Muine drom briste – the shrubbery of broken hills.

Ringbane – Rinn bhán – the white point (of land).

Ringclare – Rinn Chláir – the level point (of land).

Ringolish – Rinn mhaoil-lis – the point of the defaced fort.

Tullymore – Tulach mhór – the great hill. Davison-Cowan, writing in 1914, would seem to say there was a Ballereigner (Ballereynier, baile Uí Threinir, Treanorstown) here. He says there were many people of that name formerly in the area.

Tullymurry – Tulach Mhuire – St. Mary's Hill. This townland adjoins the Glebe and Donaghmore Parish Church. It seems to commemorate a church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the area

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A Short History of Donaghmore

by Donal McNally

While anthropologists debate over where our ancestors, early man, originated from there is no evidence of human activity in Ireland before 10 000 BC.

The earliest settlers in Ireland were the typical 'cavemen' the Mesolithic hunters and gatherers who used simple tools to hunt for food. The oldest settlement in Ireland is Mount Sandel, near Coleraine, which was settled around 7.000 BC. These hunters and gatherers were superseded in Ireland by the first farmers, or Neolithic people, around 3500 BC. These people have left their mark on the Irish landscape in the form of megalithic tombs such as Legananny Dolmen, Ballymacdermot Court Cairn and the world famous passage tombs of Knowth, Dowth and New Grange in the Boyne valley. These farmers established field systems; the oldest remaining are the Ceide Fields in North Mayo which date back to 3 000 BC. Here the original stone walls have been buried under a bog for the past 4 000 years.

The earliest evidence of settlement

in our area has only been discovered recently with the construction of the new A1 from Loughbrickland to Beech Hill. South of Loughbrickland archaeologists have discovered the remains of three Neolithic houses approximately 6,000 years old and eight ring ditches, small burial grounds. At Beech Hill fewer ring ditches were discovered, but one was almost intact and contained the original funeral urn – possibly the best example of a Neolithic burial urn found to date in Ireland. One of the most interesting finds was that of the remains of a wicker basket, possibly Bronze Age, to date this is only the third to have been discovered in Ireland.

Donaghmore means the Big Church,

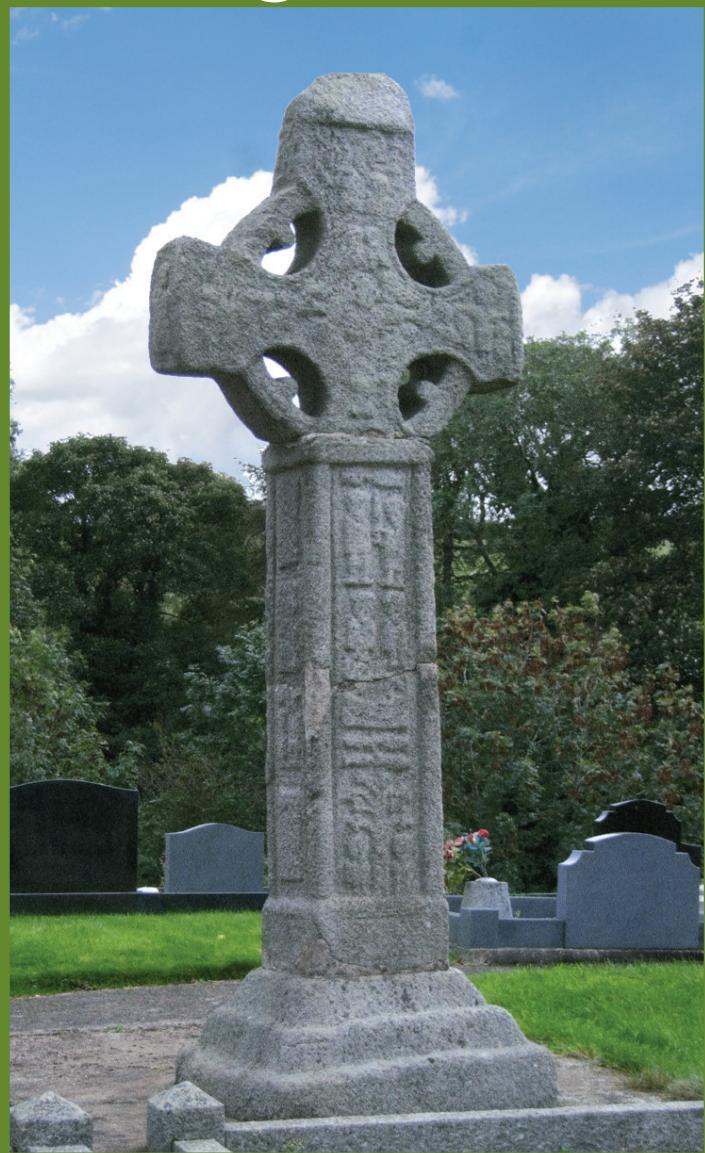
the title given to churches that were founded by St Patrick. The first Bishop was St MacErc. The Celtic cross is about 1400 years old. It is 10 feet high and was constructed from three blocks of granite. Several biblical scenes are depicted on the cross including the crucifixion and the last judgement. There is a network of souterrains, caves, under the current church and graveyard.

Donaghmore was known as Donaghmore of Moy Cova, Moy Cova (Cuchaire's plain)

being a larger territory stretching from Dromore to the Clanrye at Drumiller. In the third century the area was known as Moy Eochaidd Cova (the plain of Prince Eochaidd Cobha). The tribe name was Uibh Eathach which has become anglicised to Iveagh. A descendant of Eochaidd was Mac Aongus from which we get Magenis, the Chieftains of Moy Cova later known as Iveagh.

Ireland in Celtic times was a land with no central authority.

Under the clan system there were five kings; Ulster, Munster, Leinster, Connaught and Meath, one of whom would be High King.



Below these kings there were up to 180 chieftains who ruled a kingdom or Tuath such as Moy Cova. Chieftains expanded their authority through a series of alliances or through warfare. As Cowan stated in his book, 'An Ancient Irish Parish'- Tribe fought with tribe and chief with chief, and only the fittest survived.'

In Donaghmore there is evidence of this troubled history.

There are several raths throughout the parish. Many would have served as an enclosure offering protection to families and their property, particularly cattle. Others such as Cooley's fort in Dromantine, were more substantial and these forts were the secure residences of local chieftains or leading members of the clan. There is evidence of wall or dyke along the valley of the Clanrye River and the Newry Canal. The Dane's Cast or Black Pig's Dyke runs from Lisnagade through Scarva, Poyntzpass (Fenwick's Pass), Jerretspass (Tuscan's or Lamb's Pass; Knox states the Irish name was Turrishane) and on to Slieve Gullion. According to some sources, it was built to protect Ulidia, the present day Down and Antrim, from the rest of Ulster. [In 332 AD the Three Collas defeated Fergus, King of Ulster in a battle that raged from Drummiller (Ballyvarley) to Lurganare (the ridge of the

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slaughter)]. Others believe it marked a boundary dividing Ulster in the north from Leinster in the east and Connaught in the west, as traces of the dyke have been found from Lisnagade through south Armagh, Monaghan and west to Donegal Bay. In Donaghmore the valley was flooded and difficult to cross, therefore the dyke was only built where there was higher dry ground – parts of it remain at the Cracked Bridge, the Barracks and in Drummiller.

According to the Annals of the

Four Masters, Moy Cova
was plundered by
Aedh, son of
Domhnall, king of
Aileach
(Inishowen).

In AD 1102 Moy Cova was invaded by Cinel Eoghan. A year later Domhnall Uí Lochlann, Clanna Ui Neill, defeated an army sent by the kings of Leinster, Munster and Ossory. The Annals of Ulster

state that in AD 1103 Maghnus, king of Norway, was killed by the Uliodians at Moy Cova. The Four Masters noted that in 1188 the English of Moy Cova and the people of Iveagh sent a raiding party into Tyrone. They were defeated by Donnell Uí Loughlin, son of Hugh, king of Aileach. Would this reference to the English be linked to the motte and bailey (fort) overlooking the Clanrye at Mount Mills as the Anglo Normans built a series of these forts to subdue the native Irish.

For several hundred years the Magennises dominated Iveagh, south and west Down. After the defeat of O'Neill in 1601, Ulster was planted by English and Scottish Protestant settlers.

The Magennises like many of the ancient Irish families and old English rebelled in 1641. In 1649 Cromwell began his bloody campaign to regain control of Ireland. The Irish were defeated and many Irish landowners lost their land and authority. According to Harris Donaghmore did not escape this trouble: 'This Parish, which bounds the Lordship of Newry, will ever be infamous for the merciless butchery of a great number of Irish Protestants in 1641.' At Glynnwood (Glenn, Dromantine) the Irish '...flew upon their prey and massacred

upwards of 1200 defenceless Protestants'. This incident was certainly exaggerated as were many of the incidents of 1641, either as propaganda by the Protestants or by boastful Irish trying to exaggerate their involvement in the 1641 Rebellion. Others claim it did not occur at all it was not recorded by the High Sheriff of the time, Peter Hill. Dromantine, long held by the Magennises, was granted to the Inneses, from Scotland, who held it until its sale in 1926 to the Society of African Missions (SMA).

An Act of Parliament in 1730 led to the construction of Newry Canal which opened in 1741.

The canal was constructed, in the valley from Newry to Moyallen, to assist with the transport of coal from Coalisland via Lough Neagh to Dublin. The role of the canal in the history of the parish would be worthy of a separate article. There were

many characters and tales associated with the canal. It is appropriate that the tow path has revived interest in this ancient routeway, it is now a popular walk and cycleway and some of the lockhouses have been restored. The arrival of railways in Ireland in 1834 would eventually lead to the demise of the canals. By 1853 the railway line from Dublin to Belfast had been completed and the next half century would see a massive expansion in the network. Goraghwood would become a hub in the network with branch lines running to Newry and on to Warrenpoint. Another line ran to Armagh with links to much of mid Ulster. The railway brought work for generations of local families. Football fans used the mainline to travel to big games in Dublin and the Armagh line, with its famous Lisummon Tunnel, was a key route to matches in Clones, unfortunately this line is a distant memory. It is ironic when writing about the demise of the canal and railway, that work has been progressing with other transport systems through the Parish. The current A1 is being upgraded; it still follows the same basic route as the turnpike approved in 1733. Meanwhile along the route of the canal a new era in

economic and transport history is developing with the construction of the South – North gas pipeline.

The Ordnance Survey Memoirs 1834-6, noted that there were five churches, the Established Church at Donaghmore; Presbyterian churches at Donaghmore and the Fourtowns and two Catholic churches at Glenn and Barr which was 'now rebuilding'. Gentlemen's houses were noted at Dromantine and at Frankfurt. Much of the land was owned by A Innes, T Corry, Esquire and Colonel Howard. Schools were recorded at Derrycraw, Ballymacarattybeg and Tollymore.

During Penal times Mass was celebrated at various places in the parish –

Kilrakan Wood, Cooley's Fort and Harpur's Hill (the Mass Stone at Glenn chapel was found at Rice's lane) in Dromantine, O'Hare's glen in Derrycraw (the Mass Rock at Glenn chapel) and around Barr (Barr Hill and McSherry's). St Mary's Church, Barr was built in 1830 and replaced a nearby Mass House. It was extensively repaired in 1903, when the old Parochial House was built, and 1969. The Church of St John the Evangelist was built at Glenn in 1863 near the site of a former church built on land donated by Arthur Innes around 1800. A parochial house was built between 1848 and 1850 and was used as such until 1903 when the parochial house at Barr was built. Glenn chapel was extensively renovated in 1983.

There appears to have been a hedge school around Barr before a school was held at Rafferty's on the Carrickrovaddy Road. A school with teacher's residence was built on Barr Hill in 1831.

The current school, St Mary's (Barr), was opened in 1962. The old Glenn school at what is now Beech Hill was opened around 1815 and was replaced in 1955 by the current St John's Glenn. As well as the schools mentioned in the Ordnance Survey of 1834-6, other schools were built at the Fourtowns (1836 which replaced Ballymacarattybeg), Dromantine, Glebe (Donaghmore) and Donaghmore which was built in 1859. Dromantine school house has recently been restored; it was built in 1847 by the Innes family.

Glenn 'John Martins' is founded



Mr. H. McConville
the Club's first Vice - Chairman

Although the story of the founding of Glenn John Martin G.F.C. has been recounted on the occasions of its twenty-fifth and fiftieth birthdays we feel that we owe it to our founding members to tell the tale once more in our seventy fifth anniversary year.

On the night of 11th November 1931 a group of people from Barr and Glenn gathered in the Glenn Hibernian Hall to form the John Martin Gaelic Football Club. Mr Louis Trodden rose and briefly stated the purpose of the meeting. He was followed by Mr P Crinion, Mr D O'Neill, Newry and Mr. Peadar Barry, Corrogs. Owen Finnegan proposed that

Louis Trodden should be appointed first chairman of the club. This proposal was carried and other officers appointed were Hugh Mc Conville (Vice-Chairman), Thomas Mackin (Treasurer), James Savage (Secretary) with a Committee whose names were Owen Finnegan, George Mc Parland, Hugh Brooks, Hugh O'Hare, John O'Hare, Frank O'Hare, Patrick McCann, James Murtagh and James Morgan. A week later sub-committees were appointed and the names of Willie Savage, James Mc Crink, James O'Hare , Tom O'Hare and Arthur O' Hare were added to the above list. The field committee was made up of members all with the same surname - O'Hare - and what a great name in Glenn that was.

The new club had to be given a name and team colours had to be selected. Some members thought that St.Colman's was the most suitable name to adopt but when the Chairman asked that the club consider the name of their one time neighbour and Presbyterian patriot, John Martin, his proposal was unanimously adopted. Now to the selection of team colours. That year Kilkenny and Cork had made history by meeting each other three times in the All - Ireland Hurling Final. The second meeting was an epic and some of the committee were so impressed with the fare



Mr. James. Savage,
the first Secretary

served up that the colours of the winning team Kilkenny, black and amber vertical stripes, were selected. Another reason for the selection of these colours was that no other club in the County wore them at that time. One man present who was delighted with this choice was Mick Mc Nulty. For the first time in his life he had seen an All-Ireland Hurling Final, the second great struggle of that year, and had become an ardent fan of the game.

It was from these humble beginnings that the Glenn John Martin's G.F.C as we know it today was founded.



Mr Thos. Mackin,
the first Treasurer



Mr. L. E. Trodden, Warrenpoint,
who founded the Club and was its
first Chairman



The Old Hut

The Hut at the Fourmile

Shortly after the end of the war in 1945 a group of far-sighted men from the locality decided to purchase a Nissan Hut, which had been put up for sale.

Permission was sought from Mrs McCartan to erect this hut on a plot of land not far from the field on which Glenn played all their matches at that time. Permission was readily given and with it came a forerunner of the social clubs that were to follow. The men of the area set about the erection, repairing, painting and fitting out of the new facility. A committee was formed, contributions were sought and membership fees paid and the hut became an important part of the landscape in Glenn in those dark days of austerity and rationing following the war. Here Glenn had what was a rarity in those times – a covered area which could be used

for changing before and after matches. This facility extended to both home and visiting teams and was graced by many a famous player particularly when Glenn organised very successful tournaments in the 50's and 60's. The premises doubled as a facility for preparing and serving teas by a very hardworking and efficient ladies committee. Indeed these ladies and the men of vision who provided 'the hut' gave us a launch pad for the camaraderie and indomitable team spirit that took us to the halcyon days of that period



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John Martin 1812 – 1875.

By Adrian Murdock

Although Glenn “John Martin” G.F.C. celebrates 75 Years, it is only a little over six years since the life story of “Honest” John Martin has been rediscovered by the local community in which he played a leading role from the 1840s to the 1870s.

He has been the only M P to come out of Donaghmore and as a Landlord during the Famine Years he was unique and beloved, so this Club bears the name of a true gentleman, who has never received the limelight for the many sacrifices he made during his life.

It has been mainly due to the research of Martin American descendants and the return to Ireland of the long lost Diaries of a beloved Uncle, that the name John Martin has become popular these past few years!

Although born into the Privileged life of a Presbyterian Family, he laid it aside to assist his suffering fellowman through the dark days of the famine. He also endured exile to a foreign land because he sought to reform the Government, which he saw as so destructive to his native land during the poverty stricken years of the 1840s. His finances suffered greatly, as he campaigned vigorously for “Home Rule” in the 1860’s to 70’s. It may be said that this all contributed to his early death, as it did for his life long friend, John Mitchel, who lived for the same ideals and were both to die within a week of each other.

He was born on 8th September 1812; his mother was Jane Harshaw, sister of James Harshaw, who wrote the famous Diaries, which are now in P.R.O.N.I., Belfast. Around 1810 she married her neighbour Samuel Martin of Loughorne, who was some 36 years her senior. She had always-high ideals for her family and taught them the principles of truth and justice and concern for their fellowman. John was raised with knowledge of the Classics and the “Good Book”. He attended Dr Henderson’s private School in Hill Street, Newry, where he met John Mitchel, who was to become his lifelong friend and future brother in law. Many times Mitchel accompanied him out to his home at “Loughorne Cottage”, where they would spend their nights reading books and exploring the countryside by day.

He secured a place at Trinity College,



Dublin, where after obtaining his Graduate of Arts in 1832, he took up the study of medicine. He was about to take out his medical degree in 1835 when his Uncle John died and he inherited “Loughorne House” and its land.

Owing to this his medical career was put aside and he returned to Loughorne to take on the role of a small landlord and farmed some of his land. As a landlord he proved a model and it is said, “He was a friend of all, giving medical attention to the poor and food to the hungry”. He was a quiet, cultured, country Gentleman that both good and bad men had to love. His manner was mild; he was tender hearted, at war with oppression and always seeking means, peaceful or warlike to overthrow injustice.

In 1839 he went to visit his sister, Jane and her husband, Donald Fraser in London,

Ontario, Canada and made a tour of the United States. In 1840 he took a brief "Grand Tour" to Belgium, Italy and Germany. He returned in 1841, by which time John Mitchel was a solicitor working in Banbridge. By 1843 John Mitchel had moved to Dublin and had joined O'Connell's "Repeal Association" and following the death of Thomas Davis was writing articles for the "Nation".

John Martin followed his example and so it could be said his political career commenced. Once again following Mitchel's example he left the "Repeal Association", when they considered it no longer consistent with honest politics.

On 16th July 1847 he suffered his greatest loss when his beloved mother died of the fever, caught when attending to the sick and dying. There is a moving account of this in James Harshaw's Diaries. This event and the suffering caused by the famine, when many poor, sick and dying people gathered around his door, moved him to campaign for the repeal of the Act of Union and so he became known as "John Martin The Repealer"

When John Mitchel left the "Repeal Association", he began his own journal "The United Irishman", to which John Martin contributed articles. On 27th May 1848 John Mitchel was arrested and the government seized his publishing business. He was sentenced to 14 years transportation for publishing treasonable articles. Immediately he began to keep a journal, which was later published and is now a famous piece of Irish literature. Owing to Mitchel's arrest, John Martin who was in Loughorne, immediately settled his affairs and moved to Dublin and launched a journal, "The Irish Felon" and "The felon Club" – a semi military organisation. Into this journal were poured articles similar to Mitchel's, hatred for England and hopes for a brighter future for Ireland. The Government moved immediately and ordered his arrest for treason felony. Rather than be arrested he turned himself into prison on 8th July. Back in Loughorne the police began a search of his property. His Uncle James Harshaw records in his diaries, that he was happier for John when Charles Gavan Duffy was also arrested and shared a cell with him. He and the whole family were much grieved, but gave him their full support.

For his trial on 18th August 1848, a lot of his Loughorne tenants travelled to Dublin, to offer their support. After he had been sentenced to ten years transportation to Van Diemen's land, his brother James challenged the foreman of the jury to a duel, for which he spent a few weeks in prison.

Before his transportation he was kept in Newgate prison, but had the freedom to exercise and receive visitors. Many of his family and friends called and brought gifts of food and drink; a Mrs Boyd of Loughorne even brought eggs and fowl and his Uncle James sent up some of his books. His cousin John Harshaw took care of his estate, selling livestock and around

October, he organised an auction of agricultural implements at "Loughorne House". On behalf of his cousin he continued to collect the rent from the tenants.

About May 1849 he set sail for exile with his friend Kevin O'Dogherty, (a Catholic) on board the "Elphinstone". During the voyage he kept a diary, which is remarkable reading, and is now in the Public Records Office, Belfast and also displayed on the Internet.

He arrived at Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land around 1849 and was allocated to live in the area, where as a "ticket of leave" he could move freely around the district, reporting to the local constable each day. He spent his time reading, as he took out some books with him and made friends with the locals, who showed him great kindness. One good friend was a Scottish settler called Russell, who lived at a place called Denistown. Another companion was his pipe, which he spent many hours smoking and dreaming of life thousands of miles away at his home in Loughorne.

In 1850 he had the company of John Mitchel, who was brought on account of his health, as the climate in Bermuda aggravated his asthma. Owing to this they were allowed to live together; Martin was also a victim of asthma all his life. Together the boyhood friends explored the countryside around, just as they had done when growing up in Ireland, when they went on walking tours from the Mountains of Mourne to Donegal. Now together in exile they often met up with the other

"felons" such as Meagher and O'Dogherty in secret, at a place called Lake Sorrel. During this time O'Dogherty gave Martin the name 'John Knox' and he called him 'St. Kevin'.

Despite their exile they always managed to get hold of Irish newspapers, to be kept up to date with political issues in the land of their birth. Strangely John Mitchel could never look at them and so John Martin read them to him.

In July 1850 John Mitchel had the idea of bringing his wife and family out to join him and he discussed it with Martin. Eventually in 1851 Jenny Mitchel and the 5 children were reunited with husband and father and their close friend – almost brother.

As the cottage was too small for the entire family, Martin was once again living alone as the Mitchel family took up residence at 'Nant Cottage', Bothwell. From John Mitchel's 'Jail Journal', we find this was the most happy, contented time of his life, as he settled down to turn his hand to farming. Martin probably had a similar contentment, as he now had so many close friends near him and when John & Jenny went to visit the other exiles, it was he who looked after the children. Returning from one visit the Mitchels brought home a little kangaroo to their children and there was great joy at 'Nant' over this.

Sadly this idyllic life could not go on forever and in January 1853, one P.J.'Nicuagara' Smith arrived at Mitchel's door with a plan for his escape to America. At the beginning John Martin was also involved in the plot, the plan being to present themselves at the Police office, withdraw their parole, offer to be taken into custody and then hopefully make a dash for freedom. Indeed it seems P.J. Smith was no stranger to them, as they had his acquaintance during their days in Dublin. However as the year rolled on towards June, John Martin decided to keep out of it, as it was now the depth of Winter, he would be subject to much hardship and have to assume various disguises and owing to his health he would not be well adapted to it.

John Mitchel was more adventurous and went ahead with the scheme and following some time on the run, he and his family left Australia on the 'Orkney Lass' and after transferring to an American ship the "Julia Ann", they arrived in San Francisco. During this time a close watch was kept on John Martin, as an attack was also expected from him.

The authorities need not have worried as he never gave them any trouble and lived out his exile, until he was given a

"He was a friend of all, giving medical attention to the poor and food to the hungry"

'Conditional Pardon' in 1854 – the condition being that he should not visit any part of the United Kingdom. So leaving Van Diemen's land, he took up residence in Paris, most likely in a boarding house in the Jardin de Plantes. His Sister Anna, who married Dr Thomas Archer Hurst, may also have lived in this area at the time. In 1856 the pardon was made unconditional and he took a trip home to see his family for a short time.

In 1858 he took a quiet tour of Ireland and in October his brother Robert and wife Millicent came over to visit him in Paris. It was to be the last he would see of Millicent, as returning to Kilbroney, she was carried off with Scarlet Fever. When John heard this he headed at once to Kilbroney, to find his brother dying and a newborn baby in the house. The nanny Jenny Cooley also died and it fell to John to move permanently to Kilbroney to care for 2 orphaned nephews and 5 nieces.

In 1860 he began to write for 'The Nation' newspaper, having met Mitchel in October in Paris, when political issues were no doubt discussed. During this time he must also have made a trip to Loughorne, as he promised a site for a new Manse for Donaghmore Presbyterian Church in Loughorne.

In 1864 his political life recommenced, when with others he founded 'The National League'. On 8th June 1864 he came to Loughorne to lay the foundation stone for the New Manse. In 1866 he was presiding officer of 'The National League' and saw Mitchel twice in Paris in January & September.

Although 1867 started quietly, it soon became more eventful, as his Uncle James Harshaw suffered a stroke and he attended to him until his death. In August he took a month's tour of the continent. 1867 was the year of "The Manchester Martyrs" and after their execution he took part in an impressive demonstration in Dublin at Glasnevin Cemetery. Due to his years of exile, he was now feeble in body, yet insisted in walking the whole route in the pouring rain. Yet he had the strength to deliver a speech of great power, commencing "May their souls rest in peace" and concluding in repeating the prayer of the three martyrs, "God save Ireland! And all of you men, women, boys & girls, that are to be men & women of holy Ireland will ever keep the sentiment of that prayer in your hearts." Owing to this, four days later he was arrested and at his trial in February 1868 he defended himself and all charges were dropped.

Despite his advanced age and failing health or perhaps owing to them, in November 1868 he married Henrietta Mitchel (youngest sister of John) in Hampstead, England. They honeymooned in

Eastbourne and spent some time with her brother William in London, before returning to Kilbroney for Christmas. Although their marriage may have been a surprise to many, they had known each other since he was a schoolboy and she a child. They had also worked together in the Dublin days of 'Young Ireland'. She was a good manager and had strong principles of Irish Freedom. She would work with her husband for this cause and keep him on the move, as even she knew he was lazy and up until this time it was his sister, Mary Simpson who had kept him at the grindstone. In the Autumn of 1869 the new Mrs Martin and her husband visited the United States. While there they went to Brooklyn and stayed with the Mitchels. Once again the two Johns would sit by the fireside, smoking and talking. However they could not go on such long walks now, owing to their advancing years and frail health. John Mitchel's beard was turning white, but he still had his chestnut curls, John Martin on the other hand now had a bare scalp, with long shoulder length hair hanging from it.

While there he also visited New York, where Horace Greeley presided at a banquet given in his honour. Dr William Carroll also honoured him with a banquet in Philadelphia. During this time he went twice to see his sister, Mrs Frazer in Canada. While he was away from Ireland, he was proposed as M.P. for Longford, but was defeated. In May 1870 he was nominated for a vacancy in Meath and he won it, despite the Catholic Bishops campaigning for the Local Landlord's candidate - it is also wonderful to consider that the constituents paid Martin's campaign expenses.

Henrietta was a good help to him as she knew her way around London, but speaking in Parliament seems not to have been a pleasant experience for him, as is clearly seen in a letter written to Mitchel from Warrenpoint on April 13th 1871 - "The parliament was such a bore to me, and the idea that I ought, I must, sometimes speak in it and say and keep saying things to make the men in it hate me worse than hell was such an irritation and fever to my nerves". John Mitchel never had any faith in him in Parliament and once said, "he would rather send Bill Sykes".

During this time he lived in rented accommodation, at "Seaview", Warrenpoint. In April 1873 he had to move out, as his financial situation had become so bad. This was because as secretary to the "Home Rule Association", he only took half pay and later none and spent his entire

fortune in the cause of "Home Rule". He thought about returning to Loughorne, but his wife objected and the houses would have needed a lot of repair, so for the next few years, it seems they lodged with friends, as they travelled around the Country and back and forward to London.

In March 1875 John Mitchel stood as candidate for County Tipperary and returning to Ireland he won a landslide victory. The Government declared the seat vacant as he was still an unpardoned felon, but in the re election he won again. However by this time the health of the two Johns was failing rapidly. John Martin gave his last speech at Newcastle and returned to Dromalane, where John Mitchel died on 20th March. The day of his funeral was wet and despite the conditions, John Martin insisted on walking the whole way on foot to the "Old Meeting House Green" in Newry, where Mitchel was laid to rest beside his parents. Standing at the graveside Martin collapsed and was taken home to Dromalane, where after a few days of struggling for breath, death gave him relief on Easter Monday 29th March. A lot of his political companions wanted to give him a Grand Funeral to Glasnevin, Dublin, but it was remembered that he wanted to rest with his parents in Donaghmore. All the different political parties greatly mourned his passing, as all knew he was honest. The funeral to Donaghmore Parish Churchyard was the largest ever seen in the district with all shades of opinion, both religious and political attending. Rev John Elliott, Presbyterian Minister of Donaghmore paid tribute to him for his attention to the poor and dying. Lots of people present took home with them small turfs of green grass from the grave, as souvenirs or to lie on their own plots.

In later years a stone of Newry Granite was raised to his memory and has the inscription –

'John Martin, Born 8th September 1812,

Died 29th March 1875,

He lived for his country

Suffered in her cause

Pled for her wrongs and

Died beloved and lamented by every

True Hearted Irishman'

From Small Acorns

They were sitting near the new mown'd field
When the football match was won
the weather it was fine and warm
The year was thirty one.

"We've got a team of footballers
who are fit and rugged men
Murtagh, O'Hare, Kennedy, Mc Parland
They grow them strong in Glenn.

The thing we need in these townlands
To ensure our sport lives on
Is to start right now and form a club"
Glenn G.A.C was born.

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Glenn's 1st Meeting

held on 11th Nov 1931

11th Nov. 1931.

A G.A.A. club was formed at a meeting held in the Hibernian hall Glenn on the above date. The following were appointed Officers,

Chairman

Mr L. E. Trodden

Vice Chairman

Mr Hugh McConville

Treasurer

Mr Tom Mackin

Secretary

Jas Savage.

Committee:- Messrs O'Finnegan, George McParland, Hugh Brookes, Hugh O'Hare, John O'Hare, Frank O'Hare, Paddy McCann, James Murtagh, & James Morgan.

The following ~~gentlemen~~ members of the County Dower Board were in attendance. Messrs, Brinon, O'Neill, Walsh & Barry.

Glenn's 2nd Meeting

held on 18th Nov 1931

Meeting held on 18th November, 1931.

(1) collectors were to go round the Parish on monday night,

It was unanimously agreed that each club member pays a weekly contribution of 3d.
Proposed by H. McBonville, Seconded by T. O'Hare.

Proposed by George McArland seconded by Hugh O'Hare that each member pays his contribution at the monthly meetings of the club.

(2). It was decided to take Mr Brannan's meadow for football field at a figure to be fixed later.

(3) football to be size 5.

(4) It was proposed by John O'Hare seconded by Peter McBrinck to order goal posts of Mr Gath. McSherry.

Length of uprights 17 feet
crossbars 21 "

(5) The following outside members were to be asked to join our club. Hugh McBonville, J. & D. McBarry, Mr Muller, Mr McElroy & McAlindon.

(6) Proposed by Hugh McBonville seconded by P. McBain to play Liptons on Sunday Week.

I was instructed to write to Clerys
34 Nassau St. Dublin

Clerys O'Connell St. Dublin

Athlete stores, Bridge St. Belfast

for quotation for jerseys, dogs & football boots of Irish manufacture.

I was also to write to Mr Barry for the colours of the different clubs, and for the books of Rules.

The club colours are to be amber & black or all Red. If striped strips to be vertical.

L. E. Troudor.

Jas Savage Sec.

25.11.1931

Club Membership in 1932

L. E. Trodden
Charles Cunningham
Patsy O'Hare (Glenn)
James Magee(Carnmeen)
Hugh McConville
John McKenna (Carnmeen)
Willie Savage
Felix O'Hare (The Hill)
Hugh O'Hare Jnr
Patrick O'Hare
Arthur O'Hare
James O'Hare
Peter McCrink
James Kennedy
Sam Rice
John McClory
James Murtagh
J McCarthy
Thomas McAleenan
D McCarthy
Peter Murtagh
Charles Madden
Patrick McCann
Thomas Madden
George McParland
John Smyth
Thomas Mackin
Bernard Turley
Patrick Reavey
Joe McCarthy
James Smyth
Pat Reavey(Carnacally)
Mick McNulty
Hugh McConville(Lissummon)
Harry McEvoy
Frank O'Hare
James Savage(Corcreechy)
John Boyle



The Silver Jubilee

by Bill O'Keefe

It was in November thirty one we first saw the light of day,
And down those glorious happy years we strove the game to play,
So tonight we celebrate with pride our Silver Jubilee,
And talk of days that used to be and our hopes of victory.

We won the junior championship after six long years or more,
Then fortune dogged us all till nineteen fifty four.
When we conquered Castlewellan and won the league forby,
Our sevens brought us many wins so our stock went soaring high.

All praise tonight to Dinny Smyth, the O'Hare's five stalwart men,
Mc Cartans, Conlans, Kennedys and Gallaghers from Glenn.
Mc Parlands, Reavey, Cunningham, Cranney and Bagnalls bold,
Dinny Murtagh, the utility man and Harry who never grows old.

Let us not forget, those far away, our own wee father Dan,
Who always played a manly game and never took the man.
Pedar Tunney too, a tower of strength, from centre-field could score.
And greetings to the Goodman clan who often rallied to the fore.

Our stripes of Black and Amber are famed throughout County Down,
From Warrenpoint to Annaclone, from Kilkeel to Banbridge Town,
They're the pride and joy of James Mc Coy, Wee Jimmy's pleasant dream,
The constant care of Johnny Sands and Jack Fearon's favourite theme.

Now a toast to Glenn's John Martin's men, may they ever play the game,
Come weal or woe be Gaels always in spirit and in name.
In the years ahead may victory come with honour and renown,
And by their conduct on the field be pride of County Down

A Day to remember - Glenn's First Game

The first day that a team takes to a field to play a match deserves to be remembered forever in it's club history. All the dreams and aspirations of the club's founders and of the players who pull on the first jerseys are centred on this day. .

Glenn's first match was at Burren on 20th December 1931 just over a month after the name of the 'John Martins' had been registered in the ranks of the G.A.A.. Here are the names of the chosen thirteen who first donned the Black and Amber: Jimmy Murtagh, Harry Murtagh, Barney Turley, Mick Turley, Hugh Mc Conville (Capt), Jack Fearon, George Bagnall, Paddy O'Hare, Tommy Lynch, Jim Mc Crink, James O'Hare, Paddy Mc Cann and Harry Mc Evoy.

Heads were held high and hearts beat fast as the boys took the field against Burren and confidence was sky high when

Jimmy Murtagh deftly turned an overhead kick over the bar for the opening point to Glenn. Shortly afterwards in another Glenn attack Harry Mc Evoy rocketed the ball netwards only to see Mc Mahon, the Burren goalkeeper, make a terrific save but Harry Murtagh was on hand to gather the rebound from Mc Mahon's save and palm the ball into the empty net with the goalie helpless. When half time arrived Glenn were leading by 1-1 to nil.

After the restart Burren put on the pressure and the Black and Ambers had to fight all the way for victory. Burren

scored two points to narrow the gap but every Glenn man played himself to a standstill and Burren wilted when Paddy O'Hare and Harry Murtagh combined for Harry to tap the ball over the bar for the last point of the game. The linesman on this occasion was Frank Murtagh who incidentally fell into a drain while carrying out his duties. Glenn had won their first game and couldn't see anything in the country beating them now. That is the spirit of great teams and later it made a great team of Glenn.

Camogie Teams in Glenn

The first Glenn Camogie Club

The first Glenn Camogie Club was formed on 24 March 1932 with Susan O'Hare as Chairperson, Molly O'Hare and Bridie Farrell as Joint Secretaries and Mary T McCarthy as Treasurer. At a meeting shortly afterwards, John Boyle proposed that a delegation be appointed to approach Anthony Cranney to seek the availability of 'Cranney's Meadow' for Camogie training and matches.

The team's uniforms were navy blue gym frocks with yellow blouses. The first team played until the early 40's in leagues, championships, sports and seven-a-side competitions. In 1941 they won championship medals and were final victors at a Camlough Feis Competition. Medals for winners were almost unheard of then and the reward for winning a competition might be an orange (not in wartime) or a mineral after the match. As players married or moved to other places of employment, the game of Camogie lapsed for a few years.

The second Camogie Team

A second Camogie Team was formed in 1947 and played until 1956. Jack Duffy and Jimmy Magee, hurlers from Newry, coached this team. Jimmy Magee later married one of the Jennings sisters. Glenn played in the Newry and District League and at sports meetings where they won many prizes. A prize might be a biro pen, which came on the market at that time. Chairman of the Club was Peter McParland (Sheepbridge) with Philomena Jennings as Secretary and Pat Lyons as Treasurer. Mrs Patsy O'Hare School Road made the outfits for the girls.

Camogie was revived in 1964 and although it only lasted until 1968 this era was the most successful of all. The only team to defeat Glenn was Deirdre, the Antrim and Ulster Champions. The first Chairman was Colman O'Hare followed later by Hugh Kennedy and later still by Nan Sands. Angela Kennedy was Secretary and Patricia Byrne was Treasurer. The team's colours were red jerseys and bottle green dresses. When Down won the Ulster Junior Championship in 1964, Glenn supplied five players to the team: Madeleine and Barbara Sands, Eucharia Turley, Angela Kennedy and Ann McCartan.

The Captain of the Glenn and Down Teams was Angela Kennedy and



Camogie Team of the late 1940s



Camogie team from 1964 – Ann O'Hare, Monica Turley, Eucharia Turley, Marie O'Hare, Madeline Sands, Nolaig Sands, Geraldine Sands, Margaret McSherry, Patricia Byrne, Ann McCartan, Ena McSherry, Barbara Sands, Angela Kennedy, Pat McClorey

Vice-Captain was Madeleine Sands. These two players were also members of the Ulster Camogie Team. Other players who were on the Down County Panel were Geraldine and Nolaig Sands, Valerie Kennedy, Patricia Byrne, Eucharia and Dolores Turley and Ann McCartan. Barbara Sands, Nolaig Sands, Eucharia and Dolores Turley were on the Down team which won the All Ireland Camogie Championship in 1968.

Hurling

By Donal McNally



Glenn Senior Hurling Team 1983 with Father Jack Rodgers

The Glenn Hurling team pictures before the Championship semi-final v Clonduff at Mayobridge.

According to Irish folklore, hurling can be traced back to the earliest days of Irish history. In particular we have the story of the young Setanta, nephew of King Connor of Ulster, with hurley in his hand, heading to the feast at Culainn's house. Culainn believed that all the guests had arrived and unleashed his hound to guard his house. As Setanta approached the hound began to attack and Setanta struck the sliothar at the dog killing him. Legend has it that Setanta agreed to guard Culainn's house until a replacement could be found. Young Setanta was so good that he became known as Cuchulainn, Culainn's hound or the hound of Ulster.

Hurling was first recorded in the fifth century in the Brehon laws. The game was banned by the Statutes of Kilkenny because of its popularity with the Normans. The 18th century was known as the 'golden age' of hurling. Landlords promoted the game; inter-barony and inter-county games were played. Matches were very well organised with a strict code of conduct for players; teams lined out in set positions (21 a-side). Unrest including the rebellion by United Irishmen in 1798 caused the gentry to withdraw their support for the game of hurling. This, together with the effects of the Great Famine, severely damaged the development of the game until the revival

with the formation of the Gaelic Athletic Association in 1884.

Hurling in Glenn may not have reached the heights of Irish heroes such as Setanta, however the first hurling club can claim to be quite unique. Within a year of its formation, the Glenn football club had fallen foul of county administrators and was suspended following a game with Grinan in August 1932. By September 1932 a hurling club had been formed and played its first match against Newry. The team reached the final of the Rathfriland and District hurling league only to lose to Ballela. However Ballela had fielded an ineligible player and the game and title was awarded to Glenn. Players of note at this time were Tommy Lynch, Paddy McCann, John McCarthy, Pat Reavey and Eddie O'Hare who was the first Glenn player to play hurling for Down. Unfortunately the hurling team folded shortly after the football club was reinstated in March 1933.

Hurling did not reappear until the 1960's when Glenn entered a team in the South Down Junior League in 1967 and 1968 and the South Down Under 16 league from 1966 to 1968.

Indeed the Under 16's won the South Down league and were runners up to Downpatrick in the County final. In 1977 Gerry McNally was instrumental in Glenn

Back Row: (l-r): Kieran McNally, Kenny Devlin, Maurice McKay, Martin Byrne (Glenn), Gerard Rice, Michael McNally, Seamus Kennedy, Paddy Kennedy, Brendan Cranney and Father Jack Rodgers.

Front Row: (l-r): Maurice McNulty, Gerard McLoughlin, Desmond Kennedy, Donal McNally, Philip O'Hare, Michael Devlin, Martin Byrne (Barr) and Phelim O'Hare

participating in the Down County Board scheme to promote hurling in 'football' clubs. An 11 aside league and championship was organised with clubs such as Glenn, Saval and Mayobridge participating. In 1979 in the Special Junior Championship Glenn had a walk over Banbridge in the first round and defeated Saval (3-9 to 1-0) in the semi-final. In the final Glenn played Annsborough in Mayobridge winning on a 3-3 to 1-6 scoreline. The team was: Maurice McKey, Martin Byrne (Glenn, captain 1-1), Ciaran McNally, Desmond Kennedy and Colm McNally; Gerard McLoughlin & Brendan Cranney (1-1); Kenny Devlin, Martin Byrne (Barr, 0-1), Mickey Cranney and Philip O'Hare (1-0). Subs: Oliver Byrne, Gerard Rice, John O'Hare, Seamus Kennedy, Phelim O'Hare and Donal McNally.

Glenn entered the new Division 4 league

Glenn entered the new Division 4 league through the 1980's, narrowly missing out on promotion in 1984. The club also entered teams in the South Down Under 14 and Under 16 leagues and the Under 14

Feile competition. Success was achieved in 1984 when the Under 14's under Ciaran McNally won the Feile Division 4. The team was: Martin Bagnall, Gabriel McClory, Daniel McHugh, Rowan Lyons, Aidan Brooks, Jarleth Kennedy, Kieran Connell, Fergus Kennedy, Noel McHugh and Darren Bagnall. Unfortunately the hurling teams had folded by 1988.

On a lighter note the hurlers may have a couple of claims to fame. When the quality of competition was being questioned one player claimed that they had played inter county while another claimed that they had an Allstar playing for them. Unfortunately the Allstar was a football award won by Paddy Kennedy and the inter-county hurling in 1984, 1985 and 1987 was when the club forged Centenary year links with Kilsheelin (Tipperary).

In 1991 a Galway priest, Fr Anthony Kelly, was appointed to Dromantine. Shortly after his arrival he had enlisted Donal McNally's help and soon a very enthusiastic group were attending coaching. They finished the year with a challenge match against Ballyvarley. It was going to be difficult to field a team on our own, so the decision was taken to amalgamate with Ballyvarley, a marriage which lasted until 1998 and brought good success. In 1993 the Ballyvarley Under 14's completed the treble, winning the Under 14 league, championship and Feile. Eight Glenn players; Niall Byrne, Peter Farrelly, Aidan McConville, Michael McConville, Damian O'Hare, Christopher Sands, Niall Sands and Patrick Sands played key role in this team. In 1994 they retained the league title but lost in the Feile and championship finals. Christopher and Niall Sands were selected for the Down Under 16 A hurling

team. The following year brought further success with Glenn providing half the Under 16 team that won the league and championship. It must be noted that Christopher Sands holds a rare honour; he was selected for the Down Minor hurling squad. David Bagnall, Mark Devlin and Cathal Farrelly played for Ballyvarley winning the Under 14 Feile and league in 1996 and Under 16 league in 1997.

It is difficult to predict what future hurling has in a small parish such as ours. Of course individuals will continue to play for neighbouring clubs such as Ballyvarley or Shamrocks. However if Glenn are to compete at either juvenile or adult level it is going to take a major investment of time and energy. The question that remains unanswered is do we have the manpower and interest to revive hurling in Glenn?



Down All Ireland Junior Champions 1946

Team includes Kevin O'Hare 2nd back left and Dan Kennedy 5th front. Kevin O'Hare came into goals when Emmet McGivern was injured. Dan Kennedy scored 1 goal and 3 points.



They Wore The Black & Amber in 1933

Photograph shows the Glenn team as it was in 1933.
Back Row: Henry McEvoy, Dan McCarthy, James Byrne, Peter McParland, Bernard Turley
Front Row: Paddy O'Hare, Jim McCrink, James O'Hare, Hugh McConville, (capt), Mick Turley, James Murtagh & John McCarthy



Glenn Team Winners of 1937 Down Junior Football Championship

Anthony Cranny (missing), George McParland, Peter Murtagh, P. McParland, Father Finnegan
SMA, Bernard Turley, Henry Murtagh, James Byrne, Thomas McParland, Anthony Morgan
Father Morris SMA, Matthew McCrink, Father Fegan

1937

Poem To Commemorate The Winning Of The Down Junior Championship

By James Cunningham

The Glenn "John Martins" football team I'd have you all to know,
Have won respect of all true Gaels and are feared by every foe,
For seven years they've played their way in country and in town,
And now they can proudly boast of being Junior Champions of Down.
Oh, they are a famous football team, they've won cups, three or four,
And medals gold and silver and victories galore.

They've champions of the Mourne League and have earned much
renown

Since they beat Rathfriland in the final and won the Championship of
Down.

Oh, they are all noted footballers that, no one can gainsay,
From Annaclone to Loughbrickland they've nobly won their way.
The beat the boys from Whitecross, and Rathfriland team also.
They are ready to uphold their skill against Hilltown or Mayo.
When John McCarthy leads his men into the football field,
They've orders all to concentrate and to no foe to yield.
To bring back honours to Glenn hills and win a glorious name,
And like true Irish sportsmen they always play the game.

And when our Captain went to Saul,' against Antrim's pick to play,
Sure he, along with Pat O'Hare, filled their rivals with dismay
With two gold medals on their breast they proudly did return,
And won the thanks of all true Gaels from Annaclone to Burren.
And don't forget the "goalie", his name is Jimmie Byrne.

When he's in form between the posts there's no need for us to mourn.
With Morgan there and Kennedy, Kelly and Morris from Dromantine,
Arty O'Hare and Colman too, they are all friends of mine.
Here's to the gallant captain, here's to the Clann O'Hare,
On every field of victory, I hope to meet them there.

The McParlands (2) and Turley, McConville, Murtagh and McAnuff,
You might search the whole of Ireland and never find such stuff.
And now fill up your glasses, drink to the gallant team,
Come all ye lads and lassies with love and joy supreme
I'll toast the Glenn "John Martins", a team of great renown,
That has won four cups and medals and are Junior Champions of Down.

From "Frontier Sentinel", January 22nd, 1938

A Team from the 1940's



Glenn win South Down League in late 1940s

In the above league, Glenn won their first seven matches to give them a great start to their campaign.

At that time the team included Art Magennis, Donal Turley, Charlie Michael and Gerry Jennings and Peter McCarthy. The League ended with Glenn having 25 points closely followed by Mayobridge with 24 points with one game to play between these teams. On the day of the match the weather was atrocious – so bad that the Glenn team was reluctant to leave their bus. However they were informed by the referee Turlough Murray, a former Armagh Player, that they would forfeit the match if they didn't field. The game began but was called off in the second half when conditions became really dangerous. The score at half time was Glenn 4 pts, Mayobridge 3pts with S Donnelly and Dan Kennedy scoring second half goals for Glenn.

'Poppy' Fearon who later became Chairman of the Armagh County Board refereed the second game. The half time score was Glenn 5pts, Mayobridge 4pts. In the second half a sideline kick by Denis Murtagh landed the ball

in the Mayobridge goalmouth where it was fisted into the net by Seamus McCartan to give Glenn an advantage they held until the final whistle.

They were South Down Champions.

In the first game Glenn lined out as follows:
Harry Murtagh, Denis Murtagh, Seamus McCartan, Paddy Bagnall, Peter O'Hare, Tommy McParland, Kevin O'Hare, Tom Smyth, Denis Smyth, Dan Kennedy, Felix McParland, Donal Turley, Jimmy Donnelly.

In the second game Colman O'Hare replaced Donal Turley, who had gone to England.

The following is a newspaper report of a match
played in one of the earliest years after the
club's formation.

The Sports Page



Champions Of South Down League

The winning of the match places Glenn at the top of this section of the league which is now finished, but Mayobridge who with Hilltown are two points behind, have a protest pending against Hilltown and if they win it they will be level on points with Glenn and this will necessitate a play-off. Play, which commenced before a large gathering of spectators and with Glenn facing a stiff wind, was very fast and interesting and at the close of the first half, Glenn were leading by nine points to five. In the second half, although Glenn were always in the lead, Rathfriland put up a stern fight but it was a losing battle for at the close the score was - Glenn 14points, Rathfriland 7points.

The game was very clearly contested throughout and seldom has a better match been witnessed at Glenn.

Glenn's Team - Jimmy Byrne,, Henry

Murtagh, James Kennedy, Peter McParland, Bernard Turley, Harry McEvoy, Anthony Morgan, Paddy O'Hare, Dan McCarthy, Peter Conlan, John McCarthy(Captain), Jimmy O'Hare and Dan Byrne.

Outstanding players on the side were P. O'Hare, J. O'Hare, H. Murtagh, J. McCarthy, Harry Mc Evoy and Jimmy Byrne in goal.

Scorers for Glenn were - J. O'Hare 2-1, D. Byrne 1-0, B. Turley 0-2, J. McCarthy 0 - 1, P. OHare 0-1.

Two players photographed here in 1929 Peter Conlan and Bill O' Keeffe, later transferred to Glenn and played here in the club's early days. Another player shownen, Paddy Crinion, was present at the formation of the Glenn Club.



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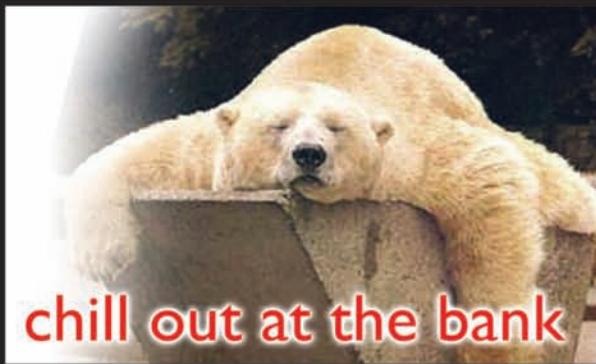
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Athletics in Glenn

Down County Athletic Team N.A.G.A.I - 1951

Winners of the Dr. D'Alton Shield



Standing: W.J. O'Kane, P.J. Morgan, K. O'Hare, M. Jennings, P.C. Fitzpatrick, P.E.T., F.McParland, P.Burns, S. Smith.

Sitting: C. Rice, D. McCartan, V. McConville, J. McKiverigan, N. Cerri, T. Coleman, B. McKiverigan, H.A. McKeown

In the early days of the club athletics would have been catered for mostly by training for and participating at sports days which were organised in most parishes on an annual basis at that time. In 1949 the St. Johns Athletic Club was formed in Glenn as previous to this Glenn athletes competed under the Newry Shamrocks club name. The Chairman of the new Club was Hugh Magee with Father Mc Cartan as Club President.

In 1944 Colman O' Hare came second in the 5000m race at the Ulster Junior Championships. This was to begin a story of Glenn success at Ulster Athletics Championships that lasted up to about 1960 and established the Club as one of the most successful Athletic Clubs in the country at that time. The following list of results gives some idea of what was achieved.



Frank Monaghan Felix McParland Mike Jennings Kevin O'Hare

Athletics in Glenn

Ulster Senior Championships

Shot Putt

Kevin O'Hare - 4 Firsts, 4 Seconds
Frank Monaghan - 3 Firsts, 5 Seconds
Michael Jennings - 2 Firsts, 1 Second

High Jump

M. Jennings - 3 Firsts, 1 Second
Gerry Fitzmaurice - 1 First

Pole Vault

M. Jennings - 2 Firsts, 1 Second

Javelin

M. Jennings - 4 Firsts, 1 Second

Long Jump

G. Fitzmaurice - 1 First

5000m

Felix Mc Parland - 1 First, 1 Second

Discus

F. Monaghan - 5 Firsts
M. Jennings - 1 Second

Decathlon

M. Jennings - 3 Firsts, 3 Thirds.

At the British Schools Championships at White City London competition, Mickey Jennings represented the Abbey School in Newry and all Irish Schools. In the events the Abbey was the leading School in Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales all through Friday and up to lunch time on Saturday. Eventually Manchester Grammar, who were represented by 28 athletes, took the lead. The Abbey had one athlete - Michael Jennings.

In the early 1950s Glenn sports attracted several champion athletes: Brendan O'Reilly - Irish High Jump and Javelin Champion, Val Mc Gann - Irish Pole Vault Record Holder and Decathlon Champion, Morgan O'Connell - Former Irish High Jump Champion, Jim Hampson - Former Irish High Jump Champion, Gerry Mc Cormack - Former Ulster High Jump Holder. On one occasion after the sports, Brendan O'Reilly, Val Mc Gann and Morgan O'Connell came to a dance in Glenn A.O.H. Hall. Brendan sang and Val played the Violin. Val Mc Gann later became a famous painter and had several of his paintings hung in the White House. He now lives in Kennyburk, U.S.A and has the Bush family close by.

Ulster Junior Championships

5000m

Colman O'Hare - 1 Second

Shot

Kevin O'Hare - 1 First

5000m

Felix Mc Parland - 1 First

All Ireland Senior Championships (Dublin)

Shot

Kevin O'Hare - 1 First

Discus

F. Monaghan - 1 First

Javelin

M. Jennings - 1 First

Glenn won three All Ireland Championships that day

All Ireland Junior Cross Country

Cross Country

F. Mc Parland - 1 First

Ulster Schools Senior Championships at Cherryvale, Belfast

Pole Vault

M. Jennings - 1 First

Shot

M. Jennings - 1 First

High Jump

M. Jennings - 1 First

All Ireland Senior Schools Championships in Dublin

Shot

M. Jennings - 1 First

High Jump

M. Jennings - 1 Second

Pole Vault

M. Jennings - 1 Third

World Student Games in France / Italy

Shot

M. Jennings - 1 Second

All Ireland Weight Lifting Championships - Dublin 1958

Light - Heavyweight

M. Jennings - 1 First

British Schools Championships at White City London

Shot

M. Jennings - 1 First

High Jump

M. Jennings - 1 First

All Down Hails Glenn As Football League Champions - 1954

Glenn G.F.C. Down Senior League Championship - 1954



By drawing away with Castlewellan, Glenn made sure of finishing top of the Down Senior League table in 1954 in their last game of that season. Before this game Glenn led Castlewellan by two points in the league table and so only needed one point to secure their being champions.

With so much at stake and with no other games in the area, an estimated crowd of over one thousand was treated to a thrilling game. Glenn were the more determined side and led until Castlewellan equalised with a point in the closing minutes. They were also the better all round side with every man pulling his weight and were unlucky not to win. From the throw in they were soon attacking and took the lead with a point from a free after one or two missed chances. Towards the end of the first quarter Castlewellan had the equalising point but Glenn resumed attacking and a mix up in the home defence gave them the chance to first time the ball to the net. The visitors moved in again and a glaring opportunity at goal was lost, the

ball being eventually sent over the bar. In another move Glenn hit the crossbar with the Castlewellan defence well beaten. At this stage Castlewellan made a big effort to reduce the arrears and had a point to leave the half time score Glenn 1 - 3; Castlewellan 0 - 2.

On the resumption Castlewellan looked the more dangerous but Glenn were first to score when they had a goal to give them a comfortable lead. The game looked all over but the homesters suddenly sprang to life and casually put the ball in the net. After some exciting exchanges Glenn had a further point. The homesters piled on the pressure and amid great excitement they had "one of those goals" where the ball, the Glenn goalie with a couple of defenders and a couple of Castlewellan forwards all landed in the net. Soon afterwards a cross from the Castlewellan right corner forward was punched over the bar to leave the final score Glenn 2 - 4; Castlewellan 2 - 4.

On the following Sunday night the A.O.H. Hall, Glenn, was packed to capacity as Glenn celebrated their first Down Senior League victory. Rev. P McAnuff; C.C. President introduced the Down County

Back Row: H. Murtagh, F. McParland, A. Conlan, J. Goodman, Dom McCartan, S. Gallagher, P. Bagnall, F. Conlon, G. Bagnall, M. Cranney, J. Murtagh

Front Row: Fr. D. McCartan, G. McCartan, D. Kennedy, S. McCartan, S. Kennedy, J. McCartan, Br. Tunny

Board Chairman, George Tinnelly who made the presentation. Glenn, he said, was one of the smallest parishes in the county and deserved great credit for this achievement.



Our First Senior Championship Victory

By Aidan Conlan (Captain)

It is difficult to believe that forty seven years have passed since Glenn first became Down Senior Champions. Although all that time has elapsed I still remember vividly the determination with which our team set out on the championship trail in 1959. Glenn had reached the semi-final stages of the championship five times in the previous six years to be defeated on each occasion, three times by a single point margin. Some of our supporters thought we would never make it – Glenn might win leagues but they would never be champions.

Each defeat, though, toughened the resolve of the players to overcome the bogey and I doubt if Down football has ever seen a more determined team than were Glenn in 1959. Our opening game was against Newry Mitchells who with the O'Neill brothers Sean and Kevin, the Bannons, Tom McAteer etc. had burst upon the Down scene. A thrilling hard fought game followed with the result in the balance right up to the final whistle. We won by a narrow margin and we were on our way. Next we met Annaclone in Newry. Anyone who knows the history of Glenn-Annaclone clashes over the years doesn't need telling that this was a tough hard fought game with no quarter asked for or given. We had a comfortable lead at half time but Annaclone came back at us in the second half and with five minutes to go cut our lead to one point. Then came my worst moment of the whole championship campaign. I dropped in behind my fellow full backs to cover a high dropping ball. I wasn't sure that I would reach it before it hit the ground so I decided to let it bounce. As I waited under the bounce Brian Morgan swept me aside, grabbed the ball and belted it into the net. I had visions of us going into the dressing room beaten and me being the cause of the defeat. I didn't

even dare lift my head in case accusing eyes were looking at me. It was then that Dromantine Student Tom Maguire came to the rescue. He fielded the kick out and must have been tackled by about five jubilant Annaclone players. This must have been what Tom needed to set him alight, because after an indifferent showing previously, he burst out of the ruck and set off on a long surging solo run. He combined with another Glenn player to set up the best possible reply to Annaclone's score – a flashing goal for Glenn. We went on to win easily but I walked off the field that day a very relieved player.

Next to Newcastle to play Clonduff and we had no illusions about the task that lay ahead. Clonduff powered by Kevin Mussen and Patsy O'Hagan were championship specialists at that time and this game was to be a battle of wills. A tough bruising but fair game was nearing its end with Glenn in the lead by four points. Patsy O'Hagan, who had an inspired game that day then soloed through from thirty yards and blasted the ball into our net. Seconds later a hotly disputed sideline ball went Clonduff's way and from the ensuing play they got the equalizer. We were disappointed at not returning home victorious although I probably had

my biggest thrill of the year that day when I caught a ball on our goal line and although under pressure, I spotted one of our players loose along the sideline. I somehow managed to get the ball quickly to him and from there a brilliant five man move ended with the ball nestling in the Clonduff net.

The replay took place in Newcastle on a wet rainy day. We were unfortunate to have one of our players sidelined early on and had to play for about 50 minutes of the game with fourteen men. But such was the determination of the team to win that this setback spurred them still further and even at half-time we sensed that if we could avoid any serious mistakes we would be playing in our first senior final. And that's what happened. The jinx was broken and all the superstitious ones were wrong for once.

We were to play Rostrevor, who were re-emerging as a force in Down football, in the final. The day was wet and very windy. There were many butterflies in Glenn tummies that day. I remember being in a tizzy before the match because although our coach Harry Murtagh advised me to play with the wind and take what nature was giving us, some of our players were of the



very opposite opinion. The problem was solved when we lost the toss and Rostrevor elected to let us have wind advantage in the first half. We had a comfortable lead at the interval after a first half when nerves affected the side and good patches of football were only spasmodic. In the second half when aided by the wind Rostrevor began to whittle away our lead. The crisis came when their mid-fielder Brian Murphy suddenly sent our defence the wrong way with a typical dummy. I remember running madly to cover the unprotected side of our goal line. Whether Brian was hampered by the slippery underfoot conditions or not, I don't know, but he delayed his shot and was finally blocked, I felt then that we were going to win. With every man on the team willing to play the shirt off his back, we dominated the last fifteen minutes and the Down Senior Championship Cup was on its way to Glenn for the first time. Our supporters went wild with delight. I think it was a few hours later before the players realised what had happened – that our long held dream had finally come true. When we reached Newry Father Davies and I brought the cup to Daisy Hill Hospital where Jimmy Murtagh, one of our greatest supporters, was recovering from a recent illness. I believe Jimmy forgot all about his pains and aches with the fulfilment of his life long dream to see Glenn crowned as kingpins of senior football in Down. His brother Harry was our coach – Harry gave us pep talks before and during each match and I must say that he seemed to know how to deal with every situation that arose on the field of play. I will conclude by saying that I consider myself very fortunate to have been captain of such a fine team. Three players James and Dan McCartan and P J McElroy were destined to help Down win the Sam Maguire Cup in 1960. Many of the others were later to represent Down in various grades. Each one in his own individual way played an outstanding part in our success of 1959. When Seamus McCartan retired as captain after Glenn won the 1958 All County League, he said that he hoped the next captain would bring home the championship cup. Little did I think I would have that honour.

To Commemorate the Winning of the Down Senior Championship 1959

By Bill O'Keefe

*October '59 was the month and the year,
When John Martin's men knew their big hour was near.
They took the field proudly at Newcastle Town,
When the wind blew a gale and the rain pelted down.*

*They had beaten Clonduff a great team with a past,
Father Petit's Rostrevor they met in their last.
They must win this last battle and banish the fears,
Or the hoodoo might stay for a long spell of years.*

*Sean Gallagher in goal was as sound as a bell,
Captain Conlan and Bagnall were always playing well.
Dan McCarron their pivot had the ball on a string,
While Kennedy and Goodman closed the gap up the wing.*

*Wee, stout man Donnelly was best when 'twas tough,
He could take all was coming, the smooth or the rough.
Mickie Jennings and Jimmy rampaged around the field,
And in the hard clashes to no foe would yield.*

*Ciaran Conlan and Kennedy were dashing and neat,
And sent Gervase along with the ball at his feet.
Then Dominic the tireless sent in many a lob,
And those forwards all knew how to finish the job.*

*"White" Kennedy in the corner was handy and strong,
And his goal clinched the issue when things could go wrong.
But when Rev. Davies sent under the bar,
The cheers could be heard on the hill up at Barr.*

*There were some tough hard tackles and near misses too,
And Glenn men were anxious between me and you.
Old Harry and Dinny bit their nails and chewed hay,
As they sat in the rain with their nerves all astray.*

*Father Magee climbed the palings to stop any brawls,
A Derry man surely knows all about walls.
While J.P. with his excitement near stuck in the wire,
Then his coat caught a nail as he scaled the barbed wire.*

*Hughie Mc Quaid filled the cup when they got back to town,
And the boys who were thirsty soon knocked the stuff down.
Then Winnie, old faithful cried out same again,
Hoarse throats need more oil said the dry men from Glenn.*

*The hoodoo is broken and sure 'tis no sin,
And Jimmy Mc Givern has had his first win.
Now with all the rejoicing I think it unfair,
That Glenn became champions without an O'Hare.*

*They have football for dinner and football for tay,
And Mick Dooley says such was not in his day.
Both the young and the old are all mad for the ball,
I think I'll start training says the bould Charlie Small.*

*The old guard came there in the bus to a man,
And they clapped and they shouted as men from Glenn can.
Wee Jimmy was missing but his blessing did send,
Now we are all glad to know he is well on the mend..*



A Glenn Team of the early 1960s

J McCartan, F Reavey, S Gallagher, M Jennings,
D Kennedy, PJ mCElroy, J McSherry, D
McCartan, D Kennedy, G Bagnall, S Donnelly, G
Sands, D McCartan, S Kennedy, H Kennedy, G
McCartan, V Kane, P Kennedy.



Picture shows Mr Con Short, Chairman of the Ulster Council presenting the Ulster Minor Championship Cup to John McCartan, captain of the Down team when they defeated Armagh in the re-play at Castleblayney



The 1977 All-Ireland Minors.

The victorious team comprised: Paddy Donnan, S. McNulty, A. McAulfield, S. Bronkers, P. O'Rourke, M. Sands, B. McGovern, P. Kennedy, J. McCartan, E. Toner, A. Rodgers, M. McCann, B. Loughran, T. Bradley, J. Digney, Subs: E. McGivern for Bradley; F. Rooney for Sands



Victorious All-Ireland Under-21 team of 1979.

Back row (L-R) Liam Malachy Burns, John McCartan, Pat Donnan, Gervaise O'Hare, Adrian McAulfield, Greg Blayney.
Front Row (L-R) Brendan McGovern, Mickey Sands, Paddy Kennedy, Jarlath Digney, Ned King (capt), Peter Donnan, Gerry Murdock, Paddy O'Rourke



Glenn's First Down Senior Championship Title 1959

Although Glenn started as outsiders in the Down County Final their success stemmed from better teamwork and total commitment in search of victory. After suffering six semi-final defeats in the last seven years Glenn reaped their reward at last and brought the title to the parish of Donaghmore. The game itself did not rise to any great heights due to driving rain and a gale like wind, which blew right down the field. After winning the toss Rostrevor elected to play against wind and weather and this did not pay off for at half time Glenn led 3-3 to Rostrevor's 0-3. As this was their first appearance in a senior final all credit to the winners whose defence gave a magnificent display and just

would not give in when under severe pressure in the second half. It was the difference between the teams' defences that won the day, for Glenn with the help of the wind in the first half kept the ball round the Rostrevor goal as much as possible. Rostrevor actually played their best football in this half and on the turn over it looked as if they would have little difficulty in pulling down their three-goal deficit. However they were pinned down so well that all they could manage was to have two points from frees.

In the solid Glenn defence Dan McCartan was outstanding getting great help from Gerry Bagnall, Aidan Conlan and goalkeeper Sean Gallagher, James McCartan gave Glenn a

definite pull at mid-field ably supported by Mick Jennings. In attack Seamus Kennedy, Dominic McCartan, Anthony Davies and Ciaran Conlan were always dangerous and made the most of the chances which came their way.

Scorers:

Glenn – D Kennedy (1-0), A Davies(1-0), J McCartan(1-0), D McCartan(0-2), C Conlan(0-1) and S Kennedy(0-1)

Glenn Team:

S Gallagher, H Kennedy, G Bagnall, A Conlan, J Goodman, Dan McCartan, S Donnelly, J McCartan, M Jennings, G McCartan, C Conlan, S Kennedy, D Kennedy, Dominic McCartan, Anthony Davies(Rev).

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Down 2-10 Kerry 0-8



All Ireland winning team 1960. On the same year on 9th October Down beat New York at Croke Park for the St. Brendans Cup.
Down 2-8 New York 0-6



Above Picture

Rear (L to R)

Denis Smyth(Sec), Fr P.McGovern(SMA), Fr.A.Davies(C.C.), Mick McNulty, George Tinnelly(Co chairman), Henry Murtagh(Glenn Manager) Sean O'Neill, James Murtagh(Glenn Pres), Tony Hadden, Brian Morgan, Kevin O'Neill, Fr.McNeill(C.C.), Joe Lennon.

Front(L to R)

Aidan Conlan(Glenn Chairman), Seamus Kennedy(Reserve), Fergus Conlan(Reserve), Fr.T.Carvill(PP), Leo Murphy. James McCarron(Player). Glenn had 3 players and 2 reserve panellists in the squad.



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Caltex Trophy Awards 1960-1961, James McCartan

James McCartan at centre-half forward played a major role in spear-heading Down's rise to prominence and victories in the All Ireland Finals of 1960 and 1961.

In both these years

the Sports Writers Association of Ireland voted James the most prestigious awards of the era and we in Glenn were delighted to see our player and teammate join the ranks of Ireland's sporting elite to receive his trophies from

An Taoiseach Sean Lemass. On these occasions he rubbed shoulders with national, international and world legends in sport - names like Dr Pat O'Callaghan, Olympic Gold Medal Winner, Noel Carroll, Olympic competitor, Golfing

heroes, Christy O'Connor and Joe Carr, Show-jumping Star Tommy Wade and Hurling Greats, Mick Mackey and Liam Downey, thus raising awareness and respect for Glenn all over the country.

1962 - Champions for the second time

On the form they showed in disposing of Castlewellan in the final of the Down Senior Championship at Newcastle, Glenn from the early stages of the game looked all set to be the first team to complete the big Down double.

Played in the most depressing conditions imaginable - an almost constant drizzle and the prospect of failing light made it uncomfortable for the below average final crowd - the first half-hour was as good as any a championship final has ever produced. But a long, long way before the end it was obvious that there was going to be no turn-up on this occasion, and this despite the increasing share of the ball that the Castlewellan lads were getting mid-way through the second half. Glenn had the game properly by the scruff of the neck at half-time, when they led by 8-1.

Two early second half points from Ciaran Conlan and Seamus Kennedy were all that was needed to snuff out any possible hopes that there might still be some chance of a Castlewellan revival.

Try as they did - and to give them every credit they did try to the very end - Castlewellan never came near piercing the Glenn defence which put up as efficient a stonewalling show as I have seen for many a day.

Efficiency

Efficiency was probably the key-word in this first-class Glenn showing, for while there was little between the teams in the football sense in the first quarter it was their forward efficiency in picking off points that made all the difference.

At the end of 15 minutes, for instance, Glenn had 5 points on the board to nay a one for Castlewellan who had almost as much of the attacking play in that period.

Then, as the gap widened the difference in the relative merits of the teams became more apparent.

First of all in that all-important midfield sector, Ciaran Conlan and P.J. Mc Elroy gave the winners a tremendous advantage for they formed the almost perfect combination in so far as Mc Elroy specialised in the high ones and the "busy-as-a-bee" Conlan was here, there and everywhere fetching, carrying and opening up.

Long Solo

Once in the first half he soloed close on 70

yards - foolishly some thought - beating several opponents before being fouled. From this 40-yard free John Lennon struck the upright and believe it or not got the rebound and pointed from about 30 yards.

But if Glenn were strong in the middle of the field, they were even more so at half-back and particularly at wing half where Fergus Conlan and Dominic Mc Cartan both got through a power of work. In the second half when the accent was on defence it was good to see the way this pair used the ball. No matter what the pressure was, they were never hurried into kicking just anywhere. With them, every kick was a pass and it was this which made Glenn a dangerous scoring force right to the very end.

Dan Mc Cartan was constantly in the thick of things and he had a first class game.

Defence Sound

The pre-match thinking tended to show the Glenn back-line as the possible weakness in the side, but this was a complete fallacy, for not once in the game did it put a foot wrong, and in several dangerous situations was as cool as the proverbial cucumber.

It was noticeable that they saved themselves any amount of trouble on a couple of occasions by tipping out for a 50 in the knowledge that free kicks dropping in were much easier meat for them. A generation ago this device would most certainly have been greeted with the 'Portadown' cry, but all it elicited on this occasion was an odd 'windy'. I would term it very sensible.

Full marks then to Hugh Kennedy, Pat Hurley, Gerry Bagnall and Sean Gallagher for a first-class showing.

James The Man

It was indeed fitting that James Mc Cartan should be captaining the Glenn team that year, for no man had contributed more to

their success. This was another all out display from him and when he moved to full forward it was the beginning of the end and this despite a first-class show from Oliver Brannigan, the Castlewellan full back. His four points were all well taken, though on the occasion of one of them, one of the umpires thought the ball had gone wide before Gervase Mc Cartan centred.

But this was no 'one man' attack of Glenn's. Every one of the six played an important part. John Lennon who moved to the '40', when James Mc Cartan went full forward, had probably his best game in the Glenn jersey, while Seamus Kennedy played a much more direct game than in the semi-final and was doubly dangerous. The elusive Val Kane, Gervase Mc Cartan and Mick Jennings completed the six-pronged attack.

A Coming Team

While Castlewellan followers are somewhat disappointed at their showing, the team gave every indication that they were a coming force in Down football.

Their failure was largely one of experience and then possibly the conditions may have slightly favoured Glenn.

High fielding will always be a required art in Gaelic football and with Castlewellan failing so badly in the middle of the field they were labouring under a severe handicap.

Pat Rice was never a force to be reckoned with in the game and young Jennings just had not the experience for the occasion.

But in Oliver Brannigan and Malachy Mc Inerney, Castlewellan had as good a pair as there was on the field. At full back Brannigan showed a touch of class that one does not usually associate with the position, while Mc Inerney at centre-half got through a power of work. Once he had the crowd gasping when he hurt himself



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part

on landing from an admirable but somewhat reckless leap. There was general relief when he was able to walk off the field for attention.

Few others on the Castlewellan side measured up to this pair, though there were moments when we saw flashes of their true ability. In that first quarter when they matched Glenn in almost everything but scoring ability it was a tragedy that it should have been so barren for them in the scoring line.

In the second half, there was only one occasion when the Glenn defence was caught out but Hugh Mc Allister wasted the opportunity by passing it to his winger when it looked as if it would have been much better if he had " gone it alone ". Dermot Mc Cabe, Gerry Murray, John Rooney, E. Mc Gorrian and Jim Fitzpatrick all did reasonably well, but this was a time when it would have taken top performances from all and sundry if the day was to be saved.

Scoring Highlights

Glenn's opening points from John Lennon came after intense Castlewellan pressure was relieved by Dan Mc Cartan. In the 9th

and 10th minutes he completed a hat trick of points. James Mc Cartan then had three in a row; the first one, a grand fisted effort from a cross by Gervase Mc Cartan on the end line; the second, a 40 yard effort, and for the third he collected a beautiful pass from Dom Mc Cartan.

Castlewellan got their only score of the half when Gerry Murray screwed a nice one in. A forty yarder from Ciaran Conlan and a free by John Lennon accounted for Glenn's other two in the first half.

Second Half

Ciaran Conlan was on target immediately after half-time and after a minute's blank spell Seamus Kennedy finished a great left wing movement over the bar.

Dermot Jennings had a good point for Castlewellan whose other two came from frees by Brian Corrigan.

The score of the second half though was the Glenn goal which came from one of their dangerous breakaways when Ciaran Conlan chased a forlorn ball way to the right corner and crossed low for Seamus Kennedy to put the finishing touch to it.

The Referee

Mr. Derek King was the referee and an excellent job he did too, though he had no easy task in the second half when we had rather an abnormal amount of bad temper - something that was missing completely the previous Sunday in the semi-finals.

In the gathering gloom it wasn't always easy to see just who did what, but at the finish it was handshakes all round, and that was as it should be.

Scorers - Glenn: S. Kennedy (1-2), J. Mc Cartan (0-4), J. Lennon (0-4), C. Conlan (0-2).

Castlewellan : B. Corrigan(0-2), D. Jennings (0-1), G. Murray (0-1).

Teams

Glenn - S. Gallagher, H. Kennedy, P. Hurley, G. Bagnall, F. Conlan, D. Mc Cartan, D. Mc Cartan , C. Conlan, P.J. Mc Elroy, V. Kane, J. Mc Cartan, S. Kennedy, G. Mc Cartan, M. Jennings, J. Lennon.

Castlewellan - G. Mc Polin, E. Mc Gorrian, O. Brannigan, J. Fitzpatrick, I. Rooney, M. Mc Inerney, T. Mc Grady, D. Jennings , P. Rice, J. Mc Kinney, D. Mc Cabe, J. Murray, A. O'Neill, H. Mc Allister, G. Murray.

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Digging Potatoes.....

In the mid nineteen sixties a year or two after the purchase of land to develop a football field the Glenn Club decided to grow potatoes there to generate some much needed revenue. A contract was entered into for the sale of the crop to a Newry firm of potato exporters. All went well with the project until harvest time arrived.

The weather was so wet that there was no chance to dig the crop until late November. The committee arranged for two farmers to begin digging on the last Saturday in November.

About a dozen adults and children turned up to gather the potatoes. Among those present were Mrs Maggie Kennedy and her family ready and willing to do whatever they could to help. No tractors arrived and so the work could not begin. A phone call was made to Gerry McNally, our treasurer, to inform him of the situation.

Although Gerry had intended to dig potatoes in a field of his own before more rain might fall, he came to the club ground and began digging.

Because of the low turn out club officials were despondent and wondered if the crop would be lost to the weather. At a hastily arranged meeting it was decided to try to have potato diggers and potato gatherers at the field the next day which was a Sunday.

We assumed that the Lord would not be displeased with us for working on a Sunday as more bad weather could have resulted in us losing the crop. When we arrived at the field at about 1pm on the Sunday we were delighted to find that ten or twelve tractors with diggers were ready for duty.

To make things even better about one hundred gatherers were waiting and eager for action. It was an amazing sight.

As the diggers went up and down the

drills the potatoes were dug and gathered in no time at all. When the bags were filled they were taken and loaded on to Mick Murphy's lorry and brought to the factory in Newry.

At four o'clock the whole six and a half acres of potatoes were dug and saved in record time in an operation driven by community spirit and co-operation. The only regret was that nobody thought to photograph the occasion. However what happened in the sixties can happen again. The club has entered a new era with the purchase of a large plot of land. Much effort will be needed to defray the cost. We hope that the present generation in our parish will rise to the occasion as the generation of the sixties did and that we will have grounds and premises of which we can be truly proud.

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1963 - Glenn win Down Senior Championship for the 3rd Time...

Glenn, aided by a powerful display at mid-field by James McCartan, gained a hard earned victory over Downpatrick in the Down Senior Championship Final.

A strong cross-field breeze made shooting difficult and defences generally held sway. Though at times the game flared into action which set the respective supporters agog with excitement, to neutral observers it was not a game to remember. In the period since the drawn game a week previous many were of the opinion that Downpatrick had missed the boat and this proved to be the case. Though they had their chances in the last quarter few could deny that on the whole, Glenn deserved to hold on to their title.

Man of the match was undoubtedly James McCartan. From the very first minute he thundered into the game to control the vital midfield area. His fielding was immaculate, his kicking crisp and his every move brought panic into the opposition ranks. Not far behind in the Glenn roll of honour must come Dominic McCartan, who early in the game switched to midfield to help James create a barrier which Downpatrick could not counter. Glenn's attack in the first half had enough chances to put the game out of sight, but with the

exception of Ciaran Conlan at full forward, they were not as dangerous as usual. Conlan was one of Glenn's stars and caused no end of worry to Felix McKnight the Downpatrick full back.

Another to whom Glenn must hand the palm of victory was goalkeeper Sean Gallagher. With only a point separating the teams and five minutes to go Downpatrick worked the ball through to the unmarked substitute Eugene Russell and as he was picking his spot in the net out jumped Sean to smother the kick and save the day for Glenn. Pat Hurley and Fergus Conlan formed a strong wing of defence with Hugh Kennedy and George Sands competent on the other wing. P J McElroy had the edge on Ronnie Moore but it was only in the last quarter that centre half Dan McCartan stormed into the act.

In attack Gervase McCartan worked hard and scored the winning point brilliantly. Joe O'Donnell sparkled in flashes early on and Seamus Kennedy had his moments of brilliance. During the match Glenn introduced Gerry Bagnall and Mickey Jennings to bolster their attack.

John Mullan opened the scoring and Pat Watterson put Downpatrick two in front sixty seconds later. Dominic McCartan pointed a free to open Glenn's account.

James McCartan, Sean Gallagher, Gerry Sands, Fergus Conlan, P J McElroy, Dan McCartan, Paddy Hurley, Joe O'Donnell, George Sands, Gervase McCartan, Ciaran Conlan, Seamus Kennedy, Dominic McCartan, Hugh Kennedy, Aidan Conlan

John Watterson set an example for friend and foe alike when he booted left-footed accurately over the bar. At the end of the first quarter Dominic McCartan now at midfield, sent a fifty yard free to Ciaran Conlan who promptly pointed. From a Dominic pass Conlan burst through but was halted at the expense of a free from which Dominic had the equalising point in the seventeenth minute. Two minutes later Gerry Sands had a good point from far out on the right wing to put Glenn ahead for the first time.

Interval tally: Glenn 0-4, Downpatrick 0-3.

When the game resumed Mahon collected from a right-wing free to send over the equalising point. Glenn's reply was equally fast and from a Gervase McCartan pass Seamus Kennedy had his side in the lead again. P J McElroy saved a rasping delivery from Mahon before Gerry McGuigan had the sides level for the third time with a point in the tenth minute. At the end of the third quarter Glenn gained a vital score, a point by Kennedy, after Conlan had made the running to put them ahead for the third and last time. Downpatrick missed two or three scoring chances before Gervase McCartan had the last word when he gained possession to swing over the final point. The Champions were home, if only just by 0-7 to 0-5.

Glenn Carnival - Duty Rota

This duty rota for a Glenn Carnival in the late 1960s gives some idea of the organisation and support which was available to the club at that time. A similar ladies rota was produced but unfortunately no record of it is now available.

Fridays - 31st May, 7th, 14th, 21st June.

Pay Box - Gene Cranney, G . Mc Nally, Francis Reavey.

Ticket - John Byrne (BH), P.J. O 'Hare, Pat Hillen.

Traffic Control - Owen Mc Conville, Dan Kennedy, Sean Mc Sherry, Laurence Sands, Jimmy Cookson, Brian Murtagh.

Refreshments Stewards: Peter Reavey, Seamus O' Hare

Stewards: - Peter O' Hare, John Murphy (L), Francis Byrne (BL), George Bagnall, Pat Kennedy (L), Bernard Byrne, Ted O'Hare, Michael Reavey, David Mc Kay (L), Denis Murtagh, Paddy J. O' Hare (BL).

Refreshments Stewards: - Benedict Murtagh, Terry Mc Sherry, John Cookson.

Stewards: - John Sands (C) Ciaran Conlan, Felix O' Hare, Matthew and John Murphy, Aidan Byrne, Eamon Farrell, Paddy Connell, Paddy Bagnall, Peter Cranney, Hugh Mc Clorey.

Sundays 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd June.

Pay Box: - Seamus Mc Cartan, Mick Turley, Aidan Conlan.

Tickets:- Desmond Devlin, D.J. Mc Kay (BH), Denis Smyth.

Traffic Control: - Francis Reavey, Hugh Turley, Gerry Sands (A), Ray Kennedy, Malachy Mc Sherry, M. Cranney (Jun).

Refreshments: - Hugh Kennedy (FM), Philip O'Hare.

Stewards: - Mick Mc Nulty, Felix Mc Parland, Colman O' Hare, Kevin O'Hare, George Byrne, Dan Cunningham, Hugh O' Hare (L), Peter Mc Parland, James Mc Clorey.

Tuesday 4th June, Wednesdays 12th and 19th June

Pay Box: - Phil Reavey, John Byrne, John Grant.

Tickets: - Jimmy Murtagh, James Kennedy, John Shields.

Traffic Control: -Des. Mc Kay, Owen Mc Conville, Phelim O' Hare, Patsy Sands (C), Oliver Byrne.

Refreshments: - Frank Mc Kay, Seamus O' Hare.

Stewards: - Dan Kennedy, Mick Mc Nulty, James Morgan, Hugh Mc Conville, Gerry Sands (C), Gabriel O' Hare, Hugh J. O' Hare, John Rice (C).

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Pay Box: - Charles Strain, Gerry Bagnall, Gervaise Mc Cartan.

Tickets: - Paddy Byrne, Frank Mc Gorrian, George Sands.

Traffic Control: - John Sands (L), Pat Grant, Thos. Mc Alorum, Brian Bagnall, Gerard Grant, Jim Turley.

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GLENN'S SCOR SUCCESS 1976.....

By Nuala Murphy

Since the commencement of Scor, Glenn had been involved, but without much success in relation to the genuine effort put in by all concerned. One section of the competition in which it was felt there was the best possibility of victory was the Quiz, and for a number of years with several combinations of teams, we were quite close to a win in the area finals. The system in Glenn had been to hold a club round individual Quiz with the top three forming a team for the South Down quarter finals and when this was held in December 1975 to choose the team for '76 the three to come out on top were Aidan Conlan, Nuala Murphy and Francie Reavey. It was felt at this stage that the team had possibilities, but no one looked beyond a good showing in the South Down competition. However the first round saw Glenn through to the South Down Final in Warrenpoint on 8th February 1976 where they met teams from Ballyholland, Longstone and the Down and Ulster Champions Warrenpoint. Our team on this occasion emerged clear winners with 34 points against Warrenpoint's 24 thus taking the coveted Gerry Fitzmaurice trophy to Glenn for the first time. The next round, the County Down Final was held at Drumaroad only five days later and this time Glenn emerged with a remarkable score of 44 against a very strong Portaferry team with 42. There was jubilation among the Glenn supporters as this was the first time a Scor entry from the club had reached the Ulster semi - finals and won their first County title.

On 7th March a large contingent travelled from Glenn to Newbridge in Derry where the Ulster semi - finals were held in the large Sean O'Leary Gaelic Centre. There was tremendous excitement and anticipation in the Glenn camp and all came armed with sandwiches etc. to really make a night of it. Apart altogether from the quiz, the Ulster semi - final was a great experience as we were seeing so much of the wonderful talent from Derry, Antrim and Tyrone, as well as that from Down. Who will ever forget the set dancing by that lively team from St. Davog's Aghayaran, Co. Tyrone. I think it was events like these that strengthened our interest in all aspects of Scor. To return to the quiz this was a very close competition ending in victory for Glenn with Aghaloo O'Neill's going through in 2nd place. The Glenn crowd were overjoyed and some so confident that they were already talking of booking accomodation in Salthill for the All Ireland Final. There was still the Ulster Final to be faced and again the venue was Newbridge where the competition was



Glenn Quiz Team All Ireland Finalists 1976
Francie Reavey, Nuala Murphy, Aidan Conlan.

held on Sunday 21st March 1976. During the weeks beforehand the three members of the team really got down to serious preparations. Books were studied and notes collected in readiness for the great day. Encouragement came from all sides and it was a hopeful crowd who set out for Derry that evening. Anyone who has taken part in Scor will know that it is difficult to enjoy the other events before one's own as there is a great deal of tension especially in the Quiz.

The opposition this time came from Tyrone, Fermanagh and Monaghan. However, due to the situation prevailing in border areas at that time, the Monaghan team did not travel and a very close battle ensued between the other three Teams. Tyrone appeared to be winning when one of their answers was disallowed leaving a tie between Fermanagh's Erin Gaels and Glenn. The Question Master decided on a tie - break round of individual questions despite Francie Reavey's plea that each question should be put to the whole team. The individual round ended in victory for Fermanagh, but the timely intervention of Anthony Williamson with the rule book ensured that as Francie had pointed out the questions should have been team ones and not individual. The Glenn crowd were delighted as they knew that as a team they were superior. Round after round went by leaving the teams level and the huge crowd were silent awaiting the outcome. Eventually Fermanagh missed a question, Glenn getting theirs in this round to emerge winners. Francie Reavey showed the feelings of all when he threw his hands in the air with a great shout of delight.

Needless to say it was easy for the team together with their supporters, to enjoy

the remainder of the competition , although it was difficult to concentrate on it as plans were already being made for the trip to Salthill on 4th April, just two weeks away. With just two weeks available the three members of the team had to work every spare moment to prepare for the challenge ahead, and as the time approached they were much encouraged by the cards and messages of good luck. Most of all they appreciated the good wishes received from the former Down Champions, Warrenpoint. On Saturday 3rd April the party set out to Salthill where most of them stayed in the Hilltop Hotel, where they had a very enjoyable week-end. On Sunday night all set out for the Leisureland Centre where the competition was held. The crowds were huge, making the competitors all the more nervous. The contestants in the quiz were from Dublin, Kerry, Down and Mayo and the competition was very close all the way through with only four points separating the teams at the end, disappointing to think that just one question would have given us a draw, but still very satisfying to think that we were so close to the All Ireland Title. Still the Glenn party were not downcast and enjoyed the rest of the competition, as it had been such a marvellous experience, especially for the members of the team. The fact of getting through all those rounds gave us an opportunity of seeing the best talent in our national culture not only in Ulster but in the whole of the country. This was an unforgettable period for Scor in Glenn and did much to increase interest in the competition especially in the Scor Na nOg, and we hope to once again accompany a Glenn team to the All Ireland, hopefully next time, coming home triumphant.



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1981

CLUB COMMITTEE 1981

Joint Presidents (2)

Father Treanor and Denis Smyth

Chairman

Gerry McNally

Vice Chairman

Frankie Mc Kay and Annie Bagnall

Secretary

Jim Murphy

Assistant Secretary

John Cookson

Treasurers (3)

Philip O'Hare, Aidan Conlan and Gervase Strain.

Ciste Gael Co-Ordinator

Paddy Gallagher

Bulletin Editors (3)

Paddy Kennedy (Lurganare), Catherine McKay and Maurice McKey.

P.R.O.'S

Newry Reporter

Jim Murphy

Armagh Observer

Declan Strain

Committee

Frankie Farrelly, Francie Reavey, Kevin O'Hare, Paddy Kennedy (Newry), Sean McShane, Finbar Turley, Seamus O'Hare, Gerry Bagnall, Dominic McCartan, Father Fergus Conlan, Seamus Kennedy (Beech Hill), Father Jim O'Kane, Gerry Grant, Desmond Strain, Elizabeth Kennedy, Francie Sands, Francie Byrne, Brian Brooks, Gerard Rice, Colm McParland and Oliver Byrne.

Delegates to the South Down Board (4)

Gerry McNally, Francie Reavey, Seamus Kennedy and Frankie McKay.

Delegates to the County Board and Activities Committee (3)

Gerry McNally, Jim Murphy and Philip O'Hare

Entertainments Committee

Oliver Byrne, Annie Bagnall and Seamus O'Hare.

Field Marker

Gerry Bagnall

Team Managers

Senior Team Manager
Frankie McKay.

Assistant Team Manager
Paddy Kennedy (Newry).

Reserve Team Managers
Jim Murphy and Paddy Gallagher.

Minor Team Managers
Sean McShane and Eugene Sands.

Under 16 Team Managers
Father Fergus Conlan and Father Jim O'Kane.

Under 14 Team Managers
Gerry Bagnall and Desmond Strain.

Under 12 Team Managers
Aidan Conlan and Hugh Kennedy

Hurling Manager
Gerry McNally



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1982

CLUB COMMITTEE 1982

Underage Managers: Sean McShane, Gerry Bagnall, Aidan Conlan, Francie Reavey, Maurice McKey, Mickey Grant and Cormac Byrne.
Clubman of the Year: Philip O'Hare Clubwoman of the Year: Mary Bagnall Senior Player of the Year: Jim McCartan Reserve Player of The Year: Gerard Gallagher

Mark Turley was selected on

the Down All Stars team at midfield and was Senior Captain of Glenn.

Paddy Kennedy

received a Certificate in the Newry & Mourne Personality Awards for individual Footballer's Achievement. He was also selected on the Ulster panel.

Kevin OHare (Corgary)

was awarded a Certificate in the Newry & Mourne Sports Personality Awards for his service to sport.

Francie Bagnall

Played for the Down Minor Team.

Jim and John McCartan, Paddy Kennedy, Mark Turley and Declan Strain

all played for the Down Senior Team. Declan also played for the U 21's.

Reserve Team Captain:

Gerry Grant - Vice-Captain: Kenny Devlin.

Jim Murphy

refereed the South Down U12 Championship Final.

Donal McNally

was Down Youth Board Secretary and P.R.O. in addition to being Down County Resource Officer.

Philip O'Hare

was Secretary of the South Down Board, Secretary of the Down Development and Grounds Committee and a member of the County Board.

Gerry Bagnall

was Chairman of both the County and South Down Scor Committees, South Down delegate on the County Board and a member of the Down Activities Committee.

Glenn won their section

of the U-16 league and were runners up in the U12 and U14 sections.

Damien and Declan McConaghy

won South Down Scor Na Og and South Down Senior Scor titles respectively in 1982.



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1983

CLUB COMMITTEE 1983

Clubman of the Year: Sean McShane Clubwoman of the Year: Maureen Gallagher Senior Player of the Year: John McCartan Reserve Player of the Year: Emmet Devlin Down All County League Division 2 Winners Down County Reserve Championship Winners South Down Reserve League Winners South Down Feis Sevens Winners South Down Minor League Section 3 Winners Cove Festival Ladies' Football Winners John Cunningham Saval Tournament Winners Kenny Devlin was Man of the Match Reserve League Final. John McCartan was a Bank of Ireland All-Star Replacement.

Mark Turley, John & Jim McCartan and Paddy Kennedy won National League medals with Down

Philip O'Hare won a All-Ireland Seven-a-side Medal with the Down County Referees' Team

Brendan Cranney, Brendan Gallagher and Philip O'Hare won Ulster Championship Medals with the Down Referees' County Team.

Mark Turley was Down County Senior Captain

John McCartan and Paddy Kennedy won Railway Cup Medals with Ulster.

Rowan Lyons and Gary Miller won Ulster and All-Ireland Runners-up Medals with the Abbey C.B.S. in the Corn na nG competition.

Edward Gallagher won an All-Ireland Runners-Up medal with the Polytech in the Universities' Competition.

Kevin Kennedy and Ronan Turley won Ulster and All-Ireland Vocational Schools Medals with Newry Technical College.

Kevin Kennedy captained Newry Technical College to Ulster victory.

Paul McCartan won an Ulster Medal with St. Colmans College in the D'Alton Cup

Mickey Cranney, Down County Referee of the Year Philip O'Hare

was in 3rd place as South Down Juvenile referee of the Year

Tony Bagnall played on the Down County U-16 Team.

Gerry McNally, Geraldine McNally, Donal McNally, Seamus Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennedy and Kevin Kennedy were, South Down and Down County Senior Scor Novelty Act Champions.

John Gray, David Gray, Deirdre Kennedy, Fiona Kennedy, Michael Murphy and Nuala Reavey

were South Down and Down County Scor na Og Novelty Act Champions.

Mickey Cranney refereed the Down Senior Championship Final, Brendan Cranny the South Down U-14 League Final and Gerry Bagnall the S.Down Minor League Final.

Mary Bagnall was nominated for the Newry & Mourne Arts Personality Awards for Service to Sport.

Senior Team Captain - Paddy Kennedy

Senior Team Vice-Captain - John O'Hare

Reserve team Captain - Gerry Grant

Reserve Team Vice-Captain - Maurice McKey

Hurling team Captain - Martin Byrne

Ladies Football Captain - Imelda McParland

Ladies Football Vice-Captain - Charlotte Cranney

Donal McNally was Down Resources Officer, Down Youth Board P.R.O. and St Josephs College Belfast P.R.O.

Philip O'Hare was a member of the South Down Board.

Gerry Bagnall was Chairman of both the South Down and Down County Scor Committees, South Down Delegate to the County Board, a member of the Down activities Committee and a member of Newry & Mourne Sports Advisory Committee.

Moira Conlan was Field Officer for the N.I Association of Youth Clubs, Newry and Mourne District council.

Kevin O'Hare was Treasurer of both Down N.A.C.A.I and Iveagh Community Games, Vice Chairman of Down Community Games and President of the Ulster Council N.A.C.A.I.

Seamus Kennedy was Secretary of Iveagh Community Games, Development Officer for Down Community Games and a member of the National Executive, Community Games.

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1984

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John Cunningham Saval Tournament Winners South Down Minor League Section 3 Winners South Down Minor League Runners -up
South Down Under 14 League Section 3 Winners South Down Under 14 League Runners Up South Down Under 14 Championship
Winners Finbar Byrne Memorial Cup Under 14 Winners Mayobridge Under 14 Festival Seven-a-side Winners Feile-Na Gael Under 14
Division 4 Winners (Hurling)

Clubman of the Year
Donal McNally

Clubwoman of the Year:
Annie Bagnall

Senior Footballer of the Year:
John McCartan

Senior Hurler of the Year:
Dessie Kennedy

Girls Footballer of the Year:
Imelda McParland

Reserve Footballer of the Year:
Aidan McParland

Mickey McCartan
won an Ulster under 21
Championship medal with Down.

Donal McNally
was Clubman of the Year at
St.Josephs Trench House, Belfast.

Rowan Lyons
captained the Abbey C.B.S. team and
won an Ulster Dalton Cup Medal.

Paddy Kennedy
won a Railway Cup medal with
Ulster.

Paul McCartan
won Ulster and All Ireland (Brother
McGreevy Shield) medals with
St.Colmans College.

Declan McConaghy
was South Down and Down Senior
Scor Champion in recitation.

Edward Gallagher
won an All Ireland Division 3
Runners-Up medal with the Polytech
in the Universities Competition.

Philip O'Hare
captained the County Referees and
won an All-Ireland 7-a-side medal
with Down.

Paul McCartan

won an Ulster 7-a-side medal
(Peadar Barry Trophy), with St.
Colmans College.

Rowan Lyons

won an Ulster 7-a-side Runners-up
Medal, (Peadar Barry Trophy), with
Abbey C.B.S.

Paul Reavey

was Man of the Match in the South
Down Minor League Final.

Martin Bagnall

was third in the Long Puck
Competition at the County Feile-Na-
Gael Finals

**Mark Turley, Jim and John
McCartan, Paddy Kennedy
and Declan Strain**
played on the Down County Senior
team.

Mickey McCartan

played on the Down County Under
21 Team.

Paul Reavey

played on the Down Minor team.

**Brendan Gallagher and
Philip O'Hare**

played on the Down County
Referees Team.

Kevin O'Hare

was runner-up in the Newry and
Mourne Sports Personality
Awards - Service to Sport.

Rowan Lyons

was runner-up in the Newry and
Mourne Sports Personality
Awards - Junior Sports personality.

**The Glenn John Martin
Football Club**

won a special Centenary merit
award and certificate for
outstanding contribution to the
Association over a number of years.

**Glenn John Martin's "B"
Team of Dominic
McCartan, Gerry and
George Sands and Fr. P.J.
Gormley**

won the Down Centenary Golf
Competition.

Mickey Cranney refereed the
Ulster Minor Championship Final,
the Down Championship Minor
Final and was chosen as South
Down referee of the year.

Philip O'Hare
refereed the South Down U-12
championship final.

Gerry Bagnall
refereed at the All Ireland Finals
of Community Games

Declan Strain
was Senior team Captain

Kenny Devlin
was Reserves Captain

Imelda McParland
was Ladies Captain

Martin Byrne (Glenn)
was Hurling Team Captain

Donal McNally
was Down County Resources
Officer and Treasurer of the Down
Youth Board

**Philip O'Hare, Gerry
Bagnall and Moira Conlan**
held the same positions as in
1983.

Seamus Kennedy
was Iveagh Community Games
Secretary.

Kevin O'Hare
was Chairman of Down
Community Games and treasurer
of Iveagh C.Games.

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South Down Minor League Section 3 Winners

Cove Festival Ladies' Football Winners

John Cunningham Saval Tournament Winners

Kenny Devlin

was Man of the Match Reserve
League Final.

John McCartan

was a Bank of Ireland All-Star
Replacement.

Mark Turley, John & Jim McCartan and Paddy Kennedy

won National League medals with
Down

Philip O'Hare

won a All-Ireland Seven-a-side
Medal with the Down County
Referees' Team

Brendan Cranney, Brendan Gallagher and Philip O'Hare

won Ulster Championship Medals
with the Down Referees' County
Team.

Mark Turley

was Down County Senior Captain

John McCartan and Paddy Kennedy won Railway Cup Medals with Ulster.

Rowan Lyons and Gary Miller

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Cup

Mickey Cranney, Down County Referee of the Year

Philip O'Hare

was in 3rd place as South Down
Juvenile referee of the Year

Tony Bagnall

played on the Down County
U-16 Team.

Gerry McNally, Geraldine McNally, Donal McNally, Seamus Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennedy and Kevin Kennedy

were, South Down and Down
County Senior Scor Novelty Act
Champions.

John Gray, David Gray, Deirdre Kennedy, Fiona Kennedy, Michael Murphy and Nuala Reavey

were South Down and Down
County Scor na Og Novelty Act
Champions.

Mickey Cranney refereed the Down Senior Championship Final, Brendan Cranny the South Down U-14 League Final and Gerry Bagnall the S.Down Minor League Final.

Mary Bagnall

was nominated for the Newry &
Mourne Arts Personality Awards
for Service to Sport.

Senior Team

Captain - Paddy Kennedy

Senior Team Vice- Captain - John O'Hare

Reserve team

Captain - Gerry Grant

Reserve Team

Vice-Captain - Maurice McKey

Hurling team

Captain - Martin Byrne

Ladies Football

Captain - Imelda McParland

Ladies Football

Vice-Captain - Charlotte Cranney

Donal McNally

was Down Resources Officer,
Down Youth Board P.R.O. and St
Josephs College Belfast P.R.O.

Philip O'Hare

was a member of the South
Down Board.

Gerry Bagnall

was Chairman of both the
South Down and Down County
Scor Committees, South Down
Delegate to the County Board, a
member of the Down activities
Committee and a member of
Newry & Mourne Sports
Advisory Committee.

Moira Conlan

was Field Officer for the N.I
Association of Youth Clubs,
Newry and Mourne District
councils.

Kevin O'Hare

was Treasurer of both Down
N.A.C.A.I and Iveagh
Community Games , Vice
Chairman of Down Community
Games and President of the
Ulster Council N.A.C.A.I.

Seamus Kennedy was Secretary
of Iveagh Community Games,
Development Officer for Down
Community Games and a
member of the National
Executive, Community Games.



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1985

CLUB COMMITTEE 1985

South Down Under 16 Section Runners Up South Down Under 12 Section Runners Up Newtownhamilton Festival Ladies' Football Tournament Winners Glenn Ladies' Football Tournament Runners Up Finbar Byrne Memorial Cup Under 14 Runners Up Paul McCarron won an Ulster Rannafast Medal with St. Colmans College. Adrian Byrne, Aidan Brooks and Paul McCarron won Corn-na-Og medals with St. Colmans College. Paddy Kennedy and John McCarron won Rafferty All Star Awards.

Community Games County Down Championship

Winners:

Carmel Millar (Hurdles), Rowan Lyons (1500m), Karen McConville (100m), Adrian Byrne (Discus), David Maxwell (Art), Karen McKay, Karen McConville, Edel Farrelly, and Dara McConville (Under 12 Relay).

David Maxwell

won the Ulster Community Games (Art Section) and was fourth in the All Ireland Community Games Competition.

Declan McConaghy

won the South Down and Down Senior Scor Competition for Recitation

Mickey Cranney

was the South Down Referee of the Year.

Philip O'Hare

was Runner Up in the Down Under-Age Referee of the Year awards.

The Glenn Youth and Football Clubs

were nominated in the Group/Society Section of the Newry and Mourne Arts Personality Awards.

Kevin O'Hare

won the Newry and Mourne Sports Personality Service to Sport Award.

Paul McCarron

was third in the Newry and Mourne Sports Personality Junior Awards.

Jim, John and Mickey McCarron, Mickey Sands,

Paddy Kennedy, and Eamon Larkin

played on the Down County Senior Team on different occasions.

Philip O'Hare played on the Down County Referees team.

Kieran Martin played on the Down County Minor Team.

Paul McCarron and Rowan Lyons

played on the Down Under 16 Team.

Mickey Cranney

refereed the Ulster MacRory Cup Colleges Final.

Philip O'Hare

refereed the South Down Under 16 Championship Final.

Mickey Cranney

refereed the All Ireland Junior Football Semi Final

Mickey Cranney

refereed and acted as linesman at the All Ireland Minor Football Final.

Paddy Gallagher, Brendan Cranney, Jimmy Cookson and Frankie McKay

acted as Umpires at the Ulster MacRory Cup Colleges Final.

Senior team Captain - John McCarron

Senior team Vice Captain - Mickey Sands

Girls' Team Captain - Grainne O'Hare

Girls' Team Vice Captain - Charlotte Cranney

Reserve Team Captain - Gerard Gallagher

Reserve Team Vice Captain - Gervase Strain

Hurling Team Captain - Martin Byrne (Glenn)

Hurling Team Vice Captain - Ciaran McNally

Clubman of the Year: - Gerry Bagnall

Clubwoman of the Year: - Elizabeth Kennedy

Senior Footballer of the year: - Michael McCarron

Senior Hurler of the Year - Ciaran McNally

Ladies Footballer of the Year: - Grainne O'Hare

Reserve Footballer of the Year: -Gerard Rice

Philip O'Hare, Gerry Bagnall, Moira Conlan, Seamus Kennedy and Kevin O'Hare carried the flag for Glenn on this year's Community Games committee.



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1986

CLUB COMMITTEE 1986

Chairman: Frankie McKay

Down County Reserve
Championship winners.
South Down Reserve League
winners.

Glenn Ladies football tournament Runners up.

South Down Minor section League
winners.

Finbar Byrne Memorial Tournament Runners up.

Gary Lyons won Ulster Minor League medal

Paul McCartan and Adrian Byrne

won All Ireland Hogan
Cup Medals with
St Colman's College

Mickey McCartan

won a "Rafferty's All Star" award.

Paddy Kennedy

was selected on the Ulster
Football Team.
Jarlath Kennedy and Rowan
Lyons each won S.Down player of
the year awards.

Glenn Youth Club

won the Newry and Mourne Arts
Group Award.

Paddy Kennedy, Jim, John and Mickey McCartan and Eamon Larkin

won Division 1 National League
Medals with County Down Senior
team.

Philip O'Hare and Mickey Cranney

played on the Down Referees'
Team.

Deirdre Kennedy

received the Ard Teastas in
Rannafast for fluency in the Irish
Language.

Community Games - County Down Winners.

Art - David Maxwell, Kenneth Byrne and Eithne Conlan.

Girls Relay - Karen McConville, Carmel Millar and Bernadette Farrell.

Long Jump - Edmund Farrell, Michelle Millar

Hurdles - Elaine Smyth, Shane McConville

100 Metres - Tracey McKay, Kieran Gray and Bernard Mulholland

Walking Race - Paul McKay

Shot Putt - Shane O' Hare

100 Metres - Rowan Lyons

Boy's Relay - Danny McHugh, Adrian Byrne, Martin Bagnall and Paudie Murphy.

Senior Team Captain : John McCartan

Ladies' Team Captain : Imelda McParland

Reserve Team Captain : Martin Byrne

Club Man Of The Year: Frankie McKay

Club Woman Of The Year: Chris Gray.

The Dinner Dance took
place in the Youth Club.
Chris Gray was Chairperson
of the Youth Club.

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1987

CLUB COMMITTEE 1987

Chairman: Frankie McKay
 South Down Feis Sevens Winners
 Down Feis Sevens Runners-Up Saval Tournament Winners
 Glenn Ladies Football Tournament Runners-Up

All County "B" League Runners-Up and South Down Feis Winners

Jim McCartan, Paddy Kennedy and John McCartan won Dr.McKenna Cup medals.

Gary Lyons, Gary Millar and Rowan Lyons won Mac Rory Cup medals with Abbey C.B.S.

Rowan Lyons won Ulster Minor League, Ulster Minor Championship and All-Ireland Minor Medals with Down.

Noel McHugh won a Dalton Cup Medal with St.Colman's College

Clare, Elaine and Ursula Byrne were South Down and Down winners
 in the Instrumental Music section of Scor Na nOg.

Mickey Cranney
 was Runner-Up in the South Down Referee of the Year Award and Down County Referee of the Year.

Ruth Mackin (Captain) and Marie McSherry
 won Northern Ireland Minor Netball medals with the Sacred Heart School.

Adrian Byrne
 was placed third in the County competition to design the front cover of the Down History Book.

Deirdre Gallagher
 received a Certificate in the North's Graduate Enterprise programme, and was Runner Up in the Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Philip O'Hare
 was Down Clubman of the Year.

Paul McCartan
 was Runner-Up in the All Ireland Boys Golf Championship.

Dominic and Paul McCartan
 won All-Ireland Purcell Shield Golf medals with Warrenpoint.

John McCartan
 was nominated for the Individual Sportsman Award in the Newry and Mourne Council Awards Scheme.

Paddy Kennedy
 was Down Senior Captain.

Paul Reavey
 was Vice-Captain of the Coleraine University College Team,

Mickey Cranney, Brendan Gallagher and Philip O'Hare
 played on the Down Referees Team.

Mickey Cranney
 refereed the Down County Final, the Ulster Colleges Final, McLarnon Cup and was linesman at the Ulster and All-Ireland Senior Football Finals.

Philip O'Hare
 refereed the South Down Under-12 Final.

Senior Team Captain: John McCartan

Senior Team Vice-Captain: Mickey Sands

Girls Team Captain: Imelda McParland

Girls Team Vice-Captain: Grainne O'Hare

Reserve team Captain: Maurice McKey

Reserve team Vice-Captain: Gervase Strain

Hurling Team Captain: Martin Byrne

Hurling Team Vice-Captain: Ciaran McNally

Senior Citizens Outing
 was to The Irish American Folk Park, Omagh.

Clubman of the Year:
 Aidan Conlan. Clubwoman of the Year: Annie Bagnall.

Kilsheelin Week End:
 Those who travelled had an enjoyable time. Glenn presented a copper craft clock to Kilsheelin who in turn presented the Bill O'Keefe Memorial Cup to Glenn.

COMMUNITY GAMES - COUNTY WINNERS

Catherine McConville - Under 10 Hurdles

Edel Farrelly - Under 14 Long Jump

Carmel Millar and Bernadette Farrell - Under 12 Relay

Martin Bagnall - Under 17, 100 metres

Sean Cunningham - Under 14, 100 metres

Martin Bagnall, Darren Bagnall, Paul Farrelly, Kieran Connell, Nicholas Cranney - Under 17 Relay

Kenneth Byrne and David Maxwell - Art

The Dinner Dance
 was held in the Youth Club. Donal McCormack, Dan McCartan, and Pete McGrath were invited to attend.

The Ten Mile Walk yielded \$780.

The Irish Language Collection amounted to \$95.



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1988

CLUB COMMITTEE 1988

The Ladies Football Team
were Winners of the Glenn Tournament.

John McCartan and Paddy Kennedy
won Division 2 National Football League Medals with Down.

Paul Reavey
was selected on the All-Ireland University Panel.

Paul McCartan
won an Ulster Mac Rory Cup Medal and an All-Ireland Hogan Cup Medal with St. Colman's College.

Rowan Lyons
was selected at left full-back on the Allied Irish Bank Ulster Colleges All Star Team.

Oliver Conlan and David McConville
won Ulster Ben Dearth Shield Medals with Abbey C.B.S.

Oliver Conlan
won an Ulster Colleges First Year Blitz Medal with Abbey C.B.S.

Sonia Murtagh
won a Northern Ireland Medal with the Sacred Heart School.

Laura Sands
won an All-Ireland Community Games Silver Medal in the Under 8 Hurdles.

Glenn Youth Club
were winners of the Newry Agriculture Show "It's a Knockout Competition - Team: Imelda McParland (Captain), Gerard Rice, Damien Lennon, Martin Bagnall, Conor Byrne, Kieran Bagnall, Sharon Simpson, and Adrian Byrne. Manager: Philip O'Hare.

A Glenn Under 12 Team
won the County Down Community Games soccer Competition.

Gary Lyons played on the Down Under 21 Football team.

Rowan Lyons and Paul McCartan
played on the Down Minor Football team.

Philip O'Hare
played on the Down Referees team.

Sonia Murtagh
was captain of the Sacred Heart School Netball Team and played on the Northern Ireland Netball Team and Down Minor Camogie Team.

Mickey Cranney
refereed the South Down Minor League Final, the Ulster McLaren Cup Final, the Ulster Under 21 Championship Final, the Ulster Senior Championship Final and won the Down County Referee of the Year Award.

Gary Lyons
was captain of the Polytech Freshers Team.

Senior Team Captain: Mickey Sands

Senior Team Vice-Captain: Frankie McParland

Reserve Team Captain: Gervase Strain

Reserve Team Vice-Captain: Gerard Gallagher

Hurling Team Captain: Martin Byrne

Girls Team Captain: Imelda McParland

Girls Team Vice-Captain: Grainne O'Hare

The Dinner Dance
was held in the Mourne Country Hotel.

Brian Bagnall
won a Bronze medal at International Bowls in England.

Clubwoman :Mary Mullholland

Clubman of the Year: Charlie Smyth

COMMUNITY GAMES COUNTY WINNERS

Laura Sands - Under 8 Hurdles All Ireland Silver

Karen McConville - Under 14, 100 metres

Edel Farrelly - Under 17 Javelin

Tracey McKay - Under 12, 100 metres

Sean Cunningham - Long Jump

John Savage - Under 17 Marathon

Neil and Gary Turley - Under 10 Swimming

A very successful Sports day, Senior Citizens Outing and Zambian Fund Appeal
greatly enhanced community spirit.

Fr.Fergus Conlan's Zambian Appeal raised £2800

Senior Citizens outing
was to Newcastle with a meal afterwards in Bennetts of Warrenpoint. Charlie Smyth and George O'Hare provided entertainment.

Senior Footballer of the Year: Paddy Kennedy

Senior Ladies Footballer of the Year: Angela McCoy

Reserve Footballer of the Year: Philip O'Hare

Senior Team Managers: Seamus Kennedy (Beechill), Dan Kennedy and Finbar Turley

Scor: Andrea Turley in Recitation and Clare and Ursula Byrne

in the Instrumental Section were South Down Winners with Clare and Ursula going on to win the Down County Title.

The Annual 10 mile walk raised about \$900.



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1989

CLUB COMMITTEE 1989

The Dinner dance

was held in the Carlingford Bay Hotel Warrenpoint.

Our Special Guest

was Donal McCormack, County Chairman.

Clubman of the Year: John Cookson.

Clubwoman : Siobhan O'Hare

Glenn Youth and Football Clubs took part in the St.Patrick's Day Parade. Paddy Kennedy and Gerard Rice with some underage players carried the Glenn banner through the streets.

Brian Bagnall

won a bronze medal at the International Indoor Bowling Competition in England.

Glenn

won the South Down Sevens competition.

The boys U14 Relay team

and girls U11 Football team

won County Down Games Finals in Rostrevor.

The Senior Citizens trip

was to Skerries. On their return home they dined at Cupids.

A ladies football tournament

organised
in Glenn

was won by the local team.

Irish Dancing classes

were well supported as were Ladies Keep Fit activities.

First Underage Presentation guest

was Colm McAlarney.

The Irish Class

was taken by Fergus Kennedy

The Peter O'Hare Cup

was presented for U15 competition.

Oliver Conlan and

David McConville

won Dalton Cup medals with the Abbey.

Gary Lyons and Adrian Byrne played

with Queen's Freshers.

**Glenn entered an U14 team
at the Canal Festival.**

Senior Team Managers:

Seamus Kennedy, Dominic
McCartan and Aidan Conlan

Reserve Team Managers:

Gerry Bagnall, Sean
Gallagher and Benny
Murtagh

The Tossers.....

1.

The loft in Glenn
In bad repair

So a few men they did meet
They decided they would fix it up
And get a stove for heat.

2.

It needed a new ceiling
So Billy cut the lath
Harry Murtagh got a hook
And tidied up the path.

3.

Davy had a hammer
To drive the nails his wish
John Goodman caught the ones
that fell
And put them in a dish.

4.

Jack Kirwan had a trowel
Paddy Hughes a brush
Bubbles he was painting
And singing like a thrush.

5.

So the loft it was now ready
With the Gent appointed boss
He said "There's only three things
here,
There's Poker, Drink and Toss".

6.

John Smylie made the boys all
laugh

Of the pack he was the joker
Jim Bagnall filled a flush of spades
And Red Dan he had poker.

7.

The Clincher asked wee Toby
If he'd seen the Gent about
Toby says "He's gone to town
We're running out of stout"

8.

Paddy Hughes he did stand
With one foot against the wall
Tim Kennedy says "Take down
your foot,
The bloody thing won't fall."

9.

Then Billy Gallagher he came in
Pulled his chair up to the heat
Tierney threw the pennies up
And Rod said, "Mind your feet."

10.

Wee Tony said" Call that toss!"
And the pennies he did catch
Paddy said "Rod and me
Are going to the match.

11.

Then Paddy Hughes and Tony
Threw off their coats to fight
"Hold on there boys" says Jim
McCrank
"The middle isn't right."

12.

The Clincher shouted
"Heads ten bob
And there's Guinness spilled"
"It's mine," says Mickey Cranney
And throw them up you're killed."

13.

Black Dan he stood outside the
door
Talking to the Winger
The Clincher threw the stick away
"I'll toss them with my finger."

14.

The Gent arrived back from the
town
And the drink was carried in
Smylie shook his head and said
"There's more inside he's skin."

15.

Ned Sands put on his coat and hat
And said goodnight to Jimmy
Jack Kirwan shouted, "I'm half
tore
For God's sake don't tell Winnie."

16.

Then the Daggler joined the tosser
It was his last half-crown
He prayed for 'heads' as they were
tossed
But 'tails' they did come down.

17.

Then Big Pat asked "Who's next
toss?"
White Dan says, "It's me"
Dynes Cranney says "Will you
hurry up
You're wanted for your tea."

18.

Then Paddy Fallon placed his bet
He tossed with might and main
He threw the pennies up and said
"There they are again"

19.

Rod Hughes was next for tossing
As he spat upon the ground
He threw his money on the floor
And shouted "Heads a pound."

20.

"Another dollar lets us go
Another lets us swing"
Tim says, "Bubbles shut your
mouth,
Who said you could sing?"

21.

But the toss it is now finished
So there's no more to be said
For the reason that it's finished
There's a lot of tossers dead.

Glenn Club Officers from 1981 to 2006

Year	President	Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer	
1982	Fr Treanor Denis Smyth	Gerry McNally	Jim Murphy	A Conlan Philip O'Hare	G Strain
1983	Fr Treanor Denis Smyth	Jim Murphy	Seamus Kennedy	A Conlan P O'Hare	G Strain OByrne
1984	Fr Treanor Denis Smyth	Jim Murphy	Seamus Kennedy	A Conlan F McKay	P O'Hare Des Strain
1985	Fr Treanor Denis Smyth	Jim Murphy	Donal McNally	A Conlan P Kennedy(N)	PO'Hare F McKay
1986	Fr Treanor	Frankie McKay	Donal McNally	A Conlan P O'Hare	John Kennedy B Reavey
1987	Fr Treanor K O'Hare H Murtagh	Frankie McKay	Donal McNally	A Conlan Enda Conlan	P O'Hare B Reavey
1988	Fr Treanor K O'Hare H Murtagh	Frankie McKay	Donal McNally	A Conlan P O'Hare	B Reavey A Byrne
1989	Fr Treanor Kevin O'Hare Harry Murtagh Peter O'Hare	Gerard Rice	Donal McNally	P O'Hare B Reavey	A Conlan Mickey Grant
1990	Fr Treanor Kevin O'Hare Peter O'Hare	Gerard Rice	Donal McNally	P O'Hare A Conlan	B Reavey
1991	Fr Treanor Kevin O'Hare Peter O'Hare	Gerard Rice	Donal McNally	P O'Hare	A Conlan
1992	Fr Treanor Peter O'Hare Kevin O'Hare	Gerry Grant	Donal McNally	P O'Hare	A Conlan
1993	Fr Treanor Peter O'Hare Kevin O'Hare	Gerry Grant	Donal McNally	A Conlan	P O'Hare
1994	Fr Treanor Peter O'Hare	Gerry Grant	Donal McNally	A Conlan	P O'Hare
	Kevin O'Hare			John Savage	
1995	Fr Cushenan Kevin O'Hare Peter O'Hare	Gerard Rice	Donal McNally	A Conlan	Ruairi Savage
1996	Fr Cushenan Kevin O'Hare Peter O'Hare	Rowan Lyons	Donal McNally	Ruairi Savage	Aidan Brooks
1997	Fr Cushenan Kevin O'Hare Peter O'Hare	Rowan Lyons	Donal McNally	Ruairi Savage	Aidan Brooks
1998	Fr Cushenan Peter O'Hare Kevin O'Hare	Adrian Byrne	Donal McNally	Ruairi Savage	Aidan Brooks
1999	Fr Cushenan Peter O'Hare Kevin O'Hare	Adrian Byrne	Donal McNally	Conor Boyle	
2000	Fr Cushenan Peter O'Hare Kevin O'Hare Seamus O'Hare	Adrian Byrne	Donal McNally	Conor Boyle	Kieran Sands
2001	Fr Cushenan Kevin O'Hare	Donal McNally	Tony Bagnall	Conor Boyle Kieran Sands	
2002	Seamus O'Hare Fr Cushenan Kevin O'Hare	Donal McNally	Tony Bagnall	Conor Boyle Kieran Sands	
2003	Fr Cushenan Kevin O'Hare	Donal McNally	Aidan McKay	Conor Boyle Ronan Turley	
2004	Fr Cushenan Kevin O'Hare	Gerard Rice	Donal McNally	Conor Boyle	Ronan Turley
2005	Fr Cushenan Kevin O'Hare	Martin Murtagh	Donal McNally	Conor Boyle	Ronan Turley
2006	Fr Cushenan Kevin O'Hare Francie Reavey	Martin Murtagh	Donal McNally	Conor Boyle Mickey Grant	Ronan Turley



Sands Family

Dermot, Eugene, Pauline, Margaret, who have given much pleasure to all over the years with their music



McNamee Award 1981

McNamee Award presented to Philip O'Hare, Editor of the Glenn Golden Jubilee Book 1981.



Reserve Championship Winners 1983

Martin Connell, Aidan McParland, Frankie McKay, Gerard Rice, Seamus Murtagh, Brian Byrne, Kenny Devlin, Francie Shields, Rory Murtagh, Colm Lennon, Martin McLoughlin, Paddy Gallagher, John Reavey, Dessie Strain, Kieran Bagnall, Kevin Kennedy, Fr PJ Gormley, Gerry Grant, Frankie McParland, Paul McLoughlin, Brendan Gallagher, Paul Devlin, Seamus Kennedy.



Ronan Turley & Kevin Kennedy

Who won Ulster and All-Ireland Vocational Schools Medals with Newry Technical College



Maurice McKey

Captain of Glenn Team which won the South Down Reserve League



L to R: W. Savage (R.I.P), L. Morgan,
B. Mc Conville (R.I.P), M. Savage



L to R: A. Shields, M. Mc Geeny (R.I.P),
J. Cookson, A. Cookson, M. Kennedy



L to R: T + R. Mace, A. Mc Kay (R.I.P.), W. Kirwan (R.I.P.)



L to R: P. Gallagher, M. Bagnall, G. Bagnall (R.I.P.), M. Gallagher



Margaret Kennedy



L to R: J. O' Hare (R.I.P.), B. Turley (R.I.P.),
M. Farrell (R.I.P.), E. O' Hare (R.I.P.)



L to R: A. O' Hare, P. O' Hare, P. Cranney (R.I.P.),
M. Waddell (R.I.P.), J. Waddell (R.I.P.)

Senior Citizens Outings

by Elizabeth Kennedy

For some time our Club were trying to find a way to say 'thank you' to our parish for all their help and support over the years. Eventually a Bus Tour was decided on and all Senior members across the community were invited. The destination was Blackrock.

That first time it was 'standing room only' by the time our committee members had visited the whole area. It took first class organising to arrange bus route meeting points and pick-up times. Refreshments of sandwiches, pastries, cakes and flasks of tea were provided by the ladies of the parish for a mid-morning break. The main meal on that day was in Uncle Tom's Cabin in Blackrock, the only complaint - and that from a ninety two year patron - was that there was no place to dance!

Many and varied were our destinations over the next number of years, Mellifont, Newcastle, Belleeks Pottery, Mellon Folk Park, Drogheda and Cultra to name a few. A special mention must be made of Dublin

and an appearance on 'Live at Three' with Derek Davis. A meeting in the Hall took place with personnel from the programme, outlining the behind the scenes of doing the show and what we needed to do. It was with great anticipation that our members looked forward to going to RTE many of our patrons took part in the actual programme and everyone was warned not to miss recording it for later on.

We travelled on dry days, wet days and in glorious sunshine, but always sharing great craic, music and song on the bus. After the first few outings we decided to come local for our evening meal. This gave our members an opportunity to join and share the entertainment of singing, recitation, storytelling and dancing.

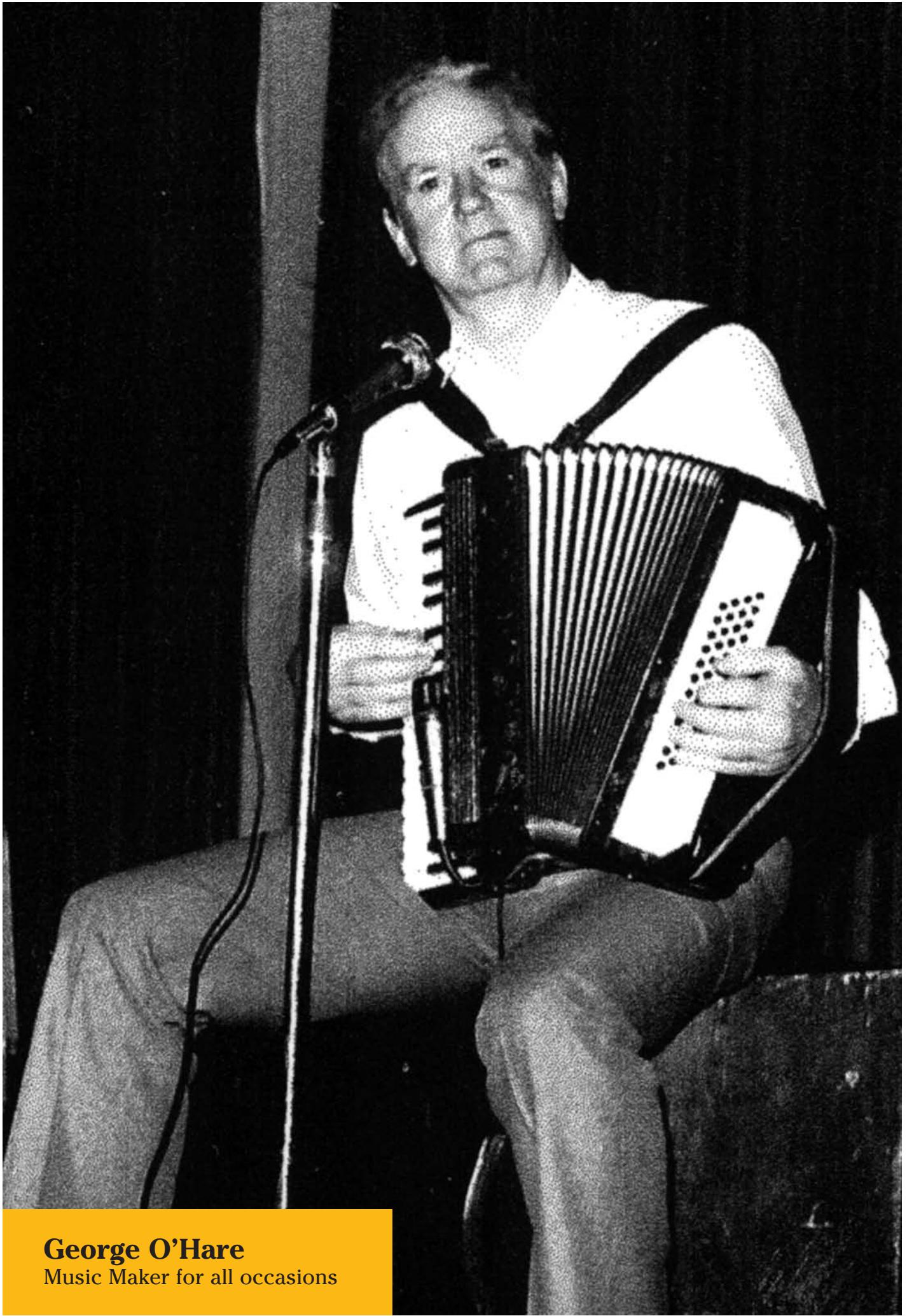
Outings would not be memorable without a few hiccoughs and ours were definitely that, like the day we travelled to Navan and left at home the only person who had anybody living there. Then at the Folk



Mary O'Hare, Lizzie Byrne, Mmry McNulty,
Mary McSherry, Nellie McParland

Park, on our return we were in Omagh when we realised that two of our ladies were left behind. On another occasion one of our committee nearly missed the bus - he was not amused. On the visit to Cultra, as the evening came to a close, a comment was made - 'gather them all up and come home'

While these are some of my memories, you out there have many more - but that is for another day !!



George O'Hare
Music Maker for all occasions

Bulletin Creators in Conference



Bulletin Staff



Elizabeth Kennedy who worked for many years, slaving on an old fashioned typewriter, no delete button here.

John Cookson Editor of the Bulletin sets out to deliver the news hot off the press.



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Cork Dromantine Jog People Carrier!!

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One of the clubs greatest achievements, by way of community involvement was undoubtedly organising and completing a sponsored jog from Cork to Dromantine. This came about from a chance remark to Fr. Jack Rodgers by one of the club members.

After discussion and approval by the Executive committee of the club,

Fr. O'Shea was approached to seek approval from the S.M.A Fathers in Wilton as to the viability of involving this missionary order. Upon the S.M.A's acceptance a further suggestion that Action Cancer should also benefit from the venture was readily endorsed by the committee and local members of that committee informed. The area committee of Action Cancer accepted and offered to assist where possible. So with S.M.A. agreeing to the venture the wheels were set in motion.

Sponsorship cards were printed and the committee set about the task of distribution of cards and organisation of the programme. Endless meetings were held and sub-committees formed to look after accommodation, transport, entertainment, insurance cover and catering. In the weeks prior to the jog, football games were arranged for each evening of the journey, in Cork, Rosegreen-Cashel, Portlaoise, Dublin and Drogheda.

Together with games other entertainment was laid on and a hardworking energetic committee covered every eventuality from first-aid to garda permission to collect donations in cities, towns and villages en route.

Approval was sought from the G.A.A. via the good offices of the County Board. We felt that being a bone-fide unit of the Gaelic Athletic Association, this was the correct course for us to take, thus enabling either the Down County Board, or national G.A.A headquarters to answer any queries that might arise as to the authenticity of the venture.

The local and national radio and press outlets were contacted and valuable coverage given. So with Jog Day looming close a further meeting was held to check on all aspects of the project before departure, and the large jig-saw like effort began to take shape.

On the morning of Saturday 16th July 1983, the committee, ladies committee, Action Cancer representatives, joggers young and old, male and female, collectors, minibus drivers and numerous other club members assembled in the S.M.A chapel, Dromantine, where Mass was offered for the success of the venture and safe return

of the entire party, which was due back in Dromantine on the evening of Thursday 21st July. With a certain amount of concern, a sense of adventure and feelings of pride, the party consisting of two caravans, four



minibuses and some thirty cars left for Cork, conscious of the tremendous support and goodwill of the entire community. The reception in S.M.A, Wilton was exceedingly warm, as many of the priests had spent a time in Dromantine and contributed much to Glenn G.F.C.

Father Jim O'Kane, who greeted us on our

arrival had himself been attached to Dromantine and during his stay was chairman of the Glenn Club. After tea a game was played with Bishopstown and later that evening we were entertained in their Social Club. How proud we were to have been allowed by the Down County Board to take the National League trophy with us and the excitement this aroused in Bishopstown added to the enjoyment of the evening. Our Club on that occasion presented a suitably inscribed plaque to Bishopstown and in turn were the recipients of a substantial cheque towards the jog.

Sunday 17th July loomed dark, dreary, and threatening to rain. Mass was over and breakfast finished. Last minute details were completed and the jog was ready to start. To say it went off with a bang is an understatement. As the thunder roared, lightning flashed, rain pelted down and after a sodden, soggy, start our first two joggers crossed the Lee. The spirit that had seen us so far had never waned and with energy, dedication and humour we headed for the Cork - Dublin Road. On

Watergrass Hill the rain was so heavy that the cars had to pull into the side of the road and while one of the ladies' committee members was in a shop buying milk, the owner offered to open the local hall so that we could dry out and cook the first meal of the journey.

A little warmer and less hungry we continued on to Rosegreen, our stop for the night. There a hot meal was provided in a local restaurant and we heaved our sodden attire into the kitchen in the village hall.

Later in the evening an U16 game was played with Rosegreen, many others of our team joined the party at this junction. Luckily the rain had stopped and by throw-in time the sun had appeared. Spirits rose and continued to rise as the u16 team swept to victory.

After a short disco, it was into sleeping bags for our first nights sleep, "sleep on the boards".

After breakfast next morning the party set off in brilliant sunshine to Portlaoise. Here the local club had a meal arranged. Showers were put at our disposal, and these indeed were very welcome and refreshing.

A minor game had been arranged for that evening, but 60 miles of jogging had taken its toll and a leg weary minor team was no match for a brilliant Portlaoise side. We again presented a plaque to Portlaoise and received a cheque towards our funds.

Next morning the party set off for Dublin, tired but still in good spirits. On arrival in



Cork Dromantine Jog Home at last



Welcome Home at Dromantine

Mary Bagnall, Margretta Bagnall, Annie Bagnall, Sadie O'Hare, Maureen Gallagher, Deirdre Reavey, Seamus Kennedy

Dublin a ladies football match was arranged and afterwards Jimmy Keavney came and was introduced to the party. Later in the evening a meal was prepared and an excellent concert provided entertainment.

The next morning we were due to collect in Dublin and travel to Drogheda in the afternoon. However the frequent cups of tea and sandwiches which were our main diet were not as palatable as at the beginning of the week, and slight murmurings of complaint about being hungry and fed up with tea and sandwiches, could be heard.

In this vein we set off for Drogheda where

we were guests of the local G.A.A club.

However further evidence of the complete community involvement and excellence of the Glenn John Martin's Ladies' Committee was to become more apparent. Our arrival in Drogheda coincided with the arrival of 15 gallons of Irish stew, sent by those sterling and ever thoughtful lady members just when spirits were about to flag.

This gesture put us all back in peak form. Well fortified and knowing we were only one leg away from our goal, we played our last game against a local selection with great gusto and retired for the final part of the journey.

On Thursday 21st July we finished our collecting in Drogheda and Dundalk and headed for Newry and home to Dromantine.

Word had come through that the ladies committee of Action Cancer were preparing a sitdown meal for 7.30pm in S.M.A, Dromantine, so with a stipulated arrival time we had to slow our momentum so as not to arrive too early. A huge welcome awaited us at Beechill. It seemed every available car in the district was transporting all the parishioners to greet us. We were cheered and congratulated and amidst this excitement started the final stage of our journey.

At this point, everyone who had jogged at any stage, joined in for the final fling, and as the party increased to its full complement of over 100 strong we made our way towards Dromantine Avenue. Then from behind the trees the cheering rose to a crescendo, as the members of the S.M.A boys club assembled by Fr.

Jack Rodgers, roared their welcome in a prolonged bout of **WELCOME....WELCOME....WELCOME...** Strange, at this point the road "seemed softer" and the "welcome" sounds rang in our ears, as we made an emotional arrival outside Dromantine College, where flags and bunting waved their appreciation to a weary, happy, proud party, who were received warmly by Fr. J. Rodgers, Fr.C.McKenna and Fr. P.J. Gormley.

After the speech of welcome home by Fr. Rodgers, numerous photographs were taken, these will forever bear testimony to the greatest degree of involvement, by the largest number of club members in the golden history of Glenn John Martin Gaelic Athletic Club.



Starting off at Wilton Cork



Francie Byrne, Frank Rice, Gerard Rice, Kevin O'Hare, Gerry Bagnall, Aidan Conlan
Philip O'Hare, Gerry McNally, Seamus Kennedy



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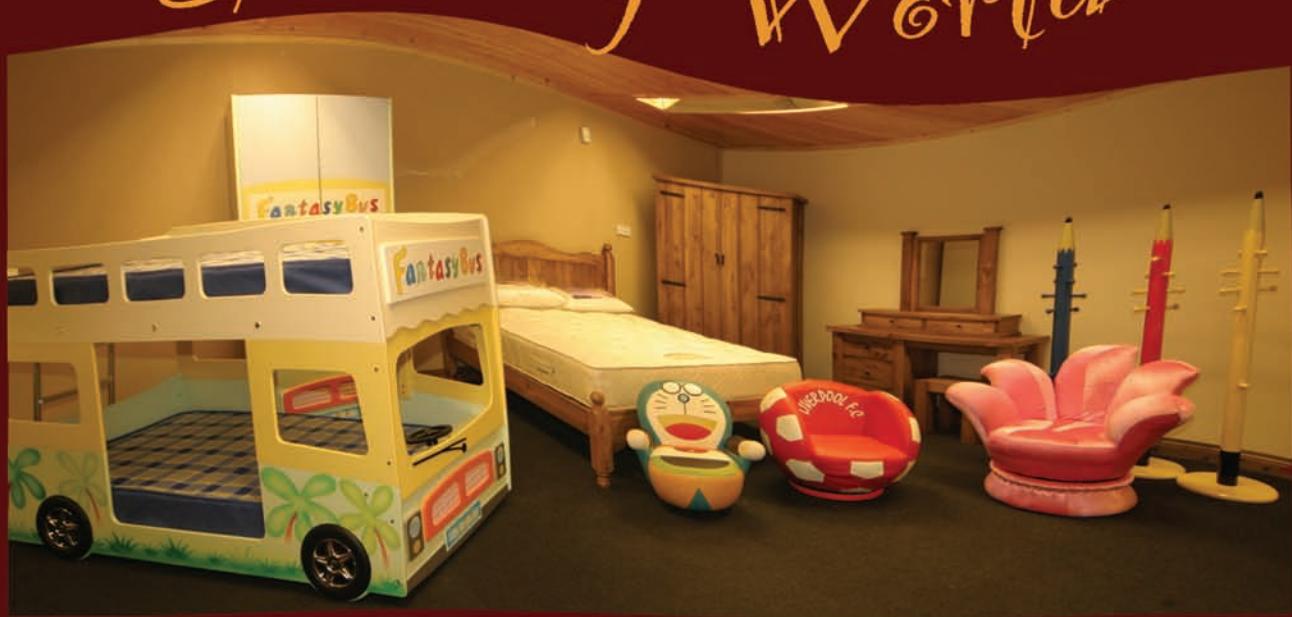
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The Youth Club Early Years

- by Phil Gray



The New Youth Centre

As I understand, a number of far-sighted individuals in the parish wished to enhance the sporting and social activities available to the youth of our area.

At that time full government funding was unavailable to GAA clubs, so a decision was taken to establish a separate Youth Club. This was formed to seek all available assistance – financial and any other – to provide premises, equipment and leadership for our young people.

The early committees consisted of such stalwarts as Gerry McNally, Aidan Conlan, Brian Brooks, Francie Reavey, Jane O'Hare, Annie Bagnall, Elizabeth Kennedy, Gerry Bagnall, Annie McKey, Marie McKay, Mick McNulty, John Grant, Gerry Grant and Colette Cranney.

Jack Mackin of the Bosco Youth Club and later Area Youth Officer gave great help and advice in getting our club recognised by the SELB and in applying for various grants and funding.

In the late sixties and early seventies the leaders acted on a purely voluntary

basis and all activities took place in the original AOH Hall, where Seamus O'Hare kept a watchful eye on proceedings. Boys' activities included Indoor Football, Basketball, Table tennis, Darts and Board Games. It was not unusual to have over thirty under 14's in attendance with twenty plus over 14's.

Teams were entered in 5-a-side football and basketball competitions and these were transported and looked after by the likes of Aidan Conlan, Francie Reavey and Phil Gray.

The girls club met one night per week under the guidance of Chris Gray and Moira Conlan. Teams were entered in netball competitions at U20 and U14 levels. The girls club also started midnight hikes under the supervision of Gerry McNally at this time.

When the club was recognised by the Department of Education, grants for equipment were received and our first paid leaders and instructors were appointed. Phil Gray, Martin Byrne, and



Congregation at Opening of St Francis Youth Club 1983

Margaret Murphy were among the first appointed. Other leaders were Maurice McKey, Geraldine McNally, Rosemary McLoughlin, Deirdre Brooks and Jacqueline Kennedy.

The New Youth Club

A decision was taken in the late sixties early seventies that we should seek grant aid for the erection of a purpose built youth club from the Department of Education. The ownership of the point of land at the football field was registered into the ownership of the youth club. Long negotiations took place with the Department about this time involving people such as Aidan Conlan, Francie Reavey, Gerry McNally and Brian Brooks.

Fund Raising

With the decision taken to build a youth club, the next major step was to raise the necessary funds.

Charlie Smyth was a tower of strength in this area. He started by organising one-off concerts in Dromantine consisting of a chorus of the parish's finest young ladies and a number of guest artists. These concerts also provided a basis for the acts which Charlie successfully entered into the Coca Cola Top Talent Contest for Youth Clubs.

The concerts soon turned into Pantomimes, which attracted large audiences. Such was the demand for tickets that the pantos were transferred to Newry Town Hall with up to ten shows in a week playing to mainly full houses.

The pantos were the major fund raiser for many years and were responsible for paying off a large part of the debt on the youth club

Charlie Smyth was the driving force behind the great success of the pantos but tribute should also be paid to all the people behind the scenes like John Cookson (who organised the tickets), the rehearsal pianist and the orchestra, the light and sound technicians, those responsible for the scenery, the backstage staff, the front of the house staff, the raffle sellers, those who provided refreshment for the cast, but especially those members of the cast and their gave of their time to help.

One of the other major fund-raisers was the Annual Sponsored Walk. This was a ten-mile walk done mainly by the young people of the parish. Some adults did the walk over the years and several of them raised very large sums. The walk itself was enjoyable, but the young people seemed to enjoy the walk disco even more. This was the night when walkers returned the sponsorship and received refreshments (and a trophy if

the sponsorship was over a certain amount)

The club ran discos over the years at members request. These were for the enjoyment of the young people and if a profit was made so much the better. There were many stewards who gave of their time and eardrums to ensure that all went smoothly. The start of many a romance and more than a few marriages began at one or other of the discos.

Another major fund raise was the Christmas Bazaar. The ladies of the parish did most of the work for this event. For several weeks before the event they visited the homes of the parish looking for bric-a-brac and seeking items for cake stalls and bottle stalls etc. On the day of the sale they organised the stalls and sold tickets for the tombola. The Bazaars were very successful in their earlier years and boosted the club's finances well.

Community Games

Over many years members of the youth and football clubs successfully competed in events organised by the Community Games. These included Athletics, Gaelic Football and Art competitions. Many of our members qualified for the finals in Mosney and enjoyed their weekend even if they did not win.

In order to improve our members chances an Athletics Club was founded in the mid/late seventies under the direction of Kevin O'Hare. We entered individuals and teams in cross-country and other events and hosted several cross-country events.

New Hall

After many years of dedicated fund-raising, Bishop Brooks and a number of other priests opened St Francis Youth Club in early December 1983 with the celebration of Mass.



Very Rev Bishop Brooks at Opening of Youth Club



The Hall was used from Monday to Thursday by the youth of the parish for such activities as indoor football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, pool, snooker, darts, table tennis and board games. On Friday evenings the U8's had a mini-members night with games and crafts.

In June of 1984, Moira Conlan organised an outdoor pursuits week and herself and Phil Gray joined about sixteen of our young people in Killowen for a brilliant week of activities such as canoeing, sailing and abseiling.

Youth Leaders in the new hall were Phil Gray, Martin Byrne, Geraldine McNally



1984

Club of the Year

Gerard Rice, John Cookson, Seamus Moynahan, Martin Murtagh, Benny Coulter, Ciaran Sands, Adrian Murdoch, Adrian Byrne, Johnny Murphy, Conor Boyle, Donal McNally, Brendan Reavey, Gerry McNally.



1984 Glenn Senior Football Team

The Glenn Senior Team pictured at Lcitrí prior to their Senior Championship Quarter Final, against Bryansford. Back Row: (1-r): Paddy Kennedy, Mark Turley, Mickey Sands, Aidan McParland, John McCartan, Seamns Murtagh, Tony McNulty, Francis Bagnall, Conor Byrne, Damien Lennon. Front Row: (1-r): Tommy McKinley, Gerard Gallagher, Michael McCartan, Philip O'Hare, Declan Strain, Jim McCartan, Paul Reavey, Edward Gallagher.



Youth Club Ladies Committee



Annual Walk Presentations: Judith Sands. Ann Marie McEvoy. Janice Cunningham. Michelle Mulholland. Darren Bagnall. David Gray. Sean Cunningham. Siobhan O'Hare. Dara McConville. Michelle Smyth. Edel Farrelly. Brona McNally. Karen McConville. Paul Kennedy. Kieran Gray. Derek McConville. Colin Turley. Adrian McParland. Nicholas Cranney. Peter Reavey



Ten mile walk Top Fund Raisers 1990
Ann Marie Shields, Gavin Rice, Donal Conlan



Fiona McConville, Edel Farrelly, ****Eithne Conlan, Dorena Byrne, Ann Marie McEvoy, Sharon Cookson, Michelle Millar****



Annual Sponsored Walk

Starting the Sponsored Walk 1971 at Glenn Chapel, Peter Loughlin, Gerry Grant, John Grant, Aidan Conlan, Hugh Kennedy, Jimmy Murtagh, Mick McNulty, Billy McClorey



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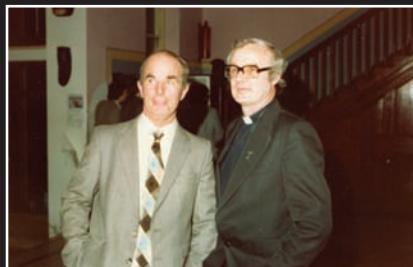
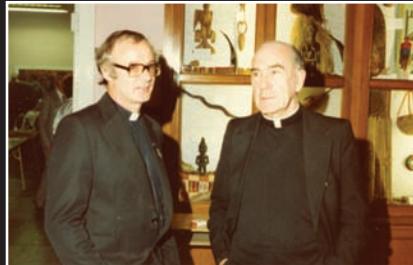


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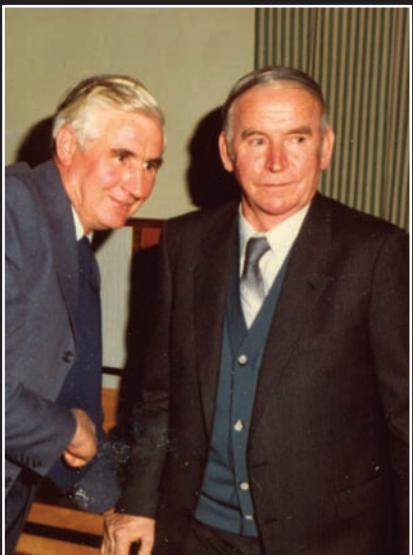


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