



Castlebar Celtic F.C. 2022 Newsletter

“A look back at a busy year, on & off the pitch “

Welcome from our Club Person of the year.

By Joe Feeney

Welcome to our annual newsletter, it's a great honour to be Castlebar Celtics Clubperson of the year 2022 and to write the introduction for this year's newsletter & see the progress that has been made both on and off the pitch.

Anyone that knows me know that Celtic is in my families blood , from my late dad who won 6 Connaught cups with the club and represented the Republic of Ireland in the 50s & 60s, my uncles , Vincent playing alongside him , John a former club Chairman , Martin was involved in the Mayo referees association and my uncle Michael who has had various roles in Mayo football from managing Mayo Oscar trainer teams to former Mayo league chairman , to a founding member of Milebush park , Michael is also a proud Castlebar Celtic vice president. They have been great role models to me growing up and because we were from Mc Hale road, the only thing you did was play soccer.

I quickly learned that Celtic is a family and being a Feeney from McHale road it's a bond that will never be broken.

Celtic Park was my second home from a young age.

I suppose my first memory of being in Celtic Park was in the 80s been brought along by my dad to see the greats of that era, the likes of Philip Cresham , Paraic Cresham , Fergie Mc Ellin , Lar Morahan, Bobby Feeney ,the late great Scobie Moran , the list goes on. To see these guys on the pitch, they were like gladiators going to war and there was only going to be one winner!

I remember being in Celtic park as a young lad when the clubhouse opened in 1990 was a very special occasion with league of Ireland champions Shamrock rovers there to play a great Celtic team and that's where it kicked off for me, I was hooked on the club.

I have great memories of when I went onto play underage for the club with Dave Breen as the manager and played with some great players the likes of Stephan Jinxy Jennings & Martin Mc Nicholas who went on to represent the club with distinction.

When was asked in 2015 by club chairman Joe McDonald to come onto the committee it was an honour and a privilege. Past committees have done so much work down through the years the club is a credit to them all ,Celtic park wouldn't be the great place it is today without the hard work of these men and women since 1924.

I have a great relationship with the current hard working small committee of Joe McDonald, Pat Gavin, Marian Robinson ,Anthony Stenson ,Pat Naughton, Paraic Cresham & our newly appointed Director of football Jono Heffernan and all that give up their time to keep the club going and I look forward to working with them for many years to come.

I must give a special mention to all underage teams and managers, who are doing fantastic work from our academies pathway up to senior level. Congratulations to our Connaught cup winning u16 boys, our U21s & B team league winners who were promoted and to the Snr team on the recent Mayo cup win, I want wish them well in the Connacht cup and FAI junior cup fixtures in Jan 2023.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and healthy New Year, I look forward to seeing you all on the side line in 2023!

Slainte !



A new brand of Kit and Leisurewear in Celtic Park



NEW JERSEY FOR 2022

Kit Stop , JOMA and Castlebar Celtic teamed up to create a home jersey where the hoops are not simply solid in colour but fade into a white design on the outside of the jersey. Jason Hunt models our home kit which has been kindly sponsored by Albany Home Décor Castlebar.

Jordan Loftus models our away kit which comprises of a V-neck shirt with vertical stripes which gives a more classic look. The shirts are made from recycled polyester fabric, which makes it our most sustainable kit to date. Once thanks to the Castle Inn and The Bungalow Bar for their continued support.



Stefan Hester models one of our goalkeeper kits for this season which are coral in colour with a sublimated print which creates a modern look that we are sure you won't miss on the pitch.



Shop our full range on our club shop

www.kitstop.ie



ST PATRICKS DAY 2022



U15 Boys enjoy a match at the Showgrounds



HQ sponsor our U14 Boys

HQ Gym and Wellness centre celebrated the opening of their new facility in Charlestown by sponsoring a new set of jerseys for our U14 boys in August 2022.

We are grateful for their support!



Many thanks to Swift Fire Protection & Mike Cheever's for sponsoring our U11 Boys. Your support and commitment is appreciated



A Little bit of history thanks
to the Connaught Telegraph in 1946

CELTIC AND MARYLAND PARK

AFTER much searching Castlebar Celtic found a permanent home at Maryland Park. Sunday November 3rd, 1946 was a red-letter day in the club's history when they played their first games at this venue.

Prior to this the club hired grounds at different locations on a match day basis. Places such as Niland's field beside the Bacon Factory, the Pidgeon Park and the nearby Fairgreen. Players now had a place to train and the club could run local league games at their new home. (The ground was located on the Breaffy Road, close to the homes of John Cunningham and Brian O'Leary. It is now part of an Industrial Estate.

To mark the occasion Celtic played Westport Bohs junior and minor teams in challenge games

The weather proved to be a bit of a spoilsport with heavy rain making the surface of the pitch far from ideal for good football. The Westport boys adapted themselves much better to the prevailing conditions and aided by a strong breeze had built up a two-goal lead by the interval.

But in a strong finish in the second half, Celtic drew level with goals from Michael Leonard and Michael Kilcourse to leave the final result 2-2. Andy Redmond had a sound game in goal for the home side with Michael McHale and Ger McCormack solid at

the full back, Christy McDonnell, playing his first game for the club, starred in the half back line. Fallon, Moore, McHale and Gegga Bartley were the best of the forwards.

In the junior game Joe McCormack, making his debut with Celtic, had a storming game at centre forward. He showed great promise, leading the line with inspiring dash and scoring both goals as Celtic beat their neighbours by two goals to one. Michael Flynn playing on the left wing had a really good second half. Mickie Guthrie at inside left and Christy Cresham played their usual steady games, but it was Peter Walsh at left-full who was their outstanding defender. Micheal Hynes, centre-half, Sean O'Malley who continues to improve with each game, and T. Gavin who made some fine saves in goal, gave very encouraging displays.



Joe McCormack ...scored the first goal in a junior game at Maryland Park.



Michael Leonard who scored the first goal in a inter club game at Maryland Park.

Connaught Telegraph, 1946

A New Defibrillator in Celtic Park



Stronger Clubs, Stronger Games

Thanks to FAI Development Officer Nigel Naughton who presented us with our new defibrillator last October as part of phase three of the Mrs. Brown's Boys FAI Heart Care programme

This FAI led Grassroots scheme provided us with a state-of-the-art LIFEPAK CR2 external defibrillator. We also benefited from FAI and Government discount. Meaning we only had to fundraise €1250 for this live saving piece of equipment! Thanks to our supporters generous donations we did this in only 4 days



U16'S WIN CONNACHT CUP!

The Castlebar Celtic U16 team brought great success to the club with their capture of the U16 Connacht Cup following victory in the final over Mervue United at the start of May.

It was a very cagey 1-0 win for the young team but they showed that the future is very bright indeed by holding their nerve after taking the lead late on in this close tie.

After a series of close chances, Celtic finally made the breakthrough on the 65-minute mark. Gavin Forry was not long on the pitch from the subs bench when he played a crucial pin-point cross to Victor Okeje who expertly guided his header into the roof of the Mervue net.



New dugouts in Celtic Park thanks to Tom Jennings and his team

Thanks to Duffy Stainless Steel for sponsoring
the **U15 Girls** this season.

We are grateful for their support



U 15 Mayo Gaynor Cup

Congratulations to
Sarah Jane Kilcawley
who was part of the
Mayo Gaynor Cup
team in June this year.



ON DUTY FOR MAYO

Well done to U13 Castlebar
Celtic trio Alison Mc Donald,
Grace Carroll &
Riona Moynihan who all
played the full match in
Ballisodare !

Supporters Corner



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New Website.

Earlier this year the club ran a competition in conjunction with Mayo College of further education.

The winner of our 'design our club website' was Steve Hardcastle. Pictured with college principal Michael Murphy (left) Pat Gavin & Tutor Kitty Ganley.

You can check out Steves work on

www.castlebarcelticfc.ie



NEW COACHES

Well done to 3 of our U18 players, Alan Hegerty, Adam Blake & Bobby Canning. who completed FAI coaching PDP 1, 2 & 3 this year!

They are part of our Saturday boys U8 academy coaching team.



ON MAYO DUTY !

Congratulations to the Mayo U12 squad who made it through to the SFAI Inter league bowl semi finals beating NECSL in 1- 0 in Solar 21 Park.

Celtic players Mattie Daly, Ethan Kelly, Ruairi Mulroy & Mel McManamon were all in the squad.

U21 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 2022!



Players Eoghan Hughes, Oran Groarke, Stefen Hester and assistant manager Michael Robinson, pictured with Sponsors Dominos Castlebar Manager Lydia and staff member Gideon after their 2-0 league win v Ballyheane July 2022

POS		HOME					AWAY					OVERALL					PTS		
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A	+-
1	Castlebar Celtic U21's	10	5	0	0	23	5	3	1	1	16	4	8	1	1	39	9	30	25
2	Conn Rangers U21's	10	4	1	0	25	3	3	0	2	16	10	7	1	2	41	13	28	22
3	Ballyheane U21's	10	3	1	1	16	7	3	0	2	7	10	6	1	3	23	17	6	19
4	Straide & Foxford United U21's	10	1	0	4	4	22	2	0	3	14	25	3	0	7	18	47	-29	9
5	Kiltimagh/Knock United U21's	9	1	0	4	9	17	1	0	3	7	15	2	0	7	16	32	-16	6
6	Manulla U21's	9	1	0	3	4	9	0	1	4	3	17	1	1	7	7	26	-19	4



New Sponsor for our B
team

**MONEEN
CONSTRUCTION
INC**

Moneen Construction inc is owned by Noel and Brian Gavin, Chicago. Both former Castlebar Celtic players. Noel, former club player of the year recipient and Brian a former league winning captain, were delighted to sponsor this squad and support nephew & team captain Ciaran Gavin in the season ahead.

Thanks to Moneen Construction inc for their support!



**Well done to 16 year old
Andre Ludden who made his
senior debut v
Ballaghaderreen in FAI junior
cup action in September**

CASTLEBAR CELTICS NEW DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL

Jono Heffernan was appointed as Castlebar's Celtic Director of football in May 2022.

Jono has been involved in football as a player and a coach for over 30 years and we are delighted to have him on board.

He has coached numerous Mayo underage teams including Mayo Gaynor and Kennedy Cup squads, and Ladies teams from U12 to senior Ballina Town ladies which included winning numerous Mayo Leagues, Mayo Cups, Connaught Cups and intermediate woman's football association of Ireland National Cup.

Jono said "he's delighted to take up the Director of football for Castlebar Celtic, he said he's looking forward to work alongside all the coaches from the mini hoops right up to senior team and also the girl's academies and teams"



Castlebar Celtic Lotto

We thank everyone who continue to support our weekly lotto.

Tickets are only €2 each or 3 for €5 .

Our jackpot now stands at over €16,800.

Find us on [smartlotto.ie](https://www.smartlotto.ie)

Tickets are also on sale in The Castle inn, The Bungalow Bar Coadys, The Harp Bar and usual lotto committee sellers.



Book our astro online

Find us on bookapitch.com or scan QR code for best rates !

An advertisement for Castlebar Celtic Astro Slots. It features the club's crest and the text "Castlebar Celtic. ASTRO SLOTS AVAILABLE". It also includes a QR code and the text "Full size LED lit Astro". At the bottom, it says "Find us on bookapitch.com <https://portal.sportskey.com/venues/ccfc>" and "Book online now for best rates! Celtic Park, Pavilion road, Castlebar. F23 PF62". There is also a logo for the Football Federation of Ireland (FFI) and the text "CLUB MARK".

U15 girls are League winners 2022



REMEMBERING JEREMY

Michael Dee brother of our coach and friend Jeremy Dee, presenting the Cup winners Party with the Jeremy Dee Memorial Cup ! Over 100 girls took part in this underage girls blitz to mark Jeremys 10th Anniversary . Thanks to everyone that took part... we hope you all enjoyed your day !

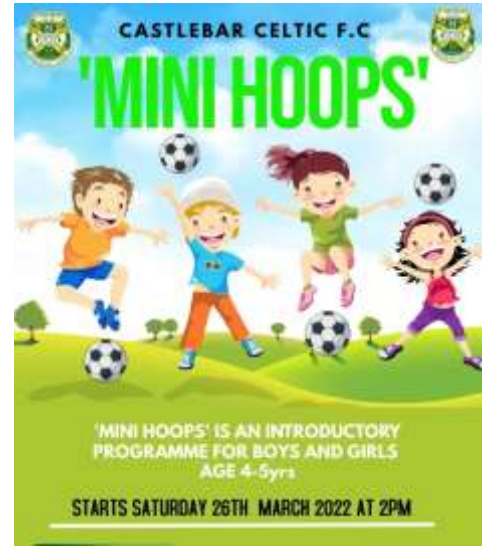


OUR B TEAM ARE LEAGUE TWO CHAMPIONS!



POS		HOME					AWAY					OVERALL					PTS		
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A	+-
1	 Castlebar Celtic B	18	8	0	1	36	7	8	0	1	36	10	16	0	2	72	17	55	48
2	 Ballyheane B	18	8	0	1	34	9	6	1	2	24	11	14	1	3	58	20	38	43
3	 Claremorris B	18	6	1	2	30	15	8	0	1	27	13	14	1	3	57	28	29	43
4	 Partry Athletic	18	7	1	1	28	3	6	1	2	28	11	13	2	3	56	14	42	41
5	 Ballyvary Blue Bombers	18	5	0	4	30	26	2	3	4	24	31	7	3	8	54	57	-3	27
6	 Crossmolina B	18	4	1	4	18	16	2	0	7	11	31	6	1	11	29	47	-18	19
7	 Killala B	18	3	2	4	16	16	2	0	7	7	26	5	2	11	23	42	-19	17
8	 Fahy Rovers B	18	4	1	4	23	32	0	0	9	7	45	4	1	13	30	77	-47	16
9	 Conn Rangers C	18	1	0	8	11	29	1	1	7	11	30	2	1	15	22	59	-37	10
10	 Ballyglass B	18	2	0	7	6	27	1	0	8	5	24	3	0	15	11	51	-40	0

Mini Hoops 2022



In March 2022 we launched Castlebar Celtic 'Mini' Hoops' Nursery for boys and girls age 4-6 yrs old. It is the first step on their footballing journey in Celtic park & was a huge success! The boys and girls had a great day celebrating the end of the 12 week programme . Many thanks to our coaches, parents and players. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

The Ellison Hotel kindly
Sponsor our U12 boys.



Kit Stop Castlebar
Sponsor our U18 Boys



The Castle Inn and Bungalow Bar sponsor our senior team on the road.



Many thanks to John & Orna Scott, The bungalow bar and Ger Whyte The Castle inn, for their continued support

Castlebar Celtic Under 16 team who defeated Kilmurry Youth Soccer Club after an epic penalty shoot out and extra time to lift The Mayo Under 16 Cup.



CASTLEBAR CELTIC RECEIVE THE PRESTIGIOUS FAI CLUB MARK ONE STAR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AWARD

There was a fantastic club day with our Celtic Family celebrating being awarded the FAI Club Mark in August. President Gerry McAnaney was in attendance to present our club President Joe Redmond with our Award 🏆

Castlebar Celtic are the only one of two clubs in Mayo to receive this award.



The day included a
'Heros' v 'Has-beens'
Match

Dedicated to
Michael 'Scobie' Moran
RIP



Calor Gas Mayo Cup Champions!



Castlebar Celtic F.C superleague squad win a Milebush classic after beating Kiltimagh Knock Utd on penalties to win the Calor Gas Super Cup .

Dates for 2023

15th Jan 2023 Connacht Cup (Home) v Tuam Celtic & Connacht Shield (B) (Home) v Glen Celtic
22nd Jan 2023 FAI Junior Cup away v Hibernain FC (Waterford)

THE 2023 League season

Sunday 19th Feb -Westaro & Tuohy Cup rd1

25th & 26th Feb –Superleague 2023 rd 1

Sun 5th March -Superleague Rd 2 , Tonra Cup & Mc Donnell Cup

Sun 19th March – Calor Super Cup 2023 Rd 1

Sun 26th March -League one 2023 Rd 1

New Management Team announced

Castlebar Celtic are delighted to announce the appointment of Daire Duffy & Ronan Mc Tigue as joint B team managers for the upcoming season and current Connaught Shield Competition.

First up for this management team is Connacht Shield, Sunday 15th Jan v Glen Celtic



Our U10 boy's academy all received medals and goodie bags at our youth awards last week. Our director of football Jono Heffernan presented academy coaches Mike Nevin and David Cusack with a Club jacket in recognition of their dedication and commitment to our future stars! Well done everyone.



2022 Award Winners

U11 Red Boys

Most Improved Player: Ali Elamin

Player's player: Shea Kennely

Player of the year: Olan McCarthy

U12 B Boys

Most Improved Player: Gary Hill

Player's player: Conor Horkan

Player of the year: Rian Staunton

U12 Girls

Most improved player: Indy McLeod

Player's player: Lily Hurst

Player of the year: Lexi Murphy

U13 A Boys

Most improved player: Seanie Kilcawley

Player's player: Ethan Kelly

Player of the year: Mattie Daly

U14 A Boys

Most Improved player: Eoin Murphy

Player's player: Oisín Nolan

Player of the year: Seamus Maughan

U11 Blue Boys

Most Improved Player: Sean O Grady

Player's player: Toma Popov

Player of the year: Paul O Donnell

U12 A Boys

Most improved player: Cian Neary

Player's player: Patrick Kennedy

Player of the year: Tom Francis

U13 B Boys

Most improved player: Cillian Staunton

Player's player: Luke McHale

Player of the year: Cillian Keating

U14 B Boys

Most improved player: Luke McHale

Player's player: Keelyn McHale

Player of the year: Noah Kirby

U14 Girls

Most improved player: Isabelle Earls

Player's player: Aoibhinn Burke

Player of the year: Allison McDonald

U15 B Boys

Most improved player: Mustafa Bagdadi

Player's player: Jack McNicholas

Player of the year: Oisin Kelly

U15 A Boys

Most improved player: Oisín Nolan

Player's player: Oran Murphy

Player of the year: Seamus Maughan

U15 Girls

Most improved player: Marie Clare O Grady

Player's player: Sarah Jane Kilcawley

Player of the year: Ava Murray

U16 Boys

Most improved player: Tiernan Brady

Player's player: Harry McHale

Player of the year: Joe Forry

U17 Boys

Most improved player: Kyle Flynn

Player's player: Cian Walsh

Player of the year: Fionn McHale

U18 Boys

Most improved player: Matthew Mullahy

Player's player: Brian McDonnell

Player of the year: Adam Blake

Check out the photos of all our award winners on our facebook page Castlebar Celtic F.C



U13 Player of the Year

Tom Francis



U14 Girls POTY

Alison Mc Donald



U15 Girls POTY

Ava Murray



U16 Boys POTY

Joe Forry

2022 SENIOR AWARD WINNERS



Senior award winners.

U21

Golden Boot: Luke Kelly

Player's player: Mark Cunningham

Player of the year: Stefen Hester

B team

Golden Boot: Conor Joyce

Player's player: Ciaran Gavin

Player of the year: Declan Gibbons

Most Valuable player: Anthony Hussey

Masters Team

Player's player: Sean Mc Hale

Player of the year: Declan Flynn

Superleague

Golden Boot: Jordon Loftus

Player's player: Johnnie Coccozza

Player of the year: Johnny Walsh

HALL OF FAME FERGIE MC ELLIN & PHILIP CRESHAM



APPRECIATION AWARDS - PAT GAVIN & AISLING REILLY



**Many thanks to Richie Berkley, who helped us out at awards night.
Pictured presenting Club Appreciation awards to Pat Gavin and Aisling Reilly.**

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR JOE FEENEY!



THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT MADE THIS YEAR SO SPECIAL ,

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN CELTIC PARK IN THE FUTURE.

Happy Christmas !

If anyone would like to contribute any photos or articles to forthcoming editions of the newsletter, please contact officecastlebarceltic@gmail.com or 087 1924100