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It was another strong year in Donard/Glen GAA across the entire club. Our members were kept very busy on the playing front between our two adult men's teams, Gaelic 4 Mothers and Others team and juvenile teams, but were also working hard in the background running the Club Lotto, Healthy Club initiative, Irish Speaking Mondays, and a host of other activities.

Intermediate

For the Intermediates, the year got off to a flying start with the club hosting the Jim Mills Memorial Cup. Vallemount, Hollywood and Dunlavin joined in to make it a highly competitive and well-run tournament. There was great attendance at all games and the crowds were rewarded with high-quality football throughout February. The club's two pitches were used, and both were in great condition despite the early stage of the year. The tournament went down to the final day and competition was fierce with the two final games throwing in at the same time. Dunlavin came out the eventual winners, but all teams will be keen to go at it again in 2024.

Our Intermediates were under new management this year and had a strong showing in both the league and championship. Building on the sharpness gained from the Jim Mills tournament and fitness from pre-season training, a win against Baltinglass saw the team get off to a good start in the league. Further wins against the likes of Ashford, Ballymanus, Vallemount and Eire Og resulted in a mid-table finish and well set up for championship.

The group format championship got under way in August with good wins over Carnew Emmets and Kilmacanogue. Losses to Vallemount and Annacurra set up a must win final group game against Laragh with Donard/Glen coming out on top. A powerful quarter final win against Hollywood in Blessington



Intermediates

set up an October semi-final versus Annacurra in Aughrim. This was a tight game with nothing spared by either team and fine football throughout. After a gruelling second half, Donard/Glen looked to have secured the win only for Annacurra to power back with some late scores which unfortunately proved the difference and ended championship hopes for 2023. This team is a mixture of youth and experience with many underage honours and intermediate medals already in hand.

With more experienced gained in 2023, and the management moving into their second season, there is a lot to look forward to with this team in the coming year.

Junior B

After taking home the Junior C title in 2022, our recently promoted Junior team had another good year. Again, it was strong showing in a team which featured many familiar faces



Junior B's

from the senior and intermediate teams of years gone along with plenty of up-and-coming players. The football started in early March with strong performances against Baltinglass, Kilbride and Kiltegan in the Hennessy Cup. Despite some good wins, score difference prevented the team advancing from the group.

In the league, the strong squad and good numbers were not matched across the other teams in the west. Donard/Glen easily advanced without a major test. The season properly got going in the quarter final game against Kilcoole, with the win coming in extra time. A strong 7-point win over Annacurra in the semi-final paved the way for a final against Ballymanus. Donard/Glen ran out 3-10 to 1-14 winners to claim the Division 5 Macra Na Feirme title for 2023 and bring home a cup for a second year in a row.

It was a huge step up in the Junior B championship this year. Beaten by Avoca and Baltinglass in the first two games, a big win was needed against Kilcoole, and the Juniors roundly delivered. The team went through on score difference to a well-deserved quarter final. Despite being beaten by a strong Tinahely team it was nonetheless a successful year for this Junior team with a cup from the league, Junior B status secured, experience gained by younger players and plenty of good football played.

Healthy Club

The Donard/Glen Healthy Club initiative has achieved Foundation Level with plans in place to step up to the next level. Well run and enjoyable gym classes are a huge contributor to the success of this initiative, making sure the club gym is open and welcoming to members of all abilities for fun, supervised sessions throughout the year.

Donard/Glen would like to thank all who played, volunteered, and supported the club throughout the year. It takes a huge effort to develop and support our players, maintain and expand our facilities, and run our games and initiatives over the course of a season. This effort is what makes Donard/Glen the successful and proud club it is and a crucial part of the local community. While reflecting on 2023, we look forward to even more

St Nicholas Juveniles

The St. Nicholas u12 team participated in the Kildare league, winning the Kildare division 5 league. The team reached the Allen Cup semi-final, narrowly missing out to Blessington in extra time. The St. Nicholas u13 had a good showing in the league and reached a shield final, losing to Baltinglass despite a great effort. The St. Nicholas u15's fielded two teams this year, reaching a Wicklow League Final and winning the Wicklow Feile. Representing Wicklow in Feile, the team reached the semi-final just losing out in extra time. Both teams reached championship finals with one team beating Rathnew in the A final and the other team just losing out to a strong Clara Gaels side in the D final. The St. Nicholas minor team did very well this year with a win in the B championship final against St Kevin's. Overall, a very successful year with good commitment shown by players and mentors alike.

Juveniles

It was a busy year for the Donard/Glen Juveniles with over 100 registered players. Training on Monday nights and Saturday mornings, the Coiste na nÓg u11s played 10 games in the Wicklow League, winning 6. The u9s had 24 players regularly training, fulfilled all Go Game fixtures, and developed great skills throughout the year. The u7s had 30 registered with around 20 players regularly attending training sessions. Go Games were very well attended and much like the U9s, skill development over the year was very good within this age group. Finally, the Nursery team had 28 registered players with 18 of these remaining eligible for Nursery again this year and 10 moving up to u7s. Due to the hard work of the juvenile coaches and admins, the juvenile section of Donard/Glen GAA continues to prosper, and the club looks forward to seeing these players move up through the grades and continue to participate for years to come.

participation, enjoyment and success in the year to come.





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Dunlavin Under 10's

2023 was a very positive year for Dunlavin Gaa both on and off the field, we ended 2022 with a refreshed committee in place and with new management teams onboard for both our senior & junior teams.

Reflecting back on the year, there was a huge amount of work done within the club, between sub committees, teams, coaches, and individuals, as a club, we are growing from strength to strength, the future progression and development of the club is clear to see.



Jim Mills Tournament Winners 2023

Senior Football

On the field, under a new management team of Mick, Seán, Kevin, Kevin, Dave, and Jason, Our senior footballers started off the year in the local Jim Mills tournament in Donard with Donard, Valleymount & Hollywood, we came out winners in this tournament. They have also been promoted straight back to Division 1A after being relegated last year, this division is where we need to be, if not in Division 1 in order to be competing in the senior championship & we look to build on this in 2023.

However, our championship campaign wasn't as successful, we didn't manage to get a win in our group games, The first match against 2021 champions and 2022 SFC finalists Baltinglass

was a very steep Learning curve. We hadn't faced a strong team like them in the league and were easily beaten. We did however see the standard we had to reach and did improve. We had the chances and we were considered unlucky against Tinahely and Rathnew. Rathnew went all the way to the SFC Final, and we ended up in a Relegation Final with Avondale who had drawn with Blessington (2023 SFC champions) in their previous match. A very encouraging performance In the Knockananna final resulted in a 7-point win against Avondale and retaining our senior Championship status for 2024. There is no doubt, this team has the potential to go all the way and hopefully we can build on this year going forward.



Hennessy Cup Winners 2023



DUNLAVIN SENIOR TEAM & SUPPORTERS

Junior Football

Our second team, who also had a new management team of Seán, Mick, Shane, and Dave, were also promoted to Division 3, this is a fantastic achievement as last year we had to withdraw the team during the championship. The management team worked really hard to get this group of players to fully commit to training and matches this year no doubt it has paid off. They travelled to some matches with the bare fifteen players but following through with their word, gave this team something to fight for and they played games with real passion and heart.



OUR WICKLOW REPRESENTATIVES –
CIAN, EOIN & TOM

They had a decent championship run but again we were beaten in a quarter final. We competed in the Hennessy Cup early in the year and the final against a strong Kiltegan team was played at the end of the year, it literally came down to the last kick of the game, but our lads came out on top finishing the year on a high. Hopefully with some new blood coming through next year we will compete well in Division 3 and break the quarter final curse for this team.

County representation

A fantastic achievement for our club was having seven players with our county teams this year. Cian O' Sullivan, Eoin Murtagh and Tom Moran played vital roles in the success of the Wicklow senior footballers this season. They were promoted to Division 3 in the NFL and played the league final in Croke Park, although the result didn't go our way it was a great day for the county and our club members travelled well to show their support and pride in our club players. Hopefully they can build this year and have a good championship run also.

Cian Deering, Jack Reid, Mark Murtagh and Seán Doyle played with the Wicklow U20 team, and they also had a good year with the U20 Wicklow team, they lost out on progressing by the narrowest of margins and hopefully they can build on this again for 2024. Our club is very proud of all our players who represent our county, it can be a long year with no real off season now, but they put in the work all year round and are often also seen down with our juveniles on a Monday night.

Juvenile football

Our juveniles had a very a fun filled busy year. We have had a solid increase in registered juveniles and hopefully we can build on this going forward. Our GPO Conor Byrne did great work in our school this year to encourage the sport and increase our members, and he will be missed.

Each Monday and Thursday our pitches were full with our juveniles from our under 5s up to our under 11s, regardless of the weather, the kids, coaches & parents were out, this shows the dedication and commitment to the gaa and it is fantastic to see. Lots of football was played with Go games, local matches and blitzes, the players show improvement week after week.

This year was special also as we held a 'Festival of Fun and Football' in August, this was a fantastic day for our club, where each team was led out onto the field by a piper, all our players got to show off their footballing skills in front of the crowd, playing matches against local teams while also having lots of fun and games on the bottom field. The day was a huge success and the kids are looking forward to next year already.

DUNLAVIN We ran several supporters buses this year for our juveniles also, they travelled to Aughrim and Croke Park to support the Wicklow team in their league campaign

And then to Knockanna to support our senior footballers in their relegation play off. These are the players and teams our



UNDER 11'S – FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL

juveniles look up to so we feel it is important that we support and nourish this for our future senior Dunlavin & Wicklow players, and it is also important that our adult footballers know the club is always supporting them and they have lots of little fans looking up to them!

Coaching

We held a 2 night foundation coaching course in early January, ran by Jonathan Daniels, where we had over 20 coaches complete the course and therefore encouraged lots of new coaches to come onboard for 2023.



UNDER 7'S – FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL

A big thank you goes to all our coaches, completing the coaching course and the safeguarding course, all the extra games and training session, all involved a lot of extra work and commitment this year and without it, our juvenile football would not be developing and flourishing as it is, we are extremely grateful for all the work that goes in, on and off the pitch week in, week out.

Club Development

Off the field, we have a number of development projects ongoing.

Early 2023 we held a scoping meeting with the aim of formulating a Club Plan, an interesting and constructive meeting where a range of views were recorded. The meeting was facilitated by a member of Leinster Council to whom we extend our thanks. After that process we ratified a planning group sub-committee who are in the process of completing a club plan, their works are coming towards the draft stage, It is intended to circulate the draft Plan to members for constructive input and then finalised, published and hopefully used as a support tool to the club as it develops. Publication will be in spring 2024.

We had our top field maintained with some sand slitting and shock waving. Our lighting has been completed around the pitch, ensuring it is a safe space for walkers, this is of massive benefit to not only the club but the wider community. It gives everyone a safe environment to walk in the dark winter evenings and now we have enrolled in the "healthy clubs" initiative, we hope to take part in 'Ireland Lights Up' and more exciting events in the new year.

Our public toilets, storerooms and dressing room 1 & 2 are currently under renovation, the standard we hope to deliver is of the highest quality and we are very excited to see the finished product. We have also submitted a grant application



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for Phase II of the clubhouse development so hopefully our application is successful, and we can keep on improving our facilities. These development projects don't just happen though, they have all been two years in the making and lots of hours of meetings, brainstorming, grant applications, meeting deadlines and fundraising thank you for all your hard work and dedication to improve our facilities for the club and wider community.

Thanks

We would like to thank all our club members, our community, and all who have supported us this year through fundraising, sponsorship, and those who helped out in anyway big or small. A special thank you to our sponsors ESI foods for their continued support, Ken Clarke Electrical Ltd, Boom & Platform Hire, Amazon Developments and all those who have sponsored & supported the club, and we wish everyone a happy & healthy 2023.

Lost friends

We lost several friends over the year extending from past players to current members, we extend our sympathies to their families and loved ones & assure the families that these people do come up in conversation as we reflect on our Club and the contribution they made to Dunlavin Gaa club.





U13 Boys

It was an amazing year for our U13 boys, and they celebrated it!

In total, there were SEVEN trophies presented to both football and hurling teams.

What a great bunch of young men they are. And what a great bunch of coaches they have too!

Thanks also to club President Ray Barry and senior club play Darren Hayden for presenting the medals.

U13 Hurlers

Our U13 Hurlers won the "A" Plate in October courtesy of a great 6-04 :1-05 victory over Carnew in Glenealy

Dermot Early Youth Leadership Programme

A big congratulations to our young members who received their Dermot Earley Youth Leadership University qualification at the University of Galway in November

The programme aims to develop leadership, self-awareness, community skills, values, and communication skills.

A big thanks to Greystones Community College for the use of their facilities for the programme.



Under 13 Boys

Eire Óg All Stars

Our All-stars group provides Gaelic Games to those with additional needs. They had a really enjoyable season.

A special thanks to all the coaches lead by Lisa, and well done to all the players.

Healthy Club Project

Our club was awarded the healthy club silver status this year. This means our club's policies, partners, activities and environment are aligned with supporting the holistic health of our members and community. Well done to those who helped achieve this, especially to Ciara Fagan,



Under 13 Hurlers



Eire Óg All Stars

Dads and Lads

Well done to our Dads and Lads Football team, who despite the consistent downpour, participated in the national blitz in Abbottstown this year.

Scór

Our club participated in Scór this year. They even won the county title the Rince Seit.

Winners from our club were:

From left to right; Eamonn Ó Lideadha, Máire Nic Giolla Phádraig, Sarah Keegan, Éamonn Mac Seáin.

Comhghairdeas Libh go Léir!!!!



Eire Óg Scór



Healthy Club Project



Dads and Lads





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At the beginning of 2023 we saw a hugely momentous occasion for the club as the first puck of a ball took place on our new all-weather pitch in Ballyfree in February. This has been a watershed moment for the club after over a decade of hard work by our dedicated development and fundraising committees.

Ongoing work is continuing in the background with the hopes to have further facilities opening in the coming year, so watch this space!

On June 3rd we saw a huge show of support for our Glenealy club men in Croke Park in The Nickey Rackard Cup Final. We had 3 buses head for GAA HQ and a victory for Wicklow aided by great performances of our men ensured a great day out was had by all. Well done to Sam O'Dowd, Danny Staunton, Gavin Weird, Matthew Traynor and Cian Staunton.

Seniors

Our Senior club had a tough year with reduced numbers and unfortunately they were unlucky to reach the County Final after drawing Bray in the semi-final, our journey ended there. The Club would like to thank M.A O'Neill and his management team of Stefan O'Brien and Eoghan Dunne for their hard work and commitment over the past three years and wish them well in the future. With plenty of young talent coming ripe we have no doubt our reds will be back in the race in 2024.

Intermediates

The Intermediate Team lead by management of Declan Doyle and Eoin O'Neill saw a huge improvement from 2022, but they may have been unlucky with a few results which saw a semi-final spot slip through their hands. With continued hard work and the blend of youth and experience we hope to see more success in 2024.



Glenealy's Nickey Rackard Winners

Minors

Glenealy Minor Hurling 2023 Following pre-season S&C training with the club GPO Jack Keogh, the lads returned to the field in February to begin preparations for the championship ahead. Following a solid PPL campaign with games against St Patricks, Luke O'Tooles, Western Gaels and Arklow Rocks the team began its Championship in late June with a good opening win against Luke O'Tooles in Aughrim. The next round in early July against Carnew in Glenealy was a poor team performance and against quality opposition we were duly punished. The team re-grouped and trained hard during the break up to a busy period of four games in a short period. First up at home to Western Gaels where we put in a solid performance recording an excellent win. We lost by the bare minimum against St Patricks Wicklow in Dunbur Park in a very tight game in which we lost Christopher Horan for the remainder of the season with injury. A solid win away to Michael Dwyers was followed by the performance of the season v Eire Og Greystones at home and it was a big win in the context of the championship, putting us in pole position for a semifinal spot. We did however decide to make life difficult and following a poor performance against Arklow Rock Parnells we narrowly lost, leaving us with a mountain to climb and requiring victory against Bray Emmets in the final group game. In an epic battle at home in the fading light, we beat Bray Emmets by the bare minimum following an excellent team performance to qualify for the Minor A semifinal v



Minor B Champions

Carnew. Unlike the group game, this was a completely different game against the table toppers Carnew Emmets, under lights in Ballinakill. The team put in a performance full of grit, determination and excellent hurling that all in the club could be proud of before coming up just short against the deserved Minor A champions, who beat Bray Emmets in the final.

Minor B Champions

The season finished with another battle, this time in Laragh on a frosty October morning in the Minor B Final against Western gael's where a late goal at the death resulted in a 2 point victory and the Minor B Cup being paraded back through the village. Finally, a special mention for Lorcan Byrne, who was Top Scorer in the Wicklow Minor Hurling Championship 2023. A big thank you to the management team of Ciarán Goff, Tom Byrne and Darren Ronan.

Under 15

Hard work and development were the key components for our U15 team in 2023. The team showed a great improvement in their core hurling skills which saw them pick up fantastic wins over Eire Og and Avondale/Barndarrig early in the season. After qualifying for the Plate Final v Michael Dwyers they came up short on the day and it was not to be. We look forward to seeing this group drive forward next year. Thank you to the management team of Niall Keogh, Pat Lynch and Seamie O'Neill, admin Deirdre Lynch for all her hard work and the best stats man in the county – Leon McKenna!

Under 13

Unfortunately our U13's lost a few players at the beginning of the season which was disappointing but they didn't deter the group and we started in February with some S&C in the hall until April. We had an impressive league and became stronger as the year went on. On to the championship and we couldn't have asked for any more from the lads, there were 4 teams almost level and it was down to the final game to dictate who reached the A final. Unfortunately, we lost to a strong Michael Dywer's team who subsequently we ended up having to play again in the U13 Plate final, again it wasn't our day but a fine effort from our lads and overall it was a really enjoyable year and the lads are maturing into a nice team. Well done to our management of Mj, David and Dorothy for all your hard work throughout the year.

Under 11

2023 saw Decky Doyle, Colm O'Neill and Ger Devlin come together to manage the Glenealy U11s. With the opening of the new Astro in February we got straight back to training as soon as it was unveiled to the club. We had a tight panel of players this year that actually grew as the season went on to 20 little warriors. 3 of the main panel were from the U9s. We trained twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays and all sessions were well attended. With the new astro facility we trained up to the 4th December which in previous years would not have been possible. As coaches we could all see how much the players improved their hurling skills from jab lifts, to roll

picks, to soloing at speed to developing their striking on the run – it was fantastic to see the kids develop and the new Astro pitch had a big part to play in that.

In the end we completed close to 80 training sessions over the season along with 14 matches played over 6 months. It was a very successful 2023 for the U11s and we'll push on again for 2024. We also enjoyed our trip to Croke Park in the summer to see out senior club men. We already can't wait for the year ahead with the first training session pencilled in for 1st Jan 2024 – can't wait!!

Under 9

We had a brilliant year of hurling with our U9s group. Training started back on our new astro and ball wall on the 20th of February and the lads hurled right up until November the 25th. Some of our highlights were the U9s being the first team to play on our new pitch in Ballyfree when we hosted a blitz with Kilcoole and Barndarrig. Our lads got to play in Aughrim at half time in the Wicklow vs Donegal league match in May. There was great excitement in June when our juveniles got to travel to Croke Park to see the Wicklow hurlers winning the Rackard Cup. It was fantastic to see the monster blitzes back for U9s and we were able to field 2 teams in all 3 of these blitzes this year. The real highlight for our lads was at the end of the year when we won a fantastic tournament held in Bray Emmets that had teams from Wicklow and Dublin. Massive thanks to all our coaches, parents and players for a wonderful 2023.

Under 7

Our U7s had a great year in 2023, we had 15-20 boys training on Monday nights and made fantastic progress throughout the season with all players now able to roll lift and jab lift the sliotar, which we struggled with at the start of the season. We had a great time at our blitzes and got a mountain of hurling done as well as having a tonne of fun, while developing our skills. It has been fantastic to watch them all develop their hurling throughout the year. All the coaches would like to wish the very best of luck to the boys going up to the U9 team next year. A big thank you to coaches Stefan, Ian, Barry, Warren, Dave, Marcus, Kerry and all who helped out throughout the season.



"Monday Madness" nursery group