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Bringing Our Past to Life While Keeping You Up to Date

As Portlaoise GAA continues to grow both on and off the field, we have also been hard at work behind the scenes transforming our club website into a one-stop destination for everything happening in the club, while also preserving the rich history that makes Portlaoise GAA so special.

The redevelopment of www.portlaoisegaa.ie has been an ongoing project over the past number of years, with the aim of making it easier than ever for members to stay connected with the club. Whether you're looking for the latest fixtures, results, league tables, match reports, club news or information from any of our playing codes, the website has become an invaluable resource for players, parents, supporters and former members alike.

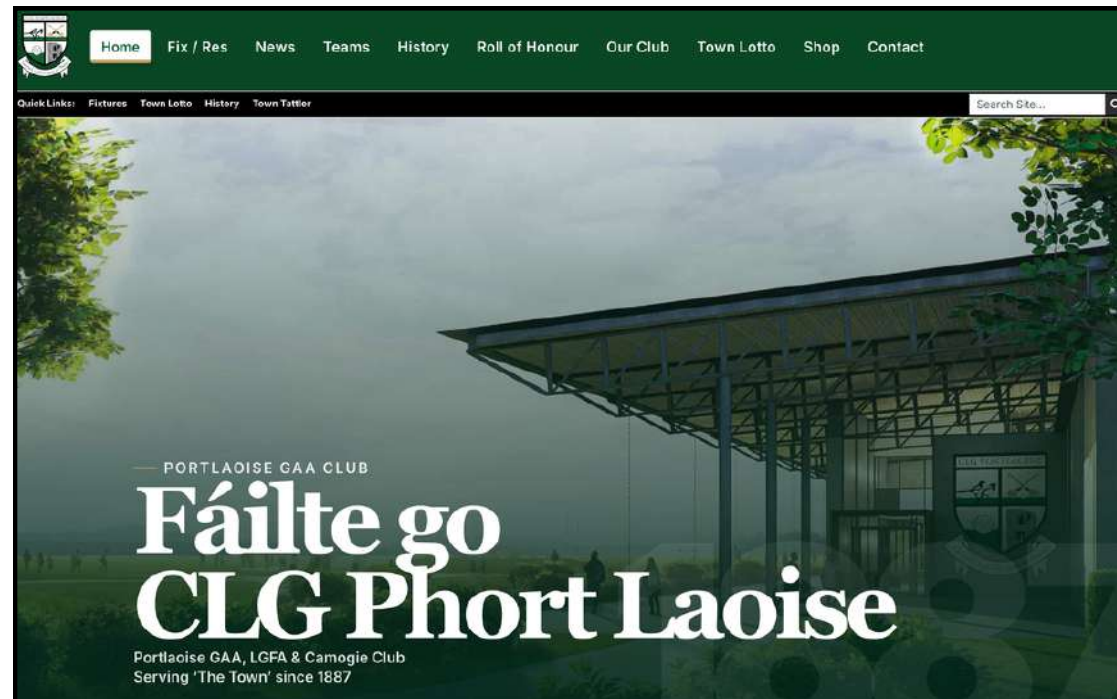
One of the biggest pieces of work currently underway is the continued development of our History section as we build towards the club's 140th anniversary in 2027.

We genuinely believe there are very few, if any, club websites that offer the depth of historical information now available on the Portlaoise GAA website. The main History section at <https://portlaoisegaa.ie/history/> provides an extensive overview of our club's remarkable story, while our History by the Decades pages at <https://portlaoisegaa.ie/history/decades/> allow members to explore our story year by year, from the club's earliest days right through to the present.

This incredible resource would not have been possible without the outstanding work carried out by Teddy Fennelly Snr and Brian Delaney when they produced the club's history book in 2015. Their dedication in researching, recording and preserving the story of Portlaoise GAA has provided the foundation for everything we are now building online.

Every piece of historical information from that publication has now been incorporated into the website, together with a wealth of additional material gathered from newspapers, club records, photographs and archives. The result is a living record of our club that can continue to grow for future generations.

Our dedicated Archives and History Committee is currently working through the years 2016 to the present day, documenting the club's recent successes, milestones, teams, photographs and memorable moments. This is a significant undertaking, but one we hope to have completed in the near future so that the story of Portlaoise GAA remains fully up to date.



Club website intro

Fixtures this week		
Thu 6th Aug at 7:30pm LAOIS SHOPPING CENTRE Intermediate Football Championship – Round 2 Qualifier Annanough v Portlaoise @ Timahoe	Fri 7th Aug at 6:00pm MIDLANDS PARK HOTEL U13 'A' Hurling Championship League Div 1 – Round 4 Camross GAA v Portlaoise @ The Village Pitch	Fri 7th Aug at 7:00pm MIDLANDS PARK HOTEL Minor 'A' Hurling Championship League Div 2 – Round 3 Portlaoise v The Harps @ Rathleague
Fri 7th Aug at 7:30pm LCIETB Junior A Championship – Group B – Round 1 St. Conleths v Portlaoise @ Courtwood GAA	Sat 8th Aug at 11:45am MIDLANDS PARK HOTEL U13 'C' Hurling Championship League Div 1 – Round 4 Ballinakill Gaels v Portlaoise @ Ballinakill GAA	Sat 8th Aug at 5:30pm LAOIS SHOPPING CENTRE Senior Football Championship – Round 2 Winners Arlas/Killeen v Portlaoise @ Laois Hire O'Moore Park, Portlaoise

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One of the most rewarding aspects of this project has been hearing from families of former players and members who have sadly passed away. Many have contacted us looking for photographs, newspaper reports or any information relating to their loved one's involvement with the club.

Thankfully, our archives have enabled us to help many of these families. In several cases we have been able to provide team photographs, match reports and other records that had not been seen for decades. Sometimes those team photographs are the only surviving images a family has of their relative during their playing days, making the work of preserving our history even more meaningful.

The History section currently available online is only scratching the surface of what exists within the club archives. We hold thousands of photographs, newspaper reports, programmes and historical documents, and we hope to continue adding new material to the website over the coming months and years.

If you have never visited the History pages before, why not set aside an hour or two and take a trip through the decades? You might discover an old team photograph, read about a famous victory, or perhaps even find yourself, a parent, grandparent or another family member featured in the club's long and proud history.

If you are searching for something specific and can't find it online, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Email us at info@portlaoisegaa.ie and we'll do our very best to search our archives and help in any way we can.

While you're browsing, don't forget to visit our fully updated Roll of Honour at <https://portlaoisegaa.ie/roll-of-honour/>, which records every championship success achieved by Portlaoise GAA teams throughout the club's history.

As we move towards celebrating 140 years of Portlaoise GAA in 2027, preserving and sharing our history has never been more important. Our story belongs to every member who has ever worn the green and white, volunteered, supported from the sidelines or contributed to making this club what it is today. We look forward to continuing to tell that story for many years to come.

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Portlaoise 2-8 v 0-1 Four Masters (Donegal)

Back (l. to r.): Mark Brophy, Jason Lalor, P.J. Kavanagh, Eoin Bland, Brian McNamara, Roc Scully, Colm Parkinson, Mick Dempsey, Colm Fennelly, Philip Scully, Damien Holohan, Owen Delaney, Brian Delaney (manager).
Front (l. to r.): Niall Collins, Michael Dempsey, Colm Fennelly, Philip Scully, Damien Holohan, Owen Delaney, Brian Delaney (manager).
Missing from Photo: Diarmuid Mullins, Páirc Dúisce, Tommy Mulligan.

Portlaoise captured a second national Féile Peile na nÓg football title in 1992 after defeating Four Masters of Donegal in Páirc Tailteann.

LEINSTER EXPRESS

Saturday, June 13, 1992

FÉILE HONOURS FOR PORTLAOISE

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avan once again proved a happy hunting ground for Laois footballers when the Portlaoise U14 team travelled to Meath for the National Féile Finals at the weekend.

Read full report

Portlaoise: Mark Brophy, Jason Lalor, P.J. Kavanagh, Eoin Bland, Brian McNamara, Roc Scully, Colm Parkinson, Brian O'Sullivan, Aidan Connell, Colm Rigney, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Hugh Rochford, Niall Collins, Mick Dempsey, Colm Fennelly, Philip Scully, Damien Holohan, Owen Delaney, Diarmuid Mullins, Kevin Donegan, Tommy Mulligan.

1992 honours

Laois Junior 'A' Football Championship

Portlaoise 3-0 v 0-12 Clonsilla/St.Manman's

Captain: Declan White

Laois U-14 Football Championship Winners

Portlaoise 3-0 v 3-3 St Michael's

Captain: Owen Delaney

Search in the decades...

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Rathleague Development Update

We're happy to share another positive update on the ongoing development works at Rathleague.

Construction of our new clubhouse is now well underway and the building is beginning to come out of the ground. It is fantastic to see the progress being made, with works continuing on schedule and everything progressing to plan.

We are also pleased to confirm that our new all-weather Gaelic games pitch is on course to open from 15th August. Covering 15,500 square metres and built to full Croke Park playing dimensions, the new facility will provide our members with a first-class training and playing surface all year round. We'll share a separate update next week with details of how club members can book and use the new pitch.

As construction continues, we would like to remind all members that Rathleague remains an active construction site. Please take extra care when moving between the car park, pitches and gym, and follow any signage or directions that are in place.

Thank you to all our members for your patience, cooperation and understanding while these exciting developments are taking shape. The temporary disruption will be well worth it, and we look forward to sharing more updates with you over the coming weeks.



Looking Back: A Lifetime in White and Green

There are few people whose playing career mirrors one of the most successful periods in Portlaoise GAA's history quite like Jimmy Harding. From pulling on the green and white jersey as a juvenile in the late 1950s to helping the club dominate both football and hurling through the 1970s and 1980s, Jimmy's story is one of commitment, success and lifelong friendships.

Jimmy's association with Portlaoise spanned sixteen years at senior level, from 1968 until 1984, during which he enjoyed remarkable success across both codes.

His honours list speaks for itself. Beginning as a juvenile, Jimmy won an Under 12 Football Championship in 1960 and an Under 16 Hurling Championship in 1965 before progressing through the adult ranks.

At senior level he collected Junior Football Championship (1973) and Intermediate Football Championship (1972) medals before becoming part of one of the greatest football teams in the club's history. Jimmy won five Laois Senior Football Championships in 1971, 1976, 1979, 1981 and 1982, along with three Leinster Senior Club Football Championships in 1971, 1976 and 1982, before reaching the pinnacle of club football by winning an All-Ireland Senior Club Football Championship medal in 1983.

His achievements were equally impressive in hurling. Jimmy was part of the outstanding Portlaoise side that claimed four successive Laois Senior Hurling Championships from 1981 to 1984, while also lifting the ACHL Division 1 title in 1980.

Looking back, Jimmy considers himself fortunate to have played alongside some of the finest footballers and hurlers ever to wear the Town jersey.

"I was fortunate to be part of some great teams during that period. Winning championships was special, but it was the people you met and the friendships you made that really stand out."

Like many Portlaoise players of his generation, Jimmy also earned county honours. He joined the Laois senior football panel in the late 1970s and spent two seasons trying to establish himself.

"I gave it my best shot and was given every opportunity to make the team. It didn't quite happen for me, so I decided to step away and concentrate on giving my best to Portlaoise."

Looking back today, there are no regrets.

"I played with and against some of the best players in the country. The good memories outweigh the bad ones tenfold. Through football and hurling I've made lifelong friends, and they'll remain friends for as long as I live."

Characters Who Made the Club

For Jimmy, success wasn't measured solely in medals. The personalities around the club made every season memorable.

"My brother Paddy was always up to some sort of mischief," he laughs. *"His sidekick Jimmy Wrest wasn't far behind."*

One particular championship trip to Kilkenny remains one of his favourite stories.

Following a club hurling championship game, the panel and officials gathered in a hotel for a meal before settling in for a few drinks. It was then that Paddy spotted an opportunity for one of his famous pranks.

"He dropped a few stink bombs in the bar and was gone in seconds. The place emptied in the blink of an eye."

Justice arrived swiftly.

"John Bohane, Sean Bergin and a few of the lads rounded him up, stripped him down to his underpants and he had to make his way through the streets of Kilkenny at about nine o'clock

that night to get back to the team bus. I've often wondered what sort of reception he got when he arrived home and his wife answered the door."

Jimmy also fondly remembers another larger-than-life character.

"Jimmy Keenan was always winding somebody up, but he was a fantastic fellow and great company."

Bringing Hurling Back

Jimmy believes the resurgence of Portlaoise hurling during the 1970s and early 1980s was built on the dedication of a handful of remarkable clubmen.

"Tom Lalor, Jimmy Doyle, Billy Bohane Snr, John Keenan, P. Molloy and Paddy Critchley were the people who brought hurling back from the dead during that era."

"They were fantastic times to be involved. We looked forward to every training session and every championship match."

There was just one disappointment. *"Our only regret was that we never managed to win a Leinster Club Hurling title with that great team."*

The Best He Played With

Having shared dressing rooms with so many outstanding players, Jimmy finds it difficult to single individuals out, but two players stand above the rest.

"In hurling, John Taylor was an incredible player. He put his heart and soul into every training session and every game for both club and county."

"In football, Colm Brown reinvented himself as a wing-back and became one of the best in the country. He won everything there was to win with Portlaoise and enjoyed tremendous success with Laois as well."

"It's probably no coincidence that the two players I've chosen were both exceptional wing-backs."



Looking to the Future

Although his playing days are long behind him, Jimmy continues to follow the fortunes of his beloved club with great pride.

"I'd like to thank Portlaoise GAA for giving me the opportunity to play for one of the best clubs in the country during such a special period."

Watching the current transformation of Rathleague gives him enormous satisfaction.

"Best wishes to everyone involved in the tremendous development that's taking place at the club grounds. It's an exciting time for Portlaoise GAA and the future looks very bright."

For Jimmy Harding, the medals tell only part of the story. It is the friendships, the unforgettable characters, the dressing-room laughter and the pride of representing The Town that remain the greatest rewards of all.



Jimmy Harding pictured before the 1981 Senior Football Championship Final



John Taylor, Jimmy Harding and Liam Bergin in action for the Town in 1982



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LAOIS SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1971

Sunday, 19 October 1971 - O'Moore Park



Portlaoise 1-7 v0-7 The Heath

Back (l. to r.): John Grant, Jim Hughes, Mick Mulhall, Barry Larkin, Mark Carroll, Paddy Doyle, Tom Walsh, Ollie Byrne, Cyril O'Meara, Alan Larkin, Eamon Whelan, Mick McDonald, Pascal Delaney, Phil Shanahan (Manager);

Front (l. to r.): Noel Tynan, Kevin Farrell, Teddy Fennelly, Harry Mulhaire, Brian Delaney, Mick Murphy (Capt.), Louis Harkin, Larry Dunne, Mick Dooley, Jimmy Harding, Tom O'Reilly;



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LAOIS SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1976

Replay - Sunday, 17 October 1976 - O'Moore Park



Portlaoise 2-10 v 0-10 Graiguecullen

Back (l. to r.): George Plunkett, Jimmy Harding, Liam Scully, Sean Mullins, Mick Mulhall, Eamonn Whelan, Jimmy Bergin, Tom Prendergast;
Front (l. to r.): Billy Bohane, Pat Tynan, Colm Browne, Mick Dooley (Capt.), Kieran Daly, Noel Scully, John Joe Ging;



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LEINSTER SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1976

Sunday, 30 January 1977 - Croke Park, Dublin



Portlaoise 1-12 v 0-8 Cooley Kickhams (Louth)

Back (l. to r.): George Plunkett, Sean Mullins, Jimmy Harding, Eamon Whelan, Mick Mulhall, Jimmy Bergin, Colm Browne, Tom Prendergast;
Front (l. to r.): Liam Scully, John Joe Ging, Bernie Conroy, Mick Dooley (Capt.), Billy Bohane, Kieran Daly, Noel Scully;



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LAOIS SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1979

Sunday, 9 September 1979 - O'Moore Park



Portlaoise 1-10 v 1-9 St. Joseph's

Back (l. to r.): Colm Browne, George Phelan, Eamon Whelan (Capt.), Mick Mulhall, Jimmy Harding, Jimmy Bergin, Mick Dooley, Seamus Plunkett;

Front (l. to r.): George Plunkett, Gerry Browne, Billy Bohane, Liam Scully, Tom Prendergast, Kieran Daly, Bernie Conroy;

Mascot: Oliver Stack;



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LAOIS SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1981

Sunday, 4 October 1981 - Mill Field, Portarlinton



Portlaoise 0-12 v 2-5 Graiguecullen

Back (l. to r.): Bernie Conroy, Jimmy Lewis, Mark Kavanagh, Jimmy Harding, Mick Mulhall, Jimmy Bergin, Billy Bohane, Colm Browne;
Front (l. to r.): Liam Scully, Gerry Browne, Tom Prendergast, Oliver Stack (Mascot), Noel Prendergast, Noel Scully, Eamon Whelan, Mick Lillis;



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LAOIS SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS - 1981

Sunday, 1 November 1981 - Rathdowney



Portlaoise 2-13 v 4-5 Camross

Back (l. to r.): John Larkin, Hugh Rochford, Tom 'Nasser' Lalor, John Keenan, Eddie Condron, Seamus 'Cheddar' Plunkett, John Taylor, Pat 'Pops' Keenan, Joe Keenan, John Harding, Sean 'Goggy' Delaney, Billy Bohan, Jack Kavanagh, Dad, Jimmy Doyle, Paddy 'Boughlone Hare' Brennan, Jimmy Lalor;

Front (l. to r.): Philip Rochford, Peadar Molloy, Ray Brown, Martin 'Birdie' Conroy, John Joe 'Old Timer' Ging, Mattie Keegan, Liam Bergin, Jimmy Keenan, Sean Bergin, Jimmy Harding, Myself, John Bohan. Seated: Mickey Bohan, Paddy Harding;
Mascots: Eugene Deegan and Brian Bohan;



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LAOIS SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS - 1982

Sunday, 12 September 1982 - O'Keeffe Park, Borris in Ossory



Portlaoise 2-12 v 1-8 Errill

Back (l. to r.): Tom Lalor (Trainer), John Bohane, Pat Critchley, Seamus Plunkett, Jimmy Harding, Sean Delaney, Sean Dunne, Joe Keenan, Jimmy Keenan, Jimmy Doyle (Coach);

Front (l. to r.): Brian Bohane (Mascot), Eugene Deegan (Mascot), Sean Bergin, Matthew Keegan, John Joe Ging (Capt.), Mick Bohane, Liam Bergin, Billy Bohane, John Taylor;

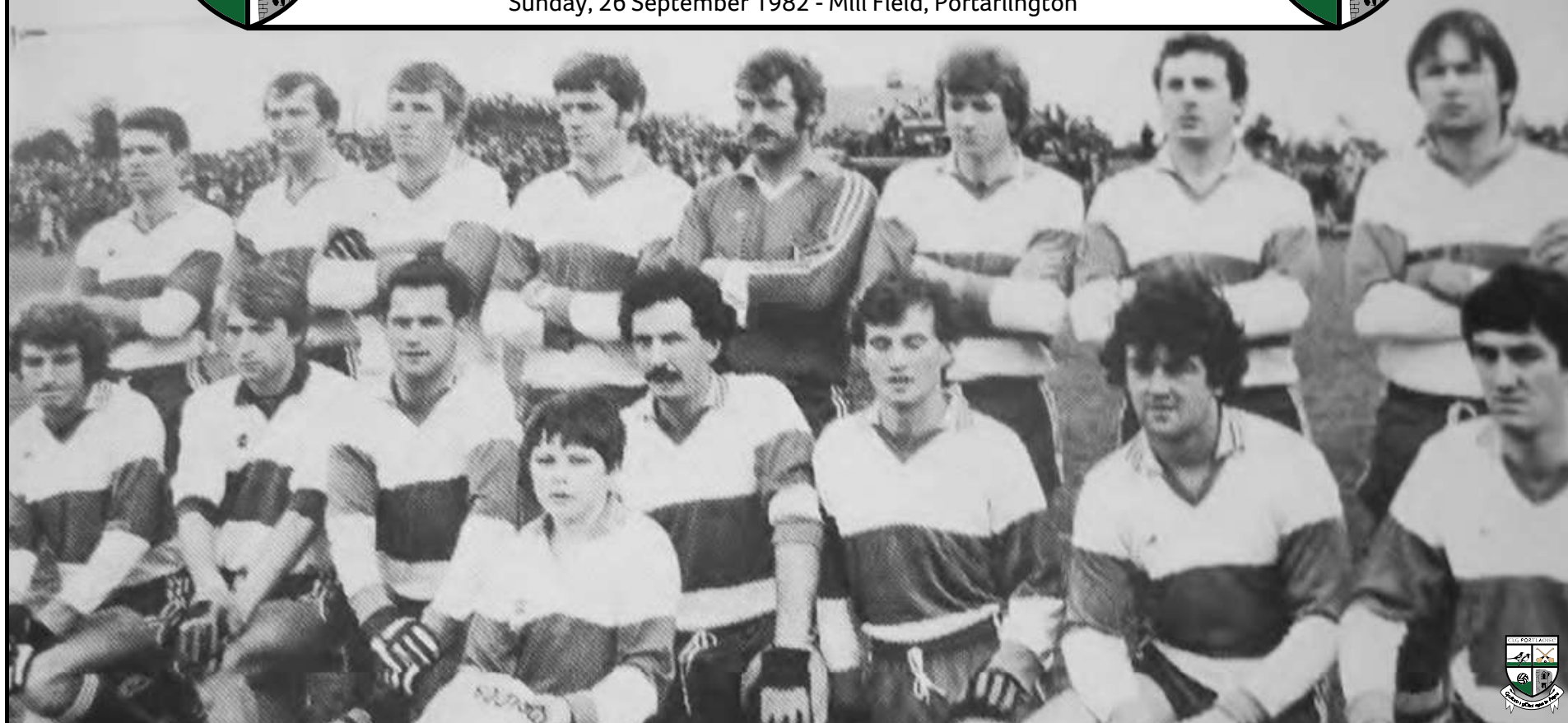
Scorers: Billy Bohane (1-5); Liam Bergin (1-3); Matt Keegan, Joe Keenan, Jimmy Harding, Seamus Plunkett (0-1 each);



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LAOIS SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1982

Sunday, 26 September 1982 - Mill Field, Portarlinton



Portlaoise 1-13 v0-4 Annanough

*Back (l. to r.): Colm Browne, Mick Dooley, Jimmy Bergin, Jimmy Harding, Mick Mulhall, Eamon Whelan, Mick Lillis, Bernie Conroy;
Front (l. to r.): Pat Critchley, Gerry Browne, Tom Prendergast, Liam Scully (Capt.), Noel Prendergast, Mark Kavanagh, Billy Bohane;
Mascot: Oliver Stack;*



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LAOIS SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS - 1983

Sunday, 23 October 1983 - St Fintan's, Mountrath



Portlaoise 3-10 v 3-5 Camross

Back (l. to r.): Nollaig Rigney, Sean Dunne, Pat Critchley, Jimmy Harding, Sean Delaney, Sean Bergin, Jimmy Keenan, John Bohane, Seamus Plunkett;

Front (l. to r.): Mick Bohane, Billy Bohane, John Joe Ging, John Taylor, Joe Keenan, Liam Bergin, Jimmy Doyle (Trainer);

Scorers: Billy Bohane (0-7); Liam Bergin (0-3); Nollaig Rigney (1-0), Mickey Bohane (1-0), Pat Critchley (1-0);



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LAOIS SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS - 1984

Replay - Sunday, 30 September 1984 - O'Moore Park



Portlaoise 2-14 v 1-7 The Harps

Back (l. to r.): Seamus Plunkett, Sean Dunne, Martin Cashin, Sean Bergin, Jimmy Harding, Philip Rochford, Jimmy Keenan, Pat Critchley, John Bohane;

Front (l. to r.): Matthew Keegan, Joe Keenan, Liam Bergin, Billy Bohane, Mickey Bohane, John Taylor;



Congratulations to Limerick and Diarmuid Mullins

Pictured during the homecoming celebrations at Pery Square, Limerick last month are Limerick Senior captain Cian Lynch with the Liam MacCarthy Cup and senior manager John Kiely, alongside Limerick Minor captain Shane Waters with the Irish Press Cup and minor manager Diarmuid Mullins, as thousands of supporters gathered to celebrate a memorable day in Limerick hurling history.

The celebrations marked a remarkable achievement for Limerick GAA, with the county completing an outstanding All-Ireland double by capturing both the Senior and Minor All-Ireland Hurling Championships. It was a fitting reward for the dedication, commitment and hard work shown by players and management throughout the season.

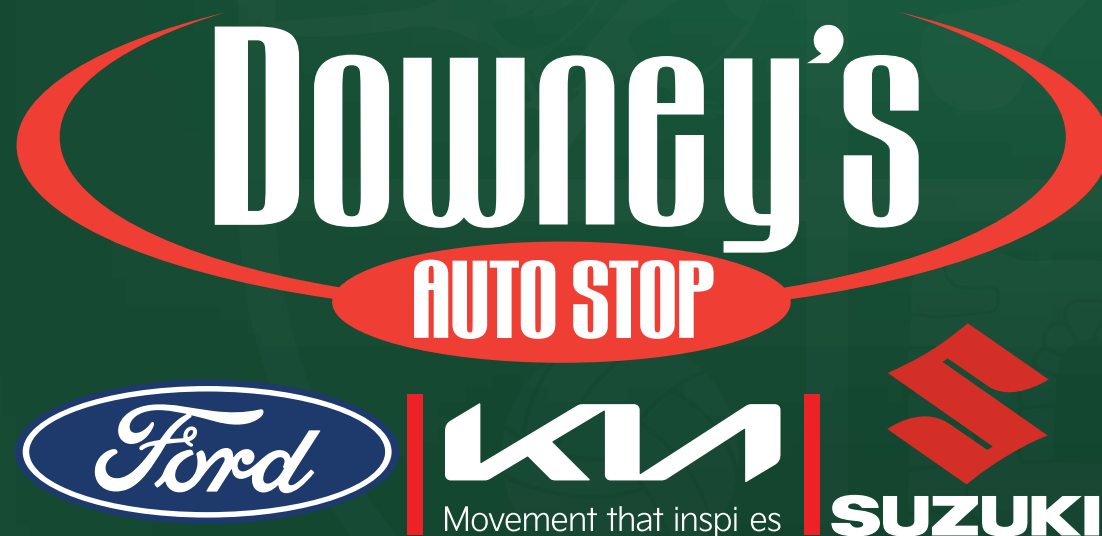
Everyone in Portlaoise GAA extends our warmest congratulations to one of our own Diarmuid Mullins on this tremendous success. As Minor Manager, Diarmuid has played a key role in guiding a talented group of young players to national glory, and everyone in the club takes great pride in seeing one of our own enjoying success at the highest level of inter-county hurling.

Diarmuid's passion for coaching, his attention to detail and his unwavering commitment to player development have been evident throughout his coaching career. The work he continues to do within Limerick's underage structures is helping to produce the next generation of outstanding hurlers, and this All-Ireland title is richly deserved recognition of those efforts.

We also congratulate senior manager John Kiely, captain Cian Lynch, minor captain Shane Waters, the players, backroom teams and everyone involved with Limerick GAA on a truly exceptional season. Achieving All-Ireland success at both senior and minor level in the same year is a special accomplishment and one that will be remembered for many years to come.



Diarmuid Mullins, Shane Waters, Cian Lynch and Joh Kiely



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Laois U15s Fall Just Short After Extra-Time Thriller

Laois's U15 Platinum Football All-Ireland campaign came to a heartbreaking end as they were edged out by Meath after extra time in a thrilling final this month.

Having reached the decider with impressive victories over Cork, Mayo, Clare and Kerry South, Laois produced another spirited display but ultimately fell just two points short after an absorbing contest.

Despite trailing by eight points early in the first half, Laois showed tremendous character to battle back into the game. Two goals from Darragh O'Riordan helped turn the tide before Liam Ellis finished another excellent team move to give Laois a narrow half-time lead.

Meath responded strongly in the second half, but Laois refused to give in. Outstanding defending and scores from Mark Kennedy, Fionn Burke and Fionn Harris kept them in contention before Podge Brennan's dramatic late goal forced the game into extra time. Laois again showed great resilience in the additional periods and looked to be in control before a late Meath goal proved decisive. A final long-range effort to force another period of extra time drifted narrowly wide as Meath claimed the title.

Congratulations to the entire Laois panel and management reaching the national final and showcasing the tremendous talent coming through in the county.

A special word of congratulations goes to our Portlaoise representatives, who all played their part: Dylan Fitzpatrick, Fionn Delaney, Tadhg Graham, Tadas Sirvaitis, Max Whelan, Lee McStay, Conall Lalor and Ryan Fennell. Everyone in Portlaoise GAA is immensely proud of their achievements and of the commitment they have shown in representing both club and county with distinction.



Dylan Fitzpatrick, Fionn Delaney, Tadhg Graham, Tadas Sirvaitis, Max Whelan, Lee McStay, Conall Lalor and Ryan Fennell

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An Cumann Camógaíochta

U14 Camogie Girls Crowned 'B' Championship Winners

Congratulations to our U14 camogie team, who were crowned Medals & Trophies 4U U14 'B' Championship 2026 champions after a commanding 8-6 to 1-2 victory over Abbeyleix St. Lazarian's today at the LOETB Centre of Excellence in the shield final.

The girls delivered a superb all-round performance from the first whistle to the last, combining excellent teamwork, determination and skill to claim the Shield title in impressive fashion. Their 8-6 to 1-2 victory was a fitting reward for the hard work, commitment and progress they have shown throughout the season.

A special congratulations to co-captains Sarah Skehan and Saoirse Kavanagh, who proudly led the team to victory. Well done to every member of the panel and management team on a fantastic achievement.

Panel

Aine Bannon, Alanna Cahill, Olivia Canavan, Darcie Carroll, Ava Delaney, Ellie Fennell, Jorja Fox, Ruth Gorman, Chloe Johnston, Saoirse Kavanagh (Co-Capt.), Leah Kavanagh, Amelia King, Cheryl Kinsella, Beth Lindsay, Lucy Marum McStay, Julia Michaela, Eve Montgomery, Sofia Murphy, Aoibhe O'Shea, Keeva Phelan, Robina Reinika, Lauran Roberts, Anna Scully, Ellie Sandgrove, Sarah Skehan (Co-Capt.), Alison Tsang, Sophia Van Der Muelen, Lily Walsh, Aisling Young.

Mentors

Breda Kavanagh, Mick Lindsay, Ger McEvoy, Aine Sandgrove, Una Young, Declan Skehan, Ollie Fennell and Stan Walsh.

Congratulations once again to the players, mentors, parents and supporters on a wonderful success.





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LAOIS U14 'B' CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS - 2026
Monday, 3 August 2026 - Laois Centre of Excellence



Portlaoise 8-6 v 1-1 Abbeylax St. Lazarians

Panel: Aine Bannon, Alanna Cahill, Olivia Canavan, Darcie Carroll, Ava Delaney, Ellie Fennell, Jorja Fox, Ruth Gorman, Chloe Johnston, Saoirse Kavanagh (Co-Capt.), Leah Kavanagh, Amelia King, Cheryl Kinsella, Beth Lindsay, Lucy Marum McStay, Julia Michaela, Eve Montgomery, Sofia Murphy, Aoibhe O'Shea, Keeva Phelan, Robina Reinika, Lauran Roberts, Anna Scully, Ellie Sandgrove, Sarah Skehan (Co-Capt.), Alison Tsang, Sophia Van Der Muelen, Lily Walsh, Aisling Young;

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U14 Camogie Girls Crowned 'B' Championship Winners



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GAA INJURY

Logging Through Foireann

As of **1 June 2025**, all players who sustain an injury while playing or training must self-report the injury through **Foireann**. This is a change from the previous system, which was managed by the **Club Injuries Officer**.

Important: It is the **responsibility** of the **injured player** to start the process on **Foireann**. For **underage players**, the **parent** or **guardian** must start the process. The **club cannot log injuries** anymore unless the player or the parent/guardian has begun the report in Foireann.

The **GAA** has published an in-depth **guide** showing how to complete this.
The guide can be found **[here](#)**.

If you are struggling to find your Foireann login details, email the Club Secretary at **secretary.portlaoise.laois@gaa.ie**

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Club GPO Corner

Since the last update primary schools have finished for the summer and closed the last week of June. Overall, a very successful school year was had with almost every child in Portlaoise getting the opportunity to try hurling & football and enjoy our games.

I look forward to getting back into the schools once they restart towards the end of August.

Club Camps

This year we ran club camps for all ages between u5s and u11s across 3 weeks. The camps took place from the 7th of July to the 23rd of July and were held in the St. Mary's CBS campus due to the ongoing construction at the time in Rathleague. Over 160 total club members took part in the camps over this period and had fun while in attendance. Thanks to all our club volunteers and this year's TY group for all their help in the co-ordination and running of the camps, it would not be possible without them.

Cúl Camp

The Portlaoise GAA Cúl camp took place from Monday the 27th to Friday the 31st of July. In all more than 170 children attended across the 5 days. Thanks to the work of Elliot group, the camp was able to take place in Rathleague and all the kids were able to enjoy the week there safely. Thanks once again to all the coaches who made the week successful and fun for all the kids involved.



JOSH HOGAN
G.P.O. CLG Phort Laoise
(GAA Participation Officer)

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Summer Water Safety

Adult supervision is crucial to keeping young people safe in, on and around the water, but have you ever thought about whether the colour of your child's swimwear could make a difference in preventing drowning?

If the worst does happen, being able to quickly find a child in the water could save vital seconds and make the difference between a fatal and non-fatal incident.

How many of us pick our children's swimwear based on how it looks, their favourite colours or who their number one character is right now?

The colour of the swimwear makes a huge difference as to whether they can be seen even on the surface of the water, let alone if they are underwater.

Look around the poolside next time you're at your little ones' swimming lessons – blue, white, and red will be seen in large numbers.

Then pay particular attention to what happens when they are swimming along, and even when they dive to the bottom to reach for a sinker.

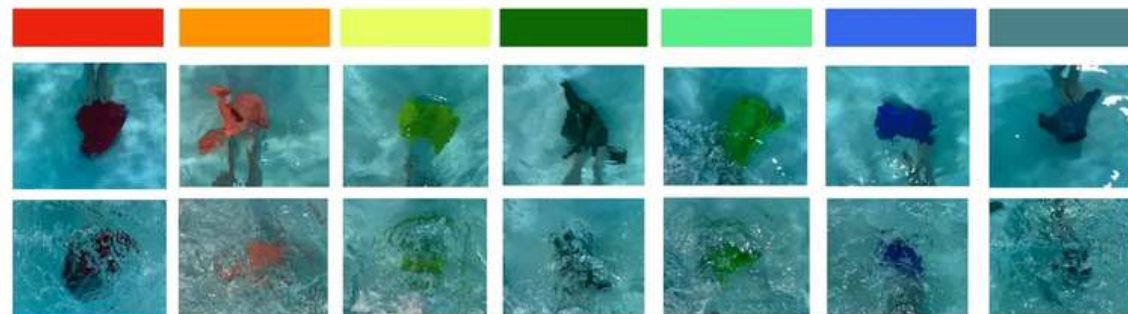
The child almost vanishes before your eyes!

The safest colours for swimwear

The colour of the bottom of the pool will make a difference BUT neon colours – orange, green, pink and yellow – will always be easier to see in a swimming pool than the colours mentioned above.

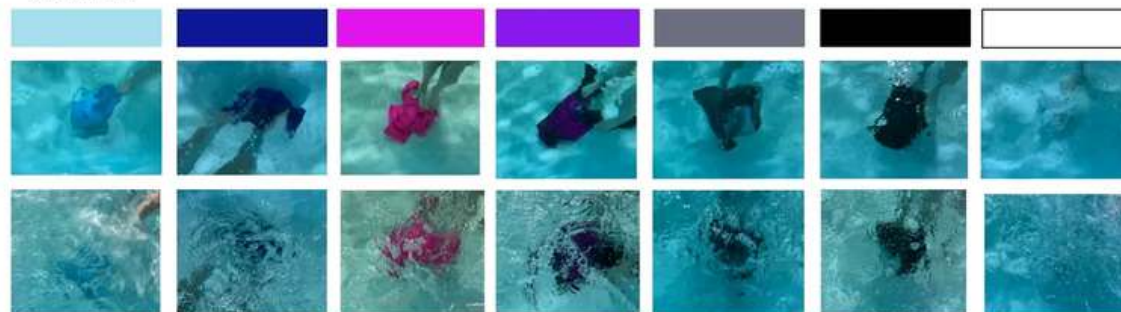
If you're going swimming in an outdoor setting, the results are the same. The caveat for this is that open water settings, such as beaches and rivers, also come with various hidden dangers such as tides and currents which need to be considered when making your choice.

So now you know, when buying your child's swimwear, think bright, neon, contrasting colours.



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PHRASES FOR DAY OF MATCHES

Maith thú/Maith sibh
Well done

Cúil
Goal

Cúilín
Point

Réiteoir
Referee

Ní creidim é
I don't believe it

Ar aghaidh leat
Keep going

Bí/Bígí cúramach
Be careful

An cluiche ceannais
The final

Ádh mór
Good luck

Go n-éirí leat
May you succeed

Tá teannas
There's tension

Tá seans fós
There's still a chance

Sin cúl den scoth
Brilliant goal

Gob ar ghob
Neck and neck

Tá mo chroí i mo bhéal
My heart is in my mouth

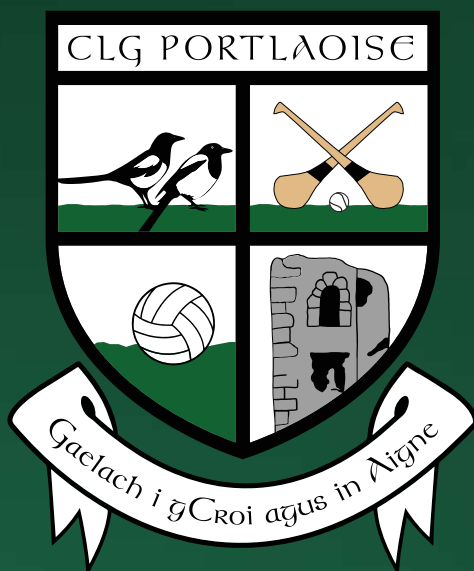
Clár an chluiche
Match programme

Óráid an chaptaein
Captain's speech

Laoch na himeartha
Player of the match

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