



Cill Mochuda Na Crócaigh



Kilmacud Crokes

2015/16



Annual General Meeting 2015

Agenda

- Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 26th April 2015
- Secretary's Annual Report
- Treasurer's Annual Report
- Chairman's Address
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Executive Committee – 2015/2016

Kevin Foley	Chairman
Tom Rock	Vice Chairman
Seamus Kennedy	Secretary
Ken Garvey	Treasurer
Anne O'Connor	Registrar
Frances Ferris	Child Welfare Officer
Sean Donnelly	Club Facilities Management Officer
Martin Byrne	Commercial Officer
Michael Durcan	Assistant Secretary
Joan Kehoe	Planning & Development Officer
Ronnie Murray	PRO
Liam Coughlan	Irish Language and Cultural Officer
Kevin Mulligan	Health & Wellbeing Officer
Peter Walsh	Chairman – Hurling
Sean Fox	Chairman – Football
Patricia Lloyd	Chairperson – Camogie
Daphne Lamb	Chairperson – Ladies Football
Eamonn O'Flynn/ Vincent Peters	Chairman – Coiste na nÓg



Introduction

Welcome to the 2015/16 Kilmacud Crokes GAA club AGM and it is my pleasure to present an update on the activities of the Executive over the past 12 months. The Kilmacud Crokes Strategic Plan was approved at a special General Meeting held on the 17th of April 2013 and subsequently a new club executive structure was put in place which was aligned with the strategic plan.

This secretarial report primarily summarises the activities from each of the officers of the new Executive over the past 12 months.

The club AGM is an ideal forum for members to communicate their views and express their opinions on the club and I hope that this meeting provides a platform for constructive discussion and debate.

I would like to thank all of our members, who, in a voluntary capacity over the past year, have given of your time, energy and expertise to promote Gaelic games and Kilmacud Crokes.

Our club plays a very important role in the community. In 2015, we had 2502 registered players and a total of 189 teams (equating to approximately 125 full panel teams). Over the past 5 years, there has been significant growth in the numbers playing Camogie, Ladies Football and Hurling.

In 2015, our teams played in excess of 1400 games with almost 50% of these as home fixtures.

1. Total Male players = 1690
2. Total Female players = 812
3. Ladies Vs Mens: 62% of teams are Male. 38% Female;
68% players are Male, 32% are Female
4. 62 teams from U13 upwards across all codes

	Male	Female	Total
Adult Playing	355	125	480
Adult Non-Playing	1302	879	2181
Youth12 – 18	550	356	906
Children <11	785	331	1116
TOTAL	2992	1691	4683

On the playing front 2015 was again a successful year as outlined in the “Roll of Honour” later in this report. County Championships were won across a number of codes and across a range of age groups and levels.

On behalf of all club members and supporters, I would like to congratulate and acknowledge the achievements of all our inter-county players across all sections and grades. It is a huge honour and source of enjoyment to see our players representing the club at inter-county level and I would particularly like, on behalf of all club members and supporters, to acknowledge our All Ireland medal winners in 2015 and to acknowledge the selection of Rory O’Carroll and Cian O Sullivan as All Stars.

Football Section Report:

Football in Kilmacud Crokes was strong in 2015. Our AFL3 Team gained Senior Status by winning Division 2 and introducing more young men to Senior Football for 2016 and our AFL5 Team gained promotion to Division 4 thus giving us an Intermediate as well as 2 Senior Football Teams for 2016. Our Senior 1 Team were runners up in AFL1 and whilst disappointing us in Senior Championship with a Quarter final exit to the eventual All Ireland Champions, Ballyboden St Endas. Ten of the squad won the FBD All Ireland 7’s back in September and with our U21 footballers winning the U21 Championship playing an exciting brand of football, the future for Kilmacud Crokes Football looks bright.

All our Teams from Minor down to U13 made progress during 2015 with our Under 15’s taking league honours and we expect healthy competition for League and Championship Honours in 2016 from these groups of players.



Congratulations to our 3 Senior Footballers on Winning All Ireland Championship Medals with Dublin last September and to our 4 representatives on both the Dublin U21 and Minor Football Teams during 2015.

In October and November last we had 3 full houses on consecutive Sunday Nights where we had a root and branch look at ourselves and set out to develop a Strategic Plan for Kilmacud Crokes Football for the coming years. This Strategic Plan and the learning's from these 3 evenings will be concluded and issued shortly. Thank you to the 115 something people who took the time to attend these sessions and for their valuable input.

We extend special thanks and appreciation to Paraic McDonald, our Club coach for all his work and effort throughout the year. All his endeavours and assistance is greatly appreciated by our Players, Parents, Management Teams and Football Committee. We would particularly like to commend him on his work on our behalf in the partnering with our local schools.

We cannot ignore the great work, time and effort put in by all our Management Teams and Committee Members without whom Kilmacud Crokes Football would not work. Our Club Sponsors, Bank of Ireland and our 7's Sponsors FBD Insurance plc have been absolutely brilliant to us in 2015 and we thank them for being with us on our journey during the year.

Hurling Section Report:

2015 was another good year for Hurling in Kilmacud Crokes. While the heights of the 2014 Senior county championship were not attained, we had lots of success on the playing pitches with our Junior A team securing promotion to AHL4 in the league and league winners in our U16, U15 and U13A and C teams. Undoubtedly the dual highlights of the year were the county championship victories at U21 and U15 levels. Overall we have seen an almost 50% growth in the numbers playing hurling over the last 5 to 6 years and with over 600 children playing hurling from U11 down, the future is both bright and challenging.

In 2015, a new initiative took place with the establishment of the "Hurling School of Excellence" in collaboration with UCD. Targeted at U13 – U16 players, 63 players attended the camp over two weeks. The main aim of this venture was to look at the future, by developing and evolving the mindset of our players aged 12 to 16 years to understand the importance of having a "Full Circle" approach to Sport.

The annual club coaching conference was held again in January 2016 and this is now an annual event where we develop and enhance the expertise of our coaches and volunteers.

Congratulations to the 14 players who represented Dublin at inter-county level across minor, U21 and senior levels in 2015.

A big thank you to all who helped out with all teams throughout 2015/2016 and particular thanks to all those who assisted in making the One Direct All Ireland Sevens and Punchestown events so successful.

Ladies Gaelic Football Section:

2015 was an exciting year for Ladies Football. The numbers playing continues to increase every year with 629 playing members currently registered. School-going players come from more than 10 local primary and post primary schools, a tribute to Crokes coaching input into most of these schools. In total, Ladies Football fielded 17 "Go games" teams (age 8-12), 9 Juvenile (u13 –Minor) competitive teams, 2 Adult (Divisions 1 and 5) and 1 Gaelic for Mothers/Others teams.

Under 5's were introduced into Nursery this year bringing the total nursery membership to 158!

Our flagship Senior team performed excellently in their first year after promotion from Intermediate, being runners up in Div 1 League, and only losing in the semi-final of Championship to Foxrock/Cabinteely, who themselves went on to become Dublin and Leinster Champions.

At Juvenile level our Minors won both Division 1 League and Championship, making Kilmacud Crokes the Minor Champions for the fourth year in a row and the current minor team being unbeaten in Championship since being under 10. U 14's won Division 1 Dublin Féile and U 15's won Division 1 Championship.



We had representatives on every Dublin County team U14, U16, Minor, U21 and Senior, a total of 14 Crokes players donning the County jersey.

As usual, we hosted the U14's All Ireland 7's, generously sponsored by FBD. 32 teams from all over the country played a total of 78 games on a beautiful September Saturday. Unfortunately, we were knocked out in the semi but everyone had a great day.

Overall 2015 saw Ladies Football in a healthy state, the continually increasing number of both players enjoying football and others who contribute in various ways to the club and having fun being our greatest success.

Camogie Section:

2015 was another year of positive progression for the Camogie Ladies and it has carried forward to the early parts of 2016 when we reached our first ever Division 1 Féile final.

Our Senior Ladies secured promotion in 2015 and that was a good barometer of the progress we are making over the last number of years. The number of teams in Camogie has almost doubled in the last 6 years and we are seeing the rewards on the pitch for the huge voluntary efforts of our coaches, mentors and our hard working committee.

Congratulation to all our players who have played inter county with Dublin and in 2015 we had 6 players from minor upwards.

We now are now fielding teams at every age group from U6 to Minor and also have our two Senior teams.

Once again, our SE Systems Sponsored 7's was a huge success and we are grateful to our supporters and 7's sponsors.

Thank you to all our management teams, coaches and volunteers whose dedication and expertise ensures our continued progress. A work of thanks also to our club coach Niall Corcoran for his work with the various teams and schools.

Coiste Na nÓg:

It continues to be an exciting time for both our Juvenile Football and Hurling sections under Coiste Na nÓg as the popularity of our Gaelic Games continues to grow as can be seen by the table below. Our Nursery players from U5 to U7 account for 60% of our entire Hurling Group and 49% of Gaelic Football which bodes well for the future.

Year	Age	Hurling	Football
2003	U12	50	60
2004	U11	52	100
2005	U10	66	102
2006	U9	50	108
2007	U8	50	136
2008	U7	130	172
2009	U6	150	180
2010	U5	126	126
Totals		674	984



The nursery (U5/U6) is our youngest player's first introduction to Kilmacud Crokes. This is a specifically designed fun filled session where the child is introduced to both Gaelic Football and Hurling simultaneously. This single session has seen an unprecedented amount of players entering the Paddock at Glenalbryn and has nurtured a strong volunteer ethos among parents that may have not played Gaelic games in the past. Even though playing numbers are high the player to mentor ratio is sufficient to allow quality coaching. Our new coaches will require continuous workshops in both codes to allow them progress with confidence and remain enthusiastically involved in subsequent years.

The older age groups (U8 – 12) progress to Go-Games and all are completing the fixtures set by the county board week on week. Throughout the year the juvenile Hurling and Football age groups travel on trips to various clubs throughout the country. These clubs are then invited back to Glenalbryn where we continue to host the successful Football (May) and Hurling (October) festivals for the U8 to U12 age groups.

The general and coaching support structures are often under pressure given the numbers attending sessions. This is something our playing sections must keep under review with Niall Corcoran and Paraic McDonald who are central to the Juvenile hurling and football activities respectively. Our facilities officers are more challenged to secure pitches for every age group for both training and matches. The 2016 U8's will be introducing an unprecedented 13 football and 12 hurling teams into the Go Games series. The 2017 U8's may have 15 Gaelic Football teams and 13 Hurling teams.

The Mini All Irelands continues to be a much anticipated event in the Kilmacud Crokes GAA calendar for all years (U6 to U12). Participating players are increasing year on year (Hurling 458 +14.5%, Football 690 +10%). Our new club sponsor's Bank of Ireland were a welcome partner to Mini All Ireland's and we look forward to their continued support in the future. A special thanks must also go out to WEEE for their recent sponsorship.

Every year our second year Nursery coordinators (U6's) host a well organised, chaotic and manic Christmas party for the U5's U6's and U7's. This year's 2009 group exceeded themselves where over 300 young boys were seen by Santa in a single morning.

The Coiste committee meet once a month to discuss playing numbers, facility requirements and management, equipment management, training slots, child welfare issues, budgets, county board updates and upcoming events.

The Executive

Following from the Club AGM on the 26th of April 2015, the new Executive worked diligently and I believe effectively throughout the year – with regular meetings at 3-4 week intervals. The new structure of the club means that there are a significant number of sub-committees running at all times.

The following provides a brief update on activities completed or on-going during the year from the various officers of the Executive.

Grounds

As a club we are hugely indebted to the efforts of John Sweeney and Liam O'Flaherty in managing and maintaining our pitches and the surrounding grounds. The weather conditions particularly in early 2016 made a tough job even more onerous with damage to pitches and also the surrounding ball stop netting. Many thanks to John and Liam again particularly during the bad weather when they make early morning and late night pitch inspections.

Given the large volume of games and training sessions, there is a significant investment of money and time to manage and maintain our pitches and the guys oversee a programme designed to continuously improve our pitches with verti draining, sanding and re-sodding. Significant maintenance activities on the Pairc De Burca pitch are on a "must do" basis whilst the overall re-development of Pairc De Burca is in hand.

One again I would like to remind members that we need to be vigilant in terms of locking up facilities after use – particularly the Paddock and Silverpark. We are facing on-going anti-social issues so your awareness of this would be appreciated.



As our numbers continue to grow, our lack of capacity in terms of playing facilities remains the biggest issue facing the club both now and into the future. The months of April and May are particularly problematic with a huge number of midweek matches and teams preparing for championship.

Registrar:

The club membership structure was revamped in 2014 and based on member feedback additional changes were evolved for 2015 membership renewal and more slight changes implemented for 2016. A major aspect of membership payments is alignment with the GAA registration system and in 2016 further work was completed to align the on-line membership system with the GAA registration system. It is pleasing to note that we now have a very high compliance in terms of membership and players and thanks to all sections who actively push this amongst their teams.

As a membership group, we are continuously looking to simplify and enhance our membership offering so are always happy to received feedback.

A huge body of work is required to complete the membership and associated registration as can be seen from the membership numbers referenced earlier in the report and as a club, we are grateful to and would like to acknowledge the mammoth efforts of the registrars of each of the sections in that process along with Mick Houlihan, Bernie Spillane and the office staff.

Commercial

The commercial committee contributed across many platforms during the past year – namely;

- The Club lotto – including weekly draws, local business sponsorships, liaising with each section for 50/50 revenue split, exposure at main club events, bumper draws, online sales etc.

Thanks and acknowledgements to;

- Paul Gallagher and Sattal for the printing of weekly tickets & promotional material
- Pat Lamb for liaising with local businesses for weekly vouchers etc
- The club office for ongoing administration and fee collection
- All lotto players for their support and I would like to take this opportunity to ask all outstanding players to organise payment of their annual renewal fee through the office
- Kevin Bannon for weekly draws and online administration

Funds generated through the club lotto were invested in the first phase development of the club Gym and the redevelopment of the club website. We have surplus from 2015 and with the 2016 renewals in full flow we aim to have considerable investment available for the Phase 2 development of the club gym.

- **Glenalbyn/Silverpark/Paddock Signage opportunities.** As one of the largest GAA clubs in the country, pitch signage in Glenalbyn/Silverpark/Paddock represents a huge opportunity for our supporters and patrons. The throughput of patrons is considerable from training hours to actual matches and other events. The revenue generated over the past 3 years is approx. €30K and this remains a work in progress.

Our thanks and acknowledgements to the following for signage revenue and/or lotto vouchers and we would encourage our members to support our various club sponsors;

- Spirit Motor Group
- John O'Reilly Butchers
- Joe Sweeney – Value Dry Cleaners
- Let's Eat Meat
- The Talbot Hotel
- Donnybrook Fair
- Apriles



- Rock Jewellers
- Fujifilm
- The Panel
- AIG
- Knight Frank
- TC Matthews
- VHI

We encourage any interested parties to contact the club office for details of sponsorship opportunities at individual or collective locations.

- **Provision of on-going support to the House Social Committee** & Michael Kinsella in his endeavours to grow the bar and social facilities of the club – including direct & social media exposure of events / opportunities & encouraging mentor/parent groups to use the facility for seasonal parties/events etc. (e.g. Berkeley events).
- **Supporting the very successful Bank of Ireland Enterprise day** – a great club event where local businesses had the opportunity to showcase their wares across the club and local communities – it presented an opportunity for the club to repay all those sponsors who we continuously call on when fund raising – hopefully the day was of benefit to all.
- **Supporting the very successful annual family fun day** and thank you for all those that worked hard to make it a great day in the club's calendar for young and old.

In 2015 Bank of Ireland became the club sponsor, congratulations to the committee involved – it is a huge asset for our club. As commercial officer I would, however, encourage each section to maintain all traditional fund raising efforts. This traditionally brings team work, responsibility, accountability and more importantly - morale to all sections and teams competing for Kilmacud Crokes.

Finally, I would like to thank to all members of the commercial and lotto committees who have contributed greatly over the past 3 years, the role of the commercial committee is some way diminished when you take into account the huge fund raising efforts of each section. We wish the Malin to Mizen Cycling team all the best in the coming weeks, this event will certainly qualify as the club Marquee event for 2016.

Development:

Over the past number of years, a major focus of the Executive has been and remains the completion of a comprehensive development plan for the club to both enhance and expand our existing facilities. Members will be aware on a range of activities on-going or completed such as securing additional land adjoined to Pairc De Burca in order to extend the playing pitch, the successful Sports Capital Grant, securing usage of Benildus All Weather facility on Friday evenings and Saturdays and more recently collaborative initiatives with a number of local schools. Just this month, planning permission associated with Pairc De Burca works was secured.

A Special General Meeting was called earlier this year for the 14th April where it was intended to outline details of the club development plan along with associated costings for members to review.

Unfortunately, the meeting had to be cancelled at late notice when we were made aware of DLRCC initiatives which directly impacted that plan.

Despite this reversal, the enhancement and expansion of our facilities remains a priority and we are grateful to the significant numbers of people who are contributing a wide range of expertise in our on-going efforts to secure solutions.

Finance:

Executive treasurer, Ken Garvey will outline detailed accounts for the club in the Treasurers report. It is a challenging activity to manage the finances of any club but even more so for a large club. Our thanks to the treasurers across all our club sections but also to all those people who organize various fund-raising activities across all the sections. The



last 18 months have seen the introduction of a new and revised budgetary process whereby each section formalized their budgetary requirements for the year. A working group consisting of Joan Kehoe, Kevin Foley and Patricia Lloyd worked intensively with the treasurers from all sections to successfully complete this exercise.

As can be seen from financial accounts, there are significant costs associated with teams such as player registration, player insurance, pitch hire (an ever increasing amount), entry fees, full-time coaches, pitch maintenance (fertilizer & seed, nets, groundsmen, grass cutting & lining), equipment (footballs, hurleys, sliotars), referee fees etc. Many of these expenses are fixed and items such as player's registration, insurance, entry fees tend to increase every year.

Child Welfare:

Prior to the commencement of the new vetting legislation a comprehensive review of vetting was undertaken within Kilmacud Crokes. This identified in excess of 200 managers and mentors who were not vetted at that time. The relevant forms were completed and submitted for vetting prior to the commencement of the new legislation (29 April 2016). As Club Children's Officer I would like to thank all involved the team managements for their cooperation and assistance. We still have a small number of club members who have yet to be vetted as required and are working through this.

"Any person who was working with children in Kilmacud Crokes prior to the commencement of the Act and was not previously vetted for that role may continue in that capacity but must apply as a matter of priority to be vetted". See steps on how to apply for e-vetting outlined below.

The Children's Officers are:

Frances Ferris: Kilmacud Crokes Children's Officer & Designated Person (087-2898578)

Catherine Bedford: Ladies Football (087-9199035)

Niamh Murphy: Camogie (086-3334080)

Sean Delap: Coiste (087-6202827)

Summary of the new E-Vetting in the GAA:

The National Vetting Bureau (Children & Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 - 2016 commenced on 29th April 2016 and from that date a statutory obligation was placed upon the GAA to ensure that all persons who on our behalf undertook 'relevant work' with children has been vetted prior to taking up that role in Ireland.

Who needs to be vetted?

In the GAA any person who carries out a role of responsibility such as coaching, managing or training underage teams or indeed adult teams that contain any player under 18 yrs. of age must be vetted. It also applies to organising underage activities or refereeing underage games. Thereafter, each club shall decide if other roles merit a person being vetted.*

Any person who was working with children in the GAA prior to the commencement of the Act and was not previously vetted for that role may continue in that capacity but must apply as a matter of priority to be vetted by the GAA under what is termed 'retrospective vetting'. This term and these conditions are allowed for in the Act.

What if the applicant is under 18 yrs. of age?

GAA vetting services are available to any person over 16 yrs. of age fulfilling a role of responsibility with children or vulnerable adults. A parental consent form ([NVB Parent/Guardian Consent Form](#)) must be completed, this is available here, for applicants between 16 and 18 yrs. of age

Is it an offence if you are not vetted?

Yes, It is now a criminal offence, for a person acting on behalf of the GAA, or for the GAA as an Association to permit any person to commence working with children on behalf of the Association without that person first obtaining a vetting disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau in respect of the role for which they have been recruited. It is also a breach of GAA rule if you are working with children or vulnerable adults on behalf of the Association and have not been vetted.



How can you be vetted through the GAA?

Vetting for a member of the GAA involves 3 easy to follow steps as follows:

Step 1: The initial application vetting process at Club level

You must in the first instance complete the [GAA E-Vetting ID Form](#). This form compels you to provide proof of your identity to the Club Children's Officer, who must verify that they have received the ID verification as required. The ID verification may be retained by the Club Children's Officer for the duration of the e-vetting process or it may be attached by you at Step 2 to the On Line Vetting Application Form.

The primary purpose of this form is for you to provide your name, address, club, role for which you applied, and to present your ID (e.g. copy of your passport plus a utility bill showing your current address) plus a valid email address for future reference. The full list of documents which are accepted for verification can be found here

[Click here for the GAA E-Vetting ID Form](#)

Step 2: Completing the Vetting Application form

Following completion of the initial process you will then be directed to www.gaa.ie where the GAA on-line E-Vetting Application Form is available to download.

Once you complete the GAA on-line E-Vetting Application Form the information provided is forwarded to the NVB by the GAA and you will receive an on-line NVB Vetting Form to complete.

The details entered will be emailed back to you, for your own records. Your Club Secretary will also receive an email informing him/her that you have applied as a member of the club, to be issued with the NVB Vetting Application Form.

[Click here for GAA on-line E-Vetting application form](#)

Step 3: NVB Vetting Application form

The NVB will issue you with the NVB Vetting Application form. This will be issued to the email address you provided in Step 2.

Completing this form is a confidential matter between you and the NVB. All sections of the form including current and previous addresses, email address and contact telephone numbers, information on convictions and prosecutions (if any), plus other information will be required when completing the form.

Once all sections of the form have been answered this then completes your application process for E Vetting in the GAA and within a short period of time you shall be contacted by the GAA to informing you as to the outcome of the vetting application.

You as applicant and our Club Secretary will be notified when the vetting process has been completed.

(*) Note: The term, 'relevant work' in the GAA includes any role of responsibility such as coaching, managing or training underage teams or indeed adult teams that contain any player under 18 yrs. of age. It also applies to organising underage activities or refereeing underage games.

Health & Wellbeing:

In January 2015, a small subcommittee formed to review and discuss a strategy focused on promoting positive mental health and wellbeing within the club. The initiative quickly gained momentum and due to the hard work and boundless enthusiasm of all involved, it led to the launch on the 19th of March 2015, where Kilmacud Crokes formally adopted the GAA Mental Health Chapter. At the subsequent AGM, the motion to appoint a Health & Wellbeing Officer to the club executive was adopted.



The overall initiative has been branded “Crokes Talks” and is driven by the predominant aim to help improve our members sense of wellbeing through various club initiatives. On the 22nd April 2015, Professor Aidan Moran gave an insightful presentation on “Improving our Concentration levels” to a packed audience. In parallel, the inaugural “Couch to 5K” programme had kicked off with 6 weeks of training and culminated in running the Darkness into Light event in Marlay Park on the 9th May. On the same weekend a group of club cyclists completed the last leg of the Cycle Against Suicide event. Also on May, the club supported the Green Ribbon campaign organised by “See Change” and this saw a number of our teams wearing green ribbons for both league and championship fixtures.

June 2015 saw the launch of the club on-line survey titled “Crokes Listens” which was distributed to 1,800 families. This survey in which over 430 members provided feedback was a key input into developing the club’s Health and Wellbeing strategy which was launched in November 2015. On the night of the launch, Cavan goalkeeper Alan O’Meara spoke impressively and movingly about his own personal experiences. It was an ideal occasion for the launch of the club Health & Wellbeing strategy which outlined the objectives, mission and aims for 2015-2018.

Many will have already viewed (almost 10,000 and growing) the highly successful and impressive promotional video for Crokes Talks. Work on the video commenced in June and thanks to all who assisted and took part in the production.

A brief overview of some of the events completed and on-going to-date includes:

- BIBS Crokes Talks – Give Respect, Get Respect BIBS (mentors and transition year coaches)
- Cycle against Suicide participation
- Concussion Talk – Dr Pat Duggan & Rory O Carroll
- Little Things - Alan O Meara – Cavan Goalkeeper
- 6 week stress course – thanks to Aisling White for presenting and to St Laurences school for use of facilities
- Supporting Young People Mental Health – presented by Headstrong
- KKC (Kickstart Kilmacud Crokes): A 6 week programme from Jan to March 2016 which was a fantastic success. Embracing circuit training, couch to 5k activities, pilates, yoga and a “0 to 50k” cycle challenge amongst the mix, the overall programme had over 70 people participating. Over 130 members took part in the concluding 5k run around Stillorgan environs.
- John Leonard – ex Dub keeper who spoke to our minor teams
- Brian Comerford – talk on exam stress
- Roadside Bike Repairs Workshop and Course
- Cooking programme in Oatlands – involved 18 of our minor players across all codes with all participants presented with a healthy club receipt book.
- SOAR – Tony Griffin

It’s been a huge amount of activity over the past 18 months and this month sees the continued focus on Green Ribbon activities for May.

2016 also saw Kilmacud Crokes nominated to take part of the GAA Healthy Club programme which takes place until mid-2017. This is an initiative driven from Croke Park in partnership with the HSE and we are one of four Dublin clubs taking part.

A final mention to the hugely successful Crokes Recalls monthly events which bring together older members once a month in the club for a tea/coffee. We would encourage as many as possible to attend and if you know anybody who would enjoy the event, please do encourage them to come along.

An enormous number of people are actively involved in all aspects of the club health & wellbeing initiative. Nevertheless I would like to give special mention to Lucy Mannion for her organising and passion across all aspects. To Mick Carolan for his help with the couch to 5k aspect, Ronnie Murray for his communications and PRO expertise, Niall Muldoon, Sofia Ronan, Aifric McLoughlin, Kevin Murphy for their enormous work in ensuring the success of the survey, Kiera



Brown for her help with the Pilates and to Michael Finn for his excellent work managing and maintaining the club defibrillators in addition to assisting Frances Ferris with Green Ribbon day activities.

The Health and Wellbeing groups are always open and actively seeking volunteers for even the smallest activity you can make time for. Please make contact with Kevin Mulligan at any stage.

Irish Language and Cultural Officer

The Club organised a 1916 Centenary Commemoration evening in the clubhouse on 12th May, at which Club members recounted the important part played by their ancestors in the 1916 Easter Rising and subsequent years leading up to the foundation of the State. A special commemoration booklet was also produced in association with the event.

The large attendance heard Diarmuid Ó Gallchobhair describe how his Donegal born Grandfather, Féilim Ó Gallchobhair joined the IRB in Glasgow, was centrally involved in smuggling arms from there to Dublin, undertook various roles in the War of Independence and in the Civil War and spent over a year incarcerated in Ballykinlar Internment Camp.

Kevin Galligan described how his Grandfather, Peter Paul Galligan was despatched by Pádraig Pearse to cycle from the GPO to Enniscorthy to launch the Rebellion in that town and prevent British Reinforcements from getting to Dublin. Kevin also described how his Grandfather's death sentence was commuted to penal servitude and this allowed him to play an important role in the War of Independence in his native Cavan. Peter Paul Galligan was subsequently elected to the 1st Dáil but rather interestingly took no part in the Civil War.

Dr. Phil Gorey described how her Granduncle, Tom Clifford found himself under the Command of Michael Mallin in the St. Stephen's Green Garrison on Easter Monday 1916. Dr. Gorey read out a moving letter from her Granduncle to his brother Dan, which demonstrated how honoured he was to be in a position to give his life for his country.

During the past year, Foras na Gaeilge, in conjunction with the GAA, has developed a network of Irish Language Officers in Dublin GAA Clubs. In this way, it is hoped to better promote the use of the Irish Language in the Club in the coming year.

Club Facilities Management

Kilmacud Glenalbyn Sports Club (KGSC Ltd) manages Glenalbyn House including the trading and income producing activities and pays the wages and overheads associated with these activities and KCGAA. Glenalbyn House is open 7 days a week from 8.00am to midnight Monday to Saturday and all day Sunday. KGSC manages club operating costs of more than €300,000 per year and funds these costs through commercial income and part of the membership subscriptions. The drawdown from the total membership income was reduced by €11,000 in 2015 compared with 2014.

KGSC reported further growth during 2015 in bar income under the Management of Michael Kinsella. Bar refurbishment continued and has contributed to increased usage of social activity by the members in the Clubhouse. The Board of KGSC wishes to provide a customer friendly, well presented and functional Clubhouse for the benefit and use of the members.

The legal action against KGSC arising out of an accident in 2008 was eventually settled during the year by our Insurers.

KGSC hosted the highly successful Berkeley Ball in December and are planning a similar event in December 2016. In September KGSC made a detailed application for a substantial Rates remission as a result of changes in the legislation governing the assessment of Rates on Sports Clubs facilities. We are confident of a positive outcome to this process.

Overall results for 2015 were very satisfactory with Bank repayments on the long term debt being made on time.



Communications:

The Club Pro / Communications role is a function on the Club Executive. Its primary responsibility is to oversee the management of the communications infrastructure in the club and provide communication updates to members. The role is supported by an active workgroup of cross section representatives who help in this regard. In addition, the PRO role supports club initiatives which reach out into the local community as well as developing & leveraging the ongoing relationship with our club sponsor, Bank of Ireland. The club has a very active social media environment via Facebook, Twitter and e-mail updates. A key deliverable of our club strategic plan was the redesign and integration of our club web infrastructure.

This was completed and launched in the club in April of this year and is now in active use. The redesign had multiple benefits including: Consolidating numerous sites into one, 1000's of articles and photo's migrated, standardized structure across codes, removal of major duplication, facilitating signature event management via web – Mini's etc, ability to generate advertisement revenue / showcase sponsors, ease of upload / authoring enables revamp of newsletter function / cut down on ad-hoc e-mails. Future capability will ensure fixtures & results by team.

The next phase of development related our communication channels is to get a weekly newsletter up and running, alignment & ownership of new club e-mail addressing scheme, further web content additions, web use policy generation, grow the author pool, web advertisement revenue generation strategy, Facebook/Web alignment strategy definition and twitter use focus.

I would like to thank the following members for the tireless support of the communications function in the club. They were involved in the web redesign project and regularly provide ongoing content for publication across the club platforms. Many thanks to Diarmuid O Gallchobhair, Frances Mullin, Barbara Monahan, Ronan Conway, Mick Holohan, Brendan Murphy, Frank Murphy and Paul Collins.

To conclude, we would like to congratulate Paul Collins on his fantastic initiative "Faces Behind the Purple & Gold" with the book launch taking place this Sat 28th in the club.

Looking forward:

Like all organisations, we face challenges and the club strategic plan has captured many of these. Some would argue that some of our problems are what we could call "first world problems" – the success and quality of the club is attracting more and more young people and as a result our playing facilities are unable to cope. Hundreds of clubs across all codes in Ireland would love to have similar issues. Nevertheless, we are probably facing a point whereby we either secure extended playing facilities or we may be left with the unpalatable option of turning away young people from the club and the GAA.

Our players are of course our most important resource. Many of our players have already played club championship this year and were unfortunate to lose their first game – so it's also their last championship game of the year. Others have played a few championship games and will resume perhaps in late September or October timeframe. We must decide as a club whether we think this is reasonable and fair and if we want to devote any of our considerable energies and influence towards proposing alternative options.

I believe we owe huge thanks and admiration to all those involved in all the Crokes Talks initiatives and I would encourage more and more club members to get involved.

Finally, I would encourage all club members to increasingly support our adult teams in particular for their championship games.



ROLL of HONOUR 2015

Team Achievements

Ladies Football:

Minor D1 – Dublin Championship Winners, Division 1 Winners
U15 D1 – Dublin Championship Winners
U14 D1 – Dublin Féile Winners
U13 D4 – Dublin Shield

Football:

Senior – All Ireland 7's Winners
AFL 3 – League Winners, Division 3
U21A – Dublin County Championship
U18 – Dublin County Championship (Minor D Championship)
U15 – League Winners, Division 1

Hurling:

U21A – Dublin County Championship
U16A – League Winners (Div 2)
U15A – Dublin County Championship and League Division 1 winners
U13A – League Winners (Div 1)
U13C – League Winners (Div 4)

Camogie:

Senior – Summer Cup Div 4
Minor – Dublin County Championship Div 3
U14 – Division 1 Shield
U13A – League Div 1
U13A – Shield Winners



ROLL of HONOUR 2015

Individual Achievements

Congratulations to the following who represented Kilmacud Crokes with distinction in 2015:

<u>Senior Football:</u>	Cian O'Sullivan, Rory O'Carroll, Eoin Culligan
<u>U21 Football:</u>	Ross McGowan, Shane Cunningham, David Campbell, Dara Mullin, Cillian O'Shea
<u>Minor Football:</u>	Tom Fox, Callum Pearson, Ben Shovlin, Conor Kelly
<u>2015 Football All Stars:</u>	Cian O' Sullivan and Rory O' Carroll
<u>Senior Hurling:</u>	Niall Corcoran, Ryan O'Dwyer, Oisín O'Rorke, Cian MacGabhann, Ross O'Carroll Senior Selector: Gearoid O'Riain Team Doctor: Chris Thompson, Tiernan Murray
<u>U21 Hurling:</u>	Cian MacGabhann, Caolan Conway, Robert Murphy, Oisín O'Rorke, Tadhg Murphy, Mark McCallion
<u>Minor Hurling:</u>	Darragh Butler, Fergal Whitely, Alex Considine
<u>Senior Camogie:</u>	Siofra Walsh, Rachel Noctor
<u>Premier Junior Camogie:</u>	Anneka Kilroy, Sorcha Meagher
<u>Minor Camogie:</u>	Julia Buckley, Maria Erin O'Hurley
<u>Senior Ladies Football:</u>	Philippa Greene, Molly Lamb, Lauren Magee, Eabha Ruthledge
<u>U21 Ladies Football:</u>	Molly Lamb, Eabha Ruthledge
<u>Minor Ladies Football:</u>	Julia Buckley, Mia Jennings, Lauren Magee, Muireann O Gorman
<u>Central Council Delegates:</u>	John Sheridan, Yvonne Burke



Go Raibh Míle Maith Agaibh

(a) **To all of our Club Mentors/Coaches:** On behalf of all club members, supporters and players, we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all the mentors, coaches and selectors for their dedication and commitment during the year.

(b) **Club Shop**

Massive thanks to Jean Carr and all the personnel who assist in running our very successful club shop. The shop is a big focal point of our club and often the first introduction to the club for new members. We are fortunate to have so many volunteers – their commitment and welcoming ways are massively appreciated. Jean is ably assisted on Thursdays by Noreen O Sullivan, Helen Nestor and Eileen McGovern. Marie Noone, Patricia Clinton and Claire O'Dwyer are the Saturday crew. The most recent recruits are Brian Carr and Laura Kane who are now "part of the furniture" and are a wonderful example to the younger generations across the club of what volunteering in the club represents. Thank you Brian and Laura. A very special mention and thanks to Florence Kelleher who does trojan work in the shop but also an outstanding ambassador for our club. Thank you also to Alan Carr who developed the shop website which was recently incorporated into the new website.

The proceeds from the club shop go directly back into the club and contribute towards on-going grounds maintenance and coaching.

(c) **County Board Representatives**

Thank you to all our county board representatives across football, hurling, ladies football, camogie and Coiste.

(d) **Schools**

We want to acknowledge our appreciation to our local schools for their on-going assistance and co-operation during the year. We appreciate their willingness to promote the development of Gaelic games through facilitating our coaches and making your facilities available to us. In return, we hope that the provision of coaching expertise and usage of our pitch facilities demonstrates our commitment to you. We are also very fortunate to benefit from the involvement of a significant number of teachers in promoting our games.

(e) **Grounds**

Our thanks to Oatlands College, Benildus College, Colaiste Eoin & Iosagain, St Raphaelas College, St Killians, Mount Anville, Newpark, U.C.D, Bray Emmets, Naomh Olafs, Stars of Erin, Clanna Gael Fontenoy, IADT and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for the use of their facilities during the year.

(f) **Sponsors**

We want to acknowledge, pay tribute and encourage your support to the many commercial entities that supported us during the year. Particular thanks to our overall club sponsor Bank of Ireland who have already demonstrated their enormous commitment to the club through their financial support and indeed the numerous events which they have supported. We also indebted to Spirit Motors for their continuing support across the club. Again I would encourage our members to actively support our various club sponsors wherever possible.

(g) **Communications**

Continued thanks to the dedicated people across all sections who continue to develop and maintain our club websites. The new and improved club portal has received lots of positive feedback and thanks to all who made this possible. I would also like to extend our thanks to those that manage our social media sites in a professional manner. Thank you to Mick Holohan who compiles and distributes the weekly club notes.

(h) **The Officers and Committees**

A special word of thanks & appreciation to club officers and committees across all sections and activities in the club – many of whom are double jobbing on committees, sub-groups and with various teams. Our club could not be as successful without your commitment. A big thank you again to our club patron, Larry Ryan who once again, with Carmel, coordinated all club ticketing activities. This is a massive and challenging activity task particularly when Dublin are in Leinster and All Ireland finals. Thank you Larry and Carmel – club legends!



(i) **Sympathies: Absent Friends**

On behalf of the club, I wish to convey our sympathy and condolences to all the families and friends of those who have been bereaved during 2015 and 2016. May they Rest in Peace.

(j) **Bernie Spillane**

After many years of service in the "Office", Bernie Spillane is taking retirement from the post at the end of May. On behalf of our club members, I would like to thank Bernie for her tremendous contribution to Kilmacud Crokes over the years and to wish Bernie good luck, health and happiness in her future endeavours.

On a personal level I would like to thank the following for their assistance throughout the year:

- Annemarie Kilkenny, Anne Noctor, Pat Fenlon, Pat Horgan, Collie Maher and Frank Donnelly for their on-going support in relation to fixtures, scheduling and re-scheduling of matches and training facilities.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

Rúnaí,
Seamus Ó Cinnéide



Election of Officers

Nominations for Officers 2016

Chairman – Kevin Foley	Proposed: Daphne Lamb	Seconded: Frank Rutledge
Vice-Chairman – Tom Rock	Proposed: Kevin Foley	Seconded: Seamus Kennedy
Secretary - Seamus Kennedy	Proposed: Kevin Foley	Seconded: Tom Rock
Assistant Secretary – Michael Durcan	Proposed: Sean Fox	Seconded: Daphne Lamb
Treasurer – Patricia Lloyd	Proposed: Kevin Foley	Seconded: Joan Kehoe
P.R.O. – Ronnie Murray	Proposed: Daphne Lamb	Seconded: Sean Fox
Registrar - Anne O'Connor	Proposed: Joan Kehoe	Seconded: Kevin Foley
Child Welfare Officer – Frances Ferris	Proposed: Kevin Foley	Seconded: Patricia Lloyd
Irish Language & Cultural Officer – Liam Coughlan	Proposed: Ronnie Murray	Seconded: Kevin Foley
Club Planning & Development Officer – Joan Kehoe	Proposed: Kevin Foley	Seconded: Seamus Kennedy
Club Facilities Management Officer – Sean Donnelly	Proposed: Kevin Foley	Seconded: Seamus Kennedy
Club Commercial Officer – Martin Byrne	Proposed: Kevin Foley	Seconded: Kevin Mulligan
Health & Wellbeing Officer – Kevin Mulligan	Proposed: Kevin Foley	Seconded: Daphne Lamb

Remaining positions on the Executive are as follows:

Chairperson, Camogie Section

Chairperson, Ladies Football Section

Chairperson, Coiste na nÓg

Chairperson, Football Section

Chairperson, Hurling Section