

## **Limerick Ladies Football**

Ladies football first came to Limerick in 1982. It began through the Community Games when “St Senans”, representing Limerick won silver medals at under 15. The following year a Ladies Football team was formed under the name of Macabar. The same year the following teams were formed; Mungret, Stakers, Ballyhahill, Ballygran and Caherconlish. A competition was run between the teams, which Macabar won in 1983/84. Ballygran won the next three years until Stakers representing south Limerick rested the cup from them in 1988. However, due to a number of difficulties there was no Ladies Football played in the county again. Amongst the difficulties were the fact that camogie and indeed soccer were long established in the county and had quite a stranglehold. Another disadvantage was the fact that each code had their own association and players were being asked to pay separate insurance and registration fees – unlike their male counterparts.

### **Officers County 1982 – 1985**

Chairman: Tom Madigan

Secretary: Bridget Biggane, Banogue Co Limerick

Ass Secretary: Maire Halvey, Dunvullen Lower, Caherconlish, Co Limerick

Treasurer: John Purcell, Parkview House, Caherconlish, Co Limerick

Committee: Denis Martin, Killmallock, Co Limerick

Liam Dundon, Mortgage, Askeaton, Co Limerick

Pat O’Sullivan, Foynes, Co Limerick

Dermot Kelliher, Ballyagran, Co Limerick

### **1991**

Ladies football was revived in the county again in March 1991, and registered under ‘Limerick Ladies Football’. A County Board was formed with the following officers being elected:

President: Timmy Woulfe (Athea)

Chairman: Dermot Kelliher (Ballygran)

Vice Chairwoman: Margaret Carroll (Athea)

Secretary: Bridie O’Sullivan (Abbeyfeale)

Ass. Secretary: Anne Cahill (Mt Collins)

Treasurer: Norma O’Brien (Ballyhahill)

Registrar: Dennis Martin (Stakers)

PRO: Michael Hanly (Rathkeale)

Unfortunately Michael Hanly was unable to continue as PRO due to journalistic commitments. Fortunately a more than capable successor in the shape of Timmy Woulfe was there to take over this very important job.

The following clubs affiliated in 1991, Athea, Abbeyfeale, Mt. Collins, Ballhahill, Mungret, Ballygran, Stakers and Kiltely.

A league and championship was run. In the league, Mungreat defeated Athea in the final on a scoreline of 2-5 to 0-5.

The same two teams contested the semi final of the Championship. This time however Athea turned the tables by the slightest of margins. In the final Athea overcame Ballygran by a comfortable margin in the end of 4-7 to 0-5.

Limerick also took part at inter-county level for the first time. The U-16 team went down heavily to well established Kerry. The junior team was also finding the going tough. The age old problem of the clash with the camogie was again evident. Indeed Limerick struggled with the league fixtures. In the Championship, Limerick went down heavily to a very fancied Clare who have gone places since then. The experience proved to be very difficult with players being asked to play top teams,

without little more than knowing each others names, sometimes not even knowing that. However, at least it was a start and football was up and running, be it at a slow place. Later in the same year Limerick played Mayo in a B Championship. Again Limerick went down to a very strong team.

Later that year a competition was run for teams that were beaten in the first round of the championship. This was won by Stakers. In this as with other games throughout the year, it was not always possible to field full teams because of other sporting commitments. It is very unfortunate for the players that are involved in this situation. Its something that needs to be addressed as it places players under added and unfair pressures.

As this time in 1991, an U-16 blitz was boosted by the recently formed Club, St. Nicholas. Athea won this.

This more or less concluded the year's activities for 1991.

## **1992**

In 1992 the County Board remained basically the same with the following exceptions:

Treasurer: Marie Culhane (Ballyhahill)

Registrar: Nicholas Lonegran (St Nicholas)

A Finance Committee was also formed and did trogan work through the year to offset the expenses of fulfilling a horrendous list of away fixtures, (a goal which was achieved). However, it proved a very difficult task, especially for such a new county to the inter-county set-up. The Finance Committee consisted of the following:

Chairperson: Massie Clifford

Committee: Vera O'Brien

Breda Guerin

Mona Dudley

Dermot Kelliher

Tom Madigan

Two new clubs were formed and affiliated, Glin and The Old Mill. This was to cancel the loss of two of the established clubs who eventually were unable to participate because of camogie commitments.

In the league it was again between Athea and Mungret. They reversed the results of the previous year. This time Athea won the league defeating Mungret. The Athea players were as follows:

Anne Cunningham Fionnula Dillane Eileen Hartnett

Mary Sheahan Niamh Hunt Colette Hunt

M Ahern Deirdre Dillane Kathleen Scanlon

Loretta Brouder Colleen Riedy Anne Marie Lillis

Elizabeth O'Sullivan Kathleen Shanahan Caroline Griffin

Sub: Grainne Hunt

In the Championship, Mungret turned around the defeat and won a very exciting game. A Junior Championship was also played, this included Glin, St Nicholas, and the Old Mill contested the final which St Nicholas won thereby denying the Old Mill a clean sweep. They had previously won the U-12, U-14 and U-16 defeating Athea in all the listed finals. The same two teams contested the minor final. The success of the Old Mill at these levels in their first year hopefully is a sign of better things to come in the county over the next couple of years. They also won the County Community Games beating St Senans.

At county level, Limerick meet with a bit more success. After completing the previously mentioned difficult list of fixtures, the junior team qualified for the playoffs of the national league. Unfortunately in the quarter final, a very much under

strength team missing no less than 10 – 12 of the regulars for one reason or another, went down badly to Roscommon.

In the Championship they qualified to play in the semi-final, thanks to a very exciting win over Kerry in Athea. However, Waterford sorted things out in Mallow in the semi-final and were worthy winners on the score of 2-12 to 1-5. The panel of players were as follows:

Anne Cunningham Colette O'Grady Helen Kelly  
Vera O'Brien Peggy Burke Ciara O'Sullivan  
Triona Madigan Patricia O'Doherty (capt) Elizabeth Leonard  
Maisie Clifford Laura Wall Orla Guerin  
Deirdre Dillane Margaret Murphy Joanne Houlihan  
Eileen Liston Colleen Reidy Cait O'Leary  
Treacy Hadnett Ciara O'Mahony Marisa Wall

In the under age, Limerick were still finding the going tough and had to concede a 'walkover' to Waterford in the U-16. The minor team were well beaten by the same county in Mallow.

The AGM took place in December 1992 and the officers for the following year 1993, were elected.

President: Timmy Woulfe (Athea)  
Chairman: Dermot Kelliher  
Vice Chairwoman: Margaret Carroll (Athea)  
Treasurer: Colette O'Grady (Mungret)  
Ass. Treasurer: Kathleen Murphy (Mungret)  
Secretary: Vera O'Brien (Mungret)  
Ass. Secretary: Liz Leonard (Kilfinane)  
Registrar: Nicholas Lonergan (St Nicholas)

A Development Committee was also formed and regional officers were appointed.

### **Lady Footballers Seek Males**

Lady footballers all over the county are looking for men!! Preferably mature ones in the 30-50 year age bracket, though many of the girls fancy younger ones in other contexts. The mature ones should have a benign tolerance of girls in general and it would help if they had an interest in, or a background in sporting activities.

Least anybody think at this stage that here is someone with a sleazy agenda, let me hasten to add that the girls in question have only a platonic interest in the men they seek, and it would be better if it was reciprocated by the men. I refer to the need for a team of sporting gentlemen required to promote and sustain women's football throughout the county. There are many outstanding women involved but it is a fact of life that the major coaching and refereeing jobs are played by men.

The reason for this is very simple, the history of women's football in the county is so recent that there is no reservoir of ex-players out there to take on the responsibility.

So what is in it for the GAA. The lady footballers are the sisters or lady friends of GAA players; indeed the prospective mothers of future GAA players whom they would influence. Most of them are supporters of the various club and county teams, and games, frequently have to be rearranged to allow them support their favourite sides.

### **County Board**

Limerick Ladies County Board is now in its third official year. It was first established in 1982 when structures were informal, to say the least. Since many of the players also played camogie, they objected to paying insurance on the double and this remained a bone of contention all the time. The first county champions were

Magcohar (Foynes) and other prominent clubs were Stakers, Ballyagran, Mungret, Caherconlish.

But, once again thankfully, in Limerick it arose, phoenix-like from oblivion, now fully insured in 1991, to begin its torturous climb back to normality. Fortunately three of the old stalwarts, Dermot Kelleher (Ballyagran), Denis Martin (Stakers) and Tom Madigan (Shanagolden) lent their considerable weight to the wheel, as well as that outstanding sports person, Vera O'Brien (Mungret) and the association has prospered since.

The balance of power has changed considerably under the new regime. Ballyagran and Stakers fell out of existence and the struggle at the top, up to 1993 was between Athea and Mungret. Meanwhile Tipperary, the first All-Ireland winners went to the wall and a new club, St Nicholas, representing the joint parishes of Oola-Solshead emerged. The measure of their success is that they are now county league champions. At national level Limerick has played below its full potential because of the minuscule pool of players available, the scarcity of mentors and the expense of travelling the length and breadth of the county.

### **Journeys**

When I tell you that in the League campaign of 1992 we travelled to the following venues you will understand the problems:

Tinryland (Carlow) Ballylinan (Laois) Blessington (Wicklow)

Blanchardstown (Dublin) Clarinbridge (Galway) Westport (Mayo)

Padraig Pearses (Roscommon) with minor journeys to 2 or 3 Munster counties!!

The Department of Finance would benefit considerably from studying our costs management.

We did manage to qualify for the play of stages in the League of 1992, but I expect greater success will not be ours till we broaden our canvas to involve many more of the football areas in the county. It should be remembered as well that during the years in abeyance, some outstanding players were unavailable and were the proud holders of several All-Ireland Medals.

To achieve further progress in the code a Development Committee was formed this year, representative of the four divisions, and their first venture is to promote competition at Primary and Second Level schools. It is hoped the latter will get under-way next month with so far, seven colleges committed to participate and replies awaited from a number of others.

The lady footballers are understandably grateful to the GAA in general, for example the County Board for its unreserved co-operation, the clubs who make their pitches available and the referees, many of whom indulge in a pre-match crash-course on the rules. Joe Reddington, the county coach has introduced many an underage player to ladies football by his insistence on coaching the girls as well as the boys. These agencies, in their own way, are the life-blood of our brand of football, and will add further to their honours list. Surely the likes of Patricia Doherty (Rathkeale), Donna Rohan (Castleconnell), Orla Guerin (Oola), Liz Leonard (Kilfinane), Colleen Reidy (Athea), to mention just a few who are worthy of inclusion among the exalted.

It is vital for the future prosperity of the GAA that ladies football and indeed Camogie for that matter co-exist within the club umbrella, until such time as each can look after its own.

County Board officials for 1993 are as follows:

Chairperson: Tom Madigan (Shanagolden)

Vice-Chair: Margaret Carroll (Athea)

Treasurer: Collette O'Grady (Mungret)

Ass. Treasurer: Kathleen Murphy (Mungret)  
Ass Secretary &  
Delegate to Munster  
And Central Council: Liz Leonard (Kilfinane)  
Registrar: Nicholas Lonergan (St Nicholas)

### **Kilfinane Ladies Football Club**

Since the ladies football club commenced last April, there has been great commitment shown from the ladies. A total of 5 county titles were captured by these determined girls, winning U-12 County Final Championship, U-14 County Final Championship, Junior County Final League.

This junior team went up to Intermediate for the Championship and due to such interest we enlisted a novice team also. Intermediate County Final Championship Novice County Final Championship.

Also our U-16s won the final of St. Nicholas tournament.

Over this was a splendid year for the kiddies of Kilfinane and neighbouring parishes. This U-16 team, along with the U-18 team were narrowly beaten in the county semifinals. This was the first ever ladies football club to be developed in Kilfinane. A very fine first year they have had. Lets hope Kilfinane keeps going from strength to strength. A very special thanks to all those involved in the running of the club, the trainors and the 93 girls who trained intensely for eight months. Congratulations to all those involved in Kilfinane Ladies Football Club.

**Success and Best of Luck in the future.**

#### **Kilfinane Novice Team**

John Leonard L Leslie K Heffernan  
B O'Sullivan A Cleary Pat McNamara  
M Carroll (Capt) P O'B rien D Cussen  
M Fenton C Leane L Maloney  
P Heffernan M O'B rien L Palmer  
J English C Meaney F Hayes  
V Meaney S Mortell A Carroll  
M Heffernan

### **Inadequate Preparation**

#### **Ladies Football**

It wasn't a very auspicious year for the lady footballers at inter-county level. True, the junior defeated Clare (2-9 to 1-13) in the Gaelic Grounds but were without the backbone of that team when going under to Waterford in the next round.

Teams were fielded at U-14, 16 and minor also, but lost heavily mainly through lack of adequate preparation.

However, at club level a long list of fixtures was played out all all levels with some very exciting games and many talented young players coming through.

A significant breakthrough was achieved at schools level. The West Limerick Primary Schools Board organised the games in their division with an overwhelming response from all concerned. The Premier competition was won by Ballyhahill NS, their sister school, Loughill won the competition for the smaller schools.

In the post primary sector six schools entered with victory going to a very good Convent of Mercy, Abbeyfeale side.

The current year's competitions at this level are already under way; this year with junior and senior competitions on the way, with the winners to represent the county at Munster championship level.

The various winners of county titles during 1994 with teams list follow hereunder:

**Senior final**

Mungret 1-6 Athea 0-6

**Intermediate Final**

Gerard Griffins 4-4 Drom Broadford 3-4

**Novice Final**

Glin 2-5 Askeaton 2-2

**Junior Final**

Ballyhahill 3-6 St Nicholas 1-4

**Minor Final**

Athea 4-8 Kilfinane 0-2

**1993 Minor Final**

Athea 2-7 St Nicholas 1-5

**Under 16 Final**

Kilfinane 4-5 Athea 3-4

**Under 14 Final**

Kilfinane 4-2 Ballyhahill 2-4

**Under 12 Final**

Ballyhahill 3-3 Eoin Ruas 0-2

**Board Officers:**

Chairman: Tom Madigan, Shanagolden

Secretary: Vera O'Brien, Mungret

PRO: Timmy Woulfe, Athea

Treasurer: Colette O'Grady, Mungret

Delegate to supporters Club: John O'Grady, Mungret

**County Competitions 1995**

Under 12 final Gerald Griffins v Eoin Ruas 3-03 – 0-02

Under 14 Final Gerald Griffins v Kilfinane 2-04 – 4-02

Under 16 Final Kilfinane v Athea/Old Mill 4-05 – 3-04

Minor Final Kilfinane v Athea 0-02 – 4-08

Junior Novice Askeaton v Glin 2-02 – 2-05

Junior League Gerald Griffins

Junior Champ Final Gerald Griffins v St Nicholas

Intermediate Dromcollogher/Broadford v Gerald Griffins 3-04 – 4-04

Senior League Athea v Mungret

Senior Championship Athea v Mungret 0-06 – 1-06

Kilfinane travelled to Killarney and participated in U-14 final

**County Competitions 1995**

Under 12 A Gerald Griffins v Glinn Winner GG

Under 12 B Athea v Old Mill Winner OM

Under 14 A Gerald Griffins v ?

Under 14 B Glinn v ?

Under 16 Kilfinane

Minor Old Mill v Athea

Junior Novice Askeaton v Glin Winner Askeaton

Junior League Old Mill v Askeaton

Junior Championship Rathkeale v ?? Winner Rathkeale

Intermediate Drumcollogher

Senior League Mungret v Athea Winner Athea

Senior Championship Mungret v Athea Winner Athea

Under 14 Feille Gerald Griffins

## **Munster Championship 1995**

Under 14 Limerick v Clare Ballyhahill 10-06 95

Under 16 Clare v Limerick Lissycasey

Minor Limerick v Waterford w/o Given by Limerick

Junior Limerick v Tipperary w/o given by Tipperary

Athea played in Munster Club 1995

## **Limerick Ladies Football**

1995 was not an auspicious year for Ladies football within the county. Lack of management personnel seems to be a major problem – even in post primary schools where boys sporting interests traditionally held sway, it is proving very difficult to find time and people who can afford to cater for the added responsibilities of girls football.

Even so, both senior and junior competitions were competed by Easter. An up and coming Ard Scoil Mahire from Askeaton were convincing junior winners and St Josephs Convent of Mercy Abbeyfeale who won the senior title subsequently put up a strong show against the eventual Munster champions Spanish point.

Ladies football is strongest at under age level within the county. Adare NS won the county inter sevens, defeating Athea in the final.

Perhaps the club with the brightest future is Ballyhahill, who have already annexed two county titles, under 14 where they were unstoppable and Under 12 which they won after a great battle with Glin 0-9 to 1-4/

The same under 14s backboned the county under 14 team which was the first to reach a Munster final beating Cork and Clare en route and losing out to a brilliant Waterford side which lost the All-Ireland by a narrow margin. Tremendous credit is due to Mike Spack (Ballyhahill) who spent long hours bringing them to a high level of fitness and skill.

The vast majority of this panel are under age for 1996 and hopes have to be high for a breakthrough at provincial level.

At senior level the competitions has lacked lustre with only 2 teams of the required standard.

Mungret battled for the county title with real fervour, the honours going to Athea 4-9 to 2-8. Amazingly both clubs have dominated this competition since its inception, each winning in alternate years and the score is 3-2 in favour of Athea after this latest win.

And so onto the Munster Club Championship.

Athea played out a pulsating drawn game 7-7 to 6-10 against Brian Boru, Clogheen, Co Tipperary and in the replay at Charleville on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> went one better winning 7-9 to 4-9 after extra time.

The junior competitions have provided the best fare so far this year. New clubs, Rathkeale and Croagh with a revived St Nicholas (Oola) have added flavour to it, especially the Rathkeale girls under Joe Williams, who have generated great enthusiasm for the game in their area.

In the final, Rathkeale provided the shock of the season when they defeated a fancied Old Mill side 4-10 to 3-2, overturning.....in a preliminary round.

Ever improving football skills allied to supreme fitness were key factors in the Rathkeale success story, an example to all other clubs.

If the games structure seems more streamlined this year it is mainly due to the master fixture list compiled by Chairman John Leonard, Kilfinnane club and brother of Liz, Limerick camogie star, and the administrative efficiency of Colette O'Grady (Mungret). Tom Madigan and Kathleen Murphy (Mungret) of necessity keep a tight

rein on the financial affairs of the board.

As to the future, the many fine players coming through the underage ranks should ensure it will be a healthy one.

Once again many thanks to the clubs throughout the county who made their pitches available to the ladies and to the various boards whose encouragement is much appreciated.

### **1996 County Competitions**

Under 12 A Old Mill

Under 12 B Gerald Griffins

Under 14 A Gerald Griffins

Under 14 B Askeaton v Old Mill Winner: Askeaton

Under 16 A Gerald Griffins v Askeaton Winner GG

Under 16 B Athea v Glin Winner ??

Minor Askeaton v Athea Winner Athea

Junior Championship Gerald Griffin v Askeaton Winner GG

Junior League Mungret v Rathkeale Winner Mungret

Senior Championship Athea v Mungret Winner Athea

Senior League Athea v Gerald Griffins Winner Athea

Glin Rep County in under 14 Feile venue?

### **Munster Championship 1996**

Under 14 Limerick win Munster final

Under 16 Lost to Kerry

Junior Clare v Limerick Winner Clare

All Ireland League Limerick lose to Leitrim after extra time

Athea play in Munster Club

Gerald Griffins win Munster minor blitz

### **1997 County Competitions**

Under 12 A 12 a side final Rathkeale 1-02 St Clairs 0-03

Under 12 Shield final Castlemahon 4-03 - ~Athea 2-08

Under 12 A 15 a side final Old Mill 3-06 Gerald Griffins 2-07

Under 12 Shield final – Glin 4-02 Mungret 0-06

Under 14 A Gerald Griffins 4-09 Glin 5-04

Under 14 B Fealesider 6-04 Bruree 2-02

Under 16 Gerald Griffins 2-11 Askeaton 4-01

Under 16B Athea 3-11 Glin 2-11

Minor Gerald Griffins 2-04 Athea 1-05

Junior: Gerald Griffins 3-12 Askeaton 3-04

Senior: Shannon Gaels 4-07 Athea 0-04

G. G & O. M Combination

All County League proposed not to compete in 1997

Under 14 Feile Gerald Griffins travelled to Donegal and Dympna O'Brien won skills title.

Athea played in Munster Championship

Milltown/Malbay 2-13 Athea 2-08

St Clair's is now known as St Ailbes, just a name change.

### **1997 Munster Championship**

Under 14 Kerry 3-08 Limerick 0-05

Under 16 Cork 1-13 Limerick 0-04

Minor Cork 5-13 Limerick 3-05

Junior S/F Limerick 2-18 Tipperary 1-08



Junior final Waterford 3-10 Limerick 1-08

All Ireland League 1997

1 ST RD Limerick 8-13 Galway 4-03

2<sup>nd</sup> Rd Longford 4-12 Limerick 0-03

3<sup>rd</sup> Rd Limerick 3-03 – Dublin 0-10

4<sup>th</sup> Rd Limerick 5-11 Kildare 3-04

5<sup>th</sup> Rd Wicklow 2-11 Limerick 3-13

6<sup>th</sup> Rd Roscommon 4-13 – Limerick 1-06

7<sup>th</sup> Rd Limerick 2-03 – Offaly 2-07

Q/F Limerick 3-08 Down 2-08

S/F Limerick 2-03 Longford 2-11

Mungret/Limerick participate in All Ireland 7s

### **County Competitions 1998**

Under 12 A 12 a side Gerald Griffins 2-09 – St. Ailbes 1-02

Under 12 B Shield Rathkeale 7-08 Mungret 3-05

This game awarded to Mungret after objection.

Under 12 B 12 a side Castlemahon 2-12 Adare 0-03

Under 12 B Shield Glin 4-05 Monagea 1-01

Under 14 A Old Mill 5-13 Gerald Griffins 1-07

Under 14 Shield Rathkeale 9-07 – Monagea 0-02

Under 16 A Gerald Griffins 8-13 Akeaton 2-00

Under 16 Shield Glin 5-08 Monagea 3-01

Minor Gerald Griffins 4-15 Croom 5-01

Junior League Askeaton 7-13 Gerald Griffins 0-00

Junior Championship Askeaton 3-13 Glin 1-03

Senior League decided not to play too late

Senior Championship Gerald Griffins 1-12 Mungret 1-06

Under 14 County Feile Old Mill 4-08 Gerald Griffins 1-03

Old Mill travelled to Donegal, won Division 2 defeating Lurgan Cavan 2-02 – 0-01

### **Munster Club Championship 1998**

Gerald Griffins 2-08 Naomh Aban 3-08

### **Munster Blitz 1998**

Gerald Griffins defeated Miltown Malbay

### **All Ireland League 1998**

Galway 3-14 Limerick 1-05

Limerick 3-03 Clare 3-08

Dublin 7-18 Limerick 1-03

Kildare 3-07 Limerick 2-07

Limerick 3-05 Wicklow 3-12

Gerald Griffins and Mungret in Senior All Ireland 7S

Askeaton in Junior 7S

Limerick win Under 14 All Ireland Blitz in Mullingar

### **County Competitions 1999**

Under 12A 12 a side Dromcollogher/Broadford 8-04 Rathkeale 0-05

Shield Castlemahon 1-10 Mungret 1-03

Under 12B 12 a side Old Mill 5-07 Athea 0-06

Shield Glin 2-05 Monagea 2-03

Under 13 All County Blitz Drom/Broadford 4-07 Mungret 2-01

Under 14 A Athea 8-08 Croom 4-07

Under 14 B Drom/Broadford 4-07 Castlemahon 0-02

Under 16 A Old Mill 3-12 G Griffins 3-05  
Under 16B Croom 4-07 Monagea 3-06  
Minor Western Gaels 2-10 G Griffins 0-03  
v Athea & OM Combination  
Junior Championship Askeaton 3-05 Mungret 3-05  
Replay Askeaton 1-06 Mungret 1-08  
Junior League Askeaton received w/o Gerald Griffins. Askeaton winner  
Senior League Gerald Griffins 3-12 Athea 1-04  
Senior Championship Gerald Griffins 2-04 Athea 2-06  
Under 14 Feile hosted Division 3, won by Castlewellan of Down  
Following Clubs hosted teams, Athea, Bruree, Drom/Broadford  
Gerald Griffins, Monagea, Mungret, St Albes  
Croom and Rathkeale also competed in Division 3 Feile  
Under 14 Blitz in Mullingar  
Limerick defeated on penalties by Galway in semi-final of Division 1  
Athea and Gerald Griffins play in All Ireland Senior 7S  
Munget play in Junior 7S and defeated by Fr. Rocks Tyrone – 4-03 to 5-04  
In plate final in Santry.  
Under 14 Feile  
Old ill travel to Ennis for Division 1. Reach semi-final. Limerick lost Division 3 of  
Feile, repeat.

The following Clubs host teams; Athea, Mungret, Bruree, Gerald Griffins,  
Domcollogher/ Broadford, Monagea, St. Ailbes – Croom and Rathkeale take part.

Munster Club Championship: Athea v Rockchapel

Munster Minor Blitz: Gerald Griffins withdraws

### **Munster Championship 1999**

Under 14 Limerick 9-11 Clare 2-01

Semi-final Tipperary 0-03 Limerick 2-06

Final Limerick 2-05 Kerry 5-14

Under 16 Clare 1-03 Limerick 2-15

Semi-final Limerick 5-16 Cork 3-09

Final Kerry 5-10 Limerick 2-10

Minor Limerick 0-05 Cork 5-15

Junior Limerick 1-03 Cork 6-19

All Ireland League

Cork 3-14 Limerick 0-04

Limerick 4-06 Roscommon 4-10

Wicklow 5-10 Limerick 2-04

Limerick 2-08 Galway 3-12

Limerick 3-04 Kildare 4-14

Limerick 3-10 Carlow 3-07

Under 14 Blitz Limerick beaten semi-final on penalties Division1, repeat

All Ireland 7 a side

Athea and Gerald Griffins play in Senior 7s

Mungret beaten in Junior Shield final by Fr. Rocks, Tyrone

### **List of Officers 1993 - 1999**

Chairman: Dermot Kelliher

Ballyagran

Co Limerick

Vice-Chairwoman: Margaret Carroll

Athea  
Co Limerick  
Secretary: Vera O'Brien  
Rathmale  
Mungret  
Co Limerick  
Assistant Secretary: Liz Leonard  
Glenosheen  
Kilmallock  
Co Limerick  
Treasurer: Colette O'Grady  
Cloughkeating  
Patrickswell  
Co Limerick  
PRO: Timmy Woulfe

Athea

Co Limerick

**List of Officers 1994**

Chairman: Tom Madigan  
Westend House  
Shanagolden  
Co Limerick  
Vice-Chairwoman: Margaret Carroll

Athea

Co Limerick

Secretary: Vera O'Brien

Rathmale

Mungret

Co Limerick

Assistant Secretary: Mary Carroll

Treasurer: Colette O'Grady

Cloughkeating

Patrickswell

Co Limerick

Assistant Treasurer: Kathleen Murphy

12 High Meadows

Gouldavoher

Limerick

PRO: Timmy Woulfe

Athea

Co Limerick

Registrar: Nicholas Lonergan

Solohead

Co Tipperary

**Limerick Officers 1995**

Chairman: John Leonard

Kilfinnane

Co Limerick

Vice-Chairman: Tom Madigan

Westend House

Shanagolden  
Co Limerick  
Secretary: Colette O'Grady  
Cloughkeating  
Patrickswell  
Co Limerick  
Assistant Secretary: Michael Stack  
Glin

Co Limerick  
Treasurers: Kathleen Murphy  
12 High Meadows  
Gouldavoher  
Limerick  
Tom Madigan  
Westend House

Shanagolden  
Co Limerick  
PRO: Timmy Woulfe  
Athea  
Co Limerick  
Registrar: Betty Dillane  
Newcastle West  
Co Limerick

**County Officers 1996**

Chairperson: Tom Madigan  
Vice-Chairperson: John Leonard  
Secretary: Colette O'Grady  
Assistant Secretary: Mike Stack  
Treasurer: Kathleen Shanahan  
Assistant Treasurer: Joan Sheehy, Askeaton Co Limerick  
PRO: Timmy Woulfe  
Registrar: Betty Dillane

**Officers 1997**

Chairman: Tom Madigan  
Westend House  
Shanagolden  
Co Limerick  
Vice-Chairman: John Leonard  
Kilfinnane  
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Cultural & Language Officer: Colm Ward, Racefield, Fr Russell Road, Limerick

### **Limerick History 2000**

For a variety of reasons it took until Easter Monday 16 April 2001 to complete our 2000 playing season. Gerald Griffins leading at half-time 4-05 to 0-02 held out to defeat arch rivals, Athea 4-09 to 3-09 in the 2000 minor final played at Croom 5.00 pm.

The following clubs took part in the minor competition, Ballylanders, Old Mill, Gerald Griffin, Monagea, Pallasgreen, Croom and Athea.

Also held over was the under 16 A Shield, the final of this competition was played in Cappagh on the 25 March 2001. Bruree scoring in the final minute to deny Gerald Griffin the title – 4-06 to 2-10.

The annual convention was held in Mungre/St Pauls GAA Clubhouse on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1999 at 8.00 pm.

The following Officers elected:

Chairperson: Pat Molyneaus (Old Mill)

Vice-chairperson: John O'Grady (Mungret/St Pauls)

Secretary: Michael Murphy (Mungret/St Pauls)

Assistant Secretary: Ann Sexton (Croom)

Treasurer: Kathleen Murphy (Mungret/St Pauls)

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Buckley (Dromcollogher/Broadford)

Registrar: Mary Murphy (Mungret/St Pauls)

PRO: Maire Halvey-Purcell (St Albes)

Development Officer: John McGrath (Monagea)

Culture/Lang. Off: Colm Ward (Mungret/St Pauls)

How our county teams fared out – under 14. On the 8 April 2000 in Fermoy, victory for Limerick over Waterford on a scoreline 1-09 to 2-04. At home in Feenagh 15<sup>th</sup> April going down to Cork 3-20 to no score. Away to Kerry on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April defeated 7-09 to 0-02, played in Dr. Crokes Killarney. On the 1<sup>st</sup> May in Feenagh, a win over Tipperary 5-12 to 1-02. This win enough to see Limerick into the Munster Plate Final, before final league game against Clare. Both counties agreeable to play before or after this date, Munster Council refuse Limerick's request and final awarded to Clare.

Limerick took part in the Munster Coaches Cup, a tournament organised by Waterford. Played Clare in Torbert and Waterford in Pallasgreen losing both games. On the 29<sup>th</sup> July the Blitz in Mullingar, some exciting games but no success, everybody enjoyed the experience and the Blitz.

Our Under 14 team managed by Michael O'Connor with Colette O'Grady, Catherine Murphy and John McGrath, selectors.

A rising tide lifts all boats, and the tide come into Limerick on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2000, when they lifted the Munster Under 16 Championship, after a heart stopping game against Waterford in Sean Tracey Park, Tipperary. Final score Limerick 2-12 Waterford 2-10. Limerick defeated Cork in a semi-final replay 4-08 to 2-08 on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July in Ballygran. Drawn game played in Grenagh 5<sup>th</sup> July. Croke 3-10

Limerick 4-07. On the 5<sup>th</sup> August at Birr, defeated by a superb Meath team 6-18 to 2-07, in the all Ireland semi-final. Congratulations to the management team on bringing a first Under 16 Munster title to Limerick. Manager Pat Higgins, Noel Brosnan, Jody McCarthy and Ann Lawlor.

Our minor team took on Kerry in Beaufort on the 19 July 2000, defeated in an exciting game 3-15 to 4-07.

The minor and junior teams under the management of Pat Higgins and John Leonard. Our League Championship for the juniors started in Kildimo on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 1999, victory over Tipperary 6-12 to 10 points.

Going down to Galway 2-11 to 1-05 on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2000 in Ballindereen. Victory over Wicklow on 19<sup>th</sup> March in Ballybrown 5-11 to 2-04. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April travelled to Eire Og grounds in Carlow, going down to Carlow 3-14 to 2-08. On the 9<sup>th</sup> April in Kildimo, Limerick 1-11 – Laois 2-05. On the 16<sup>th</sup> April in Elphin, Roscommon 6-09, Limerick 3-09. Needing the points from the last game against Leitrim to qualify for latter stages of the League, Limerick travelled to Leitrim the previous day, and an overnight stay in Aughavas was not enough as Leitrim won the game 3-08 to 1-04. Many thanks to the O'Donoghue family for providing the accommodation.

The next outing for the junior team was in the Bank of Ireland Munster Championship. With two games guaranteed. the first against Waterford on the 9<sup>th</sup> July in Bansha Limerick, go down 1-20 to 0-07. Limerick understrength due to under 16 semi-final the following evening. At full strength on 15<sup>th</sup> July in Kilrush, beating Clare 3-17 to 2-10. Needed to win both games to qualify for Munster final. But Limerick were represented in Bruff, on with the Peil Cailini Oza team, but going down to Kerry in the final, having recorded victories over Waterford and Clare played in conjunction with the junior games. Ours stars of the future were under the management of Anne Buckley, Siobhan Reidy McCarthy, Norma O'Brien, Teresa Cregan-Stack and Mary O'Sullivan.

Our County competitions.

10 teams for Feile competition.

Gerald Griffin, Monagea, St. Ailbes, Mungret/St Pauls, Pallasgreen, Dromcollogher/Broadford, Old Mill, Bruree, Rathkeale and Ballylanders.

The weather failed us on the 1<sup>st</sup> April but did get to semi-final stages with Mungret/St Pauls meeting Bruree in Athlacea and Drumcollogher/Broadford, meeting Gerald Griffins in Foynes, both games 5<sup>th</sup> April. Bruree and Dromcollogher/Broadford set for final 9<sup>th</sup> April in Feenagh. Drumcollogher/Broadford take West Board trophy and honour to represent Limerick at Feile, beating Bruree 3-04 to 1-03.

Our Under 12 is 13 a side, 9 teams compete, Athea, Bromcollogher/Broadford A and B, Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Gerald Griffins, Monagea, Mungret/St Pauls, Old Mill, St Albies.

In the semi-finals "A" Championship, Gerald Griffin beat Feohanagh/Castlemahon 8-04 to 4-05, played in Foynes on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. Dromcollogher/Broadford beat Old Mill 2-05 to 0-03, played in Newcastle West on 10 September. The final played in Foynes on 24<sup>th</sup> September. The O'Donovan Cup go to Dromcollogher/Broadford after beating Gerald Griffins 6-05 to 2-03. In the A Shield final, Old Mill beat Castlemahon 4-09 to 1-05 in a replay on 8<sup>th</sup> October in Dromcollogher, after both teams drew a week earlier in Rathkeale.

In the Under 12 "B" Championship, St. Ailbes beat Monagea 3-05 to 1-03 in one semi-final, played in Croom, the other semi-final, Athea beat Mungret/St Pauls 1-06 to 1-05 in Drumcollogher, both on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. In the final on 21<sup>st</sup> October in

Croom. St Ailbes beat Athea 2-03 to 0-03. In the Under12 "B" Shield on the same day Mungret/St Pauls gave Monagea a walkover.

This Under 12 Championship was sponsored by Goggin & Buckley of Dromcollogher.

Our Under 14 was graded for first time "A" and "B". Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Dromcollogher/Broadford, St Ailbes, Gerard Griffins, Mungret/St Pauls and Rathkeale in the "A".

The top two to emerge for the final were Drumcollogher/Broadford and Gerald griffins. The final played in Athea on the 15<sup>th</sup> June Drom/Broadford take the Liam O'Connor Cup on a scoreline 6-09 to 3 goals.

In the Shield semi-finals on 21<sup>st</sup> June in Killcornan, St Ailbes 5-08 to Feohanagh/Castlemahon 1-02, Rathkeale 1-14 to Mungret 1-10.

Final played in Croom 20<sup>th</sup> September.

St Ailbes 3-04, Rathkeale 2-04.

In the "B" competition

Ballylanders, Monagea, Old Mill, Bruree, Croom and Athea. Bruree and Monageo come through for the Championship final, which was played in Feenagh on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, where Bruree win a first county title on a scoreline 2-09 to 3 goals. In the "B" Shield final, Old Mill too good for newcomers Ballylanders, score 6-06 to 3-02. Played in Mungret on the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Our Under 16 Competition**

Graded "A" and "B", Gerald Griffins, Old Mill, Athea, Rathkeale, Croom and Bruree in the "A".

Old Mill and Croom emerge for the final on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October in Feenagh. Old Mill easy winners 4-05 to 0-02, and take the Higgins Fitted Furniture Cup back west. This competition also sponsored by Higgins Fitted Furniture.

In the "A" Shield semi-finals, Bruree through to final after win over Rathkeale 2-07 to 3-03 played in Bruree on the 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Gerald Griffins beat Athea 3-06 to 1-08 on the 18<sup>th</sup> February played in Ardagh.

In the final. Bruree 4-06 Gerald Griffins 2-10, played Cappagh on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2001.

In the "B" competition – Dromcollogher/Broadford, Monagea, Mungret/St Pauls, Ballylanders, st Ailbes and Feohanagh/Castlemahon.

Monagea and Mungret/St Pauls replay the final in Croagh on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2000, where Monagea collect their first county title 4-08 to 1-02. Drawn game on the 24<sup>th</sup> September in Foynes. Monagea 2-4 Mungret/St Pauls 1-07.

In the "B" Shield semi-finals on the 15<sup>th</sup> September in Croom,

Feohanagh/Castlemahon 1-13 Ballylanders 2 goals.

Dromcollogher/Broadford 5-08 St Ailbes 3-06.

The final played in Mungret on the 21<sup>st</sup> October Drom/Broadford 6-14

Feohanagh/Castlemahon 3-03

### **Our Minor Championship**

The final reviewed at the start which was played Easter Sunday 16 April 2001.

Loughill Fireplaces Cup for Gerald Griffins. In the semi-final Gerald Griffins 2-08 Ballylanders 0-01.

Played in Bruree 24<sup>th</sup> March. The following day in Foynes Athea 1-11 to Monagea 2-05 the other semi-final.

Junior League – Participants

Dromcollogher/Broadford, Gerald Griffins, Mungret/St Pauls, Old Mill, Pallasgreen, Rathkeale.



Old Mill top the group and beat Gerald Griffins in semi-final 2-14 to 2-02 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June in Foynes. Mungret/St Pauls win toss for home advantage against Croom played 17<sup>th</sup> May, Mungret 4-02 Croom 1-03.

Final in Killcornan 9 August 2000.

Old Mill 5-16 Mungret/ St Pauls 1-07.

J J Kenneally Cup for Old Mill.

### **Junior Championship**

Some teams as League plus Askeaton who were fortunate to receive into the semifinal.

Three quarter finals played in Bruree on the 20<sup>th</sup> August. Rathkeale beat Pallasgreen, Mungret/ St Pauls beat Drom/Broadford and Old Mill beat Croom.

In Croagh on the 27 August semi-final, Askeaton 8-10 Rathkeale 2.01. In Killcornan

On 10<sup>th</sup> September Old Mill 7-09 Mungret/St Pauls 4-02.

Finally played 24<sup>th</sup> September in Athea, Old Mill 4-12 Askeaton 3.05.

Courtney Lodge Hotel Cup for Old Mill.

### **Senior League**

3 teams Gerald Griffins, Athea and Mungret/St Pauls.

Athea and Gerald Griffins contest final on 12<sup>th</sup> May in Athea. The Gables Cup going to Gerald Griffins 2-11 to 1.06

### **Senior Championship**

Old Mill and Askeaton combine as Deel Gales and meet Athea in semi-final beaten 4-10 to 3-06. Mungret/St Pauls go down to Gerald Griffins 4-13 to 4-03.

Both semi-finals played in Askeaton on the 13<sup>th</sup> August. The final played on 23<sup>rd</sup> August in Glinn. Gerald Griffins 1-08 Athea 0-9. The Madigan Cup for Gerald Griffins and sponsored by Pat Tiernan Motors, Nissan Dealers, Shanagolden.

### **Clubs**

Dromcollogher/Broadford did Limerick proud when they represented Limerick at Feile in Dublin, reaching the Division 2 final.

Mungret/St Pauls take part in Kilmacud Crokes and in All-Ireland 7 a side. Athea reach semi-final of All-Ireland sevens go down to Limahoe. Askeaton take part in the junior seven a side.

Pride of place must go to Gerald Griffins who on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2000 bring first Junior Club All-Ireland Championship to Limerick. Played in St Lomans Mullingar.

The AIB All-Ireland Junior Club final Gerald Griffins 1-11 Donaghmoynne (Monaghan) 1-08. They overcome Sarsfield (Laois) 7-07 to 3-05 in the semi-final, too good for Cloncool (Sligo) 5-15 to 2-9.

In the Munster final played in Buttevant, Gerald Griffins 3-05 St Vals (Crok 1-10.

Having beaten Aherlow (Tipperary) 5-11 to 5-05 in a replay after drawing 2-06 to 1-09

### **History – Limerick 2001**

After the success of Gerald Griffins in the AIB Junior All-Ireland final and a first Under 16 Munster Championship title last year, much attention would focus on the fortunes of Limerick during the year 2001 – and what a year, we had many highlights.

County claim the Munster Junior Championship for the first time. The Under14s win the Munster Plate, Primary School girls parade in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day.

Replacement All-Star for Dymphna O'Brien. New sponsor for the year in Golden Vale – Mick Dawson. 20,000 watch Limerick junior team in All-Ireland quarter-final in Ennis. Two Limerick colleges in Munster final.

A year that started with threatening foot and mouth disease, teachers strike and adverse weather conditions. A combination of all three led to the abandonment of the Limerick Colleges Junior Competition. St Josephs win the senior final.

Congratulations to all winners and runners up of the competitions throughout the year, not alone those but every primary school, post primary college and club that took part during the year.

Thanks to that man of many talents, Timmy Woulfe for co-ordinating the post primary.

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Dromcollogher Community College overcome near neighbours Newcastlewest to win the Munster Vocational Schools final 5-08 to 1-06 in Newcastlewest.

Now for our county teams – The Under 14 team travelled to Ardfinnan on the 14<sup>th</sup> April and beat Tipperary 4-10 to 0-07. On the 21<sup>st</sup> April in Dromcollogher, Limerick were beaten by Kerry 4-08 to 0-03, a heavier defeat on 28<sup>th</sup> April in Grenagh Cork 11-17 to 0-00. The 5<sup>th</sup> May in Bansha Waterford 5-14 Limerick 2-05. Needing a win over Clare to qualify for Plate they duly oblige on the 12<sup>th</sup> May in Ballybrown 6-08 to 2-04. The game was called off on the 7<sup>th</sup> April due to weather conditions. In the Plate final, played in Bruff on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, Limerick turn the tables on Waterford in a thrilling game 3-09 to 4-05.

The team took part in the Blitz in Mullingar on the 16<sup>th</sup> June – they enjoyed the day. It was disappointing that they did not have a team for the Munster Coaches Cup play in Clare on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. The Manager of the under 14 team, Michael O'Connor, selectors, Colette O'Grady and Catherine Murphy.

In the Under 16 Munster Championship, Limerick were through to the semi-final after a victory over Tipperary, on a scoreline of 0-14 to 0-04. They played on the 12<sup>th</sup> April in Ardfinnan. In a hectic semi-final against Kerry on the 11<sup>th</sup> May in Athea., the sides are deadlocked after the hour 2-08 each. In extra time Limerick squander many chances and lose by two points 3-15 to 3-13. No back to back Under 16 Munster Championship for Limerick. The Manager of the Under 16 team Pat Higgins, selectors, Ann Lawlor, Noel Brosnan and Jody McCarthy.

In the minor Championship, the opposition is Kerry in the quarter final played the 4<sup>th</sup> July in Athea. Like the Under 16 could not take the chances and go out of the Championship 3-12 to 1-11. The Manager of the Minor team, John Leonard, selectors Mike Nash, Mike Moynihan, coach Eddie O'Sullivan.

The same management for the Junior team as the Minor who had their first league game in Ardfinnan on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2000, Limerick take the points 5-05 to 1-10. The first outing for 2001 was a trip to Kilcoole, not to see them film an episode of Glenroe, but to play Wicklow on 11<sup>th</sup> February, Limerick 5-15 Wicklow 0-03. On 'home ground' in Kildimo on the 1<sup>st</sup> April against Roscommon, exciting finish, Roscommon win 2-12 to 2-08. On the 8<sup>th</sup> April Limerick travelled to Grangnovlan to play Kildare, the pitch was waterlogged and the game was called off. Back home for the game against Meath "B" on the 15<sup>th</sup> April in Kilfinane, Limerick win 5-15 to 2-12. On home ground, Kildimo on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, good win over Westmeath 1-14 to 1-08. Another easy victory on Saturday evening on the 28<sup>th</sup> April in Crecora against Carlow – 5-13 to 1-01. The game against Kildare refixed for the 7<sup>th</sup> May in Newbridge, Limerick were beaten 1-14 to 2-02. Despite this defeat Limerick qualify for the All-Ireland League quarter final, paired against Cavan, the game played in Breffini Park on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. In a thrilling game, Limerick lose out in the last few minutes 1-17 to 3-07.

However little did anybody think that by 11<sup>th</sup> August, Limerick would be Munster Junior Champions for the first time, reach the All-Ireland semi-final after a heart stopping quarter final victory.

The Munster Championship in two groups, two to qualify for the semi-finals.

Limerick first game against Tipperary on the 30<sup>th</sup> June in Cahir. Limerick only start to play in the last ten minutes and lose by a point 2-12 to 1-14. Next game against Clare who had beaten Tipperary, but Limerick record easy win 7-07 to 1-02, played on 14<sup>th</sup> July in Athea. This win ensured a rematch against Tipperary, which was played on the 18<sup>th</sup> July in Croagh. An easy victory for Limerick 3-20 to 1-07. This win gave Limerick a semi-final place against Cork which took place in Charleville on the 21<sup>st</sup> July. Holding a 8 point lead in the second half, we were thrown a life line to draw the game, Limerick 2-12 to Cork 3-09. The replay fixed for the same venue on the 25<sup>th</sup> July, this time Limerick had the right answer victory 3-13 to 3-07. The Munster final fixed for Bruff on the 5<sup>th</sup> August, Limerick set out to meet Waterford, with 10 minutes on the clock and leading by 13 points, Limerick looked set for victory but let the chance slip and were held to a draw, 4-11 each. The replay fixed for the following Saturday on the 11<sup>th</sup> August in Ballyhooly, on this occasion, Limerick prove too good for Waterford winners 3-12 to 1-07. A first Munster Junior Championship for Limerick.

You may recall it was at this venue in 1996 and against Waterford that Limerick won their first Munster title, the Under 14 Championship.

Some of the players and management that day involved with this wonderful Munster Championship victory. Limerick were to have home advantage against Ulster Champions, Donegal in the All-Ireland quarter final on the 25<sup>th</sup> August but conceded this to play in Ennis prior to the Limerick versus Galway Under 21 All-Ireland hurling semi-final. It proved worthwhile, with little time remaining and Limerick under pressure, the 20,000 audience were called upon and Limerick responded to snatch victory 2-11 to 1-11. This win left Limerick one hour away from Croke Park. But Roscommon came between them and that appearance in Croke Park on the 8<sup>th</sup> September in Ballinasloe. Roscommon 0-14 Limerick 1-04.

It must be said Limerick were short some players due to injuries and holidays.

Lets look to the future, what we now have was once among the things only hoped for. We can look forward to new opportunities and ideas as we strive to improve, but it takes the co-operation of everyone to make it work. Limerick were fortunate to find a generous sponsor in Golden Vale. The launch of this sponsorship took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> April in Mungret/St Pauls GAA.

This year Munster Council decided that six girls from schools and from each county would be divided into two teams and play on Munster final day, well done to all the girls who took part in the early round and to Teresa Cregan Stack, Norma O'Brien, Mary O'Sullivan and Colette O'Grady for looking after them. They may be our future champions. And to Mary and Colette who took the selected girls to Croke Park on All-Ireland final day on the 29<sup>th</sup> September.

The Under 14 Munster Plate panel were as follows:

Sinead O'Connor (Dromcollogher/Broadford) captain, Shannon Brosnan (Bruree), Anne Marie Curtin (Gerald Griffins), Fiona Clarke (Bruree), Elaine Crowley (Bruree), Roisin Cussen (Bruree), Catriona Davis (Monagea), Olivia Giltenane (Mungret/St Pauls) Rebecca Griffin (Gerald Griffins), Maria Hayes (Gerald Griffins), Karen Howard (Croom), Jane Hurley (Croom), Ciara Kelleher (Drumcollogher/Broadford), Joanne Lane (t Ailbes), Amy Lawlor (Old Mill), Hazel Lenihan (Bruree), Rosemarie Linehan (Feohanagh/Castlemahon), Jennifer Liston (Feohanagh/Castlemahon), Sinead McAuliffe (Bruree), Helena McCarthy (Old Mill), Michelle McCarthy (Bruree), Lisa Molyneaux (Dromcollogher/Broadford), Ciara Morrissey (Bruree), Naomi Mulcahy (st Ailbes), Aisling Mulvihill (Old Mill), Elizabeth De Nais (Old Mill), Sarah Nix (Feohanagh/Castlemahon), Yvonne Nolan (Monagea), Sandra O'Connor

(Feohanagh/Castlemahon), Grace 'Mahoney (Feohanagh/Castlemahon), Mary O'Mahoney (Mungret/St Pauls), Ide O'Shaughnessy (Gerald Griffins).

### **The Junior panel**

Eimear Enright (Gerald Griffins), captain, Catriona Ambrose (Gerald Griffins), Mary Antoinette Ambrose (Gerald Griffins), Lisa Cahill (Croom) Dyan Carroll (Old Mill), Olivia Carrig (Mungret/St Pauls), Mary Ita Casey (Athea), Maureen Copse (Old Mill), Calire Coughlan (Bruree), Aine Cummins (Bruree), Ann Curtin (Croom), Marie Claire Curtin (Croom), Kate Galvin (Croom), Lisa Garvey (Mungret/St Pauls), Martina Giltenane (Mungret/St Pauls), Rosemarie Giltenane (Mungret/St Pauls), Leanne Higgins (Athea), Louise Higgins (Athea), Deirdre Lyons (Old Mill) Yvette Moynihan (Croom), Teresa Mulcaire (Old Mill), Catherine Murphy (Mungret/St Pauls), Lizzie Murphy (Athea), Meadhbh de Nais (Athea), Dympna O'Brien (Gerald Griffins), Sandra O'Brien (Gerald Griffins), Bridgette O'Connor (Gerald Griffins), Ella O'Shaughnessy (Gerald Griffins), Aine O'Sullivan (Old Mill), Jessie Quaid (Old Mill), Mary Shire (Mungret/St Pauls).

Catriona Davis player of the match Under 14 final

Dympna O'Brien player of the match Munster Junior final

Jessie Quaid player of the match All-Ireland semi-final.

The players were presented with their medals at a victory dinner dance in the Courteney Lodge Hotel on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2001.

### **Our Club Championships**

Held over from 2000, the Under 16 "B" final. This game played on the 25<sup>th</sup> March in Cappagh, Bruree overame Gerald Griffins 4-06 – 2-10.

The 2000 Minor semi-finals, 24<sup>th</sup> March in Bruree, Gerald Griffins 2-08 Ballylanders 0-01. 25<sup>th</sup> March in Foynes, Athea 1-11 Monagea 2-05. Final 16<sup>th</sup> April, Croom the venue, Gerald Griffins 4-9 to Athea 3-9.

The 2000 Under 11 Blitz was played on the 9<sup>th</sup> June in Dromcollogher, straight final. Dromcollogher/Broadford 3-05 Monagea 1-02. This for the inaugural Meehan Sponsored Cup and medals.

### **2001**

We had our first 2001 final on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April in Mungret, when Dromcollogher/Broadford beat Bruree 4-02 to 3-01, to represent Limerick at Feile in Tipperary. They did us proud in 2000 when they were beaten in the Division " final in Dublin. They also did us proud that year when they reached Division 1 semi-final. The following clubs took part in this competition. Mungret/St Pauls, St Ailbes, Ballylanders, Bruree, Dromcollogher/Broadford, Monagea and Gerald Griffins – Drom/Broadford retain the West Board Trophy for 2001.

Our Under 12 competition divided into two groups, East and West.

In the east – Pallasgreen, St Ailbes, Croom, Bruree and Mungret/St Pauls.

In the west – Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Dromcollogher/Broadford, Monagea, Gerald Griffins, Athea and Old Mill.

Run on a league basis, St Ailbes and Bruree from the east plus Monagea and Drom/Broadford from the west qualify for the semi-finals.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Bruree St Ailbes overcome Monagea 1-05 to 1-02. On the 24<sup>th</sup> May in Croom, Drom/Broadford beat Bruree 3-06 – 2-05.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> May played in Croom, the final. Drom/Broadford 3-04

St Ailbes 2-02. The O'Donovan Cup for Drom/Broadford.

The "A" Sheild final played in Croom on 4<sup>th</sup> June, Monagea 1-03 – Bruree 1-01.

In the "B" semi-finals.

21 June in Bruree, Croom 1-05 F/Castlemahon 3-08.

22<sup>nd</sup> June in Rathkeale, Old Mill 2-09 Gerald Griffins 2-06  
In the final 28<sup>th</sup> June in Castlemahon, Feohanagh/Castlemahon 1-02 Old Mill 1-10  
The “B” Shield final  
Played 29<sup>th</sup> June Rathkeale, Gerald Griffins 3-03 Croom 1-00.  
In the Under 14, same system as Under 12.  
Ballylanders, Bruree, St Ailbes and Mungret/St Pauls – one group.  
Dromcollogher/Broadford, Old Mill, Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Monagea and  
Gerald Griffins.  
In the semi-finals.  
20<sup>th</sup> June at Rathkeale, Bruree 3-12 Gerald Griffins 2-11  
20<sup>th</sup> June at Croom, Drom/Broadford 1-05 St Ailbes 1-02  
The “A” final 28<sup>th</sup> June in Feenagh, Bruree avenge Feile defeat and beat  
Drom/Broadford 3-10 to 3-05. The Liam O’Connor Cup for Bruree.  
In the “A” Shield final played in Croom, Gerald Griffins too strong for Ailbes on a  
scoreline 3-09 to 1-04.  
In the Under 14 “B” semi-final in Ballylanders 5<sup>th</sup> July Mungret/St Pauls end all  
square 3-05 each. In the replay 12<sup>th</sup> July in Bruree, Mungret/St Pauls 3-12  
Ballylanders 2-06.  
On the 4<sup>th</sup> July in Monegea, Monegea beat Feohanagh/Castlemahon 2-09 to 1-09.  
In the final played in Croom 16<sup>th</sup> July, Monagea 1-05 – Mungret/St Pauls 1-03.  
In the “B” Shield final played in Croom on 14<sup>th</sup> October,  
Feohanagh/Castlemahon 6-09 Ballylanders 2-09.  
The Under 16 divided into “A” and “B” competitions played on a league basis, with  
the top two teams for the final I both “A” and “B” events.  
In the “A”, the following teams – Old Mill, Gerald Griffins, Monagea, Bruree,  
Drom/Broadford.  
After a tough league, Monagea do battle with Bruree in the final played in Feenagh  
24<sup>th</sup> November. Monagea capture the Higgins Fitted furniture Cup on a scoreline  
4-06 to 2-09.  
In the “A” Shield semi-final Drom/Broadford 3-07 to Gerald Griffins 0-04 played 24<sup>th</sup>  
November in Coolyroe, the same day in Abbeyfeale, athea beat Old Mill 7-10 to 4-04.  
The final yet to be played.  
In the “B” Championship, Croom and Mungret/St Pauls do battle in the final on the  
8<sup>th</sup> December in Croagh. Result Croom 5-04 Mungret/St Pauls 3-03.  
In the “B” Shield semi-final on the 25<sup>th</sup> November in Croom, victory for St Albies 3-  
07 to 3-04. Ballylanders had a bye to the final. The final yet to be played.  
Croom, Ballylanders, St Albes, Mungret/St Pauls and Feohanagh/Castlemahon played  
in the Under 16 B competition.  
The minor semi-finals were played on the 9<sup>th</sup> December.  
Monagea 2-09 Gerald Griffins 0-01 played in Feenagh. The other semi-final same  
day played in Croom – Old Mill 4-08 Bruree 2-03.  
The final Monagea 1-01 Old Mill 0-07 played in Feenagh on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. Elm  
Fireplaces Cup for Old Mill.  
The following teams entered the senior competition.  
Athea, Bruree, Croom, Dromcollogher/Broadford, Gerald Griffins, Monagea, Old  
Mill and Pallasgreen.  
In the Junior league the following teams entered, Ballylanders, Bruree, Croom,  
Drom/Broadford, Gerald Griffins, Mungret/St Pauls, Old Mill and Pallasgreen.  
In one semi-final, Bruree and Mungret/St Pauls are level after extra time 4-07 to  
Bruree 2-13 for Mungret/St Pauls, played in Croom on the 7<sup>th</sup> August. In the replay

Bruree 1-09 Mungret/St Pauls 2-03, played in Athlacca on 20<sup>th</sup> August.  
In the other semi-final Old Mill 3-08 Croom 1-07, played in Rathkeale 12<sup>th</sup> August.  
In the final on 23<sup>rd</sup> August in Croom, Old Mill 6-11 Bruree 2-05, the J J Kenneally Cup for Old Mill.

Old Mill to play in the Intermediate Championship have also won the Junior Championship last year.

The four teams to emerge for the Junior Championship semi-finals –  
Bruree v Gerald Griffins, Drom/Broadford v Croom.

Bruree too good for Gerald Griffins on the scoreline 2-10 to 2-06 played 13<sup>th</sup> October in Croom. A week earlier in Rathkeale Drom/Broadford defeat Croom 5-03 to 2-02.

The final played on 20<sup>th</sup> October in Feenagh, where Drom/Broadford create a major surprise by taking the Courteney Lodge Cup. Drom/Broadford 4-10 Bruree 2-06.

This was some surprise to many as they were grouped with Pallasgreen, Ballylanders and Gerald Griffins in a Junior Novice competition. The final which still has to be played between themselves and Gerald Griffins.

In the Senior Championship, Gerald Griffins have a bye to the final. In the semifinal, Athea beat Mungret/St Pauls 4-11 to 3-03, played in Askeaton on the 19<sup>th</sup> August.

In the final, Athea hold out to beat Gerald Griffins 3-08 to 3-07, played in Glin on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August .

The Senior League final fixed for 25<sup>th</sup> November between Athea and Gerald Griffins. Gerald Griffins unable to field a team due to injuries and work commitments.

Mungret/St Pauls and Athea were regarded to Intermediate to play along with Old Mill in Intermediate Championship. But Athea's win in the Senior Championship left Old Mill to play Mungret/St Pauls in the final, which was played in Kildimo on the 29<sup>th</sup> August. Mungret/St Pauls win 3-08 to 2-06. A new cup for the competition sponsored by Estary.

Athea represented Limerick in the Munster Intermediate Championship and advance to the final after a semi-final win over Fergus Rovers 2-10 to 1-07, played in the Gaelic grounds on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. In the final again St Vals, they were beaten by 12 points to 7 points. Having failed to play to their full potential due to car accident on the way to the game, thankfully only the cars were damaged. The final played in Ballydesmond on the 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Mungret/St Pauls represented Limerick in the Munster Junior Championship on the 1<sup>st</sup> September in Ardfinnon. They go down to Clashmore 2-18 to 2-08.

The 2001 Under 11 Blitz was played in Mick Neville Park on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, only three Clubs took part. In the final St Albes prove too strong for Monagea. The Under 13 Blitz was played the following day 23<sup>rd</sup> September, also in Mick Neville Park.

St Albes, Drom/Broadford, Mungret/St Pauls, Croom and Monagea take part. St Ailbes and Drom/Broadford qualify for the final. Drom/Broadford ran out winners. Two most enjoyable days of football. Thanks to you Clubs.

Three Clubs, four teams take part in the All-Ireland 7 a side. Athea reach semi-final of the senior competition played in St. Vincents.

Gerald Griffins teams play in the Intermediate and do well. Mungret/St Pauls play in the Junior and lose out for play offs as a result of a drawn game.

The intermediate and junior were played in Naomh Mearnog.

Once again thanks to the GAA Clubs for their pitches and facilities. The Limerick County Board for Mick Neville Park for training and the Blitz competitions.

To the press and media for their coverage. Our main sponsor, Golden Vale and all

those who supported our financial appeal and placed advertisements in programmes. A year in which it cost €17,000 more to run, due to the success of county teams. To all county teams and management and the many award winners –

### **CONGRATULATIONS.**

It's tough getting to the top, to stay there is even tougher. With our ideas high enough to inspire us and low enough to encourage us and having done so much with so little for so long, we are now qualified to achieve that first All-Ireland Championship, sooner rather than later.

### **Let 2002 be the year!!!!**

The Officers who were elected at conventions in Mick Neville Park on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2000 were as follows:

Chairperson: Pat Molyneaux

Vice-Chairperson: Tom Madigan

Secretary: Michael Murphy

Assistant Secretary: Ann Sexton

Treasurer: Kathleen Murphy

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Buckley

Registrar: Mary Murphy

PRO: John O'Grady

Development: Tom Madigan

Culture & Language: Colm Ward

Delegates to Munster Council: Tom Madigan

Kathleen Murphy

Michael Murphy

Delegates to Central Council: John O'Grady

Michael Murphy

Delegates to Annual Congress: John O'Grady

Michael Murphy

### **History 2002**

The annual convention took place in Monagea on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2001 at 8.15 pm.

The following are the officers elected for 2002:

Chairperson: Tom Madigan

Vice-chairperson: Pat Molyneaux

Secretary: Michael Murphy

Assistant Secretary: Ann Sexton

Treasurer: Kathleen Murphy

Assistant Treasurer: Noel Brosnan

Registrar: Mary Murphy

PRO/Dev. Officer: Catherine Murphy

Language & Culture: Colm Ward

Post Primary Schools: Timmy Woulfe Secretary

Michael Fitzgerald, Treasurer Central Council, was a guest at the Convention.

Congratulations to St. Josephs, Doon of winning a Munster School title, defeating Presentation, Clonmel in the final 4-07 to 2-07.

Congratulations to Mary Immaculate team which included Ella O'Sahughnessy and Rose Giltenane, winners to the Lynch Cup. University of Limerick runners up in the O'Connor Cup. Emer Enright and Mary Ita Casey, member of the U.L. team. Also to Emer, a recipient of a scholarship to the university.

The fortunes of our county teams – Under 14. Limerick drawn with Kerry and Cork

for league stages of the Munster Championship.

30<sup>th</sup> March 2002: Kerry 6-14 Limerick 0-02 played in Dr. Crokes, Killarney

13<sup>th</sup> April 2002: Limerick 0-00 Cork 9-21, played in Ballyagran Limerick

Qualified for the Munster Plate final against Clare, this games played in Fermoy 25<sup>th</sup> May, final score Clare 3-05, Limerick 1-04.

The Management of the Under 14 team: Michael O'Connor, selectors: Colette O'Grady, Catherine Murphy, Josephine Garvey.

The Under 16 team under the same management as the Under 14 team.

6<sup>th</sup> April 2002, Kerry 4-17 Limerick 2-02 played in Killorglin.

For their second game, Limerick concede home advantage on the 20<sup>th</sup> April and travel to Clare 21<sup>st</sup> April, Clare 1-08 Limerick 2-05, played in Crusheen.

The replay took place 1<sup>st</sup> May 2002 in Glin (Limerick) Limerick 1-07, Clare 2-16.

The end of our Under 16 Championship.

### **The Minor Championship**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2002, Waterford 5-30, Limerick 0-03 played in Emly Tipperary.

Clare travelled over for the next game on 13<sup>th</sup> April but due to a tragedy in Limerick, the game was called off. Game fixed for 17<sup>th</sup> April, Limerick travel to Kilmihill Clare 4-11 to 1-10.

Minor team management:

Manager: Pat Higgins

Selectors: Ann Lawlor, Jody McCarthy, Noel Brosnan

The junior team under the same management open their All-Ireland League campaign on 10<sup>th</sup> March in Feenagh against Cavan. Limerick have goal disallowed in closing stages, Cavan 2-08 Limerick 2-06.

Special thanks to Feenagh/Kilmeedy GAA Club for ensuring this game was played on 10<sup>th</sup> March due to inclement weather the previous day.

Our next game on 7<sup>th</sup> April in Kildimo against Galway. Limerick 2-01 Galway 4-16 Abbeyleix was the half-way venue for our game against Louth on the 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Limerick 4.08 Louth 1-08.

Our next at home against Wexford was billed as a double header prior to Limerick v Clare senior football game for the opening of the new pitch in Mungret on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2002. But the weather proved the spoil sport and the game was played on the old pitch. Wexford emerge winners by a point. Limerick 3-10 Wexford 3-11.

That one point defeat sent us travelling for a play-off against Louth. A defeat would mean relegation, that is what happened on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2002 in Mountmellick. Louth too good for a depleted Limerick on a score, Louth 4-10 Limerick 1-06. That completed our National League campaign for 2002.

In the Munster Junior championship Limerick drawn with Cork and Kerry. After winning the title the previous year, hopes were high of retaining the trophy. Hopes were further elevated after an easy win over Cork in opening game on the 7<sup>th</sup> July in Charleville. Limerick 6-06 Cork 0-03. In the next game Limerick hold out for a draw against Kerry on the 14<sup>th</sup> July in Feenagh Limerick – Limerick 3-14 Kerry 4-11.

That draw was sufficient for Limerick to qualify for a semi-final spot against Waterford. This game was played in New Inn on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. Limerick into the final after beating Waterford 3-14 to 1-06.

A confident Limerick travel to Emly on the 10<sup>th</sup> August for the Munster final against Cork. What we anticipate seldom occurs and what we least expect generally happens, so true as Limerick have to settle for the runner up medal after losing the Munster final to Cork on a scoreline 1-12 to 1-08. Limerick had their chances to win the game.

**What's another year!!**



Thanks to Joan O'Callaghan and her Monagea club mates who looked after the Cailini Oga teams, one for the game against Cork and the other for the game against Kerry, played the same day as the Junior team played Cork and Kerry.

Money, a terrible boss but a great servant! Thanks to Golden Vale for their sponsorship, the Limerick GAA and the Limerick VEC for grants and the organising committee for the Fashion Shoe on the 27 February in the Devon Inn Hotel, Templeglantine.

Back to the playing fields for our 2002 county competitions. Starting with the Under 12 competition, 12 teams divide into two groups:

### **Group 1 Group 2**

Bruree, Croom, Mungret/St Pauls Domcollogher/Broadford, Oola, Pallasgreen and St Ailbes Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Gerald Griffins Monagea, Old Mill and Athea.

Played on a league basis, the two from each Group qualify for the semi-finals of "A" Championship.

Group 1 top two – St Ailbes and Pallasgreen

Group 2 top two – Monagea and Gerald Griffins

Semi-final 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Croom St Ailbes 2-07 Gerald Griffins 1-01

Semi-final 31<sup>st</sup> May in Croom Monagea 0-05 Pallasgreen 1-01

Final 3<sup>rd</sup> June in Kildimo St Ailbes 4-06 Monagea 0-06

The beaten semi-finalist play in the "A" Shield final

7<sup>th</sup> June in Croom Pallasgreen 6-02 Gerald Griffins 2-04

For the "B" Championship, an open draw for the remaining clubs – play quarter finals. Mungret/St Pauls too good for Feohanagh/Castlemahon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Croom. Oola too strong for the Old Mill on the 1<sup>st</sup> June in Feenagh, at the same venue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June Dromcollogher/Broadford too good for Croom.

Semi-final Mungret 1-06 Bruree 0-03 14<sup>th</sup> June, Croom

Semi-final Dromcollogher/Broadford 4-04 Oola 1-01 24<sup>th</sup> June Bruree

In the "B" Championship final on 26<sup>th</sup> June in Kildimo

Mungret/St Pauls 4-04 Dromcollogher/Broadford 0-01

In the "B" Shield final 29<sup>th</sup> September in Pallasgreen

Oola 2-05 Bruree 0-02

Our Under 12 competition completed.

The Under 14 competition

14 teams into two Groups

### **Group 1 Group 2**

Athea, Dromcollogher/Broadford Ballylanders, Bruree, Croom

Fr Caseys, Monagea, Mungret/St Pauls, Pallasgreen,

Feohanagh/Castlemahon St Ailbes and Oola

Gerald Griffins and Old Mill

Top two teams for Group 1

Dromcollogher/Broadford and Old Mill

Top two teams from Group 2

St Ailbes and Bruree

Semi-final 27<sup>th</sup> June in Feenagh

Dromcollogher/Broadford 3-07 Bruree 1-01

Semi-final 1<sup>st</sup> September in Rathkeale

St Ailbes 7-19 Old Mill 0-00

"A" Championship final on 6<sup>th</sup> September in Croom

Dromcollogher/Broadford 4-06 St Ailbes 3-03

“A” Shield final 10<sup>th</sup> September in Feenagh

Bruree 5-05 Old Mill 3-00

The remaining teams from both groups into an open draw for the “B” Championship and “B” Shield. With two first round games, Croom beat Fr Caseys played on the 21<sup>st</sup> June in Rathkeale. Gerald Griffins overcome Monagea on the 25<sup>th</sup> June in Feenagh.

The quarter finals resulted as follows; 15<sup>th</sup> June in Croom Athea beat Oola, 18<sup>th</sup> June in Ballylanders, Ballylanders too good for Pallasgreen, 21<sup>st</sup> June in Rathkeale Mungret/St Pauls beat Feohanagh/St Pauls beat Feohanagh/Castlemahon and Gerald Griffins knock out Croom the same day and venue.

Semi-final 26<sup>th</sup> June in Bruree

Ballylanders 5-07 Athea 5-05

Semi-final 5<sup>th</sup> July in Rathkeale

Mungret/St Pauls 2-09 Gerald Griffins 3-06

The replay same venue the 7<sup>th</sup> September

Mungret/St Pauls 6-08 Gerald Griffins 1-03

Final “B” Championship 21<sup>st</sup> September in Pallasgreen

Mungret/St Pauls 5-01 Ballylanders 3-03

Final “B” Shield 21<sup>st</sup> September in Pallasgreen

Mungret/St Pauls 5-01 Ballylanders 3-03

Final “B” Shield 21<sup>st</sup> September in Glinn

Gerald Griffins 2-12 Athea 0-01

The Under 14 competition completed.

The Under 16 competition Graded “A” and “B”

“A” Gerald Griffins, Old Mill, Bruree, Monagea and Dromcollogher/Broadford.

“B” Pallasgreen, Ballylanders, Mungret/St Pauls, St Ailbes, Feohanagh/Castlemahon and Athea. Pallasgreen withdraw prior to the start of the competition.

The top two teams to emerge from “A” Bruree and Monagea. The meeting of the under 16 “A” final on the 8<sup>th</sup> September in Ballygran, Bruree 1-09 Monagea 0-03.

“A” Shield final on the 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Old Mill,

Dromcollogher/Broadford 5-13 Old Mill 0-01.

In the “B” Championship, St Ailbes and Mungret/St Pauls are the top two and meet in the final on the 27<sup>th</sup> August in Croagh. Mungret/St Pauls 5-03 St Ailbes 2-02.

In the “B” Shield semi-final on the 7<sup>th</sup> September in Bruree, Ballylanders 3-08

F/Castlemahon 5-01.

Final 5<sup>th</sup> October in Croom, Ballylanders 11-15, Athea 0-01.

The Under 16 competition completed.

The minor competition knock out, ten teams

1<sup>st</sup> round 6<sup>th</sup> October in Fedamore

St Ailbes 4-13 Croom 0-00

Dromcollogher/Broadford walk over from Gerald Griffins

Quarter final 6<sup>th</sup> October Coolroe

Athea 4-04 Bruree 2-09

5<sup>th</sup> September in Rathkeale

Mungret/St Pauls walk over from Feohanagh/Castlemahon

Old Mill 5-07 Monagea 1-14

13 October in Croom

Dromcollogher/Broadford 8.11 St Ailbes 1-04

Semi-final 26<sup>th</sup> September in Croagh

Old Mill 4-15 Mungret/St Pauls 3-00

Semi-final 20<sup>th</sup> October in Rathkeale

Athea 1-16 Dromcollogher/Broadford 3-10.  
Replay 9<sup>th</sup> November in Croagh  
After 60 minutes teams level 4-05 a piece.  
After extra time Athea 4-10 Drom/Broadford 5-07  
The sides meet again on the 16<sup>th</sup> November in Coolroe  
Dromcollogher/Broadford 7-02 Athea 0-06  
Final 24<sup>th</sup> November in Feenagh  
Dromcollogher/Broadford 2-12 Old Mill 1-05  
The minor completed.

### **The Junior League**

Bruree, Croom, Gerald Griffins, Monagea and Mungret/St Pauls, do battle on a league basis before Monagea qualify to meet Gerald Griffins and Bruree qualify to meet Mungret/St Pauls in semi-finals. Both semi-finals played the 11<sup>th</sup> August.  
Monagea 4-08 Gerald Griffins 1-01, played in Rathkeale. Mungret/St Pauls win the toss for home advantage. After 60 minutes sides are level, 4-06 each. In extra time, Bruree prove the stronger, final score Bruree 5-14 Mungret/St Pauls 4-11. In a cracking final played in Foynes on the 16<sup>th</sup> August, Monagea come from behind to take the trophy Monagea 4-07 Bruree 4-06.  
In the Junior Championship, two semi-finals  
22<sup>nd</sup> September in Rathkeale Bruree 8-11 Croom 0-00  
27<sup>th</sup> September in Croagh Monagea 7-16 Mungret/St Pauls 4-02.  
The final played in Feenagh 13<sup>th</sup> October, where Bruree avenge their league defeat on Monagea in another thrilling encounter. Final score Bruree 4-09 Monagea 4-08.  
The junior completed.

### **Senior League**

Athea, Gerald Griffins, Mungret/St Pauls and Old Mill play on a league basis. Athea and Mungret/St Pauls are the top two and play the league final on bank holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October in Croagh. Final score Athea 2-10 Mungret/St Pauls 3-03.

### **Senior Championship**

Semi-final 1<sup>st</sup> September in Glin, Athea 4-07 Gerald Griffins 1-12  
Semi-final 2<sup>nd</sup> September in Croagh, Mungret/St Pauls 5-06 Old Mill 2-08.  
The intermediate and senior finals played the 8<sup>th</sup> September in Croagh. Having only two intermediate teams a straight final, a final with plenty of scores.  
Old Mill 6-10 Dromcollogher/Broadford 3-09. The senior final result as follows:  
Athea 3-04 – Mungret/St Pauls 0-04.  
Athea represented Limerick in the Munster Intermediate Championship and clashed with Rock Ban on the 12<sup>th</sup> October in Charleville. Athea failed to convert their chances into scores, Rockban advance final score, athea 0-06 Rockban 3-11.  
Old Mill represented Limerick in the Munster junior championship on the 20<sup>th</sup> October in Dr Crokes, Killaney, they go down to Beara of Cork. Final score Beara 6-17 Old Mill 0-01.

The Under 11 Blitz was played in Mungret on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. In the final Monagea beat Mungret/St Pauls 1-00 to no score. Our Feile Blitz under 14 was played on the 14<sup>th</sup> April in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale. The following clubs took part, Dromcollogher/Broadford, Mungret/St Pauls, Fr Caseys A & B, Gerald Griffins, Old Mill and Monagea.

The following teams met in the semi-finals. Monagea 1-02 Old Mill 0-00.

Dromcollogher/Broadford 3-02 Gerald Griffins 0-00

Final score Dromcollogher/Broadford 4-01 Monagea 0-00.

Dromcollogher/Broad would represent Limerick at Feile na nOg for the third year in

succession. They travel to Carlow for the event 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July. After victories over Rathvilly, Bennekerry/Tinyryland and St Lomans, they are pitted against Kilmore (Wexford) in the semi-final. A 1-06 to 1-03 win and they are in the final on the 7<sup>th</sup> July in Dr. Cullen Park, Carlow. In the final Dunamore/Ashbourne (Meath) provide the opposition. Drom/Broadford win out on a scoreline 1-05 to 0-03. Well done Drom/Broadford, those who succeed are those who keep on trying. Athea and St Ailbes went to Dublin the All-Ireland weekend and took part in the sevens in Noamh Mearnog, Portmarnock. A one point defeat in the play-off stage put an end to Athea interest. St Ailbes enjoy the experience.. Athea had some compensation early in the year, they won the Paudie O Se Tournament in Dingle on the 24<sup>th</sup> February. St Ailbes Limerick winners of the Munster Centenary Promotion Project.

We finished 2002 with a Dinner Dance in the Courtenay Lodge, Newcastlewest, where medals and Sportstar Awards were presented to various winners. Congratulations to Maire Halvey and Tom Madigan who were elected Secretary and Treasurer of Munster Council respectively.

The National League will be sponsored by Suzuki in 2003, the launch took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2002 in Croke Park. Limerick had their first outing on the 10<sup>th</sup> November when they travelled to Mountmellick and record a good win over Laois 3-12 to 3-09. The following Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> November at home to Wicklow, disappointment the morning as Wicklow inform us they are not travelling. We look forward to 2003 in hope of continuing our winning ways.

Snowflakes are gentle things but look what happens when they stick together.

Everyone has dreams they need to believe in.

Dympna O'Brien and Eimear Enright on the Munster inter-provincial team.

### **History 2003**

The Annual Convention took place in the Rathkeale House Hotel on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2002 at 8.00 pm.

Following are the officers elected for 2003

Chairperson: Tom Madigan

Vice-chairperson: Dan Cannon

Secretary: Michael Murphy

Assistant Secretary: Ann Sexton

Treasurer: Kathleen Murphy

Assistant Treasurer: Noel Brosnan

Registrar: Mary Murphy

PRO/Dev. Officer: Catherine Murphy

Language & Culture: Mary Coffey

Post Primary Schools: Timmy Woulfe

Our guest at the convention was Mick Fitzgerald Central Council.

After some hard luck stories last year much attention would focus on the fortunes of ladies gaelic football in Limerick in 2003. But alas the board is still bare of silverware.

This is not to say we did not have a successful year.

Dromcollogher/Broadford did us proud and capture their second successive Feile

Crown. Mungret/St Pauls return from All-Ireland sevens and runners up trophies.

St Josephs, Abbeyfeale win Munster Colleges title and Monaleen complete in ladies football for the first time.

That man of many talents, Timmy Woulfe had the Senior Schools final on the 14<sup>th</sup> January in Mungret. Congratulations to St Josephs, Doon, who were too good for

St Josephs, Abbeyfeale on a scoreline 2-13 to 2-02. But it was St Josephs Abbeyfeale who go on to win the Munster “C” final on the 14<sup>th</sup> March in Kilcornan, defeating Colaiste Mhuire Ennis in the final 3-04 to 1-07. In the All-Ireland semi-final on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March on a scoreline 2-08 to 1-08.

The fortunes of our County Teams:

Under 14

Cork seeded to semi-final, Limerick have their first game against Clare on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May in Miltown/Malbay. Limerick 3-08 Clare 1-01.

The 10<sup>th</sup> May in Abbeyfeale, Limerick 2-03 – Kerry 5-09

The 17<sup>th</sup> May in Bansha, Limerick 4-04 Waterford 8-05

The 25<sup>th</sup> May in Ballylanders, Limerick 13-18 Tipperary 1-03.

In an open draw for semi-final, Limerick meet Waterford on the 7<sup>th</sup> June in Sean Tracey Park, Tipperary. Limerick 2-06 Waterford 1-15. That ended our Munster campaign but travelled to Mullingar on the 14<sup>th</sup> June for the Under 14 blitz.

Unlucky not to qualify for the closing stages of the competition.

Michael O’Connor, Manager, Colette O’Grady and Noel Brosnan Selectors, took charge of the Under 14s. They also looked after the Under 16 team, in which Carol Murphy assisted at training for a number of weeks.

### **The Under 16 Munster Championship**

Cork and Kerry seeded to semi-finals. Limerick away to Clare played 5<sup>th</sup> April in the Banner Club Grounds, Ennis. Limerick 5-05 Clare 2-04.

The 11<sup>th</sup> April in Pallasgreen, Limerick 5-02 Tipperary 1-03.

Semi-final clash against hot favourites Cork on the 18<sup>th</sup> April in Ballyclough, while Limerick did give them a score in the first half. Cork easy winners in the end.

Limerick 1-03 Cork 3-17.

Minor Munster Championship guaranteed two games, the first against Tipperary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July in Clogheen. Limerick 3-11 Tipperary 4-13. Very disappointing against Waterford on the 9<sup>th</sup> July in Sean Tracey Park, Tipperary.

Limerick 0-03 Waterford 5-23.

Our minor management, John Leonard Manager, Eddie O’Sullivan, Dan Cannon and Mike Moynihan Selectors.

The fortunes of our junior team.

The Suzuki national league started in November 2002. Just to recap, 10<sup>th</sup> November in Mountmellick. Limerick 3-12 Laois 3-09.

The 17<sup>th</sup> November walk over from Wicklow. Our first game in 2003 was on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, away from Cork. Due to unclément weather and difficulty with pitches the game played in Bruree. Limerick 0-05 Cork 1-06.

The 16<sup>th</sup> February in Kildimo, Limerick are no time to take the points from Offaly. Limerick 1-12 Offaly 1-08.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> March in Kildimo. Limerick 2-08 Galway 3-09

The 16<sup>th</sup> March in Cloneen Hurling Ground. Limerick 8-15 Kilkenny 1-03.

League quarter final 13<sup>th</sup> April in Castledaly. Limerick 5-11 Monaghan 2-06.

League semi-final 20<sup>th</sup> April in Donaghmore. Limerick 2-08 Cork 2-10.

That completed our league games.

### **The Munster Championship**

The first game played 29<sup>th</sup> June in Cahir. Limerick 2-10 Tipperary 3-06

The 16<sup>th</sup> July in Beaufort. Limerick 6-14 – Kerry 0-03

The 19<sup>th</sup> July in Emly. Limerick 3-11 Waterford 1-06

The 23<sup>rd</sup> July in Ballyclough. Limerick 2-11 Cork 0-07

The Munster final bank holiday 4<sup>th</sup> August in Pairc Ui Rinn. Tipperary the

opposition. Limerick leading by 6 points at half time and increasing this to seven points minutes into the second half. As time passed, Tipperary were not so far away and ran out winners in the end. Final score Limerick 0-09 Tipperary 0-11. The management of the junior team – John Leonard, Eddie O’Sullivan and Mike Moynihan.

Before our club games, well done to all for making a success of the race night in Knockadrrry on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **The Under 12 competition**

#### **Group 1**

Bruree, Mungret/St Pauls, Oola, Pallasgreen and St Ailbes.

#### **Group 2**

Athea, Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Old Mill, Dromcollogher/Broadford, Gerald Griffins and Monagea.

Played on a league system the “A” Championship semi-finals result as follows:

The 21<sup>st</sup> May in Feenagh. Bruree 1-03 – Monagea 1-01

The 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Rathkeale. St Ailbes 2-09 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 0-01

The final 16<sup>th</sup> June in Croom. St Ailbes 1-09 Bruree 0-02

The Shield final 17<sup>th</sup> June in Dromcollogher. Monagea 2-06 – Feohanagh/Castlemahon 0-00

The remaining eight teams – open draw for “B” Championship and “B” Shield.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Mungret. Gerald Griffins 4-06 Oola 0-02

Pallasgreen 1-09 Drom/Broadford 2-02

The 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Rathkeale

Mungret/St Pauls 5-10 Old Mill 0-00

Athea give walk over to Croom

Semi-finals

31<sup>st</sup> May in Pallasgreen. Mungret/St Pauls 3-03, Pallasgreen 0-02

31<sup>st</sup> May in Feenagh. Gerald Griffins 3-03 Croom 1-01

Final 7<sup>th</sup> July in Rathkeale

Mungret/St Pauls 2-06 Gerald Griffin 0-01

Final Shield 26<sup>th</sup> June Pallasgreen. Pallasgreen 2-04 Croom 1-02.

The Under 12 completed.

### **Under 14 competition**

#### **Group 1**

Gerald Griffins, Dromcollogher/Broadford, Old Mill, Monagea, Fr Caseys and Feohanagh/Castlemahon.

#### **Group 2**

St Ailbes, Oola, Ballylanders, Pallasgreen, Mungret/St Pauls, Bruree and Croom.

The league stages compete “A” Championship semi-finals.

The 20<sup>th</sup> May in Athlacca. St Ailbes 4-09 Monagea 2-02

The 27<sup>th</sup> may in Croom. Dromcollogher/Broadford 6-05 St Ailbes 5-06

Final “A” Shield 16<sup>th</sup> June. Ballylanders 3-07 Monagea 1-04.

In the “B” competition, one first round game played on Abbeyfeale

Gerald Griffins 6-07 Fr Caseys 5-02.

Quarter finals

27<sup>th</sup> May Mungret. Mungret/St Pauls 8-06 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 1-03

3<sup>rd</sup> June in Feenagh. Bruree 3-02 Gerald Griffins 2-02

11<sup>th</sup> June in Herberstown. Croom 4-04 Oola 2-04

11<sup>th</sup> June in Kildimo. Pallasgreen get walkover from Old Mill.

Semi-finals

20<sup>th</sup> June in Croom. Mungret/St Pauls get walk over from Bruree.

24<sup>th</sup> June in Croom. Pallasgreen 2-09 Croom 2-06.

Finals "B" Championship

6<sup>th</sup> July in Fedamore. Mungret/St Pauls 4-04 Pallasgreen 1-02

"B" Shield 30<sup>th</sup> June in Athlaca. Croom 5-09 Bruree 1-06

Under 14 completed.

### **Under 16 competition, Graded A & B**

"A" Monagea, Bruree, St Albies, Ballylanders, Mungret/St Pauls,  
Dromcollogher/Broadford

Top two to emerge for the "A". Drom/Broadford and Bruree

8<sup>th</sup> September in Feenagh. Drom/Broadford 5-04 Bruree 3-05

Shield semi-final 7<sup>th</sup> September in Fedamore. Mungret/St Pauls 0-02 St Ailbes 0-02

Replay the 13<sup>th</sup> September in Fedamore. Mungret/St Pauls 1-06 St Ailbes 3-10

5<sup>th</sup> September in Athlaca. Ballylanders 1-14 Monagea 2-07

The final played the 20<sup>th</sup> September in Hospital.

Final score Ballylanders 4-06 St Ailbes 2-05.

"B" Competition

Athea, Gerald Griffins, Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Pallasgreen, Fr Caseys

In the "B" Championship final played on the 7<sup>th</sup> September in Glin

Gerald Griffins 1-15 Athea 1-02.

In the "B" Shield semi-final. Pallasgreen 4-14, Fr Caseys 1-05.

Final 4<sup>th</sup> October in Croom

Pallasgreen 4-07 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 4-04.

Under 16 completed.

Minor Championship – knock out

1<sup>st</sup> round 20<sup>th</sup> September Monagea. Monagea 6-08 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 1-03

Bruree give walk to Ballylanders.

Quarter final on 28<sup>th</sup> September in Caherally. St Ailbes 3-09 Gerald Griffins 3-04.

28<sup>th</sup> September in Coolyroe. Drom/Broadford walk over from Old Mill.

19<sup>th</sup> October in Rathkeale. Monagea 3-13 Mungret/St Pauls 2-04

Ballylanders walk over from Athea.

Semi-finals

12<sup>th</sup> October in Croagh. Drom/Broadford 9-07 St Ailbes 2-05

16<sup>th</sup> November in Ballygran. Monagea 3-06 – Ballylanders 1-02

Final 30<sup>th</sup> November in Feenagh. Drom/Broadford 4-11 Monagea 3-12

### **Junior Championship knock-out**

Mungret/St Pauls get the bye into the final. Monaleen enter ladies football for the first time but go down to Monagea in the semi-final played on the 12<sup>th</sup> October in Croom. Monagea 6-22 Monaleen 0-02.

Final 26<sup>th</sup> October in Croagh. Monagea 13-11 Munster/St Pauls 0-01.

In the All-County League Division 2

Monaleen and Monagea meet in the final on 15<sup>th</sup> November in Croagh. Monaleen show vast improvement but still lose the game to Monagea.

Final score Monagea 4-16 Monaleen 0-03.

### **Intermediate Championship**

Our intermediate was to be a straight final between Bruree and

Dromcollogher/Broadford. It was to be played on the 14<sup>th</sup> September as a double

header with our senior final. Great disappointment Drom/Broadford could not field a team.

Senior Championship Semi-finals

Mungret/St Pauls v Athea

Gerald Griffins v Old Mill.

Set to take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August in Askeaton. Athea overcome Mungret/St Pauls on a score Athea 2-04 Mungret/St Pauls 0-06.

Gerald Griffins get walk over from the Old Mill.

Final 14<sup>th</sup> September in Askeaton. Athea 2-08 Gerald Griffins 0-10

A third successive title for Athea.

In the All-County League, Gerald Griffins through to the final, great rivals Athea and Mungret/St Pauls meet in a semi-final on the 7<sup>th</sup> August in Rathkeale. Athea 3-12 Mungret/St Pauls 0-02.

In the final played in Glin on the 14<sup>th</sup> August. Athea 3-05 Gerald Griffins 0-09.

Athea represented us in the Munster Intermediate Championship, Bruree in the Junior.

Both played on the same day 27<sup>th</sup> September. Bruree travel to Ballynacally for their game against Coolmeen, a good display from Bruree but a win for Coolmeen 5-06 to 3-06. Athea playing in Glin have an easy win over Doonbeg 3-17 to 1-03. The semifinal clash against Naomh Aban took place in Farranfore on the 11<sup>th</sup> October, final score Naomh Aban 3-09 Athea 0-03.

Gerald griffins and Mungret/St pauls travel to the All-Ireland sevens in Naomh Mearnog and St Sylvesters Malahide on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Gerald Griffins top their group and beaten a point by Aughawilliam in the semi-final of the Intermediate competition. Mungret/St Pauls did make it to the junior final, topping the group, they overcame Eadestown in the semi-final, only to go down to Old Parish in the final. 2-06 to 1-05.

Our under 11 Blitz and Under 13 Blitz took place this year. A very poor turn out in the Under 11 on the 27<sup>th</sup> September in Mick Neville Park. Old Mill lose out and St Ailbes beat Monagea in the final 5-09 to 1-02. St Ailbes completed the double when they won the Under 13 on the 11<sup>th</sup> October in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale.

Monagea once again provide the opposition.

Final score St Ailbes 1-04 Monagea 1-00.

The quarter finals results as follows, 15<sup>th</sup> June in Croom, Athea beat Oola, 18<sup>th</sup> June in Ballylanders, Ballylanders too good for Pallasgreen, 21<sup>st</sup> June in Rathkeale, Mungret/St Pauls beat Fohhanagh/Castlemahon and Gerald Griffins knockout Croom the same day and venue.

Semi-final Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June in Bruree

Ballylanders 5-07 Athea 5-05

Semi-final on 5<sup>th</sup> July in Rathkeale

Mungret/St Pauls 2-09 Gerald Griffins 3-06

The replay same venue the 7<sup>th</sup> September

Mungret/St Pauls 6-08 Gerald Griffins 1-03

Final "B" Championship 21<sup>st</sup> September in Pallasgreen

Mungret/St Pauls 5-01 Ballylanders 3-03

Final "B" Shield 21<sup>st</sup> September in Glin

Gerald Griffins 2-12 Athea 0-01

The Under 14 competition completed.

**The Under 16 competition graded "A" and "B"**

"A" Gerald Griffins, Old Mill, Bruree, Monagea and Dromcollogher/Broadford.

"B" Pallasgreen, Ballylanders, Mungret/St Pauls, St Ailbes.

Feohanagh/Castlemahon and Athea, Pallasgreen withdraw prior to the start of the competition.

The top two teams to emerge from "A", Bruree and Monagea. Meeting the Under 16



“A” final on the 8<sup>th</sup> September in Ballygrane, Bruree 1-09 Monagea 0-03.

“A” Shield final on the 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Old Mill.

Dromcollogher/Broadford.

I suppose knowing what you want is the first step towards getting it. Drom/Broadford wanted another Feile title. They set out about achieving this when they won the county competition on Easter Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale. St. Ailbes provided the opposition in the final.

They travelled to Galway for Feile na nOg 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July representing Limerick in Feile for the fourth successive year. After victories over host club Milltown 8-11 to 1-01 Monvea Abbey 8-00 to 0-00, Donaghmoynne 4-03 to 0-00, they meet the Banner in the final. With two minutes remaining in the final and down two goals, they manage to force a draw.

Drom/Broadford 2-01 Banner 1-04.

In extra time they last out the better and win the final on a score 2-04 to 1-06. Back to back titles for Drom/Broadford at Feile.

Congratulations to Eimear Enright our sole selection on the Munster team, interprovincial winner. Ella O’Shaughnessy in the Munster Junior Final received player of the match trophy. Both players from Gerald Griffins.

Mary Ita Casey, Athea represented Limerick at the TG4 Launch in Croke Park on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. Limerick had two more girls in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day, when Colette O’Grady and Catherine Murphy, from the Mungret/St Pauls club, ran the line for the senior final.

Limerick along with seven other counties, selected for a pilot scheme for the integration of the GAA Ladies Football and Camogie. President Mary McAleese launched the scheme in Croke Park on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. The three Limerick organisations met on the 15<sup>th</sup> April in the Woodlands House hotel, Adare for the inaugural meeting. Donal Fitzgibbon and Owen Hayes from the GAA, Kathleen Coffey and Catherine Hurley from the Camogie. Tom Madigan and Michael Murphy from the ladies Gaelic Football. The interim report was presented on the 26<sup>th</sup> July in Croke Park.

Looking to the future, Limerick will host Feile na nOg in 2005. In preparation for this a mini Feile for one day will take place in June 2004.

Sadly during 2003, Limerick lost some valued members and friends, Tommy Carrig, Askeaton, a selector with the Under 14 team that brought the first Munster title to the county in 1996. Naomi Mulcahy, St Ailbes, a current county player, 16 years of age. Ar dheis De go raibh a n-anamacha go leir.

Many thanks to the GAA County Board for the use of Mick Neville Park down through the year, the many GAA Clubs for the use of their playing pitches and facilities, the sponsors down through the years and the officers of Clubs and County Board who tried to make a little bit of history in a short space of time with Ladies Gaelic Football.

While all our dreams did not come though, it leaves us with something to strive for in the future.

Everyday is a new day, a new chance to succeed.

### **History 2004**

The annual Convention took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003 in Mungret/St Pauls GAA Clubhouse. Outgoing Chairperson, Tom Madigan welcomed the following clubs who attended:

Mungret/St Pauls Monagea Ballylanders

St Ailbes Fr. Caseys Old Mill

Bruree Pallasgreen Croom

Athea Gerald Griffins Michael Nash, Limerick VEC

Guests on the night were Donal Fitzgibbon, National Chairperson Feile Committee, and Steven Lynch, Treasurer Central Council, Cumann Peil Gael na nBan. Donal spoke on Feile 2005, which Limerick would be hosting, Steven spoke on the wonderful game we had and the injury fund. Tom thanked them for their attendance. He thanks the GAA County Board for Mick Neville Park where training county teams took place, GAA clubs for the use of their facilities, he congratulated the winners and runners up, and all the clubs that participated in the various competitions. The Treasurer Kathleen Murphy, her report showed €1,394 in deposit account and €860 in the current account.

The following officers elected for 2004:

Chairperson: Tom Madigan

Secretary: Michael Murphy

Assistant Secretary: Ann Sexton

Treasurer: Kathleen Murphy

Registrar: Mary Murphy

PRO Colette O'Grady

Development Officer: Catherine Murphy

Irish Lang. Officer: Mary Coffey

Delegates Munster Council: Michael Murphy

John O'Grady

Delegates Central Council: Michael Murphy

John O'Grady

Delegates Annual Congress: Kathleen Murphy

John O'Grady

The Secretary, Michael Murphy, gave his account of how club and county teams performed during the year. A year in which Limerick can feel proud of their achievements. The junior team reach Division 3 final of Susuki National League, only to lose out to Wexford in injury time. Athea win All-Ireland Intermediate 7 a side and Munster Intermediate Championship. St Ailbes do us proud at Feile in Tyrone.

Now the fortunes of our county team for 2004. Our Under 14 Manager, Marie Halvey, selectors, Dan Cannon, Colette O'Grady, Judy O'Connor and Daithi McCarthy. The first game against Cork in Pairc ni Runn, 10<sup>th</sup> April, final score Cork 8-11 to 0-07.

The following Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April in Mungret, Limerick 4-14 Clare 0-02. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May in Tipperary town, Limerick 5-07 Waterford 5-06. The 15<sup>th</sup> May in Cahir prior to the Division 3 final, Limerick 3-13 Tipperary 1-00. The final game against Kerry in Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, score Kerry 3-18 Limerick 1-06. Limerick would meet Waterford in the Munster Plate final. This game took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> June in Tipperary town, on this occasion Limerick disappoint and lose on a score line Waterford 1-15 Limerick 0-03.

The team travel to Rochfordbridge for the Under 14 Blitz on the 21<sup>st</sup> August. Gave a good account of themselves without reach final stages.

And now the fortunes of our Under 16 team with Catherine Murphy as Manager and selectors Mike McGovern, Noel Brosnan and Mary Murphy. The team had their first game against Kerry on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April in Dromcollogher, final score Kerry 9-09 Limerick 1-07.

The 15<sup>th</sup> April in Goatenbridge, Limerick 4-16 Tipperary 3-09. The 18<sup>th</sup> April in

Kildimo, close call against Clare, final score Limerick 1-13 Clare 2-09. This win gave them a semi-final game against Waterford, played in Kilworth 24<sup>th</sup> April final score, Waterford 3-16 Limerick 4-05. That finished the Under 16 involvement in the Championship.

Our minor team, Manager John Leonard, selectors Eddie O'Sullivan, Mike Moynihan and Pat Higgins. The first game in Croagh on the 8<sup>th</sup> April against Clare, final score Clare 1-08 Limerick 0-07. The next game in Oola on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April against Waterford, final score Limerick 0-06 Waterford 1-13. Our minor championship campaign over.

Our junior team under the same management as the minor team opened their All-Ireland Suzuki National League on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2003 in Bushy Park, Dungarvan, a one point win for Waterford, final score 3-10 to 2-12. The next game on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2004 in Feenagh against Kerry, another one point defeat, Limerick 2-07 Kerry 3-05. This defeat may have been responsible for the withdrawal of some players from the junior panel. A win in the next game was vital and the points were secured on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February in Drom/Inch again Dublin, final score Limerick 3-13 to 0-05.

Another victory on the 28<sup>th</sup> March in Horeswood, Wexford 1-05 Limerick 1-13. The previous evening Limerick had their sleep in Rathgormick, they needed the points from the Wexford game to reach the quarter final. They played their quarter final on the 11<sup>th</sup> April in St. Lomans, Mullingar against Derry, final score Limerick 6-08 Derry 1-15. Another game against Dublin in the semi-final, this time in Mountmellick on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Limerick survive on a scoreline 1-08 to 2-03.

All roads lead to Cahir on the 15<sup>th</sup> May for the final against Wexford. In a most exciting game Wexford snatch victory in the fifth minute of injury time. Limerick having a ten point lead early in the second half. Final score Wexford 3-12 Limerick 2-13.

If the heart is not involved, they say failure is never fatal. Limerick seemed to lose some heart for their Munster Championship campaign, where in Mungret on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, the first game against Tipperary, a one point defeat Limerick 2-07 Tipperary 2-08, the introduction Ten Bin Rule did not help Limerick's cause on this occasion.

The next game was against Waterford, played in Emly on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, final score Limerick 1-14 Waterford 0-09. Another victory was recorded on the 17<sup>th</sup> July in Tourafulla against Kerry, score Limerick 2-12 Kerry 0-06. A victory in the final game was crucial to stay in the championship, but Cork put paid to our chances on the 28<sup>th</sup> July in Ballygran, final score Limerick 3-03 Cork 2-11.

In conjunction with the Munster Championship, Cailure Oga had their first game in Emly on the 10<sup>th</sup> July against Clare, ending in a draw, Limerick 0-09 Clare 2-03. The second game in Tournafulla on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, Kerry 6-12 Limerick 0-03. The Cailure Oga under the same management as the Under 14 team.

While its nice to win, playing the game that matters and doing your best. Thanks to all players, manager and mentors for the enjoyment the county teams gave during the year.

### **The County Championships**

Starting with the Under 12 competition, 13 clubs divided into two groups.

#### **Group 1**

Croom Bruree Mungret/St Pauls

Pallasgreen St Ailbes Oola

Ballylanders

## **Group 2**

Athea Old Mill Gerald Griffins

Monagea Dromcollogher/Broadford Feohanagh/Castlemahon

Played on a league system, the top two teams from each group to meet in the semifinals of the "A" Championship. Beaten semi-finalist meet in the "A" Shield final.

The first semi-final on the 26<sup>th</sup> May in Bruree

St Ailbes 1-08 Dromcollogher/Broadford 2-02

The second semi-final on the 28<sup>th</sup> May in Feenagh

Bruree 4-08 Monagea 1-01

Under 12 "A" C final in Kildimo on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June

St Ailbes 1-05 Bruree 0-04

Under 12 "A" Shield final in Feenagh on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Dromcollogher/Broadford 2-02 Monagea 1-02.

Play for the "B" Championship and Shield.

First round game Ballylanders 6-10 Mungret/St Pauls 1-02

Played on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June in Herberstown.

Quarter final on the 28<sup>th</sup> May in Mungret

Feohanagh/Castlemahon 2-08 Oola 0-00

Quarter final on the 4<sup>th</sup> June in Rathkeale

After extra time Croom 2-06 Athea 2-04.

The remaining quarter finals played on the 8<sup>th</sup> June in Bruree

Ballylanders 9-12 Old Mill 1-02

Pallasgreen 9-03 Gerald Griffins 4-00

First semi-final 14<sup>th</sup> June in Bruree

Ballylanders 4-10 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 2-08

In the other semi-final Pallasgreen unable to play Croom on a specific date, Croom walk over.

In the "B" Championship final on the 13<sup>th</sup> September in Herberstown

Ballylanders 6-03 Croom 0-01.

In the "B" Shield final on the 20<sup>th</sup> September in Mungret

Feohanagh/Castlemahon and Pallasgreen end up even, 2-04 a piece, after extra time still level 3-04 each.

The replay took place a week later on the 27<sup>th</sup> September in Mungret,

Pallasgreen 1-06 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 0-03.

The Under 14 competition the same format as the Under 12.

## **Group 1**

Dromcollogher/Broadford Monagea Old Mill

Feohanagh/Castlemahon Fr Caseys Athea

Gerald Griffins

## **Group 2**

Bruree Croom Oola

Mungret/St Pauls Pallasgreen St Ailbes

Ballylanders

The semi-finals on the 31<sup>st</sup> May in Croom

Oola 4-14 Dromcollogher/Broadford 2-02

St Ailbes 5-09 Monagea 2-03.

Under 14 "A" Championship final on the 21<sup>st</sup> June in Cappamore

St Ailbes 4-06 Oola 1-05

Under 14 "A" Shield final on the 25<sup>th</sup> June in Feenagh

Monagea 2-03 Dromcollogher/Broadford 2-01

In the “B” Championship, two first round game before quarter-finals. Bruree and Gerald Griffins advance at the expense of Croom and Athea respectively.

Quarter final on the 21<sup>st</sup> June in Mungret

Mungret/St Pauls 3-10 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 2-07

Quarter-final on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June in Feenagh

Ballylanders 2-08 Fr Caseys 1-04.

Quarter-final on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June in Rathkeale

Bruree 3-09 Gerald Griffins 1-08

Pallasgreen and Old Mill scratch from the competition giving Bruree a free passage to the final.

In the semi-final on the 12<sup>th</sup> September in Herberstown

Ballylanders 1-10 Mungret/St Pauls 2-07 – draw.

Replay on the 19<sup>th</sup> September in Hospital

Ballylanders 4-02 Mungret/St Pauls 1-07

Under 14 “B” Championship final on the 25<sup>th</sup> September in Elfin

Ballylanders 1-16 Bruree 2-00

Mungret/St Pauls awarded the “B” Shield.

The Under 16 competition took on a new format this year. The competition graded into A, B and C Competitions.

#### **“A” Competition**

Dromcollogher/Broadford St Ailbes Bruree

Mungret/St Pauls Ballylanders

#### **“B” Competition**

Pallasgreen Old Mill Gerald Griffins

Monagea Feohanagh/Castlemahon

#### **“C” Competition**

Fr Caseys Oola Glin

Croom

The top two teams from each group into the final.

The “C” final competed first on the 26<sup>th</sup> September in Feenagh

Fr Caseys 3-11 Croom 1-03

Fr Caseys collected another trophy when they beat Oola in the first game in Bruree on the 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Fr Caseys 4-04 Oola 2-05, New Clubs Trophy

The “B” final played in Croom on the 10<sup>th</sup> October

Monagea 7-07 Pallasgreen 4-04

In the “A” final, St Ailbes and Dromcollogher/Broadford to meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October in Croom, inclement weather disrupted the plan and refixed for the 29<sup>th</sup> October in Fedamore, final score St Ailbes 1-07 Drom/Broadford 1-02.

In the Minor Championships, four teams in the “A” competition and eight clubs for the “B” Championship divided into two groups.

In the “A”, Bruree, Monagea, Ballylanders and Dromcollogher/Broadford.

In the “A” final on the 21<sup>st</sup> November in Ballingarry

Dromcollogher/Broadford Bruree

Group 1 “B” Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Pallasgreen, St Ailbes, and Mungret/St Pauls.

Group 2 “B”. Athea, Old Mill, Glin and Gerald Griffins

Top two teams from each group into semi-finals. First semi-final on the 21<sup>st</sup> November in Kildimo

Mungret/St Pauls get walk over from Gerald Griffins

Second semi-final on the 27<sup>th</sup> November in Bruree

St Ailbes 2-09 Athea 1-08.

Final on the 4<sup>th</sup> December in Rathbane (Old Christians)

Mungret/St Pauls 2-06 St Ailbes 2-04.

Junior league four teams, Monaleen, Mungret/St Pauls, Abbey Sarsfields and Gerald Griffins. After league rounds completed, Mungret/St Pauls and Gerald Griffins contest the final on the 14<sup>th</sup> August in Kildimo.

Mungret/St Pauls 4-10 Gerald Griffins 2-04

Only two teams for the Junior Championship. The final played on the 17<sup>th</sup> October in Rathbane

Monaleen 4-07 Mungret/St Pauls 1-02

The teams for the Intermediate Championship, the final played on the 10<sup>th</sup> September in Feenagh

Monagea 6-09 Bruree 1-06.

### **Senior Championship**

Semi-finals on the 5<sup>th</sup> September in Askeaton

Athea 2-07 Gerald Griffins 0-07

Mungret/St Pauls 1-10 Brian Borus 2-07 (draw)

The replay on the 8<sup>th</sup> September in Croagh

Mungret/St Pauls 2-05 Brian Borus 0-09

Brien Borus an amalgamation of Old Mill and Dromcollogher/Broadford. The final took place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September in Askeaton.

Athea 4-05 Mungret/St Pauls 0-07

To decide who would represent Limerick at Feile na nOG in Tyrone, the preliminary rounds of the Feile took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April in Fedamore, and the semi-finals and final were played the following day in Croom.

Semi-final results

Ballylanders 0-06 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 0-00

St Ailbes 1-06 Oola 0-01

Final: St Ailbes 1-02 Ballylanders 1-01.

St Ailbes hosted by Loughmacrory also play Killeshill and Trugh but fail to make the final in Division 1.

In preparation for Feile na nOg 2005, Limerick hosted Feile in Munahan on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Oola host Group 1, Monagea host Group 2, Group 3 played in Mick Neville Park and Feoganagh/Castlemahon host Group 4.

All teams parade in Askeaton before the finals. Cahir (Tipperary) top Group 1 and meet Group 2 winners Monagea in the final at Ballingarry. Visitors for Cahir, Group 3 winners Dromcollogher/Broadford hold out against Group 4 winner Cooraclare in Newcastlewest.

Thanks to all that helped and participated.

To complete our underage ages on Under 13 Blitz in Mick Neville Park on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Monagea and St Ailbes for the final, final score Monagea 1-00 St Ailbes 0-01.

The 13<sup>th</sup> November in Mungret Under 11 Blitz, 9 a side final.

St Ailbes 0-12 Monagea 1-01.

Outside the county, Monagea represented Limerick in the Munster Junior Championship on the 25<sup>th</sup> September in Feenagh.

Monagea 3-08 Templemore (Tipperary) 2-15.

In the Intermediate Championship, Athea representing Limerick for the fourth successive year in the championship met Old Parish (Waterford) on the 25<sup>th</sup>

September in Tipperary Town, final score Athea 2-07 Old Parish 1-07.

Semi-final played on the 10<sup>th</sup> October in Knocknagoshel, Athea 2-07 Dr Crokes (Kerry) 1-04.

In the Munster final played on the 16<sup>th</sup> October in Dr. crokes, Killarney, against Beara (Cork)

Athea 1-09 Beara 2-04.

Their quest for All-Ireland glory ended in the semi-final on the 7<sup>th</sup> November in Kiltoom. Having travelled the evening before they go down to St. Bridget's (Roscommon). St Bridgets 1-11 Athea 1-06. But Athea did win an All-Ireland on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October in Naomh Mearnog, Intermediate 7 a side winners, beating Old Parish (Waterford) by two points in the final. Gerald griffins and Mungret/St Pauls also took part in the 7 a side the same weekend.

While we have no All-Stars, some players did receive awards during year. Cathriona Ambrose (Gerald Griffins) sole selection on Munster team, Intermediate winners.

VEC Awards for Dyan Carroll (Old Mill and Siobhan McCarthy

Dromcollogher/Broadford. City Board awards for Olivia Giltenane (Mungret/St Pauls) and Fiona Ryan (Monaleen). Sarah Hourigan (Mungret/St Pauls) a City Board award for camogie. The player that soared the highest was Maedhbh Nash, when she made a helicopter dash after finishing her football game in Kiltoom to start her camogie game with Granagh/Ballingorry in the All-Ireland final in Parnell Park at 2.30pm. Congratulations on your Munster double, football with Athea, camogie with Granagh/Ballingarry. She also represented Limerick at the Suzuki launch in Croke Park, as did Olivia Giltenane the TG launch.

Timmy Woulfe looked after our post primary competitions. Hazelwood College beat St. Josephs Doon in the senior final. St Josephs, Abbeyfeale win the senior B final, overcoming Doon. The junior title also for Hazelwood College too good for Hospital in the final. In the junior B final, Doon beat Copsewood College (Palliskenny) in the final. No luck in the Munster Championships.

Prospects are much brighter for 2005 as Hazelwood College in senior B Munster final. St Joseph Doon in senior C and junior C finals.

Many thanks to the Woodlands House Hotel, P. J. Bar for their sponsorship during the year. For 2005 Textile Print and Embroidery will sponsor the county teams.

Everyone involved in Ladies Football will have their own view on how Limerick performed in 2004. Success and failure both can be greatly over-rated. Success covers many blunders, but failure can give us a lot more to talk about.

Looking forward to 2005, lets talk about Feile Peil na nOg which Limerick will host on the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The target is to have 20 Under 14 Limerick clubs.

It is often said and sung "whats another year". In Limerick after 2005, lets say **"what a year"**.

Congratulations to members who got engaged, married and had additions to their families.

Sincere sympathy to those who suffered bereavements during the year.

Ar dheis De go raibh a n-omaunlche go leir.

Well done to all the Officers and members who promoted Ladies Gaelic Football during the year and the years past.

As the Chinese would say

**"May you live in interesting times"**

**2005**

The annual convention took [place on the 22 November 2004 at 8pm in Rathkeale House Hotel. The following clubs were present:

Athea, Ballylanders, Croom, Bruree, Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Gerald Griffins, Fr Caseys, Dromcollogher/Broadford, Oola, St Ailbes, Mungret/St Pauls, Monagea, Old Mill and Michael Nash, Co Limerick VEC.

The following officers were elected for 2005:

Chairperson Tom Madigan

Vice-Chairperson Michael O'Connor

Secretary: Michael Murphy

Assistant Secretary: Ann Sexton

Treasurer: Kathleen Murphy

Assistant Treasurer: Noel Brosnan

Registrar: Mary Murphy

PRO: Mary Ita Casey

Development Officer: Catherine Murphy

Culture & Language: Maedhbh Nash

Tom Madigan, Chairperson, welcomed the guests to the meeting, Donal Fitzgibbon and Owen Hayes. Donal is the Chairperson National Feile and Owen is Chairperson Football Board, and the Limerick Feile committee.

Donal spoke on the importance of getting new clubs and the huge amount of work to be done for Feile which is only 7 months away. Owen spoke on the games entertainment and the golden chance to promote football in Limerick.

The Feile Committee would meet the ladies clubs on the 29 November 2004 and Helen O'Rourke would attend this meeting.

Looking back on 2005 we should feel proud with the hosting of Feile Peil na nOg.

Now the fortunes of our county teams. Our U14 team was under manager Noel Brosnan with Trevor Hughes as trainer, Mary Murphy and Down Hennessy as selectors. The first game on the 5 March in Ballygilbin, Limerick 1-05 Waterford 3-8. We travelled to Cooraclare on the 13 March, Clare easy winners 8-4 to 0-7. The next game in Effin on the 20 March, Limerick 3-13 Tipperary 1-6. On the 2 April the team were in Feenagh but beaten by Kerry 3-15 to 1-2.

Limerick were to play Clare in a play off on the 17 April in Mungret but the referee deemed the pitch unplayable due to heavy rain that fell. The game re-fixed for 20 April and Limerick travel to Cooraclare and secure a 2 point win 2-8 to 0-10. This win gave Limerick another game against Kerry only to suffer the same fate as before on the 27 April in Castleisland, Kerry 4-12 Limerick 3-1.

We finished in Munster for 2005 but the team took part in U14 blitz in Mullingar on the 20 August. A one point loss to Mayo in the first game but paid to their chances of making the play off stages.

The U16 team was with Catherine Murphy as manager, Dympna O'Brien and Michael McGovern as selectors. The first outing against Cork on the 26 March in Feenagh, Cork 6-20 Limerick 1-2. The next game against Waterford in Kilworth on the 11 April, Waterford finish the stronger 3-11 to 3-6 for Limerick.

Next on to the minor with Michael O'Connor assisted by Dan Egan. Under terrible conditions in history on the 30 March Kerry score 6-20 to 0-3 for Limerick. On the 6 April in Kildemo, Limerick score 6-20 to 3-5 for Tipperary. On the 14 April, a trip to Coolmeen, another victory for Limerick, final score 1-13 to 3-4. This win earned Limerick a semi final spot against Kerry, the game played in Glin on the 26 April, final score Kerry 3-17, Limerick 0-4.

This brings us to the junior team, having contested Division 3 final last year, Limerick promoted to Division 2. Having received a walk over from Clare, Limerick now entertain Sligo on the 6 February in Ballingarry where the visitors were too good on a



scoreline of 3-11 to 1-6.

On the 20 February Limerick travel to Wexford Park to play their conquerors in that Division 3 final and again Wexford come out on top, Wexford 4-8 Limerick 4-4. The following Sunday 27 February at home to Cork, another Limerick victory 2-6 to 1-4 in an unusual game where Cork fail to score in the first half and Limerick do likewise in the second half. The game was played in Kildimo.

We were away to Cavan for the next game on the 13 March and played in Ballyhaise. An overnight stay near Athlone did not have the desired effect as Cavan run out winners 5-17 to 3-3.

This left Limerick with a play off game against Cork on the 27 March in Ballincollig. It took extra time to find a winner, at the end of the hour, level 1-8 apiece. In extra time Limerick scored 4 points to Cork's 3 points. This wins a quarter final game against Donegal on the 10 April in Castlebar. Donegal were much too good scoring 3-19 to 1-8 for Limerick.

Our league campaign was over but Division 2 status was retained. The junior team management was manager John Leonard, trainer Eddie O'Sullivan, selectors Mike Moynihan, Pat Higgins and Michael O'Connor.

A couple of weeks before the Munster Championship, John Leonard, Eddie O'Sullivan and Mike Moynihan resigned as they felt they could not continue with the numbers turning up for training. This left Pat Higgins and Michael O'Connor to take over for the championship.

The championship started with a trip to Ardfinnan on the 27 June to play Tipperary. Limerick senior with 2 in the bin, Tipperary win 0-16 to 1-9.

A win over Cork on the 4 July in Ballincollig was essential to stay in the championship but a sin bin for the last 10 minutes could have cost Limerick the game, a one point win for Cork, final score 2-10 to 2-9. We went our way and sinned no more recording a 4 point win over Kerry 3-11 to 2-10 on the 11 July in Scartaglen. Another win over Waterford on the 18 July in Araglin, Limerick 2-11 Waterford 1-11. It would be the Limerick Carlini Oga team that would play in the Munster final. Having beaten Tipperary 3-10 to 0-3 and Waterford 4-15 to 0-1, the games were played before the Munster junior championship games. Limerick and Kerry for the final, played in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney on the 7 August. Limerick earned a well deserved win, final score Limerick 2-4 Kerry 1-2.

The team managed by Collette O'Grady with Judy O'Connor and Marie Halvey selectors. To complete our county team's participation, Clare organised an U12 tournament for the 17 September in St Joseph's GAA grounds managed by Judy O'Connor with Collette O'Grady and Maire Halvey as selectors, but they failed to make the final.

Thanks to all the manager and selectors who gave their time for county teams to entertain us and players who should be proud to have worn the green and white. Thanks also to the county VEC and the GAA County Board for their grants, and to our main sponsor for 2005, Ken Barrett of Textile Print and the money who helped to finance the Board during the year.

Back to the playing fields, 13 clubs were involved in the U12 championship divided into 2 groups with the top 2 teams from each group meeting in semi-finals, the finalist for the A championship and the runners up the A Shield.

Group 1:

Mungret/St Pauls, Croom, Oola, St Ailbes, Ballylanders, Pallasgreen and newcomers Knockarney.

Group 2:

Athea, Old Mill, Gerald Griffins, Monagea, Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Drom/Broadford.

This was played on a league basis, the top 2 from Group 1, St Ailbes and Oola, the top 2 from Group 2 Monagea and Drom/Broadford.

St Ailbes are too good for Drom/Broadford on the 8 June in Feenagh, St Ailbes 1-15 Drom/Broadford 2-2. On the 11 June in Bruree, Monagea had a one point win, Monagea 0-6 Oola 1-2.

The A championship final was played on the 24 September in Croom, a one point win for St Ailbes, St Ailbes 0-9 Monagea 2-2. The A Shield final was played on the 25 June in Bruree, Dromcollogher/Broadford 3-6 Oola 2-5.

Pallasgreen withdrew from the B leaving 8 teams for the quarter finals, Croom v Old Mill, Knockarney v Gerald Griffins, Feohanagh/Castlemahon v Mungret/St Pauls, Athea v Ballylanders.

The Old Mill and Feohanagh/Castlemahon advanced to meet in one semi final. Ballylanders and Knockarney to meet in the other semi final. On the 27 June in Rathkeale, Feohanagh/Castlemahon 5-7 Old Mill 3-3. On the 29 June in Herbertstown, Ballylanders 5-7 Knockarney 0-3.

Croom was the venue for the B championship final on the 5 July. Ballylanders 2-9 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 2-3. Old Mill travelled to Knockarney for the B Shield final and are beaten by newcomers Knockarney 1-6 to 0-4 played on the 16 July.

Our U14 had the same format as U12, 2 groups, 8 teams in each group.

Group 1:

Athea, Dromcollogher/Broadford, Fr Caseys, Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Monagea, Gerald Griffins, Bruree and Old Mill.

Group 2:

Ahare, Monaleen, Oola, Croom. St Ailbes, Mungret/St Pauls, Ballylanders and Pallasgreen.

From group 1, St Ailbes and Ballylanders

From group 2, Bruree and Monagea.

In the first semi final played in Effin on 27 May, Bruree 2-6, Ballylanders 1-4.

The other semi final played in Croom on the 29 May, St Ailbes 1-7 Monagea 0-2.

The U14 A championship final was played in Mungret on the 6 June, a close encounter with little for St Ailbes, St Ailbes 3-3 Bruree 2-4.

The U14 B championship required 3 first round games.

Mungret/St Pauls v Old Mill

Ahane v Feohanagh/Castlemahon

Monaleen v Oola

Mungret/St Pauls, Ahane and Oola came through for quarter finals, which were as follows:

Mungret/St Pauls v Gerald Griffins

Ahane v Croom

Oola v Pallasgreen

Athea v Drom/Broadford

Mungret/St Pauls travelled to Oola for their semi final on the 26 June. In a high scoring game, Oola for the final, 6-11 to 5-5. In the other semi final Drom/Broadford and Ahane meet in Croagh on the 27 June in another high scoring game, Drom/Broadford on top in the end, Drom/Broadford 3-5 Oola 2-4.

In the B Shield final was played in Rathbane, Mungret beat Ahane 2-7 to 2-5.

While yet with the 14s, a special thanks to the clubs, mentors, supporters and everybody that helped to make File Peil na noz 2005 a wonderful success over the

weekend 1,2,3 July. Thanks also to our National Chairperson Donal Fitzgibbon, Limerick chairperson Owen Hayes and secretary Carmel Ryan. The Ladies Gaelic representatives on the committee, Mary Ita Casey and Catherine Murphy. Credit to all the clubs from north, south, east and west for the wonderful display of colour behind the bans when they paraded from the city to the Gaelic Grounds on the Friday evening. St Ailbes were best of the Limerick clubs in the parade as they were on the playing field when they reached the Division 1 semi final, beaten by Corofin 6-2 to 1-1. Most of you will have a programme of events and the results in the ladies magazine, Peil.

Many thanks to Munster Council and Central Council for their grants, this was very much appreciated. Thanks to Clare and Cork who hosted.

The U16 championship was graded into 3 competitions, A, B and C. The 6 teams in the A were Ballylanders, Drom/Broadford, Mungret/St Pauls, St Ailbes, Monagea and Bruree.

Ballylanders were hoping for a win by Drom/Broadford over St Ailbes to give them a place in the final. But St Ailbes had a one point win and met Ballylanders in a play off. Drom/Broadford met St Ailbes in the final on the 19 November in Ballyagron. Speed, skill, saves, scores and some great scores were the order of the game, the final score did not reflect this. St Ailbes 5-8 Drom/Broadford 1-7.

The U16s B 5 teams were Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Pallasgreen, Old mills, Grald Griffins and Fr Caseys. The top 2 for the final were Feohanagh/Castlemahon and Pallasgreen. Played in Mungret on the 6 November, Pallasgreen were easy winners in the end – 3-15 to 1-5.

The U16 C 4 teams were Athea, Oola, Knockainey and Croom. Another great final between Athea and Oola was played in Kildemo on the 10 September, the trophy for Oola, score Oola 2-9 Athea 0-7.

Our minor championship was with the following teams in Group 1, Mungret/St Pauls, Ballylanders and Monagea. In group 2, St Ailbes, Bruree and Drom/Broadford. The semi final results were as follows:

St Ailbes 5-8 Ballylanders 3-5

Drom/Broadford 8-7 Mungret/St Pauls 2-5

St Ailbes were at home in Caherelly on the 12 November. The following day Drom/Broadford were at home. Another final down for decision on the 4 December in Ballingarry. Due to inclement weather it was not played that day or the following week. St Ailbes were awarded the game.

In the minor B championship the following clubs were Pallasgreen, Knockainey, Gerald Griffins, Athea and Fr Caseys. Pallasgreen and Athea met in the B final on the 20 November in Kildemo, Athea were the stronger in the closing stages – Athea 5-6 Pallasgreen 3-7.

To accommodate Croom who did not have a team at the start (this was due to some mix up), the losers from above and Croom played for a Shield, sponsored by Michael O'Connor. Fr Caseys have a point to spare over Gerald Griffins on the 27 November in Abbeyfeale, Croom were too good for Knockainey on the same day in Knockainey. The teams played the final on the 3 December in Feenagh but due to pitch and weather conditions, the teams' play reduced halves but Fr Caseys were best on the day – 6-7 to 1-1.

The junior league started on the 3 April but the final was never played. Bruree overcame St Ailbes in one semi final played in Fedamore on the 26 August, 2-7 to 2-3. The other semi final played in Kilcornan on the 19 August. Monaleen were too good for Gerald Griffins on a score of 3-5 to 0-5.

The 2 clubs involved never agreed a date, records show Monaleen declared winners. At the start, 12 teams took part. The draw for the first round of the junior championship resulted as follows:

St Ailbes v Oola

Ballyagran v Mungret/St Pauls

Ballylanders v St Senans

Bruree v Glin

Granagh/Ballingarry v Monaleen

St Ailbes met Drom/Broadford in the quarter final on the 31 July in Ballingarry, St Ailbes 7-11 to 3-3. Another quarter final on the 1 September in Doon, Monaleen 6-5 Ballylanders 0-8.

The semi finals were as follows, both played in Croom on the 4 September:

St Ailbes 2-16 Bruree 5-5

Monaleen 1-5 Ballyagran 1-4

The final was played on the 8 September in Knockea with victory going to St Ailbes, the final score St Ailbes 3-7 Monaleen 0-5.

The intermediate championship semi final draws as follows:

Gerald Griffins v Brian Borus

Mungret/St Pauls v Monagea

Gerald Griffins play Brian Borus on the 3 September in Fournafulla, Gerald Griffins 4-16 Brian Borus 3-7. On the 4 September in Croagh the other semi final date, Monagea gave walk.

The final played in Askeaton on the 11 September, final score Gerald Griffins 2-15 Mungret/St Pauls 2-1.

The senior championship was made up of Athea, Gerald Griffins, Mungret/St Pauls, Monagea and Brian Borus. Run on a league system it looked as if there might be an upset in the competition. Newly crowned intermediate Munster champions Athea, lose their first 2 games to Mungret/St Pauls and Gerald Griffins. Brian Borus then cause a surprise when they defeated Mungret/St Pauls, leaving Athea, Brian Borus and Mungret/St Pauls in a 3 way play off, Gerald Griffins were through to the final. Brian Borus get a bye, Mungret/St Pauls and Athea meet on the 21 August in Croagh. Athea made no mistake this time and won 3-7 to 1-4. 2 days later in Templeglantine they overcame Brian Borus 2-10 to 1-7.

Another Athea/Gerald Griffins final, this one played in Dromcollogher on the 28 August, a 5<sup>th</sup> title for Athea 6-9 to 0-9.

A new initiative was introduced this year, a Limerick/Tipperary league, this would replace the Division 1 league in Limerick. With 4 clubs from Limerick, Athea, Brian Borus, Gerald Griffins and Mungret/St Pauls, also from Tipperary, Cappawhite, Brian Borus, Glenard and Templemore. The committee in charge would be:

Liam Shinnick Tipperary Chairperson

Michael Murphy Limerick Secretary

Enda McDonnell Tipperary Treasurer

The league rounds played, the first semi final took place on the 11 June in Glin, old rivals Athea and Gerald Griffins must meet again after they finish level, Athea 1-9 Gerald Griffins 3-3. The replay was also in Glin on the 15 June, this time victory for Athea 6-2 to 2-11. The other semi final was played in Cappawhite on the 15 June, Cappawhite 1-10, Mungret/St Pauls 2-3. The final took place on the 18 June in Fedamore, Athea left it late but good enough at the final whistle, Athea 2-8 Cappawhite 1-10.

The U11 blitz took place on the 25 June in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale. The turnout

was small but the quality was good at the end of the day. The winners were Drom/Broadford 1-4 Mungret/St Pauls 1-0.

A week later the U13 blitz took place at some venue. Victory for St Ailbes, St Ailbes 2-5 Monagea 2-2.

How the clubs fared in the Munster championships: On the 18 September Commeragh Rangers (Waterford) were too good for St Ailbes, 6-13 to 0-8, played in Ard Finnah.

The intermediate winners, Gerald Griffins travelled to mallow on the 24 September and beat Tramore (WEaterford) 5-9 to 2-0. A semi final spot against Cappawhite on the 8 October in Cappamore, another win 4-9 to 1-8. Gerald Griffins lost the final to Abbeydorney 3-11 to 1-6, played on the 15 October in Ballylongford.

Athea sampled Munster senior football on the 15 October in Cappamore, where Ballymacarbry were too good, 3-24 to 1-6.

St Ailbes travelled up for the junior 7 a side and made it to the Shield final, but go down to the other saints, St Peregrines (Dublin) 6-2 St Ailbes 0-5

Mungret/St Pauls were also in Dublin that weekend and made it to the intermediate Shield semi final, going down to Cappawhite 4-3 to 0-2. Athea made it to the Shield semi final in the senior beaten 4-12 to 3-1 by Donaghmoyne (Monaghan).

Many needs to be thanked for what they did during the year, Cumann na mBunscoil and the teachers. The post primary schools and teachers and Jimmy Woulfe who coordinated the fixtures. The GAA County Board and the GAA clubs for their pitches and facilities, the Limerick Leader, Observer, Vale Star and Post newspapers for their coverage, and the radio stations. John Casey and Textile Print for their sponsorship, the many volunteers that raised finance for the County Board. To the clubs and mentors for organising teams, thank you.

Congratulations to Dympna O'Brien, Catriona Ambrose, Eimear Enright and Marie Keating who were selected for the senior panel.

Congratulations to Derek O'Bryne, All Ireland junior final referee, Michael O'Connor, Munster senior final referee. Many thanks to all our referees, we must have some of the best.

Congratulations to Olivia Gilenane and Athea ladies Gaelic Football Club who received county VEC awards. Also you Yvette Moynihan and Yvonne Berkery who received City Board GAA awards.

Congratulations to member who got engaged, married and had additions to their families.

Sadly during the year some will have lost some loved ones and friends. Sincere sympathy to those that suffered bereavements, ar dheis de go raibh a n-amamacha go leir.

Thanks to my fellow officers and committee members for their help throughout the year.

We look forward to 2006, an opportunity presents itself for you to select a chairperson as Tom Madigan has decided to step down after 14 years in the chair. What can be said about Tom, pen would have to be kept in hand too long and could spoil his autobiography.

I will put it in a nutshell and hopefully you will agree with me. He was instrumental in the inception, reception, conception and perception of this great game to Limerick. A gentleman who has never grown old, just ripened a good deal, who is still serving at Munster Council and Central Council and long may he continue to do so. Thank you Tom.

Everyday is a new day, a new chance to succeed.

I wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and may all your wishes for 2006 be granted, both on and off the field.

## **2006**

The annual convention took place on the 7 December 2005 in the Rathkeale House Hotel at 7.30 pm.

The following officers were elected for 2006:

Chairperson: Michael O'Connor

Vice-chairperson: Judy O'Connor

Secretary: Michael Murphy

Assistant Secretary: Ann Sexton

Treasurer: Kathleen Murphy

Assistant Treasurer: Noel Brosnan

Registrar: Mary Murphy

PRO

Development Officer

Culture & language

Once again we can look back and feel proud of our achievements during the year, within and outside the county. The U14 county team reached the All Ireland B final and won the blitz in Mullingar. St Ailbes returned from Wicklow with Division 2 Cup, Athea collected their 6<sup>th</sup> successive senior county title and Knockare and St Brigids set up clubs, Adare is back again after a lapse.

Now how the county teams fared during the year:

The U14 team was under manager Judy O'Connor with Maire Halvey and John English as selectors. John English had to withdraw during the year, Sarah Daly took his place.

Wins for Limerick in the Munster B championship over Tipperary and Waterford on the 22 April and 3 may respectively and a defeat by Clare on the 29 April left the way clear for a home venue against Clare in the Munster B final in Ballylanders on the 24 June.

Limerick failed to turn the tables on Clare and are disappointed with a final score of Limerick 0-3 Clare 2-8. Defeats by Cork and Kerry put them out of the A championship but all was not lost. A quarter final against Sligo on the 9 July in Tuam saw Limerick easy winners, final score 4-14 to 1-7.

Next a semi final spot against Roscommon on Friday 21 July in Ballindireen. After a dour battle, a final spot for Limerick with 1-9 against Roscommon 2-2 for victory.

The All Ireland final on the 5 August in Portumna was a repeat of the Munster final and once again Clare came out on top on a scoreline of 4-4 to 2-6.

The team did achieve an All Ireland success. The U14 All Ireland blitz in Mullingar with a final victory over Roscommon, the final score Limerick 3-4 to Roscommon 2-2. the Division 3 Cup for Limerick when they had a semi final win over Cork B and wins also over Dublin B, Offaly and Fermanagh.

The U16 team was under manager Catherine Murphy with Siobhan McCarthy and Louise Enright as selectors. They travelled to Ballincollig to play Cork on the 3 July and suffered a heavy defeat. They were much more hopeful of success on the 19 July in Fedamore against Tipperary but the umpire's missed out on a Limerick goal, Tipperary sealed victory 4-6 to 2-8.

The minor team were under the same management as the U16s and fared no better in Munster going down to Tipperary on the 8 April in Ardfinnan, Tipperary 4-12 limerick 3-7. The game against Waterford on the 11 April in Kilworth, Waterford 3-11 to 2-5 for Limerick.

This brings us to the junior team, playing in division 2 of the Suzuki All Ireland National League, again this year. The team had its first outing with a trip Tourlestrane to play Sligo on the 2 February and suffered a heavy defeat 6-12 to 0-3. Limerick did not have a manager in place for this game, but thanks to Caroline Spillane for helping out with this game and some training sessions. Tommy Stack took over as manager and trainer, along with Fiachra McGrath as selector. Limerick met Louth in Courtwood, Co Laois, a victory for Limerick 5-8 to 0-12. Due to other commitments Ella O'Shaughnessy, Lilian Quirke, Caroline Sheehan, Lizzie Murphy and Siobhan Moloney were unable to remain on the panel. The next game at home in Ballingarry on the 12 March was against Laois who were too good for Limerick and ran out winners, 3-18 to 1-5. Due to inclement weather the league game against Kildare on the 2 April was played on the Limerick Institute of Technology pitch. Limerick were no match for Kildare, winners by 6-25 to 1-4. The win over Louth was sufficient to give Limerick a quarter final spot against Tipperary but the involvement ended on the 15 April in Mungret with victory going to Tipperary.

The attention now focused on the Munster championship with an opening game against Cork on the 28 June in Mungret, a first class display from Limerick who were easy winners, 3-10 to 0-1. On the 1 July they travelled to Ardfinnan and secured another victory over Waterford 6-23 to 0-1. The reputation was dented on the 5 July in Cooraclare when Clare were on top by 4-13 to 2-12.

To reach the Munster final a win against Tipperary was essential, having gone down to them in the Suzuki league, Limerick made no mistake this time on the 8 July in Mungret with a 2-10 to 1-4 victory. The Munster final on the 29 July in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick were disappointed as Clare always was in control and easy winners in the end 3-13 to 1-8. The only consolation on the day was when Sandra Healy from Limerick was named player of the match.

Still in with a chance of making Croke Park on All Ireland final day, a quarter final against Leitrim on the 20 August in Athlone. With 2 minutes on the clock, Limerick looked likely winners but Leitrim equalised and with seconds on the clock scored the winning point, Leitrim 1-12 Limerick 2-8. You could say Limerick paid for their sins with players in the sin-bin in the closing stages. Once again Limerick had the player of the match, this time Dympna O'Brien, sister of Sandra Healy.

In conjunction with the Munster junior championship, the Cailimi Oga had their first game against Cork and the other game against Kerry on the 28 June and 8 July respectively, both played in Mungret. Siobhan McCarthy, Louise Enright and Mary Murphy looked after the Cailini Oga teams.

Every player was a star in their own right but there is always one that shines a little brighter enabling it to become an All Star. This accolade was presented to Dympna O'Brien at the All Star banquet on the 18 November in the City West Hotel, Dublin. Having showed her exceptional talent when she lined out with the Irish team in the International Rules series against Australia, both games shown live on TG4. The first game was on the 31 October in Breffni Park, Cavan, the second in Parnell Park, Dublin on the 4 November. Congratulations Dympna, many thanks to all that looked after the teams to the VEC and the GAA County Board for their grants. Textile Print, John Casey and Midwest Transport also for their sponsorship.

Back to the playing fields for the county championships. In the U12 novice competition the following clubs took part; Ahane, Adare, Knockare, Fr Caseys and St Brigids. This was run on a league basis, the semi final pairings resulted as follows; played on the 19 June in Croom, Fr Caseys 2-6 St Brigids 0-1, played on the 24 June

in Adare, Ahane 802 Adare 2-0.

The final played in Craogh on the 7 July, Ahane 3-3 Fr Caseys 1-6.

The U12 A was divided into 2 groups:

Group 1: Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Gerald Griffins, Old Mill, Monagea, Dromcollogher/Broadford and Athea.

Group 2: Croom, Knockainey, St Ailbes, Oola, Mungret/St Pauls and Ballylanders.

The top 2 teams from each group were into the semi finals. The semis played in Kildimo on the 29 May – Drom/Broadford 2-5 St Ailbes 0-2, Mungret/St Pauls 2-7 Monagea 1-2.

The A championship final was played in Croagh on the 31 May. Mungret/St Pauls 2-8 Drom/Broadford 2-0. the A Shield final was played in Mungret on the 11 June, St Ailbes 0-7 Monagea 0-2, a first U12 A title for Mungret/St Pauls.

The remaining teams were into an open draw for the B championship and Shield, those semi finals resulted as follows; Knockainey 1-2 Ballylanders 1-1 played on the 1 June in Herbertstown, played in Bruree on the same evening Oola 2-3 Athea 1-3.

In the B final played in Pallasgreen, Knockainey 1-4 Oola 1-3 on the 8 June, also the date for the B Shield final in Feenagh, Feohanagh/Castlemahon 2-5 Athea 1-5.

The U14 championship had a different format this year. The A competition had 6 teams, the B competition had 6 teams and 5 teams in a novice competition, Mungret/St Pauls, St Ailbes, Ballylanders, Oola, Drom/Broadford and Monagea. This was run on a league basis, the top 4 teams qualifying for the semi finals.

In one semi final Mungret/St Pauls were too good for Drom/Broadford on the 12 June in Cappagh, Mungret/St Pauls 2-9 Drom/Broadford 1-7. the other semi final was played in Pallasgreen on the same evening, St Ailbes 1-15 Ballylanders 0-0. Both championship and shield finals were on the 19 June in Passaskenny.

A championship, St Ailbes 9-8 Mungret/St Pauls 6-1, Ballylanders were unable to play in the shield final.

The B championship teams were as follows: Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Athea, Croom, Ahane, Monaleen and Pallasgreen. The semi finals were as follows on the 15 June in Pallasgree, Chane 3-12 Pallasgreen 1-2 on the 16 June in Feenagh, Feohanagh/Castlemahon 5-22 Croom 0-6.

The B championship final was played in Croagh on the 1 September, Ahane 7-4 Fe/Castlemahon 3-8. The shield final was played in Fedamore on the 24 June, Croom 5-15 Pallasgreen 0-4.

In the U14 novice: Knockainey, Knockane, Gerald Griffins, Old Mill, St Brigids and Fr Caseys. The semi final were as follows; Knockainey 3-12 Gerald Griffins 1-6, played in Effin on the 16 June. The other semi final, Fr Caseys 3-6 Old Mill 3-3, played the same evening in Athea. The final played on the 23 June in Feenagh, Knockainey 4-10 Fr Caseys 3-6.

The U16 competition was divided into A B and C championships. The A 2 groups of 3:

Group 1: Ballylanders, Pallasgree and St Ailbes

Group 2: Oola, Drom/Broadford and Monagea.

The top team from each group qualify for the final.

A repeat of last years final was Drom/Broadford and St Ailbes , victory once again to St Ailbes on a scoreline of 1-7 to 1-4, played in Balyagran on the 30 October.

The U16 B 5 teams top 2 for the final were Mungret/St Pauls and Ahane who met in a play off to decide who would meet Fr Caseys in the final. Ahane were too good for Mungret/St Pauls in the play off and also for Fr Caseys in the final played in Kildimo on the 25 November, Ahane 4-6 Fr Caseys 1-0.



The U16 C, the following clubs, Knockainey, Monaleen, Askeaton, Old Mill and Croom, the teams that made it to the final were Monaleen and Croom, this was played in atrocious conditions in Mungret on the 19 November, Monaleen 4-8 Croom 2-2. This brings us to the minor competition, also divided into A B and C championships. The A teams – St Ailbes, Drom/Broadford, Athea and Ballylanders. St Ailbes and Drom/Broadford each had easy wins over Ballylanders and Athea and battled it out in the final on the 26 November in Feenagh, Drom/Broadford 5-11 St Ailbes 3-6. In the B championship: Monagea, Fr Caseys, Mungret/St Pauls, Pallasgreen. After the league rounds, Monagea and Fr Caseys made the final which was played in miserable conditions on the 19 November in Croagh. Fr Caseys caused a surprise, Fr Caseys 2-4 Monagea 1-6.

In the C championship: Croom, Gerald Griffins and Knockainey. Croom on top, Knockainey runners up in the league series, met in the final on the 5 November in Knockainey after a toss for venue, home or away, Knockainey emerge winners on the day 6-6 to 6-2.

Now to the junior league, the following teams compete; Athea, Glin, Oola, St Senans, Castletown/Ballyagran, Gerald Griffins, Gronagh/Ballingarry, Mungret/St Pauls, Ballylanders, Monaleen, Monagea and Pallasgreen.

The first of the 11 rounds started on the 6 April with the final on the 22 September in Kildimo. The semi finals resulted as follows; Monaleen 5-7 Oola 5-3 played on the 2 September in Capamore. Granagh/Ballingarry were too good for Pallasgreen, 3-11 to 1-8, played in Bruree on the 11 September. The Cup for Granagh/Ballingarry after a final win over Monaleen 3-9 to 1-11.

The above teams along with Drom/Broadford and the Old Mill took part in the junior championship. Run on a knockout, the following teams made the semi finals; Oola, Old Mill, Granagh/Ballingarry, Drom/Broadford. On the 5 September in Crroom, Old Mill overcame Oola 3-8 to 2-5.

Granagh/Ballingarry lost out to Drom/Broadford in Rathkeale on the same evening 3-6 to 1-6. The final on the 10 September in Ballingarry saw the final score Drom/Broadford 3-11 Old Mill 2-10.

Only 3 teams were in the intermediate championship, Monagea and St Ailbes met in Croom on the 20 August, a one point win for Monagea, 4-8 to 4-7 for St Ailbes. Monagea and Mungret/St Pauls contested the final on the 27 August in Croagh where Mungret/St Pauls finished the stronger and easy winners in the end, Mungret/St Pauls 2-8 Monagea 0-4.

In the senior championship 5 teams competed, Athea, Gerald Griffins, Monagea, Mungret/St Pauls and Brian Borus which is an amalgamation of Old Mill and Drom/Broadford. The championship was run on a league basis with semi finals. The pairings for the semi finals resulted as follows; Athea v Brian Brous and Gerald Griffins v Mungret/St Pauls. Both semis were down for decision on the 3 September in Feenagh, Athea were too good for Brian Borus, the final score being 7-7 to 3-3. The other semi was not played, this was as a result of a referee's report on the league round between Gerald Griffins and Mungret/St Pauls played on the 9 August. Gerald Griffins are awaiting to hear the findings of the General Purpose Committee and were made known on the 5 September at the County Board meeting.

The findings did not concern players and the semi final was refixed for the 10 September in Ballingarry, but appeals to Munster Council meant this game was not played.

Time was running out to have a team for the Munster championship, Munster Council decided that the game be played under lights at 8 or 9 pm on Friday 29 September, as

Mungret/St Pauls could not play any other evening. The game was played in Quilty resulting in a 1 point win for Gerald Griffins 2-2 to 0-7.

The senior final took place on the 8 October in Askeaton where Athea continued their dominance of the competition and made it 6 titles in a row, the final score Athea 3-10 Gerald Griffins 2-5.

The U11 blitz took place in Mungret on the 25 June, Monagea and Drom/Broadford made it to the final after semi final wins over St Ailbes and Mungret/St Pauls respectively. Drom/Broadford proved their stamina in the final and beat Monagea 2-4 to 1-3.

The U13 blitz was held in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale on the 30 October with 8 teams divided into 2 groups. In the semi final, Mungret/St Pauls and Ballylanders were beaten by St Ailbes and Monages. In the final another trophy for St Ailbes, St Ailbes 1-4 to 0-1 for Monagea.

The following is how the clubs did outside the county. Pride of place must go to St Ailbes who represented Limerick at Feile na noz in Wicklow, having beaten Monaleen in the Limerick final on the 8 April in Croom. Hosted by Naas, they toured much of Wicklow until they reached Baltinglass on the Sunday morning for the Division 2 final against Mullahoran, Cavan. The final score that morning was St Ailbes 2-6 Mullahoran 2-1.

Congratulations not only to St Ailbes but also to Paula Donnelly from the club who won the Feile Skills Competition.

Drom/Broadford represented Limerick in the Munster junior championship and were unlucky not to make the final, after missing several chances, going down by a goal to Coolmeen (Clare) 1-7 to 0-7 on the 22 October in Glin. In the opening round they overcame St Pats (Waterford), played in Cashel.

Mungret/St Pauls bowed out on the 21 October in Newmarket-on-Fergus (Clare) to Cooraclare 4-13 to 1-7, having a first round victory over Comeragh Ranger on the 14 October in Kilbehenny.

Athea almost created the shock of the season in the Munster senior semi final going down by 4 points to Ballymacarbry on the 14 October in Cappawhite, 2-11 to 3-4. St Ailbes travelled to Dublin for the 7 a side hoping to go one better than last year but failed to do so in the junior. Athea took part in the senior 7 a side and performed well in the early games but failed to make the play off stages. Ahane U14s travelled to Kilmacud Crokes and enjoyed the experience.

Limerick were fortunate enough to complete all their games but for some players training will not cease until after the 9 December when they line out with the underdogs against All Ireland senior champions Cork in Pairc U Rinn.

Limerick were well represented on the underdogs Maedhbh Nash (Athea). Vicecaptain Linda Lodge from Old Mill and the 3 Giltenane sisters from Mungret/ St Pauls, Rosie, Martina and Olivia.

Sisters Sandra Healy and Dymphna O'Brien played their part for Munster in the interprovincials in Mullingar in May.

Well done also to Catriona Davis (Monagea) and Tom Madigan (Shanegolden) who received Co Limerick VEC awards, also Martina Giltenane (Mungret/St Pauls) and Theresa Melican (Monaleen) for City GAA awards.

Many need to be thanked for their help and support throughout the year. The GAA County Board for the use of Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale. The many GAA clubs that gave pitches for club and inter-county games throughout the year. Many thanks to the referees and those that collected at gates, to the Limerick Leader, Osberver, Vale Star

and Post for their coverage and Limerick 95 FM radio.

To those that attended the Fundamental Coaching Course in Croom, hope you found it of benefit. To the new clubs, hope you enjoyed the experience of playing ladies Gaelic Football.

Congratulations to members who got engaged, married and had additions to their families during the year.

Sincere sympathy to those that suffered bereavements during the year. Ar dheis De go raibh a n-amamacha go leir.

Thanks to all the officers and the various committees for what they did during the year. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> report of the secretary, Michael Murphy. An old saying, you can't make an omelette without breaking eggs, consider what you all did during the year, an achievement.

Happy Christmas to all and every success on and off the field for 2007.

## **2007**

The annual convention was scheduled for the 5 December 2006 in the Rathkeale House Hotel.

Michael O'Connor opened the meeting with the minutes of the last meeting being read and the secretary also gave his report, as did the other officers.

When it came to the election of officers, the outgoing chairperson indicated that he was not standing. As the convention failed to elect a chairperson it was decided after a proposal and seconder that a request to all clubs for nominations and another meeting was held on the 18 December 2006.

At this meeting it was failed to elect a chairperson and it did not continue. Central Council and Munster Council were aware of the problem in trying to elect a County Board Executive.

Another attempt to elect a board took place on the 16 February 2007 in Adare. In the meantime at well attended meeting, Central Council officers and Paula Prunty gave a course on the duties of county board officers.

The minutes of this meeting were taken by Michael Ryan and Geraldine Giles presided. The following officers were elected:

Chairperson: Michael O'Connor

Vice-Chairperson: Gerry Molyneaux

Secretary: Michael Murphy

Assistant Secretary: Ann Sexton

PRO: Siobhan McCarthy & Mary Ita Casey

Treasurer: Tom Madigan

Assistant Treasurer: Teresa Griffin

Registrar: Kathleen Murphy

Development Officer: Catherine Murphy

Culture & Language: Maria Bradshaw

Children's officer: Bernie Conaghan

We will take a brief look back on 2007 where everybody will have their own view of matters. There were 2 major disappointments, firstly no U14 teams and secondly the failure to field a team for the TG4 Intermediate Championship. On a more positive note, new clubs Kilmallock, must be pleased with their performances. Thanks to Cumann an mBunscoil and the teachers who run their competitions and promote the game at this level.

Thanks also to the post primary teachers and Mary Ita Casey for co-ordinating their competitions.

Congratulations to the winners and runners up and every club that took part in

competitions during the year.

How our county teams fared during the year: We can only look forward to 2008 for our U14 team, after failing to get management for a 2007 team.

The U16 team under the management of Catherine Murphy and Dawn Hennessy had a first round game against Cork on the 27 June in Feenagh, Cork were much too good and run out easy winners, Cork 5-17 to 2-1. Limerick travelled to Ballygiblin on the 4 July to play Waterford. Limerick were beaten in a ding dong battle by a point, Waterford 2-9 Limerick 1-11.

The minor team under the same management as above are at home for their first game against Tipperary. In a high scoring game played on the 24 March in Kildimo, the final score Tipperary 3-16 Limerick 5-7.

Another trip to Ballygiblin on Tuesday 3 April to play Waterford, where the same fate as the U16 lay in store, a one point defeat, Waterford 4-10 Limerick 4-9. Had Limerick management used the services of some players they needed for the U16 and minor games, there is no doubt they would have been in 2 Munster finals.

In the Suzuki All Ireland National league, Limerick were in Division 2A along with Sligo, Dublin, Clare and Leitrim. Tommy Stack agreed to manage the team until June after that he would be out of the county, Eibhear O'Dea would assist him.

Limerick had their first game against Clare on the 11 February in Kildimo, Clare were too good and the final score was Clare 3-12 to 4-3 for Limerick. Adare was the venue for the next game against Dublin on the 18 February. Dublin were in a different class and ran out easy winners, 5-13 to 1-5.

For the next game Sligo travelled to Mungret on the 25 February, the score Sligo 2-11 Limerick 0-7. After this game Tommy Stack withdrew his services and expressed his disappointment that players were not turning up for training and games when they promised to do so. The remaining game on the 11 March was against Leitrim in Mungret. On a very wet cold day, Leitrim took the points on a scoreline of 1-8 to 0-6. The next outing for the team was in the Munster Junior Championship. For a variety of reasons Limerick were badly hit for players when they travelled to Bansha on the 13 May. Tipperary were easy winners 7-15 to 1-4.

Thanks to Tom Giltenane for looking after the team that day and making every effort to have a team for the TG4 intermediate championship where Limerick is grouped with Westmeath, Louth, Leitrim and Wexford. One win would give Limerick a quarter final spot but Limerick withdrew from the competition. That completes the fortunes of county teams in championships.

Thanks to Joan O'Callaghan and Ned Landers, Limerick travelled to Quin for an U12 county tournament, the team was most unlucky not to have received a final.

Thanks also to the managers of the other county teams. Also to Co Limerick VEC, the GAA County Board and the Limerick branch of the Dublin Supporters Club for their financial contributions.

But, back to the playing field for the county championship beginning with the U12s. 10 teams were divided into 2 groups:

Group 1: Ahane, Ballylanders, Knockainey, Oola and St Ailbes

Group 2: Drom/Broadford, Monagea, Feohanagh/castlemahon, Fr Caseys and Mungret/St Pauls

Played on a league system the top 2 teams from each group were into the semi finals.

On the 4 June in Croom, Drom/Broadford and St Ailbes clashed in one semi final with victory going to Drom/Broadford, 6-3 to 4-2. On the same evening in Monaleen, Ahane and Mungret/St Pauls finished level in the other semi final on a scoreline of 2-2 a piece. At the same venue on the 8 June, Mungret/St Pauls had a one point win

over Ahane 0-4 to 1-0.

The A Championship and A Shield finals were played in Croom on the 11 June. Mungret/St Pauls put back to back titles in the U12 championship after a close encounter with Drom/Broadford, the final score, Mungret/St Pauls 1-3 Drom/Broadford 1-1. Ahane had it a little easier in the A Shield final with a win over St Ailbes, Ahane 2-4 St Ailbes 0-1.

In the U12 B Championship there was a bye for Knockainey and Fr Caseys. On the 30 May Monagea and Feohanagh/Castlemahon travelled to Oola to play Oola and Ballylanders respectively in quarter finals. The winners of those games were to meet in a semi final. Monages and Ballylanders would have to do it all over again after finishing level, Monagea 1-6 Ballylanders 2-3.

In the other game that evening Oola advanced on a score of Oola 2-8 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 1-5. The replay game took place on the 4 June in Ballingarry. At the end of normal time the teams were still deadlocked, Monagea 2-2 to 1-5 for Ballylanders. In extra time Monagea held out for a final score, Monagea 3-4 Ballylanders 1-6.

The same evening and venue Knockainey advanced to the final after their victory over Fr Caseys, Knockainey 2-1 Fr Caseys 1-3.

Monagea and oola met in the other semi final on the 9 June in Mungret. Monagea were through to the final after beating Oola, 3-4 to 2-1. Ballyagran was the venue for the B Championship and shield finals on the 11 June. In the B Championship final Monagea were too good for Knockainey and the final score Monagea 1-8 Knockainey 1-0. In the Shield final a win for Oola, Oola 4-5 Fr Caseys 1-0.

In the C Championship Kilmallock would play Ladies Gaelic football for the first time and put their skills against the following: Athea, Gerald Griffins, Croom, Adare, Old Mill, St Brigids and Pallasgreen. Played on a league basis the top 4 teams would be for the semi finals.

Kilmallock would meet Athea in one and St Brigids met Pallasgreen in the other semi final. Kilmallock advanced having beaten Athea 2-6 to 1-3 in Rathkeale on the 3 June. On the 1 June in Oola, St Brigids in the final overcame Pallasgreen 1-7 to 1-4. In the final played on the 9 June in Oola, at their first attempt Kilmallock capture their first U12 trophy beating St Brigids 1-9 to 0-2. Athea and Pallasgreen decided to have a break before they played the Shield final and waited until the 10 November for the very last game of the season. In a most enjoyable game in Mungret, Athea were one point winners over Pallasgreen with a final score, Athea 2-6 Pallasgreen 3-2.

On to the U14 championships with A B and C competitions:

The same system as last year with the top 2 teams playing in the semi final against the quarter final winners. In the A were Ballylanders, Drom/Broadford, Monagea, Mungret/St Pauls, Oola and St Ailbes. In the first quarter final Oola lost to Mungret/St Pauls, played in Pallasgreen on the 21 May, score Mungret/St Pauls 2-7 Oola 1-6.

In the other quarter final, Monagea 1-9 to 1-4 for Drom/Broadford, played in Feenagh. The semi finals resulted as follows: On the 28 May in Pallasgreen, St Ailbes 5-6 to 2-4 for Mungret/St Pauls. On the same evening in Ballingarry Ballylanders 3-4 to 1-8 for Monagea.

In the final St Ailbes were not to be denied a 4<sup>th</sup> successive U14A title when they easily accounted for Ballylanders with a final score 8-8 to 1-4, played on the 6 June in Knocklong. On the same evening in Feenagh, Mungret/St Pauls held out against Monagea, final score Mungret/St Pauls 2-4 Monagea 0-6, the Shield for Mungret/St Pauls.

In the B Championship were Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Ahare, Gerald Griffins, Fr Caseys, Knockainey and Old Mill. In the quarter finals Ahane were too good for the Old Mill and Knockainey overcame Gerald Griffins. In the semi finals Feohanagh/Castlemahon beat Knockainey in Kildimo on the 28 May, final score Feohanagh/Castlemahon 3-7 Knockainey 2-5. The other semi final was played in Croagh the same evening, Fr Caseys 3-11 Ahare 4-4.

The B Championship final was played in Feenagh on the 6 June, Fr Caseys 4-7 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 3-3. The B Shield final was played in Pallasgreen on the same evening, victory for Ahare, final score Ahare 4-6 Knockainey 4-2.

Prior to this game in Pallasgreen, Kilmallock and Monaleen battled it out for the U14 C championship final. There was another trophy for Kilmallock on a scoreline of 5-4 to 2-1. Monaleen overcame St Brigids in one semi final, 9-6 to 2-4, in the other semi, Kilmallock overcame Knockane 3-8 to 1-2. The semi finals were played in Hospital on the 28 May. This completed the U14 championship as St Brigids felt the players were too young for U14, thus Knockane were declared winners of the C Shield.

Now for the U16 championship with A B and C competitions: 5 teams were in the 'A': Drom/Broadford, Ahare, Monagea, St Ailbes and Oola.

The top 4 were to meet in the semi finals. Monagea and Drom/Broadford met in Feenagh on the 25 April, Monagea were too good with a score of 1-7 to 1-4. St Ailbes easily overcame Oola, this game was played in Boher on the 26 April with a score of 9-7 to 0-2. the final was played in Ballyagran on the 9 May where St Ailbes made it 4 in a row of U16 A championships when they met Monagea with a final score of 0-11 to 0-3.

The u16 B championship was divided into 2 groups:

Group 1: Athea, Mungret/St Pauls and Fr Caseys

Group 2: Monaleen, Pallasgreen, Ballylanders and Knockainey.

In the semi finals:

Ballylanders 3-6 Fr Caseys 1-6

Mungret/St Pauls 2-9 Monaleen 1-9

The final was played in Fedamore on the 2 May, a late goal sealed victory for Ballylanders and the final score Ballylanders 3-7 Mungret/St Pauls 1-6.

The U16 C were also in 2 groups:

Group 1: Old Mill, Askeaton, Gerald Griffins and Feohanagh/Castlemahon

Group 2: Kilmallock, Croom and Knockane

The semi finals resulted as follows:

Kilmallock 2-7 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 1-4

Gerald Griffins 5-2 Croom 3-5

The final was played on the 9 May in Dromcollogher, the final score, Kilmallock 2-9 Gerald Griffins 0-2.

The minor also consisted of A B and C competitions:

The A teams: Ballylanders, Fr Caseys, Drom/Broadford and St Ailbes. This was played on a league system, the top 2 for the final. It resulted in a repeat of last years final. St Ailbes and Drom/Broadford provided the early morning entertainment with a 10.30 throw in in Ballyagran on the 4 November. It looked as if St Ailbes were about to take the trophy but Drom/Broadford woke up late in the second half and with a brace of late goals would take the title for the second year in a row, final score on the day Drom/Broadford 6-4 St Ailbes 4-8.

In the minor B championship were Mungret/St Pauls, Monagea, Knockainey and Monaleen. The teams to make it to the final after the league rounds were Mungret/St Pauls and Monagea. This final was played in Croagh on the 28 October. In an

exciting game, Mungret/St Pauls held out for victory, the final score 3-7 to 3-4.

The minor C was in 2 groups:

Group 1: Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Old Mill, Athea, Gerald Griffins

Group 2: Kilmallock, Pallasgreen, Croom and Oola

The top team from each group was to meet in the final.

Oola and Feohanagh/Castlemahon met in the final on the 4 November in Kildimo.

After the hour's football between Feohanagh/Castlemahon, the score was 4-5 to Oola's 2-7.

This brings us to the adult competitions. Division 1 of the league would include 3 clubs from Limerick and 3 clubs from Tipperary. Known as the Limerick/Tipperary league, the clubs were Athea, Gerald Griffins and Mungret/St Pauls from Limerick, Cappawhite, Brian Borus and Glen Ard from Tipperary. The semi finals and final were not played due to the extended run by Tipperary in the championship.

In Division 2 of the county league, the following clubs took part: Drom/Broadford, Granagh/Ballingarry, Monagea, Old Mill, St Ailbes and Monaleen.

The semi final pairing resulted as follows; St Ailbes v Monagea, Drom/Broadford v Old Mill. The semi final were to be played on the 16 July in Bruree and Feenagh but a cloud burst just before throw in made pitches unplayable. St Ailbes and Monagea played in Rathkeale on the 23 July. St Ailbes were easy winners, St ailbes 5-13 Monagea 0-5. Drom/Broadford and Old Mill played in Feenagh on the 24 July.

Drom/Broadford advanced to the final, score Drom/Broadford 3-8 Old Mill 2-5.

The final was played in Rathkeale on the 6 August. In a high scoring game an easy win for St Ailbes over Drom/Broadford, the final score St Ailbes 8-14

Drom/Broadford 5-5.

In Division 3 the following clubs took part: Ballylanders, Oola, Fr Caseys, St Senans and Glin.

On the 16 July in Oola, the home club held out against Ballylanders with the final score, Oola 3-6 Ballylanders 3-8.

St Senans travelled to Fr Caseys for their semi final on the 23 July, score Fr Caseys 4-9 to 0-3 for St Senans. Feenagh was the venue for the final on the 6 August where Fr Caseys were too good for Oola on a scoreline of 5-9 to 0-6.

In Division 4 the following clubs were involved: Mungret/St Pauls, Athea, Gerald Griffins, Pallasgreen, Abbey Sarsfield and Croom.

Croom travelled to Mungret for their semi final on the 16 July and lost out to the home club, 3-10 to 2-5. In the other semi final Gerald Griffins and Adare met in Pallaskenny on the 23 July, Gerald griffins held out for a 2-6 to 1-6 victory.

The final took place on the 25 July in Rathkeale, Mungret/St Pauls were easy winners over Gerald Griffins 4-8 to no score.

The junior championship was an A and a B competition. The following contested the A, run on a league system, Ballylanders, Old Mill, Drom/Broadford, Fr Caseys and Granagh/Ballingarry. The final was down for the 16 September, Fr Caseys were through and Old Mill requested a change for the final and was willing to play midweek.

This change was requested, they had to play Monaleen again after the referee called off the game due to failing light. Old Mill was unable to play mid week and Fr Caseys were to represent Limerick in the Munster Championship.

In the Junior B championship were Glin, Abbey Sarsfield, Croom, Adare, Pallasgreen, Oola, Mungret/St Pauls and St Senans. Run on a league system the teams that came through for the final were Oola and St Senans. This final took place on the 16 September in Croom. In a ding dong battle, Oola would become the inaugural winners of the newly sponsored cup on a score 1-6 for Oola, 1-4 for St Senans. The

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In the intermediate championship were St Ailbes, Monagea and Drom/Broadford. St Ailbes and Drom/Broadford contested the final on the 16 September in Askeaton. This time Drom/Broadford were caught napping and the final score, St Ailbes 2-10 Drom/Broadford 4-2.

The senior championship – 4 teams took part, Athea, Brian Borus, Mungret/St Pauls and Gerald Griffins. Run on a league basis, the finalists were Athea and Gerald Griffins. This was a repeat of last year, this year the venue was Glin on the 9 September. In a closely contested final, Athea would make it 7 victories in a row of senior championships beating Gerald Griffins 2-8 to 1-9.

The honour of representing Limerick at File this year went to Ballylanders after they defeated St Ailbes in the Feile blitz final played in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale. 2 other enjoyable days were also had in Mick Neville Park with the U11 and U13 blitzes.

The following clubs took part in the U11: Oola, Mungret/St Pauls, Adare, St Ailbes, Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Monagea, Kinockainey and Athea. In the A final, Monagea had a point to spare when they defeated Mungret/St Pauls, 1-2 to 1-1. In the B final, Drom/Broadford 3-3 to 1-5, winners from Athea. This blitz was played on the 29 September. The U13 blitz was played on the 13 October with the following clubs taking part: In the A, Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Athea, Mungret/St Pauls, Drom/Broadford and Monagea.

Mungret/St Pauls halted Monagea from making it a double with the U11 blitz, the final score Mungret/St Pauls 0-3 Monagea 0-2. A point also separated Oola and Knockainey in the B final, Oola were winners 1-0 to 0-2. St Brigids, Kilmallock, Knockare also took part in the B blitz.

Many thanks to all that helped out with both blitzes and to the young male and female referees.

That completes the competitions within the county.

Outside the county, as already mentioned, Ballylanders travelled to Leitrim for Feile na nOz and enjoyed the experience.

Fr Caseys went down to Ballyduff (Waterford 3-9 to 2-7 on the 29 September, played in Glanworth. The same day in Cappamore St Ailbes went down to Cappawhite 7-16 to 0-2. also the same day, once again Ballymacarbry were too good for Athea, 1-15 to 1-6 in Ballygiblin. As Athea wished to play, the next game was on a Sunday against Southern Gaels, this was due to a camogie game, also on the Saturday, they had to give a walkover. Limerick clubs were out of the VHI Munster championship.

In the All Ireland weekend, Athea were for the senior sevens and 2 teams from St Ailbes were in the junior, both enjoyed the day.

I would like to thank the Co Limerick VEC and GAA County Board for their grants and to Niall King, Shanagolden, proprietor of the for the cup for the junior B championship.

Congratulations to Liz Doran, Mungret/St Pauls who received a City Board GAA award and to Marie Halvey, Limerick person for the month of March.

Many thanks to GAA County Board and the GAA clubs who gave their facilities during the year. Many thanks to the referees and officials at the games, some of the referees are still in for criticism, this may be alleviated somewhat next year as 3 ladies are currently training on the 'Grad your Whistle' course. Elizabeth Leonard, Hazel Fogarty and Catherine Murphy.

Many thanks to the Limerick Leader, Observer, Vale Star and Post and 95fm for their coverage.



Tonight many new officers of the County Board will be elected. If you are shy and worried about what others may think of you, it could help to realise that they probably worry about what you think of them.

Its only natural that some unexpected troubles should occur during the year, all will have their own ideas as to who was at fault. Troubles, like the washing machine, things that are twisted and knocked around but in the end come out brighter and better than before, lets look forward to 2008!

It is disappointing not to have U14 and intermediate teams in 2007, statistics will show both club and county having reasonable success at those levels.

A lady once said to me that statistics is like the 'bikini' what you see is interesting, whats un-revealed is essential! Lets look through the glasses of optimism and reveal the potential out there, its essential that we courage and show our appreciation by sending players for trials and training.

For 2008 will see Limerick in Division 3 of the Suzuki National league which should be the ideal stepping stone to the championship. Lets try the impossible and be remembered by getting a team to Croke park in 2008. Especially with the talk of taking the finals out of there due to the lack of support from its own members.

If I have omitted something, it was in error.

Congratulations to members who got engage, married or had extensions to their families.

Sincere sympathy to those that suffered bereavements. Ar dheis De go raibh an namamacha go leir.

Thanks to my fellow officers and committees. Happy Christmas and New Year to all for 2008.

"I lay down my pen, after my 11<sup>th</sup> report"