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Secretary's Report | Tuarascáil An Rúnaí

To our club members - I present this secretary's report for 2024. This report will highlight our club's achievements, activities, and notable developments over the past year.

Once again, Tempo Maguires experienced an eventful year, demonstrating high activity both on and beyond the field. Our members continue to proactively lead the club with a strong sense of professionalism.

Coaching & Games

Cúl Camp

In July, 135 children took part in Cúl Camp in Tempo - a great success. A massive thanks to all the volunteers in the club for making this possible by assisting over the course of the week, Bronagh Brennan as Cúl Camp co-ordinator, as well as Teresa McNabb and her team from Fermanagh GAA.



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Movember Ahead of the Game

Our U14/U16 LGFA players attended the Movember Ahead of the Game Workshop along with their parents and coaches. The workshop was presented brilliantly by two inspirational players from Derry - Thomasina Cassidy and Anton Tohill. Movember's mental fitness programme teaches an understanding of mental health and helps build the mental fitness to deal with the challenges life and sport can throw. Many thanks to everyone who participated in this very important subject of our mental health.



Rounders

GAA Rounders is one of the four official GAA sports included in the original GAA charter back in 1884 along with Gaelic Football, Hurling and Handball. We had a fantastic morning in mid-September with Arleen from GAA Rounders putting on a taster session/exhibition match with 20 young players as part of European Heritage Open Days. There's a huge appetite for more of this and we hope to get working on it soon. If you're interested in coming on board, get in touch. Thanks to Fermanagh & Omagh District Council for the sponsorship which was used to feed the players and spectators.



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Handball

GAA Handball is another code we are planning on introducing to Tempo in the very near future. With the re-opening of St. Mary's Community Centre, there is an opportunity to develop two handball walls inside. Handball and Rounders have both been incorporated into the sessions at Tempo Youth Club to widen the appeal of these sports and the feedback has been very positive. We are working with GAA Handball at provincial and national level on this initiative and we hope to have more news very soon.

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Community Engagement and Development

Walkathon and Family Fun Day

The Walkathon fundraiser was another huge success and shows what can be achieved when all our members come together in such a positive fashion. Thanks to everyone involved in the event.



Christmas Winter Wonderland

Another wonderful Winter Wonderland was hosted by the club last December. This was a big success, thanks to a fantastic team of volunteers led by Sarah McCusker and Leda Fry, who provided this service for both club and non-club members, earning appreciation from everyone. We look forward to the wonderland coming back again on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December. Book your slot now at bookwhen.com/tempowinterwonderland

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Charity Work



We were delighted to hand over a donation of £1,100 to The Aisling Centre which was raised through the Dawn Walk earlier this year. Thanks to our Healthy Club Workgroup for organising the event on such a lovely morning in Tempo again and to the 85 people who took part to support this fantastic local charity.



Ulster GAA Safeguarding Course

There was a very well attended Safeguarding Course, led by Ulster GAA for all Tempo Executive members and all current coaches. This helps to ensure our club creates and maintains the safest possible environment in which our children and young people can participate in our Gaelic games and activities.

Club Maith

The Bank of Ireland Club Maith accreditation scheme allows clubs to benchmark themselves against best practice and encourages them to aim for excellence in their

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club activities beyond the playing field. The awards makes a clear, proven statement about the quality of Tempo Maguires right across five core areas of GAA club business: Governance; Community Engagement; Coaching & Games; Health and Wellbeing and Safeguarding of our Members.

Having been successful in accreditation for Bronze, Silver and Gold Club Maith Awards previously, we are delighted to say that Tempo Maguires GAC have recently been awarded a Club Maith PLATINUM award. This is the highest level of accreditation available to clubs and only five clubs across Ulster secured this award.

GAA Green Club

The club was honoured at a ceremony in Croke Park on Saturday 9 November to mark the club's contribution to implementing sustainable actions for the club and the community. The club's considerable efforts include the installation of LED floodlighting, promoting active travel and reducing water consumption. Work is also well advanced on a large scale solar PV installation, which will help to reduce carbon emissions on site for space/water heating and lighting, and on improving biodiversity measures within the club grounds to make better use of space.



GAA President Jarlath Burns presents Tempo Maguires Chairperson Phil Flanagan with the award

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Culture, Social & Irish Language

Traditional Music / Ceol Traidisiúnta

Weekly classes for Tempo Trad Group in tin whistle and fiddle were held in the clubrooms thanks to grant funding from the Arts Council. Hopefully some of the participants can represent the club in Scór na nÓg in the future.

Reáchtáladh ranganna seachtainiúla le haghaidh Grúpa Thraidisiúnta t-Iompú Deiseal san fheadóg stáin agus san fhidil sna seomraí club mar gheall ar mhaoiniú deontais ón gComhairle Ealaíon. Tá súil agam gur féidir le cuid de na rannpháirtithe ionadaíocht a dhéanamh don chlub i Scór na nÓg amach anseo.



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Scór na nÓg

Well done to the Tempo girls that represented our club very well at the county Scór na nÓg Céilí Dancing in St Mary's Community Centre

Maith thú do na cailíní t-Iompú Deiseal a rinne ionadaíocht thar ceann ár gclub go han-mhaith sa chontae Scór na nÓg Céilí ag Damhsa in Ionad Pobail Naomh Muire



An Ghaeilge

Bhí bliain iontach ag ár gclub i 2024 maidir le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge. D'eagraíomar Gaeltacht seachtaine i mí Iúil, le tacaíocht ó Chomhairle Ceantair Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí, Foras na Gaeilge, agus Tús Nua Fhear Manach. Chomh maith leis sin, rinneamar an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn go mór ar feadh na bliana inár bhfoilseacháin ar fad. D'oibríomar go dlúth le Bunscoil Naomh Muire, An tIompú, ar a scéim Scoil Spreagtha le Gael Linn, d'eagraíomar blitz peile Ghaelach trí Ghaeilge i mí an Mhárta, tráthnóna comhrá, agus i bhfad níos mó.

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2024 has been a fantastic year for the promotion of the Irish language in our club. We held a week long Gaeltacht in July, with significant financial support from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, Foras na Gaeilge and Tús Nua Fhear Manach. In addition to this, we have heavily promoted the Irish language throughout the year in all of our publications. We have worked closely with St Mary's Primary School, Tempo on their Scoil Spreaghtha scheme with Gael Linn, we organised an Irish language Gaelic football blitz in March, a conversation evening, and much, much more.



Gaeltacht Scholarship / Sparánacht Gaeltachta

The club contributed to a Gaeltacht scholarship fund administered by Fermanagh GAA and this was used by some club members to avail of a reduced cost of a Gaeltacht place in summer 2024.

Thug an club airgead do chiste sparánacht Gaeltachta a chuireadh i bhfeidhm ag CLG Fhear Manach, agus bhí baill den chlub in ann áit ar chúrsa sa Ghaeltacht 2024 a fháil ar phraghas laghdaithe mar gheall ar an tionscnamh seo.

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Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha (Joe McDonagh Foundation)

The club was delighted to be presented with a silver medal award from the Joe McDonagh Foundation in recognition of the work that has been done in promoting the Irish language by the club at an awards dinner in Croke Park. Our Chairperson Phil Flanagan and Secretary Niall McElroy accepted the award on behalf of the club.

Bhí lúchair an domhain ar an chlub gur bhronnadh bonn cré-umha orainn ag an Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha ar son na hoibre a rinneadh sa chlub chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn. Bronnadh an bonn ag dinnéar bronnta i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. Ghlac Pilib Ó Flannagáin, Cathaoirleach an chlub, agus Niall Mac Giolla Rua, Rúnaí, leis an ghradam ar son an chlub.



**CLG MHC UIDHIR,
AN T-IOMPÚ DEISEAL**

Tá Cumann Mhig Uidhir an t-Iompú Deiseal cláraithe linn ón bhliain 2021. Chuir siad go mór le feiceálacht na Gaeilge ina gclub féin le comharthaí úr timpeall an chlub trí dheontas Fhondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha. Anuraidh bhain siad bonn airgid amach, is mór an obair atá curtha isteach acu chun sin a dhéanamh.

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Glór na nGael

Ireland Lights Up

We again hosted weekly walking sessions early in the year. This was a great opportunity for our club to light up and bring our community together to walk and talk in a safe environment during the dark winter evenings. We will be taking part again in early 2025 with more details to follow soon.

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GAA Social Initiative - Older People's Trip

The club received funding from the GAA & Specsavers Social Initiative to encourage a connection and re-connection between local GAA Clubs and older and more vulnerable people in the community. The club took club members to the Fermanagh v Armagh NFL game. A wonderful day was had by all.



Stewarding

Well done to Hugh Foy who was recognised for his contribution to Ulster GAA. Hugh is to be found looking after access to the 'soft seats' in many county grounds across Ulster. Hugh is highly regarded by the Gaels of Tempo, Fermanagh GAA and Ulster and his voluntary efforts are invaluable to the association.



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St. Patrick's Day Float

Congratulations to all our hardworking members who turned out a fantastic float at St Patricks Day Parade. Our young members enjoyed being part of the special day and transformed beautifully into Leprechauns, Pixies, Butterflies, Irish dancers and of course Niamh & Oisín of Tir na Nóg. Well done everyone.



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St Mary's Community Centre

It was absolutely wonderful to see the reopening of St. Mary's Community Centre, a wonderful facility at the heart of our community, that we have been prevented from using for a number of years. It took the foresight and drive from a group of people to make the reopening happen with our chairperson Phil Flanagan a major figure in this, and a real driving force in ensuring the people of our parish can access and use this great facility once again. Well done to Phil and his fellow community centre committee members.



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Facilities and Infrastructure



Facilities

Our facilities have been well used this year with both primary schools and the preschool making use of the pitches for sports day. We held the Family Fun Day as part of the Walkathon weekend in June. We also hosted numerous neutral games at our grounds throughout the year.



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Floodlights



There was an exciting and momentous day in Tempo earlier this month with huge progress on the next phase of our floodlighting project at St Patrick's Park, with the erection of the remaining poles and bulbs on both side of the main playing pitch. This work is only possible thanks to the commitment of our volunteers, the generosity of our those who support our club's fundraising efforts, and through grant funding from the Landfill Communities Fund with the support of the Ulster Wildlife Trust.





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Training Pitch Dugouts

Dugouts have been erected at the training pitch which is a welcome addition to this part of our club grounds.

St. Michael's Diocesan Trust

The club have been continuing to work with St Michael's Diocesan Trust in relation to outstanding issues from the lease of the training pitch and we await their feedback on proposals. We look forward to working with the trust to satisfactorily meet their requirements.

Pitches

It was great to see the fantastic condition of both our match and training pitches in 2024. This was helped greatly by the cooperation of all involved in avoiding use of our pitches during bad spells of weather earlier this year. After a comprehensive programme of work, at an extensive cost to the club, was carried out on the training pitch after damage to it at the end of 2023, it took longer than expected to recover.

This saw training sessions taking place away from the club in local 4G pitches in the early part of this season which enabled the pitch to get the required rest, leaving it in immaculate condition for all our players for the large part of 2024. We must praise and thank all our players, coaches and parents for working with the club in travelling to outside venues.

Players much prefer to play on nice surfaces free from muck and it is important moving forward we continue to give them that opportunity by caring for our pitches in periods of bad weather. As we all seen in the latter stages of 2023, a couple of days heavy rain followed by sessions on our training pitch can see the surface destroyed. It is then unplayable and very unsightly when looking down on it from our changing room area and the top pitch.

As was proven this year, using outside facilities during spells of bad weather is a better solution moving forward in order to have 2024 standard condition rather than 2023 standard.

Let us all lead by example in this regard and make it a culture in our club to look after our pitches and keep them in the best possible condition.



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Fundraising

Cairde Tempo

Cairde Tempo continues to be a very important fundraising scheme for our club that enables much needed work to be completed for our members, paid for, by our members. The club continues to go through an exciting period of development, and we are immensely appreciative of everyone who donates their time and money to assist us make improvements. Please get in contact if you can join this plan and support the growth of our club.

Cairde Donations in the financial year raised £25,040 plus an extra £6,452 in Gift Aid payments as a result of our registration as a Community Amateur Sports Club with HMRC.

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On The Field

Pobal Parish League

The Pobal Parish League returned this summer, with four weeks of games for P6, P7 and Year 8 children in the parish. Two of these games were held following our senior men playing in the Championship, which generated great interest. The league was very well supported and enjoyed by the children and wider community, with parents, relatives and volunteers cheering on the games. It was a hugely successful club event which the children are already looking to taking part in next season. Thanks to our Youth Officer Thomas McCusker for his organisation and planning of the league.



Paul & Orla Bogue Tournaments

A superb day was had by all in early July with the Paul Bogue tournament at U14 boys level and the Orla Bogue tournament at U18 girls level.

There were 16 boys teams in attendance from Fermanagh, Tyrone & Cavan. Butlersbridge were successful in the cup competition defeating Derrygonnelly Harps in the final with St. Patrick's, Donagh pipping Clogher in the shield final.

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The girls tournament saw 8 teams battle it out in a great day of football. The Cup final was contested between Fintona Pearses and Belcoo O'Rahilly's, with the Pearses ladies winning out. The shield final was contested by Irvinestown and Kinawley with the latter taking the win.

We thank all our volunteers led by Thomas McCusker for their efforts on the day. We are privileged to be able to remember Paul & Orla through this special day and thank Thomas & Angela for spending the full day with us.



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Match Officials/Refereeing

As a club, we are indebted to our sole club referee Hugh Breen for refereeing matches at all levels of club games in the GAA. Hugh has looked after some high-profile games in recent times and has represented our club very well. Thanks to his loyal band of umpires who travel with him to championship games. Without referees, games couldn't be played. We urgently need someone to step forward and become a referee at ladies matches on behalf of the club. Conor Meehan is heading up this project for Fermanagh LGFA, so please get in touch if you want to learn more about this opportunity.



Ladies football within the club continues to grow. It is great to see the enthusiasm in the underage section especially and the future looks bright. Some of our teams are now competing at the highest level in the county which is a reflection of the great work being put in at youth level. Notable moments were the U14 team who won the Brian Óg Maguire 7's Football Festival tournament, our minor girls winning the Division 2 league while the senior ladies had a wonderful year with trophies collected for the Club Players League and Intermediate championship.



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Two U13 teams competing in developmental leagues is great to see - well done to both teams! These teams fed into our U14 squad who competed strongly in the Division One league and continue to show they can compete at a high level in the county.

Our U16 team operated in Division Three of the league and the 'B' championship. The team put in some great performances in the league to reach the final against Brookeborough. In a super game of football the team battled gamely but lost out by the minimum 2-12 to 2-11. In the championship an understrength team lost out to Erne Gaels in the semi-final.

The minor team had a wonderful league campaign winning all their group stages games before a terrific final performance saw the team clinch the title over Brookeborough. The team competed in the 'A' championship losing out to Belcoo who ended up narrowly losing the A championship final. This team has shown tremendous improvement over the last couple of year having competed at Division 3 and 'B' championship level a couple of years ago. Well done girls!



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With low numbers, the senior team took part in the 9-a-side league, winning the final against Knockninny. A great start to the season for them.



An understrength team operated in division one of the league finishing in 4th place.

The Intermediate Championship has proved elusive over the last few years. It was the ultimate goal of this team since the start of the season to win the championship after losing the previous two finals. The resilience shown by this group over that time has to be commended and they got their reward by getting their hands on the intermediate title after seeing off Belcoo in a really competitive final.

The team moved on to the Ulster intermediate club championship where they made the long journey to Carrickmacross to take on the home team in a quarter-final clash. It proved to be a step too far for them as they faced an extremely talented team who were much superior on the day and ended up reaching the Ulster final. It was a great learning experience for the players which will hopefully give them a taste of playing in the provincial competition and show them the higher level they will face as they enter the senior championship next year.

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It has been a wonderful year for the team and we congratulate them and their management team on bringing a county title back to our club.

Well done to our senior players Bláithín, Cadhla, Eva and Shannan, on their fantastic All-Ireland success with Fermanagh. Well done also to Bláithín, Cadhla and Shannan on being named on the TG4 Junior Team of the Championship for 2024.



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In our underage boys section, the U12 team joined the U14 side in being 'Young Maguires', independent teams formed by Tempo Maguires and Brookeborough Heber MacMahons.

Two U12 teams were entered with one team in Division Three and the other team operating in Division Six. Both teams won two games in their group.



The U14 team were operating in Division Two of the league winning, three of their games and losing some other games narrowly. In their championship the team was knocked out in the preliminary round by Irvinestown. Overall there has been a positive improvement with this group over the last couple of years and with further development they could make even more progress at under 16 level.

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The under 16 team are another group who have made great progress this year after having a difficult under 15 campaign last season. The team was operating in Division Three where they finished mid-table of five teams with four wins and four defeats. They were defeated by St Patrick's in the first round of the championship after putting in a battling performance against a team who were operating in a higher league division than them.

The minor team put in some excellent performances in the early stages of their Division Three league competition and secured the final place with games to spare. They claimed the Division Three title after a brilliant final performance in Brewster Park against Coa. The team put in some further excellent performances in the championship especially in Belcoo in the early round when they had to come from behind to force extra time to reach the semi-final. They saw off Lisnaskea in the last four to reach the championship final only to be defeated by Derrylin in the decider.



The reserve team gave lots of opportunities to players to develop themselves and challenge for the senior team. In their league division two campaign they won four games and lost six while disappointingly two teams failed to field in games. In the championship, the team defeated Ederney in an excellent encounter at home in St. Patrick's Park that went to extra time. The team put in another really good performance against the eventual winners Irvinestown in the semi-final which saw some of the younger players put in brilliant performances as they pushed for senior places ahead of the intermediate championship.

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The senior team had a hesitant start to the season in the club players league with a draw against Irvinestown, a victory over Aghadrumsee, another draw against Coa and a defeat against Newtownbutler in their group games.

The team started the division two league with two victories then losing out to the eventual top placed side Irvinestown before going on a run of five victories that put them in a position to win promotion in the final league game at home to Teemore. Unfortunately the team wasn't able to claim a victory here with the win for Teemore seeing them join Irvinestown in the promotion places. For the second year in a row the team has been unable to claim enough points from the teams above them and that has ultimately cost them promotion again on this occasion. With the team striving to finish in the top two places and move up to Division One, the aim will have to be to secure more victories against their fellow promotion challengers.

The intermediate championship got off to a shaky start for with a draw against Roslea and a home defeat to Belcoo leaving the team under pressure going into their final group match against Maguiresbridge with the threat of a relegation play-off hanging over them. The team responded with an excellent performance and win over Maguiresbridge that resulted in a home quarter-final against Derrylin. A strong finish against the O'Connells saw a return to the semi-final for the third year in a row. An extremely disappointing first half performance against Lisnaskea saw the team go well behind before making a spirited comeback. But there was too much left to do and time ran out on them.





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Condolences

I wish, at this time, to offer my sincere condolences to those families, who have lost loved ones over the course of the season. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha. May they rest in peace.

Thank You Sarah

Our Treasurer Sarah McCusker is stepping down from her position and on behalf of all club members I would like to thank Sarah for her work during her time in this post. It is very much appreciated by everyone.

Thanks

I want to extend my appreciation to all the members of the Executive, led by our Chairman Phil Flanagan, who have been invaluable in supporting me during my role as Secretary over the past year. Despite your busy schedules, you constantly find time to support the club and its members. Thanks to everyone for your committed work.

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Niall Mac Giolla Rua
Rúnaí



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Team Reports

Under 7.5 & 8.5 Mixed Teams

Mentors: Primarily Conor Foy, John Owens & Shaun McMahon with help from Anne Campbell, Declan Campbell, Eamon Maguire, Ryan Ingram, Damien Meehan, Gabriel Dunne, Neil McGreevy, Bronagh Brennan & Barry Breen.

2024 has been a very busy year for the U7.5 (P3) and U8.5 (P4) groups. We had 6 U8.5 blitzes including a silent sidelines blitz in Tempo. Due to demand U7.5 blitzes (6) were then organised, we were down to host one but due to heavy rain in the preceding week it was cancelled on the morning of the event.

We have large numbers in the current P4 class which was U7.5 primarily this year but it meant at times depending on availability we could have fielded up to 4 mixed teams at any one blitz. We tried to ensure we could bring all the children to all the blitzes but for example Irvinestown could only accommodate a certain number of teams so we tried to prioritise the older children in that group if possible with preference for the other children who couldn't get to the next one. We would have travelled further a field than the geographically closer venue to accommodate our larger numbers.

Over the course of the season many children made their debut in the maroon of Tempo with great support from families travelling to the different venues. The coaching coincided with the overall underage coaching with 7 week blocks in May/June and September/October. Due to the large numbers at times we did struggle but when messages went out we got renewed help. While the numbers are big, I think we are probably losing out on some girls coming as the boys are strong at this age group. P4 in Tempo at 14 girls for example (15 boys and we would have 14 of these out generally speaking) and we were probably only getting 7 or 8 of them out consistently. No girls from Mullanaska that I can think off.

Many thanks to all the coaches and parents who helped throughout the year.



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Under 9.5 & 10.5 Mixed Teams

Mentors: Lisa Kelly, Barry Breen, Cathal Owens and Edel McMahon

Lisa Kelly, Barry Breen, Cathal Owens and Edel McMahon were lead coaches with this group. Group started training at end of April but G4G had been running previous. Steady numbers out each night with a mixed group. Limited numbers of P5 and P6 Girls (8max).

Games:

Feb: P5 Blitz Irvinestown,

March: Irvinestown Four Masters, Dromore Blitz, Irvinestown U10 girls

April/May: Go Games Blitz P5/6

May: 1st round Derrygonnelly tournament played just P5/6 boys, P5/6 girls played Trillick same week.

June: Derrygonnelly tournament girls and boys P5/6 v Derrylin, Belcoo, Devenish. P4/5 challenge against Kinawley.

July: P5/6 blitz Maguiresbridge! Newtown, P5/4 played during half time game

Aug: Played v Irvinestown, U9.5 played Enniskillen, half time game for P6, Derrylin blitz U10.5.

Sept: Parish league - Great success.

Oct: A' drumsee, Roslea and B' Boro U10.5 blitz.

Training started weekly in April. Very late start. Noticed when playing against other teams.

Overall team developed very well with better passing, accuracy and team spirit developing well. On the latter part of year due to the prep for Granemore tournament girls and boys trained separately. Girls definitely enjoyed it more but there's still a benefit in mixed coaching especially with very low girls



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numbers in P5/6 this year. Less confident girl players find it very hard to manage/enjoy training with boys.

Next year: Always slow to start in tournaments but finish strong. Need solid drills to do for a warm up at each game to avoid getting caught out in the earlier games in the season or at a blitz.

Group also participated in Walkaton.

Note: Equipment shortage. No specific equipment for this group. Shared alot. Next year, each coach needs to be given a decent number of balls (15),bibs and cones. Major issue.

Note: Important to have training on a Tuesday (Throughout the whole year for underage teams). Tuesday allocated as underage training day. Alternating our youngest players timetable won't help parents buy into training/club ethos therefore not fostering growth.

Also, serious lack of girls in current P5/6 group. 8 coming out consistently.

Under 12 Girls Team

Mentors: Eamon Maguire, Bronagh Brenan, Sheila Breen, Emlyn Campbell & Lisa Kelly

The U12 Girls group have a huge interest in football, regularly attending training and games.

With a panel of 36 players [10 Y8, 13 P7's, 11 P6's and 2 P5's], there were 8 games organised by county board for the group- fixtures set fortnightly from 20th April to 27th July. These were called development games and there was no league structure to it. Of the 8 games we actually played only played 4 of them, for various reasons; timing of the games Saturday morning seemed to be an issue for clubs as there is clashes with other activities. We were always in a position to fulfil the fixtures on the original dates. We also played 3 other challenge games during this time.

During the months of May & June the LGFA U14 league competitions were run, we entered 2 teams into this and the 2nd team was largely made up from U12's girls.



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Fermanagh LGFA organised a half time game at the LGFA Junior Ulster final on 18th May- it was a very enjoyable day out for the girls. LGFA deserves great credit for all the entertainment put on, facepainting, flags, meeting the players and giftbag for all our girls that took part.

Fermanagh LGFA organised a blitz on 20th July to celebrate 50 Years of LGFA. It was a great event and really appreciated.

Special thanks to Bronagh, Sheila, Emlyn and Lisa for all their help throughout the year, and to all parents that helped in any way in getting the children out for training or games.

Finally, thanks to all the girls. They were a very well behaved group and they always represented the club with honour.

Gaelic for Girls Programme

Mentors: Lisa Kelly and Edel McMahon supported by other coaches.

Hugely successful programme with 48 in attendance first night. Mix of 1 child from Tempo Primary, 1 from Mount Lourdes, 1 Enniskillen Royal, 8 Tattygar, 26 St. Marys, 11 Mullanaskea. Using Mullanaskea hall as a venue to begin definitely a plus.

Very structured, easy to follow programme. 10 weeks.

Retention levels: Decent, 8 brand new girls continued to attend training and some girls who attended sporadically now much more consistent.

Definitely a programme worth running again in the future.

Worth noting: Resources still available for use by club at any stage.

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Under 13 Girl's Team

Mentors: Sheila Breen, Bronagh Brennan and Eamon Maguire

League Division: 3

The U13 Girls are an enthusiastic and keen group, attendance at training was excellent and all the girls participated well in the drills and matches.

For section 3 we had a panel of approximately 20 girls, made up of P7, Y8, Y9 and a Y10. Commencing the league we did include the P6 girls, but after reconsideration it was felt the section/age group was too physically challenging for the younger girls.

Across the section we travelled to Belnaleck, Roslea, Erne Gaels and Belcoo, with a home game against Brookebrough, the games were organized by county the board for the section fixtures set weekly from mid- August, with the games running through to end of September.

As the section games progressed, we gave the older girls within this team an opportunity to try a new position and move out of their comfort zone, which helped improve football confidence, skills and stamina, with these older girls really stepping up and embracing the challenge of team leaders.



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This league was presented as a development league and we gave all the girls game time in this section, developing skills, teamwork and commitment.

Thanks to Bronagh, Eamon, Teresa, Connor and Sheila who were all involved in the U 13 set up and supported, guided and encouraged the girls throughout this development league. Also, thanks to all the parents that helped in getting the children out for training and driving to the games.

A special word of thanks to all the girls, they are a committed and eager bunch, who improved as the league progressed, growing in confidence on the field of play and strengthening bonds and friendships.

Under 14 Girl's Team

Group 1 Team

Mentors: Conor Meehan & Teresa McNabb

League Division: 1

The girls were placed in Division 1 after winning section 2 of the U13 Development league in 2023. We were paired with Enniskillen, Irvinestown, Newtownbutler and Knockninny. Playing one game against each opposition we won 2 and lost 2, losing out on a final appearance by losing our last league game against Irvinestown, it was disappointing that the girls only got 4 games at this level and limiting the number of games at this developmental age is detrimental in the long run. Numbers at this age are very healthy, with the all-girls in both squads' attendance at training being steady all the time. Catering for everyone in these squads will become an issue as the difference in the ability of the strongest girls to the weakest is becoming more apparent and the club will need to discuss coach development/ retention moving forward.

We were fortunate to have 3 girls Derbhile McNabb, Ava Jackson and Cara Meehan represent the County U14's and they each represented the club and county very well at this higher level.



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As a club, a focus should be on how to successfully develop a pathway for girls to stay in football to senior level and the aim of winning a senior championship within 5 years should be a realistic ambition considering the talent we have at U13 to U16.

Under 16 Girl's Team

Mentors: Caitriona Breen, Molly Flynn & Cleona Bogue

League Division: 3

Championship Grade: 'B' Championship

For the 2024 season, the u16 girls were able to participate in 2 competitions;

1) U16 League Div 3 - The girls won most of their games in this division, with a draw midway through the season to Brookeborough, however, the girls showed their quality all year, with some particularly convincing wins. With our success in the league, this enabled us to progress to the division 3 final in Aghadrumssee against Brookeborough - this was a very tight game from start to finish. Unfortunately, Cara Trainor sustained an injury in the first half, resulting in a trip to A and E due to a fractured leg. This was a very exciting game as the girls battled it right out to the end however unfortunately were narrowly defeated by 1 point with the final score of 2.12 to 2.11.

2) u16 B championship. Devenish conceded this game, we went on to play Belleek in the semi final and unfortunately lost this game - few players missing due to holidays.

For this particular group, 3 players have now finished their u16 football - Izzy Wright, Rose Mallon and Eabha Meehan. A large number of girls remain on the panel and with the current group there has been great progress in both fitness and skill. This will be great for these girls to continue to bring this forward for 2025.

I would like to thank Cleona, Molly for their input and dedication, taking the time to organise training sessions and travel to matches. I would also like to



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mention Teresa McNabb and Conor Meehan for their assistance with joint training due to senior ladies commitments and for helping out on the sideline during matches. Another thank you to Angela Moran for having the jerseys cleaned and dried ahead of every game this year.

Under 18 Girl's Team

Mentors: Stephen Jackson, Edel Jackson, Ella Jackson, Teresa McNabb, Conor Meehan

League Division: 2 (winners)

Championship Grade: 'A' Championship

We participated in 2 competitions

1) U18 League Div 2, The girls won all games in the league vs Derrygonnelly, Devenish, Brookeborough, Newtownbutler and Aghdrumsee. This seen them progress to a league final v Brookeborough, captained by Eva Finlay McGovern, which we won by 3pts, after a terrific 1st half attacking display and equally battling 2nd half display of defending as Brookeborough came roaring back at us.

2) We lost to Belcoo in the QF of the A championship in a match that got away. Dropped short shots and a missed penalty seen us miss our opportunity to reach an A championship semi final.

For this particular group 4 players finished their underage football, and as a group 2 years ago they won Div 3 so its great to see the progress made.

I would like to thank my wife Edel and daughter Ella for assisting in running the team and also Teresa McNabb and Conor Meehan for stepping in while we were on holiday and for help on the sideline at various league matches.



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Senior Ladies Team

Mentors: Stephen Jackson and Michael O'Kane

League Division: 1

Championship Grade: Intermediate Championship (winners)

We participated in 3 competitions this season.

1- Fermanagh League Div 1, finishing 4th. We struggled in the League, as we were losing or missing players with injury/travel since the very first match away in Belcoo.

2 - The Club Players league, where we qualified for the Silver final, and which we won vs Knockninny.

3 - The Intermediate Championship. This was our ultimate goal since the start of the season, (after losing last year by 1pt after extra time) and we overcame Belcoo by 2 pts to win the championship.

Given that we were without 8 players due to major injury/emigration to Australia/illness/working away/university in England (Blaithein Bogue, Dee Curran, Nuala Curran, Eva Finlay McGovern, Ursula Fee, Tara Foy, Ciara Cassidy, Emily Rehill) who played all or part of the 2023 final this was a remarkable result. Our squad was absolutely stretched to the max.

We then progressed to play Carrickmacross in the Ulster IFC and lost heavily, and this is where our minimal squad size caught up with us. Once we stepped up to Ulster Level we needed as many experienced senior players as possible.

Ultimately it was a successful season, where we achieved our goal and also allowed us to bring in some younger players and get them experience of senior football. I would like to thanks Michael O Kane for his time as assistant coach and helping secure sponsorship for training tops, and to the Club Exec which helped us with any request with regards team preparation.



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Also a note to members of the Senior ladies panel who also had more success at county level. Shannan McQuade (Fermanagh Ladies Capt) Cadhla Bogue, Blaitain Bogue and Eva Finlay McGovern all wining Junior Ulster and All Ireland Championships. Shannan, Cadhla and Blaitain also being selected for TG4 Junior Championship team of the year.

Under 12 Boy's Team ('Young Maguires' with Brookeborough)

Mentors: Team A: Thomas Dunne & Cathal Owens. Team B: Barry Breen, Ciaran Rehill (Brookeborough) & Damien Howell (Brookeborough) with help from Damien Greene, John Owens & Kevin King

League Division: 3 & 6

U12 Division 3 League 2024

#	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Aghadrumsee St Macartans	8	7	1	0	308	176	22
2	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	8	6	2	0	272	233	20
3	Coa O' Dwyer's	8	4	3	1	240	224	17
4	Young Maguires	8	2	6	0	224	264	12
5	Derrylin O'Connells	8	0	7	1	152	299	8

U12 Division 6 League 2024

#	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Derrygonnelly Harps	9	7	1	1	195	140	24
2	Irvinestown St Molaise	9	6	2	1	246	109	22
3	Young Maguires	9	2	7	0	138	223	13
4	Enniskillen Gaels	9	2	7	0	124	231	12

An amalgamation with Brookeborough for the U12 team this season.

The A Team operated in Division 3 and B Team in Division 6, finishing 4th and 3rd respectively as tables above.

This report is solely based on the Division 3 side. We began with a few grading blitzes, one in Belcoo and another in Bellanleck to gauge which division we would compete. In both blitzes we were competitive in all matches, won a few lost a few and those



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that were lost were only by small margins. We were also not at full strength in either, so the thought was to compete in Division 3 and play tougher opposition to progress our players.

We began our league campaign away to Belcoo, and shipped a heavy defeat, beat by 16 points. We knew we they were one of the better sides so was always going to be tough.

Our second match at home to Coa proved to be a crushing defeat. The boys playing some brilliant football against Coa's 11 man team, only to be beat by an injury time goal. Another defeat on the road to Aghadrumsee in the next match by 6 points and then our first win of the year v Derrylin at home by a 26 point margin. A great confidence boost the boys needed for sure. That winning mentality was again evident in our next match at home to Belcoo when the lads fought for every ball and at the final whistle celebrated victory. It was only later that evening when results were posted that we discovered the referee had the Belcoo team as winning the match by a single point. This was extremely disappointing and frustrating to us who have to manage and explain this to our young players.

We considered appealing to result but with Belcoo not coming forthwith to agree it was always going to be difficult to overturn. We accepted the result. This recorded defeat affected the boys attitude towards the remaining games and we suffered further defeats on the road to Coa and Aghadrumsee.

We finished off our league with a good win over Derrylin again away from Home.

Summary

We began training on 18th ebruary and we finished up our final league matches on the 15th June. Approx 4 months of which we were out mostly two nights/week training and once at the weekend for either a match or training. In total we had a maximum of 27 players available. 21 from Tempo, 6 from Brookeborough. To field two teams was always going to be a struggle, and difficult to select which players participated on which team. The Brookeborough management wanted to keep their 6 players on the one team regardless of age or talent. I do not think this model is good for the development of our own Tempo players. Ultimately Tempo players will be playing together (if they don't quit) at adult level, yet they won't be able to compete together at underage due to another clubs players taking their place. I feel we will loose even more players due to this over the years to come.



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It was very encouraging to see the commitment of the pool of players to attend training regularly. We have some promising potential coming through at this level. A definite improvement over the season was evident on ball skills/confidence and communication with one another on the field. I think possibly playing in a lower division at this age level is also a better way to keep the team more focused throughout the season. Once the heads go down and they realise there is nothing to play for its very hard to keep them going. I found this the case midway through the season. Also it would be a better opportunity to field more players that are maybe not getting enough game time.

Training wise, we usually had a minimum of 20+ out each time, good numbers to work with.

Thanks to all the mums/dads for facilitating this, for the early part of the year most of our training was at the Brookeborough venue due to pitch unavailability at home, so it was a bit of trek!

Thanks again for transporting the boys to all the venues throughout the year.

Finally, thanks to all coaches for your commitment through the season.

Under 14 Boy's Team (*'Young Maguires' with Brookeborough*)

Mentors: Aidan Breen, Thomas Mc Cusker and Cathal Owens.

League Division: 2

Young Maguire's were playing in division 2 this year, a division we won 1 game in the year previously. This year we won 3 games, the competitiveness of the division meant that in our second last game against Kinalwey a win would have put us in a serious position for the league final. We lost out narrowly, losing one of main men just before have time with a sprained wrist. We competed manfully against one of the strongest teams in the county Irvinestown in the championship for 45 mins. With 3 points in at that stage. They ended up pulling away and winning well but I firmly believe that 12 months ago that if we were to play them the game would have been over after 10 minutes.



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A very positive year in terms of the improvement of team and individuals but frustrating as missing key personnel for big games probably cost us getting to a league final. The fact that a number of that team were making their school teams this year compared to last year is another positive sign, in one case didn't make the Dalton cup squad last April but starting for the corn na og in September.

The addition of them few Brookeborough lads is allowing our boys to compete in a higher division which will only stand to them. There's a good crop of players in this team, with great attitude and potential. T

Thanks to Thomas Mc Cusker and Cathal Owens, personally I got my eyes opened this last 2 years at much time and effort them 2 individuals alone put into our underage teams

Under 16 Boy's Team

Mentors: Declan Mc Stravick, Paddy McEneaney and Seamus Breen.

League Division: 3

Championship Grade: 'B' Championship

The change of age grade meant that the team moved up from under fifteen 2023 which had resulted in a winless season and a number of heavy defeats.

A few eligible U14s didn't commit to the team along with a couple of U16s.

We worked with a panel of 17 players and fulfilled all our fixtures with exception of 1 when we had a number of late withdrawals from our squad left us unable to field a team.

We managed to field 14 or fifteen aside for our remaining fixtures and all our panellist received a lot of game minutes.

The team set out the year a number of goals at the start of the season, with the primary goal to achieve was to win a match. Others included being a better team mate and improvement of workrate.



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The team started training in February for the league which started in April. Our opening fixture was a friendly v Erne Gaels followed by our opening league game against Devenish. Both Games ended in big defeats at home.

The team continued to work hard in training and we won our first Game in Aughdrumsee

We finished mid table of five teams with 4 wins and 4 defeats. The team grew in confidence through the league with some solid performances. Our final Game being a very narrow defeat away to Devenish which is a fair representation of the teams progress during the year.

After the league preparation started for the championship which took place in July. We were drawn against St Patricks Donagh who played a division above us despite giving a good account of ourselves we were beaten on the day.

Thank you to all the Parents and the club for their support during the year.

Under 18 Boy's Team

Mentors: Aidy Bogue & Gerard Cassidy

League Division: 3 (winners)

Championship Grade: 'B' Championship

Started off training in early May with a squad of around 19 players. It was disappointing that a few of the lads didn't bother to turn out for the season but pleasing that the group of players we had worked hard and were committed throughout.

Played two challenge games against Enniskillen and Ederney winning one, losing one. Started the league then in July beating Belcoo in the first game. Playing and training in the summer months was challenging with players away on holidays at different times.

The boys played well throughout the league winning all their games except 2 and then beating Coa with a convincing performance in the league final. Started the championship then with quarterfinal game against Belcoo.



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The boys showed great character in this game coming from 10 points down to win in extra time. Beat Lisnaskea in the semi-final having had a couple of players injured and then met Derrylin the final who beat us by five points. Overall myself and Gerard were very happy with the lads and their commitment and felt it was a successful season.

Reserve Men's Team

Mentors: John Pakenham & Brendan Fee

League Division: 2

Championship Grade: 'B' Championship

The reserve team competed in the Erne Cup 2 league & Reserve B Championship.

In the league we played 10 matches, winning 4 games and losing 6 games. We also received walkovers for 2 games. Disappointingly we finished 5th in the league.

In the championship, we defeated Ederney after extra time in the quarter final but succumbed to eventual winners, Irvinestown in the semi-final.

We were disappointed not to gain any silverware especially for the players given the effort that they put in.

However, a pleasing aspect was the fact that 5 players from the minor panel made their competitive adult debuts playing reserve football for the first time.

Huge thank you to Seán & Mary Murphy for their help and for duly carrying out their roles for the team at matches, thank you to the senior management team Ryan Keenan, Ryan Cassidy & Darragh Kavanagh for training the players and to John McElroy for his help also.

Special mention also to Angela Moran for always having the jerseys washed and ready and thanks to our club referee Hugh Breen who by officiating on behalf of our club ensures that we can field teams.



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Overall, the players were a pleasure to deal with and we feel that they represented our club well and we would like to thank each and every player who togged out for the reserve team this year and wish you all nothing but the best for 2025.

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Senior Men's Team

Mentors: Ryan Keenan, Ryan Cassidy, Darragh Kavanagh, John Pakenham, Cathal Owens, Sean Murphy, Mary Murphy

League Division: 2

Championship Grade: Intermediate Championship

As we wrap up the year, it's important to reflect on what has been an incredibly determined and courageous season for the Tempo Senior Football Team. Though we fell just two points short of promotion to Division 1, and were edged out in the semi-final of the Intermediate Championship against Lisnaskea, the commitment and heart shown by this group of players cannot be overstated. Each match demonstrated the resilience of the team, as they fought to the very end in pursuit of our goals.

Unfortunately, injuries to several key players, particularly the loss of our standout forward Lorcan McStravick, impacted our campaign significantly. Lorcan's absence, along with that of other crucial players, was a blow, but it only underscored the incredible effort and dedication of those who stepped up to fill the gaps. Going forward, every effort should be made to support the recovery of our injured players to ensure they're ready to take the field next season.

One of the season's positives was the successful integration of younger, minor players, whose energy and enthusiasm lifted the entire squad. These young talents brought new life to the team, balancing the experience provided by our seasoned campaigners, whose contributions were invaluable in keeping us competitive and focused.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who played a role in supporting the senior team this year. Special thanks go to Darragh Kavanagh and Ryan Cassidy, whose tireless



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efforts to maximise each player's potential were remarkable. Their countless phone calls, guidance, and attention to detail made an undeniable difference.

To the players: your wholehearted commitment this season has not gone unnoticed. While the journey to success is often riddled with challenges—and sometimes, obstacles even within your own path—I urge you to stay focused. Don't let anything hold you back from achieving your ultimate goal. Your dedication and hard work will surely yield rewards in the future.

A sincere thank you also to John Pakenham, whose unwavering support, honesty, and kindness have meant a great deal to me and to the entire group. I have known John since he moved from Oldcastle, and his commitment and integrity are invaluable assets to this team. His qualities are rare, and we're fortunate to have him by our side.

To all involved with Tempo Senior Football, know that this club will always hold a special place in my heart. I hope that in the future, success returns to Tempo, and that future efforts lead to the silverware and accolades that this team and community so richly deserve.