

Collegeland Big 100 Cycle. This major fund-raiser is being planned for Sunday 30 August 100 miles around Lough Neagh starting and finishing from Collegeland. Keep checking the Club's Facebook page for details of the Registration evening on Sunday 8 March.



Presentation night. The Clubs Dinner Dance and Presentation Night, Tickets £20, will be held in Armagh City Hotel on Friday 27 February when we pay tribute to the winning teams of :-

- ◆ **1988 Junior Champions;** and who went on to become
- ◆ **1990 Intermediate Champions;**
plus last years winners
- ◆ **2014 Junior League Champions**

Collegeland O'Rahillys GAC



- **Gaelic Start for P1, P2 and P3**
- **Gaelic Skills for P4 to P7**
- **Membership**
- **Club Running Costs**
- **Camogie**
- **Collegeland Big 100 Cycle**
- **Presentation Dinner Fri 27 Feb**

Gaelic Start was designed by the Ulster GAA Council to develop early movement skills vital for all future sports including football, hurling and camogie. After a warm up, the children do a series of stations in small groups focussing on **AGILITY, BALANCE, CO-ORDINATION, RUNNING and JUMPING.**

A new Gaelic Start programme for younger Club members, P1 – P3 commence Sat 7 Feb in St Peters School. Each child should be a GAA Club member for insurance purposes. Gaelic Skills for P4 - P7 also on 7 Feb. This will help our Collegeland young people later in the season when they move into camogie training or the Naomh Eoin arrangements for football training and fixtures.

Membership Day Sunday 1 February at the Clubrooms from 10 am to 11am and from 12.15 pm to 1.30pm. Adult membership is £30 and Youth £10. A second opportunity will be on Sun 8 Feb from 12.15 pm to 1.00pm. Sign up now so we can plan activities and ensure we have enough coaches for the different age groups. We encourage at least one adult family member to join the Club also. We have had great success in recruiting extra coaches this year and their own training starts with a Child Protection Course.

Camogie. Camogie has now been successfully re-established in keeping with the Collegeland GAA tradition. We are now in our fourth Year of running, and we have over 60 young girls registered with the club from 4-15 yrs. We have competed in Go Games for U6/U8/U10/U12 and in League and Championship games for the U12/14 age groups. The potential of this club to produce successful teams has been acknowledged across the county. However, being successful is not all about winning games but ensuring our children have a happy and safe place to enjoy the sport, have fun whilst training and by doing this will become better skilled and develop a keenness to find games challenging and exciting.

Being part of the camogie/football club will encourage children to be part of a team, build their confidence and widen their circle of friends in addition to their school pals. We continue to develop our coaches and a number have completed foundation courses and Level 1. We welcome new members in all age groups, and experience is not necessary as we have good coaches.

Costs of running our Club. It important to realise that membership fees and club sponsorship alone will not cover the costs of running a Club which provides for adults, boys, girls, players and non players.

It is estimated that expenditure for 2015 will be at least **£26,000.** Based on a full adult membership of 137 members (2014 figures) this equates to £190 per adult member to keep the club running. Below is an example of how our main annual fixed outgoings add up to **£21,800** for 2015 before we plan for extras;-

Bldg Insurance/Electricity/Rates/Water /Heating/Pitch	£8,000
Football Co. Board £4,900 + Camogie Co. Board £3,000	£7,900
Camogie teams expenditure & players Insurance	£1,000
Football teams expenditure & players Insurance	£4,900

Add in money needed to pay for unexpected maintenance works, floodlight repairs, gym equipment etc and it is not difficult to see where the money goes.

In the long term, we feel that increasing our membership is the most sustainable way of ensuring that the club remains on sound financial footing, without having to be so dependant for running costs on one-off fundraisers such as Jigs and Reels and last year's excellent event Strictly Collegeland.

It is with this in mind that the club had agreed at the AGM to replace our Gold membership with a "Friends of Collegeland ". For further details on this please contact new Chairman Peter Murphy or any committee member. We would encourage members to spread the word and invite new people to join the club.

Football Training Senior training for those intending to play with the first team and B-team is already under-way in the Players Gym which has been part funded by the Club, by the players own contributions and by sponsorship.

Thank You. Thanks to all our team sponsors, members, and advertisers, we look forward to your continued support. We really cant' do this without you!