

## **Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Club Notes 14/8/17**

### **“U16 hurlers progress to final”**

Clonakilty provided in opposition in the U16 hurling championship semi-final, played in Timoleague on Tuesday last. This was a pulsating game played with great intensity from the start. Jack Murphy, Thomas Tyner and Sean Crowley put the points on the board for Kilbree in the first half. A Clonakilty goal mid-way during the second half put pressure on Kilbree to respond. Thomas Beese and Cian Murphy were superb in defence keeping Clonakilty at bay. The sides were level at half-time Kilbree 0-11 Clonakilty 1-8.

Kilbree made a great start to the second half a great point from Cathal Dineen. However a goal at the other end, placed Kilbree under pressure. Excellent free taking by Thomas Tyner kept Kilbree's hopes alive. This was a thrilling game and both sides gave everything. A third Clonakilty goal by Clonakilty was responded to by a great goal by Jack Murphy for Kilbree. Points by Kieran O'Sullivan and David O'Regan ensured that tenacious Kilbree would qualify for the final. The final score Kilbree 1-22 Clonakilty 3-12. The final against Ahan Gaels will be played shortly.

Team: Harry Oates, Mark Tobin, Thomas O'Sullivan, Mark Keohane, Cian Murphy, Thomas Beese, Paul Lyons, David O'Regan, Conor Hurley, Cathal Dineen, Thomas Tyner, Kieran O'Sullivan, Sean Crowley, Jack Murphy, Darren Scannell, Shane Reilly and Eoin O'Sullivan.

Congratulations to Kilbree U14 Caoimhe Murphy who played at half-time during the Cork V Waterford All-Ireland semi-final in Croke Park. This was a most memorable day. She is the first girl from Kilmeen National School and the club to play at half-time in Croke Park, during the All-Ireland hurling semi-final. Best of luck to Caoimhe will also represent Cork in the Community Games All-Ireland long puck finals in Dublin, on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Kilbree U12 hurlers qualified for the hurling league final on Monday. They played Argideen Rangers in Rossmore in this decider. Kilbree started very smartly. Conor O'Sullivan dominated and scored 2-5 in the first half. Kilbree lead by 2-6 to 0-2 at half time. A goal by Peter O'Sullivan followed by a third goal by Conor O'Sullivan ensured Kilbree would qualify for the league hurling final. There were some fine performance all over the field. The final will be played against Bantry in the coming week.

Team: Olan Murphy, Jack Hehir, Daniel McCarthy, Rory McCarthy, Mark Collins, Micheal Keohane, Sam Bailey, Darragh Clancy, Cillian Twohig, Conor O'Sullivan, Peter O'Sullivan, Joe Barry, Colum Kennefick, Shane Keohane, Ben Barry, Jason Murray and Ruairi O'Sullivan.

The youngest members of our club had a busy week. On Wednesday night the U6 and U8 hurlers played St Mary's in Enniskeane. On Saturday morning the U8 footballers took part in a blitz in Rossmore. They played two Skibbereen teams and an Ilen Rovers team. Well done to everyone involved. The following boys played in the football blitz: Cillian Dunne, Sean McCarthy, Tadhg O'Brien, Tristan O'Driscoll, Rory Twohig, Nathan Byrne, Ciaran Harrington, Byron Malone and Fionnan Twohig.

Kilmeen Drama Group are kindly presenting their hilarious play "Out of Order" for Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA club on September 1<sup>st</sup>. All club members are encouraged to support their club on the night.