

# ST. LAURENCES GAA

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## Special points of interest:

- ♦ **Membership** : Membership is currently fixed at 15 euro per person or 25 euro per couple. Membership can be paid to any Committee Member.
- ♦ **Pitch Availability** : For information on the availability of pitches, please contact Martin Heydon, Club Secretary ( 086 626 2546 ) who will advise.
- ♦ **Larries Lotto** : The Jackpot of €9,200 was recently won by Paddy Doyle of Burtown. The Draw takes place every Monday night and those three little numbers could win you serious money. Contact our Lotto Coordinator , Ann Kearney , Phone : 045 485305 , Club Treasurer , Bill Mackey 05986 23006 or any Committee Member.

## TURNING THE FIRST SOD!

A milestone was reached for our Club on Friday, 20th of February 2004 when Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy attended at Oldgrange to turn the first sod in the building of the Community Complex. We are most grateful to Mr. McCreevy for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and support us in this way. Other public representatives who attended included Lord Mayor of Kildare, Michael Fitzpatrick, Jack Wall T.D., Sean Power TD, Councillors Rainsford Henty and Adrian Kane.

Our own club man and County Councillor Martin Miley also attended on what turned out to be a beautiful spring morning. Martin has been a true friend to this club and we were all delighted to see him there.

### Other Club developments

At the recent AGM Chairman Tom Byrne stood down after holding office for four years. Tom has been involved in the Club for a great many years and has always been a very



**Spade at the ready - Councillor Martin Miley, Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy and Lord Mayor of Kildare, Michael Fitzpatrick .**

positive force in the Club. Eddie Wright stood down as Vice Chairman and Senior Selector. We thank Eddie for all his work and commitment . We look forward to Tom and Eddie's continued assistance in the running of the Club. Michael Gorman has moved to the job of Chairman and Martin Heydon has taken

over as Secretary. We have two new faces on the Executive Committee this year – Martin ( Junior ) Miley as Vice Chairman and Dermot O'Toole as PRO . John Joe Walsh has taken on the position of Under –Age Chairman replacing Jimmy Cassidy who stepped down after five years in the role.

## UNDERAGE FOOTBALL TRAINING

A registration day will take place for boys and girls interested in playing football. This will occur on Saturday, 6th of March at 11 am in Oldgrange. The objective of the registration day is to introduce children and parents to St. Laurence's GAA club. It is hoped that families new to the area will use this opportunity to get to know other people in the community. The underage

structure has enjoyed much success in recent years . We aim to improve on this not just by winning titles but by making training and playing more enjoyable. To ensure this, coaching courses are being organised, free of charge, for anyone interested. Tracksuits and a starter football kit (consisting of St. Laurence's jersey, shorts and socks) will be available to or-

der at a subsidised price on registration day. The Underage Committee is currently in discussions with Crookstown and Kilmead National Schools as to how we can assist coaching in the local schools. For further details on underage teams contact Underage Chairman, John Joe Walsh (05986) 23196 or Secretaries Phil Brown (086 815 0015) and/or Majella Mulread (086 304 5205) .

## Club Officers 2004

Chairman

Michael Gorman  
086 3801 078

Vice Chairman

Martin (Jnr.) Miley  
087 399 8478

Secretary

Martin Heydon  
087 626 2546

Treasurer

Bill Mackey  
087 768 5568

PRO

Dermot O'Toole  
087 688 1531

County Board Delegate

Paddy Murphy  
086 600 7750

Registrar

John Joe Walsh  
087 207 1054

Irish Officer

Peter O' Murchu  
086 834 2517

## COMMUNITY COMPLEX - BE PART OF IT !



**Charlie does some fancy spadework, watched by an appreciative audience !**

Work on the Community Complex will commence in early March 2004. This ambitious project will have enormous benefits for the entire Community. Our pitches and club rooms are used to capacity throughout the year by Football, Hurling and Camogie teams of various age groups. It is vital for the area's future, that we provide indoor facilities and amenities to cater for the growing population.

Donation Scheme

Our Donation Scheme, which commenced on the

1st January 2004, has been supported by 120 people to date. Our target is for **200** people to sign up to the Scheme. You may be aware that, without any extra cost to you, St. Laurence's Community Complex can benefit by as much as 72.4% on your most valued donation - that is, €25 per month from you can be worth as much as €43 to the project. Donation Scheme Forms are available from any Committee Member. **Get on board - be part of it !**

## SET DANCERS, FIGURE DANCERS AND HUMPTY DUMPTY CLUB

St. Laurence's club is pleased to share our facilities at Oldgrange with many community organisations. Groups such as The St. Laurence's Set Dancers, The Kilmead Figure Dancers and The Humpty Dumpty Club, have the welcome use of the club-rooms. These groups are an integral part of our community

and we are proud to be associated with them.

Clubs and groups interested in using the facilities at Oldgrange should contact Club Secretary, Martin Heydon (045) 403140.

If you would like to find out more about any of these groups, please contact the following :

St. Laurence's Set Dancers — Syl Bell (059) 8638938 or Betty Davis (059) 8626152.

Kilmead Figure Dancers — Jacinta Murphy (059) 8623204 or Marian Watchorn (059) 8626352.

Humpty Dumpty Club — Fiona Kinsella (059) 8636994.

## TRAINING FOR SENIOR & JUNIORS

Training for Junior and Senior footballers is well underway. This year Mick Moore from the St. Joseph's club in Laois is training the Seniors while Tony McMullen is taking charge of the Juniors.

Training generally takes place on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8pm sharp in Oldgrange. All new players are very welcome. Indeed this year we have been very fortunate to have several new play-

ers on board. This has given the entire club a great lift.

The senior football league does not begin until the 28th of March, with the championship starting in late April. The Junior football schedule follows a similar pattern with fixtures yet to be confirmed. Any player interested in joining these teams can do so by training with the lads on Tuesdays and Thursdays or by contacting Paddy Murphy (045 485324) or Tony Mc Mullen (087 770 2179).



**John Joe Walsh's stern half time team talk - but alas in vain - Street League Final Friday 20th February 2004.**

## STREET LEAGUE — A FANTASTIC SUCCESS

Minor, Junior and Senior footballers all took part in this floodlit club competition. Four teams were drawn and the games began in early January. Each team played each other on three different nights culminating in the finals played on Friday, 20th of February.

Overall honours went to *Willies Wonders*, a team with a fine blend of youth and experience as had *John Joe's Giants* the runners up. All players showed great enthusiasm for this competition. Their positive response contributed hugely to the competitive games played and

there was no shortage of skill and excitement. Much credit must go to the organisers, Martin Heydon and John Joe Walsh. Their good work meant that over 60 players took part, all of whom vowed they would return next year to claim honours.

Many thanks must also go to referee, Fran Bolger, who had the task of keeping law and order.

Finally, it was fantastic to see the blend of new and old players. We hope that everyone enjoyed the craic and will be down training in the coming weeks.



Street League Champions 2004 !

**Willie's Wonders** - "a mixture of youth and experience". Back row L / R : Joe Murphy, Anthony Kelly, Sean Higgins, Paddy Keatley, Junior Miley, Niall O'Meara, Gearoid Kealy, Manager Willie Keatley. Front row : Graham Deane, Gary Warren, Tony McMullen, Chris Keogh and Liam Miley

## CAMOGIE GIRLS BACK IN TRAINING

The very successful St. Laurences Camogie teams are back on the training field in preparation for this years competition. At senior level the girls have now won a staggering 10 County Finals in a row. No doubt they will prove to be the team to beat in Kildare in the coming year, despite the entry of a number of

combination teams for the first time. Everyone in the club wishes the girls all the best in 2004. Training takes place every Wednesday and Sunday at 7:30 pm and 10 am respectively. New members are very welcome.

For further details please contact chairperson, Deirdre McDonald (045) 485341 or

Secretary, Aisling Treacy (045) 485914. Underage Camogie Training is organised by Lily Bowden ( phone 05986 32319 ) on Saturdays at 6 pm.

"Lucy's Little Ones " train on Saturday mornings at 11.30 a.m . Contact Lucy O'Neill on 085 714 7985.

### FIELD DAY

In Oldgrange

**Sunday June 20th  
2004**

**Don't miss a great day out  
for all the family !**

## HURLING NEWS

A number of people are working very hard to promote hurling within the Club. It is incumbent on us all to support them in their efforts to breathe some life into hurling in this area. Training for Under 12 and Under 14 Hurlers is currently taking place on Monday nights at 7 p.m. Under 14 League is due to commence on Saturday the 3rd April 2004 with a home game against Castledermot. Under 12 League fixtures are not yet

available. Feile Hurling and Camogie will be hosted by Kildare commencing Thursday 24th June 2004. St. Laurences will be hosting a visiting club. Preparations are ongoing for this important event. Anyone with an interest in/ love of hurling might wish to make contact with some of the hurling officials - namely Patricia Doyle ( 045) 403 247; Michael Whelan ( 087 670 0708 ) ; or Willie Ryan ( 045 ) 485 973.



The Hymac has arrived - groundworks to commence shortly !

Blast from the past ! Don't you just love the hairstyles!

Team Mentors 2004

Senior Team

Manager:  
Michael Moore (05986 27184)

Selectors:  
Paddy Murphy (086 600 7750)  
Willie Keatley (086 822 9840)  
John Joe Walsh : (087 207 1054)

Junior Team

Manager:  
Tony McMullen (087 770 2179)

Selectors:  
Johnny Keogh (087 792 0544)  
Liam McLoughlin (086 290 2852)

Minor Team

Manager:  
Sean Ryan (086 259 5463)

Selectors:  
John O'Brien (086 153 4840)  
John Dunne (087 258 7025)

Under 16 Team

Manager:  
Dom Keatley (087 678 5240)

Selectors:  
P.J.Finnegan (087 910 0 926)  
Richie Corcoran (087 293 2618)  
Jimmy Deay (087 638 0650)  
Shane Keogh (087 748 5850)

Under 14 Team

Manager:  
Liam Molloy (087 979 6849)

Selectors:  
Shane Keogh (087 748 5850)  
Keith Barrett (087 797 6128)

## Quiztime !

Name these 23 handsome young men from 1980!

Entries to PRO Dermot O'Toole, Spratstown, Ballitore (before 20th March). First correct entry drawn wins €50.



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## Directions to the Club Grounds at Oldgrange, Narraghtmore

