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**St. Moninna's G.A.C.**

**Killeavy Club News**

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## What you may have missed: Part 3

A Happy New Year to all our members and friends – Ath bhliain faoi mhaise daoibh! As we all make our way back to normality after the Christmas and New Year break we are also winding down our series of “What you may have missed.” This week is the third and final part of the yearly review and hopefully it has served a purpose: helping rectify any missing knowledge of how our teams have performed before they start 2018 preparations in the coming weeks and months. This week takes a look at our junior men’s team and gives a brief synopsis on our underage success in 2017. As of next week, the bulletin will revert to a more traditional newsletter, hoping to re-establish the relationship between our readers and the weekly happenings at the club.

### 2017 Killeavy Dinner Dance is set!

Last year was a great year for the club with the highlights being our winning of the Intermediate championship and achieving promotion to the senior league. Plenty of cause for celebration therefore at our annual Killeavy GAC Dinner Dance. Date and venue has just been confirmed as Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February in the Flagstaff Lodge. Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks and updates can be found via our social media channels as well as in this weekly bulletin. The night is a great opportunity to recognise the Players of the Year from the respective codes and will enable us to begin the New Year on a positive and vibrant footing. We encourage all our members to attend in full support on what is sure to be a thoroughly enjoyable night.

### Junior Men

Overall the junior men will be extremely disappointed with 2017. Consistency is every manager’s dream and unfortunately it was something missing from many aspects of the team’s year. A good start with a win at home again Thomas’ Davis was followed with a loss to Crossmaglen in the second week. This pattern continued throughout the league and Killeavy will be disappointed to have finished in the bottom half of a division that, really, they have the quality to be competing at the top of. One of the most noteworthy high points was a three point victory over Lissummon back in April. Lissummon would go on to finish comfortably in the top half of the division and the performance Killeavy showed that day, away from home, is evidence of the ability of this team. On that day Niall Hannaway led fantastically from the middle of the park whilst Cathal O’Hara proved elusive throughout and accurate when it mattered most.

The four losses in June left Killeavy’s season staring worryingly at the bottom half of the table and, so it transpired. Throughout the year poor numbers at training and sometimes matches as well meant that in the twenty games Killeavy played they were unable to name the same team twice. Yet when Killeavy pulled their resources together they proved to be formidable opposition – losing by a goal and three points in the championship to the best



Members of the Killeavy Junior Team listen to words of advice from manager Paul McArdle during a league match in Crossmaglen

team in the league, Crossmaglen is proof of that. In that game an uncharacteristic and abnormal blunder at the back allowed Crossmaglen’s Callum Cumiskey to latch onto the loose ball before playing it across the net for a simple tap in at the back post with just over fifteen minutes left on the clock. Whilst these errors are part of sport it should highlight that the junior team are not far from challenging for silverware in this division. In a year marred by absentees Niall Hannaway, Kealan O’Hare and Ryle O’Hanlon were exceptional throughout who helped provide the team with much of their success.

The junior team will look to regroup ahead of next year’s campaign, establish what can be improved in relation to their approach and add to their already talented squad. The junior team performs many important functions for the club; providing football to those who are not tempted by the senior ranks, a way to stay involved with the GAA when approaching retirement and most important of all it should act as a fertile nursery for the senior team. Players will develop at different rates and it is vital to have an outlet for players to get regular and competitive football until such time that they are both willing and able to make a contribution to the senior team. That pathway is something that the club hope to improve on in 2018 - a more competitive and successful junior team will inadvertently impact positively on the senior team and that is something to be welcomed.

## Underage Success 2017

Silverware was bountiful in our underage structures last year, with our u12 girls having a particularly note-worthy year of success. They managed to dominate opposition teams throughout the season, securing Division 1 Football league and Championship titles. Though still very young this team remained immovable throughout the course of the season and the development of championship mentalities should never be underestimated. An incredible year for all involved and no doubt we'll continue to see more silverware as these girl's progress through underage and into our senior team and we very much look forward to that.

Our u8, u10 and u12 footballers also proved there was no time too early to start winning when they took home titles at the annual Glen Emmets, Ballyholland, Tommy Bradley and Dromintee tournaments respectively. There is phenomenal work being carried out at these age levels and it is a credit to those involved. Recent winter fun camps have allowed the youngest of our members to stay engaged with our organisation over a period that would otherwise see six months pass between the last contact and we welcome the use of our 3G winter training facilities through the last few months.

## County Representatives

Last year we were proud to boast Armagh senior representatives across three grades – Senior men, Senior Ladies and Senior Hurling. Ciaran O' Hanlon, Sharon Reel, Matthew McEvoy, Glenn McKeown and Niall Strain were all able to showcase the breadth of talent Killeavy GAC supports and we congratulate them all for representing our club on the most prestigious of stages.

## 2018 Killeavy Executive Committee

With a view towards strengthening the relationship between the Executive and our members, readers will be reminded regularly as to who is responsible for the different roles within the club. This should ensure transparency and enable members to quickly contact those who will be better placed to help them, if necessary. Any queries members are unsure of should be directed towards the club secretary who can be contacted by email at [secretary.killeavystmoninna.armagh@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.killeavystmoninna.armagh@gaa.ie).

Chair:	Larry Magennis
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Officer:	James Duffy
Officer:	Joan Cameron
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## Lottery News

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

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There was **NO** winner of the £2,500 jackpot  
There were **EIGHT** Match 3 winners - £25 each

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Colin Sheridan	c/o A. Sheridan	Anna Sheridan
Martin McArdle	Park View	Ellen McArdle
Paul Watters	Carn Rd	Gerry Watters
PJ O'Hara	Park View	PJ O'Hara
Mark McDonnell	Cullyhanna	Stephen McDonnell
Michelle Grant	Newtown Road	Fiona Grant
Cory Quinn	c/o Flagstaff Lodge	Flagstaff Lodge
M. Winters	Meigh	Anna Sheridan

Promoter Prize – £25 – Fiona Grant  
Prize money this week **£225** Next Jackpot

**£2,600**

## Lottery News

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

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There was **NO** winner of the £2,600 jackpot  
There were **THREE** Match 3 winners - £25 each

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Janette Rice	c/o Maddens	Madden's Bar
Tom Behan	Edentubber	Club Killeavy
Lorraine Downey	Friar Tucks	Candy Box

Promoter Prize – £25 – Mary Mallon  
Prize money this week **£100** Next Jackpot

**£2,700**