



# Na Fianna Nuacht



## Club and Individual Team Fundraiser 2019 Next Leaders Unveiled



Congratulations to the latest Leaders announced this week as part of Na Fianna's Operation Transformation initiative. Pictured left to right, representing the 2008 Girls will be Christine Hendrick. Nora Smyth steps up for the 2005 Girls and Carla Downes will represent 2004 Boys.

The announcement this week of our new Leaders brings to eleven, the number of team groups that have now put forward leaders for Na Fianna's Operation Transformation. Well done all for stepping up. But we need more leaders.....read on.

- Leaders Required – No Experience Necessary
- Fundraising opportunity for your Team and Club
- Raise much needed funds for Na Fianna and your Individual Teams
- Entries by 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019
- First Weigh in starts 19<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Start Date: 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019
- End Date: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Finale Night with Special Guests



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Leaders can be mentors, parents, aunt, uncle or grandparents basically anyone the Team want to nominate and get behind in a fundraising drive.

Initially we need 20 Leaders up for the challenge. This week's leaders now join the others announced before Christmas – Roisin O'Donoghue Senior Camogie, Maurice Grehan & Philip O'Brien under 13 Boys, Colm O'Driscoll representing the Junior 8 Footballers, Dermot Moran representing Senior Hurlers, Ciara Purdy from Senior Ladies Footballers, Ryan O'Flaherty Senior Footballers and Mary O'Connell representing the Minor and U-16 Hurlers.





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This is about the promotion of **Club, Community, Health and Wellbeing for 2019**. It is for all members of the Club from Senior Teams down to the Nursery and is a great opportunity to get involved in a very positive fundraiser for your Club and your individual Teams.

More Leaders to be announced next week – keep an eye out to see who else will be joining our leaders – limited spaces available so get in quick and join us on this journey.

## Calling All Walkers

Also as part of this year's Na Fianna Operation Transformation, the very successful Monday night walking group will reconvene again next Monday night. Meeting in the Clubhouse foyer on Monday nights for a 7pm start, everybody is welcome to attend so please spread the word on this community initiative. You do not need to be a club member as our aim is to get the Na Fianna Community moving!

The plan for Monday night 14<sup>th</sup> January is to meet at the Club foyer just before 7pm and after a word of welcome we will head out onto Mobhi Road, up Ballymun Road to warm up the calves. Then across Collins Avenue, down Drumcondra Road, into Home Farm Road and back to the Club.

All ages are most welcome and the walk will go at a variety of paces suitable to you. This is a FREE health, well-being and social club initiative. Open to everybody, all ages, members and non-members alike, fáilte roimh chách.





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## Gym Extension Completed

The gym extension has been completed and has been operational since Monday 7th January. It has resulted in approximately 50 square metres of additional gym space, see pic opposite, accessed through a new doorway at the bottom of the existing gym staircase.



Huge credit goes to the Facilities Committee have been fantastic in this project. Firstly, they cleared out the tractor shed the week before Christmas – rearranging a huge amount of equipment and supplies to various locations around the club grounds – thus leaving the shed empty to take deliveries of equipment and allow it to be prepared and painted over the break. Further work in the shed adjacent to the front gate have now facilitated both tractors fitting in there. Huge credit to Martin Quilty and his team, and special mentions to Charlie O'Reilly, Frank Gray and Dermot Moran.

The gym timetable is up on the website (or will be very soon) and this includes the new gym extensions. This substantial investment by the Club will now allow large squads to train in a one hour slot, and also facilitate two smaller squads training simultaneously which will greatly relieve the pressure on time-slots.

While the Club is very excited about the gym extension and looks forward to seeing many teams benefitting from the new facility, all teams using the gym are asked to respect the gym and this significant investment that has now been made on their behalf. Access to the facility is by card swipe only. In addition, users of the gym should never jam or prop the door to keep it open. This is a basic security requirement and in light of recent unsavoury incidents in and around the Club, this will be strictly enforced.



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## LOTTO Jackpot Still Not Won!

**Na Fianna**  
**Lotto Results**  
**January 7th 2019**  
**Numbers**  
**4 14 26 30**  
**Jackpot €13500 - No Winner**  
**Match 3 Numbers €130 - No Winner**  
**Lucky Pick Winner - €15**  
Fergal Brophy  
Maud Smith  
Ann & Mae Caffrey c/o Vinny  
John Hughs c/o Vinny  
Mary Freeman  
**Next Jackpot €13750**

Next week's club lotto jackpot is €13,750. Tickets on sale in members bar or around the club. Alternatively, by signing up for the direct debit option, you stand a chance of winning the jackpot every week! See details [here](#)

## Na Fianna Club Mass

Annual Na Fianna Mass will take place Sunday 13th January in the Club at 4pm to remember all Na Fianna families bereaved in the past year and all deceased members. Everybody welcome and families bereaved during the year are especially welcome.

## Annual Coaching Forum

Our Coaching Development Group are putting final touches to the schedule for this year's Coaching Forum which will be held in the club on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January between 2-5pm. This year's keynote speaker will be Dr Niall Moyna. Details to follow early next week, all welcome.



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## New Year Security Awareness Advised

As teams return to training following the Christmas and New Year break, mentors, team members and parents alike are advised to exercise vigilance at all Club venues at all times. In particular, no valuables including mobile phones, ipads etc. should be left in cars and nothing should be left on display.

Specifically in Mobhi Road, bicycles should be locked at all times in the bike racks provided and should not be brought onto the all-weather pitches. Teams are also encouraged to give some thought to appointing non-playing members/parents as overseers in car parks so as to dissuade any would be opportunists and to report any suspicious activity to the Gardaí. Let's not make it easy for prospective thieves.

## National Club Draw

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB**  
Opportunity for your GAA Club to raise up to €20,000



Tickets now on sale in the Club for the 2019 GAA National Club Draw. Great prizes on offer and huge earning potential for Na Fianna, whatever we raise we keep! Please support, see link for details <https://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/administrators/national-club-draw>

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 in the Club bar, please support the club in purchasing a ticket or two!

## Ranganna Gaeilge – Irish Classes

Ranganna Gaeilge do dhaoine fásta ag tosnú arís, Déardaoin 17ú Eanáir, 7.30-8.30pm, sa Chlub. Neamhfhoirmeálta, spraoiúil. Fáilte roimh chách.

Irish language classes for adults starting again, Thursday 17th January, 7.30-8.30pm, in the Club. Informal, fun. All welcome.



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## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Collection Service



If you missed last Saturday's Na Fianna Christmas Tree collection service.....don't panic. The lads will be out again this Saturday (12<sup>th</sup> January) and will collect your tree and have it recycled for just €10. It couldn't be easier to arrange with our club online registration and payment option <http://www.clnafianna.com/christmas-tree-2019/> or do it now by texting your name, address and preferred collection date to **086-4039035**, payment can be made on the morning of collection. Remember, please have your tree out by 8.30am for our volunteer collectors.

We collect Christmas trees from the Dublin 7, 9 and 11 areas and parts of Dublin 3 close to Drumcondra. Registration open until 9pm tonight Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

The Christmas tree collection service is a fundraising activity and all proceeds go to Na Fianna GAA club.

## Want To Ask A Question?

Ever wondered how much it costs every year to run Na Fianna? Well here's your chance. Meet the Club's Treasury Team in the Mobhi Suite on Saturday 9th February from 9.30am to 11.30am. Your chance to find out how much it costs to keep the Club going, how its funded, facilities provided for members, information on various committees, etc. All welcome, informal meet and greet.



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## Na Fianna's Dubs

Both Dublin's Senior teams tog out this weekend in the semi-finals of the O'Byrne Cup (Football) & Walsh Cup (Hurling). Senior Footballers face Meath at 7pm on Saturday in Parnell Park, then on Sunday our Senior Hurlers take on Galway at 2pm. Admission: Adults: €10. Students/OAP's: €5. Children U16 go free. Please note Parnell Passes are not valid for either fixture. Teams not yet announced at time of print.

Congrats to our Ciara Purdy on being chosen to represent Na Fianna on the 2018 New Ireland Assurance Dub Stars panel. The 2018 Dub Stars team was chosen by a Dublin Ladies Football selection committee in conjunction with submissions received from a panel of adult referees throughout the course of the 2018 playing season. The Dub Stars will play Dublin Senior ladies at 1.30pm on Saturday in DCU, St Clares.

There will be plenty of football action on display in DCU on January 13th as the Senior contest will be preceded by the Junior Dub Stars game which gets underway at 11.30am and in this game Na Fianna will be represented by Aofe Caffrey (Captain), Michelle O'Hara and team mentor Gabriel Travers. Best of luck to all.

## Dublin Senior Camogie Panel Announced



This week's announcement of the 2019 Senior Camogie panel by Dublin Senior Manager Frank Browne shows serious Na Fianna representation. In addition to the six Na Fianna players named on the panel, Roisín Baker was announced as Dublin Senior Camogie Captain for 2019. Congratulations and best wishes to all six panellists; Alex Griffin, Emma Gray, Eve O'Brien, Niamh Rock, Orla Gray and Roisín Baker (Captain).





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## Volunteer Award For Ann

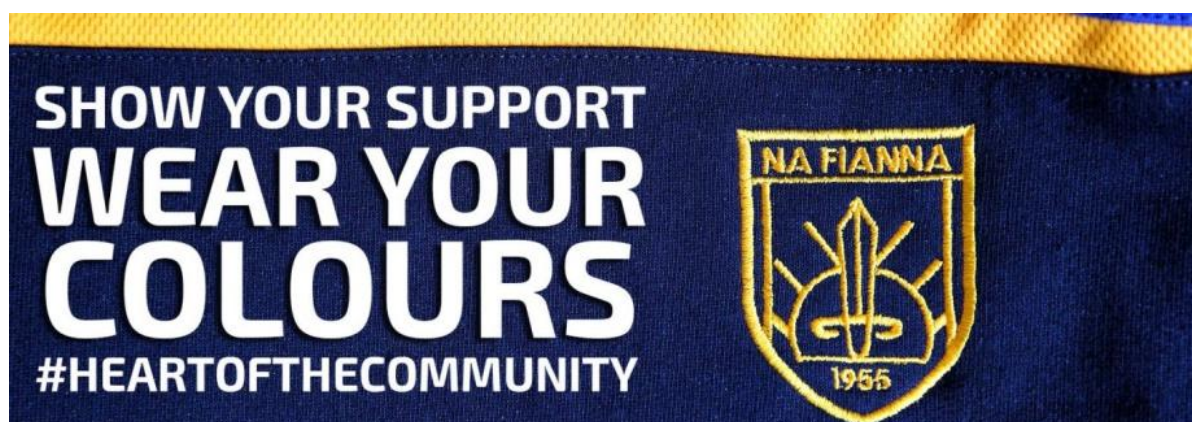
Congratulations to Na Fianna's Ann Ryan on her Camogie Association Volunteer of the Year Award which was announced this week. Ann's endless work as a dedicated club and county volunteer will be formally recognised by the Association at an event in Croke Park on Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Congrats



Congratulations to Senior 2 Hurler Andy Flaherty and wife Alison Rodgers on the birth of daughter Fiadh on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Granny and Grandad Cynthia and Tommy Flaherty also chuffed with new arrival.

Congratulations also to club Registrar and Leas Rúnaí CLG Na Fianna, Eoin Ó Ceallacháin and bride Niamh Nolan on their wedding last weekend. Best wishes to them for a happy and healthy life together.





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## Patsy's Press

In this week's Na Fianna Nuacht we are delighted to feature the most recent published work from the pen of our friend and former club barman Pat Sullivan. Published in the Southern Star newspaper on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December last, Pat's latest piece is a very personal account of a maritime tragedy near his Bere Island home.

## Castletownbere tragedy took five lives



Patrick Sullivan was on board the Irish Lights ship, Atlanta

I WAS born on Bere Island, in July 1952. In the late 1960s I was a crewmember of the Irish Lights tender *Atlanta*. My family had a long association with Irish Lights as my grandfather, my father Patsy, and my brother John all worked on the tenders.

I joined the *Atlanta* in February 1968. She was based in Dun Laoghaire and serviced the lighthouses, the lightships, and navigation bouys on the east and southeast coasts. On Wednesday night, November 27<sup>th</sup> 1968, we arrived in Castletownbere to relieve the *Ierne* which was due to leave Castletown the next morning for a three-week visit to the Liffey dockyard in Dublin. In mid-December two temporary deckhands joined the ship, Timmy Hanley, from Bere Island, and Timmy Lynch from Derrymihan.

On Saturday morning, December 21<sup>st</sup>, we left Castletown to proceed to the Fastnet lighthouse, to carry out the relief. On our arrival at the lighthouse, the weather conditions had deteriorated. We lay off the lighthouse until 12.30pm but by then the weather conditions had deteriorated further and so there was no likelihood of carrying out the relief and we returned to Castletown.

That Saturday evening, a severe weather warning was issued for the south, and southwest coasts, with winds of over 80mph and heavy seas.

Life on board the ship went on as normal that night, and by midnight, most of crew (except those on watch) had retired to bed – oblivious to the terrible tragedy that had taken place near Ardgroom. The Castletownbere fishing vessel, the *Seaflower*, had been wrecked in a storm at Carrigavaunahen, near



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Ardgroom in Kenmare Bay. The owner and skipper, Michael Crowley from Bere Island, and four of the vessel's crew were drowned.

The other four were: Bernie Lynch from Derrymihan, Castletownbere; John Michael Sheehan from Dursey Sound and his cousin Noel Sheehan from Dursey Island, and Niall Crilly, from Cork city. On Sunday morning, December 22nd, I was called at 8am by the quartermaster to begin my watch. His first words to me were: 'I have awful news. *The Seaflower* is missing.' I immediately went to the radio room to hear the reports coming over the air. The majority of the crew had gathered there in a very sombre mood.

Our crew member Timmy (Lynch) was the father of one of the *Seaflower*'s crew and all our concern was for him at this time. Over the next few hours we waited anxiously for news of the trawler, hoping that 'no news is good news'. Timmy remained calm, and very optimistic that the trawler would return safe to Castletown.

At, approximately 11.30 am came the dreadful news, and confirmation, that the *Seaflower*, and her crew, were lost. We were all devastated for our temporary shipmate and the horrendous loss he had suffered. Bernie Lynch's father was immediately taken up to the bridge where he was comforted by the captain, and officers of the ship. At 2pm he was taken ashore on the ship's launch.

At 6pm that evening, we left Castletown to return to Dun Laoghaire, as the *Ierne* was now returning to Castletown. When we were going out the harbour's mouth, I was up on deck talking to Timmy Hanley about the awful loss of the trawler and her crew. The chief officer came over to us and said 'It's a very sad Castletownbere tonight. God help, and comfort, the poor families.'

## 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).

## The Many Lives of Jackie Carey – free event

"The Many Lives of Jackie Carey", a free talk by Donal Fallon, Historian in Residence (Dublin City Council) will be given in Drumcondra Library Tuesday 22nd Jan at 6.30pm.

2019 will see the centenary of Jackie Carey's birth. In one lifetime, Jackie Carey was a Dublin GAA player, Manchester United captain, and represented both the FAI and IFA national teams, once playing for both in the same weekend. Booking required Email:

[drumcondralibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:drumcondralibrary@dublincity.ie) or Tel. 01 8377206



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## Comhbhrón

Sincere sympathies of the Club are offered to the Sweeney family on the passing of Mrs Síle Sweeney, Mother of Fergus and Eoin, Mother in law of Zoe and Margaret and Grandmother of Lucia (2005 Girls), Zac (2008 Boys), Ollie (2009 Boys), Jack (2008 Boys) and JP (2009 Boys).

Funeral arrangements as follows; Reposing at her home on Friday (January 11th) from 4.00pm to 8.00pm. Arriving at St. Columba's Church, Iona Rd., on Saturday (January 12th) for 10 o'clock Funeral Mass followed by burial afterwards in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Kilcormac, Co. Offaly.

Sympathies also to the Flaherty and Lowry families on the passing of Mikie Flaherty, Father of Seamus, Father in law of Doireann and Grandfather of Finn (Nursery).

Funeral arrangements as follows; Reposing at Conneely's Funeral Home, Flood Street, Galway on Friday 11th January from 2.30 p.m. with Removal at 4.30 p.m. to Rossaveal Harbour for Transfer to Seipéal Mhuire Inis Oirr. Funeral Mass at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday 12th January followed by burial in Teampall Chaomháin.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamnacha.

## .....and finally

Still a few weeks before the return of the Na Fianna Nursery, exact date to be advised. On the plus side, this gives time to all to get in some extra practice at home with the Santa presents.

## 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)