



# 2023



**THE  
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**Clubs**  
Kiltegan  
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St. Patrick's Wicklow Town







# Naomh Pádraig Cill Mhantáin. St. Patricks Wicklow Town



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## 2023 SEASON

2023 WAS AN INCREDIBLY ENJOYABLE YEAR FOR OUR CLUB AND ONE IN WHICH WE FIELDDED TWO ADULT TEAMS AGAIN AND ALSO TEAMS AT ALL UNDERAGE GRADES.

THIS YEAR WE HAD A SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM OF TOM CREMIN, EOIN O NEILL AND MICHEAL O TOOLE, EOIN WAS CLUB TRAINER FOR BOTH ADULT TEAMS. ELISHA FOLEY AND TANIA WYNNE AGAIN MANAGING THE JUNIOR CAMOGIE



Under 8's

TEAM. FIELDING TWO ADULT TEAMS FOR A VILLAGE AND CLUB OUR SIZE IS AN ACHIEVEMENT WE ARE VERY PROUD OF AND WE RECOGNISE THE HARD WORK OF OUR MANAGEMENT TEAMS IN GETTING THE NUMBERS OUT TO FIELD TWO TEAMS. THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR PANELS AND MANAGEMENT GAVE US A SUPER DAY OUT ON THE 22ND OCTOBER IN ARKLOW WHERE BOTH TEAMS WON THEIR FINALS, THE JUNIOR TEAM FIGHTING TILL THE END TO DEFEAT BALLINACOR AND OUR SENIOR TEAM WHO BEAT BRAY EMMETS IN TWO GREAT MATCHES THAT WENT DOWN TO THE WIRE. BOTH TEAMS HAD THEIR EYES ON BIGGER PRIZES THIS YEAR, BUT IT WAS GREAT TO FINISH THE YEAR ON A HIGH.

THE CLUB THANKS EACH MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE PUT IN WITH TEAMS THIS YEAR, GIVING UP THEIR TIME TO TRAIN THESE YOUNG GIRLS. IT IS AN ABSOLUTE JOY TO WALK INTO THE FIELD ON A WEDNESDAY IN PARTICULAR, TO SEE SO MANY YOUNG GIRLS OUT TRAINING, MAKING FRIENDS AND ENJOYING THEMSELVES.

ON THE DEVELOPMENT FRONT, WORKS HAVE CONTINUED FROM LAST YEAR WITH THE GAA AND CAMOGIE DEVELOPMENT TEAM CONTINUING THEIR GREAT WORK. IN ADDITION TO THE NEW ASTRO PITCH AND WALKWAY, THIS

YEAR THEY HAVE REFURBISHED THE GYM, CHANGING ROOMS AND TOILETS, ADDED A NEW MEETING ROOM WITH KITCHEN/SHOP, LIFT TO GYM, NEW LIGHTS TO PITCH, NEW NETS AT EITHER END OF THE FIELD AND MURAL ON WALL. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT AND WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS. IN THE COMING MONTHS, THE MAIN FOCUS OF BOTH OURSELVES AND THE GAA IN TERMS OF FUNDRAISING WILL BE THE UPCOMING LIP SYNC BATTLES TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY. THIS IS SET TO BE THE EVENT OF THE YEAR IN OUR COMMUNITY, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE FUNDRAISERS LEADING UP TO IT. WE KNOW OUR GREAT COMMUNITY WILL GET BEHIND EACH ACT AND RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS, TOGETHER WITH MAKING GREAT MEMORIES ALONG THE WAY.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR WAS THE 50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS, COMMEMORATING THE WINS OF BOTH THE KILTEGAN FOOTBALL AND CAMOGIE TEAMS OF 1973. THIS WAS HELD IN ST TEGAN'S HALL IN AUGUST AND WAS A FANTASTIC NIGHT, WITH BOTH THE CAMOGIE AND GAA AWARD RECIPIENTS BEING OVERWHELMED AND SO APPRECIATIVE OF EVERYTHING ON THE NIGHT.



Under 10's





Under 12's

## Congratulations

MUST ALSO GO TO SOPHIE BERMINGHAM AND FAYE CORRIGAN AS PART OF THE WICKLOW TEAM WHO WON THE NANCY MURRAY CUP, A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR WICKLOW AND OUR TWO CLUB GIRLS.

## Under 6

WE HAD 21 GIRLS PLAYING IN THIS AGE GROUP. THEY THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE YEAR WITH GAMES AND FUN ALONG THE WAY.

## Under 8

THE U8 CAMOGIE GROUP HAD A VERY POSITIVE YEAR, WITH UP TO 20 GIRLS TRAINING EACH WEEK, THE GIRLS WORKED HARD ON LEARNING NEW SKILLS EACH WEEK AND BRINGING THEM IN TO THE BLITZS, THAT WE COMPETED IN OVER THE SUMMER, THE GIRLS ALWAYS SHOWED UP WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND GAVE EVERY GAME THEIR ALL WHILE HAVING FUN, THE TEAM HAS PROGRESSED IN EACH ASPECT OF THE GAME AND IN EVERY BLITZ THE GIRLS GREW IN CONFIDENCE.

## Under 10

2023 HAS BEEN A VERY GOOD YEAR FOR OUR CLUBS U10'S, WITH 22 PLAYERS IN THIS GROUP. WE HAD A VERY GOOD

TURNOUT AT TRAINING SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITH APPROX. 16-18 GIRLS TRAINING EACH WEDNESDAY.

GO GAMES STARTED QUITE LATE THIS YEAR WITH THE FIRST GO GAMES OF THE YEAR ON SATURDAY MAY 20TH. THIS YEAR

ALSO SAW THE RETURN OF GO GAMES PLAYED IN BALLINAKILL ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS WITH 3 ON DURING THE YEAR.

WE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A COUNTRY WIDE BLITZ ON CAMOGIE ALL IRELAND FINALS DAY, FOLLOWED BY A TRIP TO CROKE PARK FOR THE ALL IRELAND CAMOGIE FINALS. WE WERE HOSTED BY LUCAN SANSFIELDS WHERE WE PLAYED THE HOSTS AS WELL AS TEAMS FROM CRAANFORD, CO. WEXFORD AND CARNLOUGH, CO. ANTRIM. THE GIRLS PLAYED SOME GREAT CAMOGIE ON THE DAY AND HAD A GREAT DAY AT THE BLITZ AND FINALS, NOT EVEN THE WEATHER COULD DAMPEN THEIR SPIRITS.

WE ENDED OUR YEAR WITH A FINAL GO GAMES IN BALLINAKILL ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD.

## Under 12

WE HAVE HAD AN ENJOYABLE YEAR AS PART OF THE U12 CAMOGIE TEAM THIS YEAR. WE HAD A PANEL OF 22 GIRLS.

THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN VERY COMMITTED TO TRAINING, THANKS TO THEIR GREAT ATTITUDE. OUR U12 GIRLS HAVE IMPROVED IMMENSELY AS THE SEASON PROGRESSED.

## Under 14

THIS YEAR WE STARTED TRAINING ON THE 18TH OF JANUARY ON THE ASTRO PITCH WITH 18 GIRLS WITH NUMBERS GROWING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND FINISHING WITH A PANEL OF 24.

WE HAD A POOR START TO THE YEAR WHEN IT CAME TO THE LEAGUE. AFTER THAT WE WERE OUT IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP



Under 14's Wicklow Camogie Under 14 B Winners





Under 14 Celebrations

A FEW WEEKS LATER AND THE FEELING AMONGST THE TEAM WAS GOOD. WE STARTED OFF WITH A WIN AND FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR, THEY REMAINED UNBEATEN AND ARE NOW 2023 UNDER 14 B CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS OF WICKLOW WHICH DIDN'T COME EASY. THE FINAL WAS PLAYED ON 28TH AUGUST AND WAS TIGHT THE WHOLE WAY WITH A REPLAY LOOKING LIGHTLY WITH BOTH TEAMS TIED AT 2-4 IN THE DYING MINUTES. A FREE IN FOR KILTEGAN WAS THE LAST PUCK OF THE GAME WHICH WAS SWEETLY STRUCK BY AOIFE BOLAND AND TO THE DELIGHT OF ALL OUR PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS IT HIT THE NET WITH THE GAME FINISHING KILTEGAN 3-4 KNOCKANANNA 2-4. AINE GOGGIN (CAPTAIN) ACCEPTED THE CUP ON BEHALF OF THIS GREAT TEAM. MANY OF THESE GIRLS ALSO STEPPED UP TO PLAY WITH THE U16 TEAM WHO ALSO WON THE B CHAMPIONSHIP.

## Under 16

OUR U16 TEAM HAD A TOUGH START TO THE YEAR IN THE LEAGUE. WE STRUGGLED WITH NUMBERS DUE TO GIRLS AWAY IN SCHOOL AND OTHER COMMITMENTS AND RELIED ON OUR U14S TO HELP US FIELD A TEAM. WE WEREN'T SUCCESSFUL IN THE LEAGUE. AS A RESULT OF OUR LEAGUE CAMPAIGN, WE WERE PLACED IN THE "B" CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE



Under 16's Wicklow Camogie Under 14 B Winners

REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. AGAIN, WITH GIRLS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO HOLIDAYS AND ATTENDING THE GAELTACHT WE WERE GRATEFUL TO OUR U14'S FOR HELPING US FIELD A TEAM ON MANY OCCASIONS. AFTER A TOUGH CHAMPIONSHIP WE MADE IT TO THE FINALS.

FINALS DAY WAS SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER IN PEARSE PARK, ARKLOW. OUR GIRLS SHOWED UP FOR THIS FINAL AND DISPLAYED SOME SUPER SKILL FROM OUR GOALIE TO OUR BACKS, MIDFIELD AND OUR SCORING FORWARDS. WE WERE TRIUMPHANT ON A FINAL SCORELINE OF 5:12 TO 3:7. IT WAS A FITTING END TO OUR 2023 CAMPAIGN AND EACH OF THE GIRLS FULLY DESERVED THE WIN. CAPTAIN AISHLING O'TOOLE ACCEPTED THE CUP ON BEHALF OF THE TEAM.

BEST WISHES TO THOSE GIRLS MOVING ON TO MINOR AND ADULT CAMOGIE. HOPEFULLY ALL THE GIRLS WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH IN THE KILTEGAN COLOURS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

## Junior Team

FOR A SECOND YEAR IN A ROW KILTEGAN FIELDED TWO TEAMS IN ADULT CAMOGIE. WE PROGRESSED TO THE LEAGUE FINAL AND THIS WAS SET FOR BALLINAKILL FRIDAY 19TH MAY AND WON OUR FIRST SILVER WEAR FOR 2023.

WITH THE EXAM BREAK THE COUNTY BOARD RAN A SUMMER SIZZLER 7 ASIDE COMPETITION, WHICH WAS A GREAT WAY FOR OUR PLAYERS TO KEEP PLAYING CAMOGIE WHILE THE GIRLS WERE DOING EXAMS. WE FELT THIS WAS A GREAT COMPETITION.



Under 16 B Trophy presentation





## Junours

NOW TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP, OUR PLAYERS GAVE THEIR ALL IN EVERY GAME. WE ALSO HAD GIRLS STEPPING UP FROM U16 AND HAD PLAYERS COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT IN ORDER TO MAKE UP NUMBERS. AFTER A TOUGH CHAMPIONSHIP, WE WERE INTO THE B FINALS - NOT WHERE WE WANTED TO BE, BUT THE GIRLS ONLY MISSED OUT BY THE SLIGHTEST OF MARGINS. B FINALS DAY ARRIVED – BOTH OUR TEAMS HEAD TO ARKLOW. OUR JUNIOR GIRLS UP AGAINST BALLINACOR. THIS WAS GOING TO BE A TOUGH ONE. AGAIN, A SLOW START FOR US, WE FOUND IT HARD TO GET TO GRIPS WITH THE GAME. THE GIRLS HAD TO BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES AND THEY DID. WHAT A WIN TO END OUR SEASON!

IT IS NOT EASY TO KEEP TWO TEAMS GOING IN A SMALL VILLAGE BUT WITH GREAT PLAYERS AND COMMITMENT TO THE CAMOGIE WILL BE STRONG IN KILTEGAN FOR SOME TIME. A GREAT BUNCH OF PLAYERS AND WITH SUCH TALENT.

## Senior Team

FROM THE START THROUGH TO YEAR END, OUR SENIOR TEAM MADE GREAT PROGRESS. WE STRUGGLED AT TIMES FOR NUMBERS BUT GAMES WERE FULFILLED, AND POSITIVE RESULTS AND PERFORMANCES OUTWEIGHED THE NEGATIVES.

A POSITIVE POINT IN THE SUMMER WAS THE 7'S COMPETITION WHICH WORKED WELL FOR OUR PANEL, AS OUR NUMBERS FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR WERE LOW DUE TO EXAMS BUT THE PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN THIS TOURNAMENT BENEFITTED AND EXCELLED IN THE FORMAT.

AS FOR END OF YEAR RESULTS WINNING THE "B" FINAL WAS A GREAT BONUS AT THE END OF THE YEAR.



## Seniors





# Cnoc An Eanaigh. Knockananna



2023 STARTED WITH A VERY BUSY JANUARY. ON 8TH JANUARY THE SENIOR GIRLS CONTESTED THE JUNIOR A ALL-IRELAND FINAL AGAINST BRID OGA FROM ANTRIM. UNFORTUNATELY, VICTORY WENT TO ANTRIM ON THE DAY HOWEVER IT WAS A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT FOR THIS TEAM TO REACH THE FINAL IN THEIR FIRST YEAR PLAYING AT THIS GRADE. NEWS BROKE VERY QUICKLY AFTER THIS DEFEAT THAT TOM BYRNE WAS STEPPING DOWN AS MANAGER OF THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR TEAMS AFTER 6 VERY SUCCESSFUL YEARS. WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HUGE CONTRIBUTION THAT TOM AND SERGE MADE DURING THEIR TIME AT THE HELM. TOM McDONALD AND JONNY WYBRANT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY VOTED INTO THE MANAGER/COACH POSITION FOR 2023 AND HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR, WINNING THE DOUBLE (JUNIOR AND SENIOR) IN WICKLOW, WINNING THE JUNIOR A LEINSTER FINAL AND MAKING IT TO THE ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL WHERE THEY LOST TO A VERY STRONG GRANEMORE TEAM FROM ARMAGH.

OUR MINOR TEAM WON THE 2022 WICKLOW MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION ON 15 JANUARY AT HOME, WITH A VICTORY OVER KILTEGAN. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN MANY, MANY YEARS THAT WICKLOW CAMOGIE RAN A MINOR COMPETITION, AND IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS FOR KNOCKANANNA. UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO FIELD A TEAM IN THE CURRENT 2023 MINOR COMPETITION. HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE BACK NEXT YEAR!

JANUARY 2023 FINISHED WITH A BANG. AN IDEA WAS SPRUNG DURING THE CELEBRATIONS AFTER THE LEINSTER FINAL TO RUN A TRACTOR RUN AS A CLUB FUNDRAISER. A TAGLINE WAS EVEN AGREED UPON BEFORE THE NIGHT WAS OVER- 'LIGHT UP FOR THE KNOCKANANNA CAMOGIE LADIES'. THE EVENT WAS HELD ON 29 JANUARY AND TURNED OUT TO BE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS, AND A THOROUGHLY ENJOYABLE DAY



Leinster Camogie Junior A Provincial Champions

FOR YOUNG AND OLD. THE DRONE FOOTAGE OF THE EVENT WAS SPECTACULAR.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH ALLOWED FOR SOME WELL-DERIVED DOWN TIME FOR PLAYERS AND COMMITTEE. THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS TO NOTE OFF FIELD DURING THIS PERIOD. SHANAGH GOETELN WAS PRESENTED WITH THE WICKLOW COUNTY PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD, AN AWARD THAT RACHEL BYRNE WAS ALSO NOMINATED FOR. SHANAGH FOLLOWED THIS UP BY ALSO WINNING THE SETU COLLEGE

CAMOGIE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. OUR CLUB WERE ALSO DELIGHTED TO CONGRATULATE BRENDAN LAWRENCE OF THE WICKLOW PEOPLE FOR WINNING THE 'MICK DUNNE MEDIA AWARD FOR LOCAL MEDIA'. BRENDAN PROVIDES TOP CLASS COVERAGE FOR CAMOGIE IN THE COUNTY.

ON THE 15 APRIL, WE HELD OUR 2023 ADULT PRESENTATION NIGHT IN O CONNORS MARQUE, TINAHELY. WE HAD MEDAL PRESENTATIONS FOR OUR MINOR AND SENIOR WINNING TEAMS. IN ADDITION TO FAMILY MEMBERS, WE WERE ALSO



Wicklow Camogie Senior County Champions





Wicklow Camogie Junior County Champions

DELIGHTED TO WELCOME COUNTY CHAIRPERSON IVOR LEHANE, OUR SPONSORS YURTS, AND REPRESENTATION FROM KNOCKANANNA GAA TO JOIN OUR CELEBRATIONS.

IN PREPARATION FOR GETTING BACK OUT ON THE FIELD, WE HELD OUR REGISTRATION DAY ON 4TH MARCH. WE HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF MEMBERS REGISTERED FOR 2023 AS WE HAD FOR 2022. WE FIELDED AGAIN AT ALL JUVENILE AGES EXCEPT U8S AND FIELDED JUNIOR AND SENIOR TEAMS AGAIN. WE HAD 119 REGISTERED MEMBERS - 63 JUVENILES, 35 ADULT PLAYERS AND COACHES, MENTORS AND COMMITTEE MAKING UP THE REST (21).

WE HAD GOOD REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNTY TEAMS THIS YEAR FOR UNDERAGE. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND ALL COACHES AND PARENTS TO RECOMMEND THAT PLAYERS CONSIDER PARTICIPATING FOR 2024 ALSO. WE WERE REPRESENTED ON THE ADULT COUNTY TEAM BY ALICE MULHALL THIS YEAR, WHICH RESULTED IN ALICE STARTING ON THE WINNING TEAM THAT WON THE NANCY MURRAY CUP ON 29 JULY WITH AN EMPHATIC WIN AGAINST MAYO.

WE WERE DELIGHTED TO HAVE SPONSORSHIP FOR GEAR BAGS FROM JIM COOGAN FOR OUR SENIOR TEAM AND FROM RATHWOOD FOR OUR JUNIOR TEAMS AHEAD OF THE

WICKLOW COUNTY FINALS. IN ADDITION, WE SECURED SPONSORSHIP FROM LOCAL COMPANIES FOR OUR 5 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP GAMES- APS PLUMBING AND DRAIN CLEANING, DLISH CATERING, WARD & BURKE CONSTRUCTION, O KEEFE CIVIL AND PERRY OIL. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR NEW SPONSORS AND EXISTING SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS OF OUR CLUB- YURTS AND SARAH O KEEFE (O' KEEFES PUB). WITHOUT THIS SUPPORT, THE CLUB WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FUNCTION AS EFFECTIVELY AS IT DOES.

### Congratulations

TO OUR 2022 JUNIOR CAPTAIN DEIRDRE O BRIEN WHO MARRIED MARTIN O BRIEN IN DEC 2022. ALSO, CONGRATULATIONS TO SENIOR PLAYERS LAURA McGRATH ON THE ARRIVAL OF BABY EANNA AND KELLI BYRNE ON THE ARRIVAL OF BABY EMILY. IT'S A TRIBUTE TO HOW MUCH CAMOGIE MEANS TO BOTH PLAYERS, TO SEE THEM BOTH BACK IN ACTION.

### In memory

ON A NOTE OF SAD REFLECTION, WE LOST A LOT OF FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF OUR CLUB THIS YEAR. AS THE YEAR COMES TO AN END, OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB AND SUPPORTERS THAT HAVE LOST LOVED ONES DURING 2023.

## Teams Overviews

Juniors/ Seniors: Manager/Coach-Tommy Mc Donald & Jonny Wybrant

## Junior Team



Wicklow Camogie Under 16 League Winners





Minors

OUR JUNIOR TEAM COMPETED VERY STRONGLY IN THE LEAGUE CAMPAIGN WHERE WE WON 5 OF OUR 7 GAMES. WE FINISHED 3RD IN THE LEAGUE TABLE AND JUST MISSED OUT ON THE FINAL. WE HAD HIGH HOPES FOR THIS SQUAD AND WE ENTERED THE SUMMER 7'S COMPETITION WHERE WE FEEL THIS REALLY HELPED THIS TEAM GEL TOGETHER AND STARTED TO PLAY OUR RUNNING GAME AND DEFENSIVE AWARENESS IMPROVED. FOLLOWING A LOSS IN THE FIRST GAME THEY WON EVERY GAME AFTER THAT UNTIL THE COMPETITION CONCLUDED.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP CAMPAIGN STARTED AGAINST EIRE OG AND WE LOST THIS GAME AS WE WEREN'T ABLE TO FIELD OUR FULL SQUAD. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING THIS THE SQUAD WON ALL 5 REMAINING GAMES AND WE QUALIFIED FOR THE SEMI-FINAL. THIS WAS PLAYED IN BALLNAKILL AGAINST BALLINACOR AND THE TEAM CAME OUT WITH A 14 POINT VICTORY. THE FINAL WAS PLAYED AGAINST EIRE OG WHERE WE REALLY FELT THE SQUAD WERE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF WINNING AND THIS IS WHAT THEY DELIVERED ON THE DAY WITH GREAT WORK RATE AND SUPPORT PLAY.

## Senior Team

THE MAJORITY OF SENIOR PLAYERS DIDN'T START BACK TRAINING UNTIL JUST BEFORE THE LEAGUE CAMPAIGN. THE SQUAD WERE ADJUSTING TO NEW MANAGEMENT AND READJUSTING WITH SOME PLAYERS NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR FOR VARIOUS REASONS. THE LEAGUE CAMPAIGN HAD 1 DRAW AND 4 WINS WHERE WE QUALIFIED FOR THE FINAL WHICH

KILTEGAN WHERE THEY WON BOTH AND QUALIFIED FOR THE FINAL AGAINST CARNEW. THE FINAL ITSELF WAS A TOUGH GAME WHERE WE DIDN'T PERFORM TO ANYWHERE NEAR THE TEAM'S POTENTIAL, HOWEVER THEIR EXPERIENCE AND WILL TO WIN GOT US OVER THE LINE AND DELIVER THE DOUBLE.

THE JUNIOR A LEINSTER CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS WITH THE TEAM, ONCE OUT OF WICKLOW, REALLY STARTING TO SHOW THEIR POTENTIAL WITH A STRONG DEFENCE, STRONG RUNNING GAME AND SPREADING OF ATTACKING PLAY INTO SPACE. THE VISIT OF TRIM TO KNOCKANANNA FOR THE SEMI-FINAL WAS A GREAT DAY FOR THE CLUB AND THE PLAYERS GAVE A VERY COMMANDING PERFORMANCE. THE FINAL WAS PLAYED IN KILCORMAC-KILLOUGHY AGAINST THE HARPS OF LAOIS WHERE AGAIN THE TEAM PERFORMED VERY WELL AND CONTROLLED MOST OF THE GAME. A BIT OF A SCARE NEAR THE END WITH TWO GOALS

WAS PLAYED IN AUGHRIM COUNTY GROUNDS AGAINST BRAY. THE TEAM PLAYED WELL IN A VERY TOUGH GAME WITH BRAY DEFENDING IN NUMBERS ON THE DAY AND WE CAME OUT WITH A 10-POINT WIN.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP CAMPAIGN STARTED WITH A LOSS TO KILTEGAN, WHICH WAS A HUGE DISAPPOINTMENT AFTER A BRILLIANT FIRST HALF WHERE THE TEAM LED BY 1-10 TO NO SCORE. THIS LOSS AND SUBSEQUENT REVIEW WITH PLAYERS AND MANAGEMENT REALLY GALVANIZED THE GROUP AND THERE WAS A HUGE DETERMINATION AND FOCUS CHANGE FROM THEN ON. THEY WON ALL 4 REMAINING GAMES AND THEN HAD A PLAYOFF AND A SEMI FINAL AGAINST

CONCEDED BUT THEY CLOSED OUT THE GAME WITH A 6-POINT WIN.

THE JUNIOR A ALL-IRELAND QUARTER FINAL WAS PLAYED IN BLANCHARDSTOWN AGAINST TARA, THE BRITISH CHAMPIONS. THIS WAS ALWAYS GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE ENCOUNTER, AS THEY HAD SOME VERY EXPERIENCED PLAYERS IN THEIR SQUAD. THE TEAM PERFORMED WELL AND CONTROLLED THE GAME, BUT WE DIDN'T SHOW OUR FULL POTENTIAL ON THE DAY. HOWEVER, TO COME OUT WITH A 2-POINT WIN WAS VERY SATISFACTORY AFTER A VERY HEAVILY CONTESTED GAME.

WE LOST IN THE ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL TO GRANEMORE FROM ARMAGH, WHO ARE A GREAT TEAM AND PLAYED VERY WELL ON THE DAY. WE HAD PLENTY OF GOAL CHANCES, WHICH COULD HAVE RESULTED IN US WINNING THE GAME HOWEVER IT WASN'T TO BE ON THE DAY.

## U16

**Managed by Declan O Keefe, Lawrence Byrne & Lisa McDonald**

OUR LEAGUE CAMPAIGN STARTED ON 5TH APRIL AND WE HAD A HEALTHY NUMBER OF PLAYERS IN OUR PANEL, WE HAD 10 U16 PLAYERS AND 13 U14 PLAYERS. IT HAD BEEN A FEW YEARS SINCE WE HAD NUMBERS LIKE THIS FOR AN U16 TEAM..... THIS LOOKS PROMISING FOR THE FUTURE.

WE WERE IN DIV 2 LEAGUE WITH ONLY TWO OTHER TEAMS- AUGHRIM AND DONARD. WE WON ALL OUR LEAGUE GAMES AND WON THE LEAGUE FINAL ON 24 MAY IN BALLNAKILL AGAINST DONARD.



Under 14's





Under 12's

AUGHRIM, KILTEGAN AND DONARD IN THE GROUP GAMES. THIS SECURED US A PLACE IN THE SEMI-FINAL, WHICH WAS PLAYED IN KNOCKANANNA AGAINST OUR NEIGHBOURS KILTEGAN. UNFORTUNATELY, KILTEGAN PLAYED THE BETTER CAMOGIE ON THE NIGHT AND WENT AWAY WITH A WIN AND A PLACE IN THE FINAL. WE MOVED ONWARDS TO PLAY THE U16 B SHIELD FINAL ON 6TH SEPT AND WERE DELIGHTED TO COME OUT VICTORS AGAINST DONARD WITH A 5-8 TO 2-4 VICTORY. THE GAME WAS A MORE EVENLY CONTESTED GAME THAN THE FINAL SCORE LINE SUGGESTS, THE DIFFERENCE BEING OUR ABILITY TO CONVERT PLAY INTO SCORES.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP GROUPING FOR DIV 2 HAD AN ADDITIONAL TWO TEAMS ADDED- KILTEGAN AND EIREOG WHO PLAYED DIV 1 LEAGUE AND MOVED DOWN TO DIV 2 CHAMPIONSHIP. THIS MADE THE CHAMPIONSHIP A SIGNIFICANTLY MORE CHALLENGING COMPETITION. OUR GIRLS ROSE TO THIS CHALLENGE- WITH WINS AGAINST

THIS BROUGHT OUR PLAYING SEASON TO AN END WITH WICKLOW CAMOGIE CHAIRPERSON PRESENTING THE SHIELD TO TEAM CAPTAIN AINE DARCY.

KNOCKANANNA WAS REPRESENTED BY OUR U16 GOALIE ERIN DONLON IN THE WICKLOW U16 CAMOGIE POC FADA COMPETITION ON 11 JUNE IN BALLINAKILL. WELL DONE ERIN.

## U14

**Managed by Declan O Keefe, Lawrence Byrne & Loretta Mutton.**

ITS BEEN A LONG SEASON FOR THE GIRLS THIS YEAR WITH TRAINING COMMENCING ON 9TH MARCH AND LIGHT TRAINING STILL ONGOING AT THE REQUEST OF THE GIRLS. FEILE KICKED OFF THE COMPETITIVE YEAR ON EASTER MONDAY WITH A HEALTHY TURNOUT OF 22 PLAYERS INCLUDING 6 U15 GIRLS.

THE LEAGUE BEGAN ON 17TH APRIL WITH A HOME WIN AGAINST OUR LOCAL RIVALS KILTEGAN FOLLOWED BY A NARROW DEFEAT AWAY TO AVONDALE BACKED UP BY WINS AGAINST AUGHRIM, ARKLOW ROCKS AND DONARD/GLEN. THE GIRLS QUALIFIED FOR THE LEAGUE FINAL AGAINST AVONDALE WHO UNFORTUNATELY PLAYED THE BEST GAME OF THEIR SEASON AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR GIRLS.

CHAMPIONSHIP KICKED OFF ON JULY 10TH AT HOME TO AUGHRIM BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE TIGHT ON NUMBERS ON THE EVENING WITH GIRLS INJURED AND ON HOLIDAYS RESULTING IN DEFEAT. THE CHAMPIONSHIP DIDN'T GO TO PLAN OVERALL WITH TRAINING AND FIXTURES DISRUPTED HOWEVER WITH A SEMI FINAL VICTORY OVER AUGHRIM THE GIRLS SET UP THE ULTIMATE LOCAL DERBY AGAINST KILTEGAN. EVERYTHING WENT TO SCRIPT IN THE



Under 8's and 10's



Under 8's and 10's





Aisling Murphy Perpetual Trophy winner - Aimee Maher

FIRST HALF, BUT IT ULTIMATELY CAME DOWN TO THE LAST PUCK OF THE GAME, A KILTEGAN 45 WHICH AGONISINGLY DROPPED UNDER THE CROSSBAR RESULTING IN THE WIN FOR KILTEGAN.

THE GIRLS MADE A GREAT EFFORT DURING THE YEAR WITH THE MAJORITY PLAYING-UP ON THE U16 PANEL WHILE THE U14S WERE BOLSTERED BY THE U12 GIRLS COMING UP TO U14 FOR NEXT YEAR.

## U12s

Managed by Eugene Byrne

WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE A TALENTED YOUNG TEAM TO WORK WITH THIS YEAR. WE INHERITED A STRONG CORE OF UNDER 12S FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND WITH THE 10S THAT CAME

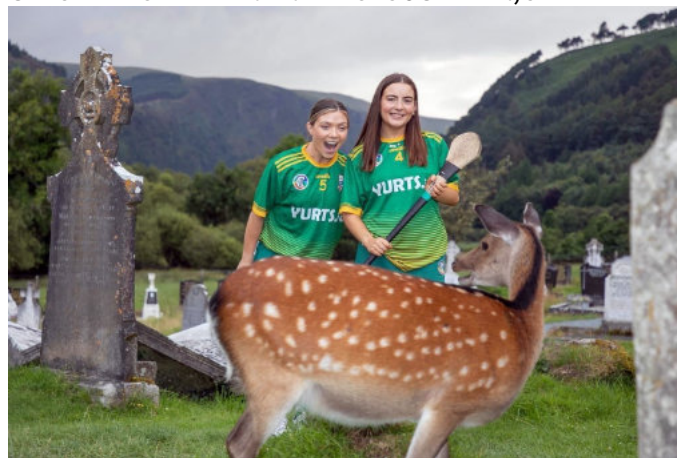
UP, THEY WERE A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH ALL YEAR. THIS BUNCH OF TALENTED YOUNG WOMEN HAVE HUGE ENERGY WITH A WILL TO WORK HARD, BUT NOT FORGETTING TO HAVE FUN. WHEN THEY FOCUS, THEY REALLY PUT IN SOME EFFORT AT TRAINING AND AT GAME TIMES. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THEM AS INDIVIDUALS, THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS ON THE FIELD AND THE WAY THEY DRIVE EACH OTHER ON, IT IS A JOY TO BEHOLD AND TRAIN.

THE COACH EUGENE HAD LOTS OF HELP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FROM KATHLEEN DARCY, MAJELLA ELLIOTT, LINDA REDDY, AND NATASHA HUNTER. WE HAD 2 REFS- AINE MC DONALD AND AINE DARCY- FROM WITHIN THE CLUB WHO WERE ON HAND TO REF OUR GAMES, OFTEN AT SHORT NOTICE. WE WERE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE FIXTURE SCHEDULE MID - YEAR, PARTICULARLY DURING THE SUMMER. WE WENT 10 WEEKS WITHOUT ANY STRUCTURED GAMES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE END OF YEAR COUNTY BLITZ NEVER TOOK PLACE. WE HAVE BUILT STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH A GOOD NETWORK OF LOCAL TEAMS. WE LEVERAGED THIS NETWORK TO ORGANISE A SERIES OF PRACTICE GAMES DURING SEPT AND OCTOBER, TO HELP WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLAYERS AND TO MAINTAIN THEIR INTEREST IN THE GAME. THIS IS A VERY CRITICAL TIME IN THESE PLAYERS DEVELOPMENT, AT A TIME WHEN THEY CAN EASILY BE ATTRACTED AWAY FROM CAMOGIE TO ALTERNATIVE GAMES. WE NEED TO CHERISH THE GAME WE HAVE AND LOOK AFTER OUR PLAYERS AND PUSH FOR GOOD STRUCTURES AT UNDER-AGE LEVEL.

## U10s

MANAGED BY DAN MYERS & EMMA KAVANAGH

THERE WERE 21 U10 PLAYERS REGISTERED FOR 2023. THE GIRLS PARTICIPATED IN AND THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE



Cousins Emily and Grace Mulhall, Senior and Junior Captains have their photoshoot interrupted at the launch of the Pure Irish Ice Championship



Alice Mulhall with the Nancy Murray Cup

NORMAL SATURDAY MORNING BLITZES WHICH WERE IN THE MAIN PLAYED AGAINST LOCAL TEAMS KILTEGAN, DONARD AND CARNEW. THERE WAS A CHANGE THEN WHEREBY THE BLITZES WERE PLAYED ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN BALLINAKILL. SURPRISINGLY, THIS FORMAT WAS WELL RECEIVED BY PARENTS WITH GREATER TURNOUTS FOR THIS SLOT VERSUS THE SATURDAY MORNING SLOT. THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BLITZES ALSO INTRODUCED MORE VARIETY AS THE GIRLS GOT TO PLAY OTHER NON-LOCAL TEAMS THAT THEY WOULDN'T NORMALLY PLAY LIKE EIREOG. ALL-IN-ALL 2023 WAS A GOOD YEAR WITH GOOD NUMBERS FOR U10S HOWEVER THE DOWNSIDE WAS THE LACK OF ENOUGH U8 PLAYERS TO FORM AN U8 TEAM.

OUR U8 PLAYERS HAD TO PLAY U10 AS OPPOSED TO STARTING AT THEIR OWN AGE GROUP. WE HOPE TO SEE THIS CHANGE GOING FORWARD.





Team Captains at the 2022 awards night Eimear O Sullivan, Rachel Byrne and Deirdre O Brien

## Knockananna GAA & Camogie Development

THE PITCH DEVELOPMENTS HAVE CONTINUED TO PROGRESS IN THE CLUB. THE UPGRADED FLOODLIGHTS HAVE ADDED HUGE IMPROVEMENT TO GAMES/TRAININGS AND USE OF THE PITCH ON DARK EVENINGS. WE INSTALLED SOLAR LIGHTS FOR THE WALKWAY WHICH WILL BE OF BENEFIT AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. WE APPLIED FOR A €200,000 SPORTS CAPITAL GRANT FOR AN ALL-WEATHER TRAINING AREA AND MULTI-USE GAMES WALL FOR WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED PLANNING PERMISSION

FOR. THIS WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE STRIP OF LAND BEHIND THE TINAHELY END GOAL SHOULD THE GRANT APPLICATION BE SUCCESSFUL WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS HOPEFULLY APRIL/MAY 2024

WE ALSO APPLIED FOR A CLAR GRANT TO RESURFACE THE CARPARK WITH KERBING AND TARMAC. THE WALKWAY WILL ALSO BE GETTING A MORE EVEN SURFACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE ALSO HAD EARLY DISCUSSIONS TO UPGRADE AND ADD DRESSING ROOMS, A GYM, REFEREE ROOM ETC BUT THESE ARE ON HOLD FOR THE PRESENT. THE OLD SIDE STOREROOM WILL BE A TEMPORARY REFEREE ROOM. THE GOALMOUTHS GOT A REVAMP WITH NEW SOD RECENTLY AND WE MUST LOOK AFTER THESE AS THEY WILL NO DOUBT NEED UPGRADE AGAIN.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE ARE STILL WORKING HARD TOGETHER BUT WOULD LOVE NEW FACES TO GET INVOLVED TO CONTINUE TO PUSH THESE IMPROVEMENTS. CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR FUNDRAISING WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME.



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TEAMS AND GAMES AND THE MILEAGE THEY DO AND TIME THEY GIVE FOR GAMES AND TRAINING, AND TO PARENTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON AND OFF THE LINE, FOR PROVIDING LIFTS FOR THE YOUNGER PLAYERS, AND HELPING IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

WE WISH TO EXPRESS THANKS TO OUR CHAIR SERGE, THE HARDWORKING COMMITTEE AND COACHES. WE HAVE BEEN LUCKY IN RECENT YEARS TO HAVE NEW MEMBERS JOIN US, TAKING UP KEY ROLES ON THE COMMITTEE AND AS COACHES AND FLOs. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL SEE THIS TREND CONTINUE, AS NEW IDEAS AND NEW ENERGY WILL DRIVE KNOCKANANNA CAMOGIE CLUB TO CONTINUE TO GROW ON AND OFF THE PITCH.

THIS EXTENDED NETWORK, THAT MAKES UP THE KNOCKANANNA CAMOGIE COMMUNITY, IS A TEAM THAT MUCKS IN AND GETS THE JOB DONE- WITH LITTLE FANFARE AND GREAT RESULTS. LONG MAY IT CONTINUE.

## Conclusion

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE KNOCKANANNA GAA COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE 2022 JUNIOR A ALL-IRELAND CAMPAIGN AND THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT- WE SEE THIS SUPPORT IN THE USE OF FACILITIES, WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST WITH MARKING OUT THE PITCH FOR OUR GAMES, VIDEOING GAMES, STEWARDING AT MATCHES AND EVENTS AND MUCH MUCH MORE.

WE ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR PLAYERS AND PARENTS - THE PLAYERS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR



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Camogie Tractor Run





# Naomh Pádraig Cill Mhantáin. St. Patricks Wicklow Town



THIS WAS ANOTHER BUSY YEAR FOR ST. PATS CAMOGIE CLUB. WE NOW HAVE 5 TEAMS RANGING FROM U8 - U16. 2023 WAS THE FIRST YEAR WE FIELDED AN UNDER 16 TEAM SINCE THE REINTRODUCTION OF CAMOGIE TO THE CLUB IN 2017.

WE STARTED THE YEAR WITH A VERY SUCCESSFUL "GET INTO CAMOGIE" INITIATIVE, WHERE WE INTRODUCED GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 6 AND 12 TO THE GAME OVER 3 SATURDAY MORNINGS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. WE HAD OVER 50 GIRLS IN THE HALL EACH MORNING SPLIT ACROSS TWO SESSIONS LEARNING THE BASICS OF THE GAME. THIS INITIATIVE PAID DIVIDENDS WHEN WE STARTED BACK TRAINING ON THE PITCH IN APRIL WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF THE GIRLS THAT PARTICIPATED JOINING THE U8'S AND 10S. AS A RESULT THERE ARE NOW ALMOST 80 GIRLS PLAYING CAMOGIE IN THE CLUB.

WHILE THERE WAS A BIG IMPROVEMENT IN THE NUMBERS AT U8 AND 10, NUMBERS REMAIN CHALLENGING AT U12, HOWEVER THE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING AT A NUMBER OF STRATEGIES TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS AT NOT JUST U12 BUT ALL AGE GROUPS FOR 2024.

## Under 16

2023 ALSO SAW SOME NEW SILVERWARE FOR THE CLUB, WITH THE U16'S WINNING THE 'C' SHIELD FINAL AGAINST KILCOOLE. THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR THIS TEAM, AS ALL THE GIRLS ON THIS TEAM WILL STILL BE UNDER 16 NEXT YEAR!

ST. PAT'S CAMOGIE WAS ALSO REPRESENTED AT COUNTY LEVEL WITH 4 OF THE U16 PANEL PLAYING WITH THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM, WHERE THEY GOT GREAT EXPERIENCE TRAINING WITH GIRLS FROM OTHER CLUBS AS WELL AS PLAYING INTER COUNTY MATCHES.



UNDER 16 C SHIELD WINNERS

## Under 14

THE U14'S HAD A GOOD YEAR PLAYING A NUMBER OF VERY COMPETITIVE GAMES AGAINST EIRE OG, KILCOOLE AND DONARD. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR WAS REACHING THE C CUP FINAL, WHERE WE LOST OUT TO A STRONG DONARD SIDE IN BALLINAKILL. A NUMBER OF THE U14'S ALSO PLAYED WITH THE U16'S THIS YEAR FROM WHICH THEY BENEFITED HUGELY IN TERMS OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND MATCH EXPERIENCE. WE ALSO HAD REPRESENTATION ON THE U14 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT SQUAD.

## Under 8's & 10's

THE UNDER 8S AND UNDER 10S REPRESENTED THE CLUB AT A NUMBER OF GO GAME BLITZ'S THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, ALWAYS PUTTING UP STRONG PERFORMANCES. THE GIRLS GOT TO VISIT SUCH PLACES AS AVONDALE, ARKLOW AND BALLINAKILL.

MANY OF THE U8'S AND U10'S ALSO DID THE HURLING/CAMOGIE CÚL CAMP IN THE CLUB WHERE THEY FURTHER DEVELOPED THEIR SKILLS.

## Special thanks to all the coaches and assistants:

U8 & U10: MARGARET LEONARD, COLIN BYRNE, CIARA FITZPATRICK AND ROISIN LEONARD

U12: JASON CAREY, YVONNE MCGARRY

U14: CONOR LAWLOR, JOHN LANE, MARGARET LEONARD

U16: CIARA HAUGH, ALAN LAWLOR, FRANK SCANLAN

SPECIAL THANKS ALSO TO CONOR DALY FOR HELPING OUT WITH COACHING THE U14S AND U16S AND TO JACK KEOGH FOR HELPING WITH "GET INTO CAMOGIE".



Under 14's





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Under 8's