

2021 CLUICHE CEANNAIS CHORN DÓNAL Ó LOINGSIGH



Cill Mheasáin

1. Sean Power
2. Jack Byrne
3. Mark Munnelly (c)
4. Pdraig Maguire
5. Kris Gorman
6. Peter Farrell
7. Richard Judge
8. Paul Grimes
9. Marty Mulhall
10. Aidan Mangan
11. Ger O'Neill
12. Kevin O'Reilly
13. Danny Thynne
14. Jack Brady
15. David Hackett
16. Paddy Wright
17. Paul O'Brien
18. Charlie Keena
19. Alexander Smith
20. Donal Kelleher
21. Scott Bagnall
22. James Greene
23. Kyle Holden
24. Cathal Murphy
25. Scott Armstrong
26. Conor Harkin
27. Fionn Maguire
28. Cian Maguire
29. Kyle Smith
30. Conor Gorman



Rath Tó

1. Colm O'Riordan
2. James McCann
3. Cormac Butler
4. Eoin McNerny
5. Paddy Dowd
6. Niall McLarnon
7. Pierce Butler
8. Brian Kiernan
9. Cian Smith
10. Sam Coughlan
11. Brian Moore
12. Sean Donnelly
13. Alex O'Kane
14. Damien O'Meara
15. Luis Nolan
16. Tom Roddy
17. Harry Dalchan
18. Will Lanigan
19. Tommy Cooper
20. Sean Keogh
21. Conor Ward
22. Paddy Cody
23. Paul Kirwan
24. Tadhg McCann
25. Sean Johnson



Mark Munnelly



Bainisteoir: Jimmy Maguire
Roghneorí Eile: Tony Grimes
Nicky Horan
Paddy Horan

An Fear Uasal, Dónal Ó Loingsigh

February 2nd 2021

*Some kind words from the Donaghmore/Ashbourne G.A.A. Club
on February 3rd 2021:*

It is with great sadness that news filtered around the community about the death of a true gentleman and great club member Dónal Ó Loingsigh. Poor Dónal passed away on Tuesday evening after a short and brave battle with illness and he leaves behind a huge void.

As a club, we hope you join us in sending our condolences and support to his wife Síle, daughter Doireann, son Fiach, son in law Dónal, daughter in law Fi and grandchildren Eleanor, Hugh, Siun and Darrach together with his extended family at this tough time.

Originally from Baile Bhuirne in the West Cork Gaeltacht, Dónal was a proud Cork man and always flew the Rebel's flag. He followed the "Blood and Bandage" of both the footballers and hurlers on every possible occasion with pride and passion. Outside his family, Dónal had a huge love for the "small ball" and was an ever-present driving force for Hurling in the club since his arrival in Ashbourne. He was a consistent promoter of the game and even when things were not going so well within the code Dónal's drive and persistence ensured that we got through the tough times by ensuring that the lads kept playing and the hurling continued. Dónal made it work with his drive and passion and ability to get people on board and not take the easy option and give up.

His other love was that of the Irish Language and Dónal had the most beautiful way of promoting the language whenever he could. He had a great ability to make people comfortable with whatever level of Irish one had. If you wanted to have a full conversation as Gaeilge or only had a cúpla focal Dónal treated you with respect and appreciated that you're trying to use what you had. His warm character never made people feel conscious about what they did not know as he encouraged them to use what they did.

As a club member and outside his role with the Hurlers Dónal always gave as much as he could to the club. He was a member of the Stewards committee and rarely if ever failed to answer the call to provide stewarding for matches or events in the club. He was also a member of the Grounds Committee for years and like all on that committee he worked quietly and diligently behind the scenes in a role where nobody ever sees the work being done but would definitely notice if it wasn't done. He spent many a Saturday morning and weekday working away and getting things done and he did it with pride and always with a smile on his face.

He was a quiet and pleasant man who always met you with a big smile and the open hand of friendship. He was a quiet-spoken man who never raised his voice or showed aggression. But he was no pushover and was well able to stand up for his beliefs and could make his point at meetings eloquently without any aggression or intimidation. He had a great ability to get his point across in a quiet way and he could bring people along and get things done. Such was his warmth it was hard to refuse Dónal on the rare occasion he did ask for help.

Dónal was an extremely dedicated and highly respected primary school teacher and was a founding member of the teaching staff of Scoil an tSeachtar Laoch in Ballymun. He was one of the four original teachers when they first opened in 1973 and later became principal during his career there. In fact, Síle also served on the teaching staff there and now Doireann continues their teaching legacy in the school.

Dónal was what one would regard as a great Christian and he led by example. He was also involved in the Bethany Bereavement Support group within the parish that provides great support to people suffering from bereavement. There is no doubt that his warm and considerate personal characteristics were a huge asset to those who needed support during their tough times.

Until his illness, Donal was a very fit man and was constantly seen cycling around Ashbourne and surrounding areas. He was also a member of the Ashburners Cycling club and like our club here he was equally respected in that community as well.

On a final note, Dónal had many great traditional beliefs and customs and one was to attend wakes and funerals of relatives of club members no matter where they were on the island. He would think nothing of Síle and himself getting into the car and driving 2-3 hours to pay their respects and show their support to a fellow club member in a time of need. It's sad to think that with the Covid restrictions we as a club cannot show that same support to Síle and the family in the way she and Dónal regularly would have in the past. Those of us who were lucky enough to have Dónal enter our lives are richer for our experience and have great memories of a beautiful and true gentleman.

Codladh sámh Dónal, a chara.



27-09-21

**Presentation of Corn Dónal Ó Loingsigh to Meath G.A.A. at
Donaghmore/Ashbourne GAA Club**

L to R: Jim Mullery, Treasurer, Meath G.A.A., Joseph Synnott, Vice-Chairperson, Donaghmore/Ashbourne G.A.A., Sheila Ní Dhuibhne, Doireann and Siun Ní Loingsigh, and Martin O'Halloran, Chairperson, Meath Hurling Committee.

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