



## **AS ANOTHER YEAR ENDS....**

**Credit is due to players and mentors at all ages, for what has been one of the best years in Whitechurch history.**

As the curtain closes on 2019, there has been so much to celebrate. From the Féile to the St Patrick's Day parade; from the U21s success in football and hurling to the Junior Footballers in the City Championship. Our club draws together the best of the community in sun, rain, hail and (the odd time) snow. To the teams, to the mentors, to the parents, to the committee and to the groundsmen - a hearty thank you. Here's hoping we will have as much to celebrate in 2020. Whitechurch Abú!

### **THANKS JOHN!**

Huge thanks to the outgoing chairman, John Sheehan, for his unwavering commitment to the club in recent years. He leaves the club in great shape!

### **FUNDRAISING**

The club made a big dent in its debt thanks to the Lip Sync challenge in April. Rumour has it that some of the acts stayed together in preparation for a rematch...

### **ANNUAL DRAW**

Tickets are currently being distributed for the annual Christmas draw. The funds are vital to ensuring a successful year, so please sell (and buy) as many tickets as you can.



### **UNDER 14s**

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the National Féile u14 hurling competition which was held in June. Our lads played the game of their lives in the final, playing brilliantly from start to finish with the result never in doubt. The team is one to watch for the future!



### **CÚL CAMP**

This year's Cúl Camp was the biggest ever staged in the club. Thanks to Anna and Dara for organising, and all the coaches who helped out.

## CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The future of this club is good and very bright, with great underage numbers, mentors and a very hard-working committee.

However, we cannot rest on our laurels and we must try to improve in all areas going forward. This is my last chairman's address as I have done my time in the last 4 years. It has been a rollercoaster with more ups than downs. It was a busy time, but I could not have gotten through it without the help of a great hard-working committee.

We had great days in Killeady winning All-Irelands with great support and memories. All the great help we had in putting up the fencing around pitch one. To come up and see all the pitches taken up with different teams training on a summer's evening.

To all the committee members, thank you.



We all have set high standards in this club, so I am sure with the hard working members and the commitment of all of the players, we are going in the right direction.

**“Players need the club, and the club needs players”**

Our club means a lot to a great many people, young and old. Our club is at the heart of this great community and everyone should be very proud. May this sense of place, pride and community spirit continue to prosper for many years to come.

- Sean O'Siocháin, Cathaoirleach

## GROWTH AT JUNIOR AND UNDER 21 LEVEL

The club made a big decision this year to look for an outside coach for the junior hurling team. A group of players along with club officers met Brendan O'Driscoll in early January, and the scene was set. The juniors had a good run in the league and the championship, thanks to significant improvements.

At u21 level, the footballers had a great win in the city final against Mayfield, and beat Randal Og in the County. The hurlers had a longer season, and put in the extra effort to keep going as the nights drew in. Again, all teams will start the new year with a strong base.

