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St. Moninna's G.A.C. Killeavy Club News

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Killeavy GAC secure major facilities grant

Over the past five years, Killeavy has invested almost £½ million in our Memorial Park premises to ensure that we secure the legacy of past generations and continue to provide excellent facilities for the youth of our parish. We have undertaken a major refurbishment of the Youth Club, including the development of two new changing rooms; extensive tarmacking of the car park, improvements to our boundary fencing and creation of a new academy training area. All of this work has been made possible by the continued support of those individuals and families who are members of Club Killeavy and those who support our other fund raising efforts. Where possible we will also seek to obtain grant aid and just this week we have learned that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council will join with us in funding the next step of our 10 year plan. Our Development Committee have been working on a proposal to convert out existing all-weather training area into a state of the art 3G 'artificial grass' pitch plus the addition of a walking track that will be to the benefit of the entire community. This stage of the overall plan has been costed at £154,522 and the council have undertaken to provide exactly 50% of this - £77,261. The club will seek to fund our half of the project through our existing Club Killeavy scheme and other fundraising. It is essential that Club Killeavy stays strong if we are to continue to develop our facilities to meet modern requirements. It is the members of Club Killeavy who are committing £20 per month to the scheme who are primarily responsible for funding the 10 year plan. Please contact any committee member should you or your family wish to join the scheme.

Seniors still fighting for survival

Our senior squad travelled to Portadown last Sunday afternoon knowing that defeat to Tir na nÓg would almost certainly spell relegation to the Intermediate league. The game took place in what have become typical summer conditions with a cold wind maximising the effect of a steady downpour. The conditions also played their part in what was to be one of the longest games ever played, lasting well over two hours due to an in-game delay of 55 minutes while medical attention was given to an injured Portadown player.

With both teams occupying places at the wrong end of the league table, it was no surprise to see a nervy, ultra defensive opening to the game. With 15 minutes gone, only two pointed frees by Portadown had troubled the scorekeepers. Killeavy eventually got on the board through the first of Gerard Byrne's four points of the day and the same player drew the sides level with a 30m free. In general the Killeavy defence stood strong against the wind but two moments of indiscipline allowed Tir na nÓg to convert from close in frees. With time almost up, an excellent piece of fielding in the middle of the park by Michael Murphy allowed him to set off in a run that after some interplay put him in a position to send over Killeavy's third point of the half. HT Tir na nÓg 0.04 – Killeavy 0.03

Now playing with the wind, Murphy repeated the trick early in the second half to tie the scores and with Killeavy exerting a period of control, Byrne hit two frees to give us the lead for the first time. Conor King extended the lead to three but then we sat back and allowed Tir na nÓg to regain the initiative. Two frees narrowed the lead but then they rocked Killeavy with their first score from play when a high ball was fielded on the edge of the square and finished low to the net. In previous games, this score would have been the precursor of a Killeavy collapse but to their credit on this occasion it led to a revival. Given the stakes that they were playing for, management and team threw caution to the wind and dispensed with the sweeper system to push up on the home side. The intervention of Barry O'Hara off the subs bench was critical as he sent over a wonderful long range point which was added to by a Conor King free and a well worked effort by Cathal McKinney to give Killeavy the lead with only five minutes remaining.

It was at this critical stage that the Tir na nÓg player was accidentally injured on a tackle and the game was suspended while medical intervention was sought. Both teams retired to the dressing rooms while the hardy bunch of spectators huddled together under umbrellas and trees. Eventually the player was taken to hospital by ambulance (and thankfully was released later in the evening) and the players returned to the field to complete the final five minutes of the game. It was backs to the wall as we held on against a final Portadown surge but it was Killeavy who had the final say as we broke out of defence to score match clinching points from O'Hara and Byrne. FT Killeavy 0.12 - Tir na nÓg 1.06

Three matches are left, away to St. Patrick's tonight and then home to both Dromintee and Armagh Harps. We need to secure at least a draw or preferably a win and a draw from these games to have a chance at the great escape.

The History of the G.A.A. in Killeavy

As was noted in last week's bulletin, The History of the G.A.A. in Killeavy, which goes back almost to the foundation of the Association in 1884 is due to be published by the Club later in the year.

The first Gaelic football team in the Parish named Killeavy Parnell's, playing under the newly agreed rules was formed in 1886 and the first Killeavy game reported on in the Newry Reporter was played in Meigh against O'Brien's of Camlough on 28 February 1888. Organised games were fairly infrequent in the latter years of the 19th Century and the early years of the 20th Century and it wasn't until the St. Moninna's were formed in 1913 that a Gaelic football team regularly represented the Parish once more. Great success came the team's way almost immediately when they annexed two County Armagh Senior Championship titles in 1914 and 1915. It was another 32 years however before they once again won the club's third Senior Championship, in conditions somewhat controversial.

It was difficult to keep the Club going over the years of the First World War, the Rising, the War of Independence and the Civil War and there are many extraordinary and sad stories to be told of their effect on the Club and Parish life. For a time in the early 1920s there was no football organised by an Armagh County Board and Killeavy would have partook in the local Newry & District Competitions and the Camlough & District Leagues.

The St. Moninna's had a top class team in the late 1940s and early 1950s and it was during that time that they contested three County Senior finals, winning in 1948, had hard luck in losing out in 1951 and were well beaten in the 1955 final. Killeavy also won their first County Minor Championship in 1954, admittedly with a combined team of players from neighbouring clubs. Killeavy St. Michael's were formed in that era and with a strong combination won the South Armagh Junior League in 1951.

The notes above reflect mostly on times long past but there is much more told in The History of the G.A.A. in Killeavy, such as the formation of the Killeavy Memorial Park Committee and its great contribution to the Gaelic Games and Irish Culture; the formation of the St. Moninna's Youth Club with its close association with Killeavy G.F.C./G.A.C. and the great work it did, especially in the promotion of under-age Hurling, Camogie and the formation of the first Senior Hurling team in the Parish. Under the auspices of the Youth Club, Killeavy has won several county Junior Camogie Championships, but let's us not forget that in 1959 the Killeavy team won the County Senior Camogie Championship for the one and only time. Girls'/Ladies' football also germinated from the Youth Club and they have now garnered a number of County titles to their name.

Then came the early 1970s whereupon the G.A.A. introduced the new Scór competitions and the Killeavy Club and its members embraced it wholeheartedly. Great fun and lots of success for those taking part has ensued and the stories and photographs that highlight the Club's participation in Scór in winning countless County titles, six Provincial titles and three All-Ireland championships is well portrayed in the history book.

The History of the G.A.A. in Killeavy contains several hundred pages and several hundred photographs that paint an extraordinary story of Irish games and pastimes in our Parish over almost 130 years. The Club Committee is convinced that this history will be of interest to all Club members, past and present, as well as those simply interested in the history of the Parish and the Club and that there will be a strong demand for this unique publication. The book, with its mixture of black and white and coloured photographs spread throughout, is costly to produce so a limited number of copies will be printed. In order to determine a reasonable number to order, not too many and not too few, the Club are asking that those who wish to be sure of obtaining a copy to place an order with the Committee as soon as possible. You can do this by pre-paying the price of the book (£30) to Michael McCrink, or to any member of the Committee who will pass the order on to Michael.

The Club Committee are also hoping to defray the cost of publication through sponsorship and feel sure that many individuals and families would like to see their name listed for posterity within the cover of the book. We will need to have all our sponsor names in place by mid September with a view to printing and launching the book for mid November (excellent Christmas present). Please contact Michael McCrink (077 6727 0813); Sean Callan (077 3600 4223); Michael O'Neill (078 4110 2850) or email secretary.killeavystmoninna.armagh@gaa.ie should you wish to join with us in this unique opportunity.

Pre-ordered Book £30
Pre-ordered Book and named sponsorship £100
Corporate sponsorship £2000

u16s qualify for County Championship Final

In a thrilling encounter last night in Mullaghbawn, Killeavy overcame the challenge of a determined Crossmaglen side to qualify for a county championship final against Clann Eireann. Killeavy started very well and were 0.07 to 0.02 ahead with points coming from Niall Magennis; Niall Doran (3); Ross Garvey and Michael Cromie (2). However, Cross fought back strongly to level at the break and could have been ahead were it not for some excellent goalkeeping by Keith Garvey in the Killeavy nets.

The second half went one way and then the other. Cross took the lead before Ronan McGuinness pointed from a 45m free. Cross led again by two points before Niall Doran pounced on a Gareth McDonnell breakdown to send to the net. Michael Cromie and Ronan McGuinness saw us go three clear but then Cross answered with four points of their own to lead by one. Niall Doran converted from a free after he had been pulled down when through on goal and soon after a Niall McGuinness 45m free was fisted over the bar by Michael Cromie to put us back in the lead. The final point of an enthralling game came when Niall Magennis burst through to send over from close range.

A superb win – well done to the team and management and a big thanks to all the supporters who made it out to Mullaghbawn for the game. Thanks also to our U16 team sponsors CCL Services (Jerseys) and KT Oils for the new training tops and bottoms!!

Ladies secure Kit Sponsorship

The photograph below shows chairman Sean Callan and Fionnuala Reel accepting new tops and bags for our senior ladies that have been sponsored by Brian Magennis (MAC Fuels), Sharon Reel (SR Fitness) and Michael Concannon (Newry Crash Repair Centre).



Join us...

...To Celebrate Our All-Ireland Win

Killeavy Social Club
Saturday 15th August
20.30 Sharp
Free Admission

Music and Dancing Including
All-Ireland Set Dancing Champions
& many local artists

Raffle in aid of the
Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust

KBRT

All-Ireland Celebration

We have finally managed to arrange a night to celebrate the tremendous achievement of our Senior Set Dancers in winning the All-Ireland Scór championship. Our dancers and many other acts will perform for us on 15th August from 8.30pm.

Admission is free.



Strictly Come Killeavy

Be warned! Sinead Reel is out and about looking dancers to take part in Strictly Come Killeavy which is scheduled for December 5th (save the date!). She has already got most of her men and women lined up but if you want to take part in what is an experience of a lifetime then contact Sinead on 07900 494 616.

Community Health News

Demand for appointments on the Action Cancer Big Bus is such that their visit to Killeavy on 30th August is now completely booked out. We have scheduled a second visit for 14th August but it is filling up fast. Services provided include digital breast screening for women (40 - 49 and 70+), M.O.T. health checks for men and women, and health and lifestyle advice. You can book an appointment online at www.actioncancer.org/Appointments or call on 028 9080 3344.

SUMMER CAMP

Killeavy's Annual Summer Camp
Monday 17th August to Friday 21st August
Activities from 10.30am – 2.30pm each day.

Football – Hurling – Camogie – Fun
Contact Susan Byrne 078 4983 6745 for further information

Last week's results

Sen Football	Tir na nÓg	1.06	Killeavy	0.12
u18 Football	Mullaghbawn	5.13	Killeavy	1.12
u16 Football	Crossmaglen	0.14	Killeavy	1.13
u16 Camogie	Killeavy	L	Derrymacash	W
u14 Football	Killeavy	1.07	Dromintee	1.09
u14 Hurling	Killeavy	3.01	Keady	5.08

This week's fixtures

Fri 31 st	Sen Football	St. Patrick's v Killeavy	7.30pm
Fri 31 st	Jun Football	Killeavy v O'Hanlon's	7.30pm
Sat 1 st	u12 Football	St. Patrick's v Killeavy	4.00pm
Sat 1 st	u12 Camogie	Culloville v Killeavy	11.00am
Sat 1 st	Sen Ladies	Dorsey v Killeavy	7.00pm
Sun 2 nd	Res Football	Ballymacnab v Killeavy	2.00pm
Mon 3 rd	u14 Hurling	Middletown v Killeavy	7.00pm
Mon 3 rd	u18 Football	Dromintee v Killeavy	7.30pm
Tue 4 th	u14 Football	Killeavy B v Thomas Davis	8.00pm
Tue 4 th	u14 Football	Clan na Gael v Killeavy	7.30pm
Tue 4 th	Jun Football	Killeavy v Clady	8.00pm
Thu 6 th	u12 Hurling	Killeavy v Keady	6.45pm
Thu 6 th	u12 Ladies	Dromintee v Killeavy	7.00pm
Fri 7 th	u18 Hurling	Killeavy v Cuchullians	7.00pm

Lottery News

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There was **NO** winner of the €4,600 jackpot
There were **EIGHT** Match 3 Winners - €25 each

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Sean McArdle	c/o Ellen McArdle	Ellen McArdle
Lindsay Quinn	c/o Pat Quinn	Pat Quinn
Louise McDonnell	Ballymacdermott	Stephen McDonnell
Brian McKeivitt	Jacks Road	Brian McKeivitt
Stephen Murphy	c/o Social Club	Social Club
Michelle McGuigan	Greenfield Park	Newry Golf Inn
Pat Mullen	Newtown Rd	Eddie Mullen
Elaine Craven	c/o Oak Barrel	Oak Barrel

Promoter – €25 **Dolores Shields** Prize money **€225**

Jackpot Next Week

€4,700

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