

# Glanworth GAA Newsletter

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## A Cháirde Dhílis,

Welcome to the second edition of the Glanworth GAA newsletter. The playing season is now well and truly underway while off-field activities are also in full swing. I would firstly like to sincerely thank all those that have taken part in both promoting and buying tickets for the Cavanagh's car draw, especially draw coordinator Seanie Pierce. Also many thanks to those who took part in the development loan scheme. The build is under way so either pop up to the pitch for a look or keep in touch with our "development diary" on the club website. Finally, I wish all our teams the best of luck as championship quickly approaches.

Liam Cotter – Club Chairman

## Club Facilities Development

Visitors to the pitch over the past few weeks will have noticed that work on the new dressing rooms has started following the recent appointment of Martin Roche Construction as main contractor.

The new building, which will house two dressing rooms as well as a multi-purpose club room, was designed by local architect Neil Kane of Kane Architects. Significant progress has already been made on site, with foundations complete and rising block-work well underway, and it is hoped to have work completed and the new facilities open before the end of the summer. This project is being funded by a combination of government Sports Capital funding and on-going club fund-raising activities. The club would like to thank everyone involved in securing Sports Capital funding and all those who are helping in the various club fund-raising activities for making the construction of this vital piece of club infrastructure possible. It is the latest in a series of measures undertaken to upgrade to facilities at the club in recent years, with previous works carried out including improved drainage of the playing field, new dug-outs and the additional of a lighted public walkway and associated fencing around the perimeter of the main pitch.



# Glanworth Intermediate Footballers

***“Yesterday is not ours to recover... but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.”***

A quote that is very apt for the position that this team currently finds itself in. I don't think the 36<sup>th</sup> president of the United States of America, Lyndon B. Johnson, had GAA in mind but he certainly makes a good point. It was a very sore ending to last year's campaign. The great victories over Cill na Matra, Kanturk and Macroom in the Division 3 league final were all but a distant memory as the final whistle echoed around the Mallow GAA complex at the start of December. We all hoped and dreamed of it ending differently but, alas, that was not the case and we move on.

We are now very much in the midst of championship season. It's not hard to recognise this time of year, long bright evenings, that beautiful the smell of cut grass, the Augusta like rolled fields (which are now a long way from the muddy arenas that we trudged through for the first 4 months of the year), all indicators that Championship is just around the corner again. This provides us with an almost immediate opportunity to right the wrongs of the previous year. We won't be alone in this - 14 other teams suffered the same fate as us at some stage in championship last year - defeat!

This year's league campaign got off to a very mixed start. An opening day defeat to Dohenys was followed by a narrow loss to Valley Rovers. While we never like to lose, and that goes right down to drills at training, you have to take the positives out of these performances and also learn the valuable lessons that inevitably show their head in such defeats. These games offered management the opportunity to blood some new talent. We re-grouped and despite being hampered by the Irish weather on numerous occasions we worked tirelessly on the training field and have turned the league campaign around with two wins from two. It started with a hard fought victory over Newmarket where a Gerry O'Neill goal proved crucial. A second victory followed over a much fancied Ballingearry side. This was a real humdinger of a match with the lads showing their full repertoire of skills over the 60 mins to take a deserved 3 point victory at full time.

The low key start to the league game is all but forgotten and the focus now is centred on Kanturk on the May bank holiday weekend. The game throws in at 6.30pm in Kilavullen on the Saturday and as ever we will be hoping that you will be out in force to support us. There is no under-estimating the importance of the 16<sup>th</sup> man and hopefully there will be more for you to shout about as the campaign gathers pace.

## Ladies Review

There is no doubting that 2013 was one of the most successful years for the Glanworth Ladies Club in many a long year. Two County trophies and a plethora more of juvenile and individual achievements that would make most clubs green with envy. These incredible feats were celebrated in style at the recent Victory Social which was held in the Harbour Bar. Many thanks to all those who attended and supported the event and the 'usual crew' who played their now customary quarterback role and pulled the strings to make sure things went off a threat – you know who you are so thank you! A fantastic night was had by all.

The 2014 Intermediate Football League is now well under way. The ladies have taken the step up from Junior like a duck to water and will be looking to continue this form right up to the commencement of championship. It's been a very positive start for the ladies with three wins and an opening day defeat to Erins Own to their name so far. The wins coming against Inch, Carrigtwohill and Fermoy. This blistering league form has seen the girls reach the semi-final of the league by topping the Group. Please keep your eyes peeled for details in relation to this fixture which should be fixed in the coming weeks.

Ladies Juvenile GAA is thriving in the village. The u-12 and u-14 campaigns are off to flying starts. The u-16s are scheduled to commence game time in the coming weeks. The attendance at training sessions so far has been fantastic and we all hope that this will continue throughout the year. Again, a major thank you to all the volunteers across all the teams – I know its clichéd

but without your help and dedication this club would not be where it is today. If you are interested in getting involved with any of these teams or have any questions in relation to training or games please contact club secretary Ann Sheehan (086-1607861) who will assist in pointing you in the right direction.





## Juveniles

Training for under 13's through to under 16's has continued apace over the last three months, in both hurling and football. Conditions were tough in February and March but training was well attended. With the longer evenings now upon us, training is focusing more and more on skill development and game playing scenarios. We have played our first few leagues games in most competitions by this stage and have had some very encouraging performances with a fine wins for the under 16 footballers and the under 13 hurlers in their opening league games the highlights to date. New and older players are encouraged to come along to join the panels.

The regional GDA, Pat Spratt, recently held an excellent coaching session for our u12s. This was aimed at both the players and mentors and really was an eye opener as to how our game coaching has developed in recent times. The participants, kids and coaches, enjoyed the session with huge emphasis on having fun which should be the priority for all our players. It is vital we get more parents and coaches involved with these age groups, the GAA foundation course is an excellent introduction to our sports and can now be done online. Please contact coaching officer Denis Healy on 086 351 4995 for details.

## Hurling/Junior Football/U21/Minor

It has been a bag of mixed results so far this year. Our Junior Hurlers who are playing in Division Two this year were beaten by Kilavullen and Kilworth but bounced back to defeat Newtown, Mallow & were rather unfortunate to only draw with Kilshannig. The Junior Footballers, who after winning the league last year, are playing the top level of football in North Cork this year started with three defeats but they were against sides with genuine championship ambitions in the Junior Grade this year. With a bit of luck some of these results could have been in our favour. Our U21 Footballers Championship had more downs than ups. It started on one of the windiest days of the year so far with defeat to Buttevant before we bounced back to defeat Blackwater Rovers by a couple of points to set up a clash with Kilshanning who proved too strong for us on the day. It is interesting to note that both teams that beat us ended up in the final so it shows that these young lads were no pushovers. The performances show that there is plenty to look forward to in the future. Even though the Minor Footballers have been edged out in both their games so far by Boherbue and Buttevant in the A grade, the squad is talented enough to turn things around come championship. The Minor Hurlers played Fermoy, who they will also be playing in the championship, in the first round of the league and gave a great account of themselves in defeat and I'm sure will be rearing to go when the championship comes around. So in conclusion there is a hell of a lot to come from all these teams and I hope they will be ably supported by you all.



## Laya Health Screening

Many thanks to Mike Cashman who organized the LAYA sponsored Heartaid cardiac screening clinic held in the community hall. Over 45 members benefited from this service on the day.

## Glanworth U8's

The future of Glanworth GAA looks bright as these young lads are showing lots of enthusiasm and promise. Every week they show signs of improvement. They are busy training hard at the moment but will soon be playing matches, where we hope to have a big following this year. These kids play every match like they are playing a county final. Training is once a week in the pitch, kids must be aged between 6-8 years. Send a text to the juvenile club phone for training and match times on 086-4425642. Support for the teams is always encouraged, so come on down to see the stars of future show their skills!



## Glanworth NS

The boys and girls of Glanworth National School are also back in training recently taking part in indoor hurling blitzes in Doneraile. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class boys were very impressive taking on Kildorrery, Shanballymore, Glenahulla & Kilavullen. Not to be outdone the girls played Kildorrery, Ballygiblin and Baltydaniel in a Camoige tournament at the same venue. Maybe this is the start of a camoige tradition being born in the harbor!! Well done to all.



## Cavanagh's Super Draw

The preliminary draw took place in Cavanaghs on Wed April 16<sup>th</sup> and the following were drawn from the Glanworth tickets: Liam Brennan, Barry Doyle, James Keogh, Cian O'Donnell and Eamon Gallagher. Two other parishioners, Seanie O'Brien & Seamus Kirby, were picked from other lots. The entire above are now guaranteed at least €250 in the last 30 draw on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>. All supporters are most welcome on the night to Cavanagh's showrooms, bet of luck to all involved

## Golf Classic

Our Annual Golf Classic takes place this year at Mitchelstown Golf Club on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014. We are now seeking your sponsorship at €150 per team of 3 people, which includes a full meal after the Classic for all participants. There are also opportunities to sponsor tee boxes for €100, the longest drive and nearest to the pin competitions on the day for €50. Full details are available from the organising committee: Seán O Connell (087) 2218732, Jim O'Brien (086) 8353696, Seanie O'Brien (087) 2231009, Bernie Caffery (086) 0489045 & Laurence Kiely (087) 7445882.

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