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Preparing for the Future

CHFC provides access to Gaelic games for over 800 juveniles and adults within our catchment area. Our mentors are very committed to developing the skills of our juveniles and all have participated in at least the foundation level coaching programme in both codes.

Notwithstanding this we set high standards and strive to participate at the highest levels. In keeping with this ethos we want to expose our members to the best coaching techniques. With this in mind we are delighted to announce the appointment of **Gavin Dolan** (pictured here), as our new GPO (Games promotion officer).



Gavin comes from the St Sylvesters Club and joins us as part of the Dublin GAA initiative to promote Gaelic games in the Capital.

Within the Club the principal introduction to Gaelic games for new members is at our nursery stage. The nursery is the lifeblood of the Club, and we strive to make this area attractive and fun for all new members. Gavin Dolan will have a specific and direct input into the enhancement and development of this area.

We intend to maximise the benefit of having a full time and professionally trained coach available to the club and anticipate that up to 90% of the GPO's functions will be dedicated to juveniles.

We anticipate that his time will be taken up with mentor training programmes, foundation courses, refresher courses, holiday camps, blitz's etc.

Having a full-time coaching resource will bring to the club:

- Co-ordinated coaching programme for each panel within the club;
- Consistent coaching standards throughout the club;
- Access to best in class coaching techniques;
- Embedded goodwill and support for CHFC from the schools in the community
- Wider access to potential juveniles members from participating schools

Castleknock Hurling and Football welcomes our new coach, Gavin Dolan, who has been busy familiarising himself with the area, schools and members within the Club. We wish him the best of luck in his new job.

Please note that if any team mentor wishes to book Gavin for training or other our Juvenile Chairman Ciaran Prunty is to be contacted on (087) 2742814.

Keep an eye out for a profile of Gavin in the next issue of the CHFC!



U11 Hurling Final Winners, see report on back page

General Club News / Nuacht Ginearalta

- ❑ Some juvenile registrations are still outstanding and need to be returned as soon as possible. Juvenile registration form is available on the website
- ❑ Hard luck to the U16 Hurlers who were beaten by Faughs in the Championship Final Replay. Commiserations to all involved with the team ach beidh lá eile ag an bPaorach! Congrats to the Faughs club.
- ❑ Hard luck to the U11A hurlers beaten in the Championship semi-final by a strong Lucan Sarsfields.
- ❑ St Mary's of Antrim were visitors to scenic Porterstown to play our U12B and U14 boys in football friendlies on the weekend of. We look forward to the return games next Easter.
- ❑ We hosted Castletowngeoghegan in an U12 hurling match followed by a game of football. The visitors came out better in hurling with our home side having a win in football.
- ❑ Well done to Dunboyne GAA Club who hosted out our U10 and U12 girls on the 16th October. The Castleknock girls won both matches.
- ❑ CHFC are looking to form a Junior Camogie Team. Anybody from 16 to 66 is eligible. Please contact John Kilkenny on 8203035 or 086 8239087
- ❑ On Sat Oct 18th Daingain GAA were visitors to Porterstown for a very enjoyable and competitive football challenge. We look forward to the return trip.
- ❑ Commiseration's to the Dublin Ladies football team, Lorna Hillery and also to County Chairman John Hillery on suffering their second defeat in as many years in an All-Ireland Final on October.
- ❑ On the same weekend CHFC great weekend was enjoyed by Errigal Chiarain U14 Ladies who were hosted by Castleknock and brought to the All-Ireland Final. Well done to Mags Heelan and committee.
- ❑ Well done and thanks to Mick Lynch who organised our Annual Quiz in The Bell on Tuesday 19 October 2004. There was a very good turnout and a good night was had by all.



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Marbella 2004



Some said Galway 2001 would never be beat... well it was. The trip to Marbella 2004 was an unmitigated success. The men from CHFC had a great time and enjoyed exceptional hospitality from our hosts Costa Gaels.

The Football

Senior side Ballymore Eustace from Kildare were the team to beat and CHFC duly beat them in the first game. Ogie Moran reckoned it was the football highlight of the tournament! Eoghan O'Callaghan and Barry Farrelly dominated and a late goal from full forward Cian Higgins secured a 1 point victory. In the second game we lost to Costa Gaels. The Gaels were fit, well prepared and full of football. Niall Quinn came on for Costa in the second half and while Alan Rafferty managed him well Quinn still slipped a goal past Fionán McDonagh. They had lost their first game to Barna, a senior football team from Galway by 3 points, so no shame there.

On Sunday the shield final was played between CHFC and Ballymore - they took revenge and won. Barna won the Cup in an excellent game of football against Costa Gaels. 2 late goals from the Barna captain and U21 Galway footballer sealed a 2 point victory for the Galway men. The ladies from Barna and Meath also played an entertaining game.

The Craic

The weather was magnificent averaging 28 degrees each day. Because of the weather and our beach-front hotel we all spent some time in the sea. Golf was also played with the Castleknock team of Jimmy Prunty, Fionán McDonagh, Donal Cunningham and Ogie Moran coming second. Naturally we had few drinks each evening. We also had a few singers.. Mick Lynch with 'De Heifer', 'Sue', 'Michael Collins' and many more, Eoghan O'Callaghan with 'Grace' and 'Dublin in the Rare Auld Times'. We also got songs from Finbar Brady, Con Gibney, Johnny Corcoran, Frank Brown, Brian Kelly, Sean McLaughlin and Tom Reilly. Donal Cunningham told a few jokes that had the whole crowd in stitches. The lads that sang were brilliant and Jed O'Connor, Chairman of Costa Gaels, was thrilled with the craic, singing, friendliness and good humour that CHFC brought to the weekend.

The Bomber, Ogie, Quinner and Nicky

The tournament guests added so much to the weekend. They gave it their all and had a ball like the rest of us. The Bomber Liston with his 7 All-Ireland medals sang his heart out and if you ever get the chance to hear his version of the 'piano man' grab it with both hands.

Ogie, who won 8 All-Ireland medals at centre half forward, was full of good humour and nuggets of wisdom about the GAA. Nicky English, an exceptional hurler, holder of 6 All-Stars and an All-Ireland winning manager had story after story of his experiences over the years. Niall Quinn, a true gentleman and an avid GAA supporter. Like the rest of the guests, he gave the trip everything whether that be football, golf or entertaining!

Golf Team

Pictured here representing CHFC in the Golf tournament at the renowned "La Cala" Golf resort in Marbella are Jim Prunty, Donal Cunningham, Ogie Moran and Fionan McDonagh.

Marbella won the tournament with Castleknock taking 2nd place.



Costa Gaels

Costa Gaels were superb hosts. Everything was well organised and the enthusiasm of Jed O Connor, Chairman, Una O Connor, Secretary was inspirational. As Niall Quinn said, those involved with the Club are building a Club that has a rural parish feeling. They have a fine football team and committed people. Costa Gaels are going to grow.

Finally

For posterity the men who represented the Club were: Finbar Brady, Donal Cunningham, Mick Lynch, Jimmy Prunty, Fionán McDonagh, Sean McLaughlin, Barry Farrelly, Eoghan O'Callaghan, David Leydon, Tony Nulty, Con Gibney, Johnny Corcoran, Frank Brown, Brian Kelly, Tom Reilly, Pat McKeown, Tommy McKeown, Sean Carolon, Gabriel O'Neill, Alan Rafferty, Cian Higgins and John Coyle.

Well done to Finbar Brady and Donal Cunningham, the main organisers on the CHFC side.

This was as good a weekend that any lad on the trip ever had. We conducted ourselves exceptionally, supported the organisers in any way we could and won the title of 'Best Entertainers'. We participated well in the football and we all got home safely... Magic.



Castleknock's Eoghan O'Callaghan and Tom Reilly contest first ball of Marbella 2004 against Ballymore

U13 Boys win league title.

Congratulations to U-13 Boys who have won their league with 3 games to spare. All other teams had lost 5 matches, while Castleknock had lost just 2. In addition, both teams that had victories over us in Round 1 were comprehensively defeated in Round 2.

Castleknock were awarded the league by the Co. Board, as no other team were in a position to overhaul our points total. Many thanks to all 26 players who featured at various times during the league including James Martin, Joseph O'Callaghan, Paul Cuniffe and Liam Trimble (from Mick Geraghtys' U-14 side).

All 26, and perhaps a few more, will be trying to get into the Feile side in 2005. Competition for places will be keen!! Best of luck to all who have moved into secondary school; study hard and try to get onto your school football team. Daragh Prunty & Conor Murray were captain and vice-captain respectively of the successful side.

Finally, mile buiochas to all the mothers & fathers who came to matches, training and who made their cars available for away games. Jim Dunne, Mick Marren, Charlie Spillane.



Adult Hurlers - Junior Championship Winners



Castleknock claimed their second Junior Championship hurling title in a year when they defeated a strong Cuala outfit at St. Vincent's main pitch (1.12 to 0.9). It was a great setting for the Championship Final, as both teams were highly motivated, with a large crowd of supporters. The St. Vincent's pitch was in superb condition and provided a beautiful surface for both sides to play Championship hurling. It was a super day out for Castleknock GAA as the hurlers proved victorious once again.

Well done to Martin Mangan, Mick Daly, Ken Walsh (Captain) and all the team.



Mick Stokes, pictured left, in full flow

Castleknock:

Brian Lalor, Terry O'Brien, Patsy Haugh, Ken Walsh, Paul Morrissey, Mick Geaney, Liam Walsh, Tomas Corcoran, Ciaran O'Brien, Jimmy Lacey(1.4), Mick Barry(0.2), Ciaran O'Dwyer(0.3), Keith O'Brien, Michael Stokes, Ciaran Callaigi(0.3). Subs: Enda Shiels (Keith O'Brien) Donnacha Howard(Mickey Barry), Colm O'Dea, Eoghan O'Reilly, Tim Dawson, Paul Sweeney, Paddy Wade, Edwin Forrest, Ger McCann, John O'Meara (in abstencia).

U8 Boys travel to Mullingar Shamrocks

Saturday 9th October was a big day in the young footballing lives of the under 8 boys from Castleknock who traveled outside Dublin to play a challenge match for the first time. Where better to go than to the home of the Leinster champions Westmeath to take on the under 8 boys from Mullingar Shamrocks. It was an early start as 29 boys and 17 mentors and parents boarded an early bus and headed to the midlands. The under 8 team normally play the small sided 10-a-side game in Dublin, but our GAA friends outside Dublin prefer to stick with 15-a-side and so two excellent very sporting games ensued.

Game 1 proved to be a very exciting and competitive affair between two well matched teams. Daire Murphy sealed the victory in the last few minutes with a well taken goal.

Castleknock: Daniel O'Neill, Brian Allen, Brendan Kearney, Kane Hogan, Cathal Sheerin, Shane Coffey, Andrew McDonnell, Abdullah Abassi, Fionn Leavy, Luke Whelan (1-0) Colum Breslin (1-1), Alex Hannigan (2-0), Jordan Toland, Daire Murphy (1-3)

The 2nd game again proved to be another very sporting and entertaining encounter as both sides gave their all. At half time Castleknock were in front and some good defending in the second half ensured victory for the visitors

Castleknock; Simon O'Callaghan, Daragh Conway (1-0), Arthur Roberts, Adam Prior (1-2), Cian Kelly, Eoin McDonald-Kelly (1-0), Caolan O'Donnell, Kevin Stephenson (2-2), Michael McKiernan (1-0), Adam Cleary, Charles Zivaljevic, Sean Cummins, Thomas Phelan, Richard McInerney, Ryan McDonnell (1-1)

This day wasn't about winning and losing but about participation and fun and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Pat Collins and his colleagues in Mullingar Shamrocks who ensured the boys all had a great day. Despite the fact that we were jokingly reminded of who knocked Dublin out of the Leinster championship this year, the hospitality we received in the Mullingar club was second to none and we hope to return the favour in the not too distant future.

A big thank you also to the parents who travelled with us to support the under 8's especially Dave O'Donnell who despite being injured could still be heard in Castleknock, John O'Donnell who was the official photographer for the day and of course Brian Hogan who tried (and failed miserably!!) to control 29 excited kids on the bus. These and the other parents who travelled are very dedicated and deserve a big thank you, they helped to ensure that the boys had a great day.

NEWSFLASH!

Castleknock Club Calendar

For the first year in our history, the Club is going to produce a high quality Calendar for our members. The calendar should adorn every fridge in the parish and will be packed with photos of our Club teams and members! There will be a limited supply of these Calendars so buy early to avoid disappointment. Available in Club Shop from November 20th.

SCÓR na nÓg

Best wishes to all CHFC members who are participating in the Dublin Scór na nÓg semi-finals which will be in St. Mark's GAA Club, Tallaght on November 16th. All support welcome!!

Set Dancing Classes for Adults

In need of exercise? Looking for something a little different? Well how about Irish Dancing classes?

Irish Dancing classes for adults every Friday evening, from 8.30.p.m.-10.00 p.m. in Laurel Lodge Community Centre. Come along and bring a friend. All are welcome

Castleknock U10s who played CastletownGeoghan



Our stars of the future. U8 team who travelled to Mullingar

Mentor contact list

Under 7	Fergal Quinn	8206064
Under 7	Barbara O'Neill	8208190
Under 8	Damien Whelan	8226678
Under 9	John O'Sullivan	8214838
Under 10 (Boys)	Eamonn Connor	8200234
Under 10 (Girls)	Jim Mahony	8211549
Under 11 (Boys)	Michael Wylie	8206045
Under 11 (Girls)	Claire Byrne	8211553
Under 12 (Boys)	Jim Healy	8215127
Under 12 (Girls)	Mags Heelan	8204514
Camogie	John Kilkenny	8203035
Under 13 (Boys)	Charlie Spillane	8205340
Under 14 (Boys)	Mick Geraghty	8204412
Under 14 (Girls)	Pat Convery	8205483
Under 16 (Boys)	Johnny Corcoran	8207640
Under 16 (Girls)	Peter Bates	8210250
Under 18 (Girls)	John Hillery	8203320
Adults	Dónal Cunningham	086 6189857

LOTTO NEWS

Lotto numbers and winners drawn for September/October 2004.

Winning Numbers: The Bell - Thurs 2nd Sept 2004



Jackpot €4,600

No JACKPOT winner.

5 "MATCH 3" winners receive €60 each: Michael Geraghty, Helen Coleman, Eileen Mullins, Gerry O' Farrell, Barry McCrea

Winning Numbers: Myos - Thurs 9th Sept 2004



Jackpot €4,800

No JACKPOT winner

5 "match 3" winners receive €60 each:

David Leydon, Stephen Hartnett, Noreen Maher, M Mc Andrew, Lucy Browne

Winning Numbers: Bradys - Thurs 16th Sept 2004



Jackpot €5,000

No JACKPOT winner.

7 "Match 3" winners - receive €45 each:

Marie Gormley, Joe Coyle, Adrienne Healy, Damien Dunne, F. Donnelly, Joan Higgins, Paul & Catriona Quinn

Winning Numbers: The Carpenter for Thurs 23rd Sept 2004



Jackpot €5,200

No JACKPOT winner. 5 "MATCH 3" winners – €60 each:

Carmel Lennon, Laura Carolan, Charles Spillane, Eilish Kavanagh, Paul Igoe

Winning Numbers: The Bell for Thurs 30th Sept 2004



Jackpot €5,400

No Jackpot winner. 4 "Match 3" winners receive €75 each

Michael Brady, Margaret Kelly, Catherine Monaghan, John Cortin

Winning Numbers: Myos for Thurs 7th Oct 2004



Jackpot €5,600

No Jackpot winner. 4 "Match 3" winners receive €75 each:

Colin Lynch, Ray Murray, Kevin Nolan, Dermot O' Meara

Winning Numbers: Bradys for Thurs 14th Oct 2004



Jackpot €5,800

No Jackpot winner. 8 "Match 3" winners receive €40 each

Danny Conway, Catherine Carroll, Jim & Geraldine Lacey, Helen O'Rourke, Thomas Shiels, Vera Weldon, Francis Dunne, Steve and Damian

Winning Numbers: The Carpenter for Thurs 21st Oct 2004



Jackpot €6,000

No Jackpot winner. 4 "Match 3" winners receive €100 each:

John McDermott, Margaret Kelly, Emmet Hogan

Winning Numbers: The Bell for Thurs 28th Oct 2004



Jackpot €6,200

One Jackpot winner. 7 "Match 3" winners receive €45 each

Denis Lally, Catherine & Frank Peelo, Thomas Quinn, Jacqueline Tunney, Jacinta Clerkin, Linda Philips, Babs Conway.

Dates for your Diary / Dátaí don Dialann

Christmas Party
CHFC AGM
Dinner Dance

The Bell Sun 19th December 2004
January 2005 TBA
Sat. 26th February 2005 in new
Tower Hotel Castleknock. Further
details will follow
Wed 16th March 2004

Irish Night / Oíche Gaelach

CHFC supports Dublin 15 Hospice

St. Francis Hospice provides a service of respite and palliative care to people in North Dublin in the advanced stages of cancer and motor neuron disease, as well as support for their families and friends. A clear and pressing need has been established for a dedicated hospice facility to service the Dublin North West community. The St. Francis Hospice people are committed to building the hospice in the Dublin 15 area. They need the support of the community to help raise funds for the development.

The **St. Francis D15 Hospice Fundraising Committee** was formed to promote and co-ordinate the fundraising drive. The Committee has produced a calendar for 2005. **All** proceeds from the sale of the calendar will go towards the Dublin 15 Hospice building fund. **Hope2005** is the title of the calendar.

The calendar features photographs of people and places in Dublin 15. It aims to reflect the spirit of the Hospice movement and positive aspects of community life. With community support, the Committee hopes to raise €100,000 from the initiative.

Castleknock Hurling & Football Club is supporting the Hope2005 initiative. The Calendar will be on sale in the Club shop from next weekend.

Club members are asked to support this worthy cause.
"Buy a calendar and help build a hospice".

U11 Hurling v's Liffey Gaels

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Castleknock Under 11 B's have been participating in the Comhaile Na nÓg 11 a-side Hurling Championship this season. Hurling has been going on since May, and this weekend saw the culmination of the season with all of the division finals being played off. The championship involves all clubs in Dublin, and Castleknock made it to the final after beating Thomas Davis in the Semi-Final. The venue was Naomh Mearnóg, throw in 10am. So it was early to bed and early to rise for team and supporters. Opponents were Liffey Gaels a well coached side under Alan O'Connor.

The match got off to a cracking start. With Castleknock enjoying the early possession a long ball in from Martin Brady caught the Gaels defence flat footed. Robert Wylie ghosted in behind his marker and flicked the ball beyond the keeper who came off his line, and struck the sliothar from a narrow angle into the far corner of the net. This set the tone for the half and when the ref blew the half-time whistle the score was 2-1 to 0-0.4

Second half resumed with Castleknock making some tactical changes. Early exchanges were 50:50 but soon the Castleknock midfield began to work over drive and were putting great ball into our forward line. This resulted in some fine scores. When the ref blew his whistle he signalled a fantastic well deserved win by Castleknock. It is a sign of how far this team has come this season and how much they improved that everyone agreed they were deserved winners. Many thanks to Liffey Gaels for a great sporting occasion. Their players and mentors were great credit to their club.

Castleknock: Niall Gormely, Donal Kennedy, Joseph Murray, Barry Donoghue, Ray McDermott, Martin Brady, Eoghan Baker, Shane Butler, Colm O'Meara, Joseph Abuazza, Robert Wylie, Kevin Balfe, Darragh Byrne, Darren McNeely, Philip Conlon, Shane Ormonde, Conor Darcy.

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