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Killeavy Club News

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Special All-Ireland winning edition

Well what a week it has been! With the crowning of our All-Ireland Scór na nÓg champions AND a bulletin produced in colour it truly was a remarkable week! With only seven days until our annual Dinner Dance and with All-Ireland winners now in our midst we encourage any member who has yet to get a ticket to do so as a matter of urgency for it is shaping up to be a truly memorable occasion. In other news Fitin40 continues to go from strength to strength with teams now gathering momentum as we approach the half way mark next week and Killeavy's bulletin goes digital as we launch our new digital mailing list. Full details can be found below.



Rear (L to R) – Tiernan Breslin, Shane Kavanagh, Antóin MacGabhan, Cathaoirleach Scór, Luí Duffy and Dylan Phillips
Front (L to R) – Orla McGuinness, Aimee McAteer, Aogain Ó Fergháil, Uachtarán CLG, Hannah McManus and Ellen Cromie

Killeavy's Dancers – Champions of Armagh, Ulster and Ireland

Last Saturday, Killeavy dancers travelled west to the Knocknarea Arena in Sligo carrying the hopes of the club on their young shoulders. The Rince Foirne (Ceili Dance) was scheduled first on stage of the eight disciplines in the GAA's premier cultural competition. In a packed hall, Killeavy had to wait their turn while the champions of Connaught, Munster and Leinster gave notice of their desire to win a coveted All-Ireland title. Finally the champions of Armagh and Ulster were called to the stage and to the strains of 'The Three Tunes', they gave a flawless performance which was rapturously received by the audience and in particular the sizeable travelling support of family and friends from Killeavy. Note for those wishing to view, or relive, the performance – full coverage of the Scór na nÓg finals is available on TG4 player (www.tg4.ie/en/live/scor-2018) where you can skip to the 40 minute mark to see the Killeavy octet. Staying on the TG4 player, you can skip the excruciating wait of over four hours (go to the 5hr 10 min mark) that the dancers had to wait to see whether they had caught the judges' eye. Finally the result was in and we had won – All-Ireland Scór na nÓg Rince Foirne Champions of 2018! To loud cheers our dancers took to the stage again to receive their medals from GAA President Aogain Ó Fergháil and the Scór chairperson Antóin MacGabhann with the loudest cheer reserved for the moment when a beaming Lui Duffy raised the All-Ireland trophy aloft on behalf of the team.

Celebrations for the team and their supporters lasted into the small hours in their Sligo hotel before they returned home on Sunday evening when members of the club provided a guard of honour into a packed social club where they were given a tumultuous welcome.

This is Killeavy's 4th All-Ireland Scór title - Senior Ballad Group (1982) and Set Dance (2015); Scór na nÓg Ceili champions in 2003 and now again in 2018. In over 40 years, hundreds and possibly thousands of Killeavy members have taken to the Scór stage for dancing, recitation, singing, quizzing, drama and music making. We are rightly proud of our tradition in Scór and would thank all who have helped promote the competition and our culture within the club. Our newest champions sit right at the top of a mountain of hard work and creative talent that sees Killeavy among the leading clubs in the country. Comhghairdeas le gach duine!

And not to forget our Quizzers

Amid the excitement generated by the success of our ceili dance team, it would be appalling if we overlooked the achievements of our Scór na nÓg Tráth na gCeist (Quiz) team. What a year it has been for them also.

On Saturday past, they too travelled to Sligo to compete in the All-Ireland Final alongside their Ceili teammates. Unlike the stage based disciplines where only four clubs, one for each province, take part in the final; Tráth na gCeist is fought out between the champions of each county so Killeavy took their place as Armagh champions surrounded by the brightest and best of every other corner of Ireland.

Facing a range of questions as diverse and far reaching as the GAA, Irish History and International Politics, the Killeavy quartet saw themselves neck-and-neck after the first two rounds of ten questions having had to rely on some incredible displays of knowledge and memory – each member being drawn upon at particular intervals to fill the void. The middle section of the competition caused difficulty for many of the teams present and it was to their credit that Killeavy remained in the hunt as the competition grew to a close. Ultimately however the team's final score of 52/80, though a fantastic achievement, couldn't match the 66/80 put up by the winning foursome from the Cornafean club in Co. Cavan. Obviously our team were left bitterly disappointed but their achievement in reaching this stage, should not be underestimated by anyone and the club is extremely proud at being represented upon Ireland's most prestigious, cultural stage. Well done to the team of Sean Boylan, Fearghal Murphy, Grainne Boylan and Conor King and their mentor Sean King - as intelligent a group of young thinkers as Killeavy has seen in a long time.



Killeavy's 'Question Time' team ready for the off at the Scór na nÓg final; (L to R above) – Sean Boylan, Grainne Boylan, Fearghal Murphy and Conor King



Some scenes from Sligo



Lui Duffy raising the All-Ireland trophy



The team pictured with mentors Eamon O'Malley and Sandra Duffy



Minutes from glory – Killeavy's dancers prepare for their performance



Killeavy's supporters react to victory



Standing room only, back in the club on Sunday night



Proud parents taking in the quiz last Saturday in Sligo



Safely home with the cup

Killeavy Dinner Dance

Our annual Dinner Dance is next Saturday 3rd March in the Flagstaff Lodge. We would ask that those going to the event would confirm their tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment and to allow us to give a reasonably accurate number forecast to the Flagstaff Lodge. Tickets are £25 each and are available from Michael McCrink (077 6727 0813); Dónal O'Neill (075 13040 868) or Michael O'Neill (078 4110 2850).

Our dancers will be in for a busy evening as they will be performing at halftime in the Armagh v Derry NFL game at the Athletic Grounds before rushing to join us as guests of honour at the Dinner Dance.



Killeavy Bulletin Goes Digital

Having spent the last three months re-establishing the bulletin to its rightful place in the community, Killeavy's PR Committee have taken the decision to establish an online mailing list for members wishing to receive the bulletin via email each week directly to their email inbox in PDF format. This development will have no detrimental impact on the production of the physical leaflet – rather it seeks to broaden the reach of the weekly update and increase the dissemination of club information among all of our members. Those who are interested in the convenience of scrolling through the weekly bulletin while on the bus, over breakfast or on their lunch break should email the PR Committee at PRO.killeavystmoninna.armagh@gaa.ie.

As a little aside to this, we received many compliments last week on the fact that the bulletin was in full colour. Unfortunately we cannot really take credit for this as a problem with their normal black & white printer meant that that our printers were forced to produce the bulletin on a colour machine. Doing this on a weekly basis would be prohibitively expensive so that is why you are reading this again in black & white – unless of course their printer hasn't been fixed yet 😊.

Club Shop Open on Sunday

With a new season approaching and high demand coming from members a decision has been made to open the shop on Sunday mornings coinciding and complimenting training times for many of our Academy teams. Hopefully this will be a little bit more convenient for both players and parents looking to dawn the green and black during 2018.

The decision to maintain the opening hours will be under review dependent on demand but we hope this will help those members who might otherwise struggle to make it down during the week.

Fitin40 continues for the brave

One of the continuing surprise packages of recent weeks has been the incredible uptake in classes and activities surrounding our community initiative "Fitin40." With an original high target of 80 souls to be sanctified the desire not only to get fit and healthy but to socialise and engage with other people in our community has led to an almost doubling of original targets to 145 participants.

What began a couple of months ago as a fund-raising thought in the minds of our fantastic social committee has the potential to become a staple part of the Killeavy calendar year.



Geraldine McKnight's Tai Chi class – part of the Fitin40 offering this week



Some of our Fitin40 walkers getting ready to leave the club – Safety First!

Lotto News

This week's winning numbers were:

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There was **NO** winner of this week's jackpot of £3,300

There were **FIVE** Match 3 winners - £25 each

Oliver McDonald	Forkhill Road	Oliver McDonald
P.J. O'Hara	Park View	P.J. O'Hara
Sean Callan	Meigh	Sean Callan
Patrick Hannaway	Ayallogue Rd	Patrick Hannaway
Sally McConville	Drumalane Rd	TruFit

Promoter – £25 – Kieran King

Prize money this week **£150** Jackpot Next Week

£3,400

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Saturday Stage School in the Social Club

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Classes every Saturday
Ages 3-7, 12am-1pm
Ages 8-12, 1pm-2pm
Ages 13-20, 2pm-3pm

Contact:
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YOU MUST RING TO REGISTER IN CLASSES BEFORE YOU ATTEND.

Killeavy Social Club Classes
Register to participate in fun-filled and energetic classes in hip hop, contemporary, jazz, musical theatre, vocal coaching and acting! Watch your child's confidence and stardom grow and glisten. Take part in events, competitions, charity work and showcases!

Broadway Babies Stage School **Broadwaybabies**

And we play football too....

Pictured below are our u12 footballers listening to team manager Jonny McKeefry after their impressive start to their 2018 season. In a hugely entertaining game of football against Newry Shamrocks, our young footballers put in a great display to come out on top on a score line of 4-13 to 2-07. All players got game time and special mention must go to all the young lads making their debut at u12 level. Well done lads.

