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

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## Happy St. Patrick's Day

Festivities are likely to be in full flow by the time many readers get their hands on this week's bulletin and we would like to wish all members of Killeavy GAC a most enjoyable St. Patrick's weekend. This week we announce opening fixtures across our senior codes as our teams prepare for competitive action once again. The fixtures provide a chance to begin and sustain conversation throughout the year and keep our readers up to date with upcoming matches they may wish to attend. Meanwhile many of our younger teams including our u16 Camogie team and u14 Football team are already in action with full details to be found below. A reminder that any member wishing to have content considered for the weekly bulletin should email the PRO on PRO.killeavystmoninna.armagh@gaa.ie.

### Senior Men's Football

Killeavy will return to the Senior Championship this year in the hope of continuing the momentum from last season's Intermediate Championship victory and promotion from Division 2A. The league structure will see them compete home and away against Pearse Ogs, Sarsfields, Madden, Annaghmore, Whitecross, Tir na nOg and Silverbridge in Division 1B. A tough opening encounter against Annaghmore away from home should give good indication as to how the team will compete throughout the year. Remember league placings are all important this year as, for the first time, the draw for the Senior Championship will be made after the league finishes and will be seeded according to final league position.

Sun 8 April	Annaghmore	v	Killeavy
Sun 15 April	Killeavy	v	Madden
Sun 22 April	Tir Na nOg	v	Killeavy
Sun 29 April	Killeavy	v	Silverbridge
Fri 4 May	Whitecross	v	Killeavy
Sun 13 May	Killeavy	v	Sarsfields
Sun 27 May	Killeavy	v	Pearse Ogs
Sat 2 June	Madden	v	Killeavy
Sat 9 June	Sarsfields	v	Killeavy
Sat 16 June	Killeavy	v	Annaghmore
Sun 1 July	Killeavy	v	Tir Na nOg
Fri 6 July	Silverbridge	v	Killeavy
Sat 28 July	Killeavy	v	Whitecross
Fri 3 August	Pearse Ogs	v	Killeavy

The Senior championship will comprise of all the teams above plus the teams from Division 1A, namely Armagh Harps, Ballymacnab, Clann Eireann, Crossmaglen, Cullyhanna, Dromintee, Granemore and Maghery.

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### Senior Ladies

Killeavy's Ladies have dropped out of the Senior ranks this year and while as a club, we always wish to play at the highest level, it has to be recognised that the ladies squad is currently in a transitional phase having lost key personnel through injury and retirement since 2012's championship winning team. It could therefore come as a blessing in disguise to be playing Intermediate football. There is a feeling within the club that with the right additions to an already talented squad, silverware in both league and championship is a serious possibility in 2018. Their first few games are:

Sat 7 April	Forkhill	v	Killeavy
Sat 14 April	Silverbridge	v	Killeavy
Sat 5 May	Killeavy	v	Crossmaglen

### Senior Camogie

Last year's campaign for our Camogs ended in cup final defeat but the squad believes that improvements to key areas could see another determined assault on glory this year. As the team continue to build on their already strong panel of 32 players the key to success will be to nurture a host of new talent from the underage structures and the team will no doubt look to 2018 with the hope of lifting silverware for the first time.

Wed 4 April	Killeavy	v	St. Enda's
Wed 2 May	Killeavy	v	An Port Mor

### Senior Hurling

Our Hurlers will hope for a strong league performance in the Ulster-wide Tain Leagues after frustration last year with fixture problems. They have been drawn in a McCormack Cup group along with Craobh Rua, Keady and Derrynoose and will also be looking forward to a semi-final in the Junior Championship against Keady II.

Mc Cormack Cup Tue 1 May	Keady	v	Killeavy
Ulster Tain Hurling League	TBC		

### Junior Men

Following a disappointing 2017, the Junior team are setting their sights on re-establishing themselves as a central node in the club; providing football to those who are not tempted by the senior ranks, a way to stay involved in competitive football for those approaching retirement and most important of all acting as a fertile nursery for the senior team. A run at the Junior championship is not out of the question with the players available. Their opening fixtures are:

Sat 24 March	Killeavy II	v	Dorsey Emmetts
Sun 8 April	Killeavy II	v	Keady
Sun 15 April	Thomas Davis	v	Killeavy II

### u14 Feile

On Saturday Killeavy's u14s played Clann Eireann in the first round of the u14 Feile – seeking to continue the proud tradition Killeavy have in challenging for the prestigious trophy. The u14 team this year has struggled with numbers and it was telling as they opened their account against one of the most favoured sides in Armagh at the moment. Clann Eireann raced into an early lead bagging two goals in the first 15 minutes to leave a Killeavy team who needed a good start struggling to get going. The second half saw a brief rally from the boys but a comfortable win was secured for the Lurgan lads as they now continue into the semi-final of the Cup competition while Killeavy now enter the Feile shield.

### u16 Camogs compete in Belfast

Killeavy U16 camogie girls travelled to Belfast for the play-off of the Belfast Winter League. In an exciting and tough final they narrowly lost to last year's champions, St Enda's with some fantastic camogie played. Killeavy were slow to start against the champions and fell well behind in the first 10 minutes as the defence grappled with running threats from midfield. Brilliant goals from Amy McAteer and Blinne McAteer created a revival in the South Armagh camogs and Killeavy dragged themselves back into contention as the game neared its close. Aloighshe Byrne drove through to get some great points in the final minutes that agonisingly, may have made the difference had they been a foot or two lower. The girls sadly bowed out but did not leave entirely empty handed – as Kaitlin Magill who was outstanding in full back was awarded player of the tournament for her role in Killeavy's performances.



### Fitin40 keeps counting

Points! Points! Points! If any passer-by were to listen to our Fitin40 members they would be convinced that Killeavy GAC's members are the most passionate and engrossed GAA fans Ireland has ever seen! Whilst that may be true for some it is in fact the points tally for each of the Fitin40 teams which they count – and not those of our respective codes. Activities in the calendar earn your team points and the more activities that are attended, classes danced and miles walked the more points for your team. Though the remarkable success of Fitin40s maiden voyage continues the initiative has already achieved its aim in reconnecting a lot of our periphery members back to the club and that is to be truly welcomed. With only a few weeks remaining the teams are sure to be counting the days until the final points tally and celebration event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April. For the full calendar members can look towards our social media channels.

### Upcoming Event



### Gaeltacht Collection this weekend

An Irish Language collection will be taken up at the church door at all St. Patrick's Day masses in the parish over the weekend. The proceeds are used to send children to summer school in the Gaeltacht.

As usual, St. Patrick's Day Mass in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cloughogue will be bilingual. Mass leaflets in both Irish and English will be available. The Mass is organised by the club in co-operation with the priests of the parish.

### Lottery Results

19	22	24	25
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There was **NO** winner of the £2,500 Jackpot  
There was **ONE** Match 3 Winner - £25

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Aoibheann O'Hanlon	c/o G. O'Hanlon	Gabriel O'Hanlon

Promoter – £25 – **Maura Lenaghan**  
Prize money this week **£50** Jackpot Next Week

# £2,600

