

Oíche Cheiliúrtha
A Night of Celebration



Men of Achievement

**HONOURING TYRONE'S 1969 - 1973
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, MINOR, UNDER 21
AND SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPION TEAMS**

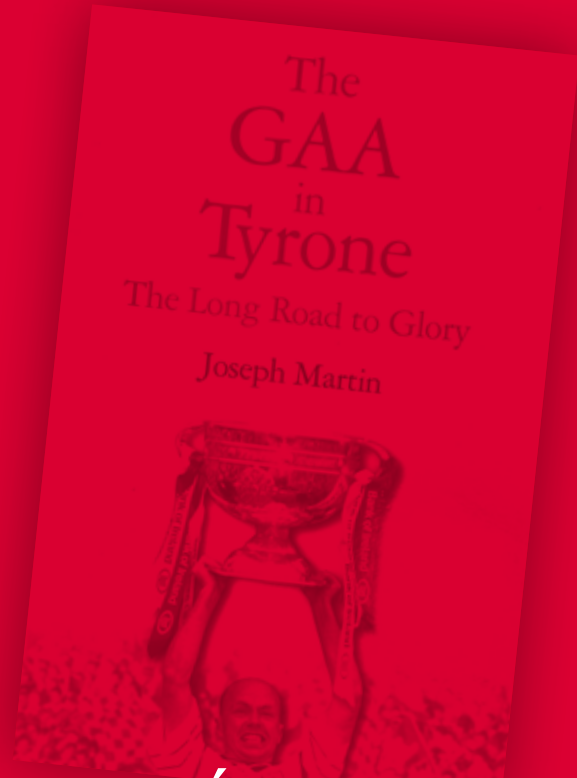
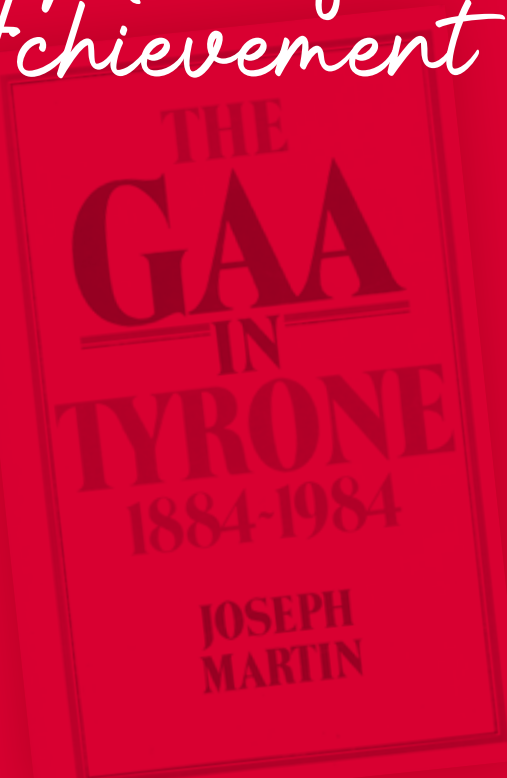


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THURSDAY 4 MAY 2023

Club Tyrone
Cumann Thír Eoghain

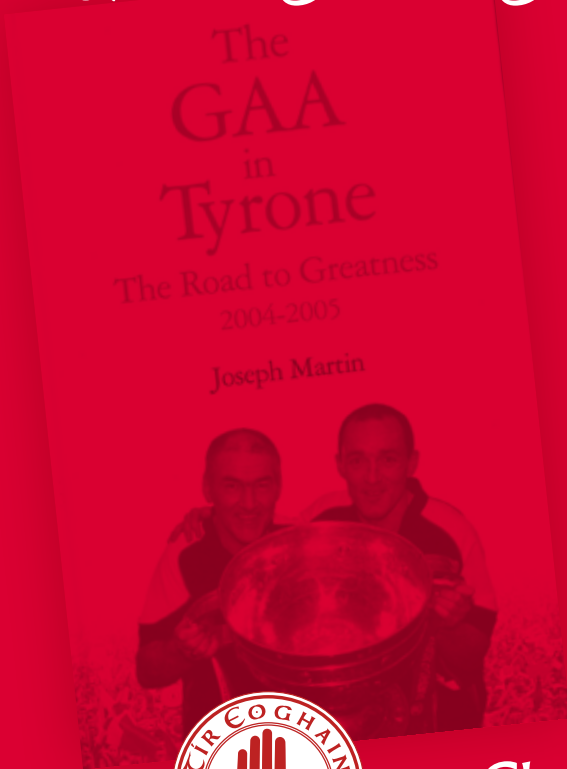
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HOME OF TYRONE GAA

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**MAR CHOMHARTHA BUÍOCHAIS
SEOSAMH Ó MAIRTÍN**

Gael. Saoi. Starai. Dlúthchara.



FAILTE ROIMH WELCOME *and* WHY WE'RE HERE

Welcome to another special evening in our growing GAA history. Whatever we have now, and we have and enjoy a very great deal, all has its roots in times, work and achievements from many years back.

The late 1960s and early 1970s were an era-changing time for Tyrone GAA. Over the five years from 1969 to 1973 our Tyrone teams across the board set standards, developed a culture, and delivered levels of achievement that have never since faded.

And they did all that in a Tyrone where life was not easy, where resources and opportunities were very limited, and where the conflict was erupting all round us.

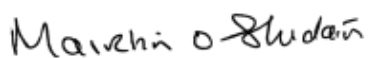
Tonight is about celebrating what those teams did for us and our County. When good things like that happen, they improve life, feel-good and well-being for everyone here in Tyrone.

That's why events like tonight's are so important, and so powerful. And why it also honours Joe Martin, the man who like no other, here or elsewhere, has so beautifully researched, documented and cherished our County's GAA history.

On behalf of Gaelic Tyrone, thank you to everyone involved.

Chuir sibh tine faoin réabhlóid / You fanned the flames of revolution
Agus seanscéal agus meirg air anois é / And the rest is history!

Le cheile ar son Thír Eoghain.



Martin Sludden
Chair, Tyrone County GAA



Michael Kerr
Secretary, Tyrone County GAA



Niall McKenna
Treasurer, Tyrone County GAA



Martin Haughey
Chair, Club Tyrone

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COMHTHÉACS CONTEXT

TYRONE VOCATIONALS 1969 and 1970

The Vocational Schools competition brought together pupils from the many recently-built Second Level Schools in Tyrone (Ballygawley, Carrickmore, Castlederg, Coalisland, Cookstown, Dromore, Dungannon, Omagh, Plumbridge and Strabane), along with those attending our Technical Colleges in Cookstown, Dungannon, Omagh and Strabane.

Tyrone had entered the competition for the first time in 1967 and got off to the perfect start by winning the Ulster and All-Ireland titles.

In 1969 Tyrone took a second All-Ireland with an 0-8 to 1-4 win over Dublin in Croke Park, and retained the title a year later following a 3-11 to 2-7 Final win over Clare.

TYRONE MINORS 1971, 1972 and 1973

Tyrone has always had a grá for Minor football, maybe because it was at this level that we won our first Ulster (1931 and 1934) and All-Ireland (1947 and 1948) titles.

After a blank two decades following the glorious era of the late 1940s, 1967 again got things going for us here, leading into another golden time for much of the 1970s.

In 1971 Tyrone's 7th Ulster title was won by beating Fermanagh in the Ulster Final (the last-to-date played in Casement Park) but in the final quarter of the All-Ireland Semi-Final against Mayo, Tyrone faded from a strong position, and fell by four points.

The following year Tyrone retained their Ulster title with wins over Donegal, Derry and Cavan, the Ulster Final being the day our precocious Frank McGuigan was picked at mid-field on both the Tyrone Minor and Senior teams. Meath were beaten in the All-Ireland Semi-Final, but a late drive, brilliantly led by Cork's Robert Wilmot, saw us end on the wrong side of a thrilling 3-11 to 2-11 Final defeat.

Tyrone made it three-Ulsters-in-a-row in 1973 with wins over Antrim, Derry and Down, before a tension-filled draw and then a spectacular replay win over Cork brought us back to the All-Ireland Final. Wearing Ulster saffron due to the clash of colours, Tyrone were always in control in this one, winning the Tom Markham Cup by 2-11 to 1-6 against Kildare, who wore Leinster green.

TYRONE UNDER 21s 1971, 1972 and 1973

The GAA Under 20/21 Championships are the 'newest' of the now-established tripod of major inter-County Championships.

Donegal won the first ever Ulster title in the grade in 1963 and it took Tyrone nearly a decade to reach our first Ulster Final, when in 1971 we lost to Fermanagh. But once Tyrone got that taste for Under 21 football, we never really let it go.

Wins over Donegal, Down and Derry (after a replay) brought Tyrone the 1972 Ulster title, but we then lost a tempestuous All-Ireland Semi-Final in a packed Salthill to an outstanding Galway side, by 4-5 to 1-9.

We retained Ulster the following year with wins over Cavan, Derry and Monaghan but again fell in the All-Ireland Semi-Final by 1-14 to 1-6 to Mayo in a replay in Carrick-on-Shannon, after a remarkable (on many fronts) drawn game in Dungannon.



TYRONE SENIORS 1973

The Chapter covering the 1960s in Joe Martin's wonderful history of the GAA in Tyrone is very accurately titled 'The Dismal Decade'. During those ten years of excitement, glamour, innovation and growth on so many other fronts, Tyrone Senior footballers won just three Championship matches, making eight First Round Ulster SFC exits. In 1970 and 1971 two more First Round defeats (to Derry in Ballinascreen and Armagh in Lurgan) were added to that list. Dismal indeed.

Then things changed

Wins over Armagh and, very surprisingly, a stellar Derry team, put Tyrone through to the 1972 Ulster Final where a late Seamus Bonner goal swung a game that seemed to be heading Tyrone's way, and gave Donegal their first-ever Ulster Senior title.

Tyrone were on a roll however

In the following National League, wins over Leitrim, Down, Louth, Armagh, Monaghan and Antrim, and a draw with Donegal, put Tyrone into the Semi-Final, the first appearance in Croke Park by a Tyrone Senior team in 16 years. It took Tommy Woods' last minute goal to see off Wicklow and Hugh Crawford then stepped up with a late winning point in the Final against Down.

In the McKenna Cup Tyrone had wins over Armagh and Fermanagh (after a replay) before beating Down by 0-13 to 0-5 on a balmy 3 June Sunday evening in Davitt Park, Lurgan. Many who were there still see that game as that wonderful Tyrone team at the very peak of its powers.



Finally, the Blue Riband, The Ulster Senior Championship

First up was a repeat of the previous year's Ulster Final but this time Tyrone knocked out Donegal, by 0-12 to 1-7 on a red-hot day in Ballybofey. A Seamus Donaghy wonder-goal underpinned a 1-15 to 0-11 Semi-Final win over Fermanagh (whose centre-half-back was a certain Sean Quinn), and then two Sean McElhatton goals helped us to a deserved 3-13 to 1-11 win over Down in the Ulster Final. Coincidentally, Antrim's great Hugh McPoland refereed all three of our Ulster SFC games that summer.

That was just Tyrone's third Ulster Senior title but any hopes of going further fell about us on a miserable, wet August day in Croke Park, as a supremely-talented Cork team saw us off by 5-10 to 2-4 on their way to the 1973 Sam Maguire Cup.

In 1973 our main County football teams won every competition they played in – the Ulster Minor League, The McKenna Cup, Division II of the National League, and the Ulster Senior, Minor and Under 21 Championships.

No other County has ever achieved that Ulster Championship treble. And Tyrone has since added two more, in 2001 and 2003.

*Leanann an obair ar aghaidh. Maireann an chiis.
Tá an dóchas beo go fóill. Agus ní mhíchfar an aisling choiche.*

*The work goes on. The cause endures. The hope still lives
and the dream shall never die.*

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CÉ CAD É CATHAIN WHO WHAT WHEN

PLAYERS		1969	1970	1971	1972		1973			
		U/AIV	U/AIV	UMFC	UMFC	UU21	U/AI MFC	USFC	UU21FC	D2NFL
MARTIN DEVINE	AGHYARAN ST DAVOGS	X								
OLIVER GORMLEY	OMAGH ST ENDAS	X								
MICHAEL MCGIRR	TRILLICK ST MACARTANS	X								
OLLY NUGENT	POMEROY PLUNKETTS	X		X		X		X	X	
FRANK QUINN	DONAGHMORE ST PATRICKS	X				X			X	X
EUGENE O'NEILL	ARDBOE O'DONOVAN ROSSA	X		X						
GERRY TAGGART	DERRYLAUGHAN KEVIN BARRYS	X				X		X		X
NOEL WARD	OWEN ROE O'NEILLS	X							X	
PATSY HETHERINGTON	DONAGHMORE ST PATRICKS	X	X	X		X		X	X	X
FRANK MCMAHON	COALISLAND FIANNA	X				X				
PETER TOAL	KILLYCLOGHER ST MARYS	X	X	X						
SEAN COYLE	ARDBOE O'DONOVAN ROSSA	X		X		X				X
PAT MORRIS	DREGISH PEARSE ÓG	X	X							
MARTIN MCCRORY	KILLYCLOGHER ST MARYS	X		X					X	
GERARD MCBREARTY	STRABANE LAMH DEARG	X								
BRIAN MOSS	AGHYARAN ST DAVOGS	X								
HARRY MURPHY	TRILLICK ST MACARTANS	X								
LIAM FORBES	ARDBOE O'DONOVAN ROSSA	X								
MICHAEL MCNULTY	OWEN ROE O'NEILLS	X								
LIAM TURBETT	OMAGH ST ENDAS		X	X				X	X	X
DENIS ROCKS	MOORTOWN ST MALACHYS		X	X						
DOMINIC DALY	KILLEESHIL ST MARYS		X	X	X					
PHELIM MCKENNA	AUGHER ST MACARTANS		X							
KIERAN HAGAN	EGLISH ST PATRICKS		X	X	X				X	
BRIAN MCGINN	AUGHER ST MACARTANS	X	X	X						
SEAN MCKNIGHT	KILLYCLOGHER ST MARYS		X	X						
BARRY LOWRY	TATTYREAGH ST PATRICKS		X	X						
TERRY BONNER	OMAGH ST ENDAS		X							

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TOMMY CAMPBELL	OMAGH ST ENDAS		X		X					
SEAMUS TOAL	FINTONA PEARSES		X							
PETER MCDERMOTT	GREENCASTLE ST PATRICKS		X	X					X	
KIERAN CURRIE	EDENDORK ST MALACHYS		X				X			
PAT SHARKEY	OMAGH ST ENDAS		X	X						
NOEL RAFFERTY	POMEROY PLUNKETTS		X							
JOE TRAINOR	CLONOE O'RAHILLYS		X							
HUGH CRAWFORD	OMAGH ST ENDAS			X		X		X	X	X
PETER BRADY	CLONOE O'RAHILLYS			X		X				
MALACHY MCALEER	TRILICK ST MACARTANS			X						
WILLIE MCKENNA	AUGHER ST MACARTANS			X		X			X	
FRANK MCGUIGAN	ARDBOE O'DONOVAN ROSSA			X	X	X		X	X	X
PATSY KERLIN	OWEN ROE O'NEILLS				X		X		X	
GERRY GOODWIN	DUNGANNON THOMAS CLARKES				X		X			
HUGH MOONEY	EDENDORK ST MALACHYS				X		X			
OLIVER O'NEILL	OMAGH ST ENDAS			X	X				X	
COLM MCALEER	BERAGH RED KNIGHTS				X		X		X	
JUSTIN O'DOHERTY	OMAGH ST ENDAS				X		X			
DESSIE MCKENNA	AUGHER ST MACARTANS			X	X		X		X	
MICKEY QUINN	STEWARTSTOWN HARPS				X		X			
JIMMY HUGHES	COALISLAND FIANNA				X					
BOSCO O'NEILL	CLONOE O'RAHILLYS				X		X			
MICKEY HARTE	BALLYGAWLEY ST CIARANS				X	X			X	
PAUL QUINN	AGHALOO O'NEILLS				X					
DECLAN KENNEDY	DUNGANNON THOMAS CLARKES				X					
MICKEY COYLE	CARRICKMORE ST COLMCILLES				X					
FRANK GRUGAN	CARRICKMORE ST COLMCILLES				X					
JOE CUNNINGHAM	POMEROY PLUNKETTS				X		X			
PETER OWENS	BERAGH RED KNIGHTS				X					
JIM MCDAID	OMAGH ST ENDAS				X					
BARRY CAMPBELL	DROMORE ST DYPNAS				X		X			
MARTIN LENNON	KILDRESS WOLFE TONES				X		X			

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KIERAN HARTE	CARRICKMORE ST COLMCILLES					X				
SEAN BLEEKS	WINDMILL ST PATRICKS					X				
PADDY MCMAHON	OMAGH ST ENDAS					X		X		X
TOMMY WOODS	COALISLAND FIANNA					X		X	X	X
JIM MCCREESH	STEWARTSTOWN HARPS					X				
EAMON HETHERINGTON	DONAGHMORE ST PATRICKS					X		X		
MICKEY HUGHES	KILLYMAN ST MARYS					X		X	X	X
FRANK MCGURK	KILDRESS WOLFE TONES					X				X
PHELIM FORBES	ARDBOE O'DONOVAN ROSSA					X				
JACKIE O'NEILL	COALISLAND					X				
MARTIN MCCANN	DROMORE ST DYMPNAS					X				X
ANTHONY DONAGHY	OMAGH ST ENDAS					X				
SEAN GORMLEY	CARRICKMORE ST COLMCILLES							X		
SEAN O'KANE	STRABANE LAMH DEARG							X		
EUGENE MCKENNA	AUGHER ST MACARTANS				X			X		
PADDY SCULLION	COALISLAND FIANNA							X		
JOHN MCGEE	COOKSTOWN FR ROCKS							X		
EUGENE DEVLIN	MOORTOWN ST MALACHYS							X		
TONY MARLOWE	AUGHER ST MACARTANS							X		
PAT MCCLUSKEY	DUNGANNON THOMAS CLARKES							X		
SEAMUS COYNE	MOY TIR NA NOG							X		
TOM O'KANE	DREGISH PEARSE ÓG									X
SEAMUS GORMLEY	TRILICK ST MACARTANS			X		X				X
MARTIN HARTE	BALLYGAWLEY ST CIARANS									X
JOE MCGRADY	TRILICK ST MACARTANS									X
PETER MULGREW	STEWARTSTOWN HARPS							X		X
BARNEY MCANESPIE	TRILICK ST MACARTANS							X		X
JOE MCELROY	ARDBOE O'DONOVAN ROSSA							X		X
MICKEY JORDAN	GLISH ST PATRICKS							X		X
AIDAN MCMAHON	COALISLAND FIANNA							X		X
SEAMUS DONAGHY	DROMORE ST DYMPNAS							X		X
PAT KING	TRILICK ST MACARTANS							X		X
SEAN MCELHATTON	LAMH DEARG, ANTRIM							X		X



Watching Tyrone defeat Down in the Minor Final at Clones on 29 July 1973 are (Back) Donagh Begley, Jackie Duffy, Patsy Hetherington, Frank McGuigan, Kevin Teague, Tommy Woods and Aidan McMahon (Front) Gerry Taggart, Barney McAnespie, Jody O'Neill and John Early.

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BRENDAN DONNELLY	TRILICK ST MACARTANS							X		X
KEVIN TEAGUE	ARDBOE O'DONOVAN ROSSA							X		X
JOHN EARLY	COALISLAND FIANNA							X		X
MJ FORBES	ARDBOE O'DONOVAN ROSSA							X		X
JACKIE DUFFY	LAMH DEARG, ANTRIM							X		X
PATSY FORBES	ARDBOE O'DONOVAN ROSSA							X		X
SEAN MCCANN	DERRYLAUGHAN KEVIN BARRYS							X		X
DESSIE BLEEKS	WINDMILL ST PATRICKS									X
BRENDAN DOLAN	AGHYARAN ST DAVOGS									X
CANICE WOODS	CARRICKMORE ST COLMCILLES								X	
KEVIN JORDAN	EGLISH ST PATRICKS								X	
VINCENT MCMAKIN	BERAGH RED KNIGHTS								X	

MANAGEMENT		1969	1970	1971	1972	1973				
		U/AIV	U/AIV	UMFC	UMFC	UU21	U/AI MFC	USFC	UU21FC	D2NFL
ART MCRORY		X	X	X	X		X			
DONAL DONNELLY					X		X			
JODY O'NEILL						X		X	X	X
JOHN MCCUSKER		X	X							
MICK BREWSTER		X	X							
JOHNNY DOOHER		X	X	X	X	X				
BRENDAN DOLAN			X							
PAT MCCARTAN					X		X			

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OUR COUNTY OFFICIALS 1969 - 1973

CHAIRMEN Paddy Cullen (Cookstown), Paddy Corey (Brackaville).

SECRETARY PK O' Neill (Dungannon).

TREASURER Jimmy Casey (Dungannon).

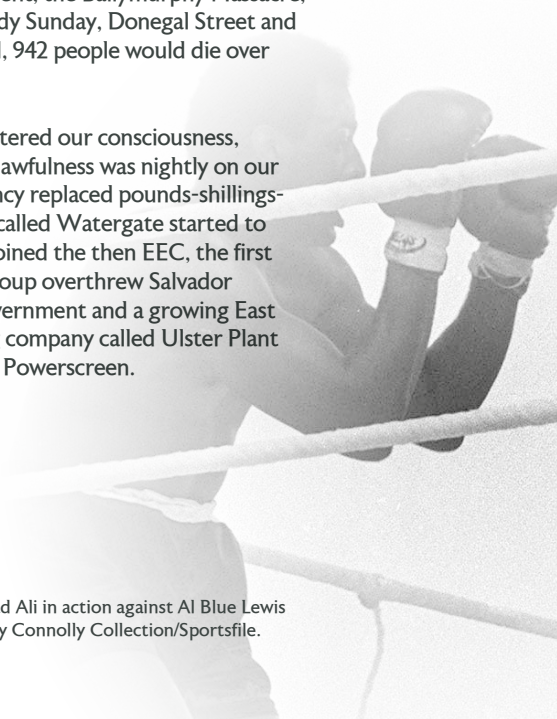
FÁILTE CHROIÚIL

The GAA is nothing without sharing.

So tonight we're delighted to welcome to Tyrone: Fermanagh's **Tom Brewster**, son of the legendary **Mick**, who contributed greatly to our 1969 – 70 Vocational Schools. **Brian McEniff** and **Pauric McShea**, history-makers for Donegal against Tyrone back then, and against many others since. **Robert Wilmot**, a man whose All-Ireland match-winning brilliance against us still shines a half-a-century on and **Hugh McPoland**, son of **Hugh** whose refereeing and administration helped hold things together for us all here through some very dark times.

AND ALSO IN THOSE YEARS

- Ardboe completed a 1971 - 1973 three-in-a-row O'Neill Cup wins, with Carrickmore and Eglisish winning out in 1969 and 1970 respectively
- 1969 saw the introduction of Tyrone's first-ever All-County Senior League, won by Carrickmore
- 'Democracy' started to appear in the Ulster SFC with Cavan, Derry, Down, Donegal and Tyrone winning the five Anglo-Celts on offer
- We had our last, to date, Ulster Senior Football Final in Casement Park, with over 40,000 people seeing Down defeat Derry by 4-15 to 4-11 in an epic game
- Kerry, 1969 and 1970, and Offaly, 1971 (their first-ever) and 1972, won two All-Ireland Football titles apiece, whilst Kilkenny picked up two Senior Hurling crowns (1969 and 1972), Cork, Tipperary and Limerick taking the others
- We had elections for the old Stormont (1969), Westminster (1970) and in 1973 for a 'new' Assembly and new Councils, as well as a 'Border Poll'
- Those of an age will also remember listening to Slade, The Osmonds, T. Rex, Mungo Jerry, Horslips and The Beatles / The big films included Midnight Cowboy, Patton, The French Connection, The Godfather, The Sting and a lot of Bruce Lee! / And on TV we watched On the Buses, Dad's Army, Monty Python, The Generation Game, and an awful lot of News.
- The six Counties conflict erupted, bringing in the chaos and horror associated with, among much, much else, Internment, the Ballymurphy Massacre, McGurks Bar, Bloody Sunday, Donegal Street and Bloody Friday: in all, 942 people would die over these five years
- Chappaquiddick entered our consciousness, the Vietnam War's awfulness was nightly on our TVs, decimal currency replaced pounds-shillings-and-pence, a place called Watergate started to become news, we joined the then EEC, the first oil crisis arrived, a coup overthrew Salvador Allende's Chile government and a growing East Tyrone engineering company called Ulster Plant re-branded itself as Powerscreen.



INA DHIAIDH SIN AFTER THAT

As the 1970s went on to change everybody's lives here,
for Tyrone GAA 'The work went on, The cause endured,
The hope still lived, And the dream never died.

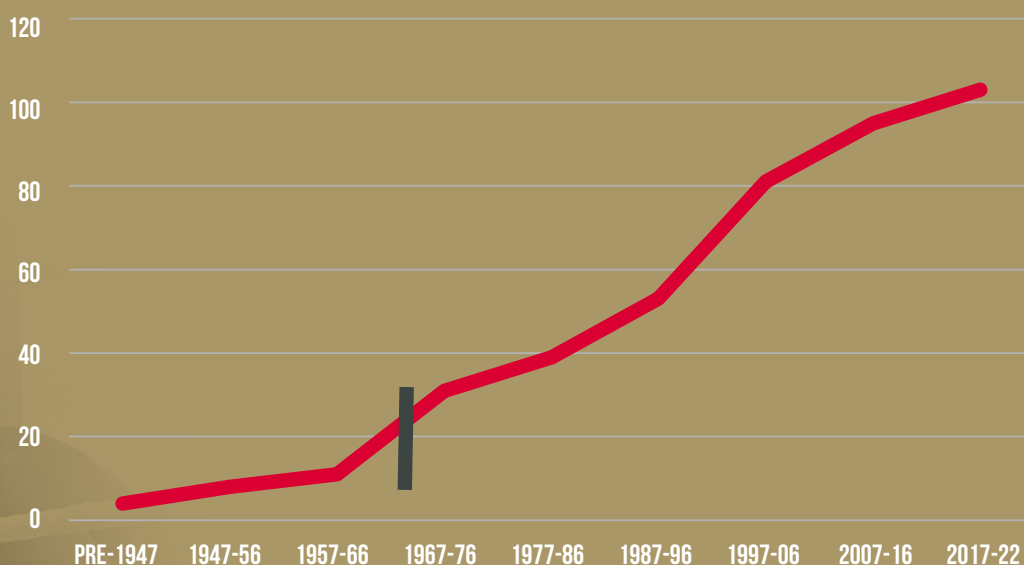
Our Vocationals won Ulster in 1974 and 1975 but we then experienced a dip until 1988, when we went on a spree that brought us ten Ulster and six All-Ireland titles over the next twenty years, before the competition was wound up in 2012.

Tyrone Minors meanwhile continued to dominate in Ulster, winning further Championships in 1975, 1976 and 1978. But we'd then drop off the winning scene until 1988, when the following 25 years would see us win 13 Ulster and six All-Ireland titles.

Our Under 21s lost the 1974 and 1975 Ulster Finals to Antrim but after winning Ulster again in 1980 would wait ten years until 1990 ushered in three Ulster titles in-a-row, and back-to-back All-Irelands in 1991 and 1992. Since then we've added eight Ulsters and four All-Irelands.

Our Seniors had a couple of lean years over the rest of the 1970s as exceptional Derry, Armagh and Monaghan teams emerged, but we reached the 1980 Ulster Final before winning three Ulster titles and reaching our first-ever All-Ireland Senior Final during the 1980s. We've since added ten Ulster and four All-Ireland titles.

TYRONE'S ULSTER AND ALL-IRELAND TITLES



Meas . Onóir . Buiochas . Respect . Honour . Gratitude

ENOUGH

LIVES LOST ON THE A5

Since 2007 44 lives have been lost on the A5.
Communities and families torn apart.
The GAA family in Tyrone is saying ENOUGH
IS ENOUGH and demanding the delivery of the
promised new A5 dual carriageway.

We urge all our members and supporters
to sign the online petition:

change.org/buildtheA5

Your support can make the difference.

For more information on the campaign
and key dates visit: tyronegaa.ie/enough

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