

Preface

The last decade of the twentieth century has been a momentous one for the GAA in the parish of Dunnamaggin. Success in club competitions in the county has been astonishing, crowned by a senior hurling championship in 1997. Players from the parish have played for and captained county teams with distinction, and the trojan work of a dedicated development committee over the past five years or so have given the parish a first class pitch and dressing rooms in a beautiful setting.

What is offered in the pages that follow is a review not just of that eventful decade but of the history of the GAA in the parish over the past one hundred and fourteen years or so. It is by no means the full story, and there are regrettable lacunae. Some of the information gathered painstakingly from the files of the local newspapers over the past five years by a group of youthful researchers has been used, but there is plenty there for another publication. It is hoped that these pages will give convey something of the richness of the Gaelic heritage of the parish through which the Glory River flows.

Many people contributed to this co-operative venture - youthful researchers, computer operators and typists, older parishioners who provided reminiscences, photographs and other material, and many others who helped in various ways. A word of gratitude to Dick and Ellen O'Shea, Jimmy Dunne and Malachy Hogan for their work over the past couple of weeks and to the members of the O'Donovan 'production team' and especially Mark, who typed and scanned the advertisements, and used his computer skills to great effect to prepare this work for the printers.

The resolution of the chairman of the hurling club, the invaluable advice and editorial work of Pat Henderson and Gerry O'Neill, and the herculean efforts of Eugene O'Donovan and his family have ensured the appearance of this publication to mark what is a memorable day for the GAA in the parish of Dunnamaggin.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh na leitheidí taitneamh agus sásamh as an leabhar seo. Is gné tabhachtach é den stair áitiúil. Tolle lege.

Fearghus Ó Fearghail,

Eagarthóir,

9ú lá de Bhealtaine 2000.