



Na Fianna Nuacht

Billy Fenlon RIP



When news spread last Monday afternoon of the sudden death of Billy Fenlon, there was a palpable sense of disbelief among his club colleagues. How could a man who had as recently as last winter strode the sideline with such purpose and vitality as a mentor with our championship winning minor and Under 21 hurling teams be taken from us so prematurely? It defied belief then and the days which have intervened since have done little to ease the pain of his loss.

Billy met his wife and soulmate Celine as undergraduates when both were students of dentistry in the 1980s. Their subsequent marriage was blessed with a daughter and two sons. Hannah is the eldest of the three children and is of an age where it was unusual rather than the norm for females to get involved in juvenile games in CLG Na Fianna. Robert and Hugh are their two sons and played both football and hurling with the 1994 and 1997 boys respectively from nursery right through until adult. Billy himself became involved as a mentor with the 1997 boys and immediately made a positive impression with his thoroughness, his dedication and his commitment.

Such was the esteem in which he was held by his club colleagues that he was elected as Cathaoirleach Cluichí na nÓg at the Annual General Meeting of 2009. The role did not particularly suit Billy who preferred the hands-on commitment of mentoring. He soon returned to the sideline where he dedicated himself to the progress of the 1997 hurlers and later to the cause of the club minor and Under 21 hurlers. In this role Billy found fulfilment and brought those qualities of thoroughness, dedication and commitment into full fruition. With Fergal Breathnach and the Ó Maoiléidigh brothers Daire and Ódhran as their youthful assistants, Billy joined up with Paddy Oliver and Declan Feeney to constitute a management team which had no equals. Between them they amassed a formidable total of six 'A' hurling championships at Under 15 (2012), Under 16 (2013), minor (2014, 2015, 2016) and Under 21 (2016).

In his professional career Billy enjoyed equal success. After completing his B. Dent. Sc.(Hons) in 1984, qualifying first in his year, Billy worked as House Officer in Dublin Dental Hospital and in general practice in Navan, County Meath. He completed his M. Dent. Sc. in the University of Leeds in 1990 before setting up in private practice as a Paediatric Dentist in 1992 in the Northbrook Clinic in Ranelagh where he ran his successful practice 'Billy the Kid's Dentist'. Billy was selfless in bringing his commitment to dental health to the benefit of CLG Na Fianna. Over the past number of years with the advent to Gaelic games of the mouthguard, Billy oversaw a programme of fitting customised mouthguards ably assisted by his team of volunteers including Celine and their three children. In undertaking such a task Billy showed his true qualities. He was a consummate professional first and foremost but he was also a loyal club volunteer. Billy took on the challenge and rose magnificently to the occasion. What had the potential to be a chaotic exercise in child control with boisterous queues and restless children actually proved to be a tribute to Billy's thoroughness and professionalism as hundreds of children were allotted their appointments and fitted for their mouthguard with the minimum of fuss and the maximum of efficiency.

Tragically at the very pinnacle of his mentoring achievements late last year, Billy was diagnosed with an aggressive lymphoma. He was in the later stages of treatment at the time of his death. Words fail us on occasions such as this. Billy had so much more to give but sadly it was not to be. Our thoughts are with his wife Celine and their three children Hannah, Robert and Hugh. There is a grief which we, his colleagues and friends, can only imagine. Na Fianna will always be there for them. We will never forget our beloved colleague Billy.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal. Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís.

Colum Cronin.
Cathaoirleach
CLG Na Fianna



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Fleadh na bhFiann



The first Fleadh na bhFiann was held in Aras Na Fianna last Saturday, 4th March. And what a great day it turned out to be. Colum King, a member of the organising committee tells the story of a very successful day.

During the afternoon, over forty children got the chance to experience the cultural side of the club, many for the first time. They were given an introduction to tin whistle playing, bodhran playing, and céilí dancing, not to mention the great stories regaled by Seosamh O'Maolalaí. We also had a sean-nós singing workshop which was enjoyed by some of our adult members.





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As the afternoon turned to evening, we had a set dancing workshop at 7pm, followed by a céilí dancing workshop at 8pm. I think all those who attended learned something and enjoyed the experience.



The Céilí Mór followed at 9pm and went on until just after midnight. There was a good crowd in the hall, and all danced until they dropped. Great music was provided by SeanÓg Céilí Band. I'd like to thank all the parents who brought their children to the Fleadh. I'd also like to thank the tutors who patiently gave the workshops.

Ann Ryan and Seosamh O'Maolalaí deserve a special mention for the work they put in to the day, and not just on the day. Fleadh committee members Darina Gallagher, Jim Aughney, Don Nolan and Katie King. All of the Coiste Cultúratha members, plus Eleanor Buggy, Luke McArthur, Sarah Campion and Teresa O'Sullivan. The MacDonnchadha family, Fidelma King and Noreen Leech for the music provided during the afternoon.

There's bound to be someone I've forgotten, so apologies if it's you. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go leir.



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Club Shops Open Tomorrow

Both shops open tomorrow, Saturday 11th March. Hurley workshop open 9-12 and Club shop open from 9-1pm in Club foyer.

Pitches & Weekend Fixtures

Following last weekend's wash-out, All Na Fianna pitches, with the exception of Johnstown Park are OPEN this weekend. Full schedule of fixtures operates and can be viewed at following link <http://www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures/>

Na Fianna
Lotto Results
March 6th 2017

Numbers
7 12 15 23

Jackpot €7250 - No Winner

Match 3 Numbers €65 - Winner

Gerard Murray (ID 119) Numbers **7 15 23 27**
Marcus O'Brien (ID 776) Numbers **7 15 23 27**

Lucky Pick Winner - €15

Ann Ryan
Breandan O'Loire
Brien Fee c/o Vinny
Michelle Clarke c/o Vinny
S & M Walsh c/o Vinny

Next Jackpot €7500

Controlled by ACCRE Lotto Manager - <http://www.accre.com>



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Bake Sale fundraiser for

SENIOR CAMOGIE

Saturday 11th March from 9am

Please support 😊



Members' Subscriptions

Thank you to all members who have paid their subs to date. Subscriptions for 2017 are due and payable since the AGM. Details of subscription rates and methods of payment are on the Club website <http://www.clgnafianna.com/membership/> . Subscriptions can be paid on Saturdays in the Club or at the office during normal opening hours (9.30am to 1pm Mon – Fri).



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Join Us For Our
Race Night
in aid of:
Na Fianna GAA Club
Na Fianna GAA Club,
Mobhi Rd, Glasnevin
**Thursday 16th
March 2017**
Start Time: 8.00pm

For More Info Contact:
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Na Fianna's Dubs

Best of luck to Shane Barrett, Donal Burke and Dublin's Senior hurlers against Clare in Ennis on Sunday at 2pm.

Busy day this Sunday for Dublin Camogie and best of luck to Orla Gray, Niamh Gleeson, Niamh Rock and Dublin's Minors who play Tipperary in O'Toole Park 2pm in a must win game for both counties to see who progresses to semi-finals. Dublin's Premier Juniors including Roisin Baker and Grainne Free travel to Clare hoping to make it three wins in a row in league. Meanwhile Dublin's Seniors captained by Eve O'Brien and with the help of Arlene Cushen and Zoe O'Donoghue travel to Kilkenny.



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Handball News

Three Na Fianna players take to the courts in Kingscourt in next weekend's All Ireland Finals. Starting Friday 17th March 6pm Court 1 with Conor Maxwell one of our newest members going for his second All Ireland title playing in the over 40 Singles 40x 20 final having already won the 60x30 Title.

Keith Burke follows at 7pm playing the Junior Final 40x20 Singles having already won the 60x30 Title earlier in the year. Saturday sees our most honoured Handballer, Egin Jensen playing in the over 50 A Singles 40x20 Final at 1pm.

County 40x20 Championships in full swing at the moment with our Handballers doing well so far at all grades.

Congrats to Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh after her great performance in Arizona finishing in 5th place in the Open Ladies Singles American Colleges Championships and winning two national Handball titles for DCU since starting College in September last year. Meadhbh was also awarded a Handball scholarship in DCU this week.

Latest Pitchside Advertiser



Childvision, part of the National Education Centre for Blind Children are the latest addition to Na Fianna's pitchside signs. Any business considering advertising in Na Fianna should email treasuryclgnafianna.ie@gmail.com for details of competitively priced packages.



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The Na Fianna Fun-Run Is Back



You have been warned! ...Time to dust off the trainers ... and start training ... Can you improve your time from last year? ...

Organisation is well under way and registration for the run will open shortly.

The run takes place on Good Friday morning and will be chip timed same as last year.



Croke Park February 2017 Newsletter

The February 2017 edition of the GAA Club Newsletter is available for download for all GAA members and supporters. To download, just follow link here

http://www.gaa.ie/mm/Document/Gaale/GAANews/13/64/40/GAAClubNewsletterFebruary2017_English.pdf



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The GAA's new **grma** rewards programme is now active with thousands of our Members and Supporters expected to sign up in the coming weeks.

GAA Members can avail of rewards and offers as a 'thank you' or 'go raibh maith agat' for engaging in GAA activities and going to games.

Register now on gaa.ie/grma to start earning points and check out our exciting range of rewards and offers. These include:

- €5 off adult ticket for AIB All-Ireland Club Championship Finals on St Patrick's Day until 15th March
- 25% Off online voucher for Elverys.ie until 31st March
- Special offers on tickets for Allianz Football and Hurling League Finals
- Exclusive offers on GAA county jerseys, footballs and sliotars
- Special reductions on GAA Museum and Etihad Skyline tours at Croke Park

More exciting offers and rewards to members registered on the **grma** programme will be announced in the coming weeks.





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Tony Burke RIP



Sincere sympathies of CLG Na Fianna are extended to the Burke family on the death last Tuesday of Club Founder Member Tony. Originally from St Patrick's Road in Drumcondra, Tony played football and hurling with Na Fianna and went on to play Senior Hurling with Dublin in the late 1950's. Even though he had moved to the southside of the city many years ago, Tony remained a tremendously proud Na Fianna man as was evidenced by his death notice in the press during the week which included "Founder Member CLG Na Fianna Mobhi Road". Though not involved in Na Fianna in recent years, Tony was a regular attendee at the "Has Been" lunches and had

attended last December's function. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Comhbhrón

Sincere sympathies are offered to the Jamieson and Murphy families on the passing this week of William Jamieson, Father of Club Executive member Lesley, Father in law of Damian Murphy and Grandfather of Andrew, Stephen, Elyse and Rachel.

Deepest sympathies also to former U-16 Girls Football mentor Justin Murphy on the death earlier this week of his Father, Jack.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamnacha.

Fógra Tabachtach

The objective of Na Fianna Nuacht is to communicate as much club activity as possible however it is important to note that all items for inclusion in either Club Notes or Na Fianna Nuacht are reported to pro.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie or texted to 087 9250697 by Sunday evening. With a membership of 2700 and approx 100 teams now competing it is difficult to ensure all club activity is reported upon – **Do not assume** that your team's activity is already known to Na Fianna Nuacht or that someone else has reported it. When errors or omissions occur it is the policy of Na Fianna Nuacht to correct these in subsequent issues when they are reported to pro.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie