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“THE CELTIC POST”



Well HELLO and a very MERREEE CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

First of all thanks to all of you for your suggestions for the name – after much deliberation we have settled on the **CELTIC POST** which was first suggested by Austin Boyle. As you see we do listen to our Members. – Well sometimes at least. Why” Post” – well it’s Post as in Postage and as in Goal Post. Get it???? Oh forget it, we give up.

The **CELTIC POST** is an insomniac’s best friend so enjoy the read and fall asleep while doing so.

It’s frightening to think how quickly the season is going. Despite some ridiculously wet weather there have been some wonderful memories.

THE SEASON THUS FAR IN SNIPPETS

- **“THE SENIORS”** – First up and for sure best dressed is our Seniors who so far have been this seasons Cup Kings as they battled on four fronts in National, Leinster and League Cups. With more exciting games to come including the **4th round of the FAI Junior Cup V Shielton in Blanch IT this Sunday** (supporters welcome) the lads may yet get silverware this year. All of this has meant only 4 League games played so its going to be a busy 2016 for our Senior Team. Well done to **Ray, Jimmy, Philip and all the Lads. Keep it going.**
- **“THE BAMBINO’S”** – This year we have a phenomenal **23 teams** playing **SSG (Small Sided Game)**. Nothing beats the atmosphere at an SSG game with all the thrills and spills. From **Imran and Colin’s Under 8’s** to **Paul Murgatroyds U12’s** this is where the REAL FUN is. It’s supposed to be non-competitive but try telling that to the young ‘uns who play their little hearts out every week. The future certainly looks bright if the performances of the likes of **Tommy Byrne’s and Sean Littleton’s** teams are anything to go by while the **Bradford lad’s** charges @ U12 are primed one point off the top as they chase promotion. Exciting stuff indeed.
- **“The WANNABEES”** –
 - **U13’s** – This is their first year @ 11-a-side and really is a transition year. Some fantastic performances across the board but pride of place goes to **Russell & Damirs** team who boast a 100% record thus far.

- **U14's** – After last years swashbuckling heroics @ U13 **Pat & Dave's** team are getting used to life in the “Majors” where they sit mid table . Following on from call ups at U15 level the Club have had **Ciaran Collins, Mark Hughes and Leigh Reilly** called up for **DDSL Development squad trials**. Well done lads – a credit to your Coaches, Club and your families. Best of luck lads and enjoy the experience.



- **U15's** – It was a tough baptism of fire for the 15 Prem/Elite team who came unstuck in the qualifiers but not before showing **Belvedere FC** that they are a force to be reckoned with. Having restored their “mojo” they look the pick of the bunch for the second half of the season in the “Elite 2”. A special mention and thanks to **Calum Zambra and Alan O' Toole** for stepping into the breach to Coach/Manage the U15 Major team.

- **“The BIG BOYS”**

- **U16's** – **Paul and Oleg's** Premier team have had a tough start to the year with more games cancelled than played but it's early days yet and the signs are positive. After last years success **Bob Fagan's** team sit midtable and maybe primed for a late season run!!!
- **U17's** – Solid starts to the season for **John Ronan's ,Kieran Kellys and Christian Reid's** teams but the main plaudits go to **Tony Molloy** who kindly came out of “retirement” and stepped in at the last minute to save the U17 Super team which looked certain to fold due to lack of Management in September. The two Tony's have steadied the ship and we look forward with interest to the second half of the year.
- **U18's** – **Keith & Enda's** team fly the flag here as they continued where they left off last year – WINNING. Top of the Premier with an unblemished record. Built on a solid defensive platform , a dominant midfield provides the ammunition to the ever alert strikeforce. Impressive stuff. The U18B's have been none too shabby either. Unbeaten and with 6 wins out of 7 the lads have been promoted to the “A” division.
- **U19's** – again weather has played havoc but after only 4 games the lads look like they may challenge for honours.

“THE BABES” – Last but by no means least. We have “The Babes” in the Castleknock wood. Our Academy is back – bigger and possibly better than ever thanks to efforts of Club Chairman, Jim Geraghty, TJ and Brian Cummins. Under the stewardship of the **“Silver Fox” Kieran Kelly** the Academy now has an incredible 83 CRAZY KIDS. These kids and their Parents are our Clubs future so the work of Kieran and his “Motley Crew” of coaches much appreciated by the Club. Thank you Kieran for all your hard work and also the Real Coaches – **Ashling, Lucy, Emma, Gavin, Alex, Liam, Ben, Stephen, James, Tony and Killian**



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(who keeps the Zambra family tradition well and truly going) who freely give of their time to make it all work. A final mention to Santa who made a special visit for the Academy presentation. Well done Santa.

NEWS

New Pitch -> Unfortunately despite promises to the Club from outside third parties we still await the erection of goal posts on P5 (Rugby Pitch). While disappointing we do believe this will happen in February when the planned car park extension is due to commence. Fingers crossed that we'll get the new pitch and the car park to make our Children safe in 2016.

END OF YEAR AWARDS

- **PERSON OF THE YEAR – TONY JORDAN** .For possibly the 30th year running this has to go to TJ. Whether you love him or hate him (and you gotta love him), think he's for the birds or whatever he is our GO TO MAN. Our Man Friday and without him we would be lost. Thanks Tony and here's to the next 30!!
- **VOICE OF THE YEAR – TOMMY "BOOM BOOM" BYRNE**. After nearly 10 years Philip Zambra has been ousted by Tommy. When Tommy is Coaching up in the NAC you can hear his voice in Porterstown. FOG HORN comes to mind.
- **COUPLE OF THE YEAR – Roberta & Antonia**-> For the third year running **Robbie "Steve Silvermint" & Antonio "Mourinho"** triumph again. They really are the ultimate happy couple – Coaching, Football, Holidays, Gym – always together. Inseparable but the Q is who is the real Boss????

END OF YEAR THANK YOUS

- **Peter Hoey** -> For keeping us fed and watered all year
- **Eamonn O' Connor** -> who when you can catch him keeps the clothes on our backs
- **TJ** -> For being TJ
- **Brian Cummins** -> For talking the talk but that's about all
- **Tom O' Neill** -> Who keeps the Club finances in order
- **John O'Leary & David Hughes** -> For the Winter Training Program
- **Antonio Mantero** -> The selfstyled "Special One" pioneered the "Silent Sideline" and promotes it all over Ireland. This is really important. Remember – Cheer, applaud but no shouting, screaming or coaching!!!
- **To All our Coaches & managers** -> for your time & effort but also for your care of all our young players
- **To Our Players** – Well done and thank you for all the Memories.
- **To Our Members & Parents** – Without you we would have no reason to be here
- **To Our Sponsors & benefactors** – For helping to keep CCFC going.

THE 30 SECOND INTERVIEW – with Academy Director Kieran Kelly

- **Who is Kieran and what does he do?** -> Not much aside from being **Academy & U17 Coach**
- **Hi Kieran, Are you married?** -> Yes. To the lovely **Dee** (aka THE BOSS). We have 2 kids (Twins) – Liam & Shauna. Liam is also involved with the Academy Coaching for his sins.
- **Nick name** -> **“The Silver Fox”** or whatever my good wife calls me
- **Favourite Food** -> My wife’s cooking. Whenever she does it I mean!!!
- **Ouch Kieran, you could be in trouble there. Moving along so what’s your Favourite Movie** -> **“It’s a Mad Mad Mad World”** but since getting involved with the Academy **“Daddy Day care”** is a close second
- **Aside from Castleknock Celtic (CCFC) who do you support?** -> The **Chelsea Blues** but secretly I’m a closet **Leeds Utd fan**. Please tell No one
- **What’s the best thing about the Academy?** The smiles on the kids faces every Saturday morning
- **What’s the best & worst things about CCFC?**
 - BEST – COMMUNITY
 - WORST – Not having our own pitches meaning too many cancelled matches
- **If you could change anything about CCFC what would it be?** -> Two things actually. Shoot David Hughes for roping me into the Academy and get an All Weather Pitch
- **The final Q to test if you are a real CCFC patriot – Win €1m Lotto or an AWP?** -> Simple. Win the Lotto and I’d pay for the AWP
- **Thanks Kieran and we’ll be watching how the “Silver Fox” does over the rest of the season**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SANTA IS COMING** - For our younger Members remember to be good ‘cause Santa is Coming to Town and before he gets here he’ll be checking his list not once but twice
- **TRAINING** – We’re only finishing but we’re all back again on Jan 6th. Emails to follow
- **COACHES CLUB SESSIONS** – Having been beaten by the rain for the past 2 months we are confirming that a Coaches Club session will take place on Sat Jan 10th 2016 (E. mail to follow)
- **Last Man Standing PART 3** coming soon



And finally – a wish for Christmas. Enjoy the food , enjoy the presents but most of all enjoy each other and please spare a thought for those who may be less fortunate than ourselves.

Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy, Peaceful & Prosperous 2016



SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR.

