

# WATERGRASSHILL UNITED

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



### WELCOME TO OUR JANUARY EDITION

Congratulations to our Chairman and wife Louise on the birth of their baby boy Jamie at the end of December.

### PLAYER PROFILE: GAVIN CRONIN

#### JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2010/2011

**Position:** Goal Keeper

**Date of Birth:** 12/01/1992

**College:** Colaiste Stiofan Naofe, Tramore Road, Cork

**Course:** Sports Education & Coaching



**Colaiste Stiofan Naofe men's soccer announce participation in USA Annandale Adidas Cup 2012.**

Gavin has been selected as part of a squad of 18 players to travel to Washington DC USA between the 8th – 14th March 2012 to compete in the Annandale Adidas Cup showcase. Teams will compete from North and South America as well as various teams from across Europe. Gavin will be on show to a huge number of University Scholarship scouts. Colaiste Stiofan Naofe will also play a Division 1 NCAA University during the 6 day tour.



The aim of this tour is to impress the 100+ University coaches that are attending to get a student athlete scholarship from a College/University while playing in this tournament. Gavin will be playing 3 games and a semi final and final if Colaiste Stiofan Naofe qualify from the group. They will also play a friendly game against George Mason University, who are an NCAA division 1 team.

So far Colaiste Stiofan Naofe are the only team outside the U.S that are participating and hopefully that will draw big number of coaches and spectators to their games.

All 18 players selected must complete their SAT's (American version of the Leaving Cert). This is vital as this is the first thing the scouting coaches will ask for. Another thing asked for are fitness test results which we've been doing throughout year in CSN and also a recommendation from the CSN coaches in regards of attendance in college and training.

We wish Gavin every success in this venture.



### MONTHLY QUIZ

Congratulations to Jennifer Coughlan who correctly answered last month's quiz question "Dave Doyle is the present Watergrasshill United under 10 manager", A €20.00 ECO DOUGLAS Restaurant voucher is on route.

#### January Monthly Quiz - Over 18's ONLY

Question: Watergrasshill United was the amalgamation of what 2 local soccer clubs in 2004?

Answers on email with your details to [watergrasshillunited@gmail.com](mailto:watergrasshillunited@gmail.com) or alternatively via text message to 086 849 3414

Prize € 20.00 meal voucher  
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### NEW DUG-OUTS COMING SOON



Paul Sharkey with Christy O Shea of CS&R in Tivoli with our first new dug out pictured above which has to be fabricated. There are 4 dug outs ordered, ALL sponsored by:



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### FIRST AID COURSE

There will be a First Aid course for all Watergrasshill United coaches on Sunday February 26th 2012

Venue: Watergrasshill Community Hall  
Time: 0930hrs – 1630hrs

Sponsored by MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company Ltd CORK

This is a certified course & certificates are valid for 2 years, please contact Paul on 086/8225646 to confirm your availability.

Defibulator training course will run sometime in March





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## **WATERGRASSHILL UNITED "IN THE COMMUNITY"**



### **Watergrasshill & Glenville Parish Assembly "Wednesday Club"**

Pictures above (permission granted for photos by members of the "Wednesday Club") show some of our Community's senior citizens that attend the "Wednesday Club" which is held fortnightly in Watergrasshill Community Hall

Under the supervision & direction of Ann O Regan Condonstown and Phil O Reilly it resumed on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012. This fortnightly group meeting is targeted for older people in the Community that who live alone, but everyone is indeed welcome. It is an informal get together for general conversation, prayer, bingo, light entertainment when possible and a raffle.

People commute by aid of a commune bus run by the Avondhu Blackwater Partnership

Watergrasshill United will support with the donation of gifts in the form of treats & raffle prizes on a regular basis and also with assistance on the day when required. This will be coordinated by Paul Sharkey and if anyone would like to assist please contact Paul.

Breda O Riordan, Secretary of Watergrasshill & Glenville Parish Assembly has thanked Watergrasshill United for their supportive community gesture.



**Gaisce** - the President's Award is Ireland's National Challenge Award, the country's most prestigious and respected individual award programme, and a challenge from the President of Ireland, to young people between 15 and 25 years of age.

Jonathan O'Connell from Watergrasshill is a participant in this award and is assisting our Under 11 squad and coaches Dave Hogan / Pat Griffin & Paul Sharkey weekly. Jonathan will complete part of this project based on our under 11's as can be seen in the picture at a recent training session on a miserable January evening. Jonathan attends Colaiste an Chraoibhin Fermoy & we wish Jonathan every success with his studies.







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#### WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN WATERGRASSHILL NATIONAL SCHOOL:



Under the supervision of Frank Cronin & PIPS our program commenced back on Friday January 13 & will continue weekly 1-3pm each Friday. Many thanks for Frank & PIPS to give up their own time to ensure this program continues, all voluntary. 2<sup>nd</sup> class above pictured indoors due to the weather and also above are some of the girls with PIPS.

#### WATERGRASSHILL UNITED UNDER 15 SQUAD



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The U15 team are enjoying an excellent 2011/12 season up to now. The team currently are second in CSL div 3 having played 7 games with 5 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss to date. Looking a bit deeper the team is in effect unbeaten in the league as the loss occurred when because of an unfortunate fixture clash we had to field a shadow team to avoid a CSL fine. The U15 also advanced to round 3 of the National Cup and were very unlucky to lose to Premier Team Mayfield United after extra time. Truthfully when at full strength this team is capable of holding its own and more against the majority of U15 teams in the CSL as they have shown in friendlies and cup games over the years. The goal for the rest of the season is to push on and contend for the league title with old rivals Macroom and Fermoy the main dangers. Challenges for the management is to keep an extended squad of 21 players happy in an 11 a side game and also to keep players fresh as they get busier with other sports.





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## UNDERAGE ACADEMY



Our underage academy returned back training on Saturday January 14 (Under 10/9/8/7's boys & girls). There will be numerous "blitzes" coming up over the next few months and relevant information will be relayed to parents/guardians in due course. Please remember euro 2.00 / child for weekly training on Saturday's.

***Memberships are now overdue so please make contact with the relevant managers/coaches for payment, thank you***



## UNDER 7 COACHES WANTED

Watergrasshill United are actively looking for coaches for our Under 7 squad, anyone interested please make contact with Derry (087/6964588) / Paul (086/8225646)



### Website Update:

Frank & Rob are constantly updating our website with up to date relevant information and making it very user friendly. For example there is now a match schedule in the "calendar" area of the website showing upcoming games **HOWEVER** this is liable to change at a moment's notice due to weather/backlog of games etc SO please liaise with the relevant coaches for confirmations!

If you have any comments on our website, or if you want to contribute please feel free to contact us at [watergrasshillunited@gmail.com](mailto:watergrasshillunited@gmail.com).

Check out our "Community" section on our website [www.watergrasshillunited.com](http://www.watergrasshillunited.com) which shows are involvement locally.

Follow us on facebook & at [www.watergrasshillunited.com](http://www.watergrasshillunited.com) for regular updates on training & match times

Watergrasshill United would like to offer our sincere condolences to the O'Leary family of Ard na Gaoithe Watergrasshill, the Murphy family from Ballylegane Watergrasshill and the O'Driscoll family from Watergrasshill on their recent bereavements.