

Good wishes

from the

Club President

Generations of Dunnamaggin people at home and abroad have longed to see this day - the day when the local G.A.A. Club would have a playing field that it could truly call its own. Temporary homes are by their very nature are provisional and for that reason unsatisfactory.

In the mid 1990s a group of energetic and committed people had a dream. Today that dream has come to fruition. Past generations of hurlers are looking on with envy and awe at the meticulously manicured field and state of the art dressing rooms. It must surely rank as one of the finest facilities in the county.

Gaelic Games have been part of our culture heritage since Cuchulainn was a boy. They have been part of Dunamaggin folklore since the turn of the last century. They have shaped and enriched our culture and lifestyle enormously. Most important of all they have brought people together to celebrate and sometimes too to commiserate.

In times when a thrust towards individual living and sedentary lifestyles are becoming more the norm involvement in sport both on and off the playing field is all the more imperative. Sport nurtures mind and body or as the ancient Romans might say: mens sana in corpore sano - 'a healthy i-mind in a healthy body'.

Different articles in this will book will document the 'highs and lows' of Dunnamaggin Hurling. It suffices for me to say that it was my privilege to preside over tile 'highest of the highs' - Dunamaggin contesting and winning its first ever County Senior Hurling 1997. I look forward to a repeat experience in the not too distant future.

Finally I congratulate the Club, its numerous sub-committees and loyal supporters for making a dream come through. Our greatest dream still lies ahead though - being Senior County Champions soon again and havin a Dunamaggin man hold the Liam McCarthy Cup aloft in Croke Park on the Second Sunday of September. We were nearly there in 1998. Who knows what marvels the Lord will work for us and through us as we advance into a new centurn.

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