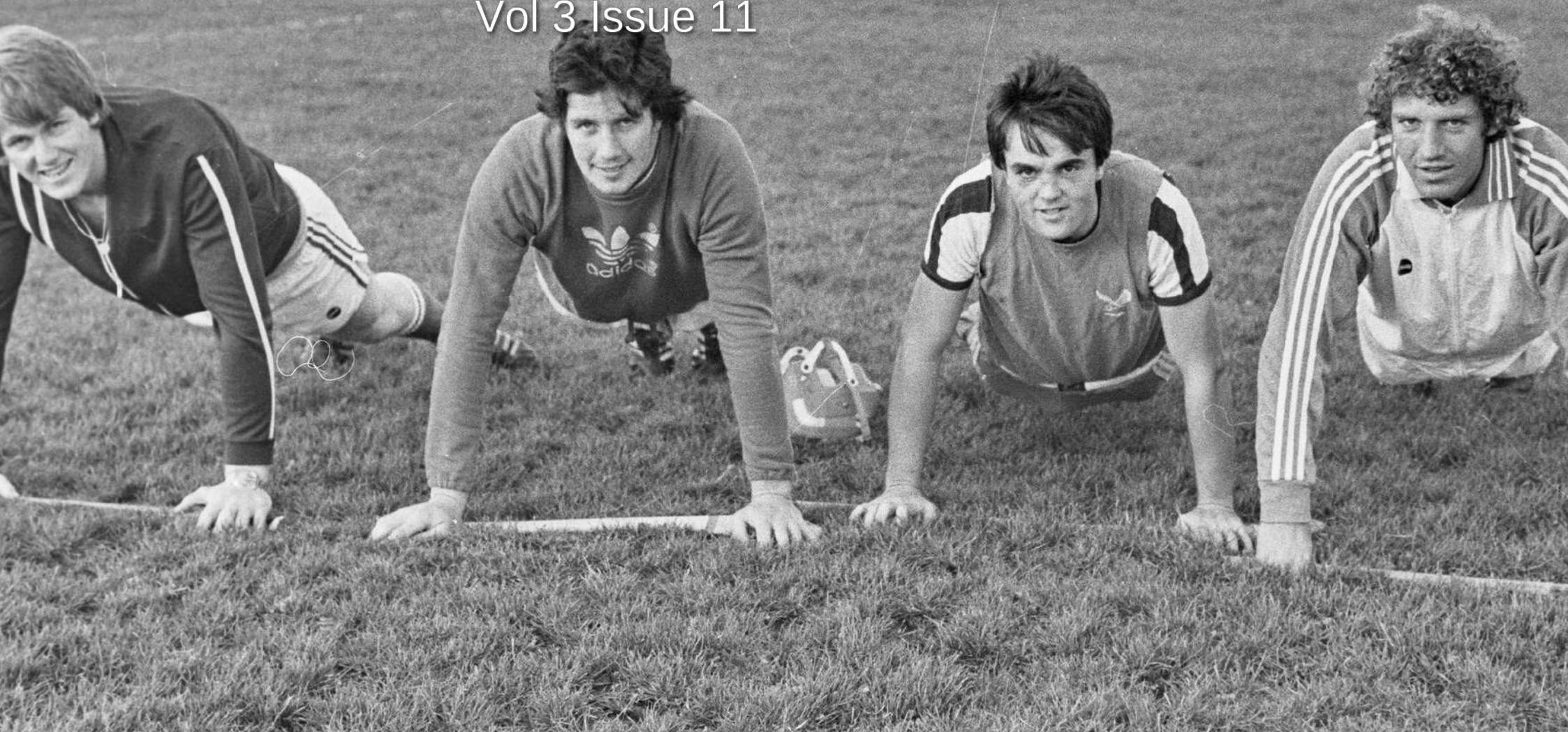


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Hi Everyone,

The year is coming to an end all of a sudden. But what an eventful year it has been. Our hurlers great run came to an end in Aughrim – not the first time our sporting ambitions have been dented there. They lost out by just two points to reigning Leinster champions Bray Emmets – in a game of fine margins. This was the lads’ first defeat of the year – a year in which they regained senior status for the club in hurling in both league and championship. Well done to Tommy Fitzgerald, Noel Costelloe, Damien Lynch, Diarmuid Lalor, all of the backroom team and of course the panel of players who restored great pride in the ancient game in our club.

Our U20 footballers were pipped at the semi-final stage by their nemesis of recent years - Ballyroan Abbey. This was a very close game which we led for long stages but a couple of turning points in the second half, as well as some missed chances in the first, contributed to this defeat. Again thanks to Paul Cahillane and his management team and to all the players for their efforts.

Some great shots from the archives again – never seen before images of a training session from the 1980’s. Interesting to see the gear that was the norm back then!

Some events coming up include Ladies AGM tonight 20th November, and the main club AGM in the Killeshin Hotel next Monday 27th November at 7.30pm.

There is a re-union for hurling teams from 1993 and 1998 this Friday 24th in De Brun’s which all club members and supporters are very welcome to attend – it should be good fun there.

Congrats to Sonny Keogh on winning an Unsung Hero award at the Laois Community and Voluntary Awards 2023. Great to see the tireless and selfless work that Sonny does for his club and community being acknowledged. Sonny is a great clubman. The time he has put in out in Rathleague, alongside some other great stalwarts, is impossible to quantify.

It’s a home away from home for him – he seeks no limelight and the work he does is for the love of Portlaoise GAA – plain and simple. Well done Sonny we are thrilled for you.

Congrats to Fiona Dooley and Eoin O Connor for winning Laois POTY awards – a nice touch at the end of a successful year....two extremely talented and committed players for the Town.

We delve back in to Teddy and Brians history book this month for an interview with Tommy Conroy – aka the Legend. A great read that was.

As the year draws to a close our focus turns to mundane things like reviewing the past year and planning for the year ahead. Both in relation to teams and development. This is ongoing. In relation to development... at times progress seems slow but external factors contribute to this. Progress is happening and the club is moving in the right direction from that perspective. The floodlights, walking track etc are not far off being finalised – we can’t wait to have those bits fully complete. Pitch 5 is finished and looking resplendent with catching nets and poles now up– thanks to the lads in Rathleague for all of their hard work in relation to this and special mention to JP Cahillane who played a leading role.

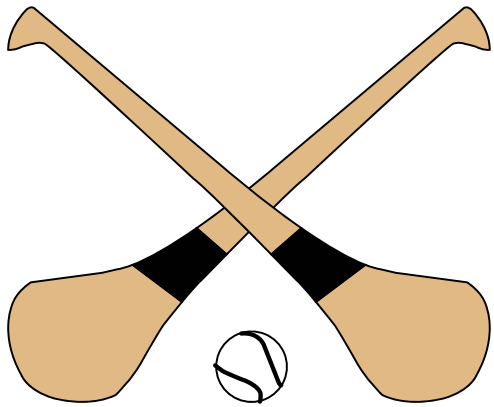
The Dinner Dance is something to look forward to – Tickets will be on sale soon....it will be a sell-out again there’s no doubt about that. With medals to be presented to the ladies and the hurlers this year the night will also commemorate some of the great achievements in the club such as 1984 minor/senior double-double, and the 2004 senior double and Leinster success. Also its 60 years since the breakthrough 1964 success. It’ll be a cracking night and its something to look forward to.

We hope you enjoy the latest edition of the Tattler

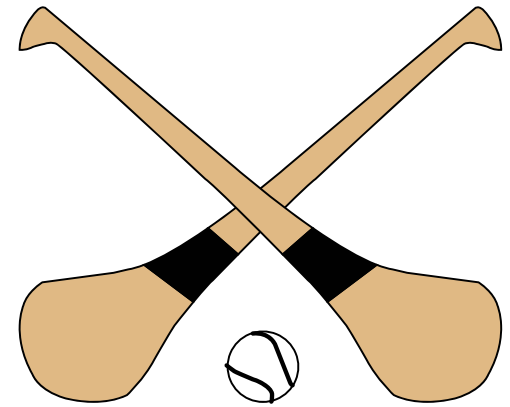
The Tattler Team
PORTLAOISE GAA



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24TH



de Brún's
at
HUME'S



CELEBRATING 93 & 98

AGM



MONDAY NOV 27TH

7.30PM

KILLESHIN HOTEL



Jim Hughes R.I.P.

Jim Hughes (R.I.P.) was a player of great talent who represented The Town with great distinction for many years winning county titles in both hurling and football.

He heralded the coming of a golden age in senior football for the county town. He was indeed the first club captain to get his hands on the iconic (now sadly replaced) Jack Delaney cup when presented it by County Chairman, Jack Conroy in 1964 (pictured above). The Town went on to win this 30 more times after Jim captained the great team of '64.

Jim was a leader and captained the club to senior and intermediate football county honours. He was also a fine hurler in his time and won two Minor A hurling championships with Portlaoise. He was also on the first Town side to win a Leinster title in 1971/72.

He led by example never sparing himself on the frontline as a midfielder or defender and went on to become an inter county star for many years.

Roll of Honour:

Leinster Football: 1971/72 (1)

Senior Football: 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971 (6)

Intermediate Football: 1956 (1)

Minor A Football: 1954 (1)

Minor A Hurling: 1953, 1955 (2)



Jim Hughes is presented with the new Jack Delaney cup after the SF final of 1964 by the County Chairman, Jack Conroy



Pat Rogers R.I.P.

Pat was a terrific footballer with Portlaoise in his younger days. He starred on two consecutive minor football champion teams in 1972 and 1973. He was corner forward in '72 when the Town beat Ballylinan by 1-6 to 0-7. In '73 he was midfield when Graiguecullen were beaten by 1-7 to 0-5.

Pat also starred on the Junior champion team of 1973 who beat Abbeyleix in an amazing second replay (the third match was played on April 21st 1974) on a scoreline of 1-10 to 0-11.

Amongst Pat's teammates at these times were several players who went on to win Leinster and All-Ireland medals such as Jimmy Bergin, Kieran Daly, George Plunkett, Tom Prendergast, Liam Scully, Billy Bohane, Colm Browne, Jimmy Harding, John Joe Ging, Gerry Griffin, Eamonn Whelan and many others.

Pat met Deirdre and relocated to Portarlinton where he lived for many years. He was also a superb soccer player.

He was a regular visitor back to Portlaoise, and socially it was always great to bump into him. He loved to attend the

Strength in Numbers gigs - a great local act with Pat's younger brother Mick as the lead vocalist.

He was a lovely, friendly, genuine and fun person and he maintained a keen interest in the going-ons in his hometown.

The Rogers family are a greatly loved and respected Portlaoise family and our thoughts and prayers are with them at this sad time.

May Pat Rest in Eternal Peace.



Junior football champions 1973. This is the team that drew with Abbeyleix in the final and went on to take the title.
Back: Kieran Daly, John Joe Ging, Philip Rochford, Brendan Tynan, Jimmy Bergin, Jack Kavanagh, Tom Prendergast, Martin Parkinson.
Front: Pat Rogers, Gerry Griffin, Liam Scully, Martin Callaghan, Bro. Kelly, Peadar Molloy, Eamon Whelan.



Sonny Keogh - Award Winner

We are thrilled that one of our great clubmen - Brendan 'Sonny' Keogh - has received an Unsung Hero award at the Laois Community and Voluntary Awards 2023.

The ceremony took place last night in the Midlands Park Hotel.

Sonny is an institution in Portlaoise GAA. It's difficult to know where to start with him. He has given a lifetime's service to his club...purely out of his love for Portlaoise GAA.

If you ever need to track this man down a visit to Rathleague any day of the week would be a good place to start. Rain, hail or shine Sonny is there - alongside his sidekick Liam Breen, and that fabulous group of volunteers such as Ollie, JP, Seamie, the two Pats, Teddy McCormack, PJ etc - marking and cutting pitches, carrying out the continuous maintenance work, fixing things, as well as having the necessary cup of tay of course!

Sonny is truly an unsung hero. He just loves the club and all of his hard work is done without wanting reward or recognition, without any sense of ego - just with pride of being a town man to the core.

How could he be any other way coming from the proud lineage of the Keogh's. His dad Tommy was a brilliant and lifelong clubman before him, and all the Keogh's are massive town supporters. Sonny's son Gar is cut from the same cloth and making a huge and positive contribution to the club also. His niece Aisling is a star player with our champion ladies.

In one of the pictures we posted on Facebook, from 1958, a 6 year old Sonny is in the front row as a supporter of the club and he has always been there. In another pic after the three in a row of 1968 he is in the background holding the famous placard.

We are blessed to have him. He is loved by all involved in our club and we are thrilled that he has been honoured in this way. Credit to Laois Sports Partnership/Peter O Neill for nominating Sonny for this award.

Well done Sonny Keogh - a legend, a gentleman, a humble man, a grafter, one of the best townies in the history of our club.





Save The Date

We're pleased to announce the date for our Dinner Dance will be Bank Holiday weekend, Sunday Feb 4th at the Midlands Park Hotel.

We had a great night at the venue this year to mark our 135th anniversary and the 2024 event promises to be just as good.

We'll have presentations for our Senior Ladies and Hurlers who've had both had an amazing year.

We'll also be celebrating some key anniversaries in 2024. It will be the 40th anniversary of the 1984 double double. Portlaoise became the first and only club in GAA history (as far as we are aware) to achieve both Senior Football and Hurling success as well as Minor Football hurling and football success in the same year. What an achievement.

2024 will also mark the 20th anniversary of the 2004 Senior Hurling and Football victories. The footballers went on to win their 6th Leinster and narrowly lost out to Ballina in the All-Ireland final.

We'll also have the brilliant The Luna Boys providing entertainment on the night. The Luna Boys have played Electric Picnic and in their own words "The trio bang out all your favourite tunes with raucous symmetry. 3 lead singers of different flavours, 3 guitar players of different technique and one of the most unique drummers you will ever see. They do not do covers of other people's songs, they lend their unique style to the songs of others".

Details of how to get your tickets will be released very soon.



2024 DINNER DANCE

at the
**MIDLANDS
PARK
HOTEL**

**4TH FEBRUARY 2024
7.00PM**

Entertainment on the night from

THE LUNA BOYS



Tommy Conroy

Tommy Conroy has been a stalwart of Portlaoise GAA throughout his life. He played senior football for the town for 17 years, winning six county championships as well as a Leinster title in 1987. He made his name when he broke onto the great town team of the 80's with Colm and Gerry Browne, Curly and co still setting the standard. He soldiered through the barren years of the '90s and then a golden generation of new stars arrived like Ian, Martin Delaney, Woolly, Fitzy etc and gave an ageing sportsman a new lease of life. Here are some of his personal memories of the club.

Earliest memories: I remember training where the apartments (Parkside) are now beside O Moore Park, there was a bit of a hedge just at the corner where the steps are now and we just to stand in there and tog off and train there. Ollie Byrne was training us in the hurling I remember and Bill in the football. I also remember going to see the Leinster Final in 1976 against Cooley Kickhams and that was a great occasion. We sang on the bus to it and we sang on the way home. I was only ten then. That definitely made an impression on me and I could see how much the club meant to people and I felt proud to be from the town.

You hurled?! Ah yeah up to about 17 years of age. Ah I was no use at it. We won a hurling Division 2 Feile down in Galway with lads like Paul Bergin, Rocky O Connell, Liam Duggan. We didn't win much else. There was no feile football at the time.

Underage football: I can't remember winning a whole pile underage in football but we eventually won a minor in 1984 when we beat Graiguecullen in a replay. That was the first football medal I can remember. We had lost to Portarlington in the final the year before. They had a very strong team.

Heroes: When I was playing on my own or kicking around with other fellas Atch was a player that you'd always think of - beautiful skill, he could field, he could kick, do everything and then he played in a whole load of positions and he was such a stylish player so he was one, for sure. When I got older I often said it to him. I remember one time, I was on the senior team at this stage, Colm (Browne) collected me from the train station in Port, I was in college in Galway at the time, to bring me training and we were talking about the great Kerry team of that time and Colm said 'sure Atch would get on that team, he's as good as any of them'. For Colm to say that kind of stood out for me.

You came on to a great Portlaoise team in 1986. Daunting? I couldn't play in 1985 as I was in Galway and didn't really have transport. My big goal was to get onto the senior team. I was about the only one myself and Liam Duggan. Not too many of lads our age pushed, had the drive, really wanted to make the senior team. I know there was good team there at the time and maybe some lads felt they wouldn't get in there so they just backed away from it. I used to have a good laugh with John Bohane when I came onto that team for the first time and sure Critchley was late for everything. I remember a Leinster Final and he was late for it. I remember looking at fellas and saying this is unbelievable, he's late for a Leinster Final. And they were all saying ah no it's ok he'll be here, he'll be here. Colm Browne would always have given encouragement but at the same time on the field he'd keep you on your toes. He'd shout something at you and you'd shout something. You'd get used to it. It was the heat of the moment and it was so important. Sometimes fellas take the hump and mightn't talk to each other afterwards but for us that's the way it was and it was healthy.

Greatest memories: 1999 I suppose. Also beating Parnells in 87 stands out as a great memory.

Biggest disappointments: Losing to Ferbane in a Leinster



Club final with a last minute goal and also losing a couple of All-Ireland semi-finals. But the biggest one was losing the 05 final against Ballina. The game passed me by to some extent. It's like all of these games. You know you're in charge and you think to yourself I should have done this, I should have done that. Shoulda coulda woulda. That was a big downer for sure.

Toughest Opponent: At county level I marked Bernard Flynn. He was a livewire and had beautiful balance. If he got half a step on you forget about it he was really fast. He was dynamite. At club level Eamon Strong was always a good solid player, PJ Dempsey in other years became a really effective player, Mick Dempsey was another tough one I came up against.

Regrets: At the time when I was playing I felt I was trying to do things right. I always travelled to training from Galway and Dublin. It would have been great to know about nutrition and the science of training but we hadn't a clue about things like that then and they didn't come into the equation. Funnily enough I sometimes regret that I gave it so much in that other things suffered like I would love to have gone to America for a couple of years or gone away somewhere. I always liked travelling but I never travelled like the way young lads do now. Sometimes you think there is more to life.

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PORTLAOIS GAA 2023
PREMIER INTERMEDIATE

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

EOIN O'CONNOR

Croí agus Iníon



Thanks to Zenn Beauty Clinic

Some of our champion Minor camogs dropped into Zenn Beauty Clinic with the Cup earlier this month.

Linda and Avril from ZENN sponsored the tops for our U15s/Féile/U16s & Minor teams.

Also a mention to Vincent King of Kings on Railway Street for their support and sponsorship



LGFA AGM



MONDAY NOV 20TH

7.00PM

THE PARISH CENTRE



LAOIS LGFA 2023
**PLAYER
OF
THE YEAR**

FIONA DOOLEY





Awards Night

Earlier this month we held our juvenile awards in Coppers Bar for our U8 to Minor teams.

It was a great evening for all the girls. It has been a great year for our club and that's down to all the hard work done by our girls, coaches, parents and supporters.

Massive thank you to all the coaches and parents who have helped with all the teams throughout the year.

Roll on 2024









Club GPO Corner

October/November Highlights

- On Tuesdays Gaelscoil Senior classes (Muinteoir Cuileann agus Ciara) and 1st classes (Muinteoir Lauren agus Rachel) continued their fundamental skills training. Progressing to the use of footballs over the past weeks. Kids improving in all aspects of handling and awareness.
- Maryborough NS have begun their second week of coaching in the past four weeks. Junior classes have been focusing on simple fundamentals which will be progressed each week while the senior classes have been focused on, in game matches and skill development which will be worked on in the coming weeks.
- Wednesdays Educate together senior infant's classes (Paidi + Hazel) have been improving on fundamental movement skills and have also impressed in the use of bean bags helping them with hand eye coordination. 4th classes (Shannon and Jorjas class) have both been working on awareness and football skills (Handpassing solo, bounce)
- Thursday's Holy family 1st classes (Ms. Bermingham, Ms Conlon, Ms Kennedy, MsMcCormack, Ms Reams, Ms Quigley) along with Senior infant classes (Ms Conroy, MsMoran, Ms Regan, Ms Purcell, Ms Fennelly, Ms Scanlon) which are on rotational weeks are very much benefitting from the continued coaching over the past few weeks. Loads of mini games and some challenges for them have helped in fundamentals over the past few weeks.
- Fridays Holy family Senior school have been continuing their in-school street leagues with loads of matches every Friday. Each Friday every 3rd class faces each other with one class getting some coaching every week. These games have been very successful with all students getting a chance of game time over 7 weeks. With the help of some 4th year students from Scoil Christ Ri, it has run extremely well.

Coming in the next 4 weeks

- Whats to come in the next four weeks!
- Athletic development for both girls and boys .
- Saturday morning skill based sessions
- Block of coaching with Scoil Bhríde.

and more being planned.





Health and Wellbeing this Winter

As the winter season approaches, maintaining your health and fitness can become a challenge amid the cold weather and shorter days. However, with a few strategic changes to your routine, you can stay in top shape and enjoy the season to its fullest.

Here are essential tips to help you keep healthy and active during the winter months:

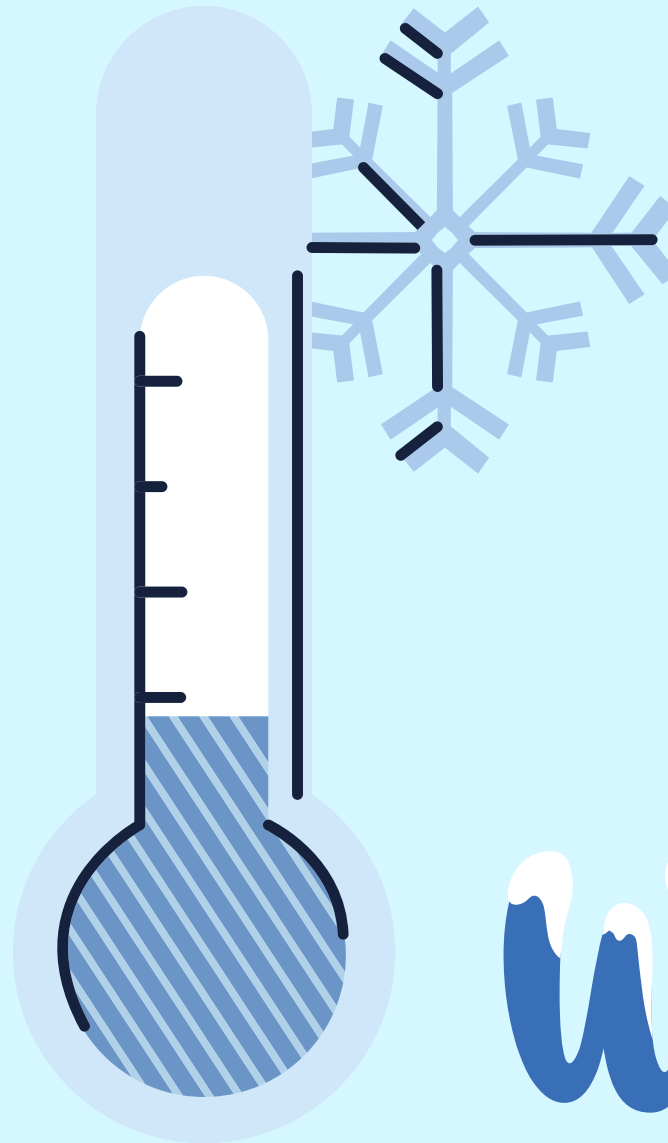
Embrace Indoor Workouts: When it's too cold to exercise outside, take your workout indoors. Try home exercise routines, join a gym, or attend fitness classes. Indoor activities like yoga, pilates, or even dance classes can keep you active and warm.

Layer Up for Outdoor Activities: If you prefer outdoor activities, dress in layers to stay warm and protected. Breathable, moisture-wicking clothing as a base layer, followed by insulating layers and a waterproof outer layer, can make outdoor exercise more comfortable.

Stay Hydrated: It's just as important to stay hydrated in the winter as it is in the summer, even if you don't feel as thirsty. Keep a water bottle handy and drink regularly throughout the day.

Eat Nutritious Foods: Focus on a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains. Winter is a great time for hearty soups and stews packed with nutrients.

Get Enough Vitamin D: With shorter daylight hours, getting enough Vitamin D can be a challenge. Include Vitamin D-rich foods in your diet, such as fatty fish, fortified dairy products, and egg yolks. Consider a Vitamin D supplement after consulting with a healthcare provider.



Prioritise Sleep: The longer nights in winter are a natural cue for your body to get more rest. Aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep per night to help your body recover and strengthen your immune system.

Manage Stress: Winter can sometimes lead to seasonal affective disorder (SAD) or general feelings of low mood. Stay connected with friends and family, and engage in activities that reduce stress, like meditation or reading.

Dress for Visibility: If you're exercising outdoors, especially in areas with reduced daylight, wear reflective clothing or use lights to ensure you're visible to others.

Warm-Up Properly: Cold weather can make your muscles more prone to injury. A thorough warm-up increases blood flow and prepares your body for physical activity.

hello
WINTER



Zoom takes training

Pat Critchley has had a very successful career as a teacher and coach. He picked up his formal coaching training at Thomond College in Limerick.

Here he is in the early 80's running a training session with the senior hurlers under the watchful gaze of legend Jimmy Doyle.



PORTLAOISE GAA CLUB ARCHIVES



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Beidh na soilse Nollaig curtha ar siúl ar an bPríomhsráid oíche Sathairn seo chugainn

The Main Street Christmas lights will be turned on this Saturday night

Beidh an Cor na h-Eaglaise ag canadh carúil Nollaig

The Church Choir will sing Christmas carols

Beidh craic agus spraoi ann

There will be plenty of fun and enjoyment

CIORCAL COMHRÁ SAMHAIN

NOVEMBER USEFUL PHRASES

Beidh an Ceoldráma Phortlaoise ag tosnú de Sathairn seo chugainn chomh maith.

The Portlaoise Musical will be starting this Saturday also

I gcónaí bíonn an caighdeán an ard agus cinnte is fiú ticéad a fháil

The standard is always very high and it's definitely worth getting a ticket

Is oíche taitneamhach é

It's a very enjoyable night



Portlaoise's (Maryborough's) first game

Taken from C'mon The Town Portlaoise G.A.A. 1887 -2016 by Teddy Fennelly and Brian Delaney

Maryborough's first reported game in the Leinster Express was a friendly match with the recently formed Portarlinton football team on Sunday, 4 November 1888. The report stated that "the pitch is situate close to Messrs Odlum's mill and adjoining the railway station". Maryborough won by 1-6 to nil. Local man, George Copeland, was referee and he performed his duties "to the satisfaction of all concerned".

The visitors were hospitably entertained after the match by the Portarlinton team in the "Dramatic Room" of the Catholic Young Men's Society, "and left after spending a most enjoyable evening's sport amidst cheers for the GAA".

The next match reported was Maryborough against Clonad in a game played on a field at Meelick kindly let by Mr. M. Corcoran, Maryborough, on Sunday, 18th November, 1888. This was the first recorded clash between local clubs that became intense rivals in the hurling code many years later. The report was critical of some of the Clonad tactics and, to an extent, the referee, who was not named. "It is regretted that during the first half, some of the Clonad men exhibited a spirit little short of rowdiness, which was near bringing the match to an abrupt termination. Too much cannot be said against this sort of conduct which, we believe, it is intended to bring before the county committee. We cannot conclude without remarking that captains of clubs ought to be sure in appointing a person to be referee that he sufficiently understands the rules and practice of the game to enable him to discharge in a proper manner his onerous duties."

The next games mentioned in the Leinster Express were

fixed for Sunday, 13 January, 1889, when there was a triple fixture at the Maryborough club's grounds. The home side played Portarlinton in an "A" team clash followed by a juvenile game.

The Maryborough hurlers had their first ever reported outing against Ballytarsna. In the football game, which was a return fixture, Maryborough again came out on top against their rivals but much improvement could be seen in the Portarlinton side. The match "was a perfect treat ... Portarlinton with a little experience will not have to be content with being worsted as they have the requisites to become a first-class team."

The home side won by 0-5 to nil and John McGuire, Captain of the Maryborough Hurling Club, was referee. Names mentioned as outstanding were King, Tehan, J. T. Whelan, N. Maher and R. P. Fennell, captain. "All other men did their work excellently from the time the ball went a rolling until the whistle finally sounded, a series of 'scrummages' ensued." McEvoy and Dwan played best for the visitors. Ballytarsna had run county champions, Rathdowney, close in the previous year's championship and were considered far too experienced for a novice Maryborough side. The visitors eventually won by 2-6 to nil after a very satisfactory and sporting game. R. P. Fennell was referee and Field Umpires were Mr. Phelan, Rushall, and E. Burke, Maryborough. W. Fitzpatrick, James Reilly and P. Whelan "rendered good service" for Maryborough. Team captain, McGuire, "is to be congratulated on the plucky performance by his men on their first appearance".

The juvenile game was a close affair in which Maryborough just came out on top by two points to one. Gallagher and Kennedy are names mentioned. McGuire was referee and Field Umpires were Mr. W. King, Maryborough, and Mr. T. Hargroves, Portarlinton.

The visitors were entertained by the home teams at the Town Hall.

The Leinster Express

KILDARE, QUEENS AND KING'S COUNTIES. MEATH, WICKLOW, DUBLIN, AND MIDLAND MERCANTILE AND AGRICULTURAL ADVERTISER.

GARLIC FOOTBALL MATCH.
MARYBOROUGH V. PORTARLINTON.
 On Saturday last the Maryborough G.A.A. team journeyed to Portarlinton to meet a friendly match with the recently formed Portarlinton football team, and were warmly received by their hosts in the rooms of the Catholic Young Men's Society. The field of play, situated close to Messrs Odlum's mill, and adjoining the railway station. They commenced at 12 o'clock, with the wind slightly in their favour. The Maryborough men played it points to legs every afternoon until half time was called, they did not, however, leave their opponents' ground. In the second half the visitors started with an advantage, but were checked by the home side, from which, however, they failed to score. During the remainder of the game the Portarlinton men played with a determination and vigour rarely met with, and on several occasions were seen to be on the verge of the splendid defence of the Maryborough men. Result:—Maryborough, 1 goal 5 points; Portarlinton, 0 goals 1 point. Referee, Mr. George Copeland, Portarlinton; Field Umpires, Mr. Phelan, Mr. E. Burke, and Mr. W. Fitzpatrick, Maryborough. The visitors were hospitably entertained after the match by the Portarlinton team in the Dramatic Room of the Catholic Young Men's Society, and left after spending a most enjoyable evening's sport amidst cheers for the G.A.A.

Leinster Express - 10th Nov 1888

FOOTBALL.
MARYBOROUGH V. CLONAD.
 On Sunday a match which was looked forward to as likely to be of an interesting and exciting character was played between the Maryborough and Clonad teams for the possession by Mr. M. Corcoran, Maryborough. The evening was one that would be appreciated by a variety of water-proof, and throw back on the wisdom of the poet who said so "wisely" that "Medicine is a pretty piece in winter time." Still, the sporting people of Maryborough and its vicinity turned out in a goodly number to witness the contest. They commenced at 3.25 pm, and the Maryborough men losing the first set with the advantage of a strong wind, against which it was only by most skillful judgment and excellent play they repelled the fiery rushes of their active opponents. There was one score during the first half hour. On change of sides Maryborough led off with a well-earned point, following it up by a goal and two points. The play during the second half of the game was fast and furious—rather much so, but if ever colour the spectators were treated to as fine a display of football as has been seen in the district since the revival of this popular old pastime, Maryborough winning by a goal and three points to nil. It is to be regretted that during the first half of the game some of the Clonad men exhibited a spirit little short of rowdiness, which was near bringing the match to an abrupt termination. The match cannot be said against this sort of conduct, which we believe it is intended to bring before the County Committee. We cannot conclude without remarking that captains of clubs ought to be sure in appointing a person to be referee that he sufficiently understands the rules and practice of the game to enable him to discharge in a proper manner the onerous duties which are imposed upon him.

Leinster Express - 24th Nov 1888

GARLIC FIXTURES.
 Football—Sunday 13th, Maryborough v. Portarlinton (return match), at twelve o'clock.
 Hurling—Same day, Maryborough v. Ballytarsna (challenge), at one o'clock.
 Football—Same day, Maryborough v. Portarlinton (challenge), at two o'clock.

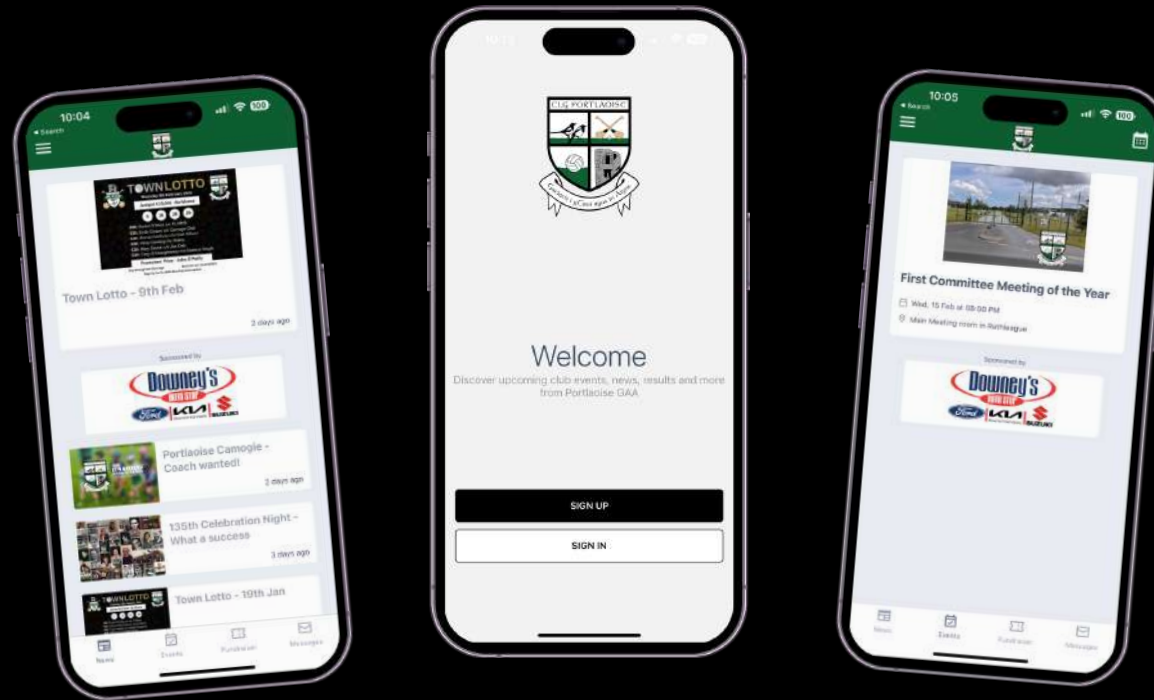
MARYBOROUGH GARLIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.
 A meeting of the Committee of the above Association was held on Sunday last, the 6th inst. when the following resolution was adopted:—
 "That the Secretary do apply to those who subscribed last year and others, as well as the traders, &c., of the town and neighbourhood, for a subscription to the funds of the Club for the coming year."
 A resolution was likewise unanimously passed thanking those who had during the past year assisted the Association by their contributions to the funds of the Society.
 Other business having been transacted, the meeting separated.

Leinster Express - 12th Jan 1889

BALLYTARSNA V. MARYBOROUGH.
 The next on the field were the hurlers, and the excitement which their appearance gave rise to was immense. The visitors were from Ballytarsna, whilst the team with which they fought was the Maryborough, which, it seems, is only in its infancy, and, consequently, could not be expected to make much of the position in which it was placed. The match was a good one, and what made it even more pleasing was the absence of all dissension. In the first half of the play the Maryborough team seemed a little timid, and of this the visitors were apparently cognizant; but now and then the latter got enough to do. The second portion of the game did not prove so fortunate for the visitors as the first, as the Maryborough men seemed to take fresh courage, but they could not secure anything to their advantage. For the visitors Carroll, Phelan, and Cahill deserve special mention, and for the home team W. Fitzpatrick, James Reilly, and P. Whelan rendered some very good service. The Captain (McGuire) of the Maryborough H. C. is to be congratulated on the plucky

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