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BURNS' AMBITION:

Jarlath Burns has begun his three-year term as Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael.

FOOTBALL



Have Your Say on the Way We Play

The future playing rules of Gaelic football are up for discussion, and you can have a say in what way it goes. Former All-Ireland winning manager Jim Gavin is in charge of the new FRC who have issued a survey to gather the views of supporters and members. The survey is available at <https://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/games/football-review-committee> Meanwhile, you can find out all about Jim Gavin and his Football Review Committee via <https://www.gaa.ie/article/football-review-committee-outline-timeline-for-proposals>

WORLD GAA DUBAI



GAA CLUB BLAZING A TRAIL IN DUBAI

Two years ago, Dubai Éire Óg did not exist. Now they coach 200 children every week. Read more on the latest remarkable success story in World GAA via: <https://www.gaa.ie/article/dubai-eire-og-are-a-remarkable-overnight-success-story>

NEWS



Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative inspires the next generation

Off the field of play the future of Gaelic Games is being shaped by the outstanding young people who are emerging through their participation in the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative. Cian O'Connell got the insight of some of them and learnt how leadership is developed in a fun environment...

<https://www.gaa.ie/article/leadership-skills-developed-in-fun-environment>

WORLD GAA



STRATEGIC PLAN DREAMS BIG FOR WORLD GAA DOMINATION

Michael Cusack described the rapid growth of the fledgling GAA in 1884 as being like 'a prairie fire'. What would he make of World GAA today with almost 500 clubs thriving outside of Ireland? The new World GAA Strategic Plan aims to fan the flames of this popularity with its first ever strategic set of targets. From Canada to Cambodia and everywhere in between, read about the plans for World GAA here <https://www.gaa.ie/article/strategic-plan-will-fuel-the-growth-of-world-gaa>

CLUB



207 New clubs join the GAA Healthy Clubs Programme

From the humble beginnings of 16 clubs in a pilot programme in 2013, the GAA Healthy Club Programme has grown to be a tour de force, positively impacting 450 clubs nationwide, and according to analysis generating more than €50m in healthy benefit savings to the HSE. The latest recruits, 207 clubs, have embarked on their journey. Find out more here... <https://www.gaa.ie/article/207-clubs-join-the-irish-life-gaa-healthy-club-programme>

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GLASS AND DEEGAN ARE BEST OF THE BEST IN CLUB CLASS

The AIB GAA Club Players Awards were held at Croke Park on Friday, March 8. As well as the club teams of the year being honoured, the overall AIB GAA Club Footballer and Hurler of the 2023/24 season were announced with Glen's Conor Glass and O'Loughlin Gaels' Paddy Deegan chosen for the top awards.

<https://www.gaa.ie/article/aib-club-players-of-the-year-announced>

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Family of GAA Founder rediscover their GAA roots

John McKay was one of the seven men in Hayes' Hotel when the GAA was formed 140 years ago. His great grandson Patrick was unaware of their rich family history until recently and has just made his first ever trip to Croke Park. Read all about this fascinating GAA version of "Who do you think you are?"...

<https://www.gaa.ie/article/descendents-of-gaa-founder-visit-croke-park-for-first-time>

NCD



GAA National Club Draw 2024 Winners

- All New Dacia Duster Car - Mary Harkin - Cloughaneely GAA, Donegal
- €10,000 Cash - Jim Hammel - Annacurra GAA, Wicklow
- All-Ireland Hurling & Football Final Package 2024 - James McGrogan - Sean O'Leary GAC Newbridge, Derry
- All-Ireland Hurling & Football Final Package 2024 - Orla Donnelly - Clann Éireann GAC, Armagh
- All-Ireland Football Final Package 2024 - Laura Bonner - Naomh Pádraig Uisce Chaoín GAA, Donegal
- All-Ireland Hurling Final Package 2024 - Enda Callanan - Corofin GAA, Galway
- All-Ireland Football Final Package 2024 - Eoin Quinlan - Meelick-Eyrecourt GAA, Galway
- All-Ireland Hurling Final Package 2024 - Cathal Daly - English St. Patricks GAA, Tyrone
- All-Ireland Football Final Package 2024 - Niju Joseph - Ballygunner GAA, Waterford
- All-Ireland Hurling Final Package 2024 - Josh Rooney - Naomh Barróg, Dublin
- A full list of all prize winners is available from: <https://www.gaa.ie/article/gaa-national-club-draw-2024-winners-announced>

CLUB



Feel Féile strong with John West nutrition

Did you know... Processed products contribute nearly 30% of the total salt intake of teenagers, according to the National Teens' Food Survey in a survey undertaken by the Irish Universities Nutrition Alliance (IUNA).

In addition, the latest National Nutrition Survey, also undertaken by IUNA, found a staggering 94% of teenagers (and 66% of adults) are not getting enough Vitamin D.

The importance of healthy meal options was also stressed by John West Féile 2024 Féile Ambassadors and inter-county stars: Derry's Conor Glass (Gaelic Football), Kilkenny's Eoin Murphy (Hurling), Mayo's Danielle Caldwell (Ladies Football) and Waterford star and PwC GAA/GPA Camogie player of the year, Beth Carton.

Noreen Roche, Kilkenny senior hurling team dietician, highlights how two portions of fish per-week significantly increases Vitamin D levels.

"Tuna is high in natural protein and contains less than 120 calories per-tin. It provides other key nutrients we may be lacking, such as vitamin D. Also, tuna, when canned in water, is low in salt."

COMPETITION



WIN €10,000 GYM EQUIPMENT FOR YOUR CLUB

Optimum Nutrition, the Official Performance Nutrition Partner of the GAA & GPA, are running a competition to win a new club gym worth €10,000. Anyone can enter on behalf of their club and all you have to do is click on the link below and fill in your details:

<https://win-for-your-gym.sales-promotions.com/>

NEWS



ULSTER GAA partners with Autism NI

Ulster GAA has teamed up with Autism NI to support inclusion and raise vital funds for the charity throughout 2024.

Ulster GAA President Ciaran McLaughlin said: "I am delighted, as Ulster GAA President, to choose Autism NI as Ulster GAA's charity partner for 2024. Through our Games For All programme, we have become even more aware of the number of neuro-divergent young people in our communities across Ulster. Supporting the charity will provide opportunities to increase capacity in all our clubs and counties which will enable these young people to participate in our activities."

As a local charity, Autism NI provides vital services for over 35,000 autistic people and their families throughout the north, and campaigns for autism acceptance within society.

To find out more or for further information please call 028 9040 1729 or visit www.autismni.org

NEWS



Wheels Up! Croke Park rooftop tour is fully accessible

At a height of 17 stories the Skyline tour at Croke Park is an award-winning attraction. It is also fully wheelchair accessible as you can find out here...

<https://www.gaa.ie/article/james-accessible-adventure-to-the-skyline-of-croke-park>



New term. Jarlath with students from his school, St Paul's High School, Bessbrook, Co Armagh after his inauguration in Newry



Family ties: Uachtarán nua with son Jarly Óg, daughter Megan O'Keeffe, grandchild Blaithin and wife Suzanne Burns after his inauguration at Congress.

Jarlath Burns has begun his three-year term as Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael. Who is he? What will his agenda be?

Top 10 Things to Know About Jarlath

1.

He is a member of the Silverbridge club in South Armagh
2.

He played senior county football for Armagh for 13 seasons
3.

In 1999 he was midfield and captain when Armagh won the Ulster SFC which was their first Anglo Celt Cup since 1982
4.

He has served every level of his club executive as well as several national committees and has announced he will remain on as club secretary while GAA President – provided he continues to be voted in at the AGM each December!
5.

Regular viewers of TG4's GAA coverage will know he is a fluent speaker and is passionate about the Irish language
6.

His son Jarlath Óg is an Armagh senior footballer
7.

His daughter Megan is an All-Ireland Scór champion in Solo Singing and is married to Wexford hurler Diarmuid O'Keeffe.
8.

A teacher by profession, he was at St Paul's in Bessbrook for 34 years and as principal oversaw its growth to a student population of 1,800. As a student himself, he attended St Colman's College in Newry where among
9.

their former teachers was GAA founder Michael Cusack pre-1884.
10.

Jarlath is one of eight children and is married to Suzanne and they have five children and one grandchild
10.

He is self-taught at the guitar and the piano and has a passion for DIY.
- To find out more about the new President, and importantly his plan for the next three years, check out this in-depth interview with John Harrington of gaa.ie

<https://www.gaa.ie/article/jarlath-burns-sets-out-his-goals-for-gaa-presidency>



THE AIB GAA CLUB HURLING TEAM OF THE YEAR 2023/24



1. GERALD KELLY
St Thomas'



2. PADDY BURKE
Ruairi Óg, Cushendall



3. FINTAN BURKE
St Thomas'



4. HUW LAWLOR
O'Loughlin Gaels



5. DAVID FOGARTY
O'Loughlin Gaels



6. PADDY DEEGAN
O'Loughlin Gaels



7. SHANE COONEY
St Thomas'



8. DAVID BURKE
St Thomas'



9. PADDY LEAVEY
Ballygunner



10. MARK BERGIN
O'Loughlin Gaels



11. CONOR COONEY
St Thomas'



12. PETER HOGAN
Ballygunner



13. DESSIE HUTCHINSON
Ballygunner



14. ÉANNA BURKE
St Thomas'



15. NEIL MCMANUS
Ruairi Óg, Cushendall



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THE AIB GAA CLUB FOOTBALL TEAM OF THE YEAR 2023/24



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Seán O'Shea - Ciarraí

Peileadóir Chiarraí, Seán Ó Sé, ceaptha ina Ambasadóir Gaeilge CLG do 2024

Fógraíodh gurb é peileadóir Chiarraí, Seán Ó Sé, a bheadh mar Ambasadóir na Gaeilge ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael do 2024, ag ócáid i bPáirc an Chrócaigh an mhí seo caite. Tá an Ghaeilge an-tábhachtach do Sheán agus tá sé ag súil go mór leis an ról mar Ambasadóir Gaeilge de chuid an Chumainn.

Mar chuid den ról beidh Seán ag tacú le scéimeanna agus le hócáidí Gaeilge de chuid an Chumainn ar nós Cuaille (iris Ghaeilge ar líne an Chumainn), Lá Mór na Gaeilge, Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha agus na GAAgaeilge Go Games a bheidh ar siúl i bPáirc an Chrócaigh níos déanaí sa bhliain.

Dúirt Seán gur mhór an onóir a bhí ann dó a bheith mar Ambasadóir na Gaeilge agus go raibh sé ag súil go mór leis an mbliain amach roimhe. Tá sé ag súil, freisin, le daoine a spreagadh lena gcuid Gaeilge a labhairt le linn na bliana.

Ó d'imir Seán le Ciarraí don chéad uair thiar sa bhliain 2018, tá cúig cinn de Chraobhacha Mumhan, dhá cheann de Shraitheanna Náisiúnta agus Craobh amháin Uile-Éireann buaite aige. Bhí sé ina chaptaen ar Chiarraí nuair a bhuaigh siad an Chraobh Uile-Éireann sin i 2022 agus beidh cuimhne go deo ar an gcic saor buacach a d'aimsigh sé in aghaidh Átha Cliath i gcluiche leathcheannais na bliana sin chomh

maith lena óráid bhuacach tar éis dó Corn Shomhailre Mhig Uidhir a ardú – de bharr an méid Gaeilge a labhair sé agus é ag caint. Tá dhá Ghradam All-Star buaite ag Seán go dtí seo.

Tá Cumann Lúthchleas Gael ag súil go mór le bheith ag obair le Seán don bhliain amach romhainn. Tagann fear Neidín sna sála ar pheileadóir na Gaillimhe, Paul Conroy, a bhí mar Ambasadóir Gaeilge ar CLG i 2022 agus ar iománaí an Chláir, Paul Flanagan, a bhí mar Ambasadóir na Gaeilge i 2023.



GAA Clubs supporting Heritage week 2024

To mark the 140th anniversary of the GAA, the Association is supporting the official National Heritage Week festival which takes place from August 17-25.

The theme this year is 'Connections, Routes and Networks' and celebrates Ireland's cultural, built and national heritage.

In 2018 Hurling and Camogie were granted UNESCO's prestigious Intangible Cultural Heritage status and work has commenced on having Gaelic football and Ladies Gaelic Football also added to this list.

Our great games aside, there are lots of ways that the community strength and the role the Association plays in promoting our heritage can be celebrated as part of National Heritage Week in August.

Here are some simple, sample ideas.

1. **OPEN DAY:** Have an open day at your clubrooms. Invite members of the community to come and bring along items or objects related to the GAA. This can be everything from hurls to medals to jerseys to autographs. Participants will be invited to tell each other the story of their object. Have the open day aimed at those that are new to the community and/or not regular GAA followers to showcase all the sports of the GAA and its history.

2. **ORAL HISTORY PROJECT:** Invite the ICAN network to come to a club to collect oral history about the club, the parish, important games the parish club participated in and stories from those games. Why not follow the advice of the GAA Generations project and encourage younger members to record the oral history of older members of the club and community to strengthen the bond of identity and connection. For info on GAA Generations see <https://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/community-and-health/youth-leadership/gaa-generations>

3. **PHOTO EXHIBITION:** Invite club members and the community to submit photos from activities in the club and at games and display as part of a photo exhibition.

4. **HOST A TALK.** Invite a local historian to speak on the history of the GAA in your area of your county. The heritage of local clubs, and how the game developed in your area. Why does your club wear those colours? What's the story behind your club name? Where did it play its first matches? Who founded the club?

5. **SCÓR.** Have a Scór concert with a focus on local traditional songs or songs about the GAA club. Include Irish dancing, poetry recitals and novelty acts. <https://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/cultur-agus-gaeilge/scor>

6. **CREATE A CLUB HISTORY AND ARCHIVE.** This can be done as a digital project. Invite members of the club to explore the club history and create a presentation that can be recorded as a video or presented live. Consider the Heritage Council Community Heritage Grant Scheme for this and other ideas. Start a club archive by exploring and bringing together minute books, old documents, plans etc related to the club. Invite old and young members of the club to explore this new archive.

7. **PLAY GAMES.** Nothing celebrates the GAA more than the playing of games. Poc fada, cic fada, Dads and Lads, Gaelic4Mothers&Others. Social hurling and camogie. Walking indoor football for senior citizens. Wheelchair hurling demo. GAA For All inclusion activities. All of these offer the opportunity to get people out, get people involved and get people active and celebrate the GAA and our cultural heritage.



DATA BREACH MANAGEMENT: INFORMATION FOR CLUBS

What is a data breach?

A Data Breach is a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data.

It's more than just losing personal data & examples include:

- Sending an email containing personal data of another person to the incorrect recipient;
- Sharing personal data processed in the context of GAA activities with someone not entitled to that information;
- Loss or theft of paper files;
- Personal data is made unavailable, for example, when it has been encrypted in a cyberattack;
- Unauthorised alteration or deletion of personal data.

It's important we also record and learn from near miss events (where an actual disclosure of personal data was avoided) and analyse what failed to allow the event to occur.



What do I need to do?

If a data breach occurs it's important to manage it and prevent further loss and make sure we, the GAA, meet our reporting obligations as outlined in the GDPR.

- As soon as a data breach is identified or suspected (even if you're not sure a data breach has actually occurred) contact the GAA Data Protection Officer ('DPO') by emailing dataprotection@gaa.ie or directly caroline.ferguson@gaa.ie.
- The DPO will ask for as much information as possible about the breach and work with the Club to help manage the breach, protect the personal data subject to the breach and consider what needs to be done to prevent it from happening again.

Key things to remember:

- It's vitally important that all data breaches are reported to the DPO as soon as possible and no later than 24 hours after identification.
- The longer a data breach goes unreported the harder it can be to address any vulnerabilities and may allow the issue to escalate.
- The GDPR also requires that all data breaches are reported to the Supervisory Authority (in Ireland this is the Data Protection Commission) within 72 hours of identification. Where we don't report a data breach within 72 hours, we must provide the DPC with an explanation outlining why we did not meet this deadline.

And most importantly:

Working together, the DPO and Club will help ensure we're protecting the personal data and right to privacy of the members, supporters and players who trust us with their data whilst ensuring we meet our regulatory obligations.



Lawful Processing of Personal Data

Using personal data the right (& lawful) way

The GAA relies on personal data for several reasons – administering memberships, purchase of match tickets and registration for camps to name just a few.

The GDPR requires that personal data is processed in a lawful, fair and transparent way. In order to do this, we need to:

- Have a valid ground for processing by assigning one of the lawful basis - such as consent, legal obligation, contract execution, vital/public interest or legitimate interest;
- Handle and process data within the reasonable expectations of the individual. Consider:
 - What information about the processing was given at the time of the data being collected;
 - From the individual's perspective, what are they providing the data for?
 - Where processing is unexpected, can we explain why the processing is justified. An example of this would be to comply with a legal requirement;
- Be clear, open and honest with people from the start about how we will use their personal data.



If a club wishes to process data in an alternative way to the reason it was originally collected, such as to send a newsletter regarding a fundraising event, it must be done lawfully. Contact the GAA DPO who will work with you to ascertain how and if the processing can go ahead. Remember, your position comes with responsibilities. Where access is granted to personal data in your role within your club, it must be strictly limited to the specific purpose.

Failure to meet the requirements regarding data breach management and lawful processing, exposes the GAA to substantial fines from the DPC, loss of trust and complaints, reputational damage and individuals also have the right to seek compensation for damage caused by the misuse of personal data.

It is, therefore, of utmost importance that the GAA and its employees process personal data in the right way.





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SUSPECTED HEAD INJURY

- Concussion is a brain injury that can be caused by an impact to a player's head or body
- Over 90% of concussions occur without a loss of consciousness, therefore recognition of other signs and symptoms is crucial

"IT'S NOT ALWAYS A KNOCK-OUT"

OBSERVATION

INITIAL SIGNS:

The nature of the impact:

- The speed of the impact / collision
- Was the player braced for impact? (Did they see the impact coming)
- Was there any rotational (twisting) motion of the head / neck caused by the impact?

INDICATORS:

Player's reaction:

- Did they lie motionless for any period of time?
- Were they unsteady on their feet?
- Did they clutch their head?

RED FLAGS:

Urgent medical attention:

- Possible neck or spinal Injury –player should not be moved
- Prolonged Loss of consciousness
- Deteriorating conscious state
- Convulsions / Seizures
- Vomiting
- Double Vision
- Disorientation/Confusion
- Severe or increasing headache
- Abnormalities of balance or coordination
- Slurred or incoherent speech
- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs

A SIMPLE TWO-STEP PROCESS SHOULD BE APPLIED:

1. RECOGNISE -

the signs and symptoms

2. REMOVE -

the **player** from the **field** of play

Remember,
if there is any suspicion of concussion, the player
should be removed from the field of play:

**"IF IN DOUBT,
SIT THEM OUT"**

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