



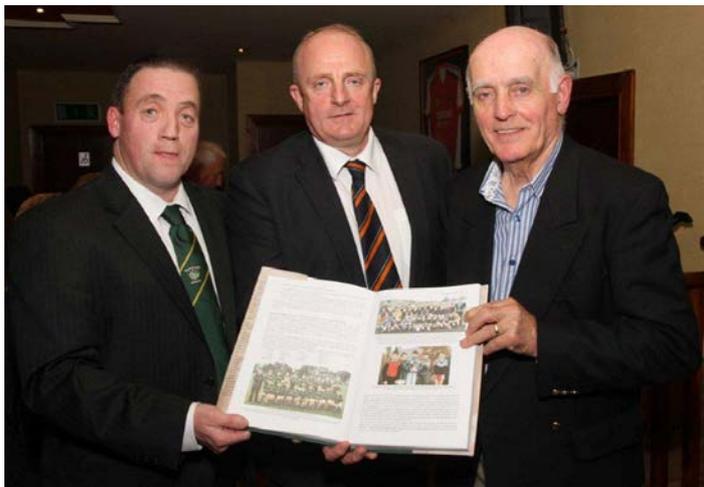
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St. Moninna's G.A.C. Killeavy Club News

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A History of the GAA in Killeavy



The club celebrated a very special evening last Saturday as we hosted the official launch of Oliver McDonald's 'A History of the GAA in Killeavy'. A packed hall heard from Chairman Sean Callan how Oliver started this project back in 1991 when he interviewed some of the oldest members of the club about their memories of early days. Although the finished book was a long way off, Oliver had the foresight to know that these early recollections would be lost for ever if not captured for posterity. Over the years, Oliver has put together a collection of thousands of pieces of information from minutes of meetings to newspaper reports and photographs. The best of these have now been brought together in a magnificently illustrated and detailed club history that is a pleasure to read. Sean went on to thank all those individuals and families who had made a donation to the cost of printing and paid particular tribute to our four main sponsors: Martin McEvoy (McEvoy Drapery), John King (JK Fabrication), Eugene Doran (Doran Contracts) and the Boylan Family, without whom it would not have been financially viable.

Paul McArdle, Cathaoirleach Coiste Contae Ard Mhacha, related a few of his own anecdotes about his meetings with Killeavy over

the years and congratulated Oliver and the entire club on a magnificent achievement. Armagh historian and journalist Peter Makem gave a scholarly and entertaining address complimenting Oliver on the style of the book and commenting on the themes that ran through the text. He spoke about the need for a feeling of identity which has been captured forever between its pages.

Oliver McDonald paid tribute to all those, too many to mention individually, who had generously provided him with their memories, anecdotes and access to memorabilia. To the great amusement of the audience, he read excerpts from the book including match reports from the 1920's and 30's. He finished by paying special tribute to his wife Helena and family and hoped that people would enjoy the book.

There was a final surprise for one member of the audience. During his research, Oliver had occasion to talk to Bernard Crilly from Mullaghbawn about a joint Killeavy, Dromintee and Mullaghbawn team that had won the Armagh Minor Championship in 1963. Bernard mentioned that he had recently come across a medal belonging to one of the Killeavy players that had not been presented at the time. Fifty two years later than planned, Bernard was in the audience on Saturday night to reunite the County Championship medal with its rightful owner Leonard McEvoy.

This evening concluded with an official presentation of the club history to the County Board and then all that was left was to join the long queue waiting to get their book signed by the author. All in all, a wonderful evening for the club and in particular for Oliver and his family.

The club would like to thank Mulkerns Eurospar who are stocking copies of the book for public sale. Copies can also be obtained by contacting Michael McCrink (077 6727 0813) or Oliver McDonald (077 7911 5223). If you wish to get a copy signed call with Oliver or meet him in the club on Sunday nights around 9.30 p.m. and he will gladly do the necessary.

Scór na nÓg – Four acts through to County Final

After last weekend's semi-finals, Killeavy has four acts going through to next Sunday's County final in Clann Eireann. Our quiz team gave a near perfect display, missing only two questions and top scoring with 74 points. Solo singer Grainne Cromie won great praise for her beautiful rendition on 'She Moved through the Fair'. The Ballad Group had another strong performance singing 'The Hills of South Armagh' and 'Baidin Fhelimi' while our Instrumental team made it through in a very competitive section. Our only disappointment came when Riona Stuart missed out but she performed extremely well on the night and should be very proud of herself as it is only her first year competing in Scór. Overall, four acts in the county final is a tremendous achievement. Good luck to all next Sunday.

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Killeavy Instrumental Group – County Finalists 2015

Underage Presentations

There was an amazing turnout for the annual underage presentation in the Social Club. Our thanks to special guests Owen Reel (Ladies Board); Maria Fanthorpe (Camogie Board) and Michael O'Neill (Minor Board) and to our senior stars Sharon Reel, James Donnelly and David Grant who were on hand to present the awards. Pictures courtesy of Andrew Mackin.

Team Achievements:

Minor Camogs	Div 3 League winners
u16 Football	Armagh Div 1 C'ship Finalists
u16 Football	Armagh Div 1 League – Runners Up
u16 Camogie	Armagh Div 3 League – Runners Up
u14 Ladies	Armagh League Div 3 winners
u14 Football	Division 1 Shield Finalists
u14 Football	Charlie Grant Tournament Finalists
u14 Camogie	Armagh League Division 3 Runners Up
u14 Hurling	All Ireland Féile Div 6 Finalists
u14 Hurling	Armagh Division 1 C'ship Finalists
u12 Ladies	Armagh championship winners

Individual Awards:

u14 Ladies	Estelle Kearney & Rachel McQuaid
u14 Football	Joe Murphy & Niall O'Keefe
u14 Camogie	Eimear O'Brien & Charlie Keenan
u14 Hurling	Conor Doherty & Joe Murphy
u16 Ladies	Grainne Cromie & Rachel Larkin
u16 Football	Ronan McGuinness & Niall McGuinness
u16 Camogie	Claire McMahon & Charlie Keenan

Special Award to Eimear O'Brien on her selection for the Ulster u14 Camogie team

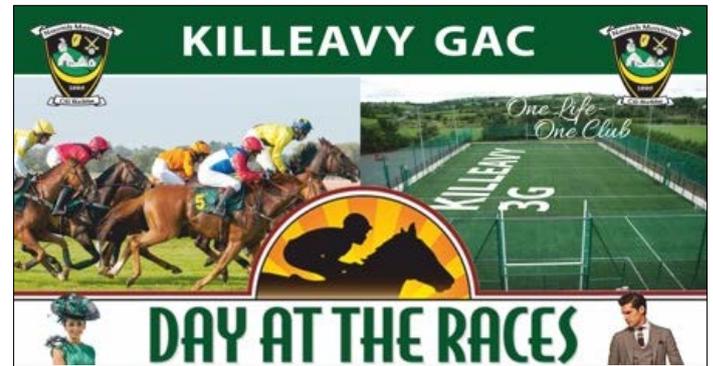
Participation Medals for 22 members of Killeavy Scór na nÓg

Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates for Goldmark Volunteers



Strictly Fundraisers coming up:

Sat 21st Orla and Timmy present Girls Pyjama Beauty Party
Fri 27th Helena & Tom present Traffic Light Disco Party



Saturday 20th February - Tickets are £60/€85 and include: Breakfast in the club before leaving, bus to Fairyhouse, Entry to Races, Free Drink on Arrival, your Race card, Reserved area, Dinner, Live music from "The Nooks", £1000 Raffle, Prizes for best dressed Lady/Gent, Bus back to Killeavy to continue the Craic.

Snippets

Hurling Winter programme starts on Monday evening from 7.00 – 8.00pm. Two groups u8 and u10 – Cost £1 per child. Hurls and helmets provided. All welcome.

Girls Winter programme on Tuesday nights with Nina from Dance Associate. First session 7.30 - 8.30pm Primary age only. Second session 8.30 - 9.30pm Secondary age only! The girls get a fantastic workout with great craic as well as learning a full dance at each age group which improves their co-ordination and mental focus. £10 for full course.

Killeavy Calendar 2016 - Anyone wishing to put an advert or birthday/anniversary into the calendar needs to get details to Larry McGuinness (077 4896 0314) by Friday of this week!!

Full Killeavy Games/Coaching meeting next Tuesday at 8.30pm. All coaches from all codes are asked to attend.

Good luck to our three camogs Hannah O'Neill, Laura McGuinness and Orla Keane representing Our Lady's in u16 Ulster Final and our three hurlers Adam O'Neill, Conor King and Jack Breen who will represent St Colman's in the McGreevy Cup Ulster Final.

Lottery News

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There was **NO** winner of the £6,100 jackpot
There were **NO** Match 3 Winners - £25 each

Promoter – £25 – **Eddie Cassidy**
Prize money **£25** Next Jackpot

£6,200