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Welcome again to **Extra Time**, we hope that you are continuing to Stay Safe and are in Good Health. We don't have any Good News for you yet in regard to any return to activity, we remain optimistic but as we said last week it is a cautious optimism. We welcome the clear direction and leadership shown by our Uachtaran John Horan on the Sunday Game and we congratulate John on his articulate leadership, which he showed on the night. It is a harsh reality that until we have clear guidelines in regard to Social Distancing in the future we are unable to set you out any plan of future activity, future guidelines in regard to Social Distancing will affect all aspects of our Games, the playing, the watching, the administering, all will be dependent on a relaxation of the criteria's around Social Distancing.

On a positive note, Contractors who had been undertaking Capital Projects for our Clubs can now return to those sites from Monday May 18th, in regard to any voluntary duties that Clubs wished to take on we urge you to still be patient, Pitch Maintenance and Weekly Checks on your Club Premises are the only duties that can be exercised at present and we ask all Clubs to respect these guidelines.

There has been no definitive decision taken in regard to the holding of the 2020 Kellogg's Cúl Camps, we expect direction shortly on their viability and we will convey that decision to you our Clubs in the first instance.

We in Down GAA want to again salute all of those who are involved in the battle against Covid-19, many of our members are involved in frontline duties and making great personal sacrifices to ensure the safety of others, we are very proud of you and proud to have you as our members and supporters, you are part of the great Down GAA Family and we say Thank You.

DOWN GAA VIRTUAL SONG – ONE VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE FROM ALL 47 DOWN GAA CLUBS

On Wednesday night the Down GAA Song for County Down went live and what a response did it get. All 47 Clubs were represented as people came together (virtually) under the direction of Gareth McGreevy and Paula Magee to produce a most memorable and moving version of the Tommy Sands Song.



We thank all of those who made this happen, to Gareth and Paula in particular for an outstanding piece of work, to Diarmuid our County Treasurer who used his IT skills to great effect and to Tommy Sands who agreed in the first instance to allow his song be used for the project and to our singers and musicians, You were outstanding! Thank you.

Down GAA song project produces one virtual performance from 47 clubs

Singers and musicians representing all the GAA clubs in Down collaborate online to perform Tommy Sands' song The County Down.

An online collaboration of performers from all 47 GAA clubs in Down has produced a virtual cover version of the Tommy Sands song The County Down.

With a hiatus in all outdoor GAA activity, members and units have turned to social media to find new and unique ways of maintaining interest and connections. The most recent project in Down involved music and song, as each club was asked to choose a singer or musician to perform the local ballad; this in turn was knitted together into one performance.

The song was penned by local folk singer and songwriter Tommy Sands for his 1992 album Beyond the Shadows. The Down GAA piece was coordinated by Paula Magee and remastered into a strong group performance involving over 120 people from all 47 GAA clubs in Down by Gareth McGreevy.

The Down GAA Chairman John Devaney praised those involved in the undertaking, saying that “the lockdown has unleashed some imaginative ways for members to engage in an interactive and entertaining way. Pulling this together, with so many people involved, has been an impressive feat and the performance is a very professional production. So, well done to everyone involved and a particular note of thanks to Gareth McGreevy and Paula Magee”.

Tommy Sands himself expressed his delight at the production: “I always feel honoured to hear my songs being recorded by people around the world; but to hear this song from my own place County Down being performed so beautifully by young people from every GAA club in this County moves me very deeply indeed.

“It was recorded in these eerie isolation times when young people, unable to be together even for a short time, found a way to celebrate their own native place through music and somehow end up together for all time”.

The performance can be accessed on Down GAA Website www.downgaa.net/news/virtualsong and on Down GAA Social Media Channels.

Thank you to all 120 people involved in performing and putting the performance together:

Eimear Devlin (Aghaderg/Ballyvarley), Aoibheann Sloan (An Ríocht), Diarmuid Cahill (An Ríocht), Sarah Fegan (Annaclone), Ava Cahill (Annaclone), Aoibhin Pyers (Annaclone), Ciara Pyers (Annaclone), Michelle Pyers (Annaclone), Eoin Caughey (Ardglass), Erin Cunningham (Ardglass), Orlagh Murphy (Atticall), Fionnuala Pickering (Aughlissnafin), Tara McAnearney (Ballela), Jana McCarthy (Ballycran, St. Joseph's), Cathlin Fay (Ballygalget), Aisling McKeown (Ballyholland Harps), Anna Kearney (Ballyholland Harps), Aileen Kearney (Ballyholland Harps), Phoebe Richards (Ballykinlar), Sinead O Hare (Ballymartin), Carol McAllister (Bredagh), Kerry McLaughlin (Bright), Micheal Valentine (Bryansford), Clare Cunningham (Bryansford), Orla Maginess (Bryansford), Louise Brady (Bryansford), Bronach Fegan (Burren, St. Mary's), Caoimhe Loughran (Burren, St. Mary's), Annamarie Magorrian (Carryduff), Caoimhe Magorrian (Carryduff), Annie Breen (Castlewellan, St Malachys), Sharon Breen (Castlewellan, St Malachys), Orla McCrickard (Castlewellan, St Malachys), Emma Loughlin (Clann na Banna), Lorna Carroll (Clann na Banna), Sineas Parfitt (Clann na Banna), Caroline McGreevy (Clonduff), Aoife Trainor (Clonduff), Paul Kelly (Clonduff), Barry McVeigh (Darragh Cross), Katie Quinn (Downpatrick, Russell Gaelic Union), Megan Smith (Dromara), Patrick Doyle (Dromara), Ella Fegan (Drumaness, St. Colman's), Tony Ferris (Drumaness, St. Colman's), Kayla O Hare (Drumgath), Kathleen Garland (Dundrum), Olivia Tolcher (Dundrum), Aoife Grant (Glasdrumman), Tara Grant (Glasdrumman), Niamh McDowell (Glasdrumman), Cara Sloan (Glasdrumman), Clodagh Morgan (Glasdrumman), Ciara Rooney (Glasdrumman), Donna Feeney (Glasdrumman), Emma Matters (Glenn John Martins), Kerrie Kennedy (Glenn John Martins), Caoimhe Murtagh (Glenn John Martins), Fintan Cultra (Kilclief Ben Dearg), Siobhan McEvoy (Kilcoo Eoghan Rua), Claire Scally (Liatroim Fontenoys), Anna-Rose McCabe (Liatroim Fontenoys), Claire Doyle (Liatroim Fontenoys), Cillian McLaverty (Longstone), Kirsten Jennings (Loughinisland), Lauren Deagan (Loughinisland), Peter Magee (Mayobridge), Eimear Magee (Mayobridge), Paula Magee (Mayobridge), Cathal Magee (Mayobridge), Ciara Rooney (Mayobridge), Jordan Lively (Mayobridge), Maeve

McCartan (Mayobridge), Niamh Martin (Mayobridge), Ava McPolin (Mayobridge), Patrick Lively (Mayobridge Band), Mairead Campbell (Newry Mitchels), Ciara Gorman (Newry Shamrocks), Orlaith Gorman (Newry Shamrocks), Meabh Hegarty (Newry Shamrocks), Fiona Brennan (Newry Shamrocks), Kathy McGrattan (Portaferry, St Patrick's), Masie Tinnley (Rostrevor, St. Bronagh's), Kate Rice (Rostrevor, St. Bronagh's), Gareth McGrevey (Saul, St. Patrick's), Angela McGreevy (Saul, St. Patrick's), Orlagh Carson (Saul, St. Patrick's), Grainne Boss (Saul, St. Patrick's), Taylor Murin (Saul, St. Patrick's), Rosie Byrne (Saul, St. Patrick's), Niamh McCullough (Saul, St. Patrick's), Sarah McVeigh (Saul, St. Patrick's), Erin Sands (Saul, St. Patrick's), Catherine Boyle (Saul, St. Patrick's), Laura Edgar (Saul, St. Patrick's), Lindsay Hanna (Saul, St. Patrick's), Conor Fitzsimons (Saul, St. Patrick's), Lauren Mooney (Saval), Annamarie Boyle (St. John Bosco), Enya Boyle (St. John's, Drumnaquoile), Rebecca Hamill (St Michaels), Bronagh McClean (St. Pauls), Niall McClean (St. Pauls), Seamus Mc Clean (St. Pauls), Colleen McCleery (St. Pauls), Aoife McGrath (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Grace Summerville (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Emma-Louise Murphy (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Joanna Doran (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Grainne Mallon (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Ciara Carr (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Luran Caldwell (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Grace Mallon (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Claudia Mallon (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Sarah Rooney (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Holly Tinnely (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Oisin McCann (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Sophie Gaw (St. Peter's Warrenpoint), Éilis Rowan (Teconnaught) & Phil Walker (Tullylish).



SYMPATHY

We in Down GAA would like to extend our sympathies to the families of the following loved ones who died in the past week and about whom we have been notified.



Bro Charles Purcell of the De La Salle Order was a Brother who had a tremendous impact on those who came into contact with him in St Patrick's Grammar School in

SPONSORS

In recent times Down GAA have been very lucky to be able to attract Quality Sponsors who have come on-board at varying levels to help make a difference to our world in Down GAA.

Their support and generosity over time has meant that we in Down GAA have been able to grow and to support all of our Teams in Football and Hurling to ensure that they have had the best resources and preparation available to them in our quest to bring the glory days back to Down.

So today we list our Sponsors and we hope that as they return to

Downpatrick. A Limerick man he had a great love for hurling and he introduced many young boys to a love of our games, many past pupils went on to represent his adopted county of Down in both football and hurling, his lunchtime hurling puck abouts were legendary as he produced a supply of hurls to allow boys develop a love for the game. In 2013 the pitches at St Patricks were named after the late Pat O Hare and Bro Charles, with Pat O Hare Park and Purcell Pitches now providing the platforms for we hope new generations of County Players.

The Gaels of Warrenpoint this week were sad to learn of the death of **Maureen Grant**, wife of Jack Grant. Jack is a long standing member of St. Peter's GAA Club and **Peter Morris** who is the Father in Law of well-known Warrenpoint Gael John Daly.

WEBINAR

Last Thursday the GAA held a webinar for County and Club Officers on Personal Wellbeing, with contributions from Mayo Star Tom Parsons, former Galway player Alan Kerins, and GAA Community & Health Manager Colin Regan.

The presentation may resonate with some of your club members - [please click here to view](#).



business activity over the next period that you will vote with your feet and support those people in any way that you can, who have been good supporters of Down GAA.

The Following Companies are the Sponsors and Associate Sponsors of Down GAA, Support them where you can, mention them on Social Media, mention them to a friend, let us keep their profile to the fore, some of these businesses have not been open from March 16th, show them that they are part of the Down GAA Family and that we care and we want their businesses back open and busy.

- EOS IT Solutions
- Morgan Fuels
- The Parador Belfast
- O'Neills Sportswear
- Eamonn Rooney Coach Hire
- Autoline Insurance
- Hare and McGovern Construction
- The Quays Shopping Centre
- Modern Tyres
- The Murdock Group
- Martin Fegan Transport
- The Milestone Rathfriland
- The Canal Court Hotel
- Tullyraine Quarries
- Killowen Contracts
- Mc Cartan Bros Newry
- HMT Shipping Warrenpoint
- Ulster Bank Ltd
- KN Group
- Highline Construction New York

BALLYKINLAR DEVELOPMENT



Just to update you on our Development at Ballykinlar. At present we are just waiting for direction from the Planning Service in regard to future development at Ballykinlar, all required surveys have been completed and we now can only wait for an outcome from the Planning Service.

We are using the time now to work to appoint our Project Board under the Chairmanship of Feargal McCormack and also to look at various Fundraising models that have been used in other Counties for similar projects.

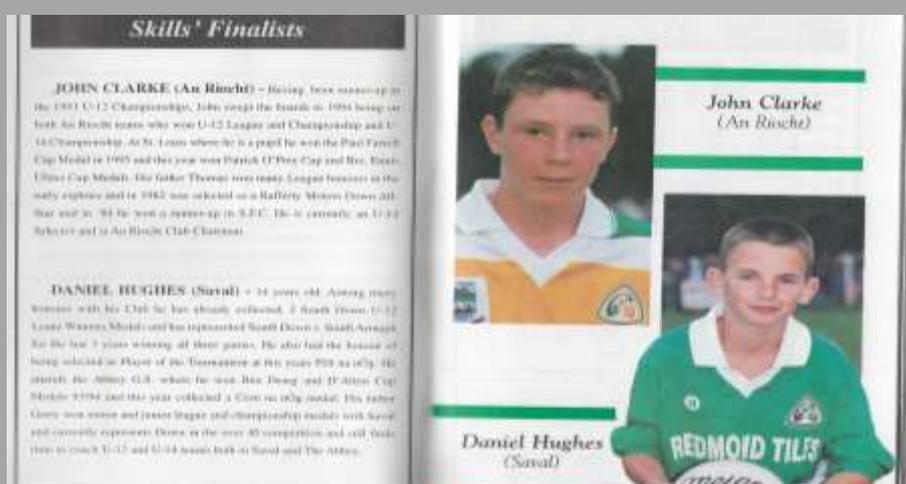
When we come out of Lockdown we are hoping that this project will lift the spirits of all Down Gaels. [Click here to view video of the plans for Ballykinlar.](#)

ARCHIVE

We continue to add to our collection of Match Programmes and Old Newspapers as people tidy up their own archives in these strange days.

Last we featured a Newspaper preview of the Championship and it was from the Armagh Down Observer of 1968. One interesting aspect of the Fixtures was that they were mostly Double Bills and the same Referee officiated at both games so for example on that Sunday July 7th at St Patricks Park, the late Pat Rooney first Refereed Kilwarlin and Dunsford at 2.30pm with Glenn v Kilclief immediately afterwards at 3.45pm, it was a tight schedule !!

This week we received a collection of Programmes and included was the County Final Programme of 1996 and at Half Time in the Minor Final that day which featured Burren and Rostrevor, was the skills competition organised by the Down Youth Board and these two young men were the finalists.



The Minor Final was won by Burren who beat Rostrevor, Burren were captained by Ciaran Byrne who then lined out as a member of the Burren Senior Panel with his Minor Team mates Eddie Murtagh, Pdraig Bradley and Ciaran Doyle. Burren completed the double in St Patrick's Park that day when they defeated a Bryansford Team captained by the late great Eamonn Burns on a score line of 0-15 to 1-7. The Burren Captain was Garnet McFerran and Brendan McKernan picked up the Mourne Observer Man of the Match Award. The Referees on duty were in the Minor Ned Morgan and in the Senior Colm Broderick.

VIDEOS

We are including here some links for Down games in the past in Football and Hurling.

Allianz Football League 2020 Down v Derry



Allianz Football League 2020 Tipperary v Down



Allianz Football League 2020 Offaly v Down



Christy Ring 2019:
Round 1 Down 2-14
Derry 3-20



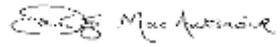
Christy Ring 2019:
Round 2 Wicklow 2-19
Down 2-25



Christy Ring 2019:
Round 3 Donegal 2-15
Down 7-22



In the Meantime, we hope you all stay safe and please be patient there will we hope be better and brighter days ahead.



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