

## U14 Féile Peil na nÓg, 2010 - By Ger O'Malley

Féile Peil na nÓg 2010 began for Naomh Olaf on Saturday May 1st against a Crumlin side who play a division above them. Naomh Olaf started off well with a goal by Jamie O'Malley within the first few minutes but then faltered in the middle of the game and allowed Crumlin to take the lead. Despite a great last ten minutes by Naomh Olaf, we were beaten by 1 point with a score line of 2-12 to 4-7.

With very little time between games, next up were St Mary's of Saggart and Naomh Olaf had a point to prove - they did this by winning with a score line of 2-13 to 0-3. Parnells were to follow the same fate as St Mary's, with Naomh Olaf coming on top again, winning 5-6 to 0-3.

This result left Naomh Olaf as group runners-up which meant they had to travel to John Paul Park in Cabra to play St Oliver Plunkett Eoghan Ruadh, who had won their group and who also play a division above Naomh Olaf. This did not deter the boys in claret and blue and they shocked everybody by playing absolutely great football and winning 6-8 to 0-5. This was an outstanding performance with 'man of the match' performances by Paul McGinley and Colm McKay and meant that we were heading to Parnell Park the following day to play Naomh Fionnbarra, who had beaten Crumlin in the other semi-final.

It's Sunday 4.45pm and the roar that greeted the Naomh Olaf team as they ran onto the pitch in Parnell Park was incredible. I think it was now that this group of lads finally understood what was before them. It took a few minutes for the nerves to settle down, but it was Naomh Olaf who got the first score

with Jamie O'Malley scoring a point from play. However, Naomh Fionnbarra bounced back and scored a goal with the first attack. While, previously, this might have caused the boys in claret and blue to doubt themselves, not this time, and the sides were soon level again with scores from Keith Noonan and Colm McKay. Again, Naomh Fionnbarra threatened the Olaf goal and they were awarded a penalty. However the Olaf goalkeeper, Dillon Rafferty, was not to be beaten and stood big in the goal and saved the penalty; Luke Boyle was on hand to sweep up the rebound and clear his lines. Both teams then traded scores with Naomh Olaf forwards, James O'Connor and Craig Ronayne Murphy, making a nuisance of themselves and eventually Daragh O'Connor and Jamie O'Malley scoring a point each to bring the score at half time Naomh Olaf 0-5 Naomh Fionnbarra 1-2. The second half got underway and it was Naomh Fionnbarra who got the first score, but Olafs responded with a goal and a point by Keith Noonan to put Olafs in the lead. This was short-lived however, with Naomh Fionnbarra getting their second goal. Some great play in the middle of the park by Conn O'Sullivan and Daragh O'Connor created another scoring chance which Paul McGinley duly knocked over the bar.

Naomh Fionnbarra pressed again looking for another score but the Olafs defence stood tall with trojan defending by Oisín McDermott and Conor Watters ensuring nothing was conceded. They were helped, each and every time, by their captain Mark Doyle and by Aaron Walsh who were mopping up any spilled balls in and around the goalmouth. Chris Pollard as wing back was doing his defensive du-

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ties while also pushing up and offering himself as an extra man to the midfield and one of Chris's surging runs resulted in a free which Jamie O'Malley scored. In between this great play by Olafs, Naomh Fionnbarra got two more points which left the smallest of margins between the teams, and at that stage Olafs brought on Andrew Kyne Delaney for James O'Connor. With minutes left on the clock, Naomh Fionnbarra scored a point which brought the game level and despite both sides having chances in the last minute, the game ended in a draw Naomh Olaf 1-8 Naomh Fionnbarra 2-5.

It was announced that there would be two periods of extra time of five minutes each. Despite having played a total of five games now since Saturday morning, the Olafs boys still had something left in the tank and this began to show when Keith Noonan knocked in another goal in the second period of extra time. The huge Naomh Olaf crowd knew this was

Olafs' day and despite Naomh Fionnbarra replying with a point, the final two scores were left to Conn O'Sullivan and Colm McKay who both pointed again to leave the final score line of Naomh Olaf 2-10 Naomh Fionnbarra 2-6.

This was truly a club day with the huge Olaf support now down on the field awaiting the captain, Mark Doyle, to raise the Féile Peil na nÓg Perpetual Cup above his head. The roar was thunderous.

On the Naomh Olaf team were Dillon Rafferty, Conor Watters, Oisín McDermott, Aaron Walsh, Chris Pollard, Mark Doyle, Luke Boyle, Daragh O'Connor (0-1), Conn O'Sullivan (0-1), Paul McGinley (0-1), Keith Noonan (2-2), Craig Ronayne Murphy, James O'Connor, Jamie O'Malley (0-3), Colm McKay (0-2).

**Subs:** Andrew Kyne Delaney for James O'Connor, James Kelly, Sean Flynn, Dylan Murphy, Tadhg O'Keeffe, Oisín McMullan.



**Under 14, Féile Football Team, 2010 - Back row 1 to r:** Rob Byrne (Coach), Shane Pollard (Selector), Des Noonan (Coach), Andrew Kyne Delaney, Dillon Rafferty, Conn O'Sullivan, Keith Noonan, Paul McGinley, Daragh O'Connor, Ger O'Malley (Manager/Coach), Donie McDermott (Selector). **Front row 1 to r:** Luke Boyle, Mark Doyle, Jamie O'Malley, Dylan Murphy, James O'Connor, James Kelly, Conor Watters, Chris Pollard, Craig Ronayne Murphy, Colm McKay, Sean Flynn. Missing from picture: Oisín McDermott, Aaron Walsh, Tadhg O'Keeffe, Oisín McMullan and Shane Whyte (Coach) and Greg Naughton R.I.P. (Coach).

## Player Profile-Declan O'Dwyer - By Eimear Máirtín

Declan O'Dwyer, born 1987, has played Minor, Under 21 and Senior hurling for Dublin. He is the first Naomh Olaf player to have played Senior Championship Hurling for Dublin. He was a member of the Dublin Senior Hurling team that won the National League in 2011. It was the first time for Dublin to win the league in 73 years. Eimear Máirtín, who won an All- Ireland medal with the Dublin Ladies' Football team in 2010, interviewed Declan and has compiled this player profile.

*Favourite Movie?* *Happy Gilmore/The Hangover.*

*Favourite Song?* *Bad Moon Rising.*

*Favourite Band?* *Sal Vitro.*

*Favourite Holiday?* *Crete.*

*Favourite Hobby?* *Golf, watching sport on the couch with tea and chocolate hobnobs.*

*Favourite Sporting Occasion?* *All-Ireland Hurling Final.*

*Dublin Senior Hurling Panel 2011*

*Fastest* *We had a race out in Portugal between Peter Kelly and Darragh Plunkett and Peter Kelly won, so has to be Peter Kelly.*

*Funniest/Joker?* *Alan Nolan and Peadar Carton.*

*Bus Buddy?* *Gary McGuire, Ronan Walsh or anyone who'll have me.*

*Best to play with?* *Alan McCrabbe.*

*Best friend on the team?*

*Ah, they are all sound out.*

*Career Highlight?*

*Winning the League this year or winning Leinster at Minor, because that was the first break through for Dublin hurling.*

*If it had to be a county other than Dublin, who?*

*Tipp.*

*Toughest opponent team?*

*Has to be Kilkenny really.*

*What would you like to change about hurling?*

*Give two points for a side-line cut over the bar, extend the November/December training ban into January/February.*

*Best piece of advice?* *Always play with a smile on your face!*



Declan O'Dwyer and Eimer Máirtín.

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Seán Kelly, GAA Presiden at the Dundrum Town Centre, on the same occasion, with juvenile members of Naomh Olaf G.A.A Club.



Jerry Kelleher, Denis Kelleher, Seán Kelly and David Lynch. Photo taken on 19/5/05.



Dual Player of the Year (Girls) Katie Grimes with Seán Kavanagh. Photo taken on the 18/1/09.



Alex Start, under 8 Footballer of the year 2006.

## *The Primary Schools' 5th Class Essay Competition* *- By Brendan McGlynn*

In conjunction with the publication of the History of Naomh Olaf GAA Club, an essay competition was held in the local primary schools. Four schools took part. The competition was for 5th class pupils and the title of the essay was "What Naomh Olaf GAA Club means to me". There was a prize for the winner from each school and an additional prize for the overall winner. The winners were:

<i>St. Mary's N.S. Sandyford</i>	<i>Bronagh Campbell</i>
<i>Gaelscoil Thaobh na Coille</i>	<i>Scott Ó Lionard</i>
<i>St. Olaf's N.S.</i>	<i>Oisín Horgan</i>
<i>Holy Trinity N.S. -</i>	<i>Fionn McGovern &amp;</i>
<i>Special Award</i>	<i>Cormac Tobin</i>
<i>Overall Winner</i>	<i>Oisín Horgan</i>

The adjudicators were Mary Hayes (teacher in Oatlands Primary School, Stillorgan) and Chris O'Grady (former teacher in Dalkey). They wrote:

*"Well done and thanks to all of you who took the time to enter this competition. Congratulations to all and especially to the winners."*

It was very interesting to hear young people's views of the club. Not alone are you enjoying playing football, hurling, camogie and ladies' football but other events such as Scór na bPáistí, camps, quizzes and parties were also important to you. Making good friends and learning to be good losers were also mentioned as being very good experiences and part of club life. Good coaching and training were also appreciated by you. Aspiring to be another Johnnie McGrath or a Declan O'Dwyer was among the ambitions of some young players. The Easter and

summer camps provide both learning and fun experiences and are looked forward to, each year.

### *Overall winner - Oisín Horgan, St Olaf's N.S.*

*The reasons we choose this essay* – this essay oozed pride, love and enthusiasm for his club. A sense of pride in its traditions and games shone through. His overall knowledge of the games and teams at different levels reflected his immersion and participation, both in playing the games but also in supporting and aspiring to becoming, one day, a Dublin player. The pride in the jersey was also evident as when he is away on holidays and having a puck around and when asked about the club he plays for, he is proud to tell people all about Naomh Olaf.

### *Special Award - Holy Trinity School*

This entry was very creative and well-constructed. It gave a great picture of the many aspects of the club and what it means to play the games. I could almost smell the grass or feel the excitement as the team runs out onto the pitch. Well done.

### *What Naomh Olaf means to me by Oisín Horgan, 5th Class, St Olaf's N.S.*

*Naomh Olaf means a lot to me. My Dad, Mum and most of my Uncles played for them and both my Grandads coached teams. One of my uncles was lucky enough to get to play for Dublin. That's something I really want to do.*

*To me Naomh Olaf means playing my favourite sports with my friends. A lot of us also play together for our school. I love going to training and matches with them. We have a great team and we do well.*

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*We got to our first final last year and hope to get to loads more.*

*Naomh Olaf tells where I am from. When I am away on holidays with my hurl or ball and people ask about my club, I'm proud to say I'm from Naomh Olaf.*

*I love getting a call from my Grandad asking would I like to go to a senior match. I always run upstairs and put on my Olaf's jersey. There are always lots of people I know at the games and can have a puck around with and take shots on at half time.*

*Naomh Olaf is a part of my history. I love hearing stories about the early days before the clubhouse. I'm glad we have the facilities now. When my Dad's friends are over at the house there are lots of stories of old matches and wins. I enjoy watching tapes of old matches.*

*Naomh Olaf has always been a part of my life and family. I was shy when I started in the Nursery (Academy) and wouldn't go by myself. Now I enjoy playing hurling and football with my team and look forward to playing with the seniors. Naomh Olaf really does mean a lot to me.*

***What it means to be part of Naomh Olaf GAA Club The Five Senses of Naomh Olaf By Fionn McGovern & Cormac Tobin, 5th Class, Holy Trinity N.S.***

***Look:*** *The flag flying high as you come into Naomh Olaf. The claret and blue puts the fear of God on all opponents coming into play Naomh Olaf Club.*

*You see the big clubhouse and hall, built by the very first people to found Naomh Olaf. Look at the happy faces coming out.*

*You see the hundreds of young players, wearing the*

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*different coloured bibs, doing their drills, as the coaches roar encouragement.*

*You see the photos on the walls, the many trophies won by teams. Some day our photos will be on the wall and children will look up and want to be heroes like us.*

***Hear:*** *You hear the shouts of the enthusiastic coaches. You hear the passing LUAS as you have a quick puck about before others arrive.*

*You hear the crash of the sliotar to the back of the net. You hear the roar of the crowd as Naomh Olaf win again.*

*You hear the howling wind as you wait your turn to do the drill on a dark winter's night. You hear the birds singing as you walk across the field during the quiet of day.*

***Smell:*** *You smell the freshly cut grass. You smell the socks and the sweat after a tiring match.*

*You smell the spray that has just been used to ease an injury. You smell the mud and grass, when you dive to see the sliotar slip past you into the net.*

***Touch:*** *You touch the ball. Nothing can beat the first kick of the ball. Now that match has started.*

*You jump and catch, burst through and strike. It feels good.*

*You jump to touch the crossbar. Will I be able to reach?*

*When the game is over, you stretch out your hand and shake hands with the other team: We'll meet again.*

***Taste:*** *That taste is the taste of victory. What a great feeling when you win. But win, lose or draw, the best*

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*taste is the taste of being part of a great club. You've been given a taste of what our club means to us. Come and join the fun.*



**Essay Competition Winners - L to R: Oisín Horgan, Scott O Lionard, Fionn McGovern, Cormac Tobin.**



**Bronagh Campbell.**



**David Byrne Naomh Olaf played in the all Ireland Football Final in 2011 - David Byrne holds the Cup after Dublin winning the Leinster Minor Fottball Final.**



**Nuala Byrne with some of her grandchildren at a football game in Wedgewood in February 2010. Her son Robert was playing.**

## *More than just a GAA Club - By Harry O’Crowley*

Naomh Olaf GAA Club is, as the name suggests, the local football, hurling, camogie and ladies’ football unit of the Gaelic Athletic Association. There are games played, training sessions held and meetings convened, seven days a week throughout the year and, as a result, there are always players, mentors and parents to be seen, in and around the clubhouse.

Naomh Olaf, however, is not only the local home for our national games; it also the sporting hub of our community. Our friends in Meteors Ladies’ Basketball Club use the club hall as their home court and the crossover participation rate with ladies’ football and camogie is strong and mutually beneficial. On Sundays, over the summer months, the Filipino Basketball Super League also uses the hall. This has been very successful and has introduced a new and welcome culture to our club. Dundrum Table Tennis Club has been based in Naomh Olaf GAA Club for some years and has grown to be one of the biggest in Dublin. In addition to these formal relationships, indoor hockey, bowls, soccer and badminton are regularly played by small groups of people in the evenings and over the weekends. There is also a small private gym situated on the club grounds, which offers discounted rates of membership to Naomh Olaf Club members.

If all of the above was not enough, the club is rightly considered to be the social hub of the community with the function room used for birthday and anniversary parties, christening celebrations and even weddings. Local schools, drama groups and scouting organisations regularly hold fundraising race-nights and pub quizzes there; dance, drama and playball classes are held every week. The club hosts the First

Holy Communion Party for St Olaf’s School every year and other Balally parish events.

Naomh Olaf is first and foremost a GAA club. However, as can be seen from the above, it also serves as a community centre and welcomes everyone to use the facilities whether they have a strong GAA background or not.

## *Building the Foundations for Success - Juvenile Games - By Anthony Delaney - Juvenile Chairman*

Since the founding of the club in 1981, the one constant has been the juvenile section. When you look at the adult teams of today, you will see many of the juvenile stars of the last 30 years. For any club to be successful, a strong, passionate, and motivated juvenile section is critical and today the juvenile section is the largest in the history of the club.

This year we have 25 juvenile teams entered for competitions across boy and girl's football, hurling and camogie. Each week we have more than 400 children playing for the club under the guidance and support of over 80 dedicated juvenile mentors. The number of mentors is also at an all-time high, doubling from what it was just a few short years ago.

6-7 years ago, the executive made the decision to focus our efforts on building a strong foundation through our academies, increasing promotional work to try and double the numbers of children coming out of the academy each year. The result of that work has seen us grow the number of players at U8 from 20-25 a year back then, to 40-45 on the boys side and 15-18 on the girls side this year. One of the results of that focus has been the growth of the girls section of the club and the club's goal of entering an adult ladies team in the next 3-4 years is very much on track.

This drive to increase the number of players is strongly supported by the work of our club coaches in the schools. The recent boys and girls Cumman na mBunscoil double successes by St Olaf's National

School owes a lot to the work of the club coaches and the mentors of those children in the club. Indeed our connection to our local schools is vital to the continued strength of the juvenile section of the club and we thank the principals and teachers of all our schools for their support.

Last year we had some notable successes with the U14 footballers winning the Division 4 Feile and our U12 footballers winning the Division 2 league title. On the hurling side the U16 hurling team won the Division 2 Shield. On the girl side our U13 footballers were runners up in the Division 1 Shield competition and the U13 camogie team finished runners up in Division 2 and won in the Division 2 championship final. This year that level of competitiveness continues, with many of our teams still competing for titles and promotion.

While success on the field is always celebrated, the focus in our juvenile section is on developing each and every child to the maximum of their ability. Regardless of talent, each child is treated with respect, helped to develop as a person and player, build friendships, and learn the traditions of Irish culture and games.

The juvenile section looks forward to the next 30 years of success and growth for Naomh Olaf, when the juvenile stars of today - the majority of whom are pictured in the team photographs on the following pages, will have grown to be new stars in the adult section.

*Members of Naomh Olaf GAA Club who have represented Dublin in Football or Hurling include:*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Played</i>
<i>Anderson, James</i>	<i>Juvenile Hurling</i>	<i>Begley, Brian</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>
<i>Bermingham, Caomhán</i>	<i>U21 Hurling</i>	<i>Birrane, Kevin Snr.</i>	<i>Junior Football</i>
	<i>Senior Football</i>		
<i>Birrane, Kevin</i>	<i>Minor Football</i>	<i>Brennan, Enda</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>
	<i>U21 Football</i>		<i>Juvenile Hurling</i>
	<i>Junior Football</i>		
<i>Brown, Mick</i>	<i>Junior Hurling</i>	<i>Brown, Stephen</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>
	<i>Senior Hurling</i>		
<i>Butler, David</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>	<i>Byrne, David</i>	<i>Minor Football</i>
<i>Christian, Eoin</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>	<i>Cotter, Caolán</i>	<i>Minor Hurling</i>
			<i>U21 Hurling</i>
<i>Culligan, James</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>	<i>Curtin, Kevin</i>	<i>Junior Football</i>
<i>Daughton, Cathal</i>	<i>Minor Football</i>	<i>Dowling, Derek</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>
	<i>U21 Football</i>		<i>Minor Football</i>
			<i>Junior Football</i>
			<i>Senior Football</i>
<i>Doyle, Colin</i>	<i>U21 Football</i>	<i>Duffy, Stephen</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>
	<i>Junior Football</i>		
<i>Feehan, Paddy</i>	<i>Junior Football</i>	<i>Ferrie, Robbie</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>
	<i>Senior Football</i>		<i>Minor Football</i>
<i>Gaughran, Bernard</i>	<i>Junior Football</i>	<i>Gibbons, Seán</i>	<i>Minor Football</i>
			<i>Minor Hurling</i>
			<i>U21 Hurling</i>
<i>Hannon, John</i>	<i>Junior Football</i>	<i>Haskins, Conor</i>	<i>U21 Football</i>
	<i>Senior Football</i>		<i>Junior Football</i>
<i>Heaney, Eoin</i>	<i>Juvenile Hurling</i>	<i>Hegarty, Rónan</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>
			<i>Juvenile Hurling</i>
<i>Horgan, Eric</i>	<i>U21 Football</i>	<i>Kavanagh, Karl</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>
	<i>Senior Football</i>		
<i>Kavanagh, Shane</i>	<i>Juvenile Football</i>	<i>Keane, Kevin</i>	<i>Juvenile Hurling</i>
<i>Kinsella, Dónal</i>	<i>U21 Hurling</i>	<i>Kinsella, Eoin</i>	<i>Minor Football</i>
			<i>U21 Football</i>
			<i>Junior Football</i>

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**Name**  
**Kinsella, Lorcan**

**Played**  
Juvenile Football

**Lynch, Barry**  
Juvenile Hurling  
Juvenile Football

**Mac Mathúna, Dónal**  
**Maher, Damien**  
U21 Hurling  
Juvenile Football

**Maxwell, Darragh**  
U21 Football  
Senior Football

**McDermot, Michael**  
**McGrath, Johnny**  
Juvenile Football  
Juvenile Hurling  
Minor Hurling

**Neill, Michael**  
**O'Brien, Barry**  
Juvenile Football  
Juvenile Football  
Juvenile Hurling  
Minor Hurling  
U21 Hurling

**O'Brien, Tony**  
U21 Football

**O'Dwyer, Declan**  
Juvenile Football  
Juvenile Hurling  
Minor Hurling  
U21 Hurling  
Senior Hurling

**O'Sullivan, Alan**  
Minor Football

**Name**  
**Kinsella, Séamas**  
Juvenile Hurling  
Juvenile Football  
Minor Football

**Lyons, Alan**  
U21 Football  
Senior Football

**Mac Mathúna, Lorcan**  
**Maher, Gerard**  
U21 Hurling  
Minor Football  
U21 Football  
Junior Football  
Senior Football

**McCaffrey, Niall**  
Juvenile Football  
Juvenile Hurling  
Minor Football  
Minor Hurling  
U21 Hurling  
U21 Football  
Junior Football  
Senior Hurling

**McGowan, Séamus**  
**Mulvey, Alan**  
Minor Football  
Juvenile Football

**Noonan, Keith**  
**O'Brien, John**  
Juvenile Football  
Minor Football

**O'Connor, Shane**  
Juvenile Football  
Juvenile Hurling  
Minor Football

**O'Malley, Aidan**

**Purcell, Cillian**  
Juvenile Football  
Minor Football  
U21 Football

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Played</i>
<b>Purcell, Fearghal</b>	Minor Football U21 Football
<b>Smith, Mark</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Whyte, Shane</b>	Juvenile Football Minor Football Junior Football

<i>Name</i>	<i>Played</i>
<b>Purcell, Tadhg</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Thornton, Barry</b>	Juvenile Football

### Members of Naomh Olaf GAA Club who have represented Dublin in Ladies' Football & Camogie include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Played</i>
<b>Atley, Rachel</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Byrne, Sinéad (Bearná Pk)</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Carlyle, Jenny</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Coitir, Ceara Nic</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Coitir, Síle Nic</b>	Juvenile Football Minor Football Junior Football Senior Football
<b>Connors, Barbara-Ann</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Doyle, Sarah</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Feehan, Paula</b>	Juvenile Football Junior Football
<b>Grimes, Katie</b>	Juvenile Camogie
<b>Kavanagh, Rachel</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Kelleher, Deirdre</b>	Junior Football
<b>Kilpatrick, Ciara</b>	Juvenile Football Minor Football Junior Football Senior Football
<b>Lakes, Niamh</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Máirtín, Eimear</b>	Senior Football

<i>Name</i>	<i>Played</i>
<b>Birrane, Fionnuala</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Byrne, Sinéad (Sandyford Pk)</b>	Juvenile Football Minor Football
<b>Cotter, Catherine</b>	Juvenile Football Minor Football
<b>Cotter, Orla</b>	Juvenile Football Minor Football
<b>Coen, Hannah</b>	Juvenile Football Minor Football Junior Football
<b>Donnelly, Niamh</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Doyle-Rauf, Aisling</b>	Juvenile Football Minor Football
<b>Flynn, Ailish</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Howley, Susan</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Keane, Ashling</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Kelly, Myra</b>	Juvenile Football Senior Football
<b>Kilpatrick, Sarah</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>MacLoughlin, Róisín</b>	Juvenile Football Juvenile Camogie
<b>Maher, Deirdre</b>	Junior Football

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Played</i>
<b>Maher, Jenny</b>	Junior Football
<b>Maher, Ursula</b>	Junior Football
<b>Masterson, Kim</b>	Minor Football Junior Football
<b>McDonnell, Vicki</b>	Junior Football
<b>Murray, Kate</b>	Juvenile Football Juvenile Camogie
<b>O'Dwyer, Gráinne</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Thornton, Nicola</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Whyte, Kathy</b>	Juvenile Football Minor Football Junior Football Senior Football
<b>Wyse, Emma</b>	Juvenile Football

<i>Name</i>	<i>Played</i>
<b>Maher, Sathbh</b>	Juvenile Camogie
<b>McDonagh, Shannon</b>	Juvenile Camogie
<b>Murphy, Roseanna</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Naughton, Vivienne</b>	Juvenile Football Junior Football Senior Football
<b>Staunton, Rachel</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Tyrrell, Alison</b>	Juvenile Football
<b>Wright, Louise</b>	Juvenile Football

### Members of Naomh Olaf GAA Club who have represented other counties include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>County</i>
<b>Byrne, Michael</b>	Senior Football	London	<b>Coleman, Paul</b>	Senior Football	London
<b>Duignan, Enda</b>	Senior Football	Sligo	<b>Henry, Pat</b>	Minor Football	Mayo
<b>Hickey, Maria</b>	Juvenile Football Senior Football	Cavan	<b>Kinsella, Dónal</b>	Senior Hurling	London
<b>Kiernan, Paddy</b>	Juvenile Football Minor Football	Longford	<b>Mahoney, John</b>	Senior Football	London
<b>Kinsella, Larry</b>	Minor Hurling Minor Hurling U21 Hurling Senior Hurling Senior Hurling	Carlow Wexford Sligo	<b>O'Malley, Aidan</b>	Senior Football	Leitrim
<b>Muldoon, Michelle</b>	Senior Football	London	<b>O'Malley, Kevin</b>	Minor Football Senior Football	Leitrim
<b>O'Malley, Ger</b>	U21 Football	Leitrim	<b>Whyte, Mick</b>	Minor Hurling Minor Football U21 Football Senior Football	Roscommon
<b>Ruane, Hugh</b>	Juvenile Hurling Minor Hurling U21 Hurling Senior Hurling	Mayo			

*Some of the Naomh Olaf Teams in 2011*



**U8 Boys Football and Hurling Team 2011 - Back row l to r:** J. Maher, D. Morelli, A. Donaldson, D. Weatherly, B. Cullinan, S. DeBurca, J. Oliver, S. Garvey, S. O'Driscoll, B. Whelan, J. Byrne, T. McWilliams, C. O'Riordan. **Middle row l to r:** L. O'Neill, C. Rohu, R. Meagher, Z. Baird, M. McGreevy, C. Kavanagh, C. Leonard, O. Maguire, S. Egan, J. Weafer, C. Ross. **Front row l to r:** L. Donnelly, J. Diviney, A. Lynch, D. O'Brien, H. Squires, B. Murtagh. Missing from Photo: S. Doran, O. Loftus, C. Dalton, C. Gunn, K. Duffy, A. Long, C. Smyth, A. Long, M. Dalton.



**U8 Girls Football and Camogie Team 2011 - Back row l to r:** Catherine Morelli, Emer Leahy, Charlotte Carvill, Caoimhe O'Mahony, Aislinn Ellis, Alannah Kyne-Delaney, Aisling O'Brien, Katie Murphy, Gemma Coffey, Aoife Nolan. **Front row l to r:** Nina Kahl Brett, Emily Greene, Hannah O'Kelly, Rebecca Leane, Mary Muldowney, Ceara Murphy, Dervla McKenna, Fionnula McCourt. Insert: Jennifer Boland, Emma Maguire.



**U9 Boys Football Team 2011** - Back row l to r: Mentors - Ken Walsh, Bernard Walsh, Kevin Nolan. Middle row l to r: Alex Binley, Fergal Kirby, Aaron Walsh, Dylan Walsh, Finn Murphy, Eoin McEnerney, Luke Murphy, Jack Feehan, Adam Nolan, Hugh Ross, Liam O'Hagan, Odhran Preuveur, Tadgh O'Neill. Front row l to r: Liam Dalton, Eric Betts, Ben O'Connell, Adam Mezyuski, Josh Egan, Sean Byrne, Sulayman Ahmed, Aaron Archbold, Oisín Hills, Sean Furlong.



**U9 Girls Football and Camogie Team 2011** - Back row l to r: Eimear Naughton, Leo Byrne (Mentor), Ciara Lynch, Kate Nagle, Julie Grimes, Molly Daly, Lucy Byrne, Siobhan Farndon, Lucy Hand, Kate Wolfe, Sinead Walsh, Declan Naughton (Mentor). Front row l to r: Kate Coleman, Louise Bennett, Gulia Guastalla, Aoife McLoughlin, Chloe Hughes, Christine Shanahan, Lily Walsh, Ella Johns, Ava Moran, Caoimhe Gleeson, Orlaith Byrne.



**U9 Boys Hurling Team 2011 - Back row l to r:** Michael Forkin (Mentor), Tadhg O'Neill, Fergal Kirby, Josh Egan, Adam Mezyuski, Jim Berry, Eoin McEnerney, Luke Murphy, Finn Murphy, Jack Feehan, Odhran Preuveur, Colm McEnerney(Mentor). **Front row l to r:** Adam Nolan, Peter Forkin, Jack Keating, Oisin Hills, William Connors, Colm Kearns, Cian Maher, Eric Betts, Alex Binley, Thomas de Veale. **Front Left Corner:** Daniel Forkin (Team Mascot).



**U10 Girls Football and Camogie Team 2011 - Back row l to r:** Paula Feehan (Mentor), Aoife Costello, Isonel O Shea, Saoire Coyne, Susan Hickey, Ashling Heade, Ruth Brophy, Tess Lewis Sinead Ellis, Moya Power-Kelly(Mentor). **Front row l to r:** Lily Dolan Ganaly, Nicole Boyle, Emma Brown, Miriam Homles, Emma Tynan, Shannon Boyle, Isabelle Feehan. Missing from Photo: Aoife Quinn And Jim Quinn (Mentor).

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**U10 Boys Football and Hurling Team 2011** - Back row l to r: Mentors - Gerry Donnelly, Mark English, Stephen Byrne, Philip Morris, Paddy Leavy. Middle row l to r: Seán Whelan, Dónal Leavy, Ciarán Foley, Harrison Byrne, Conor Day, Adam English, Luke O'Shea Scanlon, Fionn O'Dowd, Dennis Morris, Thijs. Front row l to r: Eoin McEnerney, Dylan Walsh, Finn Murphy, Cuán O'Sullivan, Eoin Donnelly, Hugh Ross, Jack Kennedy, Jack O'Shea Scanlon.



**U11 Boys Football and Hurling Team 2011** - Back row l to r: Antos Bielaziek, Karlo Bozic, Cormac Tobin, Jack Nagle, Cian McDaid, Rory Geoghan, Zack Doran, Adam Byrne. Front row l to r: Fiacra MacLoughlin, Gavan Soraghan, Sean Roberts, Matthew Byrne, Shane Boyle, Conor McCreavy. Missing from Photo: Adam Brady, Oisín O hEarcain, Brian Keenan, Sean Nolan, Henry Start.



**U11 Girls Football and Camogie Team 2011 - Mentors l to r:** A. O'Rourke, N. Maher, B. Farrell, L. Donnelly. **Back row l to r:** A. Leahy, S. Kelly, G. Roche, J. O'Doherty, E. McDonagh, E. Gannon, N. Gannon, E. Smith, K. Farrell. **Middle row l to r:** A. Quinn, A. Maher, K. Wolfe, A. Connors, K. O'Rourke, C. Donnelly, S. Hickey. **Front row l to r:** R. Colgan, C. Murphy, N. Kennedy, S. Boyle, N. Sutton. Missing from Photo: V. Donnelly (Mentor).



**U12 Boys Football Team 2011 - Mentors l to r:** M. Leonard, F. Cahill, J. O'Brien, P. Lyons, T. O'hAnnrachain, N. Murray. **Back row l to r:** L. Doran, R. Hennessy, J. Grimes, D. Sullivan, S. Leonard, S. O'Brien, E. Cahill, R. Forbes, R. Waters, O. Horgan, C. Cullinane. **Middle row l to r:** L. O'hAnnrachain, J. Byrne, R. Shiel, A. Murphy, J. Fitzgerald, N. Kennedy, C. Lyons, D. Humphries, G. Butler, L. Murray. **Front row l to r:** R. Torres, C. McEnerney, C. Sullivan, O. Bent, J. Breathnach, D. Pollard, M. McKay, G. Folan, F. McGovern.

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**U12 Boys Hurling Team 2011** - Back row l to r: Richard Shiel, Luke Doran, Rhys Hennessy, Scott Leonard, Sean O'Brien, Daragh Sullivan, Evan Cahill, James Grimes, Conor Cullinane. Middle row l to r: Cian Sullivan, Lorka O'hAnnrachain, James Byrne, Oisín Horgan, Jake Fitzgerald, Nathan Kennedy, Conor Lyons, Gearoid Butler. Front row l to r: Conor McEnerney, David Pollard, Oscar Bent, Joey Breathnach, Ryan Torres, Alex Murphy.



**U12 Girls Football and Camogie Team 2011** - Mentors l to r: Noeleen Brien, Harry O'Crowley, Conor Lynch, Neil O'Sullivan. Back row l to r: Sophie Hamilton, Kim Glanville, Jessica Tynan, Sarah Smyth, Amy Sutton, Maeve Lynch, Ellen Brien, Ally Jones, Megan Hamilton, Grace Lanigan. Front row l to r: Yseult Gallagher, Rachel O'Crowley, Molly Kearns, Emma McGuirk, Clara O'Sullivan, Aoife McGrath, Lianna O'Connell.



**U13 Boys Football Team 2011 - Back row l to r:** C. Soraghan (Mentor), C. Power Kelly, R. Murphy, P. Murphy (Mentor), C. Deburca, E. Foley, S. McDaid, J. O'Connor, E. Stapleton, F. O'Cealaigh (Mentor), J. Dalton, T. Kennedy, S. Stapleton (Mentor), C. Kirwan, J. Daiseach. **Middle row l to r:** D. Coleman, A. O'Callaghan, A. Hayes, T. Keane, B. Thornton, D. Breachnach, S. Sutton, D. Stapleton, R. Gallagher, M. Deering. **Front row l to r:** T. McGurk, D. Murphy, F. O'Sullivan, C. Brady, J. Keogh, C. O'Cealaigh, A. Start, M. O'Cealaigh, G. Soraghan, G. Soraghan. Missing from Photo: C. Coughlan, N. O'Mahoney.



**U13 Girls Camogie Team 2011 - Back row l to r:** Mary Gibney (Mentor), Roisin O'Keeffe, Hayleigh Gunning, Stafanie Deasy, Roisin Mac Loughlin, Jordan Bent, Jane Shirley, Shannon Mc Donagh, James Hughes (Mentor). **Front row l to r:** Saoirse Melwani, Jodi Ellis, Amy Mc Grath, Isobel O'Farrell, Chloe O'Ceallaigh, Sarah Coghlan. Missing from Photo: Eimear Hughes, Rachel Morris, Claire O'Connor, Martha Malone, Aisling Murphy and Kate Lynch.

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**U13 Boys Hurling Team 2011** - Back row l to r: Cian Power Kelly, Jack Dalton, Eoin Foley, Sean McDaid, Jordan O'Connor, Eric Stapleton, Cian DeBurca, Tristan Kennedy, Conor Kirwan, Jamie Deiseach. Middle row l to r: Ryan Murphy, Declan Murphy, Tom Keane, Ben Thornton, David Breathnach, Daniel Stapleton, Rory Gallagher, Matthew Deering. Front row l to r: Fiachra O'Sullivan, Conor Brady, James Keogh, Chloe O'Ceallaigh, Tom McGurk, Matthew O'Ceallaigh, Glenn Soraghan.



**U14 Girls Football Team 2011** - Back row l to r: Kate Murray, Roisin MacLoughlin, Niamh Lakes, Sadie Lanigan, Jordan Bent, Giordan Brewer, Hayleigh Gunning, Katie Grimes, Niamh Donnelly, Leanne Cannon, Claire O'Connor, Sadbh Maher, Eilis Murphy. Front row l to r: Aoife O'Rourke, Stefanie Deasy, Niamh Brennan, Jennifer Whelan, Shannon McDonagh, Amy McGrath, Chloe O'Ceallaigh, Chloe Reilly, Carolyn McGuirk, Clara Sullivan, Isobel O'Farrell.



**U14 Girls Camogie Team 2011** - Back row l to r: Stephen Murray, Niamh Lakes, Sadie Lanigan, Claire O'Connor, Roisin MacLoughlin, Katie Grimes, Giordan Brewer, Hayleigh Gunning, Kate Murray, Laura Feehan, Niamh Maher, Ann Grimes. Front row l to r: Stephanie Deasy, Carolyn McGuirke, Shannon McDonagh, Eilis Murphy, Chloe Kelly McDonald, Niamh Donnelly, Sadbh Maher.



**U15 Boys Hurling Team 2011** - Back row l to r: Anthony Delaney (Mentor), Peter O'Callaghan, Craig Ronayne, Paul McGinley, Chris Pollard, Andrew Kyne-Delaney, Jamie O'Malley, Keith Noonan, Sean McDaid, Oisín McMullan, James O'Connor, Eoin Foley. Front row l to r: Oisín Bracken, Darragh Bonar, Paddy Berry, Jamie Deasy, Sean Flynn, Tom McGuirk, Jordan O'Connor, Cian Power-Kelly, Ciaran Fitzpatrick. Missing from Photo: Mark Doyle, Conn Sullivan, Conor Nevin.

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**Naomh Olaf Minor Football Team 2011** - Back row l to r: John McGrath (mentor), Adam O'Connor, Conor Murray, Conor Leavy, Oleg Mihalas, Marc Gallagher, Eoin Murphy, Stephen Mulvany, Daniel Cohen, Stephen Murtagh, Matthew Norgrove, David Byrne and Brian Hickey (mentor). Front row l to r: Keith Begley, Thomas Kenny, Jack Lee, Conor Fitzpatrick, Ben Mahon, Adam Blunden, Craig Furlong, Tim Courtney, Kevin Connell and Cormac Bracken. Missing from photograph are John Connors, Harrison Brewer, Johnny Connors, Christy Connors, John Davis.



**The under 9 football team of 2009** - Back row l to r: Harrison Byrne, Conor Day, Michael Myers, Denis Morris, Cuan O'Sullivan, Andrew Blackwood, Luke O'Shea-Scanlon, Daragh O'Brien, James Renahan, Shane Cullinan, Gavin Hoey, Ciaran Foley, Eoin Donnelly and Susan Hickey. Front row l to r: Adam English, Fionn Marriott, Evan Murphy, Jack Kennedy, Jack O'Shea-Scanlon, Christopher Dry, Cian De Hora, Jack Horgan.

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**Former Captain's-** *Standing L to R - Liam Heritage, Fergus Canning, Patrick Mulhall, Francis O'Dwyer, Paddy Maguire, Fin Máirtín, John McGrath, John Mulhall, Tom Culligan.*  
*Seated L to R - Brian Hickey, Regina Hogan, Gerry Fagan.*



*Mary Shivanan, Mary Hayes, Seán Kelly and Trish Farrelly.*

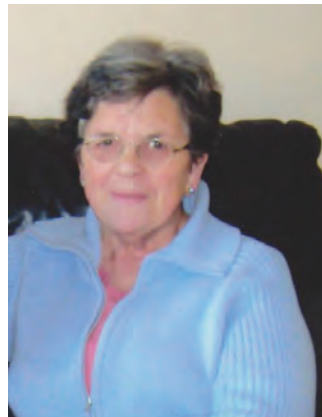
## *Annual Mass for Deceased Members - By Brendan McGlynn*

Since 1999 an Annual Mass, for the repose of the souls of deceased members of Naomh Olaf GAA Club, has been celebrated in the Church of the Ascension of the Lord, Balally. Families who have been bereaved since the club was founded, are notified in writing of the Mass. Club members, young and some more mature, take an active role in the ceremony. Refreshments are provided in the Clubhouse afterwards, to which all are invited. Members who have died since the Club was founded in 1981, include the following:

<i>Sam Ashe</i>	<i>Tom Dunford</i>	<i>John &amp; Barry O'Brien</i>
<i>Emma Barrett</i>	<i>Brian Egan</i>	<i>Diarmuid Ó Bréartúin</i>
<i>Celia &amp; Kevin Birrane</i>	<i>Aidan Flynn</i>	<i>Eamonn Ó Domhnaill</i>
<i>Seamus Brennan</i>	<i>Charles Hewson</i>	<i>Christopher O'Shea</i>
<i>Paddy Buggy</i>	<i>Jim Hickey</i>	<i>Mary O'Shea</i>
<i>Jim Byrne</i>	<i>Margaret Kavanagh</i>	<i>Marie O'Sullivan</i>
<i>Mary Byrne</i>	<i>Mary Keating</i>	<i>John Roberts</i>
<i>Michael Byrne</i>	<i>Nuala Keaveney</i>	<i>Albert Ronayne</i>
<i>Pat Clarke</i>	<i>Eamon &amp; Teresa Kealy</i>	<i>Charlie Rowland</i>
<i>Vera Coughlan</i>	<i>Daniel Kenny</i>	<i>Ethel Ryan</i>
<i>Brother Philbert Cronin</i>	<i>Seán Kilpatrick</i>	<i>Dick Saunders</i>
<i>Dan &amp; Kathleen Cruise</i>	<i>Bill Maher</i>	<i>Paddy Seery</i>
<i>Gerry &amp; Kay Cruise</i>	<i>John Mahoney</i>	<i>Jack Smith</i>
<i>Brendan Curtin</i>	<i>Pat Maloney</i>	<i>Mark Smith</i>
<i>Christy Darcy</i>	<i>Rita McCudden</i>	<i>Margaret &amp; Bill Stafford</i>
<i>Marie Daughton</i>	<i>Mary McGinley</i>	<i>Mary Supple</i>
<i>Cian de Búrca</i>	<i>Pat McLaughlin</i>	<i>Robert Tormey</i>
<i>Des &amp; John Dowling</i>	<i>Ann Mhic Giolla Fhearga</i>	<i>Tom Turner</i>
<i>Christy Doyle</i>	<i>Barrett Moriarty</i>	<i>Oliver Whelan</i>
<i>Sheila Drury</i>	<i>Greg Naughton</i>	

## *Mary O'Shea 1942-2011 - By Brendan McGlynn*

Mary O'Shea was born in Castle Hackett, Belclare, Tuam, Co Galway. She was reared on the family farm and was blessed with having a happy childhood. She was the eldest of a family of 9 children, four sisters and four brothers: Bridget, Kay, Nora, Margaret, Pat, Michael, Johnnie and James. Kay predeceased Mary less than two years ago.



Mary came to work in Dublin in 1963. She brought with her the very best of what she had learned in her rural upbringing, to blend with the urban scene. She worked in Guinness and it was there that she first met Paddy O'Shea. They went out together in 1965 and were married in 1968, and moved into their new home in Balally. Their marriage was blessed with five children, two girls and three boys: Norah, Joan, James, John and Martin. Mary was a wonderful homemaker. Her dedication to her family was immense. She was a loving and caring wife to Paddy and an outstanding mother to her five children. The needs of her family and - in more recent times - her extended family, including her grandchildren, Sean, Lilly and Joley, were always her first priority and she loved them all very dearly. They will certainly miss her.

It is not Mary's family alone that is deeply saddened by her passing. The esteem and respect in which Mary was rightly held in the community where she lived was exceptional. This was reflected in the concern shown for her by so many during her long illness, in the number of people who visited her home where she was reposing, the removal from her home, her reception into the church in Galway, and

her Funeral Mass. It was also reflected in the impressive turn out of Naomh Olaf GAA Club members who formed a guard of honour for Mary, as her remains were taken from her home, and accompanied the cortege on foot for some distance.

I know Mary, Paddy and their family as good neighbours for many years but it was when I was managing an Under

10 football team, 24 years ago, on which their son John was playing, that I got to know the family well. When I made phone calls about matches or training at that time, it was usually the woman of the house that would answer the phone. I hadn't rung Mary too often when she volunteered to wash the geansaithe and then to give transport.

As a young mother, Mary was a member of the Ladies' Club. She was always supportive of all worthwhile causes. It was when Naomh Olaf GAA Clubhouse was opened, in 1993, that Mary became immersed in the life of the club, firstly as Chairperson of the Social Committee, where she excelled. Together with my wife Patsy, they kept the clubhouse spotless for many years. They were involved in providing refreshments on all occasions. When our senior football team was playing, they provided toasted sandwiches for the team and for the opposition. Our senior team would have light training before travelling to championship games and Mary and Patsy would provide tea and toast before the team left and continued with their work to have more substantial refreshments ready on their return. They knew what every player on the panel liked. Some wanted

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no butter; others wanted no cheese while others still wanted no ham.

In my opinion, Mary and Patsy were as vital to the development and success of Naomh Olaf GAA club in the '90s, as Seán Purcell and Frankie Stockwell were to the success of the Galway football team in the '50s. Mary was a constant presence in the clubhouse. She knew everybody, in what was, in those years, a packed clubhouse. And everybody knew and loved Mary. Her warm and friendly smile greeted everyone and ensured that they enjoyed socializing in the lounge, and she often provided a free taxi service to drop people home at the end of the night. For many years, Mary also helped out with the Club Lotto.

Mary was soon a member of the Executive Committee. For years, she was responsible for the door roster. Mary would select suitable people for the job and very few would refuse Mary. Every one got a six-week roster. If someone could not attend, they would ring Mary who would soon have a replacement. If they rang too often or if they failed to ring in such circumstances, they could subsequently find themselves on the subs' bench. I am at present compiling a thirty-year history of Naomh Olaf GAA Club, which I hope to have published later this year. Mary's memory will be enshrined in that publication.

Mary had a special affinity with her native county. When her family was young, they spent most of their summer holidays there. She visited Galway regularly. In fact she was the only member of her family not to have settled in Galway. She followed, with interest, the fortunes of the Galway hurlers and footballers. It is only fitting that her final place of rest should be in her beloved County Galway.

Mary, your sad and untimely passing has touched us all, none more so than your family and close friends, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.*

## *Bill Stafford 1981-2009 - By Brendan McGlynn*

The news of the sudden death of Bill Stafford in a road traffic accident in Clonard Lawns, Dundrum, in the early hours of Sunday morning, 8th November, 09, was received with a great sense of shock and sadness by the entire community. Bill, who was only twenty eight years of age, was the eldest son of Liam and the late Margaret Stafford of Wesley Heights, Dundrum and was one of a family of two boys and one girl. Death is always sad, but when it strikes at one in his prime, having a very promising future, it is particularly poignant.

Bill attended Saint Olaf's Primary School, where his mother Margaret was teaching and he received his secondary education in Coláiste Eoin. He subsequently attended the I.T. College in Tallaght, where he studied Marketing and French. He was employed by Accenture and worked for Microsoft in Sandyford for the past five years. He was very committed to his work and had received a number of promotions to attain the position of Management Consultant. He was very proud of the fact that he was the founder member of a football league in his company that is still flourishing. Before the first game played following his passing, a minute's silence was observed in his honour.

With his fiancée Liosa McNamara from Dun Laoghaire, Bill had been living happily in Ballyogan with their two children, Mary and Joe, aged twelve and three years respectively. Bill was very devoted to his family and was a responsible and loving father. He was very close to his mother and had been visiting her recently in Blackrock Clinic. He took his son



in there every Saturday and Sunday. He cycled to work and he also ran about five miles every evening. He exercised in Newpark Sports Centre regularly. He was preparing to run in the Connemara Half Marathon. He had played hurling and football for Naomh Olaf GAA Club up to minor level. In 1996, he was chosen as the club's Under Fifteen Footballer of the Year.

Bill's remains were removed from his family home in Wesley Heights to the Church of the Ascension of the Lord, Balally for Mass on Thursday, 12th November 09. His youthful friends carried his coffin shoulder-high for much of the journey. Despite driving wind and rain, members of Naomh Olaf GAA Club formed a guard of honour as the remains were received into and later exited the church. The church itself was filled to overflowing as a huge congregation of mainly young people, united in grief, came to pay their prayerful respect.

Father Brendan Purcell, a friend of the family who was the chief celebrant of the Mass, said "Mr Stafford's most enduring quality had been the manner in which he had taken responsibility for his two families, the one he was born into and his family with his fiancée, Liosa." Bishop Brennan of Ferns, another friend of the family who took part in the ceremony, said that he hoped that the family would find some comfort in the support of neighbours, relations and friends. During the service, Bill's sister Ruth read a beautiful poem selected for the occasion by her mother Margaret.

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## Tom Dunford 1959-2009 - By Brendan McGlynn

The news of the untimely death of Tom Dunford at St Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, on the 8th November 2009 following a short illness borne with great dignity, courage and humour, was greeted with a sense of extreme loss and sadness by those privileged to know him. Tom, who was only fifty years of age, was a son of Stephen and Bernie Dunford of Castlebar, Co. Mayo and was the third eldest of a family of five, four boys and one girl.

Having completed his primary education, Tom received his secondary education at St Gerard's Secondary School. He went on to study computer programming in the RTC in Galway. He subsequently obtained employment with the Ulster Bank in Glenamaddy, where he worked for six years. He then became a long-distance truck driver and had a number of other occupations before entering the Civil Service where he was employed in the Revenue Department, until the time of his death. His brother John, in a eulogy at the Funeral Mass, said in reference to Tom's many employments that it was ironic that he should end up in the Civil Service, where his mother had wished him to be in the first place.

Tom married Eithne Dunne of Killucan, Co. Westmeath in 1985 and since April 1986, they have lived happily in their home in Clonard Park, Dundrum. Their marriage was blessed with two sons, Josh and Luke, now aged twenty three and nineteen years respectively.

Tom was a very jovial and light-hearted character,



with a pleasant and easy manner, who had a great love of music as well as of the outdoor life. He was very well known. He was a valued and much loved member of Naomh Olaf GAA Club and served as a team mentor for a number of years. He was fond of hiking and hill walking and was, almost invariably, accompanied by some member or members of his family.

He had a passion for blues music. In his early years, he played the tin whistle and the piano but later took up the harmonica. He was also a lovely singer. He took great pleasure playing and singing with his own blues band "Lightnin' T and the Thunder Bolts" and he sometimes played and sang with other groups.

Tom was a man of sound Christian values who displayed love and affection towards his wife and family. His parting has left heartfelt pain that will only ease with the passage of time. He will be remembered with fondness and respect by all who knew him. It is well to remember that those we hold dear never truly leave us, they will live on in the kindness they showed, the comfort they shared and the love they brought into our lives.

Tom's remains were reposing at Peter Massey's Funeral Home, Balally on Monday, 9th November 09 until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th November 09. The Removal took place from his home in Clonard Park, to the Church of the Ascension of our Lord, Balally on same date, arriving at the church at 5 p.m. Members of Naomh Olaf GAA Club formed a guard of honour as the coffin, draped in the Naomh Olaf GAA Club flag, was received into the church.

## *Greg Naughton 1976-2011 - By Brendan McGlynn*

The news of the tragic and untimely death of Greg Naughton on 20th January 2011, was greeted with a sense of extreme shock and sadness within the community. Greg was the fourth eldest of a family of seven children, born to Mary and Ven Naughton, Balally Avenue.

Greg was a true gentleman, who was always looking out for others, always ready to help a friend or anybody who was in need. He had a very pleasant and talkative manner, wore a ready smile and had no difficulty in developing friendships. He was a big kid at heart and liked nothing better than spending time with his nieces and nephews. Children instantly warmed to him and he always had the energy and the time to make them laugh. He had a deep love of animals as well, in particular Belle, his treasured Greyhound.

Greg attended St Olaf's Primary School and St Benildus Secondary School. He loved sports, an avid Arsenal and rugby fan. He played every sport that was offered, a rugby man in St Benildus, before it was fashionable, a full-back with plenty of skill. He played football, hurling and soccer most of his life, a forward for Naomh Olaf and a goalkeeper for any soccer team that would have him. He was a member of the first adult hurling team to win a trophy for the Club when the Junior Hurling Team won the Fletcher Shield in 1993. Greg was delighted and very proud of the fact that he had received a cap for representing Ireland in soccer with the army in a representative game against France.

Greg was extremely proud of his military service.



He was a Signaller (Radio Operator) in the Communication Service Corps, of the Irish Defence Forces, a serving member since December 1996. He was originally posted to 2nd Infantry Battalion, before becoming a specialist in Radio and Communications and joining the 2 Field CIS Company in Cathal Brugha Barracks, Rathmines. Greg's time in the Army saw him work all

over the country and, indeed, the world. He had a significant amount of overseas service to his name. He had been on peacekeeping missions in Lebanon (UNIFIL), Liberia (UNMIL, twice), East Timor (UNTAET) and Chad (EUFOR Chad) and was awarded the Peacekeepers Medal in respect of his service with the United Nations Mission. In 2007 he received the Military Service Medal (for ten years' service).

At his Funeral Mass on 24th January 2011, the Naomh Olaf Under 15 Football Team, which Greg had helped to train to win the Dublin Football Féile last year, formed a Guard of Honour.

Karl, the youngest member of the Naughton family, delivered the eulogy. It was a comprehensive review of Greg's life, delivered with deep affection and good humour. It told of his great love of life, of his family, and of his girlfriend Sheila, whom he adored.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Greg's mother and father, Mary and Ven, to his brothers and sisters, Ken, Michelle, Derek, Viv, Ray and Karl, to his girlfriend Sheila and her family and to Greg's many relatives and friends.

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### *All of the Former Club Chairmen*



*Front row l to r: Mick Brown, John O'Brien, Paul Sullivan, Larry Daly. Back row l to r: Brendan McGlynn, Chris O'Grady, Kevin Birrane, Larry Kinsella, Bill O'Brien.*

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### *Executive Committee 2010-2011*



*Front row l to r: Mary Gibney (Registrar), Eileen Hickey (Secretary), Moya Power Kelly, Harry O'Crowley (Chairman). Back row l to r: Anthony Delaney, John Garvey, Stephen O'Connor, Conor Foley (Treasurer), Larry Daly, Ger O'Malley.*



*Paul Sullivan and Denise Byrne.*

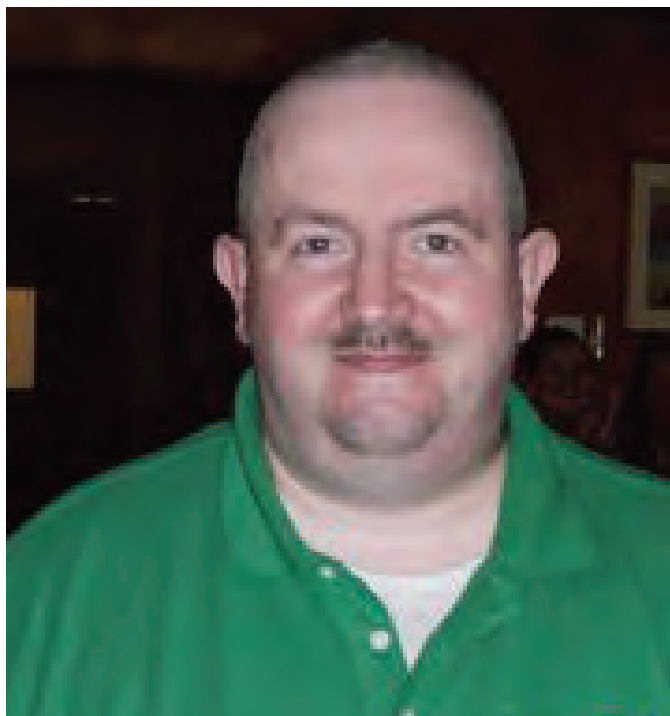
*All Who Served as Club Secretary  
Between 1981-2011*



*Front row l to r: Nuala Byrne, Eileen Hickey, Mick Brown, Mary Shivnan. Back row l to r: Dermot Irwin, Mary Hayes, John O'Brien, Valerie Monaghan.*



*L to R: Chris O'Grady, Cathal Daughton, Frank Gaynor.*



*Simon Hewson.*

## 30 Year History of Naomh Olaf GAA Club

### Former Club Presidents

*Rev. Brother Philbert, St. Benildus College*

*Rev. Brother Damien Kellegher, St. Benildus College*

### Five Club Members Honoured

Five club members have been honoured by Coiste na Seana Ghael, Cumann Luthcleas Gael, and presented with a framed testimonial for their contribution to the promotion of Gaelic Games over many years. This is the eleventh year that Coiste na Seana Ghael has presented such awards. Since Naomh Olaf is a relatively young club, it is only now that

some of its members are becoming eligible for consideration for these awards. The awards are presented at an annual function.

*The Naomh Olaf club members so honoured:*

2007 *Bill O'Brien*

2008 *Brendan McGlynn and Joe Fleming*

2009 *Dermot Irwin*

2010 *Paddy O'Shea*

### Naomh Olaf Club Chairmen 1981-2011

<i>Mick Brown</i>	<i>1981 – 1983</i>
<i>Bill O'Brien</i>	<i>1983 – 1984</i>
<i>Mick Brown</i>	<i>1984 – 1986</i>
<i>Brendan McGlynn</i>	<i>1986 – 1988</i>
<i>Mick Brown</i>	<i>1988 – 1990</i>
<i>Kevin Birrane</i>	<i>1990 – 1992</i>
<i>Mick Brown</i>	<i>1992 – 1994</i>
<i>Larry Kinsella</i>	<i>1994 – 1996</i>

<i>Mick Brown</i>	<i>1996 – 1998</i>
<i>Larry Daly</i>	<i>1998 – 1999</i>
<i>Chris O'Grady</i>	<i>1999 – 2004</i>
<i>John O'Brien</i>	<i>2004 – 2007</i>
<i>Paul Sullivan</i>	<i>2007 – 2009</i>
<i>Harry O'Crowley</i>	<i>2009 – 2011</i>

### Naomh Olaf Club Secretaries 1981-2011

<i>Frank Gaynor</i>	<i>1981 – 1983</i>
<i>Mick Brown</i>	<i>1983 – 1984</i>
<i>Nuala Byrne</i>	<i>1984 – 1986</i>
<i>Simon Hewson</i>	<i>1986 – 1987</i>
<i>Dermot Irwin</i>	<i>1987 – 1991</i>
<i>Valerie Monaghan</i>	<i>1991 – 1992</i>
<i>John O'Brien</i>	<i>1992 – 1994</i>

<i>Mary Hayes</i>	<i>1994 – 1997</i>
<i>Chris O'Grady</i>	<i>1997 – 1999</i>
<i>Mary Hayes</i>	<i>1999 – 2003</i>
<i>Cathal Daughton</i>	<i>2003 – 2004</i>
<i>Mary Shivnan</i>	<i>2004 – 2009</i>
<i>Eileen Hickey</i>	<i>2009 – 2011</i>

## Some Club Information

**President:** Mick Brown

**Trustees (Club):** Mick Brown, Bill O'Brien and Brendan McGlynn.

**Committee (2011):** Chairman Harry O'Crowley, Secretary Eileen Hickey, Treasurer Conor Foley, Vice Chairman Anthony Delaney, Pro Larry Daly, Registrar Mary Gibney, Committee : John Garvey, Stephen O'Connor, Moya Power Kelly, Denise Byrne, Ger O'Malley and Paul Sullivan.

**Current Club Membership Status:** Total Membership is 1254. Full members 627, Social members 117, Juvenile members 510.

### Club Mentors for 2010/2011

**Academy:** Fergus McGettigan and Neil O'hÉarcáin

#### Football

Under 8	Liam Donnelly and John Garvey
Under 9	Bernard Walsh and Colm McEnerney
Under 10	Philip Morris
Under 11	James Tobin
Under 12	John O'Brien
Under 13	Cathal Soraghan
Under 14	Brendan Bonnar
Under 15	Ger O'Malley
Minor (Under 18)	John McGrath, Paul Sullivan and Brian Hickey
Adult 5	John Garvey
Senior	Larry Kinsella, Joe McGann, Mick Whyte and Kevin Birrane

#### Hurling

Under 8	Liam Donnelly and John Garvey
Under 9	Bernard Walsh and Colm McEnerney
Under 10	Philip Morris
Under 11	James Tobin and Stephen McLaughlin
Under 12	Fergus Cahill and Tadgh O'hAnnrachain
Under 13	Stephen Stapleton
Under 15	Anthony Delaney
Minor (Under 18)	Gerry Murphy, James Whelan and Eoin Ryan
Senior	Liam Kavanagh, John Mitchell, Sean Maher and Fran O'Dwyer
Junior	Tommy Browne and Fran O'Dwyer

#### Girls Football

Under 8	John Coffey
Under 9	Declan Naughton
Under 10	Moya Power Kelly
Under 11	Niamh Maher
Under 12	Conor Lynch
Under 14	Harry O'Crowley

#### Girls Camogie

Under 8	John Coffey
Under 9	Declan Naughton
Under 10	Moya Power Kelly
Under 11	Veronica Donnelly
Under 13	Mary Gibney
Under 14	Niamh Maher

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### ***Delegates to Boards in Addition to Mentors***

*Leo Flynn, Kevin Birrane, Liam Kavanagh, Paddy Kiernan and Mary Shivanan.*

*Ladies Football is Neil O Sullivan, Ladies Camogie is Moya Power Kelly.*

### ***For your Club News***

- 1. See Notice Board in Clubhouse.*
- 2. Read Club Notes in Evening Herald every Tuesday.*

- 3. Don't miss the monthly issue of Three Rock Panorama.*
- 4. Visit Club Website at [www.naomholaf.ie](http://www.naomholaf.ie)*
- 5. Read news in Dundrum Gazette newspaper.*

The Changing Face of Naomh Olaf Over the Years  
Compiled by Margaret Kyne Delaney

