



# Na Fianna Nuacht



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CLG NA FIANNA PRESENTS  
*THE CELEBRATORY CLUB*  
DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY 9TH OF FEBRUARY  
Tickets: €35 includes 3 Course Meal +Tea/Coffee

*Guest of Honour: GAA President Elect  
John Horan*

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Drinks Reception 6pm Band+DJ until Late

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CLG Na Fianna are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a night of celebration in the Bonnington Hotel on Friday, Feb 9 2018, to mark the 7 adult Championship winning teams of 2017, as well as the commencement of John Horan's term as Uachtaráin Chumann Lúthchleas Gael. The night will begin with a drinks reception in McGettigan's Bar (in hotel) at 6pm, followed by a three course meal in the Bonnington Hotel's banquet room.

As soon as the presentations are over, a live band will take to the stage to get us up on the dance floor. After the live music, there will be a DJ until late. There will also be a number of invited guests there on the night.

Na Fianna are extremely grateful to the Bonnington Hotel/McGettigan's Bar for their support in making what is sure to be a tremendous event possible. This is a club wide event and we would love to see as many mentors, parents etc., attend as possible. Tickets cost €35 each.

Dress code is formal but not black-tie. Tickets are limited, and demand has been very strong with early sales going extremely well, and when tickets are gone they're definitely gone.

Tickets can be booked on club website [www.clgnafianna.com](http://www.clgnafianna.com) but book early to avoid disappointment.

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## National Club Draw

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB**

Opportunity for your GAA Club to raise up to €20,000



The GAA National Club Draw, an opportunity for all clubs to raise up to €20,000 has come around again with details of the 2018 draw announced recently. Na Fianna has done very well from the draw over the last few years thanks to the generosity of Club members and the hard work and dedication of people like former Cathaoirleach Colum Cronin who took on the administration of the draw within the Club.

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB!**

**PRIZES**

1. A New Renault Dynamic.
2. Travel Voucher to the value of €2,000.
3. All-Ireland Hurling & Football Final Package 2018. The complete package for two includes Premium tickets for the All-Ireland Hurling & Football Final, overnight accommodation in the Crake Park Hotel on both weekends and dinner for two included.
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6. Shopping Voucher to the value of €1,000 at a retailer of your choice.
7. Shopping Voucher to the value of €1,000 at a retailer of your choice.
8. Blue Book Voucher €750.
9. Blue Book Voucher €500.
10. All-Ireland Hurling Final Package 2018. The complete package for two includes Premium tickets for the All-Ireland Hurling Final, includes overnight accommodation for two nights (Saturday & Sunday) in the Crake Park Hotel and dinner for two on the Saturday evening.
11. All-Ireland Football Final Package 2018. The complete package for two includes Premium tickets for the All-Ireland Football Final, includes overnight accommodation for two nights (Saturday & Sunday) in the Crake Park Hotel and dinner for two on the Saturday evening.
12. €500 Supervalu / Centra Shopping Voucher.
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16. €500 Supervalu / Centra Shopping Voucher.
17. €500 Supervalu / Centra Shopping Voucher.
18. €250 Supervalu / Centra Shopping Voucher.
19. €250 Supervalu / Centra Shopping Voucher.
20. Shopping Voucher to the value of €250 at a retailer of your choice.

**TICKETS €10**

Maximum of 2,000 tickets per GAA Club

Opportunity for your GAA Club to raise up to €20,000

All funds raised will be retained by your GAA Club

Draw takes place on Thursday 8th March 2018

For further details, terms and conditions see [www.gaa.ie/nationalclubdraw](http://www.gaa.ie/nationalclubdraw)

FOR TICKETS CONTACT: [Redacted]

**RENAULT** Passion for life **1st Prize**

In 2017, Na Fianna was the highest selling club in Leinster and the previous year, 2016, in addition to achieving the highest sales in Leinster, we also had the second highest ticket sales figure in the country. Over the past four years, Na Fianna has raised, between ticket sales and prize money, the impressive sum of €60,000. The hope is that the Club can replicate its success of the last four years in selling the majority of the 2,000 tickets available to it.

Tickets for the Draw are sold nationally, cost a tenner each and are available in books of five for €50 BUT are also available individually. Tickets are now on sale throughout the Club, please support the club in purchasing a ticket or two!



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## Thanks For Your Trees!

Many thanks to all who contributed to last Saturday's very successful Christmas Tree Collection fundraiser. This was the sixth year that the collection was run, and the number of trees collected has increased each year. No fewer than 30 dedicated club members gave up their Saturday to help in this annual fundraising activity and community service.

Thanks to all the 2018 Christmas Tree Collection Team who played a blinder last Saturday (and Sunday) and the weeks leading up to the collection. Volunteers gave more than just their time on Saturday - handling texts, dropping leaflets/cards and scheduling routes.



Planning our routes and collection status was eased using our very own web app.

Total trees for collection	544
Percent collections complete	100%
Total customers (since 2013)	945
New customers this year (2018)	193
Number of roads with collections	266
Trees collected so far	544

Thanks also to Ann Murphy & Tyrone Falls for the sausages and sambos, and Ann Ryan for supplies and helping with clean up and to Bob Courtney for distributing cards. Thanks also to all the local tree sellers who handed out our business card to customers.

As the tree collections increases each year, we are always looking for additional collectors and especially additional trucks or vans, so please don't be shy about getting involved next year! This has become an established annual club fundraiser and the more people involved and the more access we have to vans on the day the better it will be.



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The crew, a blend of core team members who have helped for the past few years with some new volunteers.



Full crew: Martin Quilty, Jim Heffernan, John O'Dea, Frank Foley, John Lynch, Paul McDonnell, Eoin O'Ceallachain, Liam Burke, Dick Shanahan, Martin Rabbitte, Tony Kelly, Tom Ryan, Kevin O'Sullivan, Eoin Flaherty, Michael Rynne, Christy Donnelly, Shane Blehan, Philip Mongey, Peter Mongey, Eddie Mongey, Gabriel Travers, Eoin McCabe, Michael Ryan, Greg Fitzsimons, Ciaran McHugh, Eamonn Potter and Joe Murphy.

Any outstanding payments for trees collected should be returned in an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Tree Collection" to the Club office or bar as soon as possible. Please also include your name and address.

**Na Fianna**  
**Lotto Results**  
**January 8th 2018**

Numbers  
**9 18 21 24**

Jackpot €3500 - No Winner

Match 3 Numbers €35 - Winner

Sadhbh and Ronnie Caverly (ID 130)	Numbers	9	15	18	21
Seamus O'Neill (ID 215)	Numbers	9	13	18	21
Daniel McGowan (ID 408)	Numbers	3	9	18	24
Margaret Courtney	Numbers	5	9	18	24

Lucky Pick Winner - €15  
Paddy O'Reilly  
Dessilava Damiano  
Ann McInerney c/o Vinny  
Matt Sherlock c/o Vinny  
Pamela Jordan c/o Vinny

Next Jackpot €3750



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**LOOKING TO MAKE SOME CHANGES IN 2018?**

**OPERATION TRANSFORMATION BEGINS IN NA FIANNA GAA CLUB ON MONDAY THE 8TH OF JANUARY**



On Monday the 8th of January 84 club and community members came together to make a positive change in their lives. Organisers, Sarah Quinn and Stephen Fitzgerald were really hoping a group of 20 or so people would turn up so that it would feel like a success but nothing prepared them for the big numbers in the club foyer that evening. It's difficult to describe to the rush of pride and excitement felt at the enthusiasm of people to better themselves. Our club is a very special place and this is seen again and again with various teams, events and victories. Operation Transformation Monday night was no different. People of varying ages and abilities chatted as they set off on our first weekly walk. All



manners of walkers were catered for with fitness driven participants leading the front and some enjoying half of their route with a nice stroll and chat. Back in the club after our exercise we enjoyed tea and healthy fruit. Someone managed to sneak a box of biscuits in but the less said about that the better! We hope next week is as enjoyable and that everyone involved is encouraged to

come again and being a friend or neighbour 8th them. Huge thank you to everyone involved and the executive for their amazing support with this Initiative.

And the good news is that it will continue again next Monday night, so looking forward to seeing even bigger numbers in Na Fianna next Monday night at 7pm.



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## Rory's Stories At Na Fianna

**RORY'S STORIES**  
IN  
CLG NA FIANNA CLUBHOUSE, MOBHT ROAD  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
Doors Open 7pm | Show Starts 8:30pm | No under 16's  
**JUNIOR HURLING FUNDRAISER**  
Email: naf.juniorhurling@gmail.com for details  
**TICKETS €15**

Rory's Stories, one of Ireland's most popular comedians on Facebook and Youtube, will be the star attraction at a fundraising event for the Junior Hurlers on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets for the event will be on sale next week through any member of the Junior Hurling panels or at [naf.juniorhurling@gmail.com](mailto:naf.juniorhurling@gmail.com). Space will be limited so make sure to get the perfect Christmas present for the GAA fan in your life as early as possible.

A raffle is also being organised with prizes including a two night stay at the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth; a two night stay at The Croke Park Hotel; €100 voucher for dinner at Sophie's Restaurant and a €100 One4All voucher. Raffle

tickets will be on sale from next week and can be bought from any Junior hurler in the club.

## Members' Subscriptions Due

Members' subscriptions for the coming year 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 online, on Saturday mornings in the Club or at the office during opening hours (9.30am to 1pm Mon –Fri).





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## Annual Club Mass Well Attended

Last Sunday afternoon, January 7<sup>th</sup> we gathered again in the club for our annual mass for deceased members and family members. Approximately 250 people attended a very important and poignant occasion. Fr Eoin Murphy presided again and he reminded us once again that as members of this great



family that is Na Fianna we must always be aware of the work of those from the past and those working today to keep this community great. This year we mourned the passing of 49 family members and friends and we also recalled the passing of 7 members who will be remembered fondly by those of us who knew them. They were Mick (Redser) Ryan, Billy Fenlon, Tony Burke, Tommy Norton (the club's very first Chairman), Conrad O'Sullivan, Paddy Clerkin and Paddy Fox. Thanks to who participated and attended and in particular to the organisers, Ann Ryan, Padraigín Breathnach, Sheila Hallahan and Johnny Quinn.

## Na Fianna Annual Coaching Forum

The running order for the Na Fianna Coaching Forum on Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> has been finalised and is as follows;

10.00-11.15 A Coach's Journey from Nursery to Adult Games - Tom Gray & Co.

11.20-11.40 Break

11.45-13.15 Running mechanics with Chris Welch

Looking forward to seeing a big Na Fianna crowd on the 20th.



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## Patsy's Press – Episode 1

In this week's Na Fianna Nuacht we are delighted to feature the first in a series of comical, but entirely true, events that our friend and former club barman Pat Sullivan encountered in his twenty eight years behind the bar in Mobhi Road. We're calling it Patsy's Press and while thanking Pat sincerely for taking the time to put pen to paper, we also send him our very best wishes.

### Patsy's Press – Episode 1

I worked in the bar in Na Fianna GAA club for 28 Years. I have many memories of my time there and some of the members I met there. I started my employment in the club on the 16th December 1989.

On Tuesday 15th January 1990 at about 8:30pm this tall chap walked into the bar. He called me down to the end of the counter and introduced himself as Larry Norton, the club accountant.

He told me he would be sitting down with me every week to review the takings and to plan ahead for the coming week. He also said he would introduce me to his assistant Murty Donoghue. Before he left he asked me if I could speak Japanese and I asked him why? He said his girlfriend was from Japan and when he brought her into the bar she would ask for a drink, she would ask for it in Japanese and if I didn't understand her it could be a bit embarrassing. "By the way," said Larry, "her name is Sourie and I would advise you to start learning the Japanese language".

I asked him if she played Camogie and he replied, "Oh she's a great Camogie player. She is actually Captain of the Senior Camogie team here". I enquired as to when he would be bringing her into the bar. "I'll bring her in this Friday," Larry replied, "but for f\*\* sake start learning Japanese because her Mother is coming to Ireland soon and if you like I could get her to give you a few lessons".

So that was my first introduction to Larry Norton.

More coming soon!



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## .....and finally

Members are advised to keep an eye on the club website in the coming days for details of ticket sales for Dublin's upcoming National League Football and Hurling campaigns.

Remember that all ticket purchases through the club will count towards ticket allocations later in the year.

## 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 [news@clgnafianna.ie](mailto:news@clgnafianna.ie) or texted to 087 9250697 by Sunday evening. With a growing membership of almost 3,000 and over 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 [news@clgnafianna.ie](mailto:news@clgnafianna.ie)