

## **Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Notes 06/03/17**

In the past week, Kilmeen lost one of its best footballer from the nineteen fifties and sixties, Jimmy Griffin. Though he was born in America his roots were in Kerry and when his family relocated to the Kilmeen area in the nineteen thirties, they brought with them a love of and football knowledge. His uncle, Dan, was instrumental in bringing the young lads of the area together on Sunday afternoons to coach them in the finer points of the game. A number of challenge games were played before Kilmeen became an affiliated football club in 1942. Jimmy made his debut in 1952 and played right through until 1968. On his first year the team won its second Junior B football championship and ten years later, in 1962, Jimmy had the honour of captaining the side to their next championship success by overcoming Courcey Rovers in the final. Courceys provided the opposition again in the 1965 final, but once more Kilmeen proved too strong and so Jimmy become the only Kilmeen player to win three West Cork Junior B football championship medals on the field of play. In those two finals of 1962 and 65 Jimmy played at corner back, alongside his brother Michael Joe, who manned the full back position. Jimmy was also a member of the Kilmeen team to win the Junior B football league in 1965.

Unfortunately most of his playing colleagues have passed to their eternal reward, but those who remain turned out in strength to be part of a well-deserved guard of honour at his funeral at Enniskeane. Jimmy will be remembered as a determined and tenacious footballer on the field of play and a great family and community man off it. The club extends its sympathy to his extended family, but in particular to his wife, Breda, son Mark, brother Michael Joe and sister Ann. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

### **Juvenile Hurling and Football Training Schedule**

U6/8	Thursday 6.00-6.45pm
U10	Thursday 6.45-7.30pm
U12	Monday 7.00-8.00pm
U14	Monday 8.00-9.00pm

## **Camogie Training Schedule**

U6 & U8	Tuesday 6.30-7.30pm
U10	Monday 5.00-6.00pm
U12	Thursday 7.30-8.30pm
U14/U16	Wednesday 6.30-8.00pm

New members are always welcome.