



YEARBOOK

The County
The Clubs
The Teams
The year that was

2021





**THE
CAMOGIE
ASSOCIATION**
An Cumann Camógaíochta

Annacurra



Annacurra had an incredibly successful year in 2021, winning the Feile Shield, U14A 12 a-side Championship, U16B Championship and reaching the Adult Intermediate Championship final for the 3rd year running. We had over 20 club players represent Wicklow County at U14/U15/U16 and Adult grades and 4 of our players were part of the All Ireland

U16 D winning team. For one of the smallest Camogie clubs in Wicklow, it has been a fantastic achievement to have been competitive at every age grade and to win so much silverware. Thanks to all our players, coaches, parents and supporters for your commitment and dedication all year long.



Intermediate Championship Finalists



Feile Shield Winners





U16B Championship



U14A 12 a-side Championship

ARKLOW ROCK PARNELLS



Our Club

2021 is an historical year here at the Rocks. For the first time in its history Camogie has a team at every level. This is a phenomenal record achieved by our Camogie Chairperson, Penni Heald and all the growing volunteers including Camogie Secretary, Richella Wood, Coaches Vinnie Byrne, Danny Curran, Breda McCarthy, Jimmy Kavanagh, Mary Geraghty, Billy Mellon, administration help Daimhnait McDonough, Sarah Forde, Jennifer Walsh, Denise Pierce and to all our Super Parents who are there when we need them. It really does take the whole Rocks family to make it all work.

During the year we also lost a member of our Rocks Family, club legend Mylie Fortune. This was a sad time for us as Mylie was a constant figure of support to most teams on the side-line no matter the venue! Hook 'em, block 'em and rock 'em! RIP Mylie, you legend.

Even with all that the pandemic is bringing, Camogie and



Hurling is keeping us going together whilst we are staying apart.

CAMOGIE

Word was sent out that the Rocks would have a ladies team in 2021 and the call was answered by previous players, new players and young players playing up. The panel was made and our coach got to work in May 2021.

The opening match was a win under our belt and was a great start to the campaign. These players developed as a team throughout the season. There may be no silver this year but Camogie at the Rocks is on the rise so watch this space.

PANEL: Aideen Reilly, Aife O'Brien, Alannah Chell, Alice Daly, Aoife Hoey, Breda McCarthy, Carmel Redmond, Catherine Curran, Danielle Kavanagh, Denise Kavanagh, Denise Pierce, Doireann Kavanagh, Eimhear Lee, Emer Dillon, Emma Breen, Íde Ryan, Jessica Mellon, Katie O'Reilly, Kelly Somers, Lauren Higgins, Lily O'Toole, Lisa Hamilton, Lisa Mellon, Maisie Mellon, Mary Geraghty, Niamh Killoran, Nicole Yau, Orlagh Kelly, Roisin Murphy, Rose Hudson, Sarah O'Driscoll, Sinead Riley, Stacey Reilly, Abbey Wolohan, Aine Byrne, Ciara Lancaster, Doireann Killoran, Elizabeth Bourke, Erin Bardon

MANAGEMENT TEAM: Billy Mellon, Breda McCarthy, Penni Heald



U6 and U8



At this age Camogie is all about fun and we try to fit as much in as possible here at Arklow Rock Parnells Hurling and Camogie Club. We train on a Saturday morning. I would encourage all parents to let their girls have a go.

This year our coaching team was improved by two of our older Rockettes, Lizzie Bourke and Grace Delaney. These players are a great group of girls and a joy to coach. A percentage of these girls have been playing together for a while, but it is great to welcome new little Rockettes to our growing team. I am so proud of the improvement in skills from the start of the year to the blitz. Next year the U10s will benefit from some of these players but I am delighted that some are back with me again with the under 8s. Keep up the good

work, little Rockettes, and your love of Camogie! Also thank you to all the mums, dads and grandparents who committed to getting to training and matches, washed the team jerseys and supported our team and club. Outstanding!

PANEL: Aine Mellon, AJ Maher Carter, Billie McElheron, Bonnie Furlong Douglas, Eva Mellon, Evie White, Faye McDonald, Fiah Ní Hipwell, Grace Walsh, Jade Flusk, Kate Marie Clune, Kate McGeachan, Kate Wolohan, Kaylin Kinsella, Lucy Geraghty, Lucy O'Reilly, Michaela Kinsella, Sophie Breslin, Sophie Scallan



COACH: Penni Heald



U10

The u10 camogie girls had a very successful year. After the majority of last year's squad moved up to under 12s it was an unknown how the new group would fare. However, there were no fears as the team developed well and remained unbeaten all year including blitzes throughout Wicklow and a few games in North Wexford. It was great to see some girls

ca Pierce, Keeley Stafford, Lily Curran, Lily O'Donnell.

who only started a year previously progress so well. Keep up the commitment and enjoyment and bring more friends next year!

COACH: Danny Curran, Eddie Mellon

PANEL: Abi Melzer, Alina Riley, Ava Tobin, Bronagh Healy, Caoimhe Yorke, Caoimhe Kinsella, Clíona O'Donovan, Emily Allen, Eve Hemp, Hannah McGeachan, Isabel Farrell, Jessi-



U12

The U12 girls had a late start on the camogie calendar, with training commencing toward the end of April but this only seemed to heighten their determination to progress for the year. The girls worked hard in training improving their skills. Our new players picked up the basics very quickly and were soon getting stuck into matches where they held their

places with the more experienced players. Another thing that steadily increased over the year was the numbers turning out for training and matches. At the end of the year we had 34 players!

With the great numbers turning up for training we could have two teams for the Go Games. We have our first game at the end of June, a friendly against Avoca. This was a great

game to watch with the hard work in training paying off. The new girls also got some match experience, with a few playing their first camogie match. We followed this with away games against Avondale and Carnew, and a home game against Éire Óg. All tough games but the Rocks girls fought hard and played some great camogie in them all.

We played our final Go Games matches against Avondale. This was followed by a great day in Pearse Park for the County Camán Festival. We had three teams playing at this festival which showed the continued enthusiasm of the girls for the game.

These girls showed some real grit and determination throughout the year as they had some very tough matches this year but they played their hearts out until the final whistle regardless of how the match was going. They are a fantastic group of girls with super manners and are a credit to their families. We celebrated the year of camogie, friendships and fun with a fun training session at the end of the

hAodha, Zoe Byrne and Zoe Walsh.

year followed by pizzas and a presentation. A big thank you to all the girls' parents/families who travelled to all the games and supported the teams throughout the year. Also, a big thank you to the other ARP coaches who stepped in anytime they were needed. Thanks also, to Penni Heald, our Camogie Chairperson, for all her support throughout the year.

MANAGEMENT TEAM: Jimmy Kavanagh, Mary Geraghty, Damhnait McDonough and Sarah Forde.

PANEL: Abbie Kavanagh, Abbie Reid Furlong, Amy O'Sullivan, Annie Breslin, Aoibhe Merrigan Carroll, Aoife Murphy, Caoimhe McDonough, Ciara Chell, Ciara Gavaghan, Elsa Byrne, Emilie Vautrin, Emma Gannon, Grace Furlong, Gracie Byrne, Helena Lawlor, Kara Gager, Karla Redmond, Kate Geraghty, Katie Hempenstall, Kendra Gilhawley, Laoise Mellon, Layla White, Lucy Forde, Mia Flusk, Nete Kavanagh, Niamh McGeachan, Olivia Burke Emery, Olivia Byrne, Sadhbh Fitzgibbon, Siun Byrne, Sophie Hughes, Sophie Ní



U14

This year we started off with a panel in this age group of 16 girls and this grew to about 23 by the end of the season. Such was the good time the core group were having that word of mouth spread and we grew in numbers. We got back on the field in April and trained really hard. We started to compete in the league every Monday night from the beginning of July. We played every Monday night and never failed to fulfil a fixture. We went every night with a minimum of 17 girls. They each and every one gave 100% commitment. We played all our league games over the summer winning two games at home. We then entered the championship and again fulfilled every fixture and through this

commitment we qualified for the B Final. Unfortunately, on the day it was not to be. These girls showed great heart and commitment over the year and were a pleasure to work with. Their commitment to camogie, themselves and the Rocks was great to see.

PANEL: Ailbhe Wood, Alaoise Geraghty, Ava Wolohan, Bronwyn Crummy, Catherine Bourke, Ciara Breen, Emily Hayes, Erin Byrne, Freya Molloy, Isobel Byrne, Jade Farrell, Jamie Kenny, Kate Priest, Kitty Byrne, Leah Mellon, Maeve O'Donovan, Nia Devereux, Niamh Farrell, Poppy Heald, Saoirse Chell, Sinéad McCarthy.

MANAGEMENT TEAM: Vinnie Byrne, Breda McCarthy, Richella Woods

U16



We start this year with a core group of 12 girls at this age grade made up with girls from under 14 playing up. However, like the under 14 group, we added to our playing group over the year. With some great finds during the year, it only made this strong group stronger. We played five league games and competed strongly in all with two wins and some very close defeats. We improved in each outing and the confidence in the team grew amongst in the group. They started to believe in themselves and that they were capable of competing with the best. This belief followed through into the championship where we played six games winning four and competing in the other two. Each match was a battle and the girls shone through with their skill and determination. We deservedly reached the B final and narrowly lost out to our

closest rivals Annacurra in a fair tough battle. The girls were heartbroken, but they can be so proud of themselves in the effort they had put in, in the final and throughout the whole year. They are a group who we can be very proud of and I am sure they will go on to great things.

PANEL: Abbey Wolohan, Ailbhe Wood, Aine Byrne, Alaoise Geraghty, Amy-Lee Hill, Aoise Dunning, Ava Wolohan, Bronwyn Crummy, Ciara Lancaster, Deirbhile Gavaghan, Doireann Killoran, Elizabeth Bourke, Ellie Duffy, Emma Seckington, Erin Bardon, Erin Byrne, Eva Duffy, Grace Delaney, Isobel Byrne, Leah Mellon, Nia Devereux, Niamh Farrell, Poppy Heald, Saoirse Chell, Sarah Keeley, Sinéad McCarthy, Sophie Mooney, Zara Fennell

COACH: Vinnie Byrne, Richella Woods

Ballinacor



2021 was a busy year for our little club in the beautiful valley of Glenmalure. We are starting to rebuild our juvenile section of the camogie club and while our numbers are small the heart and determination within our underage players is mighty. We hosted two u8 and u10 blitz's during the summer. We had great fun and the girls from all clubs really thrive during these matches. We welcomed Kiltegan, Avoca, Bray and St. Pat's Wicklow Town. We thank these traveling clubs for competing with such fun and respect for everyone around them. Underage sport could not happen without volunteers and we have some fantastic ones in Ballinacor Camogie. Underage Coordinator Josie Simpson, Child Liaison officer Lucy Toomey and our enthusiastic coaches Katie Toomey, Leah Hanlon, Louise Simpson and Sophie Bergin. A huge thank you to you all for your work and determination to keep girls playing camogie. We are looking to build our underage teams so if your daughter would like to get involved please do contact us at Secretary.ballinacor.wicklow@camogie.ie and become involved.

Our Junior adult team began their 12 a side summer league campaign in June against Knockananna then going onto play Aughrim, Eire Og, Kiltegan and Arklow Rocks. We had a very successful league and came up against Aughrim in the final. League Final was held in Aughrim on 17th of August. A great match with everything a final should have. Unfortunately, it did not go our way and we lost by the minimum on a score line of 1.09 to 1.08.

The girls quickly regrouped and started focusing on championship. Training intensity increased under the determined and dedicated Bernie Byrne. Girls remained focused and again had a good championship and even with bad injuries to key players they were united as a group. Games were played in the same sequence as the summer league and after some re-fixture games county final day came around again for Ballinacor Camogie. The white and green

flags were seen from Glenmalure to Ballinaclash as County final day approached. 24th of October Pearse Park Arklow 12noon. Aughrim were our opponents as had become the norm this year. As the girls lined up behind their captain Mary Holt for the parade a huge support contingent could be seen in the stand and plenty of flags and colours just in case anyone doubted where they were from. Again it wasn't to be our day with a late goal mouth scramble and an umpire awarding Aughrim a goal that was disputed but awarded all the same and the Ballinacor hearts were broken. It finished Aughrim 4.07 Ballinacor 3.07. Congratulations to Aughrim on a fantastic year with all our encounters being full of sportsmanship and respect. Onwards and upwards for the Ballinacor girls as they regroup for 2022. A massive thank you must go to Bernie Byrne and Dora Burke who as a duo have guided this team through matches to get them to two county finals in as many years. They have built a close knit players group and built belief in this team. A credit to your club and community. 2022 is not far away and this team will be ready to go again.



Ballinacor Camogie Committee have put in a massive amount of work behind the scenes. As anybody who has ever been on a committee knows. Tireless behind the scenes work is always happening from organizing fixtures, to fund-raising, to attending county board meetings. This work is all voluntary and we thank you very much for being involved and allowing the club to function. A special mention must go to our Child liaison officer Lucy Toomey who put days and days of work into creating new polices and making sure we are complaint with all needed for Child welfare. Our committee for 2021 was as follows. Chairperson – Dora Burke, Vice Chairperson – Gail Carter, Secretary – Katie Mundow, Treasurer – Breda Byrne, Fixtures Secretary – Michelle Fitzgerald, Child Liaison Officer – Lucy Toomey, County Board Delegate – Niamh Ni Cholmain and PRO – Katie Toomey.

And speaking of fundraising as with most clubs in recent times we took ours online and used this platform to raise funds to keep the club running. We held raffles online with a massive €1,000 prize to the winner. We have had 12 lucky winners so far each taking away €1,000. Currently we have tickets on sale for a €1,000 draw coming up to Christmas. Please visit our Facebook or Instagram pages for more details. We promise you can't miss it. We thank everyone who has supported each draw and hope one of you will be a winner in the future.

We lost a great supporter of our club this year in Charlie Sunderland (Yaya). A great community man who will be sorely missed and leaves us with great memories. RIP Yaya.



A few more thank you's must be given to groups and businesses who have supported us over the year. Ballinacor Community Project thank you for the use of the field and encouragement throughout the year. To Ballinacor football club for liaising with us during the year and advertising our draw through your own online lotto. To the Glenmalure Lodge and Phelan's in Clash. Your continued and ongoing support of Ballinacor Camogie is always appreciated and never goes unnoticed. Thank you. The final word must go to our supporters who follow us all over the county and beyond in all types of weather. Your constant encouragement and cheering gives the girls the push they need.

Carnew Emmets



Carnew Emmets had another very successful year in 2021. Carnew managed to field teams at all ages U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and our adult team. Our U14's competed in the Wicklow feile and the championship while our U16's and intermediate teams competed in both league and championship competition this year. Carnew emmets would like to thank all the players, parents, supporters, mentors and committee members for all their hard work throughout the year to make this all possible. Follow us on facebook: www.facebook.com/CarnewCamogie

U12's



Our U12'S were mentored by Jason Molloy, Diarmuid Doran and Linda Wafer, they played in all go- games matches and competed in the Wicklow Tesco County Caman festival to mark the end of their season. U12's also managed to get in a few cross borderer matches with neighbouring clubs in Wexford.

Go Games teams

Our U8, U10 had a huge club input this year and were mentored by a wide range of club members, from experienced coaches to younger girls starting their coaching journey and some of our intermediate player. Some of their mentors include Tom Darcy, Aoife Doran, Aoife Darcy, Oraith Molloy, Sophie Doran, Caitlin Hughes, Maire Deegan, Mark Collins, Micheal Collins and Brine Doran.

U14 team



Our U14's went on to win the Wicklow county feile tournament which was hosted by Carnew and was a very enjoyable occasion for all that attended. They also competed in the league final and the final of the A County championship but unfortunately it wasn't to be their day and lost out to a strong Kiltegan side. Our U14's were mentored by Maurice Molly, Vinny Mulroe and Miriam Wafer.

U16 team



Our U16's mentored by Paul Kelly and Tom Darcy went on to win both the 15 aside league and 15 aside A county championship. Our league final was captained by Grace Cosgrave and our championship final was captained by Erin Callaghan.

Intermediate team



Our intermediate team faced Avondale in the summer cup league final and Annacurragh in the intermediate A County Championship final this year and put on an excellent display of Camogie to win both league and championship. The league final was captained by Allanna Dagg with Aoife Darcy

as vice captain and Shauna Keogh captained our A county championship winning team. Mentored by Tom Darcy, Vinnie Mulroe and Paul Kelly these girls put in a lot of hard work this year and are looking forward to the challenge of the senior grade next year.

Donard Glen



Due to the current situation regarding Covid-19 our season started later than normal. It was great to see so many of our players return and to welcome all the new players who joined our Club. Our club caters for players of all ages from U6 to Adult and our players come from Donard, Dunlavin, Hollywood, Blessington, Valleymount, Ballymore Eustace and all the surrounding areas. As a club we continued to grow in 2021 with an increase in underage membership which augers well for the future.

U8's

On Wednesday evenings in our training ground in St. Kevin's, Dunlavin the first players you will see when you arrive are our U8 girls. These girls always turn out in great numbers, are full of enthusiasm and fun, and have great skill and potential. As well as their dedication to training, these girls also participated in several go games throughout the summer and these were a great opportunity to put their skills into practice. As these girls are the future of our club it is fantastic to see them improve their skills every week, and a great deal of thanks must go to their coaches for all the planning and effort that they put in to make the sessions enjoyable and worthwhile for the girls. Well done to all involved.

U14's



Our U14 players are another group of girls who show a great love for the game. These girls worked hard all year and were unfortunate to be defeated in their championship final,

U10's

The U10 girls are another group that show great promise for our club. As well as training hard all summer and improving their skills enormously they also increased in number as the summer went on, which really is fantastic news for our club. By the time their final go games came around in September, they were competing for every ball and displaying a level of skill and effort that was a credit to both themselves and their coaches.

U12's

The U12 girls also played in go games every Friday night, and finished off the season with a great day in Arklow at the County Caman Festival. This group also steadily increased in number over the summer, their dedication and effort were fantastic. The girls have great potential, they work together as a team and always support and encourage each other, which will really benefit them in the years ahead. Their coach praises them as being a group who are always eager to work hard and improve and learn new skills, and they are a pleasure to work with.

however it is always a great achievement to get to a final. A number of these girls also played with our U16 team and showed great skills throughout the season.

U16's



The U16's had a great season this year getting to the finals in both the League and Championship. The season started with the 12 a side league which after many hard-fought battles ended in a final against Avondale. This final provided a spectacular show of skill from the girls which lead to their victory. After the league final win, it was straight to work in the 12 a side championship. The games were tough but through dedication and perseverance they won place in the A final. Unfortunately, on the day despite giving their all to the final whistle in a very close game Glenealy won the honours.

Senior's



Our senior team embraced the new season with enthusiasm under the management of Owen Drennan, Johnny Quinlan, Mary Brophy and Sinead Doyle. The club had a successful run in the Kildare league winning the shield in Division 2 and following a great showing in the Wicklow Summer League were unfortunate to lose the final to Knockanna. These competitions were played without the six players from our club who were part of the Wicklow Junior team. We had some great matches in the Championship and made it to the final. This was a tough campaign for our players especially as due to circumstances beyond our control we played two tough matches in the week preceding the final. Despite a trojan effort by the team it was not our day. However, the dedication and effort put in by all

The girls who play on our underage teams are the future of our club and if they continue with the dedication, they have shown all year the future looks bright. Without the players we would not have teams but it must be acknowledged that these teams would also not exist without the hard work and the dedication of the coaches and mentors who give their time to make this all happen. We would also like to thank the Parents of these girls who also give of their time and are always on the side-line cheering them on.

the team under the able leadership of captain Carmel Whelan has to be praised.

Donard Glen players on the Wicklow U16 all Ireland winning team were Emily Tyrrell and Poppy Rose Cullen Dunne who captained the side. Our representatives on the County Minor team were Katie Tyrrell (Captain) and Daisie Summer Cullen Dunne. This team were unfortunate to be beaten in extra time in the semi-final. We had six players on the County Junior team who competed in the Littlewoods League and the Nancy Murray competition they were, Katie Daynes, Amy Barrett, Jenny Tyrrell, Sive Byrne, Casey Kelly and Katie Tyrrell.

Glenaly



U8's & U10's



Our u8/10s had a great season trained by Thomas Doyle. They took part in many blitz's throughout the county, learned a lot of new skills and most importantly enjoyed every minute of it.



U16's



Our u16 team had a great year this year, winning the u16 12aside A Championship. A very talented group of girls Captained by Leah Condell with a very bright future ahead. The girls were trained by Amanda Doyle, Thomas Doyle and Pauline Farrell. Special mention to Kelly O'Neill who won u16 club player of the year for her dedication, overall love and commitment for the game.



Seniors



Our Senior team this year fielded a very young team, with a number of girls playing at adult level for the first time. A talented group of Ladies, with a strong passion for the game. The future looks bright as this young team continue to build. Trained by Ciaran Goff and Courtney Cullen. Captained By Ailbhe Dowling.



2021 was indeed a strange year for sport – the optimism going into 2021 was short lived as Covid continued to dash any hopes of a regular season of playing camogie. Thankfully, we got back to training and playing matches again and, more importantly seeing the children get back to doing what they love. This year was a historic year for the club as we managed to field two adult camogie teams, Senior and Junior. The official opening of the astro turf pitch was a fantastic event for the community and is being put to great use, with teams training into the winter months. It is an invaluable asset to the village. Another highlight of the year

was the success of the MNA programme, which was run by Helen Ryan during the summer. It was great to see so many women taking part and enjoying this great initiative and many thanks to Helen for running the programme. There were also some very sad losses during the year and to all our members and supporters who have suffered loss during the year, we offer our sincere sympathy. The club would like to thank everyone who helps in any way to keep the club running smoothly, coaches, committee members, development and fundraising committees, our Covid officers and also Kiltegan GAA club for their continued support.

UNDER 6'S



The U6 Camogie group had a very positive year, with up to 21 girls practicing in some training sessions and we never had lower than 16 girls in the field on an Wednesday evening. The girls worked hard on learning the basics of the game of camogie while having fun, through games and activities

designed to keep the girls engaged and interested in coming back each week. Thanks to our older players who were always on hand to step in and help with training sessions whenever needed - it is important that the younger girls see what they are aspiring to be like in the coming years

UNDER 8'S



The U8 Camogie group had a very good year coming out of lockdown. We were able to hold twenty training sessions in total and we had up to 24 girls in this age group. We also participated in six U8 Go Games Blitz's, two of which

were at our home ground in Kiltégan. The girls particularly enjoyed playing on the new Astro Turf pitch as some of the skills they had learned on grass were easier to practice on this surface. It was a great boost to their confidence.

UNDER 12'S



Kiltégan Camogie U12s put in dedicated commitment to their training & games during the 2021 season. Player numbers during training was solid with a minimum of 15 players at every session. The U12 Tesco Camán Festival was held on Sunday October 17th 2021, in Pearse Park Arklow. The event was well organised and very enjoyable. Each player

received a certificate of participation and a Wicklow Camogie water bottle which was well received by the players and well deserved for the hard work they put in all year. 2021 was a most enjoyable and successful season for Kiltégan U12 camogie team. A great future lies ahead for this group of players.

UNDER 10'S



We had 24 girls most weeks at training, and had 27 girls registered. The team really enjoyed playing in the blitz's. We had some great wins which everyone was happy with. The girls trained hard and you could see their skills getting

stronger each week. It was lovely hearing the girls cheering each other on and getting to know the new girls while, we were watching their confidence grow each week .

UNDER 14'S



Our U14 team had a fantastic year this year. We entered the 15 a side league which started at the beginning of July, our first game being against Carnew. With the help of some of our u12s we travelled down to Carnew and came away with a win. We then played Bray, Arklow and Eire Og winning every game. Having won all our matches, we faced Carnew in the league final in Aughrim on August 9th. Carnew were winning throughout the game, but our girls made a fantastic comeback in the last quarter and ended up convincing winners. Eimear O Toole accepted the trophy to a crowd of cheers from those who travelled to see what was a superb display of camogie from both teams. Our championship campaign began on August 30th. We played Eire Og, Car-

FEILE TEAM



Feile took place in three different venues on the 21st of August, we were in Carnew for the day. We played Annacurra

new and Arklow winning each game. We received a walkover from Bray. This put us in the A championship final against Carnew again! The u14 Final was played on October 1st in Pearse Park, Arklow. Carnew were looking to make it 3 in a row and having played them three times already we knew that we were facing into a very tough battle, nothing was going to be won easy. Similar to the league final, Carnew got a head start on us and at half time we were behind. However, our girls came out and through pure determination and hard work came back and ended up winning. A very proud moment for everyone involved with the team along with captain for the day, Tunde Majlath.

in our first match and won that game. Next up was Carnew who were very strong side and unfortunately, we came away

second best to them. Eire Og never showed up, so we had a bye in the third round. We were very well set up with our tent and we were very grateful of it as there was a lot of rain and a lot of waiting around as we had to wait for teams to come from Aughrim and Annacurra. After losing to Carnew we were now in the B semi-final. As there were only 3 teams, Knockananna, Arklow and ourselves, there was a draw for who would get straight into the final. We came out so this

meant Arklow played Knockananna in the semi-final with Knockananna winning. We faced neighbours Knockananna in the final and had a very good battle with them. They were very good and never gave up, but our girls came out winners. Tanisha Daly Danne was captain for the day and accepted medals for each girl. It was a really great day for these girls who missed out on Feile in 2020, thanks to Wicklow County Board for organising the day.

U16'S



U16 is a such crucial age group to try keep the girls playing and our U16's gave it their all this year. The 2020 U-16 Camogie championship final was played in the 2021 calendar year due to the Covid lockdown. The girls played Carnew in Arklow in the semifinal and progressed to meet Knockananna in the final.

The girls played their hearts out in the final but things were

ADULT SENIOR AND JUNIOR TEAMS

What a year! For the first time ever, our small club was able to field two teams at adult level. This was made possible by the fantastic mixture of youth and age. This mixture created an amazing bond and atmosphere between both teams. At the beginning of the year (which was already disrupted by COVID-19) we found it difficult to get the desired number of players at training. However as the year progressed, through the moral and atmosphere created by the players and quality of the training, we had over 32 players attending training sessions on the newly built Astro turf.

The year began with a 12 aside league for both the Junior and Senior teams.

Junior Championship

Although the results did not go our way in this competition, every single player on this team improved immensely from

not going their way against a very strong Knockananna team. It was just one of those days when the girls just did not get the rub of the green. The girls kept going to the bitter end and their never say die attitude was to be commended. Over all the girls played some great camogie over the year and have developed into a great team.

a skills sense. This team was very unlucky with the results, but the mix of youth and age, coupled with the improvement from each player provided a brilliant atmosphere and some great moments. The work put in by the players on this team was shown as some progressed onto the senior team. Fielding a second team for the first time in the clubs history was a highlight.

Senior Championship

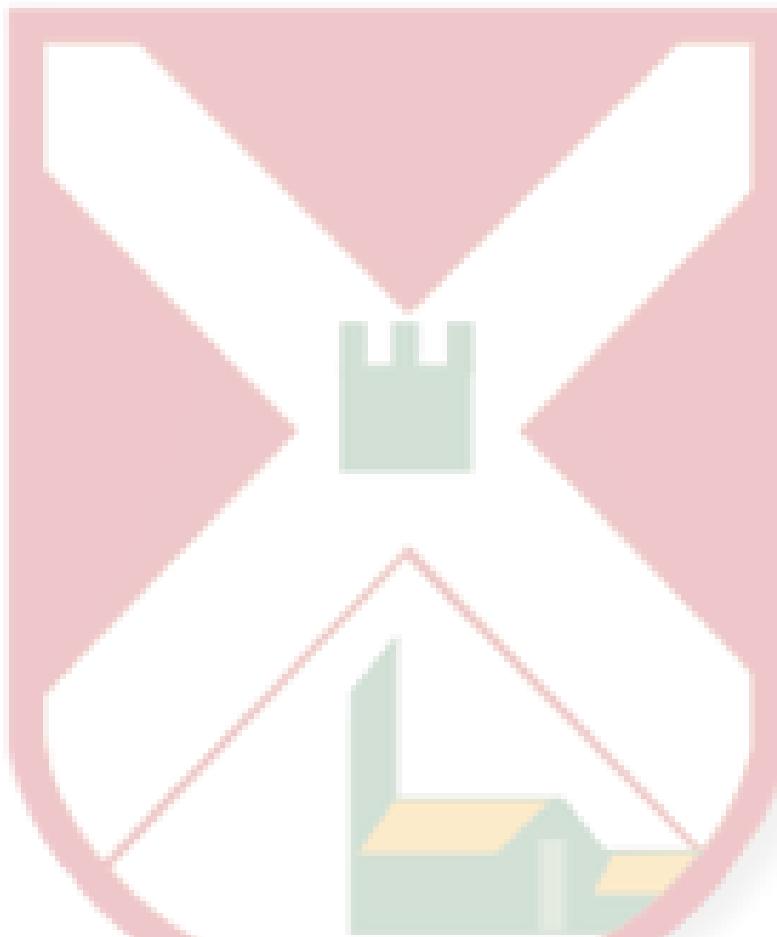
Being drawn against the reigning county champions in the opening round of the championship was always going to be a tough task. We were unsuccessful on this occasion to best them. However the team recovered well to record wins against Glenealy and Bray.

Unfortunately, our Championship ambitions were cut short in Baltinglass under lights at the end of October in what was

a semi final against Donard. The heart and fight shown by our team in this match was incredible. From players, to fans to management. When the final whistle went there was sheer heartbreak.

However the fact that our ladies played themselves into this position during their first year back at senior clearly shows what skills and ability are present in our club. This was the first year of rebuilding ourselves at senior level. We couldn't be prouder of everyone involved.

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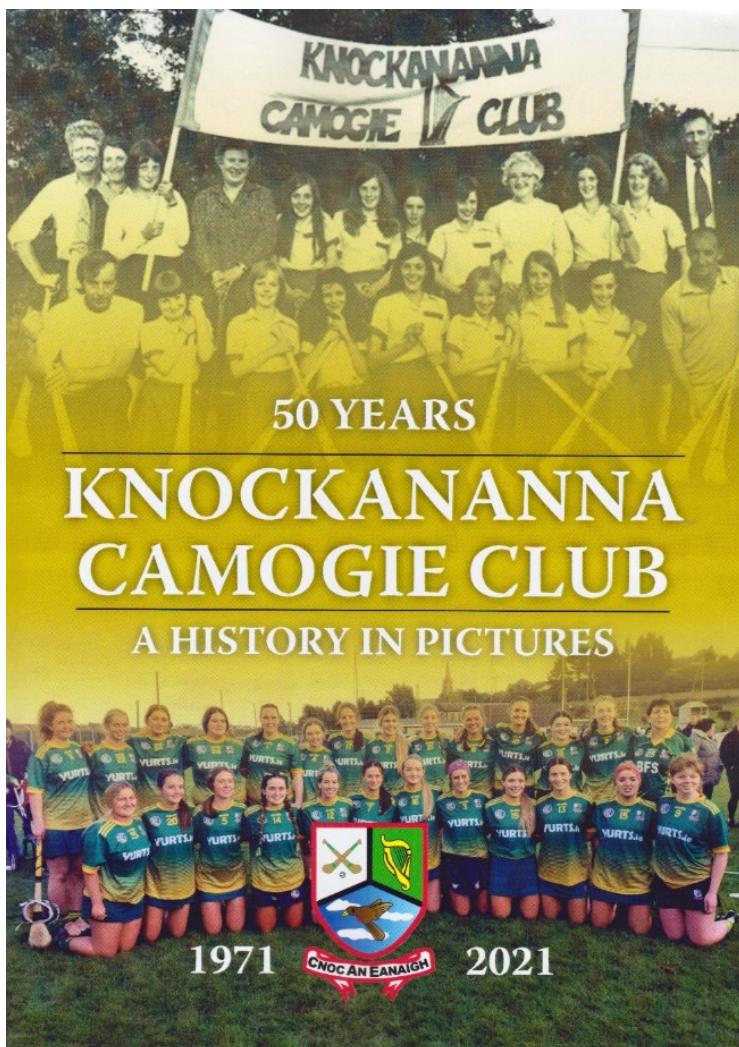
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**Sarah Byrne 2011 Feile Winner,
Mary Murray 1975 Winning Feile Captain and
Shannagh Goetelen 2020 Senior Captain at the launch
of our 50th anniversary celebrations at the start of
2021.**



2021 has been a special year for the club as we celebrated our 50th Anniversary and launch of our Commemorative book “50 years : Knockananna Camogie Club – A history in Pictures” with an event on the 20th November at the pitch. There were games for all age groups and culminated with the book launch, It was wonderful for old and young members and players to mingle together and reminisce over the clubs history and achievements.

We also were delighted to elect Patricia O Keeffe as our new President.

We made our own little bit of history by fielding two adult teams for the first time ever with a Junior and Senior team. We had 129 registered members - 77 juveniles, 27 adults players and coaches, mentors and committee making up the rest. This was an increase in club numbers from 97 in 2020. Our 2021 committee members are: President: Trish O Keefe, Chairperson: Serge Goetelen, Secretary: Loretta Mutton, Assistant Secretary: Lisa McDonald, Treasurer: Angela Tallon, Assistant Treasurer: Margaret Darcy, PRO: Dawn Byrne with committee members Tom Byrne and Tom McDonald.

Juniors/ Seniors



Managed by Tom Byrne and Serge Goetelen

We fielded a Junior and Senior team this year. Both teams played a summer league and Championship. The Juniors gelled over the games as a team and progressed and improved with each performance. Hopefully we will continue to be able to field in 2022. The Senior team won the summer League and Championship this year with some huge performances and scorelines. They will fly the Wicklow camogie flag and contest the 2020 Leinster Junior B Final on Sunday 5th Dec in Abbots-town against Drumraney from Westmeath and play the 2021 competition in January '22.

U16's



Managed by Declan Breslin and Kellie Byrne

Due to the Covid pandemic the 2020 Final was delayed by 7 months and eventually played in July 2021. Managed by Tommy Mc Donald, Declan Breslin and Kellie Byrne our

opponents were our near neighbours and biggest rivals Kiltegan but on the day our girls were the better team putting in a huge performance and winning on a score of 2-11 to 0-6.

The 2021 U16s had a panel this year of 17 players with several still on the u14 team. The league started in July and the Championship on 22nd September with 6 games in each competition. The girls played every game despite being quite short some nights on numbers but they gave everything

to the best of their ability and even though we didn't progress to a final the effort in training and games was 100% every night.

U14's



Managed by Tommy & Lisa Mc Donald, Des Kirwan, Majella Kenny

We had 14 players available this year and we were helped greatly by three U12 players who made up the panel of 14. Due to our low numbers, we played in the 12-a-side League and Championship.

We had three coaches working with the U14s and we trained with the U16 Team also which worked well as many of our U14's play at U16. At the start of the year and during the full year the girls attended training in good numbers. In the League the girls performed really well and had to work extremely hard to get past teams like Donard and Anna-curra in our group games. We played Aughrim in the semi final which we won very well. Our final was in the County

Grounds against Avoca and again this was extremely tough, but we bossed most of the game. Avoca scored two quick goals and we were a point down, but the team fought back to equalise, and we had a replay. The replay was played in Aughrim Community Field and the team performed brilliantly to win well and lift the 12-a-side League Cup with Niamh Roche as Captain.

The Championship was very tough and the girls worked really hard as usual in all the games but we lost out to Donard in our group. We finished second and played Avoca again in the Championship B Final. This was probably our best performance of the season with the entire Team really playing well together. Our Captain for Championship was Aine Darcy who lifted the Shield.

U15 Wicklow Féile



Our U15 Captain receives the commemorative Féile plaque from camogie president Hilda Breslin in Croke Park

U12's

Managed by Lar Byrne, Keara Clancy, Loretta Mutton
The U12s played 6 matches throughout July and into September in the Go Games fixtures along with a number of practice matches. They also took part in the U12 Caman Festival in Arklow. The biggest standout for the year was the large numbers showing consistently for trainings (in all weather) and for matches, some of which were quite early in the evenings due to the demand for pitches so I think the parents deserve some recognition for making sure they got there as it wouldn't have been easy for those working any distance away. We had a panel of 20 girls with a full or very close to full panel turning up for all matches and most train-

All of this U14 Squad played in the U15 Wicklow Féile Competition, and they gave a great account of themselves over the day. Another highlight of the season was being drawn to play a Féile Game in Croke Park for the commemorative celebrations of 50 years of Féile. The girls got to walk through the dressing room area, run out onto the pitch through the tunnel and warm up at the Hill 16 end. They won their game against Carndonagh of Donegal although the intention of the day wasn't about winning. This was an unbelievable experience for the girls, and it was great to see them all perform so well.



ing sessions having 16+ girls attending. A large panel meant making sure everyone got game time a bit of a challenge at times but the girls were all eager to play and gave 100% at all times meaning that they came out on top in most of their games despite some very tough opposition at times.

U8's & U10's

This year we again seen an increase in numbers joining and the girls were managed by Dan Myers, Eugene Byrne, Bobby & Majella Elliott.

In total the girls had 14 games in all competitions winning 13 and loosing 1but having a lot of fun along the way. Overall the girls showed great willingness to improve during the season and their skill and understanding of the game improved 100%. Some of these girls were only playing for the first time but overall they really enjoyed it. They were presented with their medals at the 50th celebrations.

