**Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Club Notes 13/5/19**

**Minor Camogie Team Are County Champions!**

Kilbree camogie club fielded a minor team for the first time in 2019. The girls are unbeaten so far. They defeated Clonakilty, Nemo Rangers, St Colums and Dungourney on their journey to the county league final on Monday night.

Castlemartyr provided strong opposition in the county final in Castle Road, Mahon. Castlemartyr made the stronger with two early points. Kilbree captain lead by example and responded scoring 2-1 with reply. Maeve O’Neill added a point before Leanne Sheehy scored a superb goal. Castlemartyr put two more points on the board. Mairead Crowley scored another goal and Maeve O’Neill another point. Castlemartyr came back towards the latter stages of the second half scoring 1-1 just before the break. Kilbree were playing with a strong wind in the first half and lead 4-5 to 1-5 at half time.

Playing against a strong wind, Kilbree had a huge task ahead to defend against some strong Castlemartyr attacks, resulting in an early goal for the East Cork side. However, Maeve O’Neill responded with a goal of her own. Caoimhe Murphy, Mairead Crowley and Maeve O’Neill combined together well, ensuring plenty of scoring opportunities presented themselves. Maeve also contributed two more points in the second half, Emily O’Donovan scoring the final point. Castlemartyr scored six points in the remainder of the second half. Kilbree’s defence and keeper Healther Brimble were incredible stopping many attacks and ensuring victory for the Kilbree girls.

There were great scenes of excitement at the final whistle. This was a first county title for the club’s first minor team, a superb achievement. Well done to the girls, coaches and thanks to all of the supporters.

Team: Heather Brimble, Sarah O’Donovan, Katie Lancaster, Rachel Deasy, Rebecca Hurley, Kate O’Donovan, Margaret Collins, Emily O’Donovan (0-1), Mary Murphy, Aife O’Neill, Leanne Sheehy (1-0), Mairead Crowley (3-4), Caoimhe Murphy, Maeve O’Neill (1-3), Alison Collins, Lorna O’Brien and Jessica O’Driscoll.

It was a busy week on the inter-county scene for our girls. Five of the Kilbree minor team (Kate O’Donovan, Mary Murphy, Caoimhe Murphy, Emily O’Donovan and Maeve O’Neill) lined out with Cork U15’s on Saturday against Kilkenny in Clara GAA. Niamh McCarthy played with the Cork U14’s in Ennis on Monday in an inter-county blitz.

Two Kilbree girls (Mary Murphy and Caoimhe Murphy) were present on Friday night when the Sacred Heart Secondary School All-Ireland Junior Camogie Champions were presented with a Clonakilty Mayoral Award. There were seven Kilbree girls on this All-Ireland winning team. Awards were also presented on the night to other parish members. Kevin O’Donovan (CEO/Secretary of Cork County Board), Dan MacSweeney (Chair of Bord Bia) and Grace Lyons (Rebel Acro) also received awards.

The U14 camogie team played Bandon in Rossmore on Wednesday evening. The Kilbree girls had defeated Passage West the previous weekend and were unlucky to lose out to a strong Bandon side.

An U12 camogie blitz was held in Rossmore on Saturday. Two Kilbree teams were fielded and they played Clonakilty, Ballinascarthy and Enniskeane. Well done to our own coaches who organised the blitz, to all the teams that took part and to the people who helped with refreshments afterwards.

Congratulations to the Kilbree girls (Kate O’Donovan, Rachel Deasy, Mary Murphy, Caoimhe Murphy and Orlagh O’Neill Callanan) who recently won a county basketball final with Sacred Heart Secondary School. They progressed successfully through the All-Ireland qualifiers and made it to the All-Ireland final last weekend, which they were very unlucky to lose.

The junior camogie team welcomed Castlemartyr to Rossmore on Monday night. This was a most exciting match between two well matched sides. The local ladies were the winners on the night 3-10 to 2-5.

The U16 hurlers played St Patrick’s in Rossmore on Tuesday evening. The Kilbree lads were unlucky to lose out on the night.

The U14 hurlers defeated St Patrick’s on Tuesday night. The final score was Kilbree 5-11 St Patrick’s 0-1. The U14 footballers played Kilmacabea in Rossmore on Thursday night. Again they were comfortable winners, the final score was Kilmeen 8-11 Kilmacabea 2-5.

Congratulations to Conor O’Sullivan who played with the Cork West U14’s in an interdivisional blitz.

A very successful Street Feast was held in Rossmore on Sunday last. This was the first time this event was held and it was a wonderful community event. Well done to the organisers.

A fun walk fundraiser was held on Monday. This event was organised by Vincent and Carmel Dullea, all proceeds going to our underage club. Thanks to everyone that took part and to Vincent and Carmel for their support.