

Kilmeena G.A.A. Club

# Newsletter

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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dia Dhaoibh a chaire agus fáilte romhat chuig an 12ú heagrán de nuachtlitir an chlub.

Another excellent year for our club, marked by significant achievements both on and off the field. One standout moment for me was our hugely successful Lip Sync fundraiser, an event that brought great enjoyment to the community and is still being talked about. On the playing side, the introduction of new GAA football rules brought some of the most exciting club and inter-county games seen in years.

At underage level, our “Cubs” Nursery continued to flourish, giving our youngest boys and girls a season filled with fun and development, finishing—as always—with the traditional ice-cream celebration. Our U14 boys, U14 girls, U16 girls, adult ladies and Rounders teams, achieved notable successes throughout the year. I am deeply grateful to all players and management for their dedication, participation and enthusiasm, regardless of whether they won competitions.

I again stress the importance of the Silent Sideline initiative. It ensures a positive playing environment for children by eliminating shouted instructions and negative comments. This allows young players to think, learn, and enjoy themselves without pressure. It reinforces respect for referees and fellow supporters. The behaviour we model on the sideline will shape our young players’ attitude to sport and we must lead by example.

I was delighted to see the achievements of our underage players who represented Kilmeena at county level through development squads and academies: Charlie McLaughlin, Rian McManamon, Eoghan Smyth, Noah Coughlan and Alan Heanue. Congratulations to Liam McDonnell and John Reilly on representing the Mayo GAA Masters team. I’m especially grateful to Kevin Corcoran for coming on board as a referee and for performing admirably, particularly when officiating at the All-Ireland Ladies Junior Final. We urgently need more referees in the club, and with Kevin’s guidance and the support of training from Mayo GAA and Mayo LGFA, I hope we can encourage more volunteers to step forward.

This year was our first participating in the Connacht Coaching Development Officer programme, and we were fortunate to work with Lorcan Coady. His expertise, and willingness to get involved in every aspect of coaching—school sessions, underage teams, and strength and conditioning with our senior men—went far beyond what we expected. I’m extremely grateful for all he has done and delighted that he will continue working with us.

In June, we hosted the Paddy Golden U10 West Mayo Blitz, supported by the Golden family. In August, 120 children took part in Cúl Camp and in September we held a very enjoyable Local League. Another milestone was introducing a Juvenile Rounders team into competition for the first time, thanks to the efforts of Ruth O’Malley. We also participated in Scór na bPáistí in February, supported by our Irish Language and Culture Officer, Róisín Carney.

One area I believe needs particular attention is our ladies’ section. We urgently need more parents and volunteers to step forward into coaching, administrative, and support roles. Without additional help, maintaining our current structures—and continuing to grow—will become increasingly difficult. I am appealing directly to parents: your involvement matters more than you might realise. Even small commitments make a big difference. The future of girls’ football in Kilmeena depends on new people coming forward.

I want to acknowledge the hard work of our Bord na nÓg Chairperson and Secretary, Pete Mortimer and Majella Mulchrone. After four years of outstanding service, Pete is stepping down this year and I sincerely thank him for his dedication and commitment. Thank you also to the Children’s Officer, Majella O’Malley, and Club Registrar, Lucy O’Malley, these roles remain essential to the smooth operation and safeguarding practices of the club.

I remind all coaches to work closely with the coaching officer, update their qualifications, and attend coaching courses. A minimum of Foundation Level is expected, with Level 1 strongly encouraged. Garda vetting and safeguarding requirements must also be kept fully up to date.

Turning now to our senior men: last year I spoke about the importance of working toward a return to Senior football, and I’m delighted to say that we have taken a major step toward achieving that goal. A subcommittee—Michael Gavin, Willie Keaveney, and Padraic Moore—was tasked with identifying the right management appointment. After considerable effort, they recommended a Bonniconlon man, Damien Egan as our senior manager. Despite initial challenges due to a small panel, Damien and his management team—Padraic Moore and Johnny Madden successfully instilled confidence, built momentum, and oversaw the emergence of a strong, united team with an exciting style of play.

We reached a proud milestone by competing in our first Intermediate Connacht Final against Strokestown. Although the result didn’t go our way, I am immensely proud of the team’s achievements and optimistic about our return to Senior football in 2026. My deepest thanks go to Damien, Padraic and Johnny, the players, and all members of the backroom team. A special mention must go to Julie Moore, who stepped down after years of dedicated service as club physio. I also want to acknowledge our kit man, Michael Ryan, whose passion and meticulous preparation of gear are second to none.

I want to highlight important new rules regarding membership and injury claims. Parents and adult players must ensure that registration is completed on Foireann before any activity takes place on the field or in the gym. Injury notifications must also be submitted directly by players or parents through Foireann—this is no longer a club responsibility.

Additionally, Physio referrals must have prior approval from the treasurers; otherwise, individuals will be responsible for costs. I am grateful to Healthy Club Officer Emma-Jane Gill for maintaining our Gold status and to Noreen Johnston for her work under the Green Club initiative. I warmly acknowledge the efforts of our PROs—Caragh Ryan (Club), Rachel Keane (LGFA), and Martin Hoban (Rounders)—along with the exceptional photography and documentation by Martin McIntyre and Cormac Feehan. Special recognition goes to Martin for publishing a photographic book chronicling our club’s 1970 visit to the USA.



The upkeep of our club facilities has been another highlight. My thanks go to Willie Keaveney (Training & Development Officer), Paul Feehan, Paul Fahy, and Una Quinn for their diligent maintenance of our grounds, pitches, buildings, and equipment. Significant improvements were made possible through fundraising, sports capital grants, and generous donations. Completed or ongoing projects include new car park lining, pedestrian crossings, speed ramps, a bike rack, flagpoles, a new lotto sign, a fully equipped container serving as a tea/coffee and snacks shop and the purchase of additional land behind the clubhouse.

Looking ahead, we have major infrastructure developments planned for the coming year: draining and reseeding the grass pitch inside the front gate, constructing a perimeter walkway, and building a new all-weather astro facility beside the existing kicking wall. Planning permission has been granted for a clubhouse extension, which will modernise dressing rooms, showers, and toilets, while adding an administration office, an upgraded gym, and a medical/recovery room. Traffic control barriers have been installed on the roadway to the gym, and further lighting is being considered. We are still reviewing the feasibility of on-site EV chargers.

With rising operational costs, new fundraising ideas will be essential. I want to thank everyone who supports us financially, including sponsors and donors. A special thanks to Councillor John O'Malley for his generous contribution. In the new year, we will meet with other councillors to seek additional support.

I want to thank our County and Divisional Board delegates—Kevin Barrett (GAA), Mairead Durkan and Pete Mortimer (LGFA), and Stephen Cox, Noleen Coughlan, and Martin Hoban (Rounders)—for ensuring our club stays informed and engaged. I also appreciate the support of local school principals and staff for promoting Gaelic games and supporting our activities.

Thank you to the newsletter committee, led by Emma-Jane Gill, Michael O'Grady, and Barry Murphy, for producing this, the 12th edition of our annual publication.

To all volunteers—stewards, event organisers, those who provide refreshments, and anyone who helps behind the scenes—thank you. You are the backbone of this club.

As Secretary, Mary Slattery and Treasurers Kathleen Geraty and Maura Hastings step down after years of outstanding service, I want to sincerely thank them and express my deep gratitude. Their dedication has been exceptional, and they leave the club in an excellent position.

I would like to thank those who have now put their names forward for officer roles at the AGM. Darren Madden will take on the role of Vice-Chairperson and is set to succeed me in 2027. Emma-Jane Gill has taken over as Club Secretary, Noel Marley and Colm Barrett will serve as Treasurers, and Mags Ryder takes the role of players rep for Ladies Football. I wish them all the very best and will support them in every way I can.

I extend appreciation to our outgoing club president John Feehan and welcome the new president Pete Feehan. Thank you to the club executive for their leadership, passion, and experience.

On behalf of the club, I extend sympathy to the families of those who passed away this year, especially Tommy Cox, Christy Ferris, Fr Jim Staunton, and Josie O'Malley. We also remember members of our community who are unwell.

Wishing all our members, parishioners and emigrants a happy and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.



**John McDonald**  
Cathaoirleach

## ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2026

**Club Patron:** Fr. Jim Walsh  
**President:** Pete Feehan  
**Vice President:** Kevin Barrett  
**Chairman:** John McDonald  
**Vice Chairman:** Darren Madden  
**Secretary:** Emma-Jane Gill  
**Assistant Secretary:** To be filled  
**Joint Treasurers:** Noel Marley and Colm Barrett  
**PRO:** Caragh Ryan  
**Registrar:** Lucy O'Malley  
**Coaching Officer:** Darren Madden  
**Safety Officer:** Mike Slattery  
**County Board Delegate:** Kevin Barrett  
**West Board Delegate:** Kevin Barrett  
**Field Caretaker:** Paul Feehan  
**Irish Language & Cultural Officer:** Róisín Carney  
**Development and Planning Officer:** Willie Keaveney  
**Children's Officer:** Majella O'Malley  
**Healthy Club & Green Club Officer:** Noreen Johnston  
**Mens Senior Players' Representative:** Paul Groden  
**Ladies Senior Players' Representative:** Mags Ryder

**Bord na nÓg Chairman:** To be filled  
**Bord na nÓg Secretary:** Majella Mulchrone  
**LGFA PRO:** Rachel Keane  
**LGFA County Board Delegates:** Mairead Durkan  
**Bord na nÓg County Board Delegate:** Darren Madden  
**Rounders Chairman:** Stephen Cox  
**Rounders Secretary:** Darragh McDonnell  
**Rounders PRO:** Martin Hoban



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Emma-Jane Gill, Michael O'Grady, John McDonald, Noreen Johnston,  
Majella O'Malley, Peter Mortimer, Caragh Ryan, Barry Murphy.

# KILMEENA CUBS

Report by Laura Mayock & Hugh Kelly

It's been a busy and exciting season for the Kilmeena Cubs Academy! We returned for our third year in April 2025 welcoming record numbers of new players while also seeing a fantastic return of last year's Cubs moving up the ranks — a real sign of the Academy's success and of how much the children enjoy being part of it.

This year also brought two wonderful new club initiatives. The first was the launch of a Boot Exchange, encouraging families to recycle and share lightly worn football boots.

The second was a special end-of-season treat — a surprise visit from the ice cream van, which was met with huge smiles and sticky hands all around!

The Cubs welcomed Mayo GAA and Kilmeena Clubman Jack Carney to their training in late August. Jack was very generous with his time taking questions from the players and helping out with the coaching on the night. Jack provided valuable advice to our future stars and our coaches. His visit was greatly appreciated by all. Thank you also, to our senior team co-captain John McGlynn who also visited the Cubs during the year. This was a great opportunity for the Cubs to meet our Senior players that represent the Club so well.

## Under 5 & 6

Our focus each training session continues to be on developing Fundamental Movement Skills — the ABCs of Agility, Balance, and Coordination — alongside basic motor skills. These skills are introduced through fun, game-based activities that keep every child engaged. Favourites like Empty the Nest, Bulldog, and Stuck in the

Mud always bring plenty of laughter and energy to the sessions.

Our Thursday evening sessions remained a highlight of the week for children and parents alike. Players were divided into Under 5 and Under 6 groups matching activities to their developmental stages. This approach allowed each child to learn at their own pace, grow in confidence, and most importantly, have fun.

Inclusivity remains at the heart of our club. Our growing number of female coaches has been a real inspiration for our young girls, brings great energy, and provides more fantastic role models for all our Cubs. The introduction of a buddy system has also helped new players settle in quickly and build friendships early in the season.

## Under 7 & 8

Our first Go Games match was an away trip to "The Saucer" to play Hollymount-Carramore. There was great excitement on the day, especially for our younger players who wore the Black and White for the first time. Our second fixture was another away game, this time in Charlestown. Our Cubs demonstrated their skills and determination in what was a very enjoyable morning in East Mayo.

On the 14th of June, Kilmeena hosted our home blitz and welcomed Louisburgh, Achill and Balla to St Brendan's. It was a great opportunity for the boys and girls to get time on the ball and get familiar with their teammates in a match environment. Confidence grew with each match and every player got an equal opportunity to contribute to their team. All visiting clubs complimented Kilmeena for a well organised event, played out in our superb facilities.







Our next fixture was an away trip to Swinford, followed by a home game against our local neighbours, Burrishoole. The games are usually 7-a-side allowing players to get more touches which builds confidence and allows children to learn at their own pace without the stress of formal competition. Each game concludes with players lining up and shaking hands. This teaches respect, fair play and sportsmanship.

The Cubs are a mixed team for girls and boys but there were also several matches for the girls only. Our girls group enjoyed a visit to Louisburgh in August, this was a great opportunity for the future ladies players to play together and compete against other clubs. Our girls team also attended a blitz in Islandeady in September. This was a great day out and the girls played 4 matches and represented the Club with pride. They showcased their skill, determination and team spirit and were a credit to the Club. Thanks to the coaches who facilitated the girls' games and encouraged them all the way.

We next hosted Aghamore on a sunny Thursday evening, each player played 3 separate Go Games against

competitive opposition. The improvements in the core skills of passing, catching, kicking and soloing were evident throughout the games. This was followed by a trip to Parke to compete in their blitz. Our boys and girls gave a great display of ability and represented the club with a smile on their faces.

Our final away trip of the year was to the Connaught GAA Centre of Excellence to play in the Under 8 County Blitz. Once again, the Kilmeena Cubs demonstrated great determination and ability and were competitive in each match. Our final game of the season was a rematch of our first game when we welcomed Hollymount Carramore to St Brendan's. The summer of training and matches along with the hard work and dedication of the players paid off and there was a clear improvement from our first day out against the same opposition.

The Cubs Academy concluded late September after a very successful and enjoyable season. We would like to thank all the businesses that have supported the Cubs this year: Bourke Waste, Joyce Electrical and Smurfit Westrock. Finally, a heartfelt thank you goes to all our volunteers who give their time, energy, and enthusiasm each week. Without their dedication, the Cubs Academy wouldn't be the fun, safe and welcoming environment it is for our young players.

Here's to another year of fun, inclusion, and growth at Kilmeena Cubs Academy!



## U10 GIRLS

Report by John Moore



### Kilmeena U10 Girls

Back row, left to right: Casey Lee Boylan, Aoibheann Cawley, Shauna Mullarkey, Sophie Hopkins, Grace Moore, Aoibheann Hyland, Abbie O'Donnell.  
Front row, left to right: Kate Molloy, Neala Barry, Ava McKenna, Isla Coughlan, Isabella Gormley.  
Missing from Photo, Emma Mongey, Emily Smyth, Iris Kaye, Annabell Curtain.

Our U10 girls kicked off their training on the 9th of April where we had 13 players full of enthusiasm. The group was a mix of a few 10-year-olds, a few 9-year-olds and three 8-year-olds so overall a very young team for U10s.

We had 6 weeks training before our first game of the year against Louisburgh in Kilmeena in which the girls put in a great performance with everyone getting involved in the

play and lots of the skills learned at training on display. Kilmeena were a little stronger overall but the game was competitive which was good for both teams. Our next game was against our neighbours Islandeady in which we managed to field two teams. Islandeady were a little stronger than us but again both Kilmeena teams played well and were very competitive which was fantastic.

Next up, one of the highlights of the year was the Paddy Golden Blitz. The girls were really looking forward to it and were drawn against our near neighbours Westport and Burishoole. The Kilmeena Girls played two games against both the Westport and Burishoole teams. In all the four games, Kilmeena more than matched our neighbours for skill and determination. It was great to see both the young and older players gel as a team and play some great football.

Our U10s played a few more games over the summer months, with Islandeady, Carnacon and Louisburgh providing the opposition. Our girls were competitive in all the games and improved their fundamental skills each week between the games and the training.

A special thanks to Arramara Teoranta who kindly assisted us in providing new training gear for the girls. It was a very enjoyable year overall where the girls improved their skills and game positional awareness as the season went on. The highlights were the Paddy Golden Blitz, the Pizza evening and the 99s in Louisburgh.

On behalf of the coaches, I would like to thank all parents and everyone that helped throughout the year to make the year an enjoyable one of the girls where hopefully they will all return next year!

U10 coaches: Brian Hyland, Jason Barry, Suzanne Cawley and John Moore

## U11 GIRLS

Report by John Moore

At the end of July, the U11 girls joined up with our U10s for the U11 league with the increased numbers creating a great buzz in training. The U11 games were difficult to organise as we were in a group with Kiltane, the Neale and Kilmaine so travel was an issue for all teams. Additionally, some games were cancelled due to bad weather. We managed to get games against Balla, Mayo Gaels and finished up with a blitz in Westport which was

a great highlight. We fielded two strong U11 teams and were very competitive in all games where our strong players linked up very well with the younger players.

Overall, it was great to see the improvements of the U11 girls that joined up with the U10s and also to see that both the older and younger players were gelling well together and making steady progress on their skills.

U11 coaches: Niamh Martin, Brian Hyland, Jason Barry, Suzanne Cawley and John Moore.





#### Kilmeena U11 Girls

Back row, left to right: Kate Molloy, Cara Ivin, Katie McKenna, Annie Mullarkey, Orla Gallagher, Ava McKenna, Emily Smyth, Aoibheann Cawley, Abbie O'Donnell.

Front row, left to right: Aoibheann Hyland, Shauna Mullarkey, Iris Kaye, Casey Lee Boylan, Neala Barry, Isla Coughlan, Molly Fox.

Missing from photo: Jessica Sheridan, Sophie Hopkins, Annabell Curtain, Grace Moore, Lilly Sheridan, Sabhdh Martin, Erin Hughes, Holly Hastings, Clíodhna Ryder, Kayla Armstrong, Emma Mongey.

## U12 GIRLS

### Report by Pete Mortimer

We started off the year with a panel of 23 girls and played five league games. Our first three games were against superior opposition (Carnacon, Hollymount & Ballinrobe); however, the girls fought bravely in all three games. Our next two games were very competitive against Louisburgh and Burishoole, all three teams were very evenly matched. We organised a blitz with the three teams one Saturday morning in Kilmeena, with all teams playing each other twice. This was very beneficial to the girls' development as

all games were very evenly contested.

All of our training sessions focussed on developing the main skills of the game to ensure everyone improved. This definitely showed as the year progressed and the focus in games was that everyone got fair game time. A massive thanks to all the parents who helped out, travelled and supported the girls throughout the year and to Danielle and Eoghan Cunningham for sponsoring new gear for the girls.

Coaches, Pete Mortimer, Justin Creaby, Kevin Armstrong and Niamh Martin.



#### Kilmeena U12 Girls

Back row, left to right: Erin Hughes, Caoimhe Creaby, Amy Joyce, Sadhbh McGauley, Eleanor Munro, Ellen McDonagh, Lillie Chambers, Annie Mullarkey, Clíodhna Ryder.

Front row, left to right: Molly Joyce, Orla Gallagher, Emma Mongey, Kayla Armstrong, Jessica Kelly, Cara Ivin, Lilly Sheridan, Katie McKenna.

Missing from photo: Sadhbh Martin, Holly Hastings, Grace Cunningham, Bethany Staunton.





## U13 GIRLS

**Report by Richie Goggins**

Our under 13 season began following the conclusion of the under 14 championship. We began our development league and stage 1 saw us in a very tough group where we played against Tourmakeady, Achill and Louisburgh.

Once regrading had taken place for stage 2, we were paired with Kilmoremoy B, Kilmaine and Islandeady. At this stage of the season we had found our level and started to see results going our way. It was just reward for the girls to get some wins on the board given their hard work and dedication.

For stage 3 of the competition we played against St Brigid's, Davitts and Moy Davitts. At the conclusion of the group stages, we found ourselves in a county semi-final

against Mayo Gaels. The game, played under lights in Kilmeena, saw our players put on a fantastic show of skill, determination and great teamwork. Victory now had us on course to play in a county final.

Our county final was played in the Connacht Centre of Excellence on Saturday October 25th. We were up against a very strong Kilmaine side who we had already faced in the group stages. Our girls gave everything on the day in very testing conditions. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be and victory eluded us. Our players can be extremely proud of the way they played and represented themselves and their club.

Thank you to all of our supporters who travelled all over the county and supported us so well. Thanks to Adrian for all of his coaching and to Trish, Lesley and Sinead who worked as Female Liaison Officers when needed throughout the season.

Thank you to each and every one of our under 13 players who worked so hard throughout the year and it has been great to see our players develop skills and build on their teamwork throughout the year. Keep up the good work and hopefully next year will see even more success.

U13 Girls Panel; Kate Cawley, Éabha Goggins, Shaylei Mayock, Sadhbh McGauley, Lauren Munro, Amy Joyce, Eleanor Munro, Caoimhe Creaby, Sheena Cawley, Ellen McDonagh, Éabha Feehan, Aoife Durkan, Ella Cawley, Grace Cunningham, Millie Chambers, Erin Hughes, Holly Fortune-Cribbin, Emma Mongey, Molly Fox.





# U14 GIRLS

Report by Mairead Durkan

Our U14 girls brought their 2024 season to a fitting climax in Began on 9th June, contesting the Division 4 Shield County Final against a strong McHale Rovers B side. The journey to the final had been built on commitment and steady development: the squad began the year with 21 players, including eight newcomers stepping up from U13 level, trained twice weekly with a clear focus on first touch and core skills.

Those foundations were evident throughout the league campaign. Their performances were marked by solid defending and a growing confidence with each game.

The experience of our older players blended seamlessly with the enthusiasm and talent of the younger group, creating a balanced and cohesive team. With captaincy rotated each week, leadership was encouraged throughout the squad, ensuring players had the chance to grow in confidence and responsibility.

By the time the final arrived, the girls were ready—and determined. Despite atrocious weather conditions, with driving wind and rain, the full squad travelled to Began and showed remarkable spirit from the outset. From the first whistle, the girls in black and white produced their finest football of the season. Their link-up play was sharp, their work rate relentless, and their determination clear in every challenge. Attacks were built with patience, and some outstanding scores were taken as the momentum swung firmly in our favour.

McHale Rovers battled throughout, but the stronger team on the day deservedly claimed the spoils. At the final whistle, the scoreboard read 7-07 to 5-01, sealing a memorable victory and a performance the entire squad can be proud of.

Our U14s took on the Division 3 Championship this season, navigating a short but demanding schedule of four group fixtures before entering the knockout stages. Despite the intensity of the campaign, the squad showed great character and maturity throughout their performances.

Across the four Championship outings, the team secured two well-earned victories. Their displays were built on solid defending and decision-making, showing a visible growth in confidence as the competition progressed. The players worked tirelessly for one another, and their teamwork was evident in every game.

The two defeats came on difficult away trips to Aughamore and Louisburgh. In both fixtures, the home sides brought significant fitness and intensity, applying sustained pressure that ultimately proved the difference on the day. Despite this, our girls battled to the final whistle, showing grit, determination, and a refusal to give in.

As the Championship moved into its knockout stages, the squad could reflect proudly on their efforts. They demonstrated clear improvement, resilience, and a developing understanding of the game—qualities that will stand to them as they continue to grow as players and teammates. Well done girls!



## U14 Girls

Back row, left to right: Shauna Durkan, Layla Staunton Creaby, Cailín McPhillips, Eabhá Feehan, Kate Cawley, Freya Higgins, Emma Gannon, Alisha Malone, Ashling Lawless, Lauren Munro.

Front row, left to right: Eabhá Goggins, Ella Cawley, Holly Feehan, Sheena Cawley, Aoife Durkan, Florence O'Toole, Emily Fahy, Molly Mulchrone and Rachiel Feehan.

# U16 GIRLS

Report by Mairead Durkan

Our U16 campaign this year was defined by determination, by an exceptionally young squad. Of the 20 girls registered, 13 were U14, fielding one of the youngest teams in the competition. Despite this age gap, the players showed maturity far beyond their years and delivered a season to remember.

## League Campaign

In the league phase we faced Carnacon A and Burrishoole A, along with Castlebar Mitchels B and Kilmoremoy B. Against older and more physically developed sides, our young team produced outstanding performances, winning all four games!

The standout fixture was our home match against local neighbours Burrishoole A. Although facing a clear age deficit, the team battled fiercely—winning kickouts, securing turnovers, and moving the ball quickly into sharp, quick-thinking forwards who capitalised brilliantly. It was a superb all-round display and a proud moment for our group and club.

Our unbeaten run earned us a home semi-final against Castlebar Mitchels B. With the wind at our backs, we started strongly and built a solid first-half lead. Mitchels responded after the break, running hard at our defence and applying sustained pressure, but the girls showed immense resilience. Thanks to their earlier scoring burst

and strong defensive discipline, we held firm and secured our place in the county final.

## League County Final

The cup final brought an older and more experienced Kilmoremoy side to the Centre of Excellence. The opening half was tightly contested, marked by hard tackling and a high-tempo running game. Midway through the half, Kilmeena began to settle, linking together wonderful passing movements and excellent support play to edge ahead at the interval.

Following some composed encouragement at the break, the team returned for the second half with renewed intensity. Kilmoremoy pushed hard, testing our back line and taking some fine scores, but our girls rose to the challenge.

With determination, teamwork, and clever play at crucial moments, we maintained our advantage and saw out the game.

When the final whistle sounded, the girls lifted their second piece of silverware in the Centre of Excellence in just a matter of weeks—an incredible achievement for such a young squad.

## Championship

Our U16 Championship campaign began in August, right in the middle of the holiday season. With players away, injuries, and Gaeltacht trips, we struggled for numbers throughout the opening rounds despite having



U16 Girls

Back row, left to right: Paul Fahy, Mairead Durkan, Layla Staunton Creaby, Shauna Durkan, Ashling Lawless, Chloe Monahan, Emma Gannon, Rachiel Feehan, Lauren Munro, Ellie-Mai Keane, Cara Mongey, Aidan Moran, Adrian Cawley

Front row, left to right: Holly Keane, Cailin McPhillips, Cora Hughes, Florence O'Toole, Katie Moran, Julie O'Grady, Molly Mulchrone and Emily Fahy.



a deep squad on paper. Nevertheless, the girls showed commitment and battled through a challenging start to the competition.

We opened our campaign at home to Achill. Playing against a strong breeze in the first half, we conceded a number of crucial early scores before we had time to settle into the game. After the break, the team delivered an excellent response—working the ball intelligently, taking some fine scores, and significantly closing the gap. However, missing several key players on the day, it proved difficult to overturn Achill's high-scoring first half, and we ultimately fell short despite a spirited finish.

Our second outing brought us on the road again, this time to Kiltimagh. Despite battling throughout and showing improved cohesion, the earlier disruptions to availability continued to impact us, and Kiltimagh proved

the stronger side on the day.

The final group game was away to Tourmakedy in what proved to be a highly competitive and hard-fought match. The girls produced some outstanding individual and team performances, showing real determination and quality. The contest remained tight for long spells, but Tourmakedy took their chances more clinically, and we lost after a strong overall display.

### Conclusion

It was a hugely successful season and a testament to the players' work rate, skill development, and togetherness. Competing—and triumphing—at U16 level with such a young team speaks volumes about the talent and future potential within this group.

Keep up the good work girls!

## U14 AND U16 SEASON CLOSE REPORT

### Report by Mairead Durkan

We brought our hugely successful U14 and U16 season to a warm and enjoyable close with a celebration evening in the clubhouse. The players gathered for a well-earned pizza night, where plenty of laughs were shared and photos were taken proudly alongside the season's silverware—an excellent way to mark the achievements of both U14 and U16 squads.

After the indoor celebrations, the girls headed out onto the pitch for some relaxed free play, enjoying the chance to finish the season in the best way possible—together, having fun.

On the night, we were also delighted to announce new sponsorship for club gear, including hoodies, jerseys and shorts. Players had the opportunity to try on the kit for sizing, adding an extra buzz to the evening.

A huge thank-you goes to The Castlecourt Hotel, Schu-it and The Warehouse Gym, for their generous support. Their commitment and sponsorship are very much appreciated.

It was a fitting close to a fantastic year—one marked by hard work, development, and strong team spirit across all age groups. Here's to building on this momentum next season!



# JUNIOR LADIES

Report by Michael O'Grady

For the Kilmeena Junior Ladies squad, 2025 can be summarised as a year of reset, a year where the ladies donning the black and white jerseys retained their Junior A status and collected a little bit of silverware along the way.

Following some strength and conditioning sessions in January and February, pitch training commenced in early March. We had thirty-six ladies registered to play Junior football this year, which included thirteen players still eligible to play Minor football and three players in our squad that played under sixteen football this year. That equates to twenty senior players supported by minor and under sixteen players.

Our league campaign began on 12th April, with an away Win vs Castlebar Mitchells B. We followed this up on 26th April, with a home victory over Aughamore B.

During May, we had the Frank Kelly League in which we had a home win over Shrule-Glencorrib but lost both of our away games, to Belmullet and The Neale. The Belmullet encounter was a close affair, but goals usually win games and Belmullet profited from five goals on the day. Our game against The Neale was played as 11-aside, at the request of The Neale. Evidently 11-aside is not Kilmeena's thing, as we fell to our biggest defeat of the season. For the Adult League, we were in a group with Kiltimagh, Kilmaine and Belmullet. We lost away to Kilmaine, then

went toe-to-toe with Kiltimagh at home and were denied the win by a couple of soft second half goals. Our final game was away to Belmullet in mid-July. Having been denied a win at Tallagh in May, we were determined to get something out of this journey. Following a very competitive encounter played in very warm conditions, we came away with a win. This afforded us a crack at Claremorris B in the Shield Final.

The Shield Final was played at the Centre of Excellence, Began on Sunday 17th August. Although the Kilmeena ladies had to contend with some Claremorris A players for the first half, Kilmeena held on in there and a 3-goal blitz in the second half gave the ladies in black & white a well-deserved victory on a scoreline of 4 - 11 to 1 - 15. The championship commenced on Sunday 31st August. We were pitted in a competitive group comprising Parke KC, The Neale and St Brigids.

Our first game was away to Parke KC. On the day, Kilmeena did not perform to its ability. The hosts built up a substantial half time lead that was to sustain them in seeing this one out. Whilst Kilmeena were much more competitive in the second half, the result was never really in doubt. Of note, Parke KC contested the Junior A Final, only losing by two points to Swinford Killaser.

Our next game was at home to The Neale. An entertaining game that was level in injury time, with The Neale grabbing a late goal in the last play of the game, to deny the Kilmeena ladies a share of the spoils. In truth, this was a game we should have won but some basic errors cost us in the end.





Our final game was against last year's Junior A finalists, St Brigids. We travelled to Kilfian pitch on a wet Sunday morning on 14th September. The ladies put in a great effort, battling right up to the final whistle but again we were denied the result we wanted.

And so it was, a Relegation Final was our lot vs Westport B. This was played on Saturday 11th October in Islandeady. And we did it the hard way with this encounter going to Extra Time. In the end, we prevailed comfortably on a scoreline of 3 - 19 to 3 - 10 and in so doing, we can look forward to Junior A football for 2026.

In truth, this was ultimately the most important match this group played this season. In the end, the team in black and white stood up and were counted when it mattered most. The resilience shown by the Kilmeena ladies in Islandeady on Saturday morning 11th October 2025 will stand them well in their future encounters.

On behalf of the Kilmeena Ladies Junior Squad, the Management Team of John O'Grady, Damian Hughes and Michael O'Grady would like to thank all those who supported the Ladies representing Kilmeena LGFA in 2025. In particular we greatly appreciate the support of our main sponsor, The Buckfield Inn. We also acknowledge the support, financial and otherwise provided to the Kilmeena Ladies Junior Team.

The challenge of growing the ladies' game is both a local and national one. But it must start at a local level and that is where all Kilmeena Gaels can make a difference - come

and support your sisters, your daughters, your nieces, your girlfriends, your neighbours in 2026. They play football too!!

### **Kilmeena Ladies Junior Squad for 2025**

Sheila Bohan, Amy Carney, Éabha Carney, Muireann Cawley, Áine Gallagher, Aoife Gannon, Jaimee Geraghty, Rachel Gibbons, Emma-Jane Gill, Lisa Hastings, Sinead Hughes, Siofra Hughes, Laura Ingham, Ciara Joyce, Ellie-Mai Keane, Rachel Keane, Ciara Kelly, Laura Kelly, Ruby Lane, Meabdh McNally, Katie Moran (junior), Katie Moran (senior), Annie Morrin, Eva Mulchrone, Sarah Mulchrone, Emma Murray, Laura O'Connor, Niamh O'Connor, Julie O'Grady, Laura O'Grady, Lucy O'Malley, Áine Regan, Caragh Ryan, Mags Ryder, Julia Szejner, Leah Walsh



**2024 Players of the Year, pictured with coach John O'Grady**  
Left to right: Katie Moran, Minor Player of the Year; Laura O'Grady, Players' Player of the Year; Laura Kelly, Senior Player of the Year.



# U10 BOYS

Report by Sean Kelly

The boys begun the season on the astroturf in February 2025. The focus was working through the basic skills of the game such as kicking, catching, hand pass, solo, bounce, pick up and tackling to provide to a good foundation for the season ahead. There were several boys who had moved up from under 8 the previous year and we ensured that they were integrated successfully into the under 10 set up.

The first grass trainings sessions started in April and we were located on the training pitch for the season. In each training session we had drills to develop the key elements of football and finished each session with a game. The County Bord na nÓg established a fixture schedule for the season which included individual games every two weeks and a mini blitz once a month. So, there was no shortage of football! We started the season against Islandeady away in early May.

In the month of June, the boys took part in the Paddy Golden blitz. The local leagues were held in September. The boys competed well in all games while demonstrating great skill and passion for the game. Throughout the season, we completed a number of skills

challenges to assess the players development. This was led by Pat Mulchrone.

We organised training gear for the group which consisted of a zip top, t-shirt, shorts, and socks. This was a discounted rate for parents thanks to the Westrock sponsorship contribution and the sale of club lotto tickets. The boys were delighted with the outfits and wore them with distinction.

During the year we contested games against Mayo Gaels, Westport, Louisburgh, Castlebar Mitchels, The Neale, Balla, Ballintubber, Burrishoole, Parke, Hollymount and Tourmakeady. We hosted a mini blitz and travelled to Tourmakeady and Parke for other blitzes. The fixtures for the under 10 group were completed by attending the Mayo blitz in the COE in Began. After that the boys joined the under 11's for training and matches.

We would like to thank the boys for their attendance during the year at training and games. A special mention to the parents & others for bringing the boys to training along with their support during the games.

Coaches for 2025: Frankie Durcan, Pat Mulchrone, Declan Ryan and Seán Kelly.



## U10 Boys

Back row, left to right: Frankie Durcan (Coach) Jack Sheridan, Finbarr Dempsey, Ollie Joyce, Reuben Coughlan, Liam Corcoran, Tristan Hopkins, James Lawless, Gary Feehan, Eamonn Óg Coyne and Seán Kelly (Coach).

Front row, left to right: Jesse Lee Durkan, Cian Joyce, Ruairi Kelly, Faolan Loftus, Callum Coughlan, Josh Moran and Ethan Armstrong. Missed from the picture were Evan Gilger, Lorcan Monaghan, Conor Henry, Josh Cullen, Fionn O'Brien, Adam Duffy, Sean Lawless.



# U12 BOYS

Report by John Reilly

The Under 12 boys commenced training in early February. They completed six weeks on astroturf in Westport before returning to the grounds in Kilmeena and the school pitch in Carrowholly. Prior to the Spring League starting we played two friendly games one at home to Burrishoole and the other away to Islandeady. The Spring League started soon after with an away game to Carras in Garrymore. This season, we successfully fielded two Under-12 teams in both the Spring and Summer leagues. The game against Carras was hotly contested up until the final minutes, with Kilmeena ultimately losing out by four points. We ended up on the losing side for our next two games home to Aghamore and away to Charlestown.

Our next home game was against Westport and our lads struggled in the first half going 17 points down, it was clear that a lack of confidence from losing three-in-a-row had affected our team play. However, at half time the lads decided to draw a line in the sand and start afresh. They took the game to Westport cutting the margin down to a single score. If not for the heroics of the Westport keeper, Kilmeena could have come away with the win, losing out by just 2 points in the end. With training going well and the confidence back Kilmeena went on to win their final two league games beating Louisburgh away and Burrishoole at home. The home game against Burrishoole will go down as one of the highlights of the year, it was a game of fine margins and showcased some fine score taking and epic defending both by individuals and the team. With the two wins on the bounce this left us in mid table and give us a competitive draw for the summer league.

While we waited for the summer league to kick off, we made Carrowholly school pitch our main base for training. It was a perfect size for us to run our sessions and the location on the fine days proved ideal especially when our coaches arrived down with a box of ice creams for everyone at training!

The Summer League commenced with a walkover against Ardroy in our first game. We travelled to Swinford for our next away game. Our lads played some outstanding football and easily came away with the win. Bonnickonlin made the trip from North Mayo to face us in St Brendan's Park and the journey proved fruitful for them after fine display of points scoring they came away with the win. We then had an epic coach journey down to Belmullet for our fourth game in the group. We came up short in the game, but the hospitality shown by our generous hosts will forever be remembered by the number of sandwiches, freddo bars and snacks made available to each coach and player.

Kilmeena kicked back into gear with two wins against Islandeady and Lahardane to finish the league in second place behind Belmullet. The final game away was a very enjoyable bus tour around the back roads of Glenhest and to play the final game of the regular season under the shadow of Nephin was a fitting send off.

To finish off the season for under 12s we organised a home blitz against Hollymount- Carramore who were visiting Westport for the day. We fielded an Under 8, Under 10 and Under 12 team for the blitz. The games were played at an electric pace and the Under 12 season was signed off with a final penalty kick that was put top bins by our own Jack Mulloy.

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# U11 BOYS

Report by John Reilly

With our older lads moving up the ranks to under 13, our younger lads set to training for the under 11 grading leagues. As a group we decided to bring everyone from the under 10s into training and matches with an aim to field two teams. We played our first two games against Louisburgh and Achill, losing to Louisburgh but beating Achill. Our final game of the season was a blitz against Westport and Kilmacud Crokes. Our under 11s continue to do a block of training up till mid-December focusing on fundamental movement skills, speed development and team play on the astroturf at Westport Utd Park.

This year our under 12 group teamed up with the under 10 group fundraising to kit themselves out in a complete set of training gear by selling lotto tickets. They managed to raise €3,400 and get themselves kitted out for the season.

Coaching this group for the past season has been so much fun and rewarding. Each player demonstrated the true values of our club by being respectful, honest, hard-working, and above all they showed a real joy in playing for our club. As coaches we were delighted to be a little part of the journey these boys are on. They are a terrific bunch, and we were thrilled with the progress they made this year. Special thanks to the coaches, Brian McMannamon, Declan Hastings, Declan Duffy and John Reilly.



#### U11 Boys

Back row, left to right: Zac Walsh, James Lawless, Ollie Joyce, Gary Feehan, Aodan Gildea, Ciaran Kelly, Rowan Goggins, Rory O'Malley, Liam Corcoran, James Sheridan, Aaron Cawley. Front row, left to right: Jack O'Malley, Callum Coughlan, Jack Sheridan, Matthew Gormonley, Noah Walsh, Oisín Corcoran, Cian Joyce.

## U14 BOYS

### Report by Michael Gavin

We started back training on January 21st and finished up the year on August 18th. We completed over 80 training sessions with almost perfect attendance (95%!!). Over the course of the season we played 24 games with a panel of 24 players. 12 of the players took part in the U14 West Mayo Development 20-week programme on Saturday mornings. Congratulations to Charlie McLoughlin, Rian McManamon and Eoghan Smyth who made the eventual panel. We enjoyed a successful year that allowed for player development and a few wins along the way!

We competed eight Division 4 League games this year, qualifying in 4th place. The team then went on to reach the final securing a victory over a strong Balla side. Next up, was the West Mayo Competition with the boys in black and white reaching another final resulting in a

rematch against Balla. Unfortunately, Balla came out on top on this occasion.

Our third and final competition of 2025 was the U14 Championship. The boys had a great run in the competition reaching the Division C Plate Final against Ardnaree. Kilmeena put up strong fight but Ardnaree walked away victorious.

Overall, this was a successful year for the U14 side with players working well as a team and also making good individual progress. We reached three finals this year which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of these players. For many members of the group the Ardnaree game was their sixth final in two years, an incredible achievement.

Coaches - Padraic Walsh, Darragh Keaveney, Adrian Gormally, Vinnie Gibbons, Michael Gavin.





#### U14 Boys

Back row, left to right: Vinny Gibbons (coach), Michael Gavin (coach), Fionn Lavelle, Evan Ryder, Jaye Joyce, Paul Joyce, Charlie McLoughlin, Michael Gannon, Caolan McLoughlin, Rian McManamon, Bobby Lane, Padraic Walsh (coach), Ryan Walsh, Oisín Martin, Adrian Gormonley (coach), Darragh Keaveney (coach).  
Front row, left to right: Sam McDonnell, Charlie Walsh, Ruairí Ryan, Zander Gibbons, Bailey Browne, Jacob Chambers (captain), Cody Coughlan, Joe Durkan, Alex Fahy, Finn Sheridan, Michael Gormonley  
Absent: Eoghan Smyth and Max Keane

## U13 BOYS

### Report by Michael Gavin

Our U13 season began on August 25th and finished up on September 18th. We had eight training sessions with a panel of 26 players. Though the season was short we packed a lot in! We competed in Division two with victories over Knockmore and Crossmolina and a defeat to Balla.

Overall, this group have shown great potential demonstrating a good skill set and work ethic. The future is bright for Kilmeena GAA! Special congratulations to Jaye Joyce, Ruairí Ryan, Joe Durkan, and Zander Gibbons who placed 3rd in the West Mayo Skills Competition.

Many thanks to our coaches Padraic Walsh, Darragh Keaveney, Adrian Gormally, Vinnie Gibbons and Michael Gavin.



#### U13 Boys

Back row, left to right: Dylan Duffy, Caolan McLoughlin, Jamie Hopkins, James Heanue, Oisín Martin, Jaye Joyce, Bobby Lane, Cody Coughlan, Evan Ryder, Zander Gibbons, Finn Sheridan, Joe Durkan, Sam McDonnell, Charlie Walsh, Ruairí Ryan, Max Keane  
Front row, left to right: Jack Mulloy, Oran McManamon, Tommy Griffin, Conor Olsen, Mathew Gormonley, Jamie Cawley, James Hastings, Brendan Smyth, Keegan Heritage, Oskar Dziubinski, Rory O'Donnell, Zac Gavin Walsh  
Absent: Lochlan Mulchrone



# U16 BOYS

Report by Jim Cannon

The Kilmeena Under-16 team, managed by Jim Cannon, Pat Coughlan, Kevin Lawless, Paul Ryan, and Ciarán Hastings, enjoyed a strong and highly competitive season, showing great development and commitment throughout the year. The panel displayed excellent teamwork, discipline, and determination across all competitions, with many standout performances that reflect the progress of this talented group of players.

Over the course of the season, the team participated in three major competitions:

## Division 4 League Final

The team reached the final of the Division 4 League, where they faced Louisburgh. On the day, Kilmeena weren't quite at their best, which can happen in any season, but despite that, they were still narrowly beaten by just one kick of the ball — a single goal. The result was unfortunate, as the lads showed great determination and spirit throughout. There's little doubt that, had they been firing on all cylinders, they would have been worthy champions of the League.

## West Mayo B Championship

The team reached the West Mayo B Championship final against Burrishoole, where they were unfortunate to lose out by a single point — another very close competition decided by just one kick of the ball. The lads showed great resilience in getting to the final, even if they were ultimately unable to get over the line.

## County Championship (Division 4)

The final competition of the year saw Kilmeena compete in the Division 4 County Championship, where they lost out in the semi-final to Moy Davitts by just one point. Moy Davitts went on to win the final by four points, showing the high level of competition Kilmeena were performing against and the strong standard within the division. The players continued to show great effort and improvement throughout the competition, and their commitment to training and teamwork was evident in every performance. Overall, it was a very positive season for this Kilmeena side. The players' dedication, effort, and teamwork were duly noted, and the experiences gained this year will undoubtedly benefit their continued development as they move up the grades.

Throughout the season, the skills, fitness, and commitment of the lads developed greatly, and this progress was clearly seen by everyone involved. Despite encountering a few injuries and having to reschedule several games, the team adapted well and continued to represent Kilmeena proudly in every competition. Managing these logistical challenges took careful coordination and teamwork off the pitch as well, ensuring that the lads were always prepared to perform to their best and uphold the club's strong standards and spirit.

The management team would like to sincerely thank all players, parents, and supporters for their commitment, patience, and encouragement throughout the year. The effort and attitude shown by this group give great confidence for the seasons ahead. Finally, we would also like to thank Westport Credit Union for the sponsorship to the team.



### U16 Boys

Back row, left to right: Kevin Lawless, Jim Cannon, Cian Moran, Jason Feehan, Kevin Hastings, Finn Mulchrone, Robbie Murphy, Jamie Durkin, Darragh Mulchrone, Jason Lawless, Jack Ivin, Alan Heanue, Paul Ryan, Pat Coughlan.

Front row, left to right: Cody Coughlan, Donnachta McGauley, Noah Coughlin, Liam Quinn, Billy Lane, Lorcan Holland, Lorcan Lane, Ryan Cannon, Ruairi Ryan, Nathan Ryan.



# MINOR BOYS

Report by John Doherty

During the year we played a total of 12 games between League and Championship and U17s fielded in all three games in the U17 grading league. Minors record was winning five games, lost six and one draw. We finished 5th in league D, missing out on a semi final place by one point.

U17s won one game and lost two in their Grading League. In the West Mayo Championship we made it to the Final, losing to Louisburgh in an exciting tussle in Islandeady. In the County D Championship, we lost both games, and subsequently we were placed in a final. This final was played in MacHale Park, which was a big occasion for the group. For many of them, this was their first opportunity to play in MacHale Park. In an end-to-end encounter, a strong second half showing saw us running out winners by five points.

Through the whole season, we had a total of 53 training sessions. At the beginning of the year, we established that our priority was that players were to get as much gametime as possible. We worked on the principle that all 19 players in this age group would get game time ahead of U16 players coming up to supplement the panel. We also targeted each player getting 300 minutes of football in the year - the equivalent of five full games. Only two players did not reach this target. One player had a long term injury which ruled him out for most of the season, and one player was not available for last three games, and just missed out on the target.

Two of our players progressed to playing with our Seniors in the Intermediate Championship. An additional five players made their debuts at adult level with the B team and/or first team. A key objective is to have players moving into adult football, when they move on from

Minor football. We would be hopeful that the majority of players moving on will still be playing with our adult teams next season.

## Team Charter

We agreed a Team Charter as coaches and players. The Charter had three themes: Respect, Effort and Fun (REF). Under each heading, we agreed on actions we would aspire to. At our End of Year Review, the players felt we had done very well on appreciation for each other within the group, respect for the Jersey, respect for the opposition and referees, wearing Kilmeena gear on matchdays, training properly and with intensity

## Player highlights

For the players, the highlights of the year were beating Westport in West Mayo Semi Final, getting to two finals, playing in McHale Park, winning against Kiltimagh, and giving everything in the West Mayo final against Louisburgh.

Players enjoyed training saying it was good craic, it improved their fitness, they were enabled to express themselves, they were pushed to improve as footballers and it was good spending time with friends.

I would like to thank the U16 management for their support in making players available when we needed them. We had a really good relationship through the year, which really made having a squad for games much more manageable. Also, to all the parents for their support through the year, which was all very positive.

I would like to thank Sean Barrett, Mike Slattery and David O'Malley for their huge commitment through the year as coaches and mentors. Their commitment and energy really contributed to the success of the year, and the development of this group of footballers.



### Minor Boys

Back row, left to right: Dave O'Malley, Tiernan Aherne, Rory Kilcoyne, Dean Staunton, Logan Heraty, Alan Mortimer, Cormac O'Malley, Alan Gannon, Kyle Mulchrone, Louis Corcoran, Patrick Feehan, John Doherty, Mike Slattery.  
Front row, left to right: Cormac Slattery, Eoghan Cannon, Kevin Hastings, Darragh O'Grady, Cian Moran, Aaron Murray, Sean Keane, Alex Kenning, Shane Forde Lavelle, Adam Moran, Robbie Murphy.

# SENIOR MEN

Report by Padraic Moore

## Introduction

A new era for the senior team commenced in 2025 with an appointment of a new management team: Damien Egan, Padraic Moore and Johnny Madden. A number of experienced players emigrating or unavailable to play resulted in a challenging start to the new season. However, with the nucleus of a good young side available and the emerging talents of Cormac O'Malley, Aaron Murray, and Louie Corcoran combining with experienced players a season of competitiveness and consolidation was anticipated.

## Early Season

After a month back on the pitch, we commenced our season with a Kelly Cup fixture away to Breaffy resulting in a narrow loss. A week later we were defeated at home to Parke. Despite the two defeats we were happy enough with the progress especially with limited numbers available.

## Senior League Division II

Round 1	Killala	1-10	Kilmeena	2-18
Round 2	Kilmeena	0-14	Louisburgh	0-08
Round 3	Breaffy B	0-06	Kilmeena	3-16
Round 4	Kilmeena	0-15	Ballaghaderreen	3-11
Round 5	Kilmeena	0-17	Kiltaine	2-17
Round 6	The Neale	0-10	Kilmeena	1-15
Round 7	Swinford	1-07	Kilmeena	0-18
Round 8	Kilmeena	4-18	Westport B	2-06



A really solid League campaign followed. Winning all games bar our home fixture to Ballaghaderreen meant we narrowly missed out on promotion back to Division 1.

Heartened by strong performances against Louisburgh, Ballaghaderreen, and The Neale, together with the return of injured players and a good months training ahead we would be in a good position heading into Championship.

## Intermediate Championship – Group stages

We were drawn in a competitive group with Burrishoole at home, The Neale away, and Kilcommon in a neutral venue. Our home game versus our neighbours Burrishoole attracted a lot of attention and, as a group, we knew that this fixture would be a defining one.



On August 9th, large crowds gathered in Kilmeena for this local derby. In the first half Burrishoole played with a strong wind and dictated matters for long periods, leading by 0-11 to 0-05 at half time. Kilmeena emerged in the second half a rejuvenated team and with the elements at their back they reeled off 3-11 to 1-00 to win the game by 12 points on a score line of 3-17 to 1-11. We had strong performances from Jack Mulchrone and Kevin Ryder, with Daniel Kelly hitting a classy 2-02 on his Championship debut. Also, a huge factor was our five second half substitutes of Michael Regan, Brian Durkan, Aaron Murray, Cormac O'Malley and Josh Brown all making their Championship debuts and making an impact on the game. With a healthy score difference our campaign was up and running.

Our next game was a very tricky assignment away to The Neale, with their attack in fine form it was going to be a formidable task. The game ebbed and flowed in the early stages with both sides exchanging points. A Tommy Conroy goal midway through the half gave the home side a 5-point lead which they maintained until half time. Both sides exchanged points early in the second half, but Kilmeena were now getting to grips with the middle eight battle. However, this was not reflected on the score



board. A 2 pointer from the home side put them seven points up with only 12 minutes remaining. From here to the finish Kilmeena took over and outscored the hosts by 2-06 to 0-03 to win the game on a score line of 2-16 to 1-16. A brilliant individual goal by Darragh Keaveney and a neat finish by Caolach Halligan on his first game back from a serious knee injury were among the highlights. We had fine performances from John Ryan, Ciaran Kilcoyne, Luke Durkan, Colin Hastings, Stephen Staunton, Ronan O'Donnell, Darragh Keaveney, Cormac O'Malley, Daniel Kelly and Caolach Halligan. This was a real statement of intent by Kilmeena. We were now qualified for the quarter finals with a game to spare.

Kilcommon were the opposition in round 3 played in Crossmolina. With Kilcommon creating the surprise of the Championship by beating The Neale and drawing with Burrishole this game was now a top of the table clash with the winners having a home quarter final. The first half was a scrappy affair, with Kilmeena missing numerous chances and gifting the opposition many scoreable frees to leave the score 0-11 to 0-10 at half time in favour of Kilmeena. The second half commenced with Kilmeena conceding an early goal which seem to spark them into life. They outscored their opponents by 0-10 point to 0-01 for the remainder of the half to run out comfortable winners with a score line of 1-21 to 1-12 and a home quarter final now secured. We had strong performances from Jack Mulchrone, Jack Carney, Kevin Ryder (0-04), Conor Kelly (1-02), Darragh Slattery, Ronan O' Donnell and John Mc Glynn.

### Knock Out Football

We had a two week lead into our quarter final with Kilmaine, which was overshadowed by the Kilmaine/Hollymount saga regarding a 2 pointer that was or was not. The issue was eventually resolved at board room level, leaving only 48 hours notice for our game to be played. The first half was an even contest with both sides exchanging points early on. Even though Kilmeena looked the most dangerous side, Kilmaine's Adam Barrett gave an exhibition of shooting to leave only two points in favour of the home side at half time. Kilmeena controlled the early stages of the second half to build up a lead of six points but Kilmaine refused to give up and reduced the gap to three points heading into the final 10 minutes. Kilmeena reeled off five points in a row and even a late Kilmaine goal could not deter Kilmeena from sealing their place in the last four. Solid performances on the day came from Ronan O' Donnell, Colin Hastings, John Ryan, Jack Carney, Kevin Ryder, Daniel Kelly (0-04), John Mc Glynn (0-07), and Liam Moore (0-05). Final Score Kilmeena 0-20 Kilmaine 1-12.



Our semi-final against Kiltane in Knockmore turned out to be a thriller for the neutral viewer. Kilmeena totally dominated at midfield and looked to score at will every time they attacked but conceded four goals to keep the large support engrossed and Kiltane in the game. The game ebbed and flowed in the first half where Kilmeena led at half time by 1-11 to 2-05. Kilmeena hit a blistering spell after the break to reel off eight points without reply to lead by eleven points. At this stage it looked like the contest was over but Kiltane refused to buckle and hit two late goals, to set up a nervy finish. A late John Mc Glynn goal set Kilmeena up for an eight point win and supplied a ticket to another Intermediate final. Jack Carney was a Colossus at mid field and the half forward line of Darragh Slattery (0-04), Liam Moore (1-08), Ronan O'Donnell (0-01) all from play were among the best performers on the day. Final score Kilmeena 2-20 to Kiltane 4-06.

A week later, the County Final against our old nemeses Moy Davitts turned out to be a classic, where both teams produced a contest of the highest standard. The game produced everything one-v-one duals where Ciaran Kilcoyne, John Ryan and Ronan O' Donnell were immense, superb high fielding from Jack Carney and Kevin Ryder, and quality long range scores from numerous players. Special mention goes to Cormac O' Malley and Caolach Halligan coming off the bench. The game was end-to-end in the first half with Moy Davitts having the upper hand at half time to lead by 1-10 to 0-12. We were against the wind in the second half but produced a huge performance to run out winners on a score line of 0-23 to 1-19. This was a fantastic squad performance where every man played their part in what turned out to be another historic day for the club.



### Connaught Championship Campaign

Kilmeena travelled to Tuam Stadium for a quarter final clash with Caltra of Galway which turned out to be another epic contest with extra time needed to separate the sides. Caltra were very lively in the early exchanges and had the Kilmeena defence in all sorts of trouble. However, once we settled into the game and got the scoreboard ticking it was a very evenly matched contest, with Caltra leading by the minimum at half time. We started the second half much brighter but missing numerous chances combined with a Caltra 2 pointer meant we were three behind against the run of play. The introduction of Cormac O'Malley and his immediate 2 pointer seemed to spark Kilmeena into life and the game was level soon after. The lead was swapped on numerous occasions for the rest of the half and with both sides missing chances, the game ended level. Extra time started brilliantly for Kilmeena, Jack Mulchrone had

the ball in the Caltra net after a rebounded shot and two Darragh Slattery points meant we were 5 up in as many minutes. Caltra hit back with a 2 pointer to end the half with Kilmeena three ahead. Both sides exchanges points but Kilmeena held on to advance to the Connaught Semi-Final on a score line of 1-21 to 0-21. Among our strongest performers were Paul Groden, Ciaran Kilcoyne, Jack Mulchrone, Jack Carney, Ronan O' Donnell and Cormac O'Malley.



Six days later we were back in more familiar territory in Castlebar against Coolaney Mullinabreena from Sligo, looking to propel the club into a first ever Connacht Intermediate final. Both sides swapped scores in the early exchanges to leave it 0-03 a piece after ten minutes. Any doubt about the fatigue due to the extra time in Tuam were put to bed in the next ten minutes where Kilmeena hit 0-09 without reply, taking full control of the game. Kilmeena could have been further ahead at the break where two gilt-edged goal chances went a begging to leave a half time score line of 0-12 to 0-04. The expected





Coolaney Mullinabreena onslaught after the break never materialised and Kilmeena controlled the second half, tagging on a further 10 points to run out comfortable winners on a score line of 0-22 to 1-09. John Ryan, Jack Carney, Kevin Ryder and the full forward line of John Mc Glynn (0-04), Liam Moore (0-06), Darragh Keaveney (0-05) were amongst our best performers on the day.

A week later Kilmeena's historic Connacht Final bid ended in disappointment in Castlebar against a slick Strokestown outfit. In a contest where the visitors hit two goals in either half we were always chasing the game. Kilmeena were well in contention throughout the first half but Strokestown goals broke our momentum at vital stages. We went in at the break 2-09 to 0-08 behind but with a strong wind in our favour for the second half we felt all was not lost. Kilmeena's cause was not helped with Jack Carney unable to return for the second half after receiving an injury just before half time. Kilmeena owned the ball for the first twelve minutes but failed to register on the score board thus handing momentum to a Strokestown team that never looked like losing the contest. Kilmeena fought to the end but came up short. Final score 4-11 to 0-14. Paul Groden, Stephen Staunton, Luke Durkan, Colin Hastings, Liam Moore and Conor Kelly were amongst some of our best performers on the day. When the dust settles Kilmeena will be bitterly disappointed that they never hit the standards that had served them so well throughout the campaign, maybe three games in fourteen days finally caught up. The curtain comes down on an excellent year on the pitch with the return to senior football in 2026

## Panel

Paul Groden, Luke Durkan, Ciaran Kilcoyne, John Ryan, Colin Hastings, Stephen Staunton, Jack Mulchrone (JC), Jack Carney, Kevin Ryder, Conor Kelly, Darragh Slattery, Ronan O' Donnell, Darragh Keaveney, John Mc Glynn (JC), Daniel Kelly, Louie Corcoran, Liam Moore, Caolach Halligan, Cormac O'Malley, Aaron Murray, Brian Durkan, Evan O'Grady, Micheál Regan, Conor Feehan, Sean Moore, Sean Barrett, Josh Brown, Conor Kilbane, D.J. Keane, Joe O'Malley, Evan O'Donnell, Rory Nolan, Peter Marley, Liam McDonnell, Pat Mulchrone, Rob Staunton, Rian Kilcoyne, Chris Mc Glynn, Tomás Gill, Dean Staunton.

**Managment:** Damien Egan, Padraic Moore, Johnny Madden and Jason Barry.



**2024 Players of the Year**  
Top row, left to right:  
Minor Player of the Year,  
Evan O'Grady with coach  
Padraic Moore; Most  
Improved Player of the  
Year, Kian Moore and  
Young Player of the Year,  
Luke Durkan with coach  
John Reilly  
Bottom row, left to right:  
Player's Player of the Year,  
Jack Mulchrone and Player  
of the Year, Colin Hastings  
with coach John Reilly





# KILMEENA ROUNDERS REPORT

Report by Stephen Cox

2025 was another landmark year for Kilmeena GAA Rounders — a season defined by determination, new beginnings, and continued progress across all grades. Competing in four adult divisions — Senior Mixed, Intermediate Men's, Intermediate Ladies, and our new Junior Mixed team — the club continued to raise the standard while expanding participation and community involvement.

With strong representation in national competitions and the club's second year entering an underage side, Kilmeena Rounders continues to grow in stature, spirit, and success.

## BUILDING ON SOLID FOUNDATIONS

Training resumed in January with an open call for new members, welcoming both returning players and new faces eager to get involved. With the season stretching from early May to August, the focus was on maintaining high performance levels at senior and intermediate grades while developing emerging talent through our new Junior Mixed team. We had record numbers at training this year, which allowed for regular games between two full teams, helping us prepare for our upcoming fixtures.

## SENIOR MIXED TEAM

- A STRONG SHOWING IN THE TOP GRADE



2025 marked Kilmeena's first-ever season competing in the Senior Mixed Championship, facing some of Ireland's most established clubs. The campaign began on May 11th away to The Heath (Laois) with a narrow 13-11 loss, but proved that we can compete in this higher level. This was

followed by matches against reigning All-Ireland champions Breaffy (Mayo) and Cúchulainn (Westmeath), which resulted in heavy defeats against strong opposition. However, not to be deterred, performances improved with a narrow loss to 10-13 loss to the highly rated Erne Eagles of Cavan. This progression provided the platform for our breakthrough game against Glynn Barntown of Wexford, who were top of the table, with Kilmeena coming out on top, winning 9-7 after five innings. With this momentum, July saw a double-header in Tymon Park, Dublin, with conclusive wins against Dublin club Limekiln 10-12, and Carrickmacross of Monaghan 9-4, both wins with a bat in hand, meaning that Kilmeena didn't need to bat in the final inning to secure the win. This huge final day of the regular championship meant we finished joint 4th overall on points, but narrowly lost out on a top 4 semi-final spot after losing our head-to-head against Cuchulain earlier in the year.

While results didn't always fall our way, the team displayed superb resilience, composure and teamwork, adapting quickly to the pace and skill level of senior competition. Co-captains Pat Coughlan and Tommy Hoban led from the front with outstanding fielding and exceptional bowling throughout the campaign. Our pre-season goal of maintaining Senior status was achieved, and bodes well for our goal for a future top 4 finish and to progress to the Senior semi-finals within three years, firmly on track.

## INTERMEDIATE MEN'S TEAM

- ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL APPEARANCE



The Intermediate Men's side built on the experience at Intermediate level in 2024, opening with a 22-15 victory over St Clares (Cavan) with a bat in hand at The Heath in Laois on May 11th, followed by a commanding



performance against Dublin Metropolitans winning 8-30 with 3 bats in hand in Carrickmacross, and another high-scoring clash with Emo (Laois) at home winning 34-18 with two bats in hand in early June. Returning to home soil on June 29th, Kilmeena suffered a 6-9 beating against eternal rivals Galway City Rapparees. Despite that loss, we had secured a place in the All-Ireland Semi-Final, played at the Meath Centre of Excellence in August, where Kilmeena once again faced Emo (Laois). Despite a spirited effort, the Laois side edged the contest with a late rally to deny Kilmeena a spot in the finals on a scoreline of 22-24 runs after five innings. Despite this disappointment, this team will rally again and is determined to progress to the final stages of the Intermediate Men's competition next year.

## INTERMEDIATE LADIES TEAM - STEPPING UP TO A HIGHER STANDARD



With promotion to the Intermediate level after strong performances last year, the Intermediate Ladies season began with narrow losses by the finest margins away to Michael Glaveys (Roscommon) 10-9, St Clare's (Cavan) 10-11 and Carrickmacross (Monaghan) 22-21 in May. Despite these results not going their way, individual performances were improving, and the team improved in June with another high-scoring nail-biting finish, but a loss to The Heath (Laois) 27-25. At this point, our ladies drew a line in their season as they welcomed Emo (Laois) to their first home game in Kilmeena in June. With another high-scoring game performance by Kilmeena and securing the outs to stop their opposition, which provided their first win at Intermediate, with a scoreline of 30-6. Building on this performance, they welcomed Galway City Rapparees on June 29th with an excellent home win 19-11 with two bats in hand.

The final group game against Glynn Barntown (Wexford) on July 13th proved a tough challenge against a top-4

side, with a final scoreline of 36-12 to Glynn Barntown. After close encounters in their early games, Kilmeena's ladies' three wins secured them a mid-table 6th place in the end-of-season standings, showing they firmly belong at the higher Intermediate level.

## JUNIOR MIXED TEAM - AN IMPRESSIVE MAIDEN SEASON By Martin Hoban, Junior Mixed Manager



One of 2025's most exciting developments was the formation of a second Mixed Team entering competition at the Junior level, offering new players an opportunity to experience competitive rounders. From day one, they showed incredible enthusiasm, teamwork, and dedication, growing stronger with every game. Throughout the season, they recorded some brilliant wins and battled through a few tough losses, each match offering valuable lessons and experience. Their determination and spirit never wavered, and their hard work paid off — finishing second in their group and qualifying for an All-Ireland Quarter-Final.

The team began with two fixtures against an experienced Ballinagore (Westmeath), losing 31-16 and 27-12 in May. They then played a spirited away game against Garrymore (Mayo), securing their first win with a scoreline of 9-7 after five innings on May 25th. With confidence building, our Junior side was unshackled and ran up a monster score at home against Mayo Gaels 52-22 with two bats in hand. With the final game of the league scheduled on the same day as an away Intermediate Ladies fixture, Kilmeena hosted Garrymore at home in July and managed to field a team with some new super-subbs from the Ladies Football team. Despite losing 13-18 against Garrymore on the day, Kilmeena earned enough points in fielding a team to qualify for the All-Ireland Junior Quarter-Finals at Clonguish, Longford, where they faced an experienced Gusserane (Wexford) side.

Despite this game not going their way — with a loss and final scoreline of 24-6 — the team's energy and enthusiasm stood out throughout the year. Their debut season laid the groundwork for a bright future, with all players impressing in their first year of competition.

That's an exceptional achievement for a newly formed side, and one that truly highlights the strength and depth of our club. To be competing at national level in your first year together speaks volumes about the talent, commitment, and togetherness within this team. Congratulations to every player involved — you've done yourselves, your team, and Kilmeena GAA proud.

## JUVENILE ROUNDEERS

### - AN EXCITING YEAR FOR OUR NEW YOUNG PLAYERS

**Report by Ruth O'Malley, Juvenile Officer**

Following a few juvenile training sessions last year, we organised several "try-out" sessions at the beginning of 2025. With plenty of interest, we enjoyed strong attendance at training throughout the season. We proudly entered our first underage competition of the year at Clann na Gael GAA, Athlone, in May.

Our U13 boys' team competed in the Féile and finished as runners-up in the Plate Final, showing fantastic teamwork, batting, and catching skills. The progress made at the Féile continued to develop across the remainder of the year's training sessions.

While we only entered one competition this season, there's a strong foundation to build on for next year — and plenty of enthusiastic young players eager to keep improving.

## END OF SEASON FINALE

### - INAUGURAL CLEW BAY BASH



To close out the season in true Kilmeena style, the club travelled across the water for the inaugural Clew Bay Bash on Clare Island at the end of September, proudly sponsored by Smurfit Westrock.

Three teams were formed from a mix of 20 Kilmeena players and some local participants, for a day of games played in glorious sunshine. The standard of play was excellent, with skill, fun, and sportsmanship on full display throughout the day.

After the final match, a lively trophy presentation took place, followed by well-earned food, refreshments, and plenty of laughter at the Clare Island Community Centre, before everyone hopped aboard the ferry back to the mainland to continue the celebrations.

A huge thank you to Darragh, Will, and the Clare Island crew for their warm hospitality and superb organisation. The event was a resounding success and is set to become an annual official tradition, with plans to invite other clubs to join — celebrating the sport, the community, and the spirit of Clew Bay.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### - PLANS TO CONTINUE SUCCESS IN 2026



As Kilmeena GAA Rounders closes the chapter on 2025, the sense of momentum and ambition is stronger than ever. Competing at four adult grades and entering a team at the underage level demonstrates how far the club has come in just four short years. We now look forward to competition in the Connacht Winter league and our player awards night during the off-season.

We extend heartfelt thanks to our sponsors — Westnet Broadband, Sheridan's Centra, Newport and Smurfit



Westrock — for their invaluable support, to the players and coaches for their dedication, and to Kilmeena GAA Club for their continued encouragement.

With more players than ever and a growing reputation on the national stage, the future for rounders in West Mayo is bright. Here's to another exciting year ahead for Kilmeena GAA Rounders.



Players awards night

## LOCAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION - IT TAKES A VILLAGE

As part of the underage development in the community, a number of weekly rounders training sessions were held in the three local schools in the parish earlier this year. Starting in April, our coaches worked with the students from 3rd to 6th class in Carrowholly, Fahy and Myna to build the basic skills and understanding of the game. A lot of fun was had, and the enthusiasm for the sport we love was clear to see while playing in the sunshine during school time. With strong interest from all pupils, an inter-school rounders blitz of competing teams mixed across all schools took place in Fahy at the

end of May. While there was huge excitement for a day away from the classroom, the weather did not comply, bringing an end to the long spells of dry weather in the previous weeks. The rain was torrential at times as kids played in and hid from the rain under sideline gazebos. Despite the weather, a total of 133 children took part in the day, with 12 teams from 5th and 6th classes, and another 12 teams from 3rd and 4th classes enjoying a full day of games. A big thank you to Noleen, Irene and Caitriona for organising the weekly training sessions and to all who helped out on the day of the blitz. It was a brilliant introduction to a new sport for many of the kids, with very positive feedback from parents.





# BORD NA nÓG PRESENTATIONS Photos by Martin McIntyre



**U13 Girls County League Shield Runners Up**



**U14 boys County League Cup winners.** Back row, left to right: Charlie McLoughlin, Rian McManamon, Michael Gannon, Fionn Lavelle, Ryan Walsh, Jacob Chambers(c), Oisín Martin, Zander Gibbons, Eoin Smyth, Charlie Walsh, Jaye Joyce, Joe Durkan. Front row, left to right: Bailey Browne, Michael F Gormally, Paul Joyce, Ruairi Ryan, Bobby Lane, James Heanue, Finn Sheirdan, Sam McDonnell, Coady Coughlan. Absent from photo: Alex Fahey, Max Keane, Evan Ryder



**U14 Girls County League Shield Winners**



**U16 Girls County League Cup Winners**



**Boys Local League, Ryan Cup Runners Up with mentor Sean Kelly.** Left to right: Ollie Joyce, Eamon Og Coyne, Jack Sheridan, Ronan Gallagher, Se Coyne and Cillian Creaby. Coach Sean Kelly. Missing from picture: Josh Moran, Fionn O'Brien, Evan Gilger, Sean White and David Mc Kenna.



**Boys Local League, Ryan Cup Runners Up with mentor Dec Ryan.** Left to right: Lorcan Monaghan, Liam Corcoran, Callum Coughlan. Coach Declan Ryan. Missing from picture: Finbarr Dempsey, Adam Duffy, Sean Lawless, Bowie Warren, Peter Geraghty, Cillian Cox, Ronan Hyland.



**Boys Local League, Ryan Cup Runners Up with mentor Pat Mulchrone.** Left to right: Ben Kelly, Realta Loftus, Daniel Moore, James Moore, Conor Henry, James Lawless, Ruairi Kelly and Faolan Loftus. Coach Pat Mulchrone. Missing from picture: Rian Mulroy and Oisín Munro.



**Ryan Cup Winners.** Left to right: Cillian Mongey, Jesse Lee Durkan, Reuben Coughlan, Cian Joyce, Ethan Armstrong, Tristan Hopkins, Hughie Carolan, Blake Armstrong and Sean Keane. Back row, left to right: Frankie Durkan (Coach), Nathan and Paul Ryan (Sponsor). Missing from picture: Gary Feehan.



**Boys Local League Gibbons Cup Winners with Austin Gibbons and mentor Declan Duffy.** Bobby Lane, Finn Sheridan, Zander Gibbons, Conor Olsen, Lochlan Mulchrone, Oscar Duizbinski, Brendan Smyth, Rory O'Malley, Ciaran Kelly, Jack Cawley, Michael Staunton.





#### Girls Local League, Kelly Cup Runners Up

Left to right: Emma Mongey, Orla Gallagher, Sathbh McGauley, Isabella Gormley. Back: Ger McCreave, representing the Kelly family. Missing from photo: Clíodhna Ryder, Ella Cawley, Eleanor Munroe, Katie McKenna, Ruby Walsh, Isabella Gormley, Iris Kaye.



#### Girls Local League, Kelly Cup Winners

From L to R: Eabha Goggins, Sabhdh Martin, Amy Joyce, Grace Moore, Sophie Hopkins, Erin Hughes, Holly Hastings, Isla Coughlan, Abbie O'Donnell. Back: Ger McCreave, representing the Kelly family. Missing from photo: Annabell Curtain, Lauren Munroe, Clara Curtain, Machela Kenny, Shauna Mullarkey.



**Girls Local League, Mulloy Cup Winners with mentor Mags Ryder & Kitty Mulloy.** Left to right: Annie Mullarkey, Sheena Cawley, Kayla Armstrong, Mags Ryder, Kitty Mulloy, Molly Fox, Lilly Sheridan, Isla Coughlan. Missing from photo: Casey Lee Boylan, Aoibheann Cawley, Kate Cawley.



#### Girls Local League, Mulloy Cup Runners Up with Kitty Mulloy and mentor Adrian Cawley

Left to right: Shaylei Mayock, Aoife Durkan, Caoimhe Creeby, Adrian Cawley, Kitty Mulloy, Cara Ivin, Jessica Sheridan, Emily Smyth, Kate Molloy. Missing from photo, Aoibheann Hyland, Ava McKenna.



#### U10 Boys and Coaches



#### Boys Local League, Quinn Cup Runners Up with mentor Brian McManamon with Willie Quinn and Abbie Quinn.

Left to right: Jaye Joyce, Joe Durkan, Max Keane, Evan Ryder, James Hastings, Oran McManamon, Rowan Goggins, Aodhan Gildea, Jack O'Malley, James Cawley, James Sheridan



**Boys Local League, Quinn Cup Winners with mentors Pete Mortimer and Declan Hastings with Willie Quinn and Abbie Quinn.** Left to right: Charlie Walsh, Rory Ryan, Oisín Martin, Patrick Scott, Caolan McLoughlin, Rory O'Donnell, Thomas Griffin, Aaron Cawley, Cian McGlynn, Noah Walsh



**Boys Local League, Gibbons Cup Runners Up with Austin Gibbons and mentor Liam McDonnell.** Left to right: Oisín Corcoran, Matthew Gormley, Zac Walsh, Cody Coughlan, Sam McDonnell, James Heanue, Tommy Cannon, Dylan Duffy, Jack Mulloy. Missing from picture Keegan Heritage



# BORD NA nÓG PRESENTATIONS

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



**U12 Boys Player of the Year, Conor Olsen with mother Catriona Olsen, and men's senior team players, Jack Mulchrone and John McGlynn**



**U13 Boys Player of the Year, Jaye Joyce with parents, Jodie and Triona Joyce, and men's senior team players, Jack Mulchrone and John McGlynn**



**U13 Girls Player of the Year, Sheena Cawley with father Adrian Cawley, and men's senior team players Jack Mulchrone and John McGlynn**



**U14 Boys Player of the Year, Jacob Chambers with parents, Trevor and Trish Chambers, and men's senior team players Jack Mulchrone and John McGlynn**



**U14 Girls Player of the Year, Emily Fahy with father Paul Fahy, and men's senior team players Jack Mulchrone and John McGlynn**



**U15 Boys Player of the Year, Noah Coughlan with mother Noleen Coughlan, and men's senior team players Jack Mulchrone and John McGlynn**





**U16 Girls Player of the Year, Molly Mulchrone with mother Majella Mulchrone, and men's senior team players Jack Mulchrone and John McGlynn**



**U12 Girls Player of the Year, Eleanor Munro with mother Mary Munro, and men's senior team players Jack Mulchrone and John McGlynn**



**U16 Boys Player of the Year, Robbie Murphy with mother Kathleen Geraty, and men's senior team players Jack Mulchrone and John McGlynn**



**A view of the huge attendance in the Dome Suite, Castlecourt Hotel**







In the biggest fundraiser the club has ever undertaken, Kilmeena GAA Lipsync Battles 2025 will undoubtedly go down in history as a night that brought together teams, club, community and parish in a spectacular display of talent and camaraderie. Held on February 2nd at the Castlecourt Hotel in Westport, this event was a true testament to the spirit and unity of our GAA community.

First and foremost, a massive thank you to all our generous sponsors. Your unwavering support and generosity made this unforgettable night possible. We appreciate every contribution that helped bring this event to life.

A big thank you to the Castlecourt Hotel and their exceptional staff for hosting us.

Special thanks to the organising committee, who meticulously planned every detail of this event. Your dedication and hard work behind the scenes did not go unnoticed and were instrumental in making the night a resounding success.

And finally, to the acts who took to the stage. We were both in awe and in some cases, shock! Your dedication, time, and commitment to making this a night to remember truly shone through in every performance. We are grateful for your enthusiasm and willingness to entertain. You made this event a spectacular success. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.



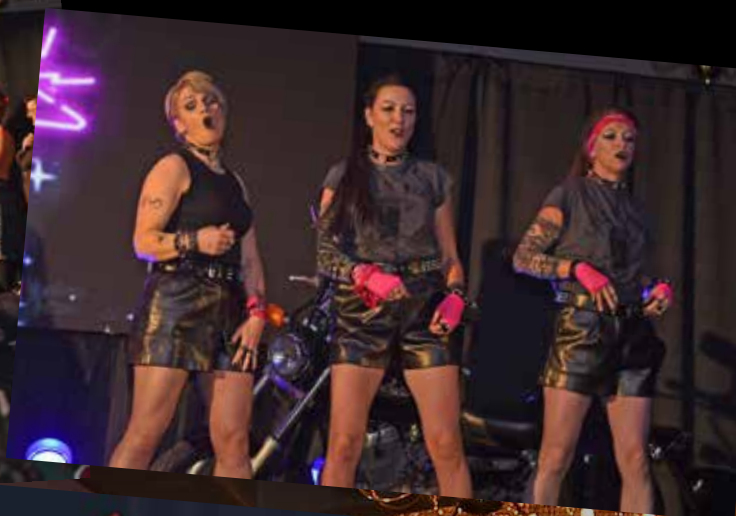














# PADDY GOLDEN BLITZ 2025

Report by Mary Slattery

One of the highlights of the club calendar took place on Saturday June 14th as we hosted the 19th Annual Paddy Golden Blitz.

This much enjoyed event once again brought together under 10 boys and girls from Burrishoole, Westport, Carnacon, Tourmakeady, Louisburgh, Islandeady, Achill, Parke, and Kilmeena for a fantastic day of sport, camaraderie, and fun.

The success of the day was made possible by the tremendous effort of so many.

Thank you to the organising committee, those who set up the pitches, the car park attendants, the referees who kindly volunteered their time, and the pitch co-ordinators who ensured all games ran off smoothly.

Special thanks to the ladies who baked and served teas and

coffees adding a warm and welcoming touch to the day. We are especially grateful to our first aid volunteer on the day who gave his time and expertise to help out when the need arose.

Thanks to all the coaches and parents for their support and encouragement throughout the day.

The weather was on our side, with glorious sunshine shining down as the players were presented with their medals by members of the Golden family, to whom we are very grateful for their continued support of the club and this wonderful event year after year.

A huge thank you to Martin McIntyre who perfectly captured the spirit of the day with his photography.

Looking forward to the 20th Annual Paddy Golden Blitz in 2026.









# MAYO MASTERS REPORT

Report by John Reilly

The trio of Pat Mulchrone, Liam McDonnell and John Reilly once again lined out in the Green and Red of Mayo for the 2025 Masters season.

The season started very well with an away win against Galway. With momentum gained next up was Roscommon, followed by Sligo. Sadly, Mayo ended up on the wrong side of the score line in both of those games, though they rallied late in the Sligo game with a man down to show that their season was not over. Mayo then went on a run and won three games on the trot by beating Leitrim/Longford, Limerick and Clare.

This meant that Mayo qualified for the semi-final of the Intermediate All-Ireland series by finishing in 8th position. Mayo drew Cavan and the game was played at St Brigids GAA Grounds in Roscommon. Cavan boasted a few ex-county players including none other than Meath's Joe Sheridan now living in Cavan! Mayo gave it their best shot, but three early goals had them rattled up to half time. However, the Mayo lads rallied and closed the gap to a single score but sadly they ran out of time, losing by just three points. Cavan eventually ran out winners of the Intermediate Cup.

Another competitive season for the Mayo Master and a lot to build on for 2026.



## CLUB REFEREE

The 2025 season has been a busy one for our club referee, Kevin Corcoran. He has travelled to every corner of the county officiating games across all age groups. Kevin was also in demand further afield, refereeing the LGFA Intermediate quarter-final between Clare and Monaghan. In August, Croke Park came calling with Kevin refereeing his third All-Ireland Ladies Junior Final. We are incredibly lucky to have a referee of such calibre in the club, even if some of our own players (and managers) have ended up on the wrong side of Kevin's cards on occasion!



# HEALTHY CLUB

Report by Emma-Jane Gill



As the 2025 season draws to a close, we look back on another busy year for Kilmeena GAA Healthy Club. We got the year off to a relaxing and reflective start with a restorative yoga class organised by our ladies' team. Thank you to Mary Duffy for her time and expertise.

One week later we were back on the roads of Kilmeena with our Ireland Lights Up Walks. Our group braved the cold and wet January weather each week to get our steps in. With great company and chats we didn't let a bit of rain dampen our spirits! We also signed up to the Irish Life, Every Step Counts Challenge this year. Conveniently, this coincided with training for the Westport Marathon & Half-Marathon which got us off to a great start! As the leaderboard began to fill up it wasn't long before the competitive streak started to rear its head. Rumours spread of walking pads running late into the night and laps of the kitchen table all in a bid to reach first place! As a club, our 41 walkers and runners clocked up an impressive total of 8,426.5km.

2025 saw the continuation of many of our ongoing activities and initiatives; weekly physio-led fitness classes, 25 card games, Relay for Life, social rounders and our status as a Smoke and Vape Free GAA Grounds. We also introduced a bit of music to St. Brendan's Park with the introduction of The Kilmeena Chorus. The Chorus is a weekly winter gathering where participants can come together to sing a few tunes. There is no experience (or talent!) required, all that is needed is a positive attitude.



Studies have shown that singing is beneficial to our physical and mental wellbeing. The Chorus has been a great success at promoting health and community connection thanks to our expert leader Catherine. Keep your eyes peeled for a few performances in the run up to Christmas.

In September, we received word that Kilmeena GAA has achieved Gold Healthy Club status for the second time. This is a fantastic achievement for the club and wouldn't be possible without the backing of our wonderful community. Thank you to Mayo GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee for their support this year. A special word of thanks to the Healthy Club Committee for all of their hard work and to each and every one of you for joining us throughout the year.

The Healthy Club is always looking for new ways to bring health and wellbeing to the community so if you would like to get involved or have any ideas please get in touch ([kilmeenagaahealthyclub@gmail.com](mailto:kilmeenagaahealthyclub@gmail.com))

Keep an eye out for new things coming in 2026, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!





# ST. STEPHEN'S DAY OVER 21s v UNDER 21s EXHIBITION GAME

As most of the country lay resting, recovering from festivities of Christmas Day, St. Brendan's Park was abuzz in anticipation of the biggest sporting event of 2024: The return of The Billy Fahy Under 21 vs Over 21 Memorial Match! With players arriving from all across the globe (and a Carrowholly man coming out of retirement!) some titans of the game were called in to take the reins. The youngsters were under the expert guidance of Michael Ryan and Nicholas Keane, while their older rivals were led into battle by Tom Ryan and James Keane. And what a battle it was! Friendships and family loyalties were left on the sideline with each team fighting for the glory. As the final minutes drew in, it became clear that experience

would win out with the over 21s taking the lead. The final score 3-09 to 1-10 in favour of the more senior men. As the old saying goes: "The old dog for the high road and the pup for the boreen." Never has a truer word been spoken...

A special word of thanks to the Fahy Family and to all those who worked behind the scenes to make this game happen. From volunteering on the gate or running the shop to pre-match planning, the event really was a whole community effort. It was a highly enjoyable occasion and a highly successful Lipsync fundraiser as evident from the large crowd in attendance.



## Under 21s

Back row, left to right: Dean Staunton, Conor Feehan, Conor Kelly, Brian Durkan, Louie Corcoran, Jack Mulchrone, Liam Moore, Cormac O'Malley, Dylan Staunton, Josh Browne  
Front row, left to right: Aaron Murray, Evan O'Grady, Evan O'Donnell, Darragh Slattery, Colin Hastings, Luke Durkan, DJ Keane, Nicholas Keane



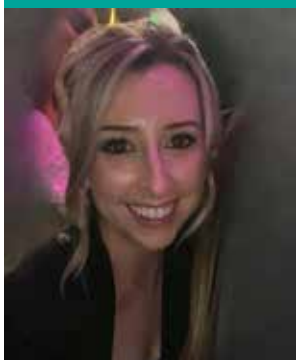
## Over 21s

Back row, left to right: Kevin Ryder, Ronan O'Donnell, Kian Moore, Paul Groden, Conor Kilbane, Pat Mulchrone, Niall Feehan, Ben Lennon, Stephen Staunton, Neil Duffy, Neil Ryan  
Front row, left to right: Brian Mortimer, Darragh Keaveney, Tomás Gill, John Ryan, Chris McGlynn, Conor Madden, John McGlynn, Liam McDonnell, Seán Barrett, John Moore, Alan Ryan



# PRO REPORT 2025

Caragh Ryan



As we come to the close of another fantastic year for Kilmeena GAA, it's the perfect time to look back on our achievements, our progress, and, most importantly, the sense of togetherness that continues to define our club. 2025 has been another year of growth, both on and off the field, as

we've worked to strengthen our community spirit and celebrate everything that makes Kilmeena GAA as special as it is.

As Club PRO, my role continues to focus on promoting the club, sharing our stories, and connecting our members near and far. Our communication channels, from social media and our website, to our matchday updates and newsletters, remain vital tools for keeping everyone informed and engaged. This year, our social media platforms have gone from strength to strength, with record levels of engagement and a growing online community that stretches well beyond our local area. The post with the highest engagement on our social media this year was our homecoming video following the Intermediate County Final. At present, this video has 230,000 views, 6,400 likes and 2,188 shares on Instagram which is amazing to say the least!!

Our Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), and club

website have been buzzing throughout the year with match reports, event highlights, fundraiser updates, and special features on our players, coaches, and volunteers. This digital presence is not just about updates, it's about connection. Every comment, share, and message helps to build a sense of pride and belonging that unites the Kilmeena GAA family wherever they may be in the world.

We've also continued to enhance the quality and consistency of our communication ensuring our members, supporters, and sponsors are kept up to date on all club activities. The visibility we've gained online has directly supported our fundraising efforts and strengthened relationships with our loyal sponsors, whose continued support is invaluable to the club.

Looking ahead to 2026, let's keep that momentum going. By engaging with our posts, sharing our stories, and encouraging others to follow along, we can continue to amplify the voice of Kilmeena GAA. Together, we'll ensure that our proud tradition and community spirit remain as strong as ever - on the field, in the stands, and across every platform.

Finally, I'd like to say a massive thank you to all our members, players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters for your dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year. The passion and pride you bring is what makes Kilmeena GAA Club all that we are.

Nollaig shona daoibh go léir!

*Caragh*

## CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Darren Madden



Kilmeena G.A.A. was fortunate to welcome Club Development Officer (CDO) Lorcan Cody to our club this year. Lorcan made a tremendous contribution to our club and community during his time with us.

He worked closely with local schools, introducing children to

the G.A.A. and creating a positive connection with our club. Lorcan also played an active role in our Cubs Academy, where he met and coached many of our youngest players, aged five to eight. His friendly presence quickly became a

familiar and encouraging sight around the field.

We shared Lorcan's time—13 hours per week—with our neighbouring clubs, Burrishoole and Louisburgh, and we greatly appreciated his commitment to all underage groups he supported. He also became involved with our senior team, where his input was invaluable and has left a lasting impact on their progress.

On behalf of everyone at Kilmeena G.A.A., we extend our sincere thanks to Lorcan for his dedication, energy, and enthusiasm. As a Kilmeena man himself, we know he will continue to be a wonderful asset to the club in the years ahead.

We also wish Lorcan the very best in his studies and look forward to seeing all the great things he will achieve in the future.



# KILMEENA GAA ABROAD



## GAELIC FOOTBALL IN WARSAW

Áine Regan



Gaelic football is still thriving and growing in Warsaw. We've had another successful year, winning the Eastern European championship in Vienna and reaching the Pan European final in Maastricht.

This year I was lucky enough to have been asked to become one of the trainers – I had to embrace my inner John O'Grady!! I'm incredibly proud of the girls and the effort they have put in throughout the year. We narrowly missed out on winning the Pans senior women's final to Belgium. Now, that was never going to be easy with Siobhan Golden playing for Belgium – such a small world.

Playing football abroad is like carrying a piece of home across the borders. It creates a special sense of community and a great way to blow off some steam during exam season. It reminds us that home is not only a place, but it's also the people, the stories and the shared moments we come across along the way!



## HELLO FROM PERTH!

Sean Ryder

I landed in Perth in early February 2025 and in April I joined Southern Districts GAA club when I was contacted by a Westport man (Brian O'Malley) to come play. Originally the plan was to take a year out of football and give the body a break, but after a few months in Perth, I decided to scratch the itch and take Brian up on the offer to join and it was the best decision I made!

Joining a club like Districts was brilliant for the social aspect of meeting friends and to make some more contacts on this side of the world. The club and lads were very welcoming and a good few familiar faces were also present in the team which made it feel like a home away from home!



The season is similar to at home with a league and championship format with five teams in Perth competing. Everyone plays each other twice in the league with your final table position determining your championship opponent.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be for us this year, getting knocked out at semi-final stages but overall it was a brilliant season and great decision to play football. I got to meet some great people and friends while getting to do what I love in Australia!





## HI FROM BELGIUM

Siobhan Golden



Joining the Gaelic football club in Brussels has been one of the best ways to meet people, travel, and get settled into life here since moving over last year. The team is a real mix, with players from all over the world, including two of our best being from France and Spain. It's amazing to see players from outside Ireland fall in love with the game!

This year was a fantastic season for our ladies' team, winning both the Benelux League and the Pan-European Senior Ladies A Championship in Maastricht this

October - a title that Áine Regan held with Warsaw after beating Brussels in the final last year!

This year, it was our two teams in the final again, and after a tight 11-a-side match that went to extra time, we came out on top. The victory was special, but it was especially great to bump into another Kilmeena face on the pitch away from home!

## CAMOGIE NEWS



Congratulations to ladies team members Áine Gallagher and Lisa Hastings who won the Connacht Schools Camogie Final with the Sacred Heart School. The two girls were joined by their clubmate, Áine Regan, as they won the Galway C Camogie Final with Westport. The girls then went on to contest the Rose Nixon Connacht Final against a strong Athenry side. The Westport team were down at half time but staged a fantastic comeback to become Connacht champions!

Áine Gallagher also represented the club at intercounty level, toggging out for the Mayo Minor Camogie Team.

## MAYO SQUADS



Mary & Darragh Slattery



Rian McManamon, Eoghan Smyth & Charlie McLoughlin



Alan Heanue & Noah Coughlan

Well done to Darragh Slattery who was part of the U20 Squad this year where fellow Kilmeena man Mark Ryan was among the management team. The team had a solid run unfortunately losing out to Louth in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Kilmeena GAA club was well represented on Mayo development squads this year. Alan Heanue and Noah Coughlan joined the Mayo U15 squad, while Charlie McLoughlin, Eoghan Smyth, and Rian McManamon represented the club on the Mayo U14 squad.



## CÚL CAMP

Kilmeena GAA Club hosted its annual Cúl Camp from July 21st – 25th. The camp was a fantastic success with kids developing their skills through fun games and plenty of match practice. The highlight of the week was a visit from Mayo's Jack Coyne!



## KILMEENA GAA GREEN CLUB **Noreen Johnston**

The Green Club Programme continues to gather momentum and Kilmeena GAA are proud to be actively participating in Phase 2, which runs until October 2026. Already, the club has delivered a number of initiatives focusing on energy efficiency, waste reduction and biodiversity. These projects reflect our commitment to making the club more sustainable and ensuring that our facilities and activities benefit both members and the wider community.



This year, Kilmeena GAA were delighted to be invited to join the ACCESS Programme — an advanced European initiative exploring environmental sustainability in sport. Funded by the EU's Erasmus+ programme, ACCESS aims to bridge the gap between the environmental performance of sports clubs and the wider sustainability strategies of the regions they serve. You can read more about this exciting project here: <https://access-cc.eu/news/gaa-clubs-commit-to-sustainability-action>

As always, we welcome your ideas, feedback and contributions to help shape the next phase of our Green Club journey. If you'd like to get involved or share suggestions, please email us at [kilmeenagaagreenclub@gmail.com](mailto:kilmeenagaagreenclub@gmail.com). Together, we can continue to make Kilmeena GAA a leader in health, inclusion, and sustainability.



Left to right: Ella Cawley, Sheena Cawley, Holly Fortune-Cribbin, Éabha Goggins

## SCÓR NA bPÁISTÍ **Roisín Carney**

On Thursday February 27th Kilmeena hosted the Scór na bPáistí West Division Final. It was great evening with children from all over West Mayo gathering in the Community Centre to represent their schools and clubs. With around 50 acts taking to the stage on the night the standard was incredibly high.

Well done to all of the children who represented our parish, they should be incredibly proud of themselves. Thank you to their parents and teachers who helped them to prepare for the competition.

A special note of congratulations to Ella, Sheena, Holly and Éabha who won the novelty act competition. The four girls went on to compete at the county final in Toreen where they represented not only Kilmeena GAA and Fahy NS, but also West Mayo!

Scór na bPáistí always proves to be a fantastic night of music and entertainment and we're already looking forward to Scór 2026!



# KILMEENA GAA CLUB - YOUR CLUB

Maura Hastings and Kathleen Geraty

The old saying that 'many hands make light work' is so true. We have many hands currently helping to operate our club but we need many more!

If you are asked to help with GAA club, people automatically assume it is to coach and help with a team. Please consider all the other roles and duties that people are needed for. We all live through the same 24 hours so please try and find time in your life to contribute to YOUR club.

There are so many elements to the successful operation of a GAA club. Every adult club member should help with the operation of their club.

All of the below duties and many more duties are carried out behind the scenes before a team ever sets foot on our pitches.

## WHO... IS IT YOU?

Here are a few questions. See if you know any of the answers and recognise any of your fellow club members.

- Who cuts the grass and paints the fences?
- Who cleans the clubhouse?
- Who puts out the bins?
- Who puts out the match day flags?
- Who operates the scoreboard?
- Who has served tea in our cabin?
- Who will be an umpire when requested?
- Who collects gate entry fees?
- Who parks cars?
- Who organises Child Protection courses?
- Who organises coaching courses?
- Who is the club registrar?
- Who fills in grant applications?
- Who pays all the expenses?
- Who coordinates the Paddy Golden annual U10 blitz with at least 40 people needed to make it our usual success?
- Who collects lotto tickets in the Post Office every week?
- Who washes jerseys?
- Who does first aid/physio?
- Who looks after the defib?
- Who looks after fire safety?
- Who promotes the healthy club initiative?
- Who is the County Board Delegate?
- Who are the people who support our club from around the world?
- Who maintains the club website and social media?
- Who puts this newsletter together?
- Who are our club photographers?
- Who promotes the silent sideline?

## AND ONE MORE QUESTION FOR YOU - HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO RUN OUR CLUB?

In both 2023/24 and 2024/25 seasons it cost on average €2000 per week to run the club. This did not include any development costs.

Membership and lotto only cover about half of our the club's running costs, so ongoing fundraising is vital to the successful running of our club.

Our brilliant LipSync Battle fundraiser in February was specifically earmarked for club development (Astro pitch, development of the top pitch, refurbishment of the club house and tarmac for the car park). These projects have progressed through the planning stages and works will start in the new year.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE CLUB.



# OBITUARIES

## TOMMY COX RIP



It was with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of Tommy Cox, Mayour, Kilmeena, a man who left an indelible mark on his community.

Tommy was an exceptional sportsman and a proud Kilmeena native. In the 1950s, he was an outstanding player for Kilmeena GAA, earning recognition for his talent and dedication to the game. His skill on the field led to his selection for the Mayo team during the 1953/54 league campaign. As a sub on the Mayo team that secured the National League Title in 1954, Tommy etched his name into the annals of Mayo GAA history.

Beyond his contributions to football, Tommy was a passionate handballer, competing with Newport and claiming numerous titles. In 1964, his vision and drive helped establish the Kilmeena Handball Club, fostering a love of the sport in his community. That same year, he reached the Connaught doubles final, a testament to his skill and determination.

Tommy's commitment to the GAA extended beyond the pitch, serving as a delegate to the West Board in 1958.

One of Tommy's fondest memories came on February 6, 2022, when he was the first to arrive at Croke Park to cheer on his beloved Kilmeena as they clinched the All-Ireland Junior Club title. Reflecting on that joyous day, Tommy beamed with pride, describing it as "one of the best days of my life," his smile as broad as Clew Bay.

Above all, Tommy was a true gentleman, known for his kindness, warmth, and dedication to his family and community. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Tommy's family.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.*

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## CHRISTY FERRIS RIP



It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Christy Ferris, Clogher, Fahy, Westport.

Christy was an active and valued member of Kilmeena GAA from the early 1960s, playing his football with distinction right through to the early 1970s. He was part of the Kilmeena team that captured the Cusack Cup for the first time in 1968 with a memorable victory over Westport. Later that same year, the team progressed to the County Junior Final, where they faced a strong Ballaghaderreen side that included the late, great John Morley (RIP). Christy delivered one of his finest performances that day at centre half forward, scoring several points and a crucial goal at a pivotal stage in the game.

In June 1970, Christy was a member of the Kilmeena team that toured America, creating memories that lasted a lifetime. Just a few weeks ago, he was delighted to reunite with his teammates at the book launch



celebrating that memorable trip, held in The Buckfield Inn. Christy was renowned for his strong work ethic, his commitment to long hours in the construction industry was unmatched. He also spent several years working as a fitter in Westport Textiles, where he was highly regarded by colleagues.

Away from football and work, Christy was a skilled card player and a regular at the Thursday night games in The Buckfield Inn, where he enjoyed the banter, good humour, and company of his many friends.

Christy will be fondly remembered as a gentleman, a proud Kilmeena man, and a great friend to all who knew him.

We extend our sympathy to his family on their great loss.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.*

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## FR. JIM STAUNTON RIP



Kilmeena GAA are saddened to learn of the recent passing of Fr Jim Staunton, Carrowholly and Melbourne, Australia.

Fr Jim devoted his life to the priesthood in Melbourne but was a frequent visitor home to his Carrowholly roots where he always made time for his family and friends. He proudly played for Kilmeena in the early 1950's and never lost touch with the exploits of the community and

club, taking special interest in the recent achievements of the men in black and white particularly his grandnephew Stephen.

We offer our sincere condolences to the Staunton and Meaney families on their sad loss.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

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## JOSIE O'MALLEY RIP



Kilmeena GAA were saddened to learn of the passing of Josie O' Malley, Ardkeen, Kilmeena.

Josie was a proud member of the 1955 Kilmeena team who captured the Junior title that year.

He was a natural midfielder but also a dependable full back in the 1950's.

We offer our condolences to his family and friends on their sad loss.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*



# PLAY KILMEENA GAA LOTTO ONLINE



Fundraising is essential to the smooth running of our club. Lotto funds are essential to cover some of the club's day to day running expenses. These funds are vital to our continued success.

If you don't currently do the lotto, please consider doing it weekly online by scanning the QR code below, by visiting [www.kilmeenagaclub.ie/lotto](http://www.kilmeenagaclub.ie/lotto) or by filling in one of our envelopes which are available at the local post office or at the club house.

It could be you or someone you know who hits the jackpot! Please buy a ticket and support us in the next draw.



## KILMEENA GAA CLUB WEEKLY LOTTO DRAW



**SELECT 4  
NUMBERS  
BETWEEN  
1 & 32**

Match 4 numbers  
to win or share  
in the jackpot

LINE 1:

LINE 2:

LINE 3:

1 LINE €2



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Right of draw. Promotor's decision will be final in all matters.  
Permit granted by District Court.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT