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Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha

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Chairman's Message

A Chairde,

2005 has already registered its first significant milestone when, last weekend, our Junior Footballers won their first silverware with an impressive victory over Na Fianna in the annual Frank Dardis tournament. We welcome William Brennan on board as the new Junior Football Manager following in the footsteps of Fionan McDonagh. Its great to see the majority of our teams already back in action.

You re-elected me as your Chairman and returned my Executive Committee to serve your interests for another year. **Chairman** - John Hillery, **Vice Chairman** - Mick Lynch, **Secretary** - Vivian Peelo, **Treasurer** - Charlie Spillane, **Assistant Treasurer** - Eamonn Connor. **Juvenile Chairman** - Ciaran Prunty **Communications** - Tony Nulty, **Registrar** - Laura Donoghue, **Oifigeach Gaeilge** - Barbara O'Neill, **County Board Rep.** - Joe Murray, Joe O'Reilly, David Leydon, Johnny Corcoran, Jim Healy and Donal Cunningham.

We will continue the efforts which have made your Club so successful throughout the years. With a renewed mandate from the A.G.M to continue with the programme, the Club looks forward to enhancing its coaching and development structures. I look forward to seeing you all at our forthcoming Spring Ball in the Castleknock Hotel & Country Club on Saturday 26th February. Hope you have an exciting and fulfilling season ahead.

Yours in Sport,
John V Hillery.

Chairman,
Castleknock Hurling & Football Club



Castleknock Hurling and Football Club Executive 2005

Back row: Joe Murray, Donal Cunningham, Tony Nulty, David Leydon, Eamonn Connor, Johnny Corcoran, Charlie Spillane, Jim Healy. Front row: Joe O'Reilly, Vivian Peelo, John Hillery, Laura Donoghue, Mick Lynch, Ciaran Prunty

Adult Footballers win Dardis Cup



Gerry Kelly accepting the Frank Dardis Perpetual Trophy on behalf of Castleknock. See match report on page 2.

Spring Ball

The Spring Ball has sold out in record time! No more tickets are available.

Please take note that a room can be booked in the Castleknock Hotel & Country Club for the night of the Ball for the fantastic price of €100.

When: Sat 26th Feb. 2005
Time: 7.30pm
Cost: €50 each
Dress Code: Semi-Formal

5 course meal - Live Band - Spot Prizes



Well done to Damian Whelan and Ollie Coffey who brought their U9 group to the GAA museum and Stadium tour in Croke Park on Saturday 22 Jan 2005. Pictured here are some of the lads dreaming of Sam!



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Adult Footballers win Frank Dardis Perpetual Tournament

Castleknock 3-09 V Na Fianna 0-12

"Ba mhaith liom an chorn seo a glacadh ar son foireann peile Chaisleán Cnucha" would have been the words spoken by stand in captain Gerry Kelly on Sunday had he bothered listening to his Irish teacher in school. Instead a "Wahurrrrrrrrrr!" sufficed to acknowledge the first silverware ever won by Castleknock's adult footballers. The occasion was the Frank Dardis tournament organised annually by St Brendan's. The four teams invited were Castleknock, Na Fianna, St Peregrines and St Brendan's themselves. Castleknock were paired off with Brendan's in the first semi-final while Peregrines faced Na Fianna in the other semi-final.

Castleknock's game with Brendan's turned out to be a one sided affair with Castleknock running out easy winners on a score of 6-10 to 0-3. Tommy Corcoran bagged a hat-trick while Davy Leydon got two goal thanks to some indecision on behalf of the Brendan's keeper. There were fine displays from the new men including Benny O Callaghan, Paddy O'Brien, Paul Mulvihill, Brian Grant and Daragh McNamara had a super game between the sticks to keep a second clean sheet in as many weeks. The Peter Cech of the GAA world. The win ensured Castleknock had to play again the next day in the final against Na Fianna who pipped Peregrines with a last minute goal. Castleknock needed no introduction to Na Fianna as they have had many a ding dong battle over the past few seasons.

The match started at a good pace with Paddy O'Brien picking up where he left off the day before with some driving runs and passes. Davy Leydon and Stephen Keogan were showing a clean pair of heels to their markers and Eoin Maloney was a revelation at half forward. Davy and Stephen kicked great points and a deceptive pass from Maloney released Gerry Kelly in for the first goal. Na Fianna kept in touch with some points but they were held by a Castleknock defence superbly marshalled by Denis Lally who rolled back the years to put in a mighty performance. Castleknock went in at the break five points up with the wind and the hill to play against.

Any worries that Castleknock would be pinned back for the second half were allayed when Davy Leydon and Ger Byrne both bagged goals within minutes of each other. Na Fianna didn't give up the ghost and in the mud and the rain they attacked the Castleknock defence who withstood them time and again. Brian Kelly must have had a Star Trek teleporter with him because when you first looked he was 2 yards behind his man and when you blinked boom! he was coming steaming out of defence with ball in hand.

Ambrose Galligan was working his wing diligently with Dec Reilly and Paul Mulvihill coming back to take the ball from the defence and drive on through the Na Fianna challenges. The referee attempted to even the match up by giving Stephen Keogan the line after two bookable offences. Stephen was having a great game in the corner and was unfortunate to say the least.

As the game neared its conclusion, Castleknock closed out the game with points on the run from Tommy Corcoran and Gerry Kelly. The referee blew his whistle shortly after to ensure Castleknock adult footballers won their first ever trophy.

Castleknock Panel: Daragh McNamara, Alan Raftery, Denis Lally, Ambrose Galligan, Brendan O Callaghan, Paddy Monaghan, Brian Kelly, Dec Reilly, Paul Mulvihill, Tommy Corcoran, Brian Grant, Gerry Kelly, Stephen Keogan, Davy Leydon, Eoin Maloney, Ger Byrne, Cathal Carlin, Paddy Gaffney, John Smith, John Greene.

Mentors: Willie Brennan, Mick Lynch, Donal Cunningham



LOTTO NEWS

Lotto numbers and winners drawn for January 2005.

Winning Numbers: Myos Castleknock - Thurs 6th Jan 2005

2 5 16 26

Jackpot €2,800

No JACKPOT winner.

3 "match 3" winners - €100 each

The Kavanagh Family, Nuala Maher, P. McAndrew.

All proceeds raised on the night were donated to the Asian Tsunami Appeal Fund - many thanks to all who supported.

Winning Numbers: Brady's Castleknock - Thurs 13th Jan 2005

3 4 11 20

Jackpot €3,000

No JACKPOT winner

6 "MATCH 3" winners receive €50 each:-

Gráinne Ní Chaomhánaigh, Denis Butler, Con Gibney, Con O'Brien, Gary Mahony, Seán Balfe

Winning Numbers: The Carpenter - Thurs 20th Jan 2005

2 13 14 18

Jackpot €3,200

No JACKPOT winner.

5 "Match 3" winners receive €60 each

Kevin Hogan, Cyril Parke, Vincent McCarthy, Noel Daly, Yvonne O'Reilly

Winning Numbers: The Bell - Thurs 27th Jan 2005

5 11 22 25

Jackpot €3,400

No JACKPOT winner

4 "match 3" winners receive €75 each.

Tommy Kelly, Cara O'Neill, Bry, D. Moynihan

Next Lotto Draws: Thursday 3rd Feb 2005 – Myos

Thursday 10th Feb 2005 – Bradys

Thursday 17th Feb 2005 – Carpenter

Thursday 24th Feb 2005 – The Bell

Céilí Dancing

Céilí Dancing for Complete Beginners every Tuesday evening from 20:00 – 21:00 in Laurel Lodge Community Centre. Cost € 5.00
Everybody welcome –bring a friend!!

Contact Laura Donoghue on 086 3964634

Contributions Always Welcome

Match reports, profiles, articles, photos and any other snippets are always welcome for inclusion in the weekly Blanch Gazette, our website www.castleknock.net or the monthly newsletter. This can be done by sending an email to info@castleknock.net or by contacting Tony Nulty (086 6072487) or David Leydon (086 3262208)

Please email weekend match reports to reach us before 12 noon on Mondays if you want your report or notice to be available for inclusion in Blanch Gazette coverage.

Short reports of up to 300 words with both team and scorers named are ideal. Please also include a name and telephone number of a mentor involved with the team.

Dates for your Diary / Dátaí don Dialann

Spring Ball	Sat. 26th February 2005 in new Castleknock Hotel & Country Club.
Irish Night / Oíche Gaelach	Wed 16 th March 2005 Westmanstown
Golf Classic	Fri. 17 th June 2005 Hollystown