



**Clubs**  
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Kiltegan  
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Luke O'Toole's

**2023**

**GAA**

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# CLG Cillín Chaoimhín. Hollywood GAA.



Hollywood GAA club was founded shortly after the founding of the Gaelic Athletic Association in 1884, in the village of Hollywood, County Wicklow. The club was formerly known



Intermediates



Junior B

as Hollywood Shamrocks. Hollywood GAA currently have two adult teams competing in the Intermediate and Junior A Championships. At underage, they are amalgamated with Vallemount, Lacken and Kilbride known as St. Kevin's. Throughout the decades the hard work and dedication of the local community has ensured the continued success of the club.

## Intermediate Football Team

2023 has been a really good year for our club at all levels and age groups. We continue to field two competitive adult teams at a time when all clubs are struggling with player numbers.

Our intermediate team just missed out on finishing in the top half of Division 1A. A different result in just one game would have given them the opportunity to push for promotion to Division 1.

After a really strong group stage campaign our Intermediate team exited the championship at the Quarter-final stage with a narrow defeat to Donard/Glen.

Although, ultimately a disappointing conclusion to our campaign, management and supporters alike will be optimistic for a more successful 2024 with a number of young players being integrated into the squad and an additional cohort to come from this year's minor team.

## Junior Football Team

Our second team competed in Division 4 of the League and at Junior B in championship. An early, and very welcome, Hennessey cup competition got our Junior team off to an earlier start in the season than usual. Although we didn't feature in the knockout stages, the group stage was very useful to give players early game time and an opportunity for the younger players to transition to adult football.

Despite being competitive in the group stage of the Junior B championship we just missed out on making it to the knockout stages.

## Nursery & Go Games

Our nursery and Go-Games groups continue to go from strength to strength with numbers attending continuing to increase. Our thanks to all of our volunteers who work tirelessly with this group and to Wicklow GAA for arranging games and blitzes for this age group. Our kids particularly enjoyed the series of games played under lights towards the end of the season.

## St Kevin's Football Underage

Our congratulations and thanks to the St. Kevins coaches and committee who worked so hard, yet again this year, to provide football for all age groups from U11 to U19.

## Gaelic for Mothers & Others

Our recently formed Gaelic for Mothers and Others has been a huge success and certainly one of the best initiatives our club has taken. We now have in excess of thirty ladies taking part. Our ladies played in a number of challenge games and blitzes and all played with an infectious sense of goodwill and energy.

Our ladies participated in the National Gaelic for Mothers and Others Blitz which was held in early September which was held in Dublin's Naomh Mearnog club.



Hollywood GAA Under 7's



Hollywood GAA Under 9's



Hollywood's Gaelic for Mothers & Others





# CLG Naomh Teagain. Kiltegan.



## Club Events/Occasions 2023.

Joint Jubilee 50th Celebration of 1973 Junior Hurling & Camogie Champions.

On 18th August 2023, Kiltegan GAA & Camogie held a joint 50th jubilee celebration in St. Tegan's Hall to honour the first teams to bring home a junior hurling and camogie championship back to Kiltegan in 1973. This event was well attended by players and their families and was greatly appreciated by all involved.

Kiltegan GAA & Camogie Club welcomed their heroic Golden Jubilee Junior champions of Wicklow hurling and camogie from 1973 to a celebratory event in their honour on Friday 18th August 2023 in St. Tegan's hall. Both teams in 1973 took home Kiltegan's first ever hurling and camogie championship, breaking ground for so many future generations of Kiltegan



Kiltegan 1973 Camogie Team

players. Kiltegan GAA Club Chairperson Ciaran O' Toole and Kiltegan Camogie Chairperson Paul Boland began proceedings by welcoming all present, whilst acknowledging the powerful impact these trailblazing players, management teams and club officers had in instigating and progressing our current club. Many memories from that time were recalled by Ciaran from the AGM report, including the development, and opening of our current field. Paul updated all present on our current club development, thankin g people for their continued support for improving our facilities. A minute's silence was held to remember all deceased players and club members. Fr. Pat O' Brien shared Grace Before Meals followed by the victorious team captains Sean Keogh and Josie Norton Dooley cutting the cake which was made by our very talented Mary Kelly (Feddan).

Refreshments were served by our committed volunteers where everyone enjoyed time to chat and recall these great times. Historic scrapbooks with paper clippings and photographic memorabilia from 1973 were perused bringing much laughter and nostalgia to the room. Speeches followed with Kiltegan GAA and Camogie President's Danny and Mary Byrne commending both teams on opening the doors to belief in our clubs and creating lifetime memories, followed by Wicklow County Chairperson Damien Byrne acknowledging the achievements of these teams, the rewards of which are still been reaped today. Hurling team selector and lifelong anchor of Kiltegan GAA John Timmins recalled some great stories from this time, with winning loyal hurling manager Martin Doogue sharing his memories on the journey of this great team. Padraig Byrne (hurler) and Josie Norton Dooley (camogie) spoke on behalf of the players and thanked everyone involved in organising the event, whilst sharing their happy memories on bringing the cups home to Kiltegan back in 1973. Current club secretaries of Kiltegan GAA and Camogie, Paula Boland and Ann Murphy invited each individual champion involved to come forward to receive their award. The night closed with Paula Boland reciting a poem in honour of these highly appreciated pioneering champions of Kiltegan GAA and Camogie Clubs, followed by Ciaran O' Toole closing a very special evening in Kiltegan.

### Kiltegan 1973 Junior Hurling Team

Fr. Kieran Bermingham, Tom Ryan, Fr. Eddie Ryan, Con Hayes (RIP), Peadar Daly (Vice Captain), Padraig Byrne, Con O'Sullivan, Sean Keogh (Captain), Fr. Tommy Hayden, Tom Pearson, Sean Byrne, Nat Pearson, Pa Leary (RIP), Mick Kelly (RIP), Peter Keogh, John Lawlor (RIP), Fr. Joe Purcell (RIP), Mick Ryan, Pat Foley, Martin Coleman, Richard Harmon (RIP)

Manager: Martin Doogue Selector: John Timmins



Kiltegan 1973 Junior Hurling Team

### Kiltegan 1973 Junior Camogie Team

Patricia Murtagh, Ann Moorhead, Ann Devitt, Patricia Whelan, Marjorie Hughes, Josie Dooley, Mary Kelly, Bernie Nolan, Joy Costello, Ann Aspill, Jane Clynch-Healy(RIP), Eilis Doody, Bernie Kelly-O'Byrne, Angela Rafferty-Dunleavy, Alice Lennon-Doyle, Breda Cremin-Kearney

Manager: Nat Pearson

### Intermediate Champions of 1998 Honoured

At the Senior County Hurling Final on Sunday 15th October 2023 in Echelon Park, Aughrim our Intermediate Hurling Champions of 1998 were honoured at half time. Again, this event was very well attended by past player/family members. Damien Byrne (County Chairperson) presented the awards to our players which was a special occasion for him as he was a member of the team also.

### Hurling Championship

For the third year in a row, we reached the Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final, where we met Carnew Emmets. In really tough conditions for any game to be played, we ended up losing on penalties. On the day, we hadn't played to our potential or the standards we had set ourselves in the previous games. We have definitely made strides again in our fitness and preparation and we would like to thank David and the backroom team for all their work on this, particularly the good preseason work. Our junior hurlers also failed to capture any silverware this year, losing out to a strong Éire Óg team in the semi-final of the Junior A championship.



Intermediate Champions of 1998

## Football Championship

Our journey in the Senior Football Championship also ended in huge disappointment for us, losing out by a point in the quarter final. This was the 12th week on the bounce for a large number of the players and it finally took its toll, we had gone to the well one too many times, both physically and mentally. The result in Baltinglass against Blessington showed the real potential in this team after a good performance against An Tochar where we were in control and should have come away with a win and a backs to the wall win against Bray. Performances like the Blessington game need to become the norm and not flashes in the pan.

It was also a disappointing year for the junior footballers who were narrowly beaten by Rathnew in the quarter final of the Junior C Championship. Losing some players to the senior team and some injuries probably was the difference in them progressing but keeping that team together and improving will be key going forward as a club.



Senior Hurling Team

## Hurling League

For the second year in a row, we reached the Senior Hurling League Final, this time beating Carnew who we had lost to in the early rounds of the league. We beat a weak Bray side and took a notable victory over Glenealy on the way to the final.

The Junior hurlers had some fine performances in the league where they had received a number of walkovers and managed to finish top of their group.

## U7 & Kinder Hurling



U7 Hurling Team

Another good year for u7 hurling. We have a number of kids from outside Kiltegan who play, and that meant we were in a position to field a team here. Go Games were a little different in this case, because the format changed this summer; instead of playing lots of different teams, we played in the same group all the time, Western Gaels, Knockananna, Carnew and ourselves.

In general, we managed to field 2 teams most nights (10-12 players). We were generally well able to compete against these clubs, and often won all games on a given night. In training and in the games, where capable, we were encouraging kids to lift and strike the ball. We see the same with Western Gaels, but not so much with the other clubs.

Like Football, the emphasis in training was around movement and some basic skills; ground/hand striking and jab lifts being the primary goals.



U7 Hurling Team

It's clear that the improvement in these kid's abilities is in no small part due to the fact that there are regularly at least 4 coaches present, and the kids can be split into smaller groups, so exercises can be tailored more to each group.

## U9 Football



U9 Football Team

We had a really strong year in u9 football. Early on in the season we had to play Tinahely, who we usually compare ourselves against, and we were comprehensively on top that morning. It was a good sign for the year ahead.

We adapted training a little this year to include more game-based scenarios, and to encourage support play, and it was evident in the matches that this was working very well. More often than not, they looked for support before booting the ball. This meant that we really performed well during the year.

One team that really put it up to us was Coolkenno, and we played them twice during the year. These were great battles, and we were complimented on both occasions for the players that we had. And on our final's day in Ballinakill, we won all 3 games we were in, against Rathnew, Coolkenno and An Tochar.

## U9 Hurling

We had a noticeable decline in numbers this year, down 8 available players from the previous year.

It was a difficult year for hurling. To start with, we had the same 3 teams each year - Carnew, Knockananna and Western Gaels.



U9 Hurling Team

To compound this, there were less actual games scheduled, for example, there was over a month without a game around the August Bank Holiday weekend.

We didn't really get going against the opposition we had, most of the time it was due to us fielding 2 teams, and then not being competitive as a result. But that's not the only reason, we definitely didn't have as strong a crop of players as we had in 2022, and you could see it.

For our final day in Ballinakill, we drew one match and lost the other two, but we were not far behind, it was probably our strongest outing all year.

## U11 Football



U11 Football Team

Coaches: Sean O'Reilly, Shane O'Toole

It should be noted that the league basis this year was non-competitive, and results were text to the Co Board after games purely to assemble groups of similar ability, though this didn't prove the case with our U11s.

We had a very positive start to the year in U11 football in 2023 with a great win away to St Kevins. However, with the exception of a couple of games, it became obvious we were grouped in a strong group for our ability. To be fair to the lads, they grafted well and showed strong for periods, even in those games where we were well beaten.

We started from a panel of 17 players; however this number was realistically whittled down to 13 which proved difficult fielding teams (11 a side). This resulted in a number of fixtures being cancelled. We played 5 games away from home and 4 games at home. Compared to the hurling this year, the lack of games and stop start nature of the season as a result definitely had an impact on the development of the players.

I was personally contacted by Rathvilly GAA and Eire Og (Carlow) to play challenge matches, however we felt there was

little to be gained from same, when our numbers were so poor. In an ideal world with a stronger panel (number wise) we would arrange these games, which would mean that the lack of league games would be nullified. This would be a channel I would like to see explored next year if the numbers were available.

Sadly, due to inclement weather, our final day blitz in Ballinakill was cancelled at the last minute. This would have provided the lads with much needed match time, even though games were limited to 7 mins a half. We did play Michael Dwyers U11 in Highpark in the week leading up to the blitz, where we again struggled but I would put that down to a lack of game time as opposed to being overrun.

## U15 Football

This year, Kiltegan GAA Club fielded an U15 Football team for the first time, which is a great achievement and a credit to all of the players, their parents, coaches and club members for making this possible.

The year began on 30th January in the gym in Kiltegan where the panel started their Strength and Conditioning training, coaches found that this worked well for the panel as it introduced the panel to the importance of S&C and built good habits among the panel.

We had a slow start to the year with two of our league games being postponed due to weather conditions and pitch availability which left us going into the Feile with minimal game time. We played Carnew, Naomh Eoin Gaels and An Tochar. Naomh Eoin Gaels topped the group. After a few more training sessions and games, we gathered some momentum and picked up a couple of big wins against Eire Og Greystones, Rathnew and An Tochar which left us finishing second in the League.

Preparation for championship was hindered slightly due to a couple of injuries but the squad continued to work hard and this came to fruition on Saturday 28th October when we played Annacurra in the Div.2 Championship Final in Coolkenno. Trailing by 3 points at the break, the boys continued to do all the right things and an excellent team goal put us into a great position. The panel worked hard to shut down any threats from Annacurra coming into the final moments of the game and the sound of Liam Keenan's whistle signalled that Kiltegan were champions.

It was a significant victory, because this same Annacurra panel beat these players in their u13 final 2 years earlier, and did so by quite a margin. That day, our defending let us down. the management team focussed heavily on defending with this group over the past 2 years. It was particularly satisfying to see



U15 Football Team

these lads win because their defence held out for the last 10 mins against Annacurra's best efforts.

## Dearly Departed Friends

This year as a club we lost a few very special people.

In February we lost Noel Farrell. A former Chairman back in arguably our most successful year ever 2008. Noel was and long serving committee member and supporter of the club and served the club on and off the pitch in several roles when asked. A great Kiltegan GAA man.

In March we lost Sean Furlong. A longtime friend, sponsor, and supporter of Kiltegan GAA. Sean never missed a match and through his children and grandchildren he remains to have a big impact still on our club.

In July we lost Andrew Nipper Short all. Nipper was one of the most helpful club members we ever had. The first man to offer to help no matter what the occasion was. He also had great victories on the sidelines in his stints with management teams in both Hurling and Camogie

In November we lost John Tickler Byrne. A great supporter of our club and in particular our club lotto. Tickler travelled all around the parish selling and gathering lotto books. He was always the man to gather up auction prizes for Michael Dwyer's also. He Always wanted to help our club in any way possible.

In November we lost Mark Pierce. Mark has only been buried Friday the 17th of November and from the send-off he got it, just showed how much he was thought of. Mark was a current player which is something as a club we feel very hard to understand as this is new territory for us all. There is no manual to deal with this sort of thing but all we can do is look after one another and lean on one another.

May they all rest in Peace.



# CLG Cnoc An Eanaigh. Knockananna.



As 2023 ends we look back at what has been a year of mixed fortunes for the football, hurling and underage teams but with much cause for optimism. The current phase of pitch development works came to an end with the completion of our modern meeting room with kitchen, installation of new pitch lighting, new solar lights on the walking track, new dugouts and ground works at the entrance. We have been successful in the latest round of Clar funding to upgrade our car park and resurface the walking track – a big thank you to

our committees past and present, and community supporters who helped to get this over the line. In addition, the club has been fortunate enough to have been gifted a strip of land and plans are well under way to develop this into a much needed multi-use games area and hurling wall

The adult football team performed as well as they could and will no doubt be more competitive at Junior B, as the rebuilding process continues and underage players come through.

The junior hurlers had some fine performances during the year in what is only their 3th year in existence. The future looks bright with the addition of new members on permissions this coming year.

The underage teams are progressing very well at both football and hurling thanks to some excellent mentoring by coaches and parents. Great to see so many of our underage players competing at a high level with Michael Dwyer's. The indoor hurling for underage boys and girls is proving to be very successful in the winter months.

## We remember

The late Tommy Kehoe and Pat Kavanagh whom we were sad to lose this year, together with Stephen Tompkins.



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## Community and Camogie

Working together with the very successful Camogie team and proactive national school staff and parents association Knockananna GAA is looking forward with optimism to the year ahead. With their help in 2023 we were in a position to proudly sponsor a new set of jerseys for the Knockananna National School team.



Knockananna Junior B Footballers

We want to congratulate the Knockananna Camogie teams and management on yet another successful year, winning a Leinster Junior A Club championship, a rare achievement for any Wicklow team. They put up a fine performance in the All-Ireland semi-final and were unlucky not to reach another All-Ireland club final this year. We are proud of them and wish them continued success.

## GRMA

Thanks to our hard working fundraising committee the weekly lotto and on-line bingo continue to be very successful

To all our committee members, our sponsors, volunteers, supporters and the local community a huge,

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Club President Edward Carroll



Adam Kinsella U20 County Player



Knockananna Junior Hurlers





Knockananna's Michael Dwyers U19B Champions



Knockananna's Juveniles with the Michael Dwyers Teams



# CLG Lúcas Ó Tuathail. Luke O' Toole's.



Luke O' Toole's Facebook page read "what an evening, what a year, what a club" while Brendan Lawrence from the Wicklow People wrote "The hard work and effort from the mentors and players in Luke O' Toole's hurling club is starting to pay massive dividends if the results of 2023 are anything to go by" - following on from a hugely successful awards evening held in Tinahely Community Hall on Sunday 03 Dec 2023. Close on 100 juvenile players were presented with Medals and Certificates following on from a great year for the club.

Paper never refused ink, and although things might be going well for the club at present and the mood is very positive, we still have a long way to go if we are to continue to compete with some of the County's club powerhouses in the future.

From small beginnings in 2015 the Luke O' Toole's club continues to grow and provide good quality hurling for the juveniles in the Tinahely, Aughrim and Annacurra towns and with the success of the Under 15 hurling team in the A championship this year it is hoped the club will continue to grow stronger in the years to come.

Hurling Championships don't come easy, and are never handed out, so for the club to win the Under 15 A Championship and the Minor C Championship in the one year is just amazing, but as Brendan Lawrence wrote, it is the work and effort from both the coaches and players over the past number of years that has made this happen.

## Looking back on the year:

Our Under 7 and Under 9 hurling teams trained every Tuesday night and played their blitzes on a Friday night under the stewardship of some fine former hurlers including Shane O' Loughlin, Alan Byrne, David Whitty, Peter Quigley, Pat Byrne, David Bailey with some help from ex county player, Billy

Cuddihy. It was mentioned in some circles that these guys were building a "super team", we don't know about that but the effort they are putting in certainly augurs well for the future. Turnout at indoor hurling has been phenomenal and with David Whitty securing sponsorship for the Under 9 team from Blackthorn, the kids have been well decked out during the year and look like winners. It is important that we keep this great work going. Under 7 Panel: Danny Byrne, Faolan Butler, Nicholas Doyle, Cormac Bailey, Eoghan Byrne, Tadhg Doyle, Rian Finn, Edward Walker, Jack Kavanagh, Tomas Dillon, Denis Byrne, Jacob Smyth. Under 9 Panel: Patrick Clancy, Callum Sharp, Callum McNamara, Jake McNamara, Sean O' Byrne, Liam O' Byrne, Fiach Doyle, Fiach Reynolds, Fiadh Lily Looney, Tommy Kavanagh, Nancy Byrne, Oliver Cullen, Charlotte O' Loughlin, Fiach Lambert, Cormac Lambert, Lottie Holden, Oscar Whitty, Christopher O' Reilly, Logan Tuke, Liam Tuke, Clayton Evans, Hugh Galvin, Mo Quigley, Maurice Byrne, Tommie Byrne, Jack Byrne.

## Under 11 Team

The Under 11 hurlers had a great season. They were coached by Donal Rice and Philip Doyle and adapted well to the new refereeing arrangements and while keeping an eye on the scoreline in each game, thrived under the new format. This was particularly evident in the end of season blitz in Ballinakill where the boys and girls showed how much they had improved over the season. Joe McGuckian too acquitted himself very well as the club's Under 11 referee throughout the year. Panel: Darragh Fanning, Cian Mooney, Callum Sharp, Charlotte O' Loughlin, Beth Myers, Evan O' Brien, Jack Henry, Odhran Rice, Eamon O' Byrne, Danny Byrne, Oisín Wilson, Cait Duffy, Adam Myers, Henry Doyle

## Under 13 Team

The Under 13 team started the year as an unknown quantity. We wanted to field a team but we had only 9 players. A massive recruitment drive led by Heather and Rob Keenaghan and Majella O' Shea the 3 coaches to the team proved very successful as numbers began to grow very quickly, to amass a squad of 19 players by the end of the year, with several lads picking up the hurley for the first time. With a mix of some fine young hurlers and good coaching the skill levels improved across the board and the team was well able to compete. All in all, the team won some games, drew some games and lost some games, but the success for the club was the attitude of the players, the enjoyment they got from playing hurling and the effort they put into the season. The boys topped the year by winning the B Trophy final v a very game Kilcoole team in atrocious weather conditions in Glenealy. Well done to all for a



Under 11's

memorable season. Panel: Ciaran Breslin, Adam Byrne, Danny Byrne, Sean Byrne, Sean Byrne, Tom Clancy, Matthew Cullen, Henry Doyle, Kyle Juste, Evan Keenaghan, Darragh Lambert, Alex Langrell, Adam Myers, Colman O' Byrne, Eamonn O' Byrne, Brodie O' Sullivan, Will Pringle, Conor Quinn, Hugo Sheehan, Luke Tallon.

## U14 Team

The U14 Luke O' Toole's team claimed the U14 PPL cup in 2023. They started their campaign back in May with a superb win over Michael Dwyers. This was followed by a draw and a



Under 12's



Under 14's

super win against Eire Og. Avondale then entered the U14 PPL competition providing more matches for the kids. However, it proved very difficult to play the remaining matches. A final fun blitz was organised among the clubs in October between Luke O'Toole's, Michael Dwyers and Avondale and were officiated by Wicklow's All Ireland referee John Keenan. Panel: Ross Weld, Daniel Duffy, Darragh O'Byrne, Padraic Lambert, Oisín Fanning, Alex Penston, Dillon Doyle, James Kavanagh, Daniel Fitzgerald, Peter Monaghan, Keith O'Reilly, Michael Lacey, Jake Martin, Brodie O'Sullivan, Tom Clancy, Kyle Juste, Colman O'Byrne, Conor Quinn, Dylan Dwyer, Darragh Lambert, Evan Keenaghan and Sean Byrne.

## Under 15 Team

What a year, what a team! 2023 proved to be a great year for Luke O'Toole's bringing home the Under 15A Championship cup. The hard work and effort from the players throughout the league campaign paid massive dividends for them in the Championship.

The league campaign proved to be a great warm up and learning curve for the team with wins over Michael Dwyers, Arklow Rocks, Eire Og 1, Western Gaels, Eire Og 2 and Glenealy and two losses against league winners Carnew and league runner ups Bray Emmets.

The Kings of the Garden County ended a stunning unbeaten championship campaign with a dramatic 1-point victory over a quality Bray Emmets side. A Sean Byrne point from a free in the fifth minute of added time proved to be the match winner. This win looked to be an unlikely outcome when Bray Emmets scored a goal to go five points up two minutes after the start of the second half asking some serious questions of the Luke O'Toole players. But boy did the Luke O'Toole players respond. Their never say die attitude came to the fore and slowly but surely, they brought themselves back into contention. Daniel

Duffy and Sean Byrne pulled back the deficit to a goal between the sides, with Bray following score being cancelled out by a point by Daniel Duffy. Then Bray scored another two points, one off the hurl of Ross Weld who tipped a sure shot on goal over the bar. This brought Bray's lead back up to five points but that was to be their last score. Luke O'Toole's were beginning to ramp up the pressure. Sean Byrne pointed another free and with Liam Molloy, Tiernan Byrne, Darragh O'Byrne, Padraic Lambert, Daniel Byrne, Pierce Carroll and Daniel Duffy battling hard, the Bray Emmets defence was coming under pressure. This relentless pressure resulted in a Bray defender been dispossessed in front of goal and in the ensuing scramble for possession, Luke O'Toole's centre back, Liam Molloy kicked to the net to leave just a point in it. Bray had a chance to score from a free and a further 65 which came to nought. The Luke O'Toole's defence with Peter Toomey and Dominic O'Loughlin coming good, were now on top. But Bray Emmets were still holding out. Daniel Byrne brought the sides level in the second minute of added time. The relentless work rate of Darragh O'Byrne gave Luke O'Toole's a glimmer of hope winning an all-important free, although in a very difficult position near the sideline on the stand side. Up steps the hero of the day Sean Byrne to split the posts for the winning score. The final score was 1-12 to 1-11. The Under 15A Championship cup was presented to joint captains Dominic O'Loughlin and Sean Byrne while the recipient of the Wicklow People sponsored man of the match award went deservingly to Sean Byrne.

The Under 15 team throughout the year was Ross Weld, Cian Delaney, Dominic O'Loughlin, Peter Toomey, Alex Kavanagh, Liam Molloy, Finley Jameson, Tiernan Byrne, Sean Byrne, Darragh O'Byrne, Daniel Duffy, Pierce Carroll, Aaron Mooney, Daniel Byrne, Padraic Lambert, Ewan Doyle, Adam Kearns, Oisín Fanning, Kyle Moules, Peter Mooty Monaghan Alex

Penston, Jack Wall, Dillon Doyle, Keith O'Reilly, James Kavanagh, Jake Martin and Ryan Whelan. Mentors; Fiona McAllister, John Byrne, Eamonn Byrne

## Under 17 / Minor team

In the club's short history, we have managed to field a minor team just once, in 2018. We tried and failed in both 2017 and 2019, so to finally field a minor team in 2023 was a most welcome development for the club and for the county. Owen Doyle the Wicklow Hurling Officer was one man happy to see Luke O'Toole's making the breakthrough and not just adding to the numbers but also going out and competing. It must be said that Luke O'Toole's fielded with a very young team, we had 3 players at the right age and 7 players coming up from Under 15 to make up the squad. The lads young age didn't deter the team, they faced up to every challenge head on, they played with great spirit and determination and with the will to win. In the early part of the year in the Player Pathway league the lads had very good wins v Bray Emmets and the Arklow Rocks but lost to Glenealy and St Pats before the Championship got underway. In the first game of the championship v Glenealy the team was undone by a very poor refereeing decision to issue a black card to our full back, we were up by 5pts at the time, but when our player came back on, we were done by 5pts due to the team losing focus for those 10 minutes, try as they might they ended on the losing side by 4pts. Michael Dwyer's was next up and again a refereeing decision to order a penalty for a technical foul, when the decision should have been a 20mtr free nearly cost us, but a fine penalty save by Daniel Duffy ensured that we came away with a 1pt win. The lads travelled to Eire Og with low numbers and lost to the home side by 2pts and then



Under 15's County Champions

played Arklow Rocks and after scoring 1-22 still came out on the losing side to the Rocks having conceded 5 goals in the game, losing by 2. The team's confidence was taking a hit with 3 narrow defeats and this told when Bray, Carnew and Western Gaels capitalised and dished out a few heavy defeats to the team, all scoring 5 goals each in the process. The team tried to restore some order v St Pats under lights but while they were in the game up to the last 10 minutes Pats pulled away with 3 late goals to win with 13pts to spare, with Lukes again shipping 5 goals. We obviously finished in the bottom half of the league/championship table and were now facing into the C Championship semi-final with just 1 win under our belt. The team were down to play St Pats again in the C Semi-final. The manager put it up to the players in the dressing-room beforehand not to concede an early goal in this game, and the players were determined not to concede. This lasted all of 20 seconds as St Pats raced into an early lead. The team was rejigged quickly, got a foothold in the game, pulled back the early lead and dominated for much of the game to come out on top on a score of 2-13 to 2-12, with a place in the final v Arklow Rocks awaiting, the boys' tails were up. In the C Final the Lukes charges again gave away that killer goal in the 1st 2 minutes and a second one after 15, but with some fine play from James Lambert and Adam Lively we were right in the game at half time. Lorcan Toomey and a man of the match display from Marc O' Shea in the second half pushed Lukes' forward and with a further goal from James Lambers and some sublime free taking by Adam Lively the team held on for a sweet victory on a score of 4-08 to 2-10 to win the C



Under 17's C Champions

Championship. An honour they richly deserved for their efforts during the year, where to a man they never gave up or through in the towel. Adam Lively lifted the trophy on behalf of the team and the same man did the club proud by finishing 3rd in the top scorer list with 93 pts over 10 games, not a bad average by any means. Panel: Lorcan Toomey, Conaill O' Brien, Dessie Fitzgerald, Darragh Rice, James Lambert, Marc O' Shea, Cillian Duffy, Pearse Byrne, Conor Wilson, Rhyann Moules, Adam Lively, Callum Keenaghan, Cormac Sheridan, John O' Reilly, George Doyle, Mikey Keogh, Brian Tallon, Lucas Cronin, Sean Byrne, Dominic O' Loughlin, Pierce Carroll, Darragh O' Byrne, Daniel Duffy, Ross Weld, Corey O' Toole.

With this sizeable representation on County teams, we know our players will continue to improve and come back to the club better players for their efforts.

## Club Coaches

Finally, as a club we would like to thank all our coaches for their continued dedication and commitment. In these very busy time's, we are lucky to have such gifted coaches giving up a good deal of their free time to coaching. We look forward to working with them and recruiting more help in 2024.



Under 15's

## County Squads

The Club continued to support the county squads during the year with the U16 contingent of Adam Lively, Marc O' Shea, James Lambert, Callum Keenaghan and Cillian Duffy (inj) being playing members of the successful Div 5 Celtic Challenge team during the year with Coach Sean O' Shea being part of the County Management Squad. Pearse Byrne, Rhyann Moules, George Doyle along with dual players Adam Lively and Marc O' Shea also did their bit for the County U16 Footballers. Liam Molloy, Sean Byrne, Finley Jameson, Pierce Carroll, Tiernan Byrne, Dominic O' Loughlin, Adam Kearns and Alex Kavanagh continued with the Under 15 squad and had success against Roscommon in the Stephen Dorrigan Cup, while on the U14 squad we had Daniel Duffy, Ross Weld, Daniel Byrne, Oisín Fanning, Darragh O' Byrne, Alex Penston, Padraic Lambert, Peter Mooty Monaghan and James Kavanagh, with Fiona McAllister a key member of the squad's management team.

