

CLG Coill an Chlochair N. Mhuire / Ceapach

Killyclogher St. Mary's
/ Cappagh GAA



2020 Óráid an Chathaoirligh Chairman's Address 2020

Welcome to the Chairman's Address 2020.

'2020 – A Very Unusual Year'

We have almost reached the end of 2020 and it has been a very unusual and difficult year for each and every one of us. I don't think anyone could have foreseen the impact Covid-19 had in all our personal lives and in the life of our Club. We can only look forward to next year with optimism and a return to normality in whatever form it may be.

I would like to pay tribute to our players, managers, coaches, trainers, backroom staff, umpires, linesmen and referees; to the stewards, to our Club shop assistants, those who manage the weekly Lotto and Cairde Cappagh, to all our younger members who gave willingly of their time to paint and clean up the Club, ably assisted by the ever faithful band of volunteers who give tirelessly of their time to make our Club – 'your club' a better place for everyone no matter what age you are and overcame the challenges of 2020.

We are very lucky to have the personnel within our Club with drive, experience and knowledge and a can-do attitude to deal with whatever hurdles may arise. Our Covid supervisors played an excellent role at all age groups to ensure the safety of all our players.

Due to the restrictions the football season was relatively short and teams of all ages, male and female maximised the time they had to train and play blitzes and competitive football. The most notable event of the year has to go to our senior footballers becoming 2020 League Champions, a title they deserve after being knocked out of the championship on penalties, which was an unfair way to end any team game.

The resurgence of handball is also worth noting and our representatives making a name for themselves in various competitions. Our Scór representatives also did the Club proud reaching the County and Ulster Provincial Finals.

The Fundraising committee were restricted in what they could do, however the virtual 5K/10K lockdown challenge created a great buzz within the Parish and further afield. This was also a fundraiser for Zest, a local charity and we all know that mental health is very important in these challenging times. The Golf Classic was a huge success and organised in a very short time frame, thanks to all who were involved and this and to our sponsors. Thanks also to Kieran McMullen for his professional live streaming of the event and this is something that we hope to do in future years.

The Health & Wellbeing committee played a very important role within our Club this year and their objective of making the club a healthy club was very apparent and their target is gaining Healthy Club status in 2021. The committee recognised the need in our community and organised drive-through drop-offs in conjunction with SVP, thanks to all our members who generously supported the collections. The Parish clean-up was a huge success and again got the community involved. I would ask that we all support their latest initiative of 'Keeping Cappagh Cosy' in conjunction with SVP.

Thanks to our Youth Officers for carrying out their various roles over the past year and managing the training schedules, which maximised the availability of the pitches.

The launch of our new website and the use of social media has played a very important role over the past year and I would ask that you take time to have a look at the website and the various links.

I would like to thank the many club sponsors whose contributions has helped us develop many areas of the club. I think in these times it is important that we support those sponsors who support the Club.

I would also like to sincerely thank the members of the club management committee for the crucial role you play in the effective running of the club during the year. A special thanks to the officers of the club and I would like to recognise the tremendous work and commitment they gave to me and the Club over the past year. Eamon has compiled his 2020 Secretary's Report and thanks to all who contributed and providing more detail on various aspects of the Club over the past year.

Finally, on behalf of the Club I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to all who lost loved ones over the past year and wish anyone that is unwell in our Parish at the moment a speedy recovery.

An Cathaoirleach
Liam Cunningham



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