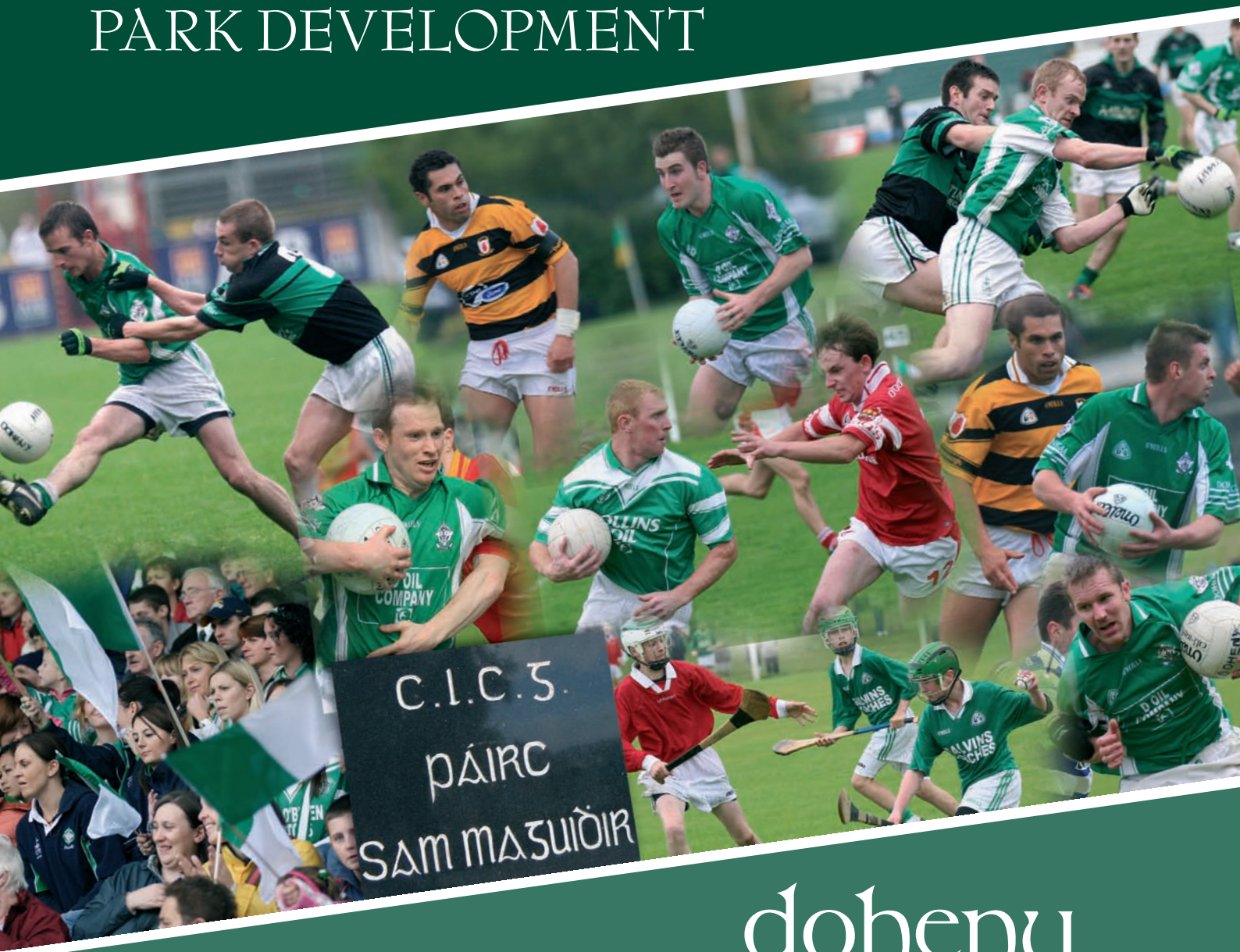


A new home for Sam...

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In 1938 the Sam Maguire Memorial Park Committee decided to establish a Park in Dunmanway where Gaelic games would be played and which would commemorate the name of Sam Maguire. They bought a seven acre field for £650 from Eric Bernard at Underhill where the Doheny club had been playing their matches for a number of years. Due to financial constraints no development was undertaken until ownership was transferred to the Doheny club in 1956. Over the years the following developments have taken place:

- The club had the field levelled and enclosed
- 4 dressing rooms were built
- A new entrance was added
- The Park was officially opened by Dr. Donal Keenan, President of the G.A.A. in 1974
- The viewing areas to the north and south were graded
- A further six acres were purchased for a second pitch
- Temporary lighting was added to the second pitch
- A Pavilion was constructed containing a function hall, kitchen, bar and meeting room
- A ball alley was built
- Public toilets were added.



Although these developments have surely fulfilled the aims of the original Sam Maguire Memorial Park Committee, the Doheny club now believe it necessary to take development a step further to cater for increasing numbers and modern demands. Thus a 5 year development plan has been drawn up which will cost close to 1m euro. While it is hoped to secure government grants we will have to match any money received with finance raised by the club itself. The planned development, for which planning permission has been received, includes:

- 2 sand drained pitches
- Floodlighting of the main pitch to inter-county standards
- 2 new dressing rooms
- A gym and weights room.

When completed the Sam Maguire Park will surely be a fitting memorial to the man whose name it bears. You can be associated with this development by supporting our Sam Maguire Wall, our main fundraising activity.



SAM MAGUIRE: THE MAN & THE LEGACY

Samuel Maguire was born in 1879, in the town land of Mallabraga near the town of Dunmanway in West Cork. He came from a well-respected family who had lived in Mallabraga for the best part of 200 years.

When Sam Maguire went to London he joined the London Hibernians, even though he never played with his local team, the Dohenys, at home in Dunmanway. Sam Maguire played in the All-Irelands from 1900 to 1903, in 1901 and again in 1903 he was captain. In June 1906 he captained his side in the final of the Croke Cup. During the War of Independence, Sam played an important role as director of intelligence for the IRB in Britain.

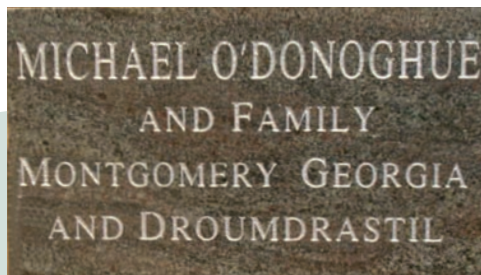
Sam Maguire died in 1927. Such was the esteem in which he was held by former comrades, for his work with the G.A.A. and Ireland's cause, that a group of them formed a committee in Dublin to provide a permanent commemoration of his name. They decided to commission a cup which would be presented to the G.A.A. The trophy was modelled on one of Ireland's finest treasures, the Ardagh Chalice and was made



by craftsmen at Hopkins and Hopkins Jewellers on O'Connell's Bridge. The Cup cost £300, a huge sum in those days, nowadays estimated at €25,000. On completion the Cup was presented to the G.A.A. who allocated it to the All-Ireland senior football championship, perhaps the most prestigious competition in the Association's calendar. Surely this decision was a further reflection of the standing that Sam had with his peers.

Kildare became the first holders of the Sam Maguire Cup when they defeated Cavan in the 1928 All-Ireland final. Over the years it has gone to many counties as it became arguably the most sought-after trophy in Irish sporting life. After 50 years of service the Cup was beginning to show signs of wear and tear. The G.A.A. decided to retire it to the Croke Park Museum and replace it with a new Cup, 'young Sam'. Meath were the last recipients of 'old Sam' in 1987 when they defeated Cork in the final and they

also became the first recipients of the new Sam Maguire Cup when they defeated the same opponents in the 1988 final.



Replica of wall plaque that can be purchased.
Max 60 letters per plaque.



THE SAM MAGUIRE WALL FUNDRAISER



This scheme is our main fundraising activity for the further development of Sam Maguire Memorial Park. It provides people with a unique opportunity to be associated with the development of the Park, thus helping to provide a memorial fitting for the man whose name is synonymous with the G.A.A. It also guarantees that your support will be recorded for posterity on the wall of the function room in the Dohenys Pavilion.

The scheme will operate as follows:

The wall will be comprised of individual granite plaques (see previous page for example) which can be purchased for €300 / £250stg / \$450usd. The plaques will be mounted on the main wall of the Club Pavilion and can be inscribed with a family name and address, club or association name or individual's name and address. The wall will have a centrepiece featuring a portrait of Sam Maguire and The Sam Maguire Cup etched in Irish Granite (see bottom left).

Further queries and expressions of interest can be communicated to any one of the Club Sub-Committee dealing with the project as follows:

Dr. Michael Herlihy, Michael Farr, Kevin Collins, Barry Herlihy, Joe Doyle, Tony O'Sullivan, and Kieran Farr.



Centrepiece of Sam Maguire Wall

The club's under-age teams play under the name of Sam Maguires. The past 20 years have been particularly successful with many West Cork titles being won in both football and hurling. Three county titles have also been won. This development will be of benefit to our young people whose talents must be catered for and nurtured. They must be given every opportunity to display these same talents at the highest level and on the biggest stage. It is their heritage, history and gives them a sense of belonging. We are heavily dependent on the goodwill of the community, without whom a lot of projects would not be possible. The people of Dunmanway and surrounding areas make a large contribution every year through the purchase of lotto tickets and various other fund raising activities. Without our ticket sellers and collectors, none of this would be possible. To all we owe our deepest thanks.

DOHENY GAA HURLING & FOOTBALL

Doheny GAA Club has over the years become synonymous with excellence in fields of both football and hurling.

What the club is today is a tribute to the many people who were willing to take up the mantle of responsibility as officers, committee, team mentors and players. The founding fathers of 1886 would have been proud of the way their ideals have been carried on.

The following is a list of County titles brought to the club over the years.

Senior Football - 1897

Intermediate Football - 1972, 1995

Junior Football - 1935, 1966, 1993

Junior B Hurling - 2006

Under 16 Football - 1999

Under 18 Hurling - 2003

Under 14 Hurling - 2001, 2007

Highlights of our recent county successes can be viewed at our website www.dohenygaa.com



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