



Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha Castleknock Hurling & Football Club

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Clubhouse Appeal

Your support is needed now.

The Clubhouse Appeal committee reports on the significant interest from across the community in the clubhouse development plans. Due to the tremendous support of club members to date the Chairman has announced that it is the intention to commence the build of our new Clubhouse early next year. Club Chair Niall Tutty said "Even in difficult times it's great that people will still support their local community".

The amount collected to date is just shy of €50,000 and the average contribution per member or member family is €493.

The campaign has been extended to facilitate all members and especially those who have expressed the intention to commit funds over the coming months. All funds under the club bond scheme are loans by members to the club. The bonds (loans) will run for 10 years after which the bonds will be redeemable and funds will be returned to contributors. The minimum contribution through the bond scheme is €300.

The Clubhouse Appeal committee, at the request of some of the

membership, has also launched a tax donation element to the Clubhouse Appeal. Some of our members have expressed a preference for making a donation (non-redeemable) to the Clubhouse Appeal which will allow the Club to claim the tax benefit entitlement. The minimum contribution that can benefit the Club under tax donation legislation is €250.

The overall Clubhouse Appeal campaign continues and the target for members' contributions is €150,000 so we are currently one third of the way there! The intention is to commence our building early

next year. The Appeal Committee is currently in the process of contacting members to establish their interest in supporting the appeal under the bond scheme or the tax donation scheme. A number of innovative payment options are in place to facilitate members.

If you want to support the appeal now and have not been contacted yet please drop us a line via email to info@castleknock.net or contact the Club Fundraising Coordinator Pearse Tolan on 0862478961 or any of the executive committee.

Many thanks for your support,
The Clubhouse Appeal Committee.

Club Successes

The club has already seen success on many levels so far this year. Our U21 Footballers defeated Naomh Barróg after extra time of an epic battle in Somerton Park in February. This success was preceded by the U12 Girls topping their league. Feile Fever is in the air again and the U14 Girls after being pipped at the post in the Football Feile Final went on to win the Camogie Feile without even conceding a point in the whole competition.

All of our Adult Hurling teams and also our 3rd Adult Football team (#cunninghamsarmy) have reached the Quarter Finals of their Championships. The Intermediate Footballers are in the Semi Final of the Junior Championship after they knocked out tournament favourites St Monica's..

Support is needed for all of these games and we are strongly urging you to get out there with your club colours and cheer on your teams.

Be in the know!



Join the Club email list on www.castleknock.net or sign up for club texts by texting your name to 087 753 2030.

You will also be able to keep up to date by checking out Facebook [facebook.com/castleknock.gaa](https://www.facebook.com/castleknock.gaa) and Twitter @CastleknockGAA"



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Adult Awards Night

Saturday 28th January saw Castleknock GAA host its Adult Awards Night in the Castleknock Golf Club. The event which was celebrated by over 150 members, players, supporters and special guests was to recognise all of the successes of the Adult teams in various competitions during 2011 and also to award each team with the Player of the Year Awards.

Special guest John Divilly, former Galway player and All-Ireland winner gave inspiring words and presented awards to all of the Minor players. Former Chairman and loyal member

of Castleknock GAA, Mick Lynch was also presented with an award to recognise his enormous contribution to the Club over the past 14 years. Each year from now on there will be an award given to a member of the Club in honour of Mick Lynch .

A very enjoyable night was had by all and the event was a fantastic way to start the year for Castleknock GAA as the Club aspires to have another successful year in 2012. Well done to Pearse Tolan, Finbar Brady and everybody involved in organising the event.

New Footpath for Somerton

Funding of €40,000 has been provided by local TD and Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport Leo Varadkar for a new footpath and crossing at the junction of Luttrellstown Road and Somerton Lane in Castleknock to make safer access to the Castleknock Hurling and Football Club ground. The funding will cover the cost of planning work, design and construction for the new crossing, and will also fill in a gap in the local footpath network.

Pitch-side advertising

The first of the Pitch-side advertising signs have been erected around the main pitch in Somerton Park.

For more information on how to get your business seen to a wide number of players and home and travelling supporters contact Charlie on (085) 110 1008.



Condolences

Castleknock GAA would like to remember the following people who we have lost recently:

Vera Breen
Kathleen Boland
Richard "Dick" Tobin
Mona Monica O'Connor
Patricia Cooke
Bridie Kedwards
Kathleen Hughes
Josephine Doyle

Our thoughts and prayers are with their friends and families. May they all Rest in Peace

Thinking of Joining Castleknock GAA?

Everybody is welcome to join our club and if you or your child would like to become involved please contact a Mentor or a member of the Executive Committee. All relevant contact information can be found at www.castleknock.net/contacts

Tree Planting

On a bright March morning the trees from our fundraiser were planted in Somerton. Many thanks to all the team who raised E4,500, in particular David Leydon, Geraldine O Reilly and Conor O Reilly who, with the support of the Adult, Juvenile and Ladies Committees and mentors, organised the fundraiser.

Also thanks to all the team who strimmed, dug, hammered and planted on 19 March: Joe O Reilly,

Jim Prunty, Seamus Tutty, David Leydon, Mick Geraghty, Con Gibney, Mick Lynch, Joe Murray, Pearse Tolan, Patrick McKeon, Catherine & Oisin Tolan, Joe Coyle and Niall Tutty. Of course, the fundraiser in aid of our Clubhouse wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of Club members - thanks to all who donated €20 for their own personally tagged tree. Trees still for sale, see website and Club Shop for forms.



Sports Team of the Year



Castleknock GAA have been crowned Sports Team of the year at the 2011 Dublin Sports Awards. The event, hosted by Paul Dempsey and sponsored by The Dublin Gazette Group, Clarion Hotel and Setanta Sports saw Castleknock pick up the award for Sports Team of the Month for August 2011 and also receiving the top award of the night for Sports Team of the Year. This is a great achievement considering the high standard of all of the other nominees. Congratulations to everybody involved in the club and thank you for all of your support.

Adult Team	Championship	League	League Position
Football A	Semi Final	AFL 4	Tied 1st
Football B	Knocked Out 1st Round	AFL 6	Tied 5th
Football C	Quarter Final	AFL 9	Tied 4th
Hurling A	Quarter Final	AHL 4	Tied 1st
Hurling B	Quarter Final	AHL 8	Tied 2nd
Hurling C	Quarter Final	AHL 9	Tied 6th
Minor Football A	Yet to start	MFL 1	4th
Minor Football B	Yet to start	MFL 4A	4th
Minor Hurling A	Yet to start	MHL 2	2nd

Summer Camps

This year's Summer Camps are not too far away and are a great chance for the younger members of Castleknock to enjoy time with their friends and also work on their skills and meet some famous faces. The dates for the CHFC summer camp are as follows:
 Club Camp- July 9th to 13th cost €50 Standard and €30 Nursery
 Kellogs Cúl Camp. August 20th to 24th €55 (first child) €45 (second child) and €40 (third child). Nursery camp is €30 Time of camp is from 10am to 2pm. ALL Kellogs Cul camp bookings must be made online. To do so log onto www.gaa.ie Any bookings recieved after June 15th cannot be guaranteed the Cúl Camp kit.

Dates for you Diary

A chairde,
 Castleknock GAA Club would like to extend an open invitation to our monthly celebration 'Club Culture'. It will include the following activities:

1. Youth Session: singsong, music, dance, etc.
2. Adult Session: music, song, dance & craic.
3. 'Spraoi Club': a nights chat and activities through 'Gaeilge'.

- Summer Dates & Venues:**
1. **Youth Sessions:**
 28th Jun, 26th Jul and 23rd Aug
 Venue: Upstairs Lounge Kavanagh's of Castleknock
 2. **Adult Sessions:**
 6th and 22nd July, 26th August
 Venue: Downstairs bar Kavanagh's of Castleknock .
 3. **'Club Spraoi':**
 2nd & 23rd July and 20th August
 Venue: Lounge Upstairs, The Carpenter Castleknock.

Lotto Jackpot

The Castleknock GAA Lotto Jackpot has been won on two occasions so far in 2012. Jean Luc Cuel scooped €8,400 in March followed by Rufus Gibbons who won €3,800 in May, Rufus is pictured with cheque in O'Shea's Merchant. A huge thank you must go to all who support the Club Lotto by facilitating the draw and selling tickets.

www.castleknock.net

The site is currently under construction and a new and improved site is on its way. If you are interested in sponsoring the update or the maintenance of the site or if you are just interested in advertising on it please get in touch. The site is viewed by thousands of people each month and is a great place to get your business or organisation seen by the local and wider community.

Please contact Paul Hughes at pro@castleknock.net or (087) 753 2030 for more information.





Club Mass

The Castleknock GAA Club Mass was held in Laurel Lodge on 10th March. There was a huge attendance from our members who sang, made readings and said prayers. After the mass Fr. Dan Joe was presented with a cheque in aid of the hospice which was raised during a very successful Scor concert held at the end of last year.

Nursery

The Nursery continues to be an enormous success. The Nursery takes place every Saturday morning for children between the ages of 4 and 7. The Nursery will finish on 7th July and resume start september. If you would like to get your child involved please feel free to attend any Saturday morning or call the Club's GPO Brendan Phelan on (085) 132 9397.

As we are at the end of another busy year, we would like to give thanks to all the teachers who have helped out with activities over the past year. This

year we had primary schools leagues in football/ladies Football and Hurling, the girls from three schools played in a mini camogie league and it is hoped more schools will get involved with the camogie next year. We would also like to thank the transition year students from Castleknock Community College for all their help with the primary schools events. Many of these students are CHFC members

Coaching Courses

This year 30 people completed the GAA Foundation level course while another 17 people completed the Award One course. Its great to see so many club mentors completing official GAA coaching courses.

Intel Volunteer Hours

Castleknock were awarded \$6380 [Approx. €5000] at a ceremony held out in Intel Ireland at the end of May. This is awarded to the club for the volunteer hours that Castleknock GAA club members who are Intel employees contribute to the club. A big thanks to Paraic Finnerty, Lisa Raftery, Terry Buckley, Paul O Flynn and Liam Ó Flannagáin. Club Chairman Niall Tutty accepted the cheque on behalf of the club from Phil Hogan, Pdraig Duffy and Eamonn Sinnott Intel Ireland General Manager.

Wine Night

The Carpenter Off Licence & Wine Shop in conjunction with Castleknock Hurling & Football Club held a Wine Fair Evening on March 14th.

The night was a great success and everybody had great fun. We are already planning the next one!

The Carpenter kindly agreed to allow Castleknock GAA keep all the proceeds from the ticket and raffle sales and all the money went to The Clubhouse Appeal fund.

Golf Classic

Castleknock GAA Club held their 14th Annual Golf Classic in Castleknock Golf Club on Friday 22 June. An impressive 40 teams turned out in tough conditions to enjoy a great day entertainment. The club were grateful to their main sponsor Cunningham Funeral Directors as well as those sponsoring teams, tee boxes and prizes. Pictured are members of the winning team of Mick Neville, Tom Furley, Joe Summerville and Andy Kelly accepting their prize of A Fourball and overnight with dinner in Druids Glen from Club Chairman, Niall Tutty.



Inter County Representation

The club would like to recognise the amazing achievement that was Dublin U21's winning the All-Ireland Championship. Our very own Ciarán Kilkenny played an enormous role in the campaign which saw him out scoring every other player in the tournament with a personal tally of 2-31. Castleknock were not the only ones to admire and recognise this feat as he was also voted as Cadbury's Hero of the Future for 2012.

Congratulations to Ciarán and all of the U21 Dubs.

Other players who have been representing the Club at inter county level include Tom Quinn and Colin Lynch who are part of the Dublin Minor Football and Hurling Squads respectively and also to Colm Neville and Dara McKiernan who lined out for the Leitrim Minor Footballers this summer.

The U13 Camogie team also have four girls on the Dublin Development

Squad. Molly O'Neill, Aoife Whelan, Niamh Mulroney & Aisling Andrews. They have played blitz in Cork & Tipperary. Best of luck to Tom Mulvey, Conor Levesley and Ciaran O Flannagain from our U13 hurling team who will be playing in the U14 All Ireland Handball Feile. Tom will also be representing Dublin in the Feile skills competition to be held in City West.

