

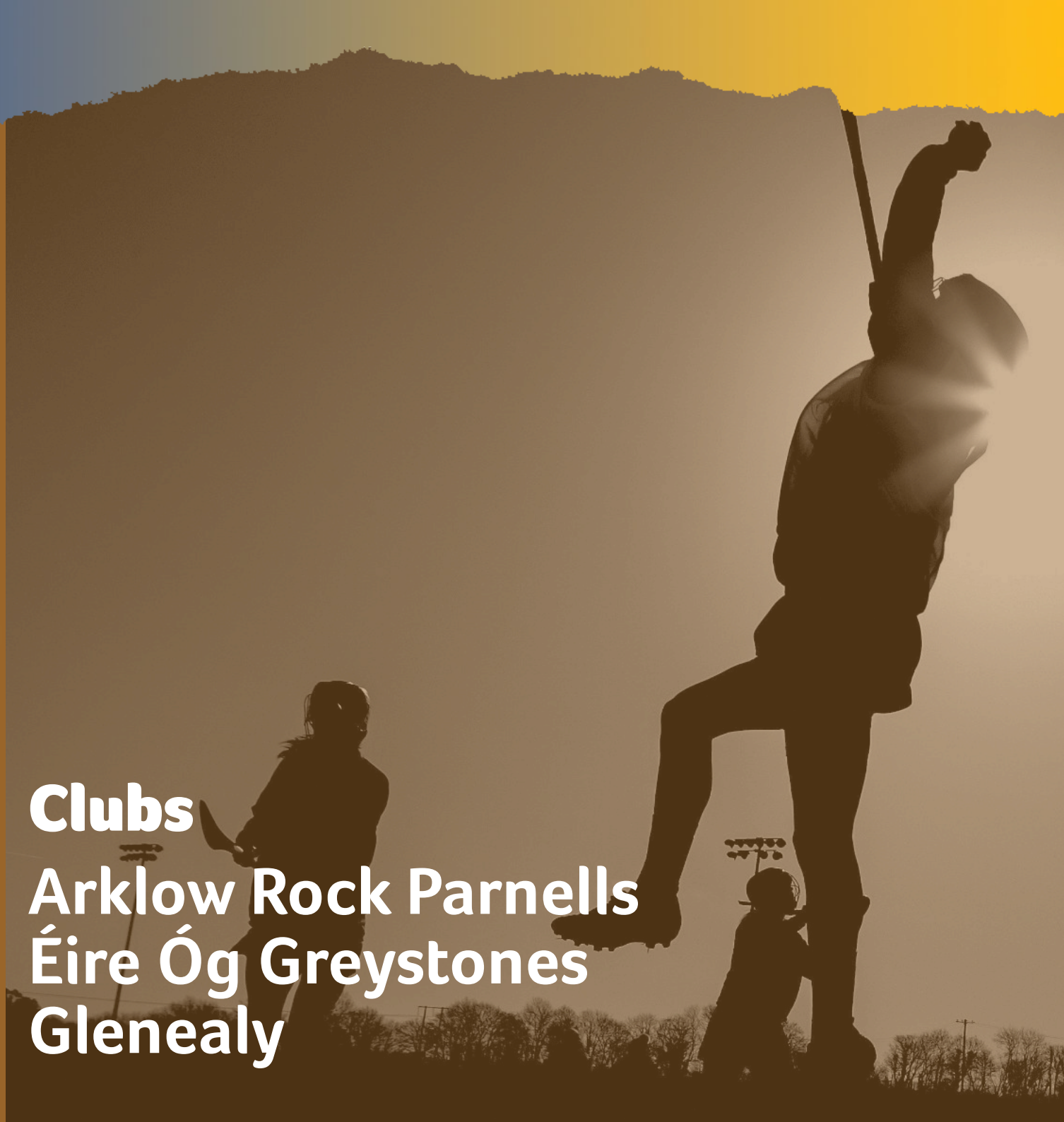


2023



**THE
CAMOGIE
ASSOCIATION**

Clubs
Arklow Rock Parnells
Éire Óg Greystones
Glenealy





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Intermediate and Junior Camogie

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ANOTHER AMAZING YEAR IN CAMOGIE! WE FIELDED TWO ADULT TEAMS AT INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR LEVEL. PROOF THAT THE CLUB IS GROWING AND IMPROVING AND HAS NO SIGNS OF SLOWING DOWN ANY TIME SOON.

BUILDING ON THE SUCCESS OF LAST YEAR'S COUNTY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP WIN. MARTIN AND VINNIE JOINED THE

MANAGEMENT TEAM. TRAINING STARTED IN FEBRUARY WITH THE LEAGUE RUNNING APRIL TO MAY AND CHAMPIONSHIP AUGUST TO OCTOBER.

THE JUNIOR GROUP INCLUDED ANNACURRA, AVOCA, BALLINACOR, CARNEW, EIRE OG2, KILTEGAN AND KNOCKANANNA. THE CHALLENGE OF HAVING TWO TEAMS WAS NUMBERS TO PLAY JUNIOR. THIS WAS HELPED BY SOME OF OUR UNDER 16S PLAYING UP AS WELL AS THEIR OWN MATCHES. THERE WERE TWO MATCHES THAT NUMBERS JUST COULD NOT BE MET. THE JUNIOR TEAM ALWAYS GAVE EVERYTHING THE COACHES ASKED OF THEM IN TRAINING AND ON THE FIELD. THEY IMPROVED INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A TEAM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR SO WHILST THERE MAY BE NO SILVER AT THIS LEVEL THIS YEAR, NEXT YEAR LOOKS LIKE A DIFFERENT STORY ESPECIALLY WITH THE ADDED TALENTS THAT ARE COMING UP TO THIS PANEL IN 2024.

IN BETWEEN THESE, WE PLAYED IN THE JUNIOR SUMMER 7S WHICH RAN IN JULY 2023. (THESE CONSISTED OF THREE, SHORT, SEVEN-A-SIDE GAMES PLAYED IN ONE EVENING). WELL DONE TO WICKLOW COUNTY CAMOGIE BOARD FOR ORGANISING AND KEEPING THE GAME TIME GOING





THROUGH THE SUMMER. THESE MATCHES TURNED OUT TO BE A LOT OF FUN AND GREAT MATCH EXPERIENCE FOR ALL THE PLAYERS. DEFINITELY SOMETHING WE WOULD PLAY IN AGAIN.

THE INTERMEDIATE GROUP INCLUDED AUGHIRM, AVONDALE, GLENEALY AND KILCOOLE. WINS AGAINST AVONDALE AND KILCOOLE, A DRAW AGAINST AUGHIRM AND A LOSS AGAINST GLENEALY SAW THE ROCKETTES TO THE SEMI FINAL IN BALLINAKILL. THE GREEN AND WHITE SUPPORT WERE OUT IN FORCE ON THAT DARK, COLD EVENING AND GOT TO WITNESS A FIERCE MATCH. THERE WAS NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE IN SCORE BETWEEN THE TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE MATCH BUT AUGHIRM WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO CATCH ARKLOW ROCKS. THE ROCKETTES HELD THEIR LEAD UNTIL THE END WITH A FINAL SCORE OF 1-9 TO 0-9. SECURING THEIR PLACE IN THE COUNTY FINAL AGAINST THE ONLY TEAM WE HAD LOST TO DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP, GLENEALY.

THE MEMORY OF THE DAY OF THE FINAL IS ONE THAT WILL LAST FOR A LIFETIME. THE SEA OF GREEN AND WHITE, THE ROARS OF SUPPORT AND THE BATTLE THAT WAS BEFORE US.

ARKLOW ROCKS LEAD AT HALF TIME 0-5 TO 0-3. THEY LEAD



FOR MOST OF THE GAME BUT GLENEALY CAME BACK TO GO TWO POINTS AHEAD IN THE 57TH MINUTE. THE FAST PACE OF THIS INCREDIBLE GAME DID NOT SLOW DOWN AND WITH A GOAL AND FOUR MORE POINTS THEY EARNED THEIR TITLE WIN WITH THE NARROWEST OF MARGINS. THE FINAL SCORE OF 1-9 TO 0-11. WE ARE NOW CELEBRATING A FURTHER CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND SENIOR STATUS FOR 2024.

DUE TO THIS FANTASTIC RESULT, OUR SEASON CONTINUED WITH THE LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP. WE MADE OUR DEBUT IN THE LEINSTER JUNIOR 'B' CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP WHEN WE WERE HOST TO CARLOW CHAMPIONS, BURREN RANGERS, AT PEARSE PARK IN ARKLOW ON 11 NOVEMBER 2023. WE TRAILED CARLOW FROM THE SEVENTH MINUTE ONWARDS. UP UNTIL WE WENT AHEAD ONE MINUTE INTO ADDED TIME WHEN ERIN BARDON GOT THE CRUCIAL TOUCH IN A GOALMOUTH SCRAMBLE. WHAT AN AMAZING COMEBACK AND VICTORY WITH THE FINAL SCORE ENDING ARP 1-6 BURREN RANGERS 2-1. ARKLOW ROCKS WERE IN A LEINSTER FINAL!

HISTORY WAS MADE AT CLUB AND COUNTY LEVEL. ARKLOW ROCKS ARE ONLY THE SECOND TEAM IN WICKLOW CAMOGIE'S HISTORY TO REACH A LEINSTER FINAL. SO ON TO ASHBOURNE FOR THE FINAL AGAINST ST MUNNA'S CC.

UNFORTUNATELY, ON THE DAY, ST MUNNAS WERE TOO STRONG A SIDE FOR OUR ROCKETTES.

DESPERATE TO GET THEIR NAMES ON THE SCOREBOARD, THE ROCKETTES GAVE IT THEIR BEST, AND WARRANTED IT FOR THEIR EFFORT AND DESIRE ALONE, BUT WE DID NOT HAVE THE BIG MATCH EXPERIENCE TO TURN OUR CHANCES INTO SCORES. A LESSON WAS LEARNT OF THE LEVELS WHICH WE HAVE TO RISE TO NEXT YEAR. FOR NOW, WE CELEBRATE THIS AMAZING GREEN AND WHITE CAMOGIE ADVENTURE, ASCENDING FROM JUNIOR TO SENIOR IN TWO SEASONS.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE CORNER HOUSE, MPH OPERATIONS LIMITED AND TOMMY ANNSELEY FOR SPONSORING THE BUS, ALL THE FLAGS AND SIGNS ON THE DAY. TO PJ O'LEARY AND HELPERS FOR A GOOD BREAKFAST SEND OFF ON THE DAY FROM THE CLUBHOUSE. TO THOSE THAT HELPED COLOUR THE TOWN GREEN AND WHITE AND TO ALL THE SUPPORTERS WHO FLEW THE COLOURS IN GREAT NUMBERS. IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SEE AND PRIVILEGE TO BE PART OF.

BOTH THESE TEAMS COMBINED ARE ONE OF THE GREATEST GROUP OF FEMALES YOU CAN EVER COME ACROSS. THEIR TEAM SPIRIT, HARD WORK AND SUPPORT OF EACH OTHER HAVE NO LIMITS. ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM AND CLUB, WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU, ON AND OFF THE PITCH.

SOME OF THESE PLAYERS HAVE BEEN PLAYING WITH THE CLUB SINCE THEY WERE SMALL, SOME ARE RETURNING NOW THERE ARE ADULT TEAMS AT THE ROCKS AND SOME ARE ONLY STARTING OUT THEIR CAMOGIE CAREER. IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO RETURN OR START CAMOGIE WITH THE ROCKS!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS LIAM MELLON CONSTRUCTION, THE SMOKEHOUSE RESTAURANT AND LIFE



PHARMACY. 2024 IS GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR. TO QUOTE ANDREW RYAN FROM THE WICKLOW PEOPLE, "THIS WON'T BE THE LAST TIME ARKLOW ROCK PARNELLS ARE AT THE BUSINESS END OF A PROVINCIAL CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP, MAKE NO MISTAKE."



Under 6's / 8's

Under 6s and 8s

TEAM MANAGEMENT:

STACEY REILLY, ANA WOLOHAN, JULIE ANN FARRELL

THIS YEAR WAS AN AMAZING YEAR FOR U6/U8 CAMOGIE TEAM. WE HAD A GREAT LITTLE TEAM OF ABOUT 20 GIRLS THAT GAVE IT THEIR ALL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THESE GIRLS WERE A JOY TO COACH AND HAD GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND LOVE FOR THE SPORT. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THEIR CONFIDENCE GROW EVERY WEEK AND TO SEE ALL THE GREAT



Under 6's / 8's

FRIENDSHIPS THEY WERE FORMING AS A TEAM. WE HAD A FEW NEW GIRLS JOINING AS THE YEAR PROGRESSED WHICH IS GREAT TO SEE.

WE HAVE A FEW GIRLS MOVING UP TO THE U10 GIRLS NEXT YEAR. GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL YOU'LL BE AMAZING.

THROUGH THE YEAR, WE ATTENDED LOTS OF GO GAMES BLITZ AROUND WICKLOW. THESE WERE GREAT FUN AND WE ALWAYS HAD AN AMAZING TURN OUT FOR THESE BLITZES NO MATTER THE WEATHER.

A BIG THANK YOU TO AILBHE AND POPPY FOR ALL THEIR HELP THROUGH THE YEAR. BOTH OF YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE EVERY WEEK TO HELP US. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR WITH THE U6/U8 GIRLS AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT IT BRINGS.

Under 10s

TEAM MANAGEMENT:

TONY KINSELLA, COLLEEN CLUNE, TJ COPELAND

THE U10 CAMOGIE TEAM HAD A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR. THE GIRLS TRAINED 2 NIGHTS A WEEK AND TOOK PART IN



Under 6's / 8's

NUMEROUS GO GAMES BLITZ AROUND THE COUNTY. A TOTAL OF TWENTY GIRLS PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SOME GIRLS HAVING A COUPLE OF YEARS CAMOGIE BEHIND THEM ALREADY AND SOME GIRLS PICKING UP THE HURL FOR THE FIRST TIME.

ON ALL IRELAND FINAL DAY, THE TEAM WERE INVITED TO PLAY IN A NATIONAL BLITZ, WHERE THE GIRLS REPRESENTED THE CLUB WITH PRIDE COMPETING AGAIN TEAMS FROM DUBLIN, WEXFORD, AND WICKLOW. THIS WAS A TRUE MEASURE OF HOW THESE GIRLS HAVE EXCELLED THIS YEAR, THEY WON ALL MATCHES ON THE DAY WITHOUT CONCEDED A SINGLE SCORE. FOLLOWING ON FROM THE BLITZ THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO CROKE PARK TO LOOK AT THE ALL-IRELAND FINALS WHERE THE GIRLS AND COACHES GOT TO WEAR THEIR NEW GEAR SPONSORED BY WICKLOW CALF COMPANY. ALL HAD A MEMORABLE DAY.

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 AN EVENING IN CORAL LEISURE FOLLOWED BY PIZZAS AND A PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE INTERMEDIATE LADIES' TEAM.

HALF THE GIRLS WILL MOVE UP TO U12 NEXT YEAR SO A PREVIOUS YEAR'S GROUP IS REUNITED AND A NEW U10 TEAM WILL FORM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL RETURN NEXT YEAR AND HOPEFULLY MORE NEW FACES AND GOOD GAMES AHEAD.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE GIRLS' PARENTS/FAMILIES WHO TRAVELLED TO ALL THE GAMES AND SUPPORTED THE TEAM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Under 12s

TEAM MANAGEMENT: Danny Curran, Sinead Riley and Denise Pierce

THE U12 GIRLS HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL SEASON. THE CLUB WAS LUCKY TO BE CHOSEN FOR A LEINSTER ORGANISED BLITZ IN NOWLAN PARK KILKENNY OVER EASTER. THIS WAS A GREAT DAY OUT AND WE WON TWO OF OUR THREE GAMES AS WELL. WE WERE FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO FIELD TWO TEAMS IN ALL OUR WICKLOW BLITZ GAMES WHICH MEANT EVERY GIRL GOT FULL GAME TIME EVERY BLITZ. WE STARTED OUT WITH 22 GIRLS AND FINISHED WITH 27 ON THE BOOKS. WE WISH THE GIRLS MOVING ON TO U14 THE BEST OF LUCK AND WE WILL WELCOME GIRLS FROM U10 FOR NEXT SEASON. THANKS TO ALL THE PARENTS FOR HELPING WITH OUR JERSEYS ETC. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE SPRING RETURN. AT A COUNTY ADMIN LEVEL, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE ADVANCE FIXTURES NOTICE AND WOULD WELCOME AS MANY GAMES AS POSSIBLE!



Under 12's

Under 14s

TEAM MANAGEMENT:

JASON REDMOND, VINNIE BYRNE, DAMHNAIT McDONOUGH

THE U14S STARTED BACK TO TRAINING FOR THE 2023 SEASON WITH STRENGTH & CONDITIONING TRAINING IN JANUARY. CAMOGIE TRAINING THEN CAME BACK IN FEBRUARY (THANKS TO ST. MARYS ALL WEATHER PITCH)

THE LEAGUE MATCHES STARTED IN APRIL. FOR THE LEAGUE WE WERE IN DIVISION 2 WITH AVONDALE, KILTEGAN,

KNOCKANANNA, AUGHIRM AND DONARD. IT TURNED OUT TO BE A TOUGH DIVISION WITH SOME VERY TIGHT GAMES BUT THE GIRLS WERE IMPROVING WITH EACH WEEK. IT WAS A MIXED BAG WEATHER WISE WITH ONE GAME IN MAY BEING ABANDONED BY THE REFEREE DUE TO THE HORRENDOUS RAIN NOT TO MENTION THE LIGHTENING.

SUMMER 2023 SAW OUR VERY FIRST CAMOGIE TEAM ENTER THE COMMUNITY GAMES COMPETITION DURING THE SUMMER. THESE GREAT GIRLS MADE IT TO A LEINSTER SEMI-FINAL AGAINST A VERY STRONG DUBLIN SIDE AND UNFORTUNATELY DIDN'T GET THE RESULT THEY WANTED THAT DAY BUT FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE CONSIDERING THEY WERE



Under 14's



Under 14's

MISSING A FEW PLAYERS THROUGH HOLIDAYS AND INJURY ETC. PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE GAINED FOR NEXT YEAR'S COMPETITION.

IN AUGUST WE MOVED ON TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE DIVISION THIS TIME WERE AUGHRIM, KILTEGAN AND KNOCKANANNA. AGAIN, WE HAD SOME TOUGH, TIGHT GAMES BUT THE GIRLS KEPT THEIR HEADS UP AND IMPROVING THEIR CAMOGIE SKILLS EACH GAME. THEY WERE REWARDED WITH A SUPERB WIN IN THE U14 DIVISION 2 SHIELD FINAL AGAINST AUGHRIM ON ANOTHER RAINY NIGHT IN BALLINAKILL.

WE HAD A FUN TEAM BUILDING DAY OUT IN THE STABLES GOREY IN OCTOBER AND WE ARE TRYING TO CONTINUE TRAINING THE ODD WEEK WHEN THE WEATHER PERMITS.

ALL IN ALL, THIS TEAM HAS GROWN IN NUMBERS TO 28 PLAYERS OVER THE SEASON AND HOPEFULLY THEIR NUMBERS

WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE COMING YEARS. THEY ARE A FANTASTIC GROUP OF GIRLS WITH SUPER MANNERS AND ARE A CREDIT TO THEIR FAMILIES.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE GIRLS' PARENTS/FAMILIES WHO TRAVELLED TO ALL THE GAMES AND SUPPORTED THE TEAM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU TO MICHAEL PRIEST WHO STEPPED IN TO HELP WITH THE TEAM WHEN NEEDED.

Under 16s

TEAM MANAGEMENT:

VINNIE BYRNE, MICHAEL PRIEST, RICHELLA WOODS, GILL PRIEST



Under 16's

IF WE WERE TO SUMMARISE OUR U16S CAMOGIE TEAM IT WOULD BE USING WORDS SUCH AS RESILIENT, BRAVE, DETERMINED. ALTHOUGH NO TROPHY WAS BROUGHT HOME, THE FIERCE ATTITUDE OF THE GIRLS TO BATTLE EVERY MATCH MADE THEM A JOY TO WATCH. THEIR SKILLS ARE IMPROVING YEAR ON YEAR.

...EVERY MATCH, IN THE A GRADE LEAGUE AND CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR. THEIR SKILLS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE EVERY YEAR FROM THIS SPECIAL GROUP OF PLAYERS. MAKING THEIR MANAGEMENT TEAM VERY PROUD OF THEM.

WE HAD HIGHS AND LOWS, DRAMAS AND SOME CARDS BUT BRING IT ON NEXT YEAR, WE WILL BE READY



Feile

Camogie Feile 2023

THIS YEAR'S COUNTY FEILE WAS HELD IN BALLINAKILL ON EASTER MONDAY ON ANOTHER RAINY DAY!

WE WERE IN A GROUP WITH CARNEW AND BRAY EMMETS. THE GIRLS STARTED WELL AND PROGRESSED TO A SEMI-FINAL WITH ANNACURRAGH AND THEN ON TO THE TOP FINAL WITH CARNEW. UNFORTUNATELY, ON THE DAY THE GIRLS LOST THE FINAL TO CARNEW AND WERE OUT OF FEILE.OR SO WE THOUGHT!

LATE IN MAY WE GOT A CALL FROM THE COUNTY BOARD TO SAY THAT AN ADDITIONAL SPOT WAS AVAILABLE AT A REGIONAL FEILE IN CARLOW AND WOULD WE LIKE TO GO! WITH LITTLE TIME TO ORGANISE WE DECIDED TO JUST GO AND GIVE IT OUR BEST - WHAT A DAY! WE WERE IN A GROUP WITH BALLIEBORO, KILLARNEY AND BURREN RANGERS. THE GIRLS WERE ON FIRE AND WON ALL THREE GROUP GAMES. ON TO THE SEMI-FINAL WHERE WE MET EGLISH FROM TYRONE IN A TOUGH CONTEST BUT THE ROCKS GIRLS CAME OUT ON TOP. THE FINAL WAS AGAINST BALLIEBORO WHO WE HAD MET IN THE GROUP STAGES, UNFORTUNATELY IN THE FINAL THE



Feile

GIRLS JUST CAME UP SHORT. ALL 22 PLAYERS ON THE DAY HAD A GREAT DAY AND WERE A CREDIT TO THEIR CLUB, ROLL ON FEILE 2024.

Camogie Minors

TEAM MANAGEMENT:

VINNIE BYRNE, MICHAEL PRIEST, RICHELLA WOODS, GILL PRIEST

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2023 WAS A CULMINATION OF OUR SEASON AND OUR MINOR CAMOGIE FINAL.

TO SPITE GALE FORCE WINDS WE WERE VICTORIOUS ON THE DAY AND FOUGHT BRAVELY IN DREADFUL CONDITIONS AGAINST A VERY BRAVE DONARD TEAM.

WE BROUGHT HOME THE SILVERWARE AND ARE VERY PROUD OF THIS TEAM OF GIRLS.

THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT AND DUE DILIGENCE ON THE LINE KEEPING AN EYE ON MANAGEMENT. ALSO, THANKS TO THE GIRLS THEMSELVES ESPECIALLY THE GIRLS WHO PLAYED AT THREE DIFFERENT LEVELS THIS SEASON FOR THEIR LOVE OF THE GAME AND PROUD TO REPRESENT THEIR CLUB. WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD IN 2024.

Easter

ON THE 8TH OF APRIL THE EASTER BUNNY ARRIVED AT ARKLOW ROCKS PITCH TO THE EXCITEMENT OF OUR ACADEMY BOYS AND GIRLS, MANY CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS EATEN BY BOTH CHILDREN AND A FEW OF THE HELPERS.



Minors

Summer Camp

WE HAD A WONDERFUL THREE DAYS FROM 8TH TO 10TH OF AUGUST WHEN WE HOSTED OUR SUMMER CAMP, AS ALWAYS THIS WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, AGAIN THIS CAN ONLY BE THE GREAT EVENT IT IS BECAUSE OF THE TIME GIVEN UP BY OUR VOLUNTEER COACHES AND ADMINS, AND FOR THIS WE ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL. ALL THE KIDS HAD A BALL, WITH EVERYONE GOING HOME HAPPY, HAVING HAD GREAT FUN.

AT THE START OF THIS YEAR, WE RAN AN INTRODUCTION TO COACHING COURSE, WE ARE PLANNING TO RUN ANOTHER ONE AT THE START OF THE YEAR 2024 AND AN ALL-COUNTY AWARD ONE COACHING COURSE IS BEING RUN AT THE END OF THIS YEAR, THEN JUST EMPHASISE THE NEED FOR MORE COACHES, HELPERS, ADMINS.

Special Mentions

AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU OUR EXECUTIVE FOR ALL THE BACKGROUND WORK YOU DO. TO TOM BYRNE AND JACK O'REILLY FOR THEIR TIME AND WORK MAINTAINING THE GROUNDS AND THE OUTDOOR AREA, THE PITCH IS A JOY TO PLAY ON WHEN THE RAIN IS NOT TORRENTIAL.

THANK YOU TO ALL SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FROM OUR GREEN AND WHITE FOLLOWERS, ESPECIALLY OUR LITTLE ROCKETTES WHO CAME OUT TO WISH US LUCK ON THE DAY OF THE CAMOGIE FINAL. HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE YOU ONE DAY!

Young Whistlers

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK AGAIN OUR YOUNG WHISTLERS WHO ENSURED ALL THE YOUNG GAMES WERE

PLAYED WELL AND FAIRLY. WE HOPE THEY CONTINUE TO REFEREE FOR US NEXT YEAR.

TÁ SÚIL AGAINN GO MBEIDH BLIAIN IONTACH AGAINN AN BHLIAIN SEO CHUGAINN – (WE HOPE TO HAVE A GREAT YEAR NEXT YEAR)



Summer Camp



Éire Óg Na Clocha Liatha. Éire Óg Greystones.



Under 8 Camogie

We've finished off a successful U8 Camogie season, running from March 4th - Oct 28th. We had a total of 32 players registered. About 20 attended matches and training regularly with each session averaging about 15 players. The skill levels of the girls have improved tremendously throughout the year with a primary focus being on developing correct technique for ground hurling. Towards the end of the season, the girls were eager to start learning air hurling so we worked on some roll lifts and air striking over the last few sessions. The team have formed a lovely bond. Throughout the year, we attended around 14 blitzes, with these being a great opportunity to have the girls experience some friendly competition. All in all, it was a very successful season.

Under 9 Camogie



Under 9's in Croke Park



Under 8's

Under 9 camogie has had an unbelievable year. Starting back in early March we trained Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings. The enthusiasm from the abundance of coaches was evident from the beginning and within a couple of weeks we were straight into blitzes. Five players from the minor/ adult team, Sarah, Maya, Hazel, Grace & Kate joined as junior coaches and were fantastic addition to the training sessions and the U9s have confessed they want to be just like them when they're older.

The skill jump from U8s is always massive but these girls really took it in their stride and were down every week perfecting their air strikes. Nothing can keep this group away from their camogie, we frequently have players begging their parents to please let them hit one more ball after training!

The highlight of the year was absolutely our trip to Croke Park in October, when 15 girls got to experience the entire Croke Park match day experience. The excitement and the nerves were unmatched as they got ready to run out of the tunnel ahead of their matches. Others big events included our own Dave O'Regan Memorial Blitz and the Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland Blitz. Both were amazing days and the players loved

showing off their skills and playing new teams. We also had our trip to Clara Laragh, Éire Óg's family fun day and many many matches and blitzes. It's been an incredible year and one full of memories that will last a lifetime!

Under 10 Camogie

The priority this year was to keep the group together and make the sessions about having fun while focusing on core skills. We've had great numbers in training all year. With over 20 girls regularly in attendance despite the weather often being against us. Training has been great fun and the girls have been a pleasure to coach, it's fantastic to see them full of smiles and full of enthusiasm.

They took part in 12 blitz's this year. The highlights being the Kilmacud Invitational Blitz in July and the Dave O'Regan memorial blitz in September.

We saw the girl's bond and gel as a team and their spirit shone through. We look forward to working with this group again next year we know they will go from strength to strength



Under 9's

U14 Camogie

Another great year for Under 14 camogie. We were able to enter 2 teams in the league with a win in Div 3. One team was entered for the A championship and we struggled with numbers in July due to other commitments. It was a very competitive championship and the girls reached the final and just lost out to Annacurra. Some amazing improvements in skill and strength on the field. 13 of the girls joined the Wicklow development squad, representing their county across the country.

This was the first year the Éire Óg were represented in the national camogie Féile, while this is an Under 15 competition 14 of our Under 14 girls played their heart out in Óran, Co Roscommon in June losing out in the semi-final. A great day was had all paid for through sponsorship and a massive amount of fundraising by the girls.

Under 16 Camogie

The Under 16 team was very young this year, as throughout the year we got invaluable help from the 2009 girls, who played up. The girls from 2008 and 2009 progressed to the National Féile in Roscommon and gave a very good account of themselves. This momentum carried on into the B championship, which resulted in them reaching the final.



Under 10's

Unfortunately, we did not win. Their goalie was the difference in the end as she was the busiest player on the pitch. Overall, great experience was gained by the team, which hopefully will help next year.

Minor Camogie

Excluding a few friendlies at the start of the year, our minor campaign got started in late October after the excitement of the U16 and junior championships, and ran all the way into December. Despite the cold and rainy nights these players were down every week eager to keep up their camogie. Kicking off the season with a win up in Donard, we made it all the way to the semi-final but unfortunately lost out to that same Donard team. The group really bonded in their short time together and gave the older players a opportunity to become leaders, a role in which they fully embraced.

Camán and Chat

First full year for this group. Still the only group in Wicklow, with growing numbers of clubs across the country. We attended the National Blitz in Abbotstown and played, in fancy dress, at a memorial blitz in St Annes Dublin. Adult Camogie



Under 14's

Adult Camogie

Adult Camogie in the club continued to flourish and build on the hard work of the last few years. For those who believe that you have to measure to improve, we could point to the fact that for the first time ever the club entered two adult teams in the Wicklow League, both qualifying for their respective finals. The A team going unbeaten to their final. In accordance with rule we could only enter one team for Championship and they continued that unbeaten record all the way to the final. Making three finals in one year, in any one's books has to be deemed a successful year.

Putting the measuring tapes away, we can point to the successful integration of so many young players onto the panel and indeed the team, the large numbers at training three times a week, the increasing number of supporters and the massive improvement in skill and fitness. With the fantastic work that is being carried out at underage this group of players will continue to grow in numbers and ability and it is only a matter of time before they are playing in the senior ranks.

As well as league and championship, they played four friendlies, partook in the Wicklow summer sevens over six Tuesday nights, holding their own against all on comers and

played in the Kilmacud All Ireland sevens Tournament in Stillorgan.

As a panel of players, their selfless attitude, commitment to work and do or die attitude is second to none and I wish them all the best for next year as they go again in search of that promotion that they and the club so richly deserve.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the selectors Brian Macnamara and Tony Duddy for all their hard work, the team Captain, Siobhan D'arcy, for the countless hours of unseen and unknown input and Camogie Chairperson Helen O'Driscoll for all her assistance and wise advice throughout the year.

Appreciation

Our club would not be able to run without all the members and volunteers who give up a ridiculous amount of their time each and every week. First and foremost, thank you to all our coaches, we are grateful for your

commitment, passion and time in providing guidance and encouragement to all our teams. Particular mention to the 13 current adult players who somehow also find the time to coach despite the majority of them being too young to have children playing. You have become the role models for the next generation.

To our committee members who do countless hours of unseen work to keep our club up and running and in organising fantastic events. Our referees and young



Under 15 Feile

whistlers who ensure fair play throughout all our matches. We also extend our gratitude to all the parents and supporters who travel the length and breadth of the county with us, your outstanding encouragement and support is truly appreciated.

Finally thank you to our nearly 300 Camogie players from U8s to Camán and Chats who represent the club with pride both on and off the field. Your participation and enthusiasm embodies the core values of our camogie club; Fun, Inclusivity, Respect and Effort.



Camán and Chat



Under 16's





Gleann-Fhaídhle, Glenealy



Under 8's

OUR UNDER 8 GIRLS WERE THE SUPERSTARS OF THE CLUB THIS YEAR. TRAINED BY VICKY COEN, DEREK O NEILL AND THEIR TEAM OF HELPERS. OVER 30 GIRLS TURNED UP TO THE PITCH TO PLAY THIS YEAR, THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF GIRLS TRAINING AT JUVENILE LEVEL IN MANY YEARS. WHILE SOME GIRLS CONTINUED THEIR PROGRESS FROM LAST YEAR, SOME TURNED UP TO PLAY FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT WAS A JOY TO SEE SO MANY GIRLS SHOWING THEIR LOVE FOR CAMOGIE AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE SMILES ON THEIR FACES. THE GIRLS TOOK PART IN MANY BLITZES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING ALL THESE YOUNG SUPERSTARS BACK IN 2024.



Under 8's



Under 10's

Under 10's

OUR UNDER 10'S THIS YEAR TRAINED BY TOMMY DOYLE; THESE BUNCH OF GIRLS HAVE REALLY PROGRESSED THEIR SKILLS ON THE PITCH TAKING PART IN MULTIPLE GAMES ACROSS THE COUNTY. THE GIRLS ALSO HAD THE FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ST ANNES CLUB BLITZ BEFORE ATTENDING THE ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINALS IN CROKE PARK. THE GIRLS ALWAYS SHOW SUCH GREAT ENTHUSIASM BOTH AT TRAINING AND MATCHES. THE 2024 SEASON WAITS FOR OUR U10 SUPERSTARS.

U12's

OUR UNDER 12 GIRLS WERE TRAINED BY DARREN DUFFY AND HIS MENTORS. THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR IN A COUPLE OF YEARS THAT WE HAVE FIELDED AN U12 TEAM. THIS IS GREAT FOR THE GROWTH OF THE CLUB AND FOR THE GIRLS' PROGRESS. THE GIRLS PARTICIPATED IN THE LEAGUE AND FOR THE FIRST YEAR TOGETHER AS A TEAM GELLED SO WELL ON AND OFF THE PITCH WITH PLENTY OF TEAMWORK ON DISPLAY. THIS WILL NO DOUBT BE A TEAM TO WATCH OUT FOR IN THE FUTURE.



Under 12's



Intermediates

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OUR LADIES HAD A GREAT YEAR IN REACHING BOTH THE LEAGUE AND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS. UNFORTUNATELY LOST OUT BY THE NARROWEST OF MARGINS IN BOTH FINALS. THE TEAM WAS CAPTAINED BY LAURA SYMTH WITH APRIL DICKENSON AS VICE-CAPTAIN. THE TEAM WAS MANAGED BY TOMMY DOYLE ALONG WITH HIS MANAGEMENT TEAM OF LEE KAVANAGH, VINNIE O' FLAHERTY VICKY COEN AND AMANDA DOYLE. A VERY POSITIVE YEAR FOR THE CLUB OVERALL WITH OVER 30 MEMBERS ON THE PANEL. THIS TEAM IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2024 SEASON AHEAD.



Some club activities throughout the year