



I saw the crescent, but you saw the whole of the Moone

Moone Celtic FC was founded in 1989 and through the enormous efforts of founding members Liam Doyle (RIP) & Michael Dooley along with numerous players still associated with the club established its home grounds at Simonstown, Moone, Co. Kildare. We joined the Carlow League under the management of Tom Hickey (who presently is our club Secretary). From this the club grew year after year and soon found its first team competing against the top teams in the league and on one occasion representing the league in the FAI Junior Cup. Our grounds are now at Belan Avenue, Moone.

Since August 2008 the club play all its football in the "Kildare & District Football League" for our senior team and the "Kildare & District Underage League" for all the underage teams. This has been a positive move for the club and has sparked huge interest from local groups and businesses providing support as we progress.

Over the past five years a structured underage system has been set up through the hard work of Anthony Hegarty and this tremendous foresight has now seen our current under 16 team win their league title at under 14 Premier level and provide some of the highest quality performances in every competition they play. Some of this squad have already entered the senior radar and show promise to bring huge value to an already promising senior team through the guidance of manager Martin Timmons. Our underage teams range from Under 8's, 10's, 11's, 13's, 15's & 16's.

Recently the club has engaged with Kildare County Council with a view to establishing a central community facility that would be managed by the club. It is envisaged that this facility would include three full size pitches and one full size all-weather pitch all with floodlighting as well as dressing rooms, social facilities and car parking. Once established it will help enormously to have state of the art facilities for aspiring young players to show off their talents and reach the highest level possible for them and entice young people in the area and beyond to get involved in soccer.

This years under 13's (pictured above) travelled to Manchester this summer to compete in the Umbro International Cup Tournament. Their section included 24 teams from 7 different nations, including Italy, Norway, Cyprus, Egypt, Kenya, UK & Ireland. Thus the squad knew that there was stiff competition awaiting them. A hugely competitive tournament saw Moone produce some outstanding quality football to be crowned winners of their section.

The future is bright for Moone Celtic as the club is enjoying some of the most progressive years in its history recently. This has happened simply from the hard work and determination of many individuals involved in the club as well as having a positive attitude with regards to how the club develops both on and off the field. There is no easy formula for success but when as many people as possible are involved who share a common goal with drive and determination it makes getting there all the more enjoyable.

On behalf of Chairman Aidan Byrne and committee the club would like to say many thanks to all the managers, coaches, volunteers, parents, guardians, players (past and present) and supporters for their commitment and support throughout the years. Also, to say a word of thanks to our sponsors and local community who show tremendous support every year. Moone Celtic is both proud and privileged to be providing the ball boys for tonight's qualifier against France.

Why not check out the clubs progress and logon to our website at www.moonecelticfc.com

