



## 2023: A year of possibility...

The bulletin today looks toward the new year with optimism as teams begin their tentative steps back towards training. We also take a look back over the Christmas and New Year period at some of the excellent activity organised during that period. This as well as other news from around the club can, as always be found below...

### Senior teams prepare for 2023

As is often the nature of the off-season, it comes and goes quicker than anyone anticipates. To many, it feels like a month or two ago, that our teams were competing for league and championship glories during the 2022 season. As it is, this week sees our Senior men and women back in preparation for the new season.

Across the four senior teams there will be heightened ambition – all seeking to improve on 2022. For the Senior women, they will be looking back at a year of what ifs, where time and again they came up just short in important games. One-point and two-point losses seemed to be the order of the day as they tested themselves against Armagh's best. Though they will compete again in the Intermediate tier this year, they know they were not out of place in the Senior division and will be seeking to replicate the 2021 run which brought them league and championship glory. The return of Grainne Boylan from injury – a huge miss during 2022 - will be significant.

The Camogs saw participation rates and performances increase in 2022 and will be seeking to maintain those numbers and push to new heights. Their inclusion in the Ulster Championship this Winter will have given a taste of where the club needs to be and with increasing inclusion of Killeavy camogs on Armagh underage teams, there's no doubt Killeavy has the talent to reach it. Huge leaps taken in skill and fitness have set them up for an exciting 2023 season, kicking off with a joint training program with their ladies football counterparts. They plan to set themselves up for a successful season.

A somewhat surprise package of this year was the senior hurling team. An enormous amount of work is being done at underage level in the club and some of those seeds are beginning to bear fruit. The team had a fantastic campaign in a very competitive Ulster league, winning the majority of their games and finishing comfortably in the top half. There will be some disappointment that the form from the league did not materialise into Armagh Championship success and that will likely be a key goal for 2023.

The Junior men had a bag of mixed fortunes in 2022. A disappointing start meant that for much of the campaign they were playing catch up with the rest of the league. Another strong finish saw 3B success again and they will be looking to build on that for next year. There are a number of young players now on the team who provided real quality in some of their tighter games toward the end of the season. If they can maintain that progress, they should push on for 3A success this year. The Senior men had what felt like a breakthrough year in form, reaching the highest league position achieved by any Killeavy team in years. The side finished second in Division 1A after defeat in the final game of the season when, through a county board decision to change the fixture, the team were missing a number of key starting players through injury and holiday. Their semi-final Championship exit to a Granemore side who they had beaten twice in the league will be of particular annoyance to the players and management. A lot of things didn't go right on what was a miserable day including a first half red card and a bizarre second half goal for Granemore. League and Championship success is on the cards for 2023.

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### Massive £11,185 raised as community comes together...

One of the hardest things for any organisation is to maintain cashflows to meet the demand of their members. There seems an almost innate connection between the size of a club and the needs of the club. More members and more income correlates with more equipment, more expectations and more expenditure.

In this context it was amazing to see the gusto thrown behind the Christmas ticket fundraising effort in November and December of last year. The efforts culminated with a draw that took place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December alongside the visit of Santa Claus to St. Moninna's. The effort epitomised the hours of endless commitment by the ladies social committee which was highlighted in the December 16<sup>th</sup> bulletin. They were ably assisted by the club's fundraising team who continually organised and encouraged sellers to maintain momentum throughout the campaign. In total, £11,185.00 was raised – an enormous figure considering the turnaround of the campaign was around six-weeks and the expenditure for the club was next to zero. Instead, built on the efforts of the volunteer salespeople, this campaign highlighted how great an opportunity these types of efforts are for the club. A huge congratulations and thank you from the community and the club must go to Fionnuala O'Neill, Lisa McDonnell, Siobhan Boylan, Noelle Magennis, Theresa Melarky, Aishlinn Collins, Mary Coogan, Steven McDonnell, Paul McArdle and Niall Trainor who led the campaign throughout.

*Below: the full list of winners from the Christmas Draw*

- €250 Voucher for FIRE Steakhouse & Bar & SOLE Seafood & Grill Dublin – Ruari Holyoake, Killeavy
- €250 Voucher for FIRE Steakhouse & Bar & Sole Restaurant Dublin – Padraig Crilly, Killeavy
- £200 Smyths Toy Store Voucher – Colin Preston, Flagstaff Road
- £200 Killeavy Castle Voucher – Shane O'Neill, Killean
- €200 Slieve Russell Voucher – Anne Clarke, Killean
- £150 Yellow Heifer Voucher – Nicola Winters, Forkhill
- £150 Smyths Toy Store Voucher – Millbrook Café, Bessbrook
- Night for two in Loughanmore Cottage, Lordship – Noel Larkin, Newry
- £100 E. Collins & Sons Butchers Voucher – Daniel McKeivitt, Killeavy
- £100 Blueprint Pizza Voucher – Rosena Coleman, Cloughoge
- £100 Voucher for The Quays – Geraldine O'Neill, Killeavy
- £150 Canal Court Voucher – Anne McCoy, Forkhill
- £100 Mulkerns Eurospar Voucher – Bernie Ward, Jonesborough
- £50 Rouge Skincare & Beauty Salon Voucher – Niamh McNally, Camlough
- £50 Annes Salon Voucher – Corina McConville, Meigh
- £100 Taste of Gullion Voucher – Mary Byrne, Killeavy

### Social club opening hours this weekend...

**SOCIAL CLUB OPENING HOURS**

**Friday - 7pm / Close**  
Pool & Darts  
FA Cup  
Man Utd v Everton @ 8pm

**Saturday - 12pm / Close**  
FA Cup  
Sheffield Wednesday v Newcastle Utd @ 6pm

**Sunday - 12pm / Close**  
All-Ireland Club Senior Football Semi-Finals  
Kilmacud Crokes (Dublin) v Kerins O'Rahilly's (Kerry) @ 1.30pm  
Glen (Derry) v Moycullen (Galway) @ 3.30pm  
FA Cup  
Manchester City v Chelsea @ 4.30pm



**Santa Arrives in full swing...**

At the same time as Killeavy's elves were totting up the financial gains of the Christmas Draw, Santa's elves were running around the social club busying themselves for his arrival. He didn't disappoint. From 4pm to 9pm, Santa moved seamlessly between groups, ensuring to hear the wishes of all the children in the parish.

*Below: Santa Claus visits Killeavy GAA*



*Below: Two of Santa's Elves, Fionnuala O'Neill and Lisa McDonnell prepare for his arrival*



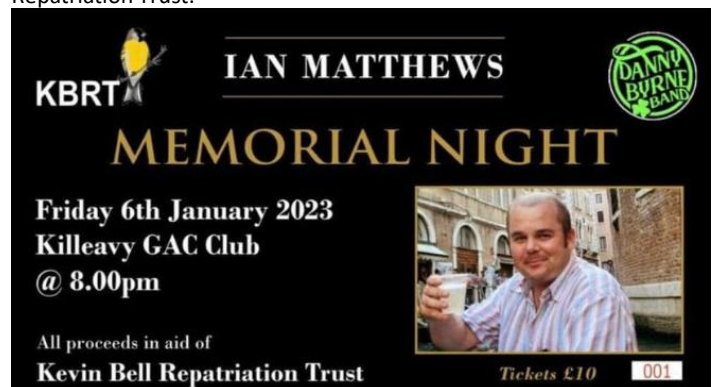
**Killeavy feature as St.Paul's seek Ulster glory**

St. Paul's will seek to continue their remarkable success in A grade competitions on Sunday when they take on St. McCartan's of Monaghan in the Rannafast Final. Participating from Killeavy's side will be Fergal Boylan, Oisin Bennett, Conor Bennett, Julian Carr, Ben Mc Kevitt, Tiernan Brown and Patrick Crilly. The very best to the lads and their teammates on Sunday afternoon.



**In memory of Ian Matthews...**

There will be a special evening tonight in memory of the late Ian Matthews. All proceeds are in aid of the wonderful Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust.



**Lottery Results**

<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>
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There was **NO** winner of this week's £2,500 jackpot winner. The next draw will be streamed live at 8.00pm on Monday 9th January 2023.

Thank you to all for your continued support. There were **SEVEN** Match 3 Winners - £25 each

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Mark Duffy	Meigh	Social Club
Hugh Henry	c/o Taveys	Taveys
James Smith	Lower burnish	Club Killeavy
Barry Doran	Ayalogue Road	Club Killeavy
Sean Boylan	Seavers Road	Club Killeavy
Maureen Clarke	Killean	Seamus Coyle
Darren Crilly	Killean	Seamus Coyle

Jackpot Next Week

**£2,600**