

# Herald Sports Notes @

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## Milltown GAA prepares for new season with website launch

- Includes extensive club history and online membership renewal

LIKE so many clubs around the country Covid-19 has put a halt to activity on the pitch, but in Milltown the activity off the pitch has continued throughout the pandemic.

From fundraising efforts such as the '2000km for 2k' where players running individually clocked up a combined total of over 2000km to raise over €2,000 for the club and local primary schools; to the 'Grab a Gucci' handbag raffle; to preparing sports capital grant applications and significantly, putting together a brand-new website for the club.

A website is something that was on the agenda for a number of years but never got off the ground due to the time constraints of committee members. So, a positive of Covid-19 was that it afforded the time for the club to come together and develop one.

There were a number of key objectives in developing a website, none more so than to provide a portal for club members and club supporters at home and abroad to access information about Milltown GAA.

Another was to provide a way for



AN aerial view of Fr Conroy Park, home of Milltown GAA.

club members to pay their membership online as payment in person has not been possible due to Covid. The club have decided to utilise the new GAA Foireann system and have provided bespoke step-by-step guides on their website membership section on how to pay membership online.

"The new website is a fantastic resource for the club to connect with its members and supporters and also as a gateway for members to be able to pay their membership in these Covid

times. I also learnt a thing or two about the history of the club", said Cathal McHugh, club registrar. According to club chairman, Eoin Godwin: "We are continually striving to improve the club in Milltown and the website is another step in that goal."

Another key part of the new website was to document the history of the club for future generations. The history was compiled by Michael Brennan of Liskeavy (a former club player and now journalist with the

Sunday Business Post) with valuable contributions from others, such as Marie Brennan, Tony Murphy and Jim Carney.

Much of the history is based on match and AGM reports from the invaluable archives of *The Tuam Herald* dating back well over a century. Areas covered in detail are the origins of the club; the development of Fr Conroy Park; as well as memorable successes such as the 1961 County Junior title – that saw the club to rise

to senior ranks, a status they have maintained to this day – as well as the club's Galway Senior Football Championship victories in 1971 and '81. The history of a thriving ladies section is also included and the website gives access to a vast array of photographs going back through the decades.

Club merchandise can be also purchased via the new website along with subscriptions to the club's lotto which currently has a jackpot of €19,500.

"The club are delighted with how the website has turned out and would like to thank Fergal O'Connor of Buy Media and Ruairi McNicholas of Propeller Digital who came on board to facilitate us with setting up the website", said Austin Winston, club secretary.

Eamon Blake, club PRO, added: "It's great to have a website as another means for the club to keep its members up to date and we would encourage members and supporters to regularly engage with the website and to provide information to the club to include on the website, whether it's photographs, stories about the club's history or details of upcoming events."

**Milltown GAA's new website is**  
[www.milltowngagalway.ie](http://www.milltowngagalway.ie)

### GAA

#### ABBEYKNOCKMOY

The winners of the monthly draw for March were: Tommy Farragher €700, Paul Flaherty €100, Pat Joyce €100. Cyril Murphy, Marian Ruane, Paddy Coleman: €50 O'Neills vouchers.

Congratulations to all, and thanks to all our participants.

Anyone interested in joining the monthly draw can contact any club official. The €20 per month entry gains entry to the draw and also serves as your membership fee. This is particularly great value for families, especially with return to training not too far away.

Community 50/50 Draw. The cost of running a small GAA club such as ours is over €100,000 per annum, all of which has to be fundraised locally, with zero assistance from the County Board or GAA. As such, our weekly 50/50 draw takes place every Monday at 9pm.

Its €5 per entry and as the name suggests whatever is sold every week 50 per cent is paid to a lucky winner with the other 50 per cent going to the club. Tickets are available in local shops, club committee members or online at [www.idonate.ie/abbey5050](http://www.idonate.ie/abbey5050). By playing online, you can enter a few weeks in advance if you so wish.

Last week's (April 5) lucky winner was Carol McWalter who collected a pot of €335, and the previous week's (March 29) prize of €320 went to Sean Moran. Congrats to both. As always, we sincerely appreciate everyone's continued support.

#### ANNAGHDOWN

Lotto results from Tuesday, 6th April. Numbers drawn were 6, 13, 22, 28. No jackpot winner. Four match 3 winners which were John Forde, Noel Carroll, Darragh Mulrooney and Sinead Murphy. Promoters prize was won by Kevin Scully. Next week's jackpot (13th April) is €11,500. Thank you for supporting our club lotto.

#### AHASCRAUGH-FOHENAGH-CALTRA

Ahascragh-Fohenagh-Caltra GAA clubs would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Anthony Kelly and the extended Kelly and Naughton families on the death of Kathleen. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

The numbers drawn in the club lotto for a jackpot of €5,500 on April 5th were 22, 29, 33 and 34. There was no winner of the jackpot or match threes, this week's jackpot is €5,600 with match threes sharing €250. The club would like to thank everyone who supports the lotto during these difficult times. Tickets for the lotto are available on Klubfunder, just visit [www.klubfunder.com](http://www.klubfunder.com) and search for Ahascragh Fohenagh GAA or Caltra GAA club for the club of your choice or contact any of the club officers.

Huge congratulations to club stalwart, Michelle Healy on her appointment to the GAA Officer Development Committee. This committee oversees the GAA's Learning and Development programme for club and county officers. Best of luck Michelle. Michelle is the daughter of Vera Healy and the late Michael Healy who served as a player, manager, trainer, mentor of many teams with the Ahascragh-Fohenagh and Caltra clubs over the years.

The Caltra club passed a motion at our AGM to have our two steering committees in place for both finance and development groups, comprising of four members on each. Thanks to each person for volunteering to take this on as it's a very positive move for the club. Both groups have already started working on their many tasks. The finance group which comprises of Mike Mockler, Gabriel Naughton, Mike Hannon and Noel Ward will be making contact with the old finance group members to update you on their plans and seek commitment from you to take an active role in same. With so much fantastic work done to date it's important now to get behind the two steering groups and push it over the finishing line. Fair play to the lads for taking the lead on this. The development group consists of Seamus Meehan, Noel Loughrey, Mike Finnerty and Ja Murray. We look forward to their work.

The Ahascragh-Caltra Camogie Club National Bonus Ball winner on Wednesday night last on 17 were

Siobhan Fitzgerald, Anne Jordan and Carmel Murray. The Caltra Community Centre 50/50 winner was Michael Hogan winning €42. Tickets available in all the local shops.

#### ATHENRY

The 2020 recipient of the James Corbett Memorial Trophy for Club Person of the Year is Gearoid Harty. Managing the club's finances in this most unprecedented time has been very challenging, but a task that Gearoid Harty has addressed head-on with his trademark positivity. Along with being club treasurer, Gearoid plays a key role in the club Development Committee and for good measure helps out with U7 hurlers. Gearoid thanked David Donohue (assistant treasurer), the Development Committee, the Lotto Committee and grounds staff who he works with every week. Congratulations to Gearoid, who joins a list of great club men and women in being awarded this trophy. The award was presented to Gearoid by the Corbett family represented Gerald Corbett and Jacqueline Haverty.

Club membership is open and can be paid online through Clubforce or by contacting club registrar Tom Carr.

Club Lotto. The jackpot was €11,300. There was no jackpot winner this week. Numbers drawn on the night were 11, 12, 30, 32. We had no match 3 winner. The lucky dip winners are Annette Lyons and Tom Cloonan. Sellers prize went to Kathleen Bane.

Next draw is on April 18 and the jackpot will be €11,400.

#### CAHERLISTRANE

Membership is now open for renewal on your Foireann profile at [returntoplay.gaa.ie](http://returntoplay.gaa.ie). Please use your return to play profile to pay your membership online through Foireann. Our membership rates remain the same as last year with an option this year to pay in two instalments. Contact Tom Craddock, Claire Keane or Justin Collins with any queries.

The GAA has announced a roadmap for the way ahead on their website [www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie) as well as a Covid update and return to play guidelines. Please always

follow public health advice.

One Club: Please keep an eye on our social media and here in the coming weeks for details on an open invitation Zoom meeting in the coming weeks to gather input and have a discussion around moving to a One Club model for our club.

Lotto: The GAA and LGFA lotto draw on Wed, 7th April had no jackpot winner for the €12,800. Thank you to pitch sponsor Oil Direct and senior player Barry Lee for spinning the wheel. The numbers drawn were 27, 26, 28, 20. The four Lucky Dip winners of €25 were Michelle Acton, Kilcoona; Mary Rattigan; John Corcoran, Newcastle; and Mary Fahy, Newline. Thank you for your support of our club's lotto. All funds raised go towards funding and football training and development. Tonight, you could scoop €12,900 by playing at Keane's shop for €2 or online at [www.caherlistrane.com](http://www.caherlistrane.com). Monthly and yearly subscriptions also available. Our officer for Irish and Culture, Emma Ryan will spin tonight's wheel on Facebook Live at 9pm as gaeilge.

Club shop: Orders can be sent to [clubshop@caherlistranegaa.ie](mailto:clubshop@caherlistranegaa.ie) and we will also take orders at the shop on Mondays at 7.30pm. We have limited stock on hand currently. If attending the club shop, please adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Bingo: A massive congratulations to all our winners last week, especially Fionn Cunningham, who scooped the €500 jackpot. Winners please email [bingo@caherlistranegaa.ie](mailto:bingo@caherlistranegaa.ie) to arrange receipt of your winnings. With returning to pitches, our bingo will be monthly going forward, so please keep the first Tuesday of every month free at the later time of 8.30pm for the long evenings. Our next bingo will be Tuesday, May 4th at 8.30pm and we will let you know when bingo books are on sale nearer the time. Thank you to everyone who has supported our new bingo format to date and we hope you enjoyed it. We certainly enjoyed being able to connect with everyone again. A massive thank you to the host Niamh Cullen and to both the new and old bingo committees for all your hard work getting it off the ground. We hope to see everyone back on Tuesday, May 4th.

National Draw: The top prize is a Renault Clio. Second prize is €2,000 cash. The same ticket gains entry into our own Caherlistrane GAA club raffle with