



Cumann Naomh Pádraig An Eaglais
English St. Patrick's G.A.C.

Official Opening

of

Páirc Chormaic



Sunday 27th May 2012





English Football Committee 2012



Back row, left to right: Cathal Daly, Declan McKeever, Paul Donaghy, Martin McConnell, Michael McKenna, Seamus Donnelly, Ciaran McVeigh, Frank McKillion, Gerard Jones and Eamon Jordan.

Missing from photo are: Ruairi Martin, Gerard McGuirk, Donal McAnallen, Christina Ann Quinn and Noeleen Treanor.

Front row, left to right: Canice Murtagh, Orla Daly, Liz Daly, Kieran Hagan, Sheila McKenna, Charlie McKillion, Roisin Jordan and Sean Donaghy.

English Camogie Committee 2012



Back row left to right: Denise McKillion, Catherine Farley, Ursula Jordan, Brenda Horsfield, Clare Daly, Mairead Mason, Claire Jordan

Front row left to right: Leona Gallagher, Fiona Jones, Ciara Kerr, Frances Bigley, Ciara McGready, Sheila McKenna & Anne Burke.

(Missing from photograph: Maureen Ogle, Kelley Fay, Edel Barrett and Una Donnelly.)



Programme of Events For **Páirc Chormaic Opening**

Friday 25 May

Ceili - Music provided by Gold Ring Céilí Band.

Tea & refreshments provided - **9.30pm**

Saturday 26 May

Underage Camogie Blitz - 9.30am – 11.30am

‘Cormac Trust’ Run - The Annual Cormac Trust 10k Race & 3k Fun Run.
Registration from **11am** on race day. Race starts at **12** midday from Eglish GAA grounds.

Session with PJ McDonald & Band - **9.00pm**

Sunday 27 May

Artane Band – leading the parade - **3.00pm**

Blessing of the Field - **3.30pm**

Official Opening - **4.00pm**

Senior Camogie - Eglish v Portglenone - **4.30pm**

Mini Games - Football & Camogie - **5.45pm**

Reserve Football - Eglish v Carrickmore - **6.00pm**

Brantry Pipe Band - leading senior teams onto field - **7.20pm**

Senior Football - Eglish v Carrickmore - **7.30pm**

Saturday 2 June

Gala Banquet - Eglish Hall - **7.30pm**



Teachtaireacht ó Chathaoirleach Chumann Naomh Pádraig, An Eaglais

A Chairde,

Is mór an phribhléid agus onóir dom, mar chathaoirleach CLG Naomh Pádraig, An Eaglais, fíorchaoin fáilte a chur romhaibh uilig atá anseo inniu le freastal ar bheannú agus oscailt oifigiúil ár bpáirc imearta nua, Páirc Chormaic.

It gives me great satisfaction to see so many distinguished guests and GAA supporters in attendance at this momentous occasion. I extend a warm welcome to our special guests: the McAnallen family, Rev. Fr. Peter McAnenly (P.P.), Aogán Ó Fearghail (Ulster Council GAA president), Ciaran McLaughlin (Tyrone County Board GAA chairman), Dominic McCaughey (Tyrone secretary), Breige McGilligan (Ulster Camogie Council secretary), Pat Darcy (Tyrone Camogie Board chairman), Mickey Harte (Tyrone football team-manager) and our representatives from Sport NI.



A hearty welcome is also extended to the principals and children of Derrylatinee and Roan primary schools, Cormac's former teaching colleagues from St. Catherine's College, Armagh, the Branry Pipe Band, representatives of our neighbouring clubs and all English Gaels and visitors – some who have travelled considerable distances to be with us today. We remember also our former players and members who are abroad at this time.

We are honoured today to have the Artane Boys Band visit Eglish. They have become an integral part of the tradition of the GAA, and we have all grown up with their music and parades at Croke Park. I have no doubt they will have an enjoyable day in Eglish.

Action on the field of play today sees our adult camogie and football teams renew rivalries with Portglenone and An Charraig Mhór respectively. We are pleased to have these two strong Gaelic clubs sharing the day with us.

Today is the culmination of six years' careful planning, fundraising and voluntary labour. I would like to thank all who gave their time, machinery and materials on a voluntary basis to complete the car-park and landscaping phase of our project. To all who have sold and bought tickets for our Páirc Chormaic draw, which takes place next Saturday night, 2 June, I thank you sincerely. We are also thankful for the loyal support from our camogie counterparts who are always by our side to help, all within our parish community, our dedicated sponsors and Sport NI for their financial help along the way.

As we celebrate the occasion and feel proud of our efforts, it is somewhat poignant to reflect that Páirc Chormaic has been developed in memory of the late Cormac McAnallen. Cormac is seen as a legend in all GAA circles, but none more so than within our own community here in Eglish. This facility will be a lasting memorial to Cormac. At this time we remember all our dearly departed club members, officials and players who helped to nurture and develop the GAA culture in our area. Most recently we suffered the loss of ex-player Paul Hughes. We keep them all in our thoughts and prayers today.

I appeal to the youth of our parish to use the Páirc Chormaic facility, and to play the game as Cormac played it: with skill, pride and determination. Always be proud to be a member of the GAA family.

Finally, I hope that everyone who helped in any way will take pride in their contribution to the fine facility that is Páirc Chormaic.

Ciarán Ó hAgáin

Cathaoirleach, Cumann Naomh Pádraig, CLG, An Eaglais



Teachtaireacht ó Chathaoirleach Choiste an Chontae, CLG

I congratulate the St Patrick's club on the opening of Páirc Chormaic. The Páirc is a lasting tribute to Cormac McAnallen, one of Tyrone's finest Gaels and excellent role model. You are all aware of his contribution to Eglish, as a player, in Scór and in the community. Tyrone Gaels and the wider GAA had begun to appreciate exactly who Cormac was when his life was so tragically cut short in March 2004.



From my own experiences, I remember Cormac as a gifted and inspiring young man and I would ask you all, whether as a player, parent, coach or spectator to enjoy Páirc Chormaic and while doing so encourage our youth to follow Cormac's standards in life and in the GAA. If we all did, this world would be full of people with morals and values to behold.

Every time Gaels come to the Páirc, Cormac and his invaluable contribution will be remembered and the promotion of Gaelic games in Eglish, Tyrone and the wider GAA community will be advanced. Long may these facilities be used and enjoyed by the footballers and camogie players of Eglish, just like Cormac would have as a young man growing up.

As County Chairman I would like to express my appreciation for the dedication and efforts of the club committees, sub committees and members of St Patrick's who down through the years have contributed so much to the development of our facilities and our games in Tyrone. I know many of you have committed long hours of voluntary effort to fundraise to develop Páirc Chormaic and I commend you all for your efforts. I would encourage all of you to continue to work for your club and parishes and in particular continue your work with the young people of the area and build on the facilities you now have at Páirc Chormaic. These will be the focal point of the community in Eglish and a great source of pride not only to the local Eglish community but to the Gaelic community in Tyrone. In providing a facility such as this, Eglish is ensuring our national games are alive and thriving and in doing so continues to strengthen the lasting legacy of Eglish GAC.

As Cathaoirleach, Coiste Thír Eoghain, I would like to thank Cathaoirleach an Chlub, Kieran Hagan, an Runai, Sheila McKenna, the club committee and all club members for their continuing commitment to club and county. Through our Garvaghey project, Tyrone GAA are attempting to put in place facilities like yours, to strengthen our future and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Tyrone County Board to express our gratitude to your club and individual members who contribute towards our project and support our County so actively.

In finishing, I emphasise again, this is a day for Eglish Gaels to look with pride on what they have achieved over the last two and a half years, to recommit the club to the ideals and to the activities of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and with continued commitment ensure that one of Tyrone's finest is never forgotten.

Go n-éirí an bothar libh

Ciarán Mac Lochlainn,

Cathaoirleach, Coiste Thír Eoghain CLG



Teachtaireacht ó Chathaoirleach Cumann Camógaíochta Naomh Pádraig, An Eaglais

From our humble beginnings in 1965, St. Patrick's, Eglish (formerly St. Teresa's) has played and trained on varying qualities of pitches. Down through the years we have been very fortunate that our friends in St. Patrick's, Eglish G.A.C. have always served and facilitated us so well.

From the inception of Páirc Chormaic, all within the Camogie club have got behind the development and we are delighted to have played our part. It's a welcome development that will enhance our Gaelic games community in Eglish and Tyrone.

We welcome Portglenone to Eglish and are delighted to be playing them in our first game on the new pitch. Over the years Eglish and Portglenone have crossed paths many times in the Ulster Club Championship and we are delighted to have them as our guests today.

We look forward to playing games on the new pitch, named in honour of the late Cormac McAnallen. The new development will be a lasting tribute to Cormac; it'll be a place where the youth and all within our parish can come to enjoy and participate in our national games.

Ciara Mhuc Giolla Cheara

Cathaoirleach, Cumann Camógaíochta Naomh Pádraig, An Eaglais



Teachtaireacht ó Chathaoirleach Choiste an Chontae, Camógaíochta

As chairperson of Tyrone Camogie Board it gives me great pleasure to congratulate An Eaglais Naomh Pádraig on the official opening of Páirc Chormaic in memory of the late, great Cormac McAnallen.

Cormac's great love for the Irish language, Irish culture and Gaelic games has been celebrated on many occasions since his tragic death in 2004.

Páirc Chormaic is a fitting tribute to his memory and he would have been proud to see this excellent facility in place to facilitate the playing of our national games.

I pay tribute to the Eglish club for the vision and effort in making Páirc Chormaic a reality. All within Cumann Naomh Pádraig, An Eaglais and the McAnallen family can be proud of Páirc Chormaic as a fitting tribute to their former great Gael and clubman.

I wish everyone concerned with the Páirc Chormaic project every success in the future.

Pádraig Ó Dorchaigh

Cathaoirleach, Coiste Camógaíochta Thír Eoghain





Teachtaireacht Uachtaráin Chomhairle Uladh, CLG

I am delighted to welcome the official opening of Páirc Chormaic, named in honour of local hero, Cormac McAnallen. I hope this fabulous playing field brings countless hours of pleasure to all who use it in Eglis St Patrick's club. A fitting tribute to a great Gael.

Ba mhaith liom comhghairdeas a chur in iúl do chlub Phádraig Naofa, An Eaglais. Tá Páirc Chormaic réidh le foscailt is tá sé ceart is cóir go bhfuil sé ainmnithe in onóir an laoch iontach Cormac Mac Anailín. Tá fhios agam gur chuir baill an chluib a lánama is a lán airgid isteach sa tionscnamh seo agus molaim sibh uilig. Ceann de treithe is láidre dár gcumann ná go gcuireann muid áiseanna den scoth ar fail ins na clubanna. Fríd na tire tá áiseanna iontach ag clubanna CLG agus cuidíonn seo go mór le páistí a mhealladh chun na cluichí is don chumann. Anseo in Eaglais, is amhlaidh an scéal agus ta mé cinnte go rachaidh an club seo ó neart go neart amach anseo is go mbeidh ról larnach ag Páirc Chormaic san fhorbairt sin.

Is iomaí Páirc in Ultaibh a foscail mé go hoifigiúil ó thoghadh mé mar Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh. Ach is ócaid faoi Leith an foscailt seo. Seo an chéad pháirc atá ainmnithe in onóir laoch a raibh aithne agam air. Cúis áthais domsa go raibh Cormac ina chara dom, agus cúis bhróin go bhfuil sé imithe uainn. Ach nach deas a fheiceáil go bhfuil páirc ina onóir ar an Eaglais. Chuireadh sé gliondar ina chroí go bhfuil aos óg na hEaglaise ag imirt go rialto ar an pháirc álainn seo. Déarfainn go gcuirfeadh sé gliondar air fosta dá mbeadh a lán Gaeilge le cluinstit ar an pháirc seo. Le cuidiú Dé, beidh Páirc Chormaic mar sholas gheal do Ghaeil agus Gaelachas sa pharóiste seo. Go mbeidh an pháirc lán is gníomhach gach uair sa lá agus sa ghníomhacht seo déanfaidh muintir an cheantair onóir d'ainm Chormaic. Beidh sólas ar fáil fosta do chlann Chormaic. Táim cinnte go bhfaighfidh siad faoiseamh sa pháirc seo fhad is go bhfuil cluichí Gaelacha n-imirt ann.

I wish the club well in all aspects of the promotion of Gaelic games, heritage and language. The opening of Páirc Chormaic will be a defining milestone in your club's history. I congratulate all involved and wish your club well. Though filled with sadness, I have no doubt that Cormac's family will take comfort from knowing that Cormac's name is perpetuated by this magnificent development. Well done to all concerned.

Beir bua,

Aogán Ó Fearghail

Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh



Teachtaireacht ó Runaí Chomhairle Camógaíochta Uladh

It is a great honour for me to represent Ulster Camogie here today on this wonderful but emotional occasion the opening of Páirc Chormaic. I congratulate all of the Committee and Members of St Patrick's Eglis GAA Club and St Patrick's Camogie Club on this very fine achievement and the ultimate tribute you have paid to your cherished member Cormac. His name will now be forever remembered for generations to come every time a camogie or football match is played at Páirc Chormaic. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of everyone in Ulster Camogie for inviting me here today and wish St Patricks GAA Club, St Patricks Camogie Club Eglis every success in the future and extend our best wishes to the McAnallen family on this every proud occasion.



Bríd Uí Giollagain

Runaí Chomhairle Camógaíochta Uladh



Message from Eglish Parish Priest

A Chairde,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all, as we gather to celebrate the opening of the new facilities here in Eglish which are being dedicated to the memory of the late Cormac McAnallen. I welcome especially the McAnallen family, our special guests, committee members and all who are associated with our club and indeed, all who have come to share in the joy of this special day. I welcome in a special way all who have worked so hard on this huge enterprise and the development of this new field in recent months and all who have helped to ensure that this dream comes true. These wonderful facilities and this new pitch will serve our club well and it will be of great benefit to this community for long years to come.



As St. Patrick's GFC, Eglish dedicates these facilities to the memory of Cormac, we're aware that he was a young man who exemplified everything that was good in a Gaelic footballer and a human being. He was a young man who packed so much into a short life and he won every possible honour in Gaelic football. As so many have said, he has left so much behind, above all else, he has left us the gifts of exemplary leadership, passion for life, discipline, sacrifice, courage and service to others. In a nutshell, you could say that his was a life that was built on goodness itself.

All of us can take something from the life of Cormac and as his spirit lives on in our club and as we dedicate these facilities to his name, we give thanks for all that he was and for the many wonderful memories that he has left us. This is a day of great joy and pride for all associated with Cumann Naomh Pádraig, An Eaglais and again, I commend the club on this very momentous occasion. All of us are justly proud of our club which continues to look forward and plan for the future and a club which continues to go from strength to strength and we wish the club continued success for the future.

Yours sincerely

Very Reverend Peter McAnenly

Parish Priest



A SHORT HISTORY OF GAELIC GAMES IN THE PARISH OF AN EAGLAIS

Today CLG Naomh Pádraig, An Eaglais is a club which fields ten teams, has approximately 280 members, and boasts facilities to rival that of most clubs in the country. Moreover, it is a symbol and repository of the hopes of the local community, for which it provides diverse services and functions. The club has been in continuous existence for over fifty years, but there are records of games in the area as far back as a century ago.

In the 1900s-10s, Reaskmore teams played Gaelic football challenges, but did not affiliate to the GAA. Legilly brothers Henry and Peter Byrne figured on the teams. A third Byrne brother, Paddy, played for Donaghmore in the county final in 1906 and the Tyrone senior team, and a fourth, Charlie, won a senior championship with the Moy in 1920. Another notable GAA supporter came from Carrowcolmen: in 1913, Anthony Lucy, MA, then residing in London, presented the Owen Roe O'Neill Challenge Cup for schools' Gaelic games in south Tyrone. In the 1910s some sports-days were held in Eglish. The 1917 'Aeridheacht and Sports under GAA Rules', organised by John Shields of Lisnacroy, featured athletics, but no team-games. The proceeds were in aid of the Irish language, and the large attendance was reportedly 'representative of every shade of political opinion'. The winners received luxury prizes such as a gentleman's silver-mounted umbrella, a set of china and a leather handbag.

Road bowls and soccer were the main sports for local working men up to the mid-1930s, but one star footballer emerged in the parish. Malachy Mallon of Ballymackilduff won two county championship medals with Clarke's, Dungannon, played for Tyrone from 1925 to 1931 (winning a National Football League Division Two medal in 1931), and was picked at full-back for Ulster in the first-ever Railway Cup game in 1926. A newsreel of a Tyrone game in 1929 shows Mallon taking a penalty-kick – the earliest recorded on a film of Gaelic football.

Gaelic games grew stronger in the parish from 1936, when six Brantry men played for the new Benburb GAA club. The Brantry men then moved to set up their own club. On 11 July 1937, 'a large representative meeting' in 'the Gaelic Football Grounds' formed St Patrick's GFC, Brantry. The following officers were elected: chairman, John McAnallen; secretary, James Burke, Carrycastle; treasurer, Peter McVeigh. The club played in James Kelly's meadow, opposite the Cadian Line limekiln, and Bernard Casey's field, Gort. The players included natives of Monaghan and south Armagh who were hired as agricultural labourers locally, and had played club football before.

Within a fortnight the new club held its first big event, a sports-day, which included a seven-a-side football tournament, with teams from the Brantry, Eglish and Benburb taking part. The club then affiliated with the East Tyrone Board in September. On its debut in the East Tyrone Junior Football League (JFL) in 1938, the Brantry beat Tullyallen at Gaelic Park, Brantry, although more games were lost than won. The club again ran a GAA sports and seven-a-side tournament in 1938, while a similar



tournament also featured in Eglish parochial sports, which were run by a parish committee not under the aegis of the GAA.

The club had some early disciplinary problems. After one match in 1938, three players were suspended for a year each for using threatening language to the referee, and in the next game a Brantry player who was sent off refused to leave the field. But the club referee, John Hughes of Cadian, was much in demand around the county. ‘Wee John’ was in many ways the public face of the club, renowned as he was for walking to and from East Tyrone Board meetings in Coalisland. He also attended Croke Park on Bloody Sunday 1920.

With remarkable speed, dedication and resourcefulness the club built its own GAA hall in another field owned by Bernard Casey, opposite the pitch. It was one of the very first GAA halls in Ulster. But on 6 December 1938, before the official opening, a bomb exploded inside the hall. The blast made headlines across Ireland, and caused some bad feeling locally. The hall was quickly rebuilt, however, and it became a well-known cultural centre, hosting regular *céilithe*, Irish dancing and language classes, concerts and plays. Such events attracted patrons from a locus of three counties – Tyrone, Armagh and Monaghan.

The new parish priest, Fr. Alexander Connolly, initiated a winter parish league and provided two new footballs for the games. Five teams took part: the Brantry, Greystone, Terryglassog, Crubinagh and Eglish. This widening of activity led to the club becoming commonly known as Brantry-Eglish,

and improved results. In 1939 the club reached the East Tyrone Junior Football Championship (JFC) final, but lost to Mountjoy at O'Neill Park, Dungannon.



Fr. Alexander Connolly

maiden national minor title in 1947.

But wartime pressures took their toll. Restrictions on petrol complicated travel, and playing-fields became unavailable. By late 1941, after four years of activity, the club had to cease play. Its players moved to nearby clubs. The best in the parish joined Clarke's. Among those who won championship medals with the Dungannon club were (Fr) Pat McVeigh of Roan, who as a Brantry-Eglish player, started at wing-back for Tyrone in the 1941 Ulster Minor Football Championship (MFC); Tommy Casey, Lissan; Tony Byrne, Legilly; and (Fr) Colm and Patsy Fox, Killybracken. Colm Fox brought a first All-Ireland medal to the parish, as a member of the Tyrone panel that won its

The Brantry GAA Hall kept the club spirit alive. It was a popular venue throughout the 1940s. Top-billing events included the ‘big annual harvest time céilidhe’, the annual whist drive and numerous



one-act comedies. GAA clubs as far away as Dungannon and the Moy also used the hall for socials. The hall hosted an East Tyrone Board meeting in 1949, and even some agricultural-instruction classes for Tyrone County Council's Agriculture Committee.

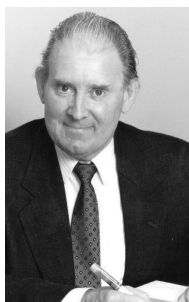
Brantry-Eglish got back playing on the field in 1947, in green and gold *geansaithe* that the players had smuggled across the border from Monaghan, on bicycles. The club rejoined the East Tyrone Junior League in 1948, a parish league was run briefly, and Derrylatinee and Roan also contested the first primary school matches at sports-days. But Brantry-Eglish had little luck on the pitch, and due to emigration and lack of players, the team folded in 1951, though the Brantry GAA Hall still hosted Gaelic and other entertainments till the late 1950s.

The GAA was resurrected on a much more permanent basis in the parish in 1955, when a club was formed or re-formed as St Patrick's, Eglish. From this point on, the growing hamlet of Eglish took over from the Brantry as the centre of Gaelic sporting activity in the parish. The key men included John Murtagh, Joe Barrett, Joe Campbell and Kieran Mullan, and Frank Donaghy served as the inaugural chairman. In this year some friendly games were played, and the earliest reported club events were a *ceili* in the Brantry hall in April 1955, and another in the parochial hall in August.

The committee collected money for jerseys, and duly bought a set, black with a white hoop. An adult team and a minor team fielded in the 1956 East Tyrone leagues. Although winning only six out of twenty games in this season, Eglish triumphed at the Kildress tournament of 1956, beating the Rock in the final. In 1957 it ran its own seven-a-side tournament, which soon evolved into an annual 'Gaelic week' tournament each May. Right from the off, the Eglish club showed tremendous enterprise despite meagre resources. While initially the club had several players from Benburb, this



Joe Barrett



John Murtagh



Frank Donaghy



Joe Campbell



Kieran Mullan

supply tailed off after the latter village formed a new club in 1957. So Eglish's choice of players was limited. Travel to games was often difficult, for Joe Barrett was the only official who owned a car (a Model Y Ford). Yet the club made rapid progress, winning the East Tyrone JFL in 1958/59, by beating Benburb in the final.



Eglish Team from 1957



Back Row—K. Mullan, P. Donnelly, B. McVeigh, P. Daly, T. Jordan, D. Rafferty, B. Muldoon, P. Murtagh, J. Fox.
Front Row—J. Murtagh, P. Maguire, A. Gorman, O. Muriagh, P. Curran, S. Muldoon, J. McCooley, E. Daly.

The 1960s was a propitious decade for the club. It recorded several morale-boosting victories in nearby Gaelic weeks. Then in 1963, coached by Fr. Denis Faul, the club triumphed again in the East Tyrone JFL, thus gaining promotion to intermediate ranks, and lost the county JFC final narrowly to Dromore. The club's identity was enhanced by the imprinting of an image of the old Eglish Cross on its *geansaí*. Above all, the club found its permanent home. In 1961, it bought from

Barney Connolly a field which was a disused gravel-pit. It was a real bargain: at £490, the purchase cost less (£490) than levelling the ground (£500). The advocacy of the parish priest, Fr. Regan, helped the club to secure a vital £1,000 bank-loan for the purchase and development of the pitch.

Fr. Connolly Park, named in memory of the former parish priest, was officially opened in May 1964. A challenge game, Tír Eoghain v. Ard Mhacha, was the chief attraction. Eglish's Terry Daly played for Tír Eoghain. The ground was vested in the GAA in 1965, and within a few years a pavilion was built beside it. This period also saw other exciting sporting developments, like the formation of Eglish camogie club, youth club and basketball club. Eglish as a village was itself expanding, and fortunately for the club Fr. Connolly Park was at the centre of the development, being right beside the new housing estate, Roan Park. Among the main Eglish GAA officials during this decade of great growth were Kieran Mullan, John Murtagh, Joe Barrett (the club treasurer for over 25 years up to the 1980s), Patsy Daly, Brendan Muldoon, Dermot Muldoon, Patsy McKenna, Sean Donaghy and Henry Daly.

In 1966 Eglish reached the county Intermediate Football Championship (IFC) final, losing to Augher, but won the league and got promoted. Already Eglish was known as a 'hard but fair' team, physically strong but not unduly forceful. The epitome of this was Mickey Jordan, who starred on Tyrone's All-Ireland JFC-winning side of 1968. Vincent Daly was also on the panel. Eglish kept on its upward curve, being trained to a new level by Oliver O'Connor (a Kerry native). In 1969 the club gained promotion to the Senior 'A' division of the new all-county league and won the Feis Shield competition.



Eglish Team - Tyrone County Final Day 1970

Yet few foresaw the glory that the club would achieve in 1970. On 13 September, Eglish beat Augher by 2-7 to 1-8 in its debut in the Tyrone Senior Football Championship final at Ó Néill Park, Dungannon. Terence Daly scored both



Eglish goals. The history-making panel was as follows: Paddy McIntosh, P. J. Fox, Terry Daly, Canice Murtagh, Brian Daly, Mickey Jordan, Henry Daly, Vincent Daly, Kevin Daly, Aidan Daly, Colm Murtagh, Brian Casey, Philip Murtagh, Jim Fay, Terence Daly, Peter Daly, Dominic Daly, Patsy Daly, Eddie Donaghy, Sean Donaghy, Alec Donaghy, Finbar Daly, Phelim Jordan, Kevin Jordan and Liam Hamill. Ex-Tyrone star John Joe O'Hagan trained the side. Eglish found itself in the opening round of the first official Ulster Club Football Championship. The club met Newbridge (Doire) at Ballinascreen, and lost narrowly despite a valiant display.

Eglish remained one of the county's top teams throughout the 1970s. The club was so strong that its reserve team reached the Tyrone JFC final in 1972 and 1973, and beat Strabane to win it in the latter year. Also in 1973, and again in 1975, the 'Shamrocks' (An Eaglais/Achadh Lú/Cill seal) combination won county under-

21 championship titles. In 1976 An Eaglais complete the set by winning its first All-County Senior Football League. These feats coincided with a great resurgence in Tír Eoghain's fortunes in inter-county football. Two local players who starred in the county's golden run were Mickey Jordan, centre-back



1986 Tyrone Div 1 Reserve Championship Winners

on the 1973 Ulster SFC-winning senior team, and Kieran Hagan, who won All-Ireland vocational schools', provincial minor and under-21 championship medals.

From the late 1970s, the club worked hard to develop its own indoor complex (as outlined elsewhere in this programme). In all, it cost well in excess of £100,000. To raise funds, members vied to become the 'Lord Mayor of Eglish'. The complex was opened at last in 1984. For many years it was kept meticulously by caretaker Oliver Murtagh. The hall has staged many club events, from youth-team practices to barbecues, plus a county GAA convention, provincial GAA quizzes, All-Ireland *Réadóirí* finals, and many *Scór* evenings. Fr. Connolly Park, meanwhile, hosted many club championship games over the years, and in 1988 it held its first inter-county senior GAA game – a Dr. McKenna Cup game, Tír Eoghain v. Aontroim. Another club highlight during this period was the annual 'Tour of Eglish' cycle run, organised by Jim Daly. Among the 1980s club officials were Kevin Jordan, Philip Murtagh, Paudge Jordan, Patsy Jordan, Frank McKillion and Canice Murtagh.

At play the club had mixed fortunes in the mid-1980s. The senior side won the all-county Jim Devlin Cup tournament in 1983 and 1984; the second team won the all-county reserve championship title in 1986; and the minors, coached by Patsy Jordan, took the county championship titles in 1986 and 1987. But after a bout of fisticuffs at an Eglish-Moy game in 1986, the county board banned both teams for



the rest of the season, and Eglish was duly relegated to intermediate status for the first time in two decades. Emigration and injury then quickly upset the progress of the 1986-87 minor players to senior ranks, and at other youth levels there were few players at all. Some of the 1980s minors later achieved glory with Tyrone teams, however. The recently deceased Paul 'Buzzer' Hughes, John Feeney, Brendan Sherry and Barry Fay featured in All-Ireland SFC final squads (the last two winning in 1991-92 respectively); Matt McGleenan won Ulster SFC medals in 1995-96, and Paul Feeney likewise in 2001. McGleenan was the first club-member to play in an All-Ireland senior final (in 1995), and his trademark fisted goals rescued the county team many times.



Eglish Novelty Act - All Ireland Final 2010

In 1992, Eglish came back to win the county IFC final, beating Beragh, thanks to an inventive goal from Martin Barrett. This brought promotion to the senior grade, but relegation followed swiftly after. The club returned to form when an exciting group of youth players won the 1996 and 1997 Tyrone MFC titles beating Coalisland in both finals, and also the 1996 county minor league, mentored by Paddy

McIntosh, Kieran Daly and Conor Daly. In 1997 the club reached the Ulster MFC final in Belfast, but lost to arch-nemeses Ballinderry. Suitably rejuvenated at senior level, the club stormed back to beat Cill Íseal to win the IFC in 1997, under the tutelage of Anthony Daly and Jim Fay. Five of the players were on the Tír Eoghain team that reached the All-Ireland MFC final of that year, and Cormac McAnallen captained the county side to the All-Ireland MFC title in 1998.

The latter half of the 1990s also saw substantial renovation and extension of the club facilities, Fr. Connolly Park. Leading club officials since the 1990s have included Jim Daly, Patsy Jones, Seán Donaghy, Martin Jones, Conor Daly, Risín Donnelly, Liz Daly, Cathal Daly, Brian Murtagh, Róisín Jordan, Ciarn McVeigh, Kieran Hagan and Sheila McKenna. Equally the club has been served by a dedicated and unheralded band of volunteers who have coached youth teams and sold tickets for the club, and referees who have served the club with distinction, notably John McCann and Martin Mohan.

Eglish started the new millennium with much promise. The club spent eight years in the senior grade from 1998 to 2005, and on its day proved fit to beat all of the top teams in the county. Yet it failed to win any major honours or even to progress in the championship. Eglish players did achieve many individual honours, however. Cormac McAnallen captained the county to All-Ireland Under-21 titles in 2000 and 2001, won National Football League medals in 2002 and 2003, played for Ireland for three years in International Rules Football, and manned the full-back berth as the county won its first All-Ireland SFC title in 2003.



Both Conall Ó Máirtín and Brendan Donnelly also won under-21 medals in 2000, and in 2005 the latter became the parish's second All-Ireland senior medalist.

Over the last three decades the club has become well known for its part in *Scór* cultural competitions. In 1981 and 1982 it won Ulster *Scór na nÓg* titles in *Ceol Uirlise* (Instrumental Music). Then in 1984 came the club's first Ulster *Scór Sinsear* title, in the *Rince Céilí* section. But it was in Novelty Act that the club would enjoy its greatest *Scór* exploits. Between 1980 and 1989 Eglisish won seven county *Scór*

na nÓg titles in this section, and in 1986 came its first Ulster Novelty Act title in *Scór Sinsear*. The pinnacle was in 1989, when An Eaglais achieved an unprecedented All-Ireland Novelty Act double of both *Scór na nÓg* and *Scór Sinsear*, at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin. For Jim Daly and Mary McKenna, it was a duel success, as they produced the former act and starred in the latter. In 1992 and 1993 three further Ulster *Scór Sinsear* titles were earned two in Novelty Act,



1995 All-Ireland *Scór na nÓg* Quiz Champions

and on by Niall Donnelly in Recitation. Liz Daly and Charlie McAuley were driving forces behind other *Scór* successes in ballad group and set dancing. In 1995 it was in the *Trath na gCeisteanna* (quiz) section of *Scór na nÓg* that the club achieved its third national triumph. In 2005, almost exactly ten years later, and at the same venue. Athlone IT, the club recorded its fourth national title, with Corey Murtagh and Joseph Jordan playing industrious road-workers in the *Nuachleas* category of *Scór na nÓg*. And in 2010, Eglisish's eleventh provincial honours were won in the *Scór Sinsear* Novelty Act. In all, the club has won 21 *Scr na ng* county titles, and 24 *Scr Sinsear* county titles. Thus it has been one of the most successful clubs in Ulster in *Scr* competitions.

The death of Cormac McAnallen in March 2004 came as a tremendous blow to the club. While the Gaelic world at large thought of his great loss to his county, his absence was felt most keenly in his own area and in his own club. Team performances dipped, and by 2006, after consecutive relegations, the first team almost dropped to the bottom division.

Winning MFC Grade 2 titles in 2006 and 2007 buoyed the club, and the senior side won the second division in 2007. In 2008 the club advanced to its first SFC quarter-final since 1985, but a year later came relegation. In 2010, however, the club had one of its most fruitful years ever, winning the second division league, the second division reserve league and championship, and the Tyrone Under-21 Football Championship (after a walkover in the final). The club was also one of the first to earn the *Club Maith* award from Comhairle Uladh CLG.

Agus léirigh an obair chrua a rinneadh chun an páirc seo a fhorbairt gur club maith atá ann.



English Senior Team



Back row, left to right: Ciaran Colton, Shane McCann, Fergal Quinn, Gregory Jordan, Stephen Colton, Michael Jordan, Conall Martin, Damian Jordan.

Front row, left to right: Martin McCann, Ryan McKenna, Aaron Daly, Fergal McNulty, Brendan Donnelly, Conor McCann, Joseph Jordan.

English Reserve Team



Back Row, left to right: Oisín Daly, Cathal McKenna, Stephen Quinn, Neil Cotter, Aidan McCann, Eugene Daly, Mark Daly, Ryan Fay, Jonathan Jordan, Sean McKillion, Peter McCann, Brian Murtagh (Coach).

Front Row, left to right: Declan Goodfellow, Feargal McNulty, Matthew Jordan, Paul Donaghy, Mark Gallagher, Lawrence Weir, Gary Daly, Fergal Mallon, Pauric Martin, Paul McElroy.



An Eaglais

FOIREANN SINSIR

Dathanna Dubh agus Bán

Bainisteoir: Micheál ÓDonaghaile

	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
CÚIL			
CÚILÍNÍ			
AR FÓRAOIL			
45M			
SAOR CICEANNA			

1

Stephen Colton
Stíofán Ó Coltún

2

Aaron Daly
Aaron Ní Dhalaigh

3

Shane McCann
Seamus Mac Cana

4

Fergal Quinn
Fearghal Ó Coinne

5

Conal McNulty
Conall Mac an Ultaigh

6

Damien Jordan
Damian Mac Siúrtáin

7

Mark Gallagher
Marcus Ó Gallchóir

8

Ciaran Colton
Ciarán Ó Coltún

9

Ryan McKenna
Rian Mac Cionnaith

10

Conor McCann
Conchúr Mac Cana

11

Martin McCann
Máirtín Mac Cana

12

Brendan Donnelly
Breandán Ó Donnaille

13

Michael Jordan
Michael Mac Siúrtáin

14

Peter McCann
Peadar Mac Cana

15

Gregory Jordan
Gregóir Mac Siúrtáin

Fir ionaid

16. Niall Daly
Niall Ó Dálaigh

17. Conal Martin
Conall Ó Máirtín

18. Joseph Jordan
Seamasamh Mac Siúrtáin

19. Neil Cotter
Niall Mac Cotair

20. Gary Daly
Garraidh Ó Dálaigh

21. Sean McKillion
Seán Mac Coilín

22. Matthew Jordan
Maitiú Mac Siúrtáin

23. Pauric Martin
Páraic Ó Máirtín

24. Declan Goodfellow
Déaglán Mag Uiginn



An Charraig Mhór

FOIREANN SINSIR

Dathanna Glas, Bán agus Órga

Bainisteoir: Dominic Ó Corragáin,

Conchúr Mac Giollaíir,

Conchur Mac Giolla Dubh



	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
CÚIL			
CÚILÍNÍ			
AR FÓRAOIL			
45M			
SAOR CICEANNA			

1

Kieran Donnelly
Ciarán Ó Donnaile

2

Mickey Slane
Michéal de Sláine

3

Ruairi Loughran
Ruairí Ó Luachráin

4

Conor Mullan
Conchúr Ó Mealláin

5

Peadar McMahon
Peadar Mac Mathúna

6

Ciaran McAleer
Ciarán Mac Giollaíir

7

Gerard Carlin
Gearóid Ó Cearúlláin

8

Kieran Fox
Ciarán Mac an tSionnaigh

9

Conor Gormley
Conchúr Ó Garmaile

10

Jonathan Monroe
Seán Munro

11

Michael McCallan
Michéal Mac Ailín

12

Mark Donnelly
Marc Ó Donnaile

13

Caolan Daly
Caolan Ó Dálaigh

14

Martin Penrose
Máirtín Penrose

15

Finbar Magill
Finnbarr Mac Giolla

Fir ionaid

- | | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| 16. Ruairi Haughey
Ruairí Mac Eochaidh | 17. Michael Gallagher
Michéal Ó Gallchóir | 18. Ronan Mullan
Rónán Ó Mealláin | 19. Niall Loughran
Niall Ó Luachráin | 20. Brendan Martin
Breandán Ó Máirtín |
| 21. Michael McCallan
Michéal Mac Ailín | 22. Michael Donaghy
Michéal Mac Donnchaidh | 23. Kevin McNally
Caoimhín Mac an Fhaillí | 24. Pauric Slane
Páraic de Sláine | 25. James Nugent
Seamás Nuinseann |



An Eaglais

FOIREANN TACAÍOCHTA

Dathanna Dubh agus Bán

Bainisteoir: Seán Ó Broin
Brian Ó Muireartaigh

	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
CÚIL			
CÚILINÍ			
AR FÓRAOIL			
45M			
SAOR CICEANNA			

1

Niall Daly
Niall Ó Dálaigh

2

Ferghal Mallon
Fearghal Ó Máolain

3

Ryan Jones
Riain Mac Sheoin

4

Paul Donaghy
Pol O Donaghie

5

Neil Cotter
Niall Mac Cotair

6

Stephen Quinn
Stiofán Ó Coinne

7

Johnathon Jordan
Seonac Mac Siúrtáin

8

Aidan McCann
Aodhán Mac Cana

9

Pauric Martin
Páraic Ó Máirtín

10

Paul McElroy
Pól Mac Giolla Rua

11

Kieran Jordan
Ciaran Mac Siúrtáin

12

Declan Goodfellow
Déaglán Mag Uiginn

13

Sean McKillion
Seán Mac Coilín

14

Eugene Daly
Eoin Ó Dálaigh

15

Gary Daly
Garraidh Ó Dálaigh

Fir ionaid

16. Ferghal McNulty
Fearghal Mac an Ultaigh

20. Mark Daly
Marcus Ó Dálaigh

24. Enda McElroy
Enda Mac Giolla Rua

28. Padraig Mallon
Páraic Ó Maoláin

17. Michael Donnelly
Michéal Ó Donnaille

21. Matthew Jordan
Maitiú Mac Siúrtáin

25. Ciaran Donnelly
Ciaran Ni Dhonnaille

18. Ryan Fay
Riain Ó Féich

22. Oisín Daly
Oisín Ó Dálaigh

26. Christopher Mallon
Críostóir Ó Máolain

19. Mark Treanor
Marcus Mac Thréinfhir

23. Colm Byrne
Colm Ó Broin

27. Lawrence Weir
Lawrence Ni Weir



An Charraig Mhór

FOIREANN TACAÍOCHTA

Dathanna Glas, bán agus óráiste

Bainisteoir: Dominic Ó Corragáin,
Conchúr Mac Giollaíir,
Conchur Mac Giolla Dubh
Rian Mac Ailín



	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	3OMLÁN
CÚIL			
CÚILINÍ			
AR FÓRAOIL			
4SM			
SAOR CICEANNA			

1

Ruairi Haughey
Ruairí Mac Eochaidh

2

Ronan Mullan
Rónán Ó Mealláin

3

Kevin Grogan
Caoimhín Ó Gruagáin

4

Aidan Hughes
Aodhán Ó hAodha

5

Michael Gallagher
Michéal Ó Gallchóir

6

Brendan Martin
Breandán Ó Máirtín

7

Michael Donaghy
Michéal Mac Donnchaidh

8

Stephen McElroy
Stiofán Mac GiollaRua

9

Niall Loughran
Niall Ó Luachráin

10

PauricSlane
Páraic de Sláine

11

Barry Daly
Barra Ó Dálaigh

12

Kevin McNally
Caoimhín Mac an Fhailí

13

Ronan McNally
Rónán Mac an Fhailí

14

James Nugent
SeamásNuinseann

15

Conor Daly
Conchúr Ó Dálaigh

Fir ionaid

16. Ronan Grogan
Rónán Ó Gruagáin

20. Peter Tierney
Peadar Mac Thiarnáin

24. Ryan Fox
Rian Mac an tSionnaigh

28. Aidan Kelly
Aodhán Ó Ceallaigh

17. Paudi Conlon
Páid Ó Connalláin

21. Paddy McElroy
Pádraig Mac GiollaRua

25. Dara Fox
Dara Mac an tSionnaigh

18. Adrian Martin
Aodhán Ó Máirtín

22. Ruairi Donaghy
Ruairí Mac Donnchaidh

26. Liam Armstrong
Liam Treanlamh

19. Eamon Rafferty
Éamann Ó Raifeartaigh

23. Conal Travers
ConallTreabhair

27. Stephen Fox
Stiofán Mac an tSionnaigh



English Senior Camogie Team 2012



Back Row Left to right; Leona Gallagher, Niamh McNulty, Michelle Mallon, Claire McGuckin, Shauna Jordan, Claire Jordan, Annette Jordan, Frances Bigley, Brenda Horsfield, Kelley Fay.

Front Row Left to right; Ciara Donnelly, Paula Neill, Siobhan Hughes, Aisling Jordan, Ciara McGready, Julie Lagan, Maria Jordan & Cathy Jordan.

Also pictured is Jim McCormack, team trainer.

(Missing from photograph; Susan McCann, Clare Daly, Leanne Daly & Joanna Fox)

Portlengone Camogie Team 2012



Back Row Left to right: Terri Duffin, Mairead Graham, Katherine Convery, Anna Kelly, Teresa Scullion, Catherine O'Kane, Louise McAleese, Patrica McCarry, Aine Mulholland, Niamh Doherty.

Front Row Left to right: Joanne Loughlin, Katie McAleese, Catriona Hasson, Eimear Donaghy, Eilis McGill, Anna McAleese, Aileen Kearney, Carla McGroggan



An Eaglais FOIREANN CAMÓGAÍOCHTA

Dathanna Dubh, Glas agus Bán
Bainisteoir: Seamas Mac Cormaic

	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
CÚIL			
CÚILÍNÍ			
AR FÓRAOIL			
45M			
SAOR CICEANNA			

1

Kelley Fay
Ceallaigh Ní Fhéich

2

Paula Neil
Póla Bean Uí Néill

3

Brenda Horsfield
Breanda Bean Mhic Eachaidh

4

Ciara McGready
Ciara Nig Riada

5

Siobhan Hughes
Siobhán Ní Aodha

6

Julie Lagan
Síle Ní Leogáin

7

Claire Jordan
Claire Níc Siúrtáin

8

Shauna Jordan
Seána Níc Siúrtáin

9

Aisling Jordan
Aisling Níc Siúrtáin

10

Cathy Jordan
Catriona Níc Siúrtáin

11

Claire McGuckin
Claire Bean Mhig Eochaín

12

Annette Jordan
Áine Níc Siúrtáin

13

Maria Jordan
Máire Níc Siúrtáin

14

Leona Gallagher
Leona Bean Uí Ghallchóir

15

Susan McCann
Siobhán Níc Cana

Mná ionaid:

16 Niamh McNulty
Niamh Nic an Ultaigh

17 Ciara Donnelly
Ciara Ní Dhonnaile

18 Claire Daly
Claire Bean Uí Dhálaigh

19 Michelle Mallon
Michilín Bean Uí Mhealláin

20 Leanne Daly
Léan Ní Dhálaigh

21 Joanna Fox
Siobhán Nic an tSionnaig



	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
CÚIL			
CÚILÍNÍ			
AR FÓRAOIL			
45M			
SAOR CICEANNA			

Port Chluain Eoghan

FOIREANN

CAMÓGAÍOCHTA

Dathanna Spéirghorm agus bán

Bainisteoir: Seán O Dochartaigh &

Gearóid Mac Giolla Íosa



1

Patricia McCarry
Pádraigín Nic Fhearaigh

2

Eilis McKenna
Eilís Nic Cionaoith

3

Catherine Convery
Catriona Nic Ainmhire

4

Nuala Kelly
Nuala Ní Cheallaigh

5

Terry Duffin
Teresa Ní Dhuifin

6

Catherine O Kane
Catriona Ní Chatháin

7

Joanne Loughlin
Siobhán Ní Lochlain

8

Catriona Hasson
Catriona Ní Osáin

9

Mairead Graham
Maighread Ní Ghréacháin

10

Anna Kelly
Anna Ní Cheallaigh

11

Katie McAleese
Cáitín Nic Giolla Íosa

12

Kiara Duffin
Ciara Ní Dhuifinn

13

Louise McAleese
Labhaoise Nic Giolla Íosa

14

Niamh Doherty
Niamh Ní Dhochartaigh

15

Dympna Storey
Damhnait Ní Stoirín

Mná ionaid

16 Aileen Kearney
Eibhlín Ní Chearnaigh

17 Aine Mulholland
Áine Ní Mhaolchallann

18 Carla McGrogan
Carla Nic Gruagáin

19 Anna McAleese
Anna Nic Giolla Íosa

20 Teresa Scullion
Teresa Ní Scolláin

21 Jane Carey
Sinéad Ní Chiara

22 Helen McGee
Léan Nig Aoidh

23 Emma McAleese
Emma Nic Giolla Íosa

24 Anna Kearney
Anna Ní Chearnaigh



Carrickmore Senior Team 2012



Back Row Left to right: Caolan Daly, Kieran Fox, Mark Donnelly, Michael McCallan, Kieran Donnelly, Gerard Carlin, Ronan Mullan, Michael Donaghy, Ruairi Loughran.

Front Row Left to right: Kevin McNally, Conor Mullan, Martin Penrose, Michael Slane, Jonathan Munroe, Conor Gormley, Finbar Magill, Peadar McMahon, Michael Gallagher.

Carrickmore Reserve Team 2012



Back Row Left to right: Ryan McCallan, Dara Fox, Patrick McElroy, Stephen McElroy, Kevin Grugan, Patrick Loughran, Ruairi Haughey, Conal McGarrity, Niall Loughran, Eoin Hughes, Conal Travers, Padraig Conlan,

Front Row Left to right: Conor Daly, Barry Daly, Adrian Martin, Padraig Slane, Aidan Hughes, Brendan Martin, Stephen McAleer, Liam Armstrong, Rory Donaghy.



Camogie History

The sport of camogie – a form of hurling for women – swept through Tyrone in a wave of enthusiasm in the 1930s. In 1938, it made its first inroads into this parish, when a team was set up in the Brantry, as an auxiliary of the men's new GAA club.

It was reported in May 1938 that camogie in the Brantry 'has already, after only a few games, become an attraction which is more than local.' St Patrick's Camogie Club, Brantry, was formed, with the following committee elected: president, Annie Hughes; vice-president, Mary Kerr, Benburb; secretary, Mary Casey, P.E.T., Gort; treasurer, Mary McVeigh, Gort. All were single ladies. The Brantry team, wearing green and red frocks, drew with Edendork in a challenge game, but lost to Dungannon away by five goals to nought. Two officials of the club then attended an East Tyrone Camogie Board meeting; the club had already affiliated or was preparing to do so. A poem, 'Young Colleens of Brantry', was published in the local press, urging the players to keep up their new hobby. At the Brantry GAA sports-day in June, the Brantry beat the Moy 2-0 to 1-2 in a challenge game – its first recorded victory – and in late July, a seven-a-side camogie tournament was held at Eglish parochial sports, between teams from Dungannon, the Moy, the Brantry and Eglish, and the Moy side won.



1966 Eglish Team

It was a short-lived enterprise, however. After 1938, the Brantry camogie team was no more. It is likely that the players could not afford transport from the remote Brantry area to play other teams, and that the long hours they worked in local mills and as domestic servants left them with little time to practise the skills of the game.

Camogie was revived in the parish in 1965. About then some local girls saw camogie being played for the first time at a tournament in Eglish, and desired to have their own team. With a girls' youth club starting in Eglish in that year, and local girls now being formally gathered together for recreation, naturally they sought to organise to play for their parish against others. They held an informal 'meeting' under a tree at Roan, as they could not get into the parochial hall that August evening. This was the humble birth of St Teresa's Camogie Club, Eglish. Etta Mallon of Tullymore was the club's first cathaoirleach, Angela Hamill its secretary, and Margaret Donaghy its treasurer. Other prime movers included Vera and Maureen Daly, Mary Donaghy and Bernie Daly. The new club benefited from the recent demise of St Ita's Camogie Club, Dungannon. Anthony Donaghy (a cobbler in town),



Presentation in the 1970's

who was formerly a key figure for St Ita's, agreed to assist the new team. His daughter, Maura, and the McCaul sisters of Eskragh, Cassie (who later played for Ulster) and Rosie, then having no club, came to play for Eglish. On Anthony's suggestion, the team adopted the old Dungannon club uniform – white tops, green pinafores and black tights. Despite being initially reticent to give patronage to the sport, out of fear for the safety of young girls going off to play elsewhere, Fr Regan, the



parish priest, consented to become club president, and he even furnished the club with its first set of camáin, fifty sticks in all.

Camogie was in a weak state in Tyrone, but the instant and prolonged success of the new Eglishe club is virtually unparalleled in the annals of Gaelic games in Ulster. In spite of the lack of camogie tradition in the parish, the team played the game like masterful veterans. In their first year of competition (1966), they won the Tyrone senior championship title, and in 1969 they advanced to their first Ulster senior club final, at Casement Park, Belfast. This was lost to Ahoghill, whose players included some All-Ireland senior medalists with Antrim. Embarrassingly, Eglishe club members were brought before the Ulster Camogie Council for breaching the 'foreign'-dancing rule. After some discussion, the Eglishe cailíní got off.

From 1971 the club's principal office-holders were exclusively female, but most of its team-trainers were male. Brother Ciarán (an Offaly native) was the coach from 1970 until he left Dungannon for Dublin in 1978. In each year but 1976 St Teresa's won the county championship. Such was the club's supremacy in Tyrone that it began to play in the Armagh camogie league. Eglishe reached the Ulster club final again in 1973, 1974, 1977, 1981 and 1982, in which it met Creggan and Portglenone of Antrim, and Kilkeel of Down. Alas for Eglishe, it lost them all! Throughout these years Eglishe players formed the backbone of Tyrone county teams, and the club hosted many of Tyrone's home games. Space does not permit a full list of these county players here. Pauline Vallely (captain) and eight other Eglishe players featured on the Tyrone panel that lost to Cork in the All-Ireland Junior 'A' Camogie Championship final of 1980 at Croke Park. In addition, Vallely, Margaret Jordan, Maureen Ogle, Ursula Daly, Sheila Burke and Anne Fox were selected to play for Ulster senior teams. Cecelia McKay captained the Ulster Polytechnic team that won the Purcell Cup in 1970's.



1986 Ulster Club

In 1985, in its seventh provincial final appearance, Eglishe beat Swatragh (Doire) in a replay to win the Ulster Senior Camogie Championship at last. By 1987, under the guidance of Gerry Goodwin (Dungannon), the club had completed an excellent three-in-a-row of Ulster final victories over Swatragh. In the 1986 and 1987 finals, Sheila Burke, the captain, scored remarkable tallies of 4-0 and 2-4. In each year Eglishe played its All-Ireland semi-final at the opposition's home ground, and (not surprisingly) lost: to Athenry (Galway) in 1985, St Paul's (Kilkenny) (the team of the famous Downey sisters) in 1986, and Glen Rovers (Cork) in 1987. In the latter game, Eglishe played perhaps its best game ever, leading at half-time and just losing by a point away to the reigning All-Ireland champion side. The away fixtures were the products of bad luck in the draw, by which semi-final venues were decided. The calibre of these opponents, from hotbeds of hurling / camogie, reflects the magnitude of Eglishe's feat in getting so far. Eglishe, from a 'junior' county in hurling / camogie, had not the same local tradition or other advantages from which to draw.



1991 All Ireland Finalists

Yet the club persevered, and in 1991 it defeated Loughgiel to win its fourth Ulster senior title. Then on 10 November, it won an All-Ireland semi-final at last, beating Celtic of Dublin, 3-7 to 2-4, in the capital; goals from Una Donnelly and Brenda Burke, and seven points from Leona Fay, carried the day. Alas for Eglish, travelling away to Ballinasloe for the national final proved too great a handicap. In awful conditions, Mullagh, the local Galway side, won easily. But Eglish was the only Ulster club to reach the final from 1978 to 2000. This team played on that historic day: Máiréad Mason, Anne Mackle, Gráinne Daly, Mary Rose McGready, Nora McGready (captain), Ursula Jordan, Catherine Finnegan, Leona Fay, Una Donnelly, Anne McKenna, Brenda Burke and Anne Jordan. Paula Daly, Catherine Jones, Fiona O'Donnell and Maria Barclay were also on the panel. Of this team, Catherine Finnegan, Mary Rose McGready, Brenda Burke and Leona Fay played for Ulster at either senior or junior level.

While the club did not revisit the epic heights of 1985-91, it continued to dominate camogie in Tyrone. By 1998 Eglish had won 23 county senior championship titles in a row, or 32 in 33 years, and countless Tyrone senior league honours. In youth camogie grades, St Teresa's did not dominate quite as much, and its senior championship monopoly was eventually broken by Clonoe in 1999. Over the next three years, Eglish won the title just once, in 2001 – a year in which it also won its first national honours, in the Kilmacud Sevens junior section. More so than other clubs in the county, however, Eglish nurtured and held on to its talented young players, due largely to the strong family ties within the club, from the founders through to the present players. Having regrouped, and changed the club's name from St Teresa's to St Patrick's (to match the GAA club's name), from 2003 Eglish kept a firm grip on the cup again. Owing to a decline in camogie in the county – where two decades earlier camogie clubs abounded, scarcely half a dozen survived into the 2000s, while women's football began to boom – Eglish had to go further afield for competitive games. After some years in the Armagh league, since the 2000s Eglish has played in provincial leagues, initially in the Ulster Camogie League Shield (junior) grade, and reaching the Ulster Premier League final in 2011. A new generation of Eglish players have achieved high honours outside the club too. Three Eglish girls have played for Ireland against Scotland in camogie / shinty internationals: Susan McCann in 2005, Frances Bigley in 2009 and Shauna Jordan in 2010. Shauna Jordan and Maria Jordan have also played for the Ulster senior team.

2004 Eglish Senior Team

In 2012 the tally stands at 41 county senior championship titles in 45 years – one of the greatest winning streaks in the history of Gaelic sport, by any club in any county. Today, it remains the flagship camogie club in Tyrone, being the only one to play throughout the last 45 years, and being well known all over Ulster and beyond.





Páirc Chormaic



Páirc Chormaic is the culmination of several years' hard endeavour to provide a much needed additional playing field for Naomh Pádraig, An Eaglais.

Over the years the need for a second pitch has become more pressing as the demand being placed on the main pitch, Fr. Connolly Park, has increased. Both the local GAA and camogie clubs cater for teams from under-6 to adult level, and owing to its accessible location it has hosted many colleges and schools games. With all the training and matches from the various teams the playing surface on Fr. Connolly Park has been stretched to its limit.

Fr. Connolly Park itself, situated beside the River Oona, has been a central site in the village of Eglish since its official opening in 1964. Many changes have occurred in the intervening five decades. Within a few years of its opening, an adjoining pavilion with dressing rooms was built, and this was developed into a larger sports hall complex with stage that was officially opened in 1984. From 1997 the facilities were substantially renovated. The pitch was re-surfaced and lengthened to include a practice area; a bitmac surface was added behind the hall; the terrace for spectators was extended; and the pavilion was expanded to encompass two extra dressing rooms, a new meeting room, toilets and several storerooms. In 2004 a new fitness room was also opened.

For all the improvements that were made, overuse and harsh winter weather generally necessitated pre-season training having to move to some rudimentary training 'grounds' elsewhere. In the early months of each year, training took place at locations such as Donaghy's field on Stiloga hill; Richardson's field, Coolkill (to the left hand side as one leaves Eglish village for Dungannon); and the field below Fr. Connolly Park, to the rear of the chapel. This endurance of these primitive conditions often entailed wallowing in muck and returning home without a shower! Sessions were also held further afield, for instance at the playing fields on the Killymeal Road in Dungannon belonging to the colleges; the playing fields at St. Patrick's College Armagh; and Armagh astro surface



on the Cathedral Road. In search of more picturesque settings, training runs were held at the Brantry Lough, Parkanaur and Drum Manor forests.

Once Cumann Naomh Pádraig decided in the mid 2000s to embark on the purchase and development of a new ground, Páirc Chormaic emerged as the name for the project from an early stage. The land, situated in Brossloy, was acquired in 2005, and the process to secure funding began soon afterwards. An application to Sport NI for capital funding was successful and other fundraising initiatives were carried out, most notably under the auspices of *An Eaglais le Chéile*.

Plans were drawn up, and the first phase of work, to clear and excavate the site, began in 2009. When this was complete, a sand-carpet pitch was laid and floodlights erected. Phase 2 will include the construction of changing facilities and the provision of car parking.

The voluntary ethos which exists in the GAA community was seen to full effect in recent months when many locals gave up their time, plant and materials to reach the stage we are at today. Not least was this apparent in the widespread selling of tickets for the Páirc Chormaic draw, from its launch in June 2011 to the present day.

The winning tickets will be drawn at a gala banquet next Saturday, 2 June, when our sports hall will be transformed into an excellent, spacious function room.

The expectation and hope is that Páirc Chormaic will be worthy of the effort invested in it and do justice to the memory of Cormac McAnallen.





Cormac McAnallen



Cormac aged 1 in 1981.

The name of Cormac McAnallen has become intertwined with that of An Eaglais over the last decade. In his short life, Cormac scaled the heights of sporting achievement, and since his sudden death his legacy has resounded widely.

Born in 1980, Cormac lived at Tullygiven, the Brantry, with his parents Brendan and Bridget, and brothers Dónal and Fergus. He attended Derrylatinee Primary School from 1984 to 1990, and St Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh, from 1990 to 1997. At Queen's University Belfast, he graduated in Modern History in 2000, and obtained the Postgraduate Diploma in Computer-Based Learning in 2001. In 2002, he received the Higher Diploma in Education (first-class honours) from University College Dublin.

After completing teaching-practice at St Benildus' College, Stillorgan, Dublin, Cormac was appointed as a teacher at St Catherine's College, Armagh, in 2002. He taught history, politics, mathematics, French and religion, and managed school sports teams. He also found time to work occasionally in the family shop in Benburb.



Confirmation with parents.

From an early age, Cormac enjoyed watching and playing various sports. He played on several Ulster schools' basketball championship-winning teams, and was selected for Ulster at under-14 level. Later he played for Dungannon Basketball Club. He also enjoyed quizzes, winning the All-Ireland *Tráth na gCeisteanna* title in *Scór na nÓg* with An Eaglais in 1995, and RTÉ's television quiz for schools, *Blackboard Jungle*, in 1997, amongst other titles.

He achieved his greatest renown as a footballer. With CLG Naomh Pádraig, An Eaglais, he won a Tyrone Minor Football League in 1996, two Tyrone Minor Football Championship titles in 1996-97, and a county Intermediate Football Championship in 1997. At school, meanwhile, he won a Nannery Cup medal and a MacRory Cup runners-up medal. With Tyrone minors, he played at centre-back and

midfield as the team won the 1997 Ulster title and reached the All-Ireland final. Although defeated on that occasion, Tyrone bounced back a year later to win the national title, under Cormac's captaincy. *Chuaigh a óráid bhuach i bhfeidhm ar chuid mhór den lucht féachána, go háirithe toisc gur labhair sé Gaeilge líofa.*



Cormac with friends and playing members of Eglis G.A.C



*Cormac in action v Leitrim.
All Ireland minor semi final 1998.*



As an adult, Cormac's playing-career maintained its upward graph. With Queen's University he won a Ryan Cup medal in 1999 and a Sigerson Cup medal in 2000. He captained Tyrone to Ulster and All-Ireland Under-21 Football Championship glory in both 2000 and 2001. His central role in Tyrone's victorious Ulster Senior Football Championship campaign of 2001 was recognised by his receipt of the 'Player of the Ulster Championship' and national 'Young Footballer of the Year' awards. To cap the year, he was selected for Ulster in the Railway Cup and for the Ireland compromise-rules team

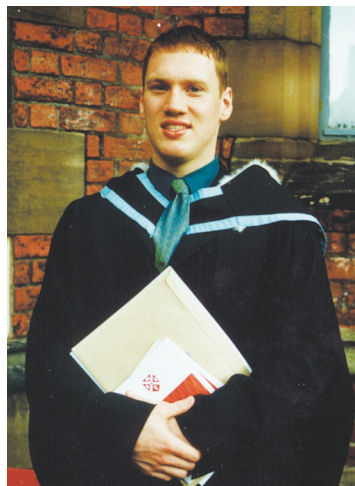
that travelled to Australia. In 2002, he figured on the first Tyrone team that won the National Football League, and on UCD's victorious team in the Dublin SFC. He did not win any honours with An Eaglais in latter years, but remained a dedicated servant of the black and white. Indeed, his last match was a club friendly away to Culloville.

The pinnacle of Cormac's career came with the Tyrone senior football team in 2003. First, he helped the county to retain the NFL title. His move from midfield to full-back before the Ulster final replay is widely recognised a pivotal decision in that campaign. In his maiden outing for the county in this position, he shored up the defence, and from the All-Ireland final onwards, crucially, the team conceded no more goals. On 28 September, he played at full-back as Tyrone won the Sam Maguire Cup at last. He was duly named in this position in the national All-Stars team of the year.

2004 opened with further promise for Cormac. He had just got engaged to be married, and now he was appointed the Tyrone team-captain. In February he lifted his first trophy in the role, as the county cantered to victory in the Dr McKenna Cup final. But the great hopes and promise of the future were shattered early in the morning of 2 March, when he died suddenly in his bed. The local community, the county, and sportspeople all over Ireland, were shocked and saddened to learn that the man who had brought so many honours to Eglish, and had seemed at times nigh-invincible, had passed away shortly after his 24th birthday. His funeral in Eglish was a massive occasion.

These are some of the basic details of Cormac McAnallen's life. It might be said that his long list of achievements cloak his human qualities somewhat. He was held in high esteem far and wide for his generosity of spirit and leadership qualities, and was often referred to, in life and death, as a role-model for young people. *Uachtarán na hÉireann*, Mary McAleese, articulated his special characteristics:

Cormac at his graduation.





‘Cormac was revered throughout the country as one of the greatest Gaelic footballers of his time. It is hard to believe that one who died so young had already packed into his short life every possible honour in the game. It has been said that he has “left behind much, much more than an empty jersey hanging on a peg.” For Cormac left the gifts of exemplary leadership, of passion for life itself, of discipline, sacrifice and courage, of generosity and service to others. Here was a life built on good choices, built in fact on goodness itself.’



Cormac back at Derrylatinee P.S. with Patsy Jordan, Patsy Jones, Eileen Donaghy, Gary Daly and Conor Daly.

Many memorials were dedicated to Cormac. *Campa Chormaic* was set up in 2005 as a youth summer school promoting Gaelic games and culture. Since then it has been held annually, and it has spread from Brantry-English to Down, Derry, Antrim and Armagh. The trophy for Ireland-Australia compromise-rules games was named the ‘Cormac McAnallen Cup’. The Cormac Trust has worked to raise awareness of sudden cardiac death in the young, has lobbied for the screening of young people for related arrhythmias, and has provided scores of life-saving defibrillators to sports-clubs and community-groups. In this way Cormac’s death has contributed to saving other people’s lives.

The creation of *Páirc Chormaic* will do much to ensure that his name will resonate through the generations in his native area.

Go luífe fód glas na hÉireann go héadrom air, agus go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

*1997 English Players on Tyrone Minor pannel before All Ireland final.
Brendan Donnelly, John Paul McGeough, Martin McCann,
Cormac McAnallen and Conall Martin.*





Campa Chormaic Launch 2012



Paul Hughes 1969 - 2012



The GAA community in Eglish and Tyrone was plunged into sadness when the news of the untimely death of Paul Hughes on Tuesday 24 April 2012. 'Buzzer', as he was affectionately known, was a Gael through and through, a gentle giant off the field but a fierce competitor on it. Paul played for Eglish for many years from underage through to senior level. He had success with back to back minor championship titles in 1986 and 1987, captaining the side in the first of those years, while he also played a key role when they won the Intermediate championship in 1997.

Paul also represented Tyrone at minor and under-21 level, winning an Ulster Under-21 medal in 1990 in a year when Tyrone reached the All Ireland final only to lose out to Kerry. When his playing days had finished Paul went into management and had spells at both Killeshil and Scotstown, and was due to take the reins at Galbally for the current 2012 season until his recent illness.

Paul will be sorely missed by all in GAA circles in Eglish, Tyrone and further afield. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

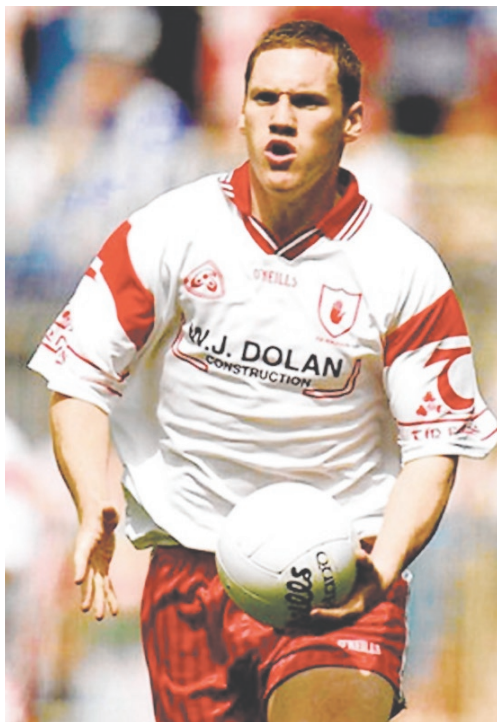


Tribute by Mickey Harte



I was delighted to be asked to contribute a few words towards this souvenir programme to mark the opening of Páirc Chormaic. I am aware that there is collated a comprehensive list of awards and titles that Cormac achieved during his short life and I too acknowledge and admire those significant feats. Additionally however, I will always remember his single mindedness and determination to be the best he could possibly be. My first direct contact with Cormac was at a coaching event here in Eglish during the Easter holidays of 1995. He was a member of the U-16 squad in the club at that time, a group that went on to become double county champions at minor level.

Despite his deficit in physique at that time amongst his peers, his determination and acute focus made him stand out. It was no surprise that two years later our paths would cross again when he earned the number 6 jersey for the Tyrone minors in that tragic yet heroic journey to the all Ireland final. That he continued to grow in stature as a gaelic football athlete will be evident from the accolades he picked up in the following seven years but to focus only on that would do him a disservice as his growth as a decent human being was equally outstanding. I have often cited Cormac as an example to young people as an epitome of the potential every human being has for greatness when they apply themselves whole heartedly towards the fulfilment of their God given talents. His total dedication, absolute determination and honest reflection made him a special person. Never one to shirk a challenge and someone who excelled in



leadership roles he would be very proud of the initiative shown by this club in delivering this wonderful facility in his memory. Despite his numerous achievements he remained totally grounded and would no doubt be humbled by the great good that has come about as a result of his untimely death, especially this enduring legacy which will benefit future generations of his native parish.



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A special thanks to all those who voluntarily gave their time, materials and expertise to help complete the current phase of works at Páirc Chormaic.

Thanks to all our sponsors of our adult and underage teams for their continued support.