



**Ui Raithilligh Tailte an Choliste C.L.G.**

**Collegeland O'Rahilly's GAC**



**Message from Pat Brannigan,**  
**Chairman of Collegeland O'Rahillys GAC**

I would like to thank Fr McCamley for giving us the opportunity to participate in the 11.30am Mass in St Peter's Collegeland on Sunday 5 December 2010 as we remember our deceased members over the past 61 years and as we prepare for our Club's Annual General Meeting at 5.30pm on Sunday afternoon.

Back in 2009 we began our local La Na gClub celebrations early when we had His Eminence, Cardinal Sean Brady at our Clubrooms. That was where we paid tribute to our founding members as we celebrated the formation of the Club back in 1949. We were honoured when the Cardinal blessed our Certificate of 109 Family Names and that Certificate will be one of Sundays Offertory Gifts.

O'Rahillys have a number of very active Committee members, Sub Committee members, Club members and players, supporters and well wishers who give their time and dedication freely, often without acknowledgement or appreciation. Like all other Clubs we do need people to support our efforts financially to enable us to continue to provide local GAA facilities for local families.

At the moment the Club provides activities and facilities through football, fielding two Collegeland teams, senior and B-team. To provide games for younger people we join with Annaghmore and Clonmore under the name of St John's/Naomh Eoin. The work of organising training and games for young people is shared among the three clubs. We want more parents and family members to help or to just come to watch their children play Gaelic games.

Beginning back in 2008 and then again at the 2009 AGM our Club members took a step into the future when in common with GAA Clubs across Ulster they welcomed the opening of our GAA facilities in Collegeland to other interest groups which we considered would be of value to the local community. It was explained that this was an important part of our Club Development Plan currently in preparation and we called for suggestions. We can now report that in our Clubrooms we continue to provide facilities which

celebrate our irishness with the men's football, boys and girls underage football, the McBride School of Dancing weekly lessons, Irish language classes, our renewed participation in Scor and our very popular Culture nights with many local musicians and singers dropping in to share their talent. We also continue to support St Peter's Primary School in their GAA activities.

We have also welcomed the wider community through a number of health and well-being initiatives including the Slimming World group, visits from the Action Cancer Big Bus, and the recently formed Charlemont and Collegeland Community Development Association who organised the popular computer classes in our Clubrooms in association with the Armagh's Southern Regional College.

At our AGM on Sunday 5 Dec 2010 at 5.30 pm we will hear a proposal to adopt the first seven from a range of new Policies and Procedures. The authority to develop these originated from the 2009 AGM and were developed within the Club Development Plan group and brought to the main Committee during the year. These will provide Codes of Conduct for Members, Players, and Management; a Child Protection Policy; a Player Transfer policy; along with Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures. They will all be available on the Club Noticeboard for the week prior to the AGM - from Sunday 26 November - and on the Club website at [www.collegelandorahillys.com](http://www.collegelandorahillys.com). Another proposal is that we follow the GAA Ulster Council's Club Maith guidance regarding the roles and functions of Club officers and the structures for running the Club.

Remember next year will mark fifty years since the famous "sixty-one team" won the Armagh senior Championship.

Can I extend this invitation to you to attend the Club's AGM on Sunday 5 Dec at 5.30pm to join with others to elect the incoming Committee and to consider the proposed Policies, Procedures and Structures which can guide the Club in the years ahead.