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A chairde,

Áthbhliain faoi mhaise agus gach dea ghuí i gcóir 2010.

With the onset of the New Year I write to thank you for your assistance over the course of 2009 and especially with the series of events that took place to celebrate the Association's 125th Anniversary and your role in them.

Clubs played an important part in these celebrations, the highlight coming with our Lá na gClub, which took place in communities throughout the country on May 10.

This event showcased everything that is good about our clubs and the special place that they occupy at the heart of so many communities across the island.

In addition to these celebrations, a number of clubs – some of whom like Clara in Co. Offaly were also celebrating 125 years in existence – also organised other events to mark the year and help draw attention to the work they do on a daily basis, in turn raising the profile of the GAA and our important anniversary year.

Sunday May 9 next has been left free of fixtures to provide clubs with the opportunity to organise similar events after we received requests from a number of clubs to repeat the exercise.

In addition to these specific events I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you as club secretary and your wider membership for all of your hard work over the course of 2009.

I wish you every success on the playing fields and hope that 2010 is a productive year for you and everyone involved in the promotion of our games in your club.

Ar aghaidh len ár gcluichí,

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Criostóir Ó Cuana
Uachtarán

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Páraic Ó Dufaigh'.

Páraic Ó Dufaigh
Ard Stiúrthóir