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Nach bhfuil sé go hiontach go bhfuil achoimre na bliana ar ais arís againn i bhfoirm 'The Boden News.' Cé nach ndéantar na nithe seo a thomhas, is cinnte dá mbeadh craobh ann d'fhoilseacháin bhliantúla CLG, go mbeadh Rolla Ónóra fada ag an Boden News. Táim an-bhuíoch d'Fhoireann Chumarsáide an Chlub a chuir a leithéid d'obair isteach san fhoilseachán agus a chuir scéalta agus griangraif na bliana a d'imigh tharainn os ár gcomhair. Agus súil thapaigh á tabhairt agat ar na leathanaigh, feicfidh tú go bhfanann rud amháin rialta ó bhliain go bliain, agus is é sin na grianghraif de pháistí agus miongháire orthu agus iad ag imirt iomána, camógalocta agus peile, agus ar ndóigh an corr roth agus iompú tóin thar ceann (ní bheadh foireann cailíní faoi 9 sásta gan lúthchleasaíocht dá leithéid). Agus tú ag léamh The Boden News agus ag machnamh ar 2023, agus na gaiscí agus na dúshláin ar fad a bhain leis, tá súil agam go smaoineofa ar an obair foirne, an tacaíocht agus an chabhair a thugann tú don chlub. Cuirfear i gcuimhne dúinn go léir nach orainn atá an t-ádh go bhfuilimid mar bhaill den chlub seo.

Mar a deir sé inár halla nua-mhaisithe: Ár gClub, Ár bhFoireann, Ár Ball, Ár gClann.

Not for the first time, I'll share my view that the Club's greatest success is that well over 2,000 players take the field in blue and white striped jerseys every year. Playing our national games, in the local GAA club in a respectful, community based, healthy environment isn't something we should take for granted. It's possible because of the volunteerism of so many who ensure, from Boden Óg Spraoi, Boden Óg, Boden Braves and Go Games to our teams at Juvenile, Junior, Intermediate and Senior, that there's a chance for everyone who comes through our gate to train, play and develop as a member of the club.

It is the nature of things that while every type of success, at every level, is special, it is the performance of our four Senior teams that bring entire sections, and indeed the whole club together. We had the excitement of reaching Senior championship finals in hurling and mens' football. Amid the disappointment that followed coming out the wrong end in both finals we shouldn't forget the achievement of each team in winning their respective fiercely contested league competitions. Our Senior ladies teams' continue to develop as the juvenile talent of recent years breaks through to the senior ranks. Senior camogie comfortably secured a semi-final place with a game to spare, and Senior ladies football just came up short on reaching a semi-final, and they combined that with an magnificent league run. Huge gratitude is due to David Curtin (hurling), Kenny Naughton (football), Tom O'Donoghue (camogie) and Finnian Hyland (ladies football) and their backroom teams for their commitment and generosity of time to manage the Senior teams in their own club. We are incredibly fortunate to have club members like this.

So many contribute to 'Boden that, in naming a few, I risk missing many. Even so, I'd like to especially thank several "non-playing teams" without whom we couldn't field the "playing teams". These teams include Pitch Maintenance, Pitch Allocation, the six games committees (two juvenile, four adult), the Coaching and Games Development Committee and the security rota who protect our grounds. Even volunteerism can't meet every cost, and it's thanks to the fundraising efforts of each section along with the Lotto, Golf Classic committees and the support of our Sponsors that enable us to do so much. The club community is also enhanced by the work done away from the pitch and in that regard my special thanks to Baile Buadain le Gaeilge, the Communications team, the Drama, the Trad session, Bingo. Golf, Pool and so much more. My final thanks goes to Con Nagle, Mick Farrell, Timmy Hammersley and Seán Óg Boyce who are always at the end of a phone, ready to help, no matter what is asked.

Ag an am seo bliana, cuimhnimid ar ár gcomhghleacaithe atá imithe ar shlí na fírinne agus ar a gclann agus a muintir. To all of our members who have gone to their eternal reward, suaimhneas síoraí dá n-anam. Tá an-obair le déanamh i mBaile Buadain Naomh Éanna, agus tá an t-ádh linn go bhfuil daoine ar fud fad na háite ag oibriú go dian. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir. Go n-éirí go geal libh in 2024.



Sa dara líne (Ó chlér go deas): Vivian Ruddy (Cothabháil Áiseanna), Jack Nolan (Beár agus Sóisialta), Paudie Ó Neill (Cathaoirleach um Fhorbairt Cóitseála agus Cluichí), Gerry White (Cathaoirleach, Susan McManus (Leas-Chisteoir), Mark Mellet (Urraíocht agus Tiomsú Airdid), Darren O'Reilly (Ionadaí na n-imreoirí), Daire Mac Phaidín (Oifigeach um Chosaint Leanaí), Sínead O'Dea (Oifigeach um Chaidreamh Poiblí), Cluichí na nÓg, John Kirwan (Ball tofa), John Small (Cláraitheoir),

Sa chéad líne (Ó chlér go deas): Siobhán Monaghan (Ball tofa), Paul Manning (Runaí), Donagh O'Farrell (Cathaoirleach), John Ryan (Leas-Chathaoirleach agus Forbairt), Cathal Fitzgerald (Cisteoir), Curtha isteach: Eoin Dunne (Cathaoirleach, Cluichí na nDaoiné Fásta), Séamie Ó Neill (Oifigeach na Gaeilge)



After some painstakingly slow decisions both on the planning process and with the sale of the Saplings building we are now finally in position to show some real progress on the ground in 2023. I will summarize the key activities underneath:

1. The sale of Old Convent (Saplings) building completed in early 2023. We had numerous difficult issues on the contract, but thankfully all got resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

2. The renovation of the Sancta Maria building where Sparc resides is now underway. We were unable to begin this work until the sale of Saplings was complete (as per EGM) and money in the bank. This will consist of a good size Audio/visual room for team review meetings, extra treatment rooms for Sparc, kitchenette and toilet facilities. This will provide a much needed resource especially for all our adult teams. We expect the project to be completed by May 2024.

3. In 2022 our members at a specially convened EGM agreed to sign off on the developing of two pitches in Carmelite grounds to include: 2 x Full pitches & own entrance. Considerable time has been vested in securing a cost-effective design plan. This was challenging work and needed input from a wide range of professionals. After a detailed tender process the contract was awarded under a number of different headings. Work has been completed by tree surgeons during the summer months and we are ahead of schedule with the levelling of the ground. In January we hope to open our own entrance and continue with the development of the pitches.

4. A grant received from Sports Capital has now been allocated to the Carmelite grounds.

5. Costings on goalmouths on the Prunty pitch and upgrades to the sideline on PUM are agreed and work to begin in the first week of Jan '24.

6. Due to huge efforts by so many members the proposal to develop an All Weather pitch in Ballycullen by SDCC has been withdrawn. This brief was originally the responsibility of the Development committee but very quickly became a club wide issue and coordinated by the Chairman of our Executive.

The Club executive and members have entrusted us with the responsibility of delivering on the above. We are very fortunate to have some exceptionally capable club members who give their time freely to focus on these projects. I'd especially like to thank Frank Moran, Colm Kenny, Billy Coman, Ken Giles, Kevin Brady, Johanna & Graham Donne, Ollie Hickey, David Grant and Vivian Ruddy for their invaluable assistance and input to various projects.

Thanks to all our members for your patience on these time consuming projects but rest assured there is light at the end of the tunnel and these new developments will transform our facilities especially for our playing members.

Should a member require any further details I'd be happy to take your call and alleviate any concerns you may have.



## Membership 2023

John Small



Thank you to our members who paid their membership by the renewal date of 31 March. I must thank the representatives from the various sections who follow up those that need reminding to pay their fees. These fees are responsible for over half of the club's income. The fees covers costs such as pitch maintenance, player registration and player insurance.

**Our paid membership for 2023 numbered 2260 males and 1534 females.**

A new category of membership was the Boden Óg Spraoi which was started in October. This category was responsible for the increase in overall numbers. Congratulations to the organisers who have taken on the responsibility of 117 five year old boys and girls as they try to add to the sound foundations that BBSE already has. None of the membership collections would work without the support of the mentors, managers and chairpersons of the various sections but special thanks must go to George Ó Sé, Amanda Barnwell, Jim Keane, Deborah Heavy and Emma Doyle.

I would also like to thank Susan, Amanda and Emma who assist & make the collection process as efficient as possible.





2023 proved a very busy year for our adult football teams, with our inters, U21A, and minor A teams all winning county titles. Our senior footballers also reached the Dublin SFC final, while our junior As reached their first-ever county final. Both our seniors and our junior As were beaten by Kilmacud Crokes in their respective deciders, but it remains a year to be proud of for our adult football section, with our senior footballers also winning the AFL Division 1 title in December.

Off the pitch, we sadly lost Boden stalwart Donie Kerin, who died in October. Donie devoted his time and talents to Boden for many decades and proudly looked on as his son Andrew helped win the All Ireland Club Football Championship in 2016. He is dearly missed by all at Boden.



### Seniors

Boden's seniors faced Ballymun in the preliminary round of the Dublin SFC and secured a five-point win that was in doubt until the last few minutes before Ryan O'Dwyer scored a goal after good work by Colm Basquel. Further wins over Ballinteer St Johns and Templeogue left the team winning their group and faced Castleknock in the championship quarter final. A strong second half performance resulted in an eleven-point victory. We faced our near neighbours St Judes in the semi-final which was won on a scoreline of 3 – 13 to 0 – 9. In the final, the team failed to reach the heights we know they are capable of, and unfortunately, we were beaten by Kilmacud.

The team finished top of the league table after the scheduled 15 league games with 9 wins, four losses and two walkovers. Having finished top of the league we played St Judes in the league semi-final and were due to play Kilmacud Crokes in the final in Parnell Park on 6 December. However, as Crokes informed the CCC that they could not field a team as scheduled, the CCC awarded the game to Boden.

The highlight of the league campaign was probably the performance against Na Fianna in the second game of the league when a win was achieved against all the odds after one of our players was sent off. Another highlight was the league game against St Sylvesters in PUM where a big fundraising effort for Sarcoma Ireland was organised by Darren O'Reilly and the players. The event was very well attended and supported which reflected the esteem that Darragh Nelson is held in by everyone in Ballyboden.

Another highlight included the progression of a number of talented young players into the senior ranks.



### Inters - Back to Back County Champions

Our Intermediate footballers came into 2023 as defending champions in the All-County Intermediate Football Championship after a year to remember in 2022. They would go on to defend their championship title in style following another memorable year in 2023.

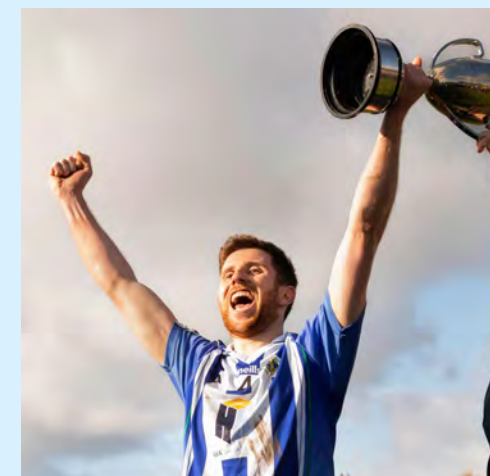
The lads finished second in Group 2 following a narrow defeat against Kilmacud Crokes in Pairc Uí Mhurchú in September, leaving them with a tricky away date with Clontarf in the last-eight.



However, a terrific performance saw Boden run out 12-point winners before a similarly excellent performance saw Boden overcome Ballymun Kickhams in the semi-final on a scoreline of 1-15 to 0-12, setting up a date with Na Fianna in the final.

Goals from Colly Dunne and Eoghan Gannon helped secure a seven-point win on a memorable day in O'Toole Park early in November.

The inter footballers also performed well in the league, winning eight of 15 games to finish 7th in AFL Division 3.



### Junior A

An away win at Cuala set the tone for what would be a historic championship campaign for this group of players. A narrow defeat to Whitehall in the second group game meant that it was straight knockout from there on in. A win against Towers saw the lads qualify for a quarter final away to Fingal Ravens, who were undefeated at home in over two years.

An 11-point win at Fingal Ravens set up a semi-final date with Na Fianna, with Boden running out narrow two-point winners to book their place in their first-ever championship final – against Kilmacud Crokes. A fortuitous Crokes goals proved to be the difference as the Stillorgan side ran out one-point winners on a heartbreaking day at O'Toole Park.

The league campaign was a challenging task. Early wins against Man of War and St. Monicas were followed up by defeats to Brendan's, Olaf's and Raheny. Wins against Maur's and Erins Isle steadied the ship but as J1's and college holidays kicked in, it was back to the wall stuff. Defeats to Raven's, Moran's & Fingallian's and we were in relegation territory. Three defeats in the final three games to Crumlin, O'Dwyers and Whitehall meant a lot of sleepless nights and nerve-jangling moments, but good things happen to good people, and with other results going our way, it turned out to be mid-table obscurity for the 2023 Division 5 league campaign.



### Junior B

Competing in Division 7, our Junior Bs finished mid-table after a decent league campaign that saw eight wins and seven defeats.

The B's were drawn in a difficult championship group containing Naomh Mearnóg, St. Vincent's, and Castleknock and opened their campaign with a tricky trip to Castleknock, where they were beaten by 12 points despite a brave performance.

A narrow one-point victory at home to Vincent's saw the B's eliminated from the championship, but they did finish on a high, beating Mearnóg by four points.



### Junior C

The Junior C footballers played in Division 10 south this year. We had a difficult start to the league campaign but won four of the last five games to finish mid-table. The C's were drawn in a difficult Championship group with Na Fianna's fourth team and Skerries Harps' third team, and finished bottom of the three-team group despite a hugely encouraging display against Na Fianna.





### Junior D

Our Junior D footballers enjoyed an encouraging campaign in Division 11 South before qualifying from a difficult Championship Group featuring Castleknock, Fingallians and St James Gaels. The D's avenged a league defeat to St. James Gaels in their final group game to secure top spot in the group and set up a quarter-final date with Crumlin.

Heartbreak followed for the D's, who were defeated on penalties in a gripping quarter-final clash at Sancta Maria.



### U21A - County Champions

Our U21A's enjoyed a brilliant year, claiming a county title after suffering heartbreak at the final hurdle last season. In a repeat of last year, the championship draw pitted us against Na Fianna in the quarter finals and yet again it was an extremely tight affair, but a narrow win set up a semi-final date with reigning champions Ballinteer St. Johns.

As if the blood pressure wasn't tested enough against Na Fianna, we were on red alert during this one, as both teams traded points in a tactical game. There was never more than two points between the sides, with extra time required to separate the teams. Boden eventually prevailed on a score of 0-15 to 0-14.



The final would see us play an unknown Ballymun Kickham's team. After a sharp start playing against the gale, we found ourselves up by 5. However, a quick 1-1 from the opposition just before half-time meant there was only one point in it at the break. After a few settling minutes of the second period, we began to assert control and eventually won out 0-16 to 1-1.



### U21B

With a concession from Mearnog in the QF, the under 21B team only had one competitive game in 2023. A disappointing defeat to a good Whitehall Colmchille first team brought the campaign to an early finish. This is a very talented group of players with some fantastic players. They are very young with the majority under 21 again next year.

### Minor A - County Champions

Boden's Minor A's enjoyed a sensational county championship campaign, beating local rivals Kilmacud Crokes after a goal-crazy final on a memorable day in O'Toole Park in November.

Our minors began the year with a hugely encouraging league campaign that saw them take on Crokes on the final day in what turned out to be a league decider. The game was a humdinger, in which we fought back from 10 points down with 15mins to go, with 14 men, to lose by a single point. A win was denied only by a brilliant fingertip save by the Crokes keeper, from a James Greally bullet.

Crokes again enjoyed a narrow victory when the sides met in the championship group stages,



but wins over Thomas Davis and St. Judes were enough for the minor A's to book a place in the last eight.

A David Quinlaven goal in the last minute of extra time saw Boden overcome St. Sylvesters in a topsy turvy quarter-final clash, before the Minor A's prevailed away at Lucan Sarsfields in the semi-finals with a well-deserved four-point victory. Crokes awaited in the final aiming to break Boden hearts for the third time in 2023, but it was Boden who came up trumps on this occasion. The Final will go down in Ballyboden history as one of the most entertaining games of football witnessed by all present, with Boden winning out on a crazy scoreline of 6-08 to 3-07.

### Minor B

Our minor B team recorded a respectable mid-table finish in the league this year, finishing with victories against Ballymun, O'Tooles, and St. Peters.

In the championship, the B's started with a well-deserved win at Parnells before a home defeat against Beann Eadair set up a winner-takes-all clash against Naomh Mearnóg. Leading by a point in injury time, the B's seemed set to qualify for the knockouts, only for Mearnóg to score a late equaliser and qualify in their place.



### Minor D

Our Minor D team competed in Division 6 South and finished with a respectable return of three wins from eight games.

The D's were handed a walkover against Na Fianna in the opening game of their championship campaign but were unfortunately eliminated in the group stages despite trojan efforts against Ranelagh and St. James Gaels.



### Minor C

Competing in Division 5 South, our Minor C team finished in a respectable fourth-place. However, the championship draw was unkind to the C's, leaving them in a group with O'Tooles, Templeogue, and Lucan, all of whom competed in higher divisions than the C's. The lads put in brave performances but finished with three defeats, despite going toe-to-toe with a strong Lucan side. Unfortunately, the season was brought to an abrupt end with the county board cancelling the shield competitions



### A word of thanks

It would be remiss of us to conclude the annual football report without showing our enormous gratitude to everyone who has kept the football section going over the past 12 months. Thanks to all volunteers who, among other things, umpired, managed, and organised our men's teams last year. Special thanks also to our brilliant club photographers, who ensured that those memorable championship wins were captured on camera.

We are indebted most of all to our Football Committee, who worked tirelessly throughout the year to keep the show on the road. The club's football section simply couldn't function without the Committee's monstrous work.

Finally a huge thanks to the Boden faithful who brought the Boden Roar to venues across the county. It's no exaggeration to say you pushed our times over the line on countless occasions. Here's to many more memorable moments in 2024.







The 2016 All Ireland Club Football final was barely a minute old when Colm Basquel fired a precise shot past Rory Byrne to give Ballyboden St. Enda's an early lead over Castlebar Mitchels.

Basquel, who had turned 20 just days prior, was instrumental in Boden's 13-point win over Castlebar on that famous day and appeared to be the latest in a long line of outrageously talented Dublin forwards at Jim Gavin's disposal. It perhaps took a little longer than anticipated, but Basquel has now delivered on that outstanding potential, finishing as the top scorer from play as Dublin reclaimed Sam Maguire and ending the year with an All Star in his back pocket. It had been a long time coming.

Regularly excellent with Boden, Basquel struggled to establish himself as a Dublin starter in the years after his club and U21 heroics. "You have to kind of learn the system as a young player. We had a very system-orientated game plan," Basquel said. Although Basquel made the panel for Dublin's All Ireland replay victory over Mayo in October 2016, he initially found intercounty opportunities hard to come by, missing the 2017 championship through injury and playing a bit-part role in 2018 with Jim Gavin's Dublin at the peak of their powers. However, he views his early Dublin career as a series of "stepping stones", pointing to an encouraging league campaign in 2018 that saw him chip in with two points from play in the league final against Galway. He also made his championship debut against Wicklow that summer and later made his first championship start against Roscommon.

The following year, with playing time still at a premium, Basquel opted to play football in Chicago for the summer, swapping the blue of Dublin for the blue of Wolfe Tones and giving himself a "mental break" from intercounty football. Whatever he did in Chicago, it paid off.



He returned in time for the Dublin Championship, scoring 3-04 as Boden edged out Na Fianna in a quarter-final thriller at Parnell Park. He went on to score 1-04 as Boden came from behind against St. Jude's in the semi-final and notched 3 points in a relatively comfortable final against Thomas Davis. Boden famously went on to win another Leinster championship later that year, but dreams of a second All Ireland title were ended by Kilcoo in a closely fought All Ireland semi-final.

Basquel's exploits with Boden saw him re-enter the Dublin fray the following spring, scoring a brilliant goal in Dublin's league defeat against Tyrone in Omagh. However, his season, like everyone else's, was disrupted by the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic. Injury also prevented him from making a starting contribution during Dublin's six-in-a-row campaign, but he recovered in time to make an impact off the bench as Dublin overcame Mayo yet again in All Ireland decider. "Coming on in the Covid All Ireland as a sub was a massive breakthrough," Basquel said, adding that it was "so important" that he was able to train with his Boden teammates throughout the year. Basquel featured



more prominently in the 2021 campaign, but, unfortunately for the Boden star, that coincided with a downturn in Dublin's form and the end of their longstanding dominance of the All Ireland series. More unfortunately still, Basquel was black-carded as Dublin famously lost to Mayo in the All Ireland semi-final, their first Championship defeat in seven years. "It was tough to come back from that. You don't ever want to get a black card in an important match. It was just probably something that I had to learn from. "The goal chance is something I regret more. I probably should have taken a point. My decision-making was questioned after and rightly so."

He subsequently decided to opt out of the Dublin panel in 2022 and, like his decision to spend a summer in Chicago in 2019, the decision paid dividends. Basquel returned to the Dublin set-up in early 2023, playing each O'Byrne Cup game and featuring prominently in the National League campaign. He said he immediately recognised a change in the Dublin squad following disappointing semi-final defeats in 2021 and 2022 against Mayo and Kerry respectively. "I thought it was something that made us really hungry to right the wrongs in 2023. There was just a buzz. The young lads in the group had developed so much." This time, Basquel seized his chance with both hands, scoring 1-05 against Laois in the opening round of the Leinster Championship, but he pinpointed the All Ireland group stage game against Kildare as the moment that his campaign kicked into gear. "It was definitely that game that kickstarted the season for me. It gave me confidence and my teammates start believing in me."

Basquel scooped his first-ever Championship man of the match award after kicking five points from play against Kildare, but it was his match-winning turn against Mayo in the All Ireland quarter-final that brought his form to national prominence. The Boden forward scored 2-02 from play as both he and Dublin

banished the demons of two years previous. Speaking about his first goal, Basquel drew comparisons to his missed goal chance in the 2021 game. "I made sure when I got one-on-one with the goalie this time that it was going in the net. I wasn't going to blaze it wide."

A difficult outing against Monaghan in the All Ireland semi-final followed, with Basquel hooked shortly after half time moments after he was called for overcarrying. The final appeared to be going in a similar direction, with each of the Dublin forwards struggling to extract any change from their markers in difficult conditions against Kerry on a wet day in July. Kerry held a slender lead at half time, but Basquel came to the fore after the break, making a vital contribution to Dublin's All Ireland success and probably securing his All Star in the process. The Boden forward kicked two points from play and won a vital turnover that led to Paddy Small's decisive goal, while he also set up Paul Mannion for the lead score late on and won the free that effectively sealed the win for Dublin.

Reflecting on the final, Basquel pointed to his first score as the moment that helped him settle into the occasion. "Fenton gave me a lovely kick pass down the wing and I got one on one with Paul Murphy. He kind of backed off and I got a shot off on my left. That helped settle me down.

"It was brilliant to play a part in that win. To win with lads from the club like with Ryan (Basquel) and Ross (McGarry) and lads like Con



(O'Callaghan) and Paddy Small who I played minor and 21s with. That's something that I'll always remember." "Lifting the cup with him (Ryan), that's special. Not every set of brothers who play Gaelic get to do that."

Basquel, along with Ryan and Ross, returned to Boden following Dublin's All Ireland success as the club attempted to reclaim the Dublin Championship for the first time since 2019. Unfortunately, after a hugely encouraging campaign, Boden came up short against an experienced Kilmacud Crokes side in the final, with Crokes claiming their third county championship on the spin.

Basquel, however, is optimistic for the future, pointing to the club's success in the league as well as success in the Minor and U21A



championships. "There are young guys coming through and they're driving the whole thing on. We had a really good league. We have a good a management team. It's definitely a goal to go after the Dublin Championship next year."

Despite the disappointment of October's county final defeat, the year still finished on a positive note for Basquel when the Boden forward received a much-deserved All Star award for his efforts in 2023, the only Dublin forward to make the All Star team. Basquel said it was "brilliant" to win the award after scoring a hugely impressive 5-17 from play across the Championship, adding that his sights are now firmly set on 2024 for both club and county.

## Boden Theatre Group Report 2023

Ger Reynolds

After a successful run of One Act Plays in 2022, Boden Theatre Group were delighted to get back on stage this Autumn. The production, "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller and was expertly directed by Joe Kearney. Directing his 10th play, Joe Kearney is taking a step back from the group. We all wish Joe the very best and thank him for his hard work and dedication. Joe has guided us for many years and as a group we will miss his support and friendship. With a strong cast, the play was performed over four nights in November to packed houses. "All My Sons" is a moving three-act play which illustrates how the love of money can create a lifetime of misery and guilt. The cast excellently portrayed the characters having put an enormous amount of time and hard work into rehearsals. A huge amount of work goes into every production both onstage and behind the scenes.

The cast, directed by Joe Kearney included Declan O'Brien, Mary Cleary, Cormac O'Farrell, Niamh Hogan, Sean Jennings, Phil Duffy, Nicola Codd, Michael Dunne, Orla Monaghan and our youngest member Sonny Stritch. Therese Keville, Carol McDaid, Olivia McMahon, Catherine Slator, Cathal Regan, Mary and Tom Phelan ensured that each night, everything on stage ran to perfection. Our hard-working stage crew John J O'Sullivan, Sean Dolan, Noel Larkin, Andy Russell, Donal Regan, Ann Hogan, Kathleen Duffy, Ger Reynolds and Sean Fitzmaurice ensured that the stage and set were constructed and designed to a very high standard. The group were deeply saddened by the passing of two of our former members during the year, Kieran Griffin and Sean Flynn, may they rest in peace.

We would like to thank the Club Executive, Mick and the Bar team, for their continued support and the Comms Team who publicise our productions to great effect. A huge thanks to Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna for the use of their hall for rehearsals. Most importantly, we would like to thank our loyal audiences who again turned out in huge numbers to support us. We look forward to welcoming you all again in 2024.





**Senior A**

2023 was an enjoyable busy year for the Senior A camogie team with a new management team in place and a host of new young players emerging from minor ranks keen to show what they could do at a higher level added to some "veterans" in their early to mid-20s.

The Senior As did OK in the league finishing mid-table and after challenge matches through the summer they were drawn in a tough group in Championship. All the preparation and hard work served them well as they won first 2 matches to guarantee a semi-final spot. However, for the 5th year in a row, they fell at this hurdle going down to a strong Jude's team.

A great base has been set this season and hopefully this can be built on over the next few years to develop a team capable of winning titles and closing the gap to St. Vincents and St. Jude's the current standard bearers for Dublin camogie. Finally, we wish Olivia, Ella and Sarah, all of whom suffered ACL injuries during the year, the very best with their rehab programs and look forward to seeing them back on the pitch in the Blue and White during 2024.

**Senior B**

Senior B had the busiest of all the calendars as they started out with 4 games in the Leinster League competition where they did well only to be beaten at Semi Final by Erin's Isle. This prepared them well for the Inter Division 1 League where they performed well from the start with some thrilling victories. They ended the campaign as League winners, unbeaten with just 1 draw – a fantastic achievement! Championship however proved to be just a step too far. The team did well in reaching Semi-Final with wins over Naomh Fionnbarra and Na Fianna but went down to a strong St. Vincents B team. Still, overall, a very good year and the team will have high hopes of building on this success in 2024 and competing for Championship glory.

**Senior C**

After 3 years of making Championship finals, the Senior C team had a tough 2023 in Junior Division 2. The team lost players who moved up to higher teams and so it was a year of rebuilding. Nevertheless, they fought well through league and Championship but ultimately ended up in relegation having lost most of their games. Roll on 2024 for some rebuilding in Junior Division 3.

**U21 Camogie**

The U21 competition started at the beginning of November after the adult and minor seasons were finished. This competition has been a good way of giving some of the younger adult players some game time before the hurls are put away for the holidays. The coaching teams were put together with a lot of Senior Camogie players involved to switch things up for this short competition.

On the field the A team had a great victory in Division 1 against Jude's which ultimately gave them passage to Semi Final followed by Final against Kilmacud. Ahead at half time they were pegged back but alas Kilmacud went home with the Cup. The B team had a really good victory in their first game against Kilmacud B but ultimately the standard against one team clubs was too strong. They fought valiantly up to the Semi-Final where they went down to Whitehall.



U21A Team

**Minor A**

The Minor A team competed in Championship in August. In advance they got some competitive preparation with 2 useful summer challenge matches in Kilkenny. After overcoming Lucan and Storm Ellen in the first championship match the Boden girls put in a massive performance withstanding a big Maurs second half rally to qualify for the semi-final at home. The semi-final was played at PUM, where the Boden girls needed to be at their best to see off a very talented Kilmacud team, securing the game with a goal in the dying minutes.

The final was against Na Fianna in TUD Blanchardstown in tough conditions. The lead changed hands several times but finally it was the Boden girls who regained the lead with five minutes remaining and shut out Na Fianna's attacks to finish Division 1 Champions for the second successive year.

**Minor B&C**

The Minor B & C teams had a tough time up against several A teams from other clubs in their groups. On top of this, the playing of U16A players to supplement lower division minor teams makes it impossible for genuine B&C players to get a fair chance and hopefully rule changes will be introduced to prevent this from happening. The B team had to compete in Division 1 in league as the highest Ballyboden team and although they won their first game, the division was never going to be right for a B team and they suffered some heavy defeats thereafter. They had high hopes for Championship but again the division was too high for a B-team, and they struggled.

The C team were in the lowest U18 division but with relatively few teams in general at that age group, a C team is always likely to struggle. In Championship they finished well and were unlucky to go down to as strong Crokes selection in Semi-Finals.



Minor C Team



## Bhí bliain thar a bheith gnóthach ag an Meitheal Gaeilge arís i mbliana agus go leor imeachtaí ar siúl gach mí.

### Mí Eanáir

Tosaíodh ranganna amhránaíochta le hIseult – 4 Oíche, 4 Amhrán. Bhí na ranganna sin saor in aisce agus ar siúl gach Luan don mhí. Bhain na hamhránaithe an-sult as an ranganna agus as a bheith ag bualadh le chéile agus ag canadh i dteannta a chéile gach seachtain. Tháinig eagrán 8 den phodchraoladh ‘The Boden Beat’ amach agus Seán Óg Boyce, GPO an chlub, a bhí faoi agallamh. Labhair sé faoin bhá atá aige don Ghaeilge agus faoin gcúis go bhfuil an Ghaeilge chomh tábhachtach ina shaol. Tháinig Meitheal na bhFuinneog le chéile faoi stiúir Seán Bonar. Bhí cupán tae agus brioscaí ar fáil agus bhí Mick thar a bheith sásta leis an jab a bhí déanta. Foilsíodh Cúinne an Fhoghlaiméora sa nuachtlir agus cúpla frása nua ann gach seachtain le feabhas a chur lenár gcuid Gaeilge.



### Mí Feabhra

Thóg foireann ón gclub páirt i mbabhta ceannais do Thráth na gGeist a bhí ar siúl i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. D'éirigh go han-mhaith leis an bhfoireann an cúigiú háit a bhaint amach sa chomórtas. Maith sibh! Ainmníodh Ruairí ‘Bagsy’ Kirwan agus Áine Duffy mar Ambasadóirí na Gaeilge. Imríonn Bagsy peil agus iomáint don chlub. Tá an-suim aige sa Ghaeilge agus sa cheol. Imríonn Áine peil agus bíonn sí ag seinm leis an ngrúpa traid gach Déardaoin sa chlub chomh maith. Eagraíodh léacht le Aindí Mac Giolla Chomhghaill ar logainmneacha sa cheantar. Bhí slua mór i láthair sa chlub don léacht i gcuimhne Gerry Hogan. Bhí muintir Hogan i láthair chomh maith. Tháinig deireadh leis na ranganna amhránaíochta. Bhain gach duine sult astu agus tá súil againn Iseult a fheiceáil arís sa chlub. Lean an grúpa traid ar aghaidh ag seinm sa chlub gach Déardaoin. Nach bhfuil an t-ádh linn grúpa mar sin a bheith againn inár gclub.

### Mí an Mhárta

Eagraíodh neart imeachtaí le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge sa chlub. D'éirigh go han-mhaith leis an Oíche Shóisialta do Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Bhí slua deas i láthair agus go leor múinteoirí ó Ghaelscoil na Giúise. Bhí na ceoltóirí i láthair agus chuir sé sin go mór leis an oíche. Bhí an bingó ar siúl trí mheán na Gaeilge. D'eagair Maurice Sweeney bréagscrúdaithe do lucht na hArdteiste. D'fhreastal 14 scoláirí ar na bréagscrúdaithe agus ba chabhair mhór a bhí ann dóibh cleachtadh a fháil roimh an mbéaltríail. Bhíomar an-bhródúil as an bhfoireann a ghlac páirt i Scór na nÓg Bhaile Átha Cliath. Sin an chéad uair a bhí foireann ó Bhaile Buadain ann le fada an lá.

### Mí Aibreáin

Bunaíodh cór lán-Ghaelach i Mí Aibreáin. Bhí thart ar daichead i láthair ar an gcéad oíche. As Béal a Chéile an t-ainm atá ar an gcór agus é faoi stiúir Dhaithí Ó Nuanáin. Ceann de bhuaicphointí na bliana don Mheitheal ná an turas go dtí an Rinn ón 21-23 Aibreán. Bhí ceolchoirm iontach ag an ngrúpa oíche Dé hAoine i Halla Colmán sa Seanaphobal. Bhí an halla plódaithe agus meascán d'aithriseoireacht, scéalta, rannta agus ceol a bhí ann.

Ar an Satharn, ghlac an grúpa páirt i rang amhránaíochta le Ann Mulqueen agus i rang Gaeilge le Macdara MacDonnacha. San iarnón bhí siúlóid stairiúil fíorshuimiúil ann le Lorcan Ó Muirí go Reilg an tSlé agus Ceann Heilbhic. Bhain gach duine an-sult as an turas agus bhí sé go hiontach foghlaiméoirí nua a fheiceáil ann agus iad ag baint taitneamh as an mblaiseadh de chultúr na Gaeltachta. D'eagair an foireann iománaíocht maidin bhricfeasta. Bhí bord Gaeilge ann agus an Ghaeilge le cloisteáil sa halla don mhaidin.

### Mí Bealtaine

Eagraíodh siúlóid mar chuid de Darkness Into Light go Páirc Mharlaí. Tháinig grúpa ón Meitheal le chéile don siúlóid go luath ar maidin.

### Mí Meithimh

Tháinig Meitheal na bhFuinneog le chéile arís ag tús na míosa. Cuireadh aighneacht i gcoinne an togra atá beartaithe do Ballycullen isteach trí mheán na Gaeilge. Tháinig foirne ó na Gaelscoileanna áitiúla le chéile i mBaile Buadain le haghaidh Blitz na Gaelscoileanna agus bhí tráthnóna iontach acu. Ghlac thart ar 60 páiste páirt san ócáid.

Eagraíodh Teacht le Chéile an tSamhraidh ag deireadh na míosa. Pizza a bhí ar an mbiachlár agus bhí beirt taobh thiar den bheár le Gaeilge agus iad beirt go maith chun piont a tharraingt. Bhí rogha ceoil ann, ár ngrúpa traid sa chúinne sa bheár faoi stiúir Sarah Jane agus ciorcal amhránaíochta faoi stiúir Joe Johnston. Sár cheoltóirí iad go léir agus is mór againn go bhfuil a leithéid againn sa chlub.

### Mí Iúil agus Mí Lunasa

Bronnadh sliotair nua ar na foirne sinsearacha. D'éirigh go han-mhaith leis an gcampa samhraidh i mbliana. D'eagair na cóitseálaithe óga seachtain iontach do na páistí. Ár mhuíochas le Seán Óg as a chabhair chomh maith.

### Mí Mheán Fómhair

Bhailíomar le chéile do Cheolchoirm Éanna ar an 7 Meán Fómhair i Músaem na bPiarsach faoi stiúir Sarah-Jane Woods agus Joe Johnson. Bhí ceol agus amhrán den scoth le cloisteáil agus bhain an slua taithneamh as an oíche. Ainmníodh Stephen O'Connor mar Ambasadóir na Gaeilge. Imríonn Stephen iománaíocht leis an bhfoireann sinsearach. Tháinig slua deas le chéile do Ghlanadh na bhFuinneog faoi stiúir Seán Bonar.

### Mí Dheireadh Fómhair

Bhí an-lá againn i CLG Cuala le haghaidh Scór 2023. Ghlac Joe Johnston agus Molly Conway páirt san amhránaíocht aonair agus Declan O'Brien san Aithriseoireacht. Seo é an chéad uair le tamall de bhlianta anuas go raibh bail an chlub páirteach i Scór agus tá ardmholadh ag dul dóibh. Treise libh a chairde! D'éirigh go hiontach le Tráth na gGeist i gClub an Chonartha ar an 12 Deireadh Fómhair. Bhí na boird go léir díolta amach go luath agus an áit plódaithe. Rinne Caoimhe Ní Néill sárjab leis na ceisteanna. Ag deireadh an Quiz bhí 3 fhoireann san iomaíocht, ach sa deireadh thiar thall bhí an bua ag Donagh O' Farrell, Niamh O' Farrell, Luán Ó Braonáin agus Cormac Ó Braonáin. Comhghairdeas libh go léir. Ár mhuíochas leis na foirne go léir a bhí i láthair.

### Mí na Samhna – Mí na Gaeilge!

Ceolchoirm Boden Eagraíodh Ceolchoirm Boden ar an 18 Samhain agus oíche den chéad scoth a bhí ann. Thosaigh an cheolchoirm leis an gcór nua lánghaelach As Béal a Chéile faoi stiúir Mháire Nuinseann. Chanadar go binn agus thugadar ardtaispeántas. Seo an chéad uair acu ar an ardán agus táimid ag súil go mór le ceolchoirmeacha eile uathu amach anseo. Chan Molly Conway Grace agus Raglan Road thug sí taispeántas gleoite. Chan Dick Hogan ó Thiobraid Árann dhá amhrán greannmhara. Bhí deichniúr sa Ghrúpa Traid agus sheinneadar seit iontach. Sheinn an Brass Ensemble faoi stiúir Eoin O'Riordan trí phort. Ansin bhí Tony Byrne ó Theach Giúise agus Paul Kelly as Tamhlacht againn ar an ngiotár agus ar an bhfidil. Thugadar sár taispeántas. An t-amhránaí deireanach ná Caitríona Cosgrave. Chas sí dhá amhrán agus bhí sí chomh maith sin gur iarr an slua uirthi amhrán sa bhreis a dhéanamh. Críochnaíodh an cheolchoirm le slua-amhrán faoi stiúir Joe Johnston, Óró Sé do Bheatha Bhaile. Rinne Declan O'Brien sárjab mar MC agus chas sé amhrán dá chuid, ‘The Ikea Song.’ Lean ceol sa bheár le Owen McLaughlin agus Dick Hogan agus bhí oíche go maidin ann.

### Pop Up Gaeltacht agus Gradaim na Gaeilge 2023

Bronnadh Gradaim na Gaeilge 2023 ag oíche chéilúrtha sa chlub an Déardaoin seo caite. Bhí an tAire Catherine Martin TD i láthair chun deich ngradam a bhronnadh. Chuir an MC Marcella Uí Fhaircheallaigh fáilte roimh gach éinne agus i dtús báire chuir sí Jamie Ó Tuama, Oifigeach na Gaeilge, CLG i láthair. Ansin rinne an tAire Catherine Martin TD cur síos ar an tograí go léir atá idir lámhe ag Baile Buadain le Gaeilge agus mhol sí obair an choiste. Agus dreas deas cainte déanta aici, bhronn sí na gradaim ar bhuaiteoirí na bliana 2023. Comhghairdeas leis na buateoirí ar fad. Bronnadh Gradam Speisialta ar Cholm Basquel as a chéad Ghradam All Star a bhaint amach. Agus na teastais bronnta, labhair Donagh O' Farrell, Cathaoirleach an Chlub go fial agus go flaithiúil faoi bhuaiteoirí na nGradam agus ghabh sé buíochas leis an Aire Martin as bheith linn don bhronnadh. Agus an chuid Oifigiúil den oíche críochnaithe, cuireadh tús leis an Pop Up Gaeltacht, agus bhailigh slua iontach mór isteach chun tráthnóna comhrá, spraoi agus ceol a bheith againn.

### Mí na Nollag

Ainmníodh Ciara Ruddy mar Ambasadóir na Gaeilge. Imríonn Ciara peil leis an bhfoireann sinsearach. Tá an Meitheal ag súil leis an mbliain nua agus deiseanna nua a chruthú don Ghaeilge sa chlub. Níl leithscéal ag aon bhall anois triail a bhaint as an nGaeilge – Is fearr Gaeilge bhriste ná Béarla cliste!





# THE BODEN BRAVES

have had another brilliant year of training and activities.

Our group continues to train on Monday evenings from 6.30 – 7.30pm and we always love hearing from new members and new volunteers.

The Braves moved indoors for the winter months and we were lucky to have the hall in St Colmcille's SNS for our training sessions.

In March, the Braves welcomed the Loreto Lions for a fun blitz where we played a mixture of GAA games and hockey matches.



In May, we teamed up with Knocklyon United to celebrate one year of the Boden Braves. We had a Boden Braves Birthday Party on Páirc Uí Mhurchú. Many thanks to our amazing coaches who organised football shoot-out games, fun relays and mini matches. Everyone got moving with our Zumba teacher.

A medal presentation and an ice-cream from Boden Bliss followed the activities. A wonderful party full of fun and laughter was had by all.



The Boden Braves trained until the end of the June when we broke up for the summer holidays. There was a special surprise at our last training session and some guest coaches came to teach us new games.



Many thanks to Toyota Sandyford who continue to sponsor The Boden Braves.

The rest of the season flew by and after moving indoors in November it was soon time to break for Christmas.

We look forward to another season with our brilliant Boden Braves!









We started 2023 full of dreams, enthusiasm, and ambitions about the year ahead of us. The journey into the new season began with our now normal Big Breakfast. It was a great success, albeit tinged with a sense of loss without our Master Chef, Paddy Brady.

Paddy was a stalwart of the club for many years and of the Hurling Section in particular, since we started the Big Breakfast. His skills as a chef were amazing as was his ability to stay calm and organise the chaos around him.



#### Senior A / AHL 1

The season started on 4th February with David Curtin as Bainisteoir and his Management team of Eamon O'Reilly, Don O'Neill, Stephen Hiney and Brian O'Regan. Having topped Division 1, they duly won the League Final against Na Fianna by 5 points in a game we led throughout.

The Championship games started with 3 wins in the group against Oliver Plunketts, St Vincents and Faughs. After a 4 week break we lost to Na Fianna leaving us second in the group on points difference to St Vincents. We beat Cuala in the quarter final and then St Vincents in the semi-final. This was a game won in the end but faced a scare with a penalty awarded in the final play of the game to St Vincents. Missed or saved, (ask Conor O'Donoghue), we won by 2 points and qualified for the County Final where we again faced Na Fianna. It was not to be the victory we had prepared so hard for, as Na Fianna won well in the end.

David Curtin and his crew have decided to step away from the Senior A squad. They worked very hard and given tremendous service to the team over the past two years and for this we are very thankful. It has been a pleasure to deal with them as they gave everything and sought nothing but the very best for their players and club.



Senior A Team 2023 - Go Ahead AHL 1 Champions and Senior Championship Finalists

Back row L-R: Stephen O'Connor, Paul Ryan, Conor Dooley, James Madden, Daniel Glynn, Matthew Nolan, Luke McDwyer, Niall Ryan, Simon Lambert, Barry McGuire, Cillian Kirwan, Fergal Ryan, Timmy Hammersley  
Front row L-R: Pearce Christie, Kevin Desmond, Aidan Mellett, Malachy Codd, Adam Kelleher, Niall McMorrow, Eoin Behan, Rob Leddy, Sean McDonnell, Luke Mulligan-Lynch

#### Senior B / AHL 2

What is usually seen as an unwanted slog of early season heavy training was made easier by the fact that lads wanted to get themselves ready for the tournament in memory of their former mentor, friend and hurling legend Ray McKenna. Playing Round Towers, Mooncoin and Faughs sharpened their hurling and also hugely united the squad as they were reminded of all the positive reasons that they choose to hurl. Buoyed by the early season unity things progressed well in the early part of the league with away wins against Sylvester's, Thomas Davis and Setanta before suffering a loss to Raheny. The league campaign got back on track then with targeted away wins to Whitehall and Castleknock. This run of strong team performances left them a clear second in the league awaiting Ballinteer St Johns. Another really solid composed team performance saw the team defeat BSI with a well-deserved 6 point win on a great evening for hurling in the club as the A's also won the Division 1 League final. The fact that the A's performed so well on the same night was hugely important as one of the key successes to the B's this year was the collaboration with

both the A squad and the Intermediate squad. The achievements and successes of each squad relied heavily upon each other with the squads working together for support, players and training. The positive league campaign left the squads looking forward to the championship. They stepped up their level of performance from the league, increasing their scoring rate resulting in 3 great wins against Thomas Davis, Kilmacud and Finbarrs. This left them in a great position facing Jude's in the final game to determine the winners of the group. In a game they remember as an accurate reflection of their year, the squad matched them physically, tactically and technically, playing out an exciting draw which left us top of our group. The semi-final didn't go at all as planned, but in general it is generally agreed that they had a good year overall, and most telling, an enjoyable year.

The atmosphere around training, matches and the team in general was hugely positive with the players bringing a great attitude and energy and always wanting to contribute. John Corr, Simon Daly and Alex McCarty need special mention for their inputs all year. We also had Joe Roche and Ciaran Maguire contributing with stats. Ger Reynolds did some of the pivotal but unglamorous jobs like washing jerseys and keeping the first aid box full and the unprecedented roll of washing the bibs for training, as well as giving unwavering support to all the lads.



Senior B Team 2023 - Promoted to AHL 2

Back row L-R: Jono O'Driscoll, Cillian Kirwan, Peter English, Keith McCarron(C), Leon Kennedy, Fergal Ryan, Matty Weldon, Daniel Glynn, Kenneth Wigglesworth, Eoghan O'Neill, James Ryan, Finnian McDonagh, Darragh Kenny, Joe McGrath, Malachy Codd  
Front row L-R: Sean O'Donnell, Naoise Maguire, Cian Mellett, David O'Connor, Mark Lambert, Fionn Maguire, David Keogh, Barry McGuire, Conor Kennedy, James Roche, Karl Reddy

#### Intermediate / AHL 4

After winning the AHL4 league play off in 2022 and getting to the Intermediate Championship semi-final, the lads were keen to lay the groundwork early for 2023 to have another successful year. It was evident that more emphasis had to be placed on S&C and fitness work. The panel started back in Nov 2022 with group classes in Firefit. Eamon O'Reilly put together a specific aerobic running programme for them. Buy in from the team was excellent. Unlike previous years, these pre-season sessions were well attended and the difference was massive and evident in games throughout the season.



Intermediate Team 2023

Back row L-R: Shane Bell, Ben Kelly, Ruairi Hester, Joe Maguire, Sean Bury, Josh Corcoran, Alan McGrath, Cillian Wall, Jim Kennedy, Jason Dev  
Front row L-R: Karl Weldon, Cian Kelly, Matthew Ormsby, Oisín Byrne, Ruairi Kirwan, Ruairi Macmathuna, Owen Wigglesworth, Dan O'Riordan, Andy Hand

The goal at the start of the year for the league was to stay up in division 3 and we managed that, finishing mid-table. The team had some fantastic results throughout the campaign with all four league wins against first teams in other clubs. Games like these against such teams can only benefit the development of young players.

When the Championship draw was made, the lads knew a tough challenge ahead as we were drawn in the same group as the two favourites Fingallians, and Commercials, plus Round Towers and Lucan 2nd team. We lost to Commercials in the first game. In game 2 we lost out to Lucan by two points in a game where we had plenty of chances to win in the last 5 minutes. Unfortunately, we had to concede a walkover to Fingallians next which condemned us to the relegation play-off spots. After the debacle, (injuries, holidays, and Electric Picnic) of our walkover to Fingallians, we won away in Round Towers and won the relegation playoff against St Brigid's to retain Inter status for 2024.

#### Junior B / AHL 6

This was a very successful season for Junior B team with promotion to Division 5 and also winning the Junior B Championship. Division 6 of the league was very competitive and with the last round of matches 4 teams were still in contention for promotion. However, a comprehensive 4-18 to 3-12 win against Raheny made certain that we would be playing Division 5 hurling next year. In the Championship we were drawn in a difficult group with 4 teams— Castleknock, Craobh Chiarán, Civil Service and Whitehall Colmcilles who



Ray McKenna Tournament Presentation - 11 Feb 2023

Eoin McKenna, Kitty McKenna, Aileen McKenna, Róisín McKenna, John Kirwan, Patrick Walsh (Capt Mooncoin), Patricia O'Toole



all played in Division 5 of the league, plus St Vincents. This did not deter this team as they won all 4 matches before receiving a walkover v St Vincent's.

In the quarter final, St Judes were defeated 1-22 to 2-8. St Finians of Swords provided the sternest test of the season in the semi-final. It took a last-minute point from Adam Fischer to get us over the line, after extra time. In the final, a last 10-minute push won the championship over a fine Lucan Sarsfields side with the final score 0-18 to 0-15. Overall record for 2023 Played 18, Won 16 and Lost 2.

6 of the Junior B squad were part of the Ballyboden St Endas Senior squad which lost the SHC Final against Craobh in 2006. Who said it's a young mans game?

### Junior E / AHL 9

This Adult Team was established in January. Training commenced in Sancta Maria in combined sessions with the Junior B's. No pressure was put on players to attend every session given their other commitments – Leaving Cert, College, and part-time work.

The league commenced in February against Realt Dearg with a comprehensive 7:20 to 2:06 win. Over the next 4 months the team went unbeaten and secured the AHL 9 League with a fantastic performance against a very strong Commercials team in Rathcoole. The Leaving Cert period was challenging but thanks to support from the Junior H and Minors, all fixtures were fulfilled and won.

Championship began in July with some lads away travelling but we fielded strong teams for each of the group games. The young men stood strong and topped Group 1. This was followed by quarter and semi-final wins at home against Na Fianna and Erins Isle.



and compete with adults and we are very hopeful that pathway will yield many more adult hurlers going forward. A very special mention is due to Emmett Pullan who pushed for this team to be entered.

### Junior H Championship

Our 6th Adult team play in the Junior H Championship. Unbeaten until the semi-final, the fiercely fought nature of the game against Commercials showed how much this championship meant to both teams.

No medals to show again this year, but enjoyment was achieved nevertheless, with the celebration of victory and defeat with friends.



**Junior B 2023 – Championship Winners and promoted to AHL 5**  
Back row L-R: Dermot Coffey, John Small, Eoghan Duignan, Brian Kennedy, Neal Farrell, Kevin Brady, Conor Barton, Dennis Callanan, Johnny McCormack, Jonathan O'Donoghue, Peter Buckeridge, Ciaran Twomey, James Kinsella, Stephen Hiney, Oisín Cannon, Ger Soffe  
Front row L-R: Mark McGovern, Niall O'Neill, Des O'Sullivan, Darren Lennox, Aidan Dundon, Adam Fischer, Mark Kelly, David Curtin, John Murray, Alan McGovern, Timmy Cleary, Cathal Creed, Emmet Carroll, Ross McCormack



**Junior E (Under 20s) - The Invincibles - League and Championship Winners**  
Back row L-R: Keelin Smith, Michael Hanrahan, Conor Casey, Sean O'Shea, Sean Wall, Mark McSharry, Alex Stewart, Sam Doyle, Setanta Sudway, Jack Hutchinson, Dylan Smyth, Aodhán O'Reilly, Darragh O'Nualláin, Darragh Brooks, Fionn Keating McDermott  
Front row L-R: Ollie Brophy, Andrew McGough, Conor Murphy, Stephen Pullan, Daniel Daly, Ciaran Kiely, Conor Barnes, Thomas Culleton, John Farrington, Davis Gannon (Not in photo: Robbie O'Reilly, Tom White, Jack O'Connor)

On Super Sunday, 29th October the squad descended on Ballinteer AWP for the Final. The large travelling, support were treated to a great performance by a talented bunch of young hurlers as we won with a scoreline of 6-13 to 0-10.

Apart from the performances of this team, its real success was that it totally achieved its primary objective of keeping young adults hurling beyond their Minor year. All the young lads on this squad now know that they can play



**Junior H**  
Back row L-R: TJ Vaughan, Seamus (Bull) Vaughan, Hugh Mockler, Ger Keating, Conor Kelly, Cathal Ryan, Brendan Ryan, Tomás McAuliffe, Barra Ó Nualláin, Gavin Fleet, Mick Ryan, Danny Scully, Dave Kirwan  
Front row L-R: Joe Lalor, Gerry Byrne, Kieran O'Neill, Joe Duff, Brian Kirwan, Dave Keville, Shane Guest, Cian Melia, Mark Normile, Gavan Duff, Andy Hughes

### Minor A / Division 1

The first team played in Division 1 finishing mid-table in a highly competitive division. Having been unbeaten in the group stages of the championship, they exited the competition at the quarter final losing to St Vincent's on a scoreline of 1 – 15 to 0 – 12.



**Minor A**  
Back row L-R: John McSharry, Darragh Ormsby, Darragh Delaney, Daragh Smyth, Lee McConnell, Kevin Byrne, Mark McGlynn, Alex Young, Leon Murphy, Johnny Corr, Zenan Spain  
Front row L-R: James Rusk, Sean Keary, Ryan Culloton, Arron Campbell, Simon Norris, James Norris, Tiernan Kennedy, Daragh Kennedy, CJ Balance

The championship started in early September and the Minor B's found themselves in the B championship, amongst mostly A teams. This was to accommodate the introduction of a historic 4th minor hurling Boden team competing in Championship for the first time. They finished second in their group, pipped by a point by Thomas Davis. And in the quarter finals Boden went down again by a single point again to Lucan. Sport is sometimes very cruel!

### Minor C / Division 6

In the early part of the year the Minor C team competed in Division 6 where they played 9 games and won 6. We had players coming back to hurling and adding to the numbers on the team throughout the year. We used a total of 35 different players with 9 of those being U16's who were used to help out especially during exam-time and holidays. In the Championship we were placed in Minor C and into a group with teams from St. Jude's, Na Fianna, and GC/LG. After good wins against Na Fianna & GC/LG we lost out to St. Jude's. We beat Cuala's second team in the quarter final and progressed to the Final having beaten Beann Eadair's first 1 10 v 0 12. Unfortunately, in the final we met a very strong Commercials team, backboned by 2 Dublin minors, and were well beaten.

### Minor D - Championship only

Due to huge number of U18 players available and who might have missed out on playing in the Minor Hurling Championship, we entered a 4th Minor team this season. This was a historical decision and the lads plus a large group of the core Under 16 squad competed very well in the D Championship. It was felt that exposing these Under 16 players to the rigours of the MHC would help prepare them for harder games ahead at their own age group and also give them extra hurling. The management squad believe that this was a huge success and contributed to a great run to the final of the Under 16 Championship.



**Minor A**  
Back row L-R: John McSharry, Darragh Ormsby, Darragh Delaney, Daragh Smyth, Lee McConnell, Kevin Byrne, Mark McGlynn, Alex Young, Leon Murphy, Johnny Corr, Zenan Spain  
Front row L-R: James Rusk, Sean Keary, Ryan Culloton, Arron Campbell, Simon Norris, James Norris, Tiernan Kennedy, Daragh Kennedy, CJ Balance

### Minor B / Division 4

The Minor B Hurlers had a very competitive season preforming solidly in Division 4 of the League and playing in the Minor B championship. The league was spent integrating the two age groups and the lads performed admirably finishing mid table in a tough league.



**Minor C**  
Back row L-R: Aidan Healy, Sean Keogh, Eoghan Woodcock, Michael Larkin, Cathal McLean, Miko O'Byrne, Rian Meaney, Sean Langan, Dylan Timbs, Marc Hayes, Adam Edge, Aidan Gormley, James Greally  
Front row L-R: Ben Greally, Alex Brady, David Worthington, Martin McSweeney, Michael Kennedy, Stephen O'Connor, Joe Rafter, Kieron Burke, Pierce Brewster

### THANKS TO

- Those who write such entertaining match reports and who take the fabulous photos - John Kirwan, Cliona Mellett, Tommy Keogh, Dáire Mac Pháidín, Miriam Christie, Sean Gilheaney, Conor Sheehan, Joe Roche agus Seamie O'Neill.
- All management squads and players who represented this club in 2023 for their courtesy to each other and to the committee at all times.
- Club Chairman, Donagh O'Farrell, has always been available to help the Hurling Section in any way possible and likewise the Executive Committee. The co-operation and support of Club Secretary Paul Manning, Football Chairman Jack Nolan plus Secretary Dave Rusk and Con Nagle has also been very much needed and helpful on many occasions. Similarly the work done by Denis Maloney on the CCC is generally unheralded but is much appreciated.
- The quiet but incredible support of Mick Farrell has always been 100%. The man has endless energy and an amazing work ethos.
- Going outside the club, we would like to acknowledge the tremendous work done by the former CEO of Dublin GAA since he took on that role in 1995. John Costello has been a magnificent ambassador and a tireless worker for the GAA in Dublin and we owe him and his family a huge debt for all he has delivered to the GAA in Dublin.
- John Ryan has stepped away from the role of Chairman of Adult Hurling. John has been in the Chair since 2018. It is impossible to list off all the projects beyond the Hurling Section that John has delivered and been involved in that time but if I mention Sancta Maria, Saplings, Paic Uí Mhurchú and Carmelites, you will get a small idea of what is meant.

N.B. The first game in AHL Division 1 2024 is likely to be clash of the ash of the Ballyboden St Endas A team versus the Ballyboden St Endas B team, in PUM. Get your tickets early !!!



An Coiste Oiliúna agus Cluichí

Sa tuairisc seo, ón gCoiste Oiliúna agus Cluichí , we capture some of the key activities that the Coiste Oiliúna has been engaged in during 2023. At the outset ba mhaith liom ár mbuíochas a chur in iúl do Chathaoirleach an Chumainn, Donagh O'Farrell. He has been unstinting in his support of the work of the Coiste Oiliúna and indeed has been in attendance at all meetings of the Coiste during the past year. Many members of the Club's Executive have also provided enormous support agus gabhaim ár mbuíochas leo go léir.

The activities of the Coiste Oiliúna agus Cluichí have ranged from the formulation of policies (Coaches' Code of Conduct; Parents' Code of Conduct; Policy on selection of players for Dublin Squads; Incident Reporting Policy) to the design and implementation of the Operating Plan, 2023, which resulted in the delivery of a wide range of initiatives .

Underpinning the work of the Coiste have been the key GAA values of Respect (Meas ); Player Welfare (Leas an Imreora ); Inclusiveness (Ionchuimsitheacht ); Community (Pobal ); Amateurism (Amaitéarachas ); Teamwork and Volunteerism (Comhoibriú agus Obair Dheonach ) . These are also the key values underpinning the activities in Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna as approved by our Club Executive.



many talents. Míle buíochas do Teresa Molohan; Tony Duffy; Caoimhe Ní Néill; Darren O'Reilly; Sorchá Farrelly; Alan Ryan; Jane Hogan Spain; Pat Coman; Trish Walsh; Carol Donaghy; Thomas McGrath; Orlaith Keane agus Cormac Ó hAodha. Cormac has also been responsible for putting this tuairisc le chéile.

The work of the Coiste has been supported and enhanced by the Coaching Workgroups ably led by their Coordinators : Claire Butterly and Declan O' Reilly (Peil na mBan ) ; Sorchá Farrelly and Terry O'Neill (Camógaíocht ) ; Séamus Vaughan (Iomáint ) ; Ronan Cleary and Tony Duffy (Peil ) ; Alan Ryan (Go Games ) ; Paul Phillips (Boden Óg ) agus Jane Hogan Spain (Boden Óg Spraoi ).

Finally, the progress achieved in terms of Coach and Player Pathway Development has been driven by the vision, energy ,expertise and commitment of Timmy Hammersley, our Coach Player Development Manager, ably assisted and supported by Seán Óg Boyce, our G.P.O. (Games Promotion Officer ) whose remit covers the areas of the Primary Schools and Boden Óg.

Ag súil le 2024 agus dul chun cinn eile i ngach gné de shaol Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna .

Beatha agus sláinte,  
Paudie O'Neill,  
Cathaoirleach, Coiste Oiliúna agus Cluichí.

Coaching Workgroups – BBSE

The Coiste Oiliúna agus Cluichí, BBSE, has over recent months set up six Coaching Workgroups for each of the following specific areas within the Club: Iomáint, Peil, Camógaíocht, Peil na mBan, Go Games, Boden Óg. Each Workgroup has a designated Coordinator(s) and consists of 5/6 members. The Coaching Workgroups work in close collaboration with our CPDM, Coach Player Development Manager, and all are linked to the Coiste Oiliúna agus Cluichí.

The Coaching Workgroups work in parallel with the various playing Section Committees. The purpose of the Coaching Workgroups is to review and oversee the quality of coaching within their respective codes and design and implement initiatives to enhance the quality of coaching provided to all of our players. A key objective is to ensure that all players are afforded coaching of a high standard and are thus enabled to fulfil their potential.

Another key objective is to give coaches the opportunity to upskill themselves through the support, mentoring and learning opportunities provided by the Workgroups. In accordance with one of our Club values, Teamwork, the Coaching Workgroups will work to ensure (1) that there is a high level of cooperation between mentors of different age groups, (2) players are exposed to a range of different coaches. The Coaching Coordinators are there to support all the coaches in their section and can be contacted to provide advice and assistance if required. The Coiste Oiliúna agus Cluichí confident that the Coaching Workgroups, working in collaboration with mentors, coaches and committees and maintaining a close link with our CPDM, can make a hugely positive contribution to the development of our Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna Player Pathway and our Coach Pathway.



Obair ealaíne David Sweeney

The members of An Coiste Oiliúna have all contributed hugely to the progress made in 2023. The group consists of a range of people with

The following are the coordinators of the various sectors: **Camógaíocht: Sorchá Farrelly, Terry O'Neill • Peil na mBan: Declan O'Reilly, Claire Butterly • Peil: Ronan Cleary, Tony Duffy • Iomáint: Séamus Vaughan • Go Games: Alan Ryan • Boden Óg: Paul Phillips.**

Coach Education

Ballyboden St Enda's Coach Development Pathway is structured on the basis of three strands: formal learning; informal learning and self-directed learning. At the heart of it is a commitment to on-going learning, upskilling and improvement. Over 2023 this approach encompassed the following:

**Formal Coach Education:** 5 ICGG Courses - 175 participants • 1 Award 1 Hurling Course - 15 participants  
**Informal Coach Education:** Observation and Support sessions - All Boden Óg and Go Games teams  
2 Go Games upskilling Workshops - Hurling delivered by Paudie Butler and Football by Ronan McDonald  
2 Communities of Practice Workshops - 1 for Hurling/Camogie and 1 for LGFA and Gaelic Football  
3 Work Group led Workshops focusing on specific skill Development. 1 Hurling/Camogie, 1 LGFA and 1 Gaelic Football.  
These were led by Paudie O'Neill, Liam O'Dwyer, Declan O'Reill and Orlaith Keane  
3 Code specific review Workshops, 1 LGFA, 1 Gaelic Football and 1 Hurling

All Coach Education initiatives in Ballyboden Saint Enda's are conducted in collaboration with the CPDM, Coiste Oiliúna agus Cluichí and Code specific Work Groups. This is a model that was first introduced in 2023 and will continue to be the way in which Coach Education is rolled out club wide.

Ballyboden Player Pathway- The Boden WayWork has begun on our Player Pathway and going into 2024 and beyond it will underpin all Coach Education in Ballyboden. The Pathway will involve all four codes and will outline the goals and approaches that we will take to each stage of development, Child Youth and Adult. The Pathway will be a mixture of the official GAA Pathway along with the research and feedback from our own Coaches. Each Working Group is working on the specific details for their own code and will all combine into one Holistic Club wide Player Pathway. coaches on an annual basis. Another objective would be to ensure that players are provided with a range of game opportunities outside of the specific team to which they usually belong.

Tuairisc scríofa ag Timmy Hammersley, Coach and Player Development Manager

Bunscoileanna

School re-engagement concluded with a gathering of school representatives in the clubhouse. Examples of best practice regarding the promotion of Gaelic Games & Physical Activity within the schools were discussed. The meeting was facilitated by Seamie O'Neill and we presented our action plan for the coming academic year (Priority given to the recruitment of Senior infant & 1st Class children).

Prior to the closure of schools for Summer break we held an invitational School Blitz on Páirc Uí Murchú. Boys and girls from 3rd class enjoyed hurling/camogie and football matches across 4 days in May.



This has been achieved due to the help of volunteer and 3rd level coaches between September - November. There has been a Ballyboden St Enda's presence through the coaching of Senior Infants & 1st class children in 9 of our 10 schools. The plan for term 2 is to maintain our presence in a number of schools while engaging with the schools that have not been heavily exposed to Gaelic Games.

Between September & Christmas 2023 we have had Paul Waters and 3rd level students Cormac Hayes, Jemma Hayes, Pádraic Doyle, Emma-Jane Weir, Megan Dignam, Micheál Manning and Jack O'Connor actively coaching on behalf of Ballyboden St Enda's in 7 of our local primary schools. The figures below represent the school coaching activity in term 1 & term 2 2023/2024;

Term 1:	Term 2:
● Number of schools coached in term 1- 9.	● Number of schools coached in term 2- 8.
● Range of classes- Senior Infants- 3rd Class.	● Range of classes- Junior Infants- 4th Class
● Number of children coached weekly - Boys; 503 & Girls; 426.	● Number of children coached weekly - Boys; 395 & Girls 285.

Boden Óg

With such an active and engaging start to term 1 & 2, Boden Óg recruitment numbers consequently rose to 109 2017 Boys and 75 2017 Girls.

Toisc an tús ghníomhach agus mealltach le téarma 1 & 2, d'ardaigh líon na bpáistí i mBoden Óg go 109 Buachaillí 2017 agus 75 Cailíní 2017.

Boden Óg training is well underway as the 2017 boys and girls have found their feet and are enjoying a mix of fundamental, Gaelic football and hurling/camogie activities. We have also trained 50 of our new coaches following the completion of 2 Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games Courses.



boden óg





Both the 2016 boys and girls groups are almost fully prepared for GoGames commencing in February. Below figures represent the number of active children within Boden Óg: **2017 Cailíní - 75** • **2017 Buachaillí - 109** • **2016 Cailíní - 80** • **2016 Buachaillí - 95**



### Summer Camps

Approximately 1,100 children attended the Ballyboden St Enda's Summer Camp in 2023. The camp ran across 4 weeks between July- August. The participants were coached by Juvenile coaches and a number of 3rd level students. 78 Juvenile members worked across the 4 weeks of the Summer Camp. All coaches attended Good practice & Camp Induction workshops while we ensured Child Safeguarding & Garda Vetting statuses were all active.

### Tuairisc scríofa ag Seán Óg Boyce, Games Promotion Officer



### Athletic Development and Gym Upgrades

In Feb 2023, the club appointed Emmet Crowley to the position of Head of Athletic Development within the club. Emmet succeeded Ed Slattery who had held a similar position for the previous six years. Emmet's core responsibilities are with our 4 senior teams but will also be overseeing the whole athletic development program in the club from u13 to all the way up to our adult teams.

A Cork native, Emmet brings a wealth of experience to the role having previously worked with Na Piersaigh GAA in Limerick, Cork GAA, University of Limerick GAA as well as a performance coach for Swim Ireland. He also has a PhD in Biomechanics and Strength & Conditioning from the University of Limerick.

With the restructuring of the whole athletic development program within the club, the club also appointed Conor Dunne as a new Youth Athletic Development Coach. Conor's main role is to implement an athletic development framework and programs for all of our underage teams from u13 to Minor. Conor's background is in sports science and strength & conditioning with the Wexford Senior Footballers, Meteors Basketball Club and DBS Éanna Basketball. He is also a current footballer in the club.

Along with these two appointments, the club gym in Sancta Maria underwent a refurbishment in November, the first since the gym was built back in 2016. Some additional new equipment along with a new layout aims to make it easier for the session to flow, improve injury rehabilitation and give a great capacity for all age groups.

### Darren O'Reilly

### Boden Óg Spraoi

Boden Óg Spraoi is the new initiative for welcoming U6's to Ballyboden St. Enda's.

For this inauguration year we welcomed all children born in 2018. They are indoor sessions fully focused on fundamental skills, ensuring the children are having fun while doing them and starting that connection with Ballyboden St. Enda's which will hopefully be a long and happy journey for them all!

They are mixed sessions so both boys and girls are together. The first sessions took place on 14th Oct, and we are currently almost through our 1st block of 6 weeks and so far, it has been a huge success. We have 2 venues - St Mary's BNS Rathfarnham and Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna. There are 4 sessions (2 in each venue – 9am and 10am).



We sincerely thank them and the Board of Management of both schools for allowing us to use their facilities and for the support they have given us.

We also had a huge amount of help from Susan McManus and Caoimhe Ní Néill around the communications and registration process and Sinéad Ní Rían with ensuring the Garda vetting and safeguarding requirements have been met for all coaches. We are extremely grateful for their help.

Thanks to the collective effort of everyone involved there are approx. 110 -120 girls and boys born in 2018 having a brilliant time on Saturday mornings and enjoying being part of Ballyboden St Enda's.

### Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí!

Jane Hogan-Spain



We, on the Coiste Oiliúna agus Cluichí, have had excellent feedback from coaches, parents and children alike and there is already great enthusiasm for the next block of sessions in 2024.

We have had huge help from a number of people to get this project off the ground and would like to thank Teresa Molohan and Deirdre McGillicuddy for the outstanding session plans they have put together and for the excellent workshop they ran with the coaches before the sessions commenced.

Ciara Manley who was instrumental in helping secure the hall in the Gaelscoil along with their Príomhoide Cárthaigh Ó Cuill and Edward O'Riordan principal in St. Mary's BNS.



Our Ladies Adult Football Committee began 2023 with a very successful Season Launch which was held immediately after the Annual AGM. Kicking off with pizza and refreshments, plans for the upcoming year were mapped out. The Ladies Football Committee delivered some presentations and the incoming management teams were introduced to the impressive crowd present. The evening finished with the awarding of a number of special recognition honours.

We fielded four Adult Ladies Football teams, which ensures we have a place for everyone who enjoys playing football, either competitively or casually for fun. Kieran Rudden continued his phenomenal work with his Minor A Ladies, winning his 3rd County Championship in a row. We are indebted to Kieran and his management team for the fantastic development of our younger players. Our Senior A team benefited from this work with several of the 2022 Minor players making the successful transition to Senior Football. Our A's had a much improved season and were runners up in three finals. Our Minor C Ladies flourished this year winning Division 9 Championship and Division 10 League, a super feat. Well done to all involved.

We are delighted to be working closely with the Club Coaching & Development team, led by Timmy Hammersley, to ensure the required pathways are set out with the best possible coaching support for all Senior Ladies teams.

Off the pitch, fundraising started early in the year with a hugely successful Table Quiz, followed by 'Guess the Score' of the All-Ireland Ladies Football Final and ended with our fun Walk-A-Thon. Outings for our adult players included a trip to Westport for a weekend of craic and football. Congratulations to Julie Vaughan and Stephen Maxwell on their involvement in Dublin's All Ireland success this year. Many thanks to all sections in the Club for their goodwill and support of Ladies Football and the excellent work of the Ladies Committee is much appreciated.

### Senior A Ladies

The Senior A Ladies started back on January 4th with a players meeting, proceeding onto an outdoor running programme by the end of the month and were well ready for the start of the season in the first week of April. A nice blend of experience and youth, the group had a total of 65 training sessions across the season, with an 80% win rate in 25 games and were runners up in the League, Cup and Championship Shield finals.

The team headed to Westport for a weekend of football and team bonding in July, when the rain never let up but it didn't dampen the spirits. In Championship, the Ladies battled hard in a tough group but ultimately came up short, away to Clontarf, on a very wet night missing out on a place in the last four of the competition. Congratulations to team members Julie Vaughan and Stephen Maxwell who were part of the All Ireland winning Dublin Ladies team.

Nothing happens without sponsorship and we would like to thank our main sponsors NPFS, Glenisk, SPARC, Noel Basquel and Flahavans, Mentors: Finnian Hyland, Stephen Maxwell, Kieran Rudden, Declan O'Reilly, Deborah Heavey, Darragh Gogan



### Senior B Ladies

After last year's high of reaching the league final, this year the B team endured a tough season in Division 3 League and Cup. Playing 9 league games, the Ladies won 1, drew 1, and had some close contests in the 7 defeats. The team fared better in the Cup competition, winning 4 games and losing 5. Despite the numbers on paper, losing key players to season ending injuries at critical times, coupled with J1 travels and holidays throughout the Summer months depleted the squad this year.

The dual player issue also had a major impact with matches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Many thanks to the U16 players who stepped in to field in several cup matches.

**Junior A Championship:** Championship match performances were the highlight of the year. With players back from travels and injuries, the Ladies hit the Championship road with vigour. First up was a very narrow defeat away to Man O'War, a good performance nevertheless giving optimism. Two excellent home wins against St Peregrines and Kilmacud Crokes resulted in a three way tie with the Ladies out of the Championship on a



scoring difference of 1. Bitterly disappointed, they headed for the Shield semi-final vs Clontarf. Another sterling performance put the team through to the final.

However the County Board's prompt fixing of matches meant a quick turnaround and with several players unavailable or carrying knocks, Templeogue Synge St were just too strong in the final.

**Management Team:** Paul Manning, Jim Dwyer, Naoise Maguire, Teresa Monahan

### Senior C Ladies

2023 continued as a transitional period for our Senior C team. With players moving to and from, the Senior B & 2022 Senior D squads and more again stepping away for the year, competing in Division 6 League and Cup proved challenging with the Ladies pitted against 1st and 2nd teams throughout the season. A difficult E Championship campaign ended in the Shield competition with a narrow defeat in the semi-final to eventual Shield winners St Margarets. Despite this, the Senior C team went out every week and gave it their all.

**Mentors:** Noel Lynn and Anne McCormack



### Senior D Ladies

When 5 became 4, our 4th Adult Ladies team remained in Division 12 for League and Cup and were competitive all season finishing midtable in League and 3rd in Cup. Reaching 3rd place in J Championship, our Ladies qualified for the Shield, beaten by eventual Shield winners Na Gaeil Aeracha in the semi-final.

A great bunch of players, the ladies turned up when work and other commitments allowed and had great fun. Help from the Minor section ensured at times that the team was able to compete.



The ladies continued to train until the end of November and look forward to 2024. Mentors: Cathal O'Toole, Ken Regan, Ciaran McCarthy and Sonia Worthington.

### Minor A Ladies

U18 League Division 1: Playing 7 games, with 4 wins, 1 draw and 2 loses, a third place finish in Division 1 League, behind Clontarf & Kilmacud Crokes was a satisfactory outcome to a mixed league performance though more importantly, it provided plenty of valuable preparation for Championship. The final round of League in May was a home game against Na Fianna where the girls finished with a strong win and it was arguably their best performance of the season.

U18 Division 1 Championship: Championship began with a more or less full panel on the last Monday in August on PUM against Kilmacud Crokes with a strong Boden side coming out comfortable





winners. Two tight wins over St Sylvesters in Malahide and Templeogue Synge St in Dolphin Park earned a home advantage semi-final against Na Fianna. Na Fianna came to PUM well prepared and in an epic encounter, the Boden girls had to dig deep to win by the narrowest of margins. A Championship final showdown with league winners Clontarf was played in PUM in front of a great home support. As was expected, Clontarf proved to be very difficult opponents but the Boden girls' hunger and patient teamwork stood to them as they won the game by 6 points to become 2023 Champions.



3 Minor titles in a row for the Minor ladies is a wonderful achievement and credit goes to each and every one of the girls who contributed to this feat. Goalkeeper Lauren Heavey is the only player to win all three of these Championships! Thank you to Leo Heavey for kindly sponsoring the girls training gear. Management Team: Kieran Rudden, Brian Deignan, Deborah Heavey, Ronan Feely



#### Minor B Ladies

The Minor B girls had a strong start to the season in early March with a 4 point win away to O'Tooles, followed by a convincing win over Bray Emmets under lights in Bray. In April, the winning streak continued with a 27 point win over Man O'War. The first home game of the season was on PUM against Na Fianna B out for revenge following a heavy defeat in the shield final in 2022. A very competitive game, the girls lost by 1 point, followed by a similar loss in Cherryfield a week later at the hands of St Sylvesters. Following a 2 point loss in Garristown in the final League game, the girls finished up 3rd on the League table.



Championship kicked off late August with three defeats to Man O'War, St Annes and O'Dwyers. A comfortable win in the Shield semi-final against O'Tooles was followed by a disappointing finish to the season losing to Garristown in the final. Many thanks to Lynn Mulready, Declan O'Reilly, Aoife Dywer and Brian Cummins for their hard work this year. Best of luck to the eleven 2006 girls continuing in Minor and to the ten 2005 girls moving onto Senior Ladies football.

#### Minor C Ladies Under 18 Division Nine Championship and Division Ten League Winners

A very strong C team, our girls performed exceptionally well all year. They completed their initial 100% winning streak in May to become League Champions in Cherryfield with a convincing win over Shankill. Championship proved more competitive and was more suited to the ability of the team, nonetheless the girls won all games albeit by some close margins.



LEAGUE & CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2023

The team were crowned Champions in St Mobhi Road in a solid victory over Na Fianna in October.

Winning the League and Championship ended a very successfully journey, bringing the girls from Underage in 2006 to Minor in 2023.

Management team: Kathleen O'Leary, Liam Callan, Michael Ryder, Brendan Meaney

#### Minor D Ladies

The Minor Ladies D team had a busy year, playing for their team and providing excellent support to the Senior D Ladies team. While no cups nor medals were won, the girls gave a great account of themselves in every match and gained great experience playing within the Senior ranks. A big thank you to the Senior D management for training the Minor D team and to Laura Ryan for helping out on match days. As all the girls are 1st year minors, we wish them the best of luck next year in second year Minor.



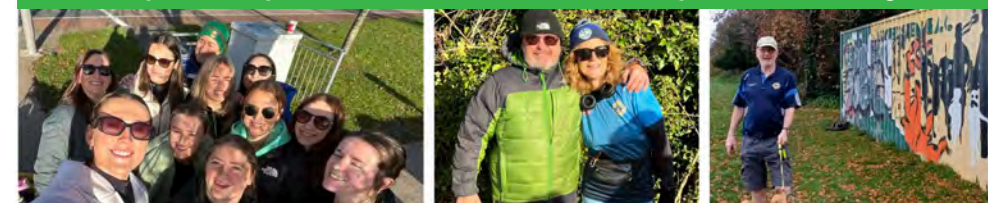
**Table Quiz Night:**  
In February, our Table Quiz was a sell out with Donagh setting questions, Scats as Quizmaster, Tom on Scoreboard and Ian, Orla, Eoin and Maura on the winning team.



In August, Ballyboden's Stephen Maxwell and Julie Vaughan helped Dublin Ladies win their 6th All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Title.



**Walk-A-Thon:** In November, on a lovely crisp Winter's morning, our Ladies walked part of the Dodder Greenway from Cherryfield to the Dodder Waterfall and back as part of our fundraising event.



In December, our Minor Division One Championship Winners of 2021, 2022 & 2023 and League Winners of 2021 & 2022 were presented individually with their medals followed by a group photo of the players.





**2023 Sponsorship and fundraising**

In 2023, much as any year, without the fundraising and sponsorship support the club received, we would not be able to field the 40 Adult and 183 Juvenile teams, training and club facilities for all our members. Nor could we deliver the many other activities from Active Retirement, Drama and Sultoiri walking groups to Baile Buadain le Gaeilge.

Across all four codes, many companies and individuals, some who are listed below and others who supported anonymously, provided sponsorship and the funding of activities from supplying jerseys, funding analysis, S&C, challenge games throughout Ireland, to providing food for the players, mentors and visiting teams.

In addition, during 2023 fundraisers were delivered across each of the four codes. There are too many to mention individually. Thanks is due to all the organising committees for their Trojan work to deliver the fundraisers and to the members and friends who supported each event. We are forever grateful to all for their loyal and tremendous support.

**UPMC Sports Surgery Clinic**

During 2023 we were delighted to welcome UPMC, who acquired our main sponsor Sports Surgery Clinic. UPMC is a worldwide healthcare provider, headquartered in Pittsburgh, with hospitals in Kilkenny, Kildare and Waterford and other clinics throughout Ireland.

UPMC already has a very strong association with the GAA, as their official healthcare sponsor, in addition to its sponsorship of the GPA, Waterford GAA, Wexford, Meath, Laois and Kildare GAA and the title sponsor of Nowlan Park.

UPMC Sports Surgery Clinic continued to provide fantastic support both to fund activities across Ladies Gaelic, Camogie, Football and Hurling codes and also supported our players with excellence in orthopaedic surgery and sports medicine.



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Golf Classic Sponsors - Our annual Golf Classic was again supported by the participating teams, Sean Moran of TJ O'Mahony and its many sponsors.

In addition to sponsoring individual codes, the following sponsors' also provided additional support for:

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With over 200 teams and 4,000 members, Ballyboden St Enda's is one of the biggest and busiest GAA clubs in the country. In addition to our playing sections, we also have a vibrant social section including Drama, Pool, Golf, Bingo, Baile Buadain le Gaeilge and Na Sultóirí.

**We're not just a GAA club – we are community!**

It was a busy start of the year when we announced Ballyboden St Enda's partnership with Naomh Gall GAA club in Belfast. We are delighted to have teamed up with a prestigious club and look forward in promoting up-and-coming activities in 2024.

The Communications Committee receive many requests for interviews and/or filming from broadcasters across the world. Over the last 12 months we were delighted to have been part of the AIG National TV advert that was aired during the Hurling and Football Championship. Many of our juvenile players filmed with a tv crew and met some of their hurling and football heroes on the day. We were also involved in Ireland AM's preview of the All-Ireland Football Finals, Deric Hartigan – Ireland AM presenter interviewed Shane Clayton & Louise Kelly ahead of the Ladies and Men's Finals. Recently we also filmed with Paul McGinley and the Ryder cup team as they revisited communities of where some of the golfers grew up. Paul took a trip down memory lane visiting his club, Ballyboden St Enda's. Some of his old friends in the club were delighted to catch up with him and even persuaded him to donate to the Senior Citizen raffle!!

We update all our channels including Instagram, Facebook, X, YouTube, LinkedIn, Ballyboden.ie, Clubzap, Boden Beat podcast, and the Ballyboden St Enda's newsletter on a daily/weekly basis.

With 100's of games weekly our PRO's are kept busy! We liaise with our brilliant photographers a few times a week, whether it's to take photos at a game or to highlight a social event in the club. Each post on social media is scheduled so each notification gets as much impact as possible and there is no crossover with sponsors, sections, games or photos. We record podcasts with players past and present on The Boden Beat Podcast which has become a firm favourite with our members.



Our website Ballyboden.ie is visited 1000's of times daily, and is a great resource for members and non members alike. The website is very active, and we are currently in the process of a new website design so our members can navigate to their desired page much easier. Boden Óg and Boden Spraoi have been a great addition to the club in many aspects, bringing new coaches, new members and a bigger, better atmosphere around the club. The communications team produced a recruitment video that was distributed to the local schools, posted on Ballyboden.ie and to all our members in the club to encourage new players to start their GAA journey with us.

You could say the Comms Team has the widest reach of any committee in the entire club as we link in with, and promote all 4 playing sections and all of our other diverse sections too and of course we also deal with hundreds of queries from parents, press and the public in a professional manner all year.

If you haven't already done so, please sign up to our free weekly newsletter at [www.ballyboden.ie](http://www.ballyboden.ie) to get a taste of the work we do, and which will update you on all the goings on in the club.

Looking to the year ahead, we are looking forward to the return of training, matches and all the social events in the club whether in the bar with Mick and his team or within all the social sections.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped throughout the year. We are always looking for more hands on the Communications team, whether you have an interest in social media, photography or would like to help out promoting events we will have a job for you! Thanks to all the communications team for all their work on a daily basis!

**PRO – Sinéad O'Dea**

**Website Manager – Neil Buckingham**

**Website Team – Neil Buckingham, Alan Kinsella, Susan Mc Manus**

**Hurling PRO – Eamonn Treacy**

**Football PRO – Shane O'Brien**

**Camogie PRO – Laura Nagle**

**Ladies Football PRO – Cliona Mellett**

**Juvenile Girls PRO – Dave Rusk**

**Juvenile Boys PRO – Eamonn Gormley**

**Social Media PRO – Susan Mc Manus**

**Podcast Editor – Derek Ryan**

**Newsletter Editors – Martina O'Keefe, Alan Kinsella**



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How do you measure success in sport? At the end of yet another thrilling encounter between Ballyboden St Endas and St Sylvesters for the U16 Football Division 1 Shield - one final bruising rollercoaster between these two well matched sides in Sancta Maria on November 11th last - winning Boden captain Sadbh Dunne, accepting the trophy perfectly encapsulated it when she said: **“There’s no-one I’d rather spend Sunday afternoons with than this group of girls...”**.



**Growth of Juvenile Ladies Football and Camogie in Ballyboden**

During 2023, seven hundred and thirty-nine (739) girls- from U16 down to U8 – were registered to play for Ballyboden St Endas in football, while six hundred and fifty-four (654) girls were registered to play camogie. The girls lined out in 86 teams, 46 football and 40 camogie. Numbers at training are also consistently high across the board, with 70 plus players not uncommon on the hockey and all-weather pitches in Sancta Maria, while many teams reported a growth in numbers as the year progressed, finishing the year with the same number or more girls than when they started in January. The success and popularity of the girls’ games continues to go from strength to strength in Boden, with parity of playing numbers now broadly reached between boys and girls playing juvenile sports in the club.

**Go Games Participation**

Boden’s Go Games participation in both Ladies Football and Camogie continues to go from strength to strength, with the club represented by huge numbers of girls on a weekly basis across all the age groups. It’s a testament to the volunteer coaches, bainisteoirs, mentors and FLOs and to the enjoyment the girls get from it that they continue to turn up for matches and training on a weekly basis in both codes and in such big numbers.

**Go Games participation by Ballyboden Juvenile Ladies in 2023 was as follows:**

Age	Player Numbers Year End 2023
Under 8	93
Under 9	81
Under 10	82
Under 11	93
Under 12	88

**Boden U8 Girls Take to the Field for the First Time**

A historic first for our U8 cáilíní as 93 seven and eight year olds took to the field for Go Games for the first time in the history of the club. The girls rose to the challenge and really embraced the opportunity to compete for the ball in both football and camogie. Training sessions on Thursday evenings were always fun while also focussed on developing the girls’ skills, game sense and confidence in playing both games. Well done to all the girls.



**On the Field of Play**

And all the hard work by the girls has brought with it lots of success, with Boden girls regularly competing in finals, whether Championship, Shield or Féile. Leading the way in their final year in ‘juvenile’ were the aforementioned 2007 girls with a Division 9 Football Championship (building on their Division 10 Championship win last year), as well as the aforementioned Division 1 Shield win in football and a Division 6 Shield win in Camogie. In football our U15A made it all the way to the Féile final in a thrilling weekend, while in camogie our U15s claimed the Division 4 Shield. Our U14s were League Division 1 and Division 8 winners in camogie while they also claimed Shields in Division 5 football and Division 1 Camogie, while our U13s were Division 1 Football League runners up as well as claiming the Division 1 Shield.

	Football	Camogie
U16	Division 1 Shield Winner	Division 6 Shield Winner
	Division 9 Championship Winner	
U15		Division 4 Shield Winner
U14	Division 5 Shield Winner Division 12 Finalist	Division 1 League Winner Division 8 League Winner Division 8 Championship Finalist Division 1 Shield Winner
U13		Division 1 Shield Winner

Well done to all the girls.

**County Players and Dublin Development**

Our Boden girls continue to represent the club at county level with distinction. Charlie Murphy, Susie Greville and Saoirse McMahon, Jess Hughes, Sarah Rusk, Leah Coburn and Ella Kenny all represented Boden on Dublin U16 football and camogie teams in 2023, while Katie Loughnane, Alison Loughnane, Kate Keaney, Millie Kearney, Firinne Ni Dhalaigh and Emer Moloney carried the Boden flag on Dublin teams at U15 camogie while Annaleigh O’Brien-Jennings, Sinead Farrell and Katie Smith played Dublin Development football. At U14 Sarah Quinlivan represented Boden on the Dublin Footballers, while Alanna Earle, Ana Daly, Bryanne Kennedy, Jessica Mooney, Katie Corbett, Sophie Geraghty, Sophie Keary, Úna Ní Bhréartúin, Ava Maguire & Clodagh O’Hara all represented the club at Dublin Camogie development and inter county teams.



**Fundraising**

In 2023, we were delighted to be able to welcome back the two best Juvenile ladies weekends of the year – the Mini All Irelands in Football and Camogie, which took place over 2 Fridays in June at Pairc Ui Mhurchu and Cherryfield pitches. These weekends – along with the attendant barbecue, ice creams and other refreshments- have been an integral part of the club calendar for years, and regularly attract 2-300 of our players. The two weekends formed the main fundraiser for the girls section for the year, raising much needed funds for the Juvenile Ladies section- with a lot of fun for 300 girls along the way.



**Juvenile Ladies Committee 2023**

The 2023 Juvenile Ladies section held its first AGM in November, and the following were elected:

**Sponsors**

A word of thanks to our sponsors during the year who weighed in with much needed support to keep the show on the road – thanks to Maldron Mount Merrion, 3Rock and Applewood Homecare.

**Féile Sponsors** Thanks also to our Féile sponsors who made sure the 2007 girls were kitted out to the nines for Féile 2023: Touchcom, Permanent TSB and Waystone.

Executive	Year Representatives
Trisha Walsh Chair	U8 Laura Nolan
Clare Keely Vice Chair LGFA	U9 Susan McKeon
Sinead McNeela Vice Chair Camogie	U10 Aisling Brennan
Dave Rusk PRO	U11 Liam Buckley
Clara White Treasurer	U12 Owen Loughney
Gerry White Executive Representative	U13 Rachel Clancy
Sinead Ni Riain Childrens Officer	U14 Seán O’Toole
Eoin Hughes Pitch Co-ordination	U15 Damian Coleman
Emma Doyle Registrar	U16 Sinead McNeela
Kieran Rudden LGFA County Board Rep.	

**GRMA**

This survey of the year wouldn’t be complete without some GRMAs – firstly to every one of our girls: as parents and mentors we are immensely proud of you all, regardless of results. To the mentors, FLOs, flags and nets volunteers, jersey washers, ClubZap operators, cone collectors, umpires etc., etc. – our thanks, it couldn’t be done without you.

And finally: to the various photographers and match reporters (whose work you see on these pages and on all our club media every week) my thanks for bringing the girls’ year alive for the rest of us.





Under 9



Under 10



Under 11



Under 12



Under 13





## Under 15



## Under 16



Féile Groups 2023 - Congratulations to Fírinne Ní Dhálaigh who finished 3rd in the Dublin Féile Skills Competition







# BODEN VOLUNTEER

**Name:** Donal Griffin

**From:** Knocklyon (about 100 yards from the club)

**How long have you been with Boden:** With Boden over 40 years

**How did you get involved:** Brought to Boden og as a 6 year old and never looked back!

**Current Role:** New chairman of the adult football section

**Favorite Boden sporting memory:** Our double all Ireland winning ladies footballers. Our 5 in a row senior hurling title in 2007 Obviously the football All Ireland in 2016 but the greatest memory was Darragh (12 steps) Nelsons last gasp pt to force extra time in the AI semi against Clonmel in injury time.

**Hopes for the future:** to be contesting championship finals in all 4 codes every year from juvenile up to adult with the odd All Ireland thrown in for good measure



## Donal Griffin

# BODEN VOLUNTEER

**Name:** Jane Hogan-Spain

**From:** Rathfarnham (originally Firhouse!)

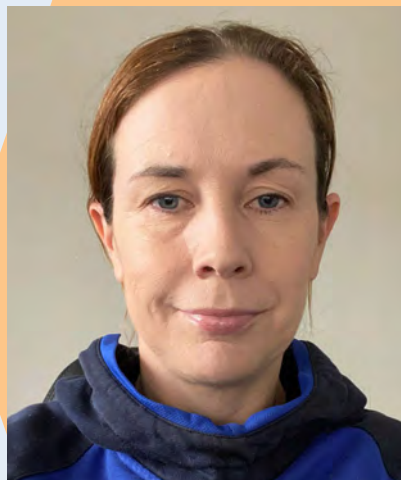
**How long have you been with Boden:** Since I was about 8/9 years old

**How did you get involved:** Brought down to Olive Maguire, Mary Keating & Tess Styne in the camogie nursery by my Dad

**Current Role:** U14 & U9 girls coach and member of the Coiste Oilúna agus Cluichi, Camogie Workgroup, Mna Buadain and Boden Og Spraoi facilitator.

**Favorite Boden sporting memory:** Winning the camogie intermediate championship and watching the hurlers win their first Dublin senior championship final.

**Hopes for the future:** to continue to add to the playing facilities to cater for our very large membership numbers and hopefully add lots more silverware to the cabinet!



## Jane Hogan-Spain

# BODEN VOLUNTEER

**Name:** Clare Keely

**From:** Knocklyon, Aston Lawn originally and then Stocking Lane so I stayed local!

**How long have you been with Boden:** 10 years

**How did you get involved:** My eldest daughter Sara-jean joined academy and I started off as a FLO with the 2008 girls

**Current Role:** Vice Chair (LGFA Lead) Ladies Juvenile Committee, LGFA Juvenile Referee Co-ordinator, Team Mentor/FLO 2008 & 2011 girls

**Favorite Boden sporting memory:** When we all piled onto coaches on St Patrick's day 2016 to watch Ballyboden claim the club football championship in Croke Park. The excitement had been building for weeks and it was great to be involved and enjoy it all.

**Hopes for the future:** I would like to see continued growth in the ladies sections within the Club particularly at juvenile level. In support of this, it is crucial that we encourage more female participation in the various sections particularly in mentoring/coaching and on management committees. Since I initially became involved in BBSE there has been a notable increase in female participation which needs to be fostered as we grow our juvenile sections. I also hope that



everyone who wants to join our Club will continued to be welcomed in an inclusive manner and will join a team they enjoy being part of

## Clare Keely

# BODEN VOLUNTEER

**Name:** Danny O Connell.

**From:** Tipperary.

**How long have you been with Boden:** Been around since the early 90s but involved since my daughter Sarah started the academy in 2008.

**How did you get involved:** 2 housemates who I passed out of Templemore with started playing hurling with Boden, Paraic Hession and Donnacha O Sullivan, and I went to their matches and the after match discussions!

**Current Role:** Kit man with the senior hurlers for the last couple of years, coach with the Boden Braves which my wife Jenni started with Laura Burns, co-ordinator of the security groups which check our facilities at Sancta Maria and Ballycullen each night. I have 17 volunteers covering Sancta Maria and 14 covering Ballycullen. I could actually do with a few more people in Ballycullen if anyone is available!!!

**Favorite Boden sporting memory:** There have been lots but possibly my daughter, Sarah, winning the Championship double in 2016 in camogie and ladies football because I was one of the mentors and we had been with the 2003 girls since the academy.

**Hopes for the future:** I hope Boden teams continue to be competitive across all 4 codes and further down the road I'm looking forward to the new pitches at the Carmelites being opened which are needed. Boden abu.



## Danny O'Connell

## Lotto Report 2023

### New Beginnings and The Changing of the Guard

2023 continued online with the Lotto Committee meeting weekly on Zoom and conducted the 'Virtual Lotto' draw with the aid of an on-line random number generator.

In April, we partnered with ClubZap, the automated, online sports management platform to administer and run the weekly Lotto draws, bringing all our membership streams under one umbrella. The move allows members play the Lotto with the click of a button and enables us to communicate the Lotto results directly with players while also re-engaging expired players. Currently we have over 550 Annual and Recurring subscribers with many other players opting to play on a week by week basis, a welcome increase on 2022.

July 2023 saw the existing lotto committee step down and hand the baton over to our new committee. We would like to sincerely thank the outgoing committee of Eoin Dunne, Brendan Coyne, Maurice Curtin, Joe Ryan, Alex McCarthy and Kieran Rudden for their commitment and dedication over the past number of years. Our new committee of Niall Desmond, Margaret Dolan, Jenni O'Connell, Donal Woodcock, Liam Carter and Cliona Mellett (staying on for good measure) have settled in nicely, meeting in person every Thursday night in the office to conduct the weekly draw, have a chat and a bit of craic.

It was a good year for Lotto members with €28,000 paid out to 5 jackpot winners. Over the course of the 52 weekly draws, €3,000 was won by Neil Howard in January, with long term member Joseph Byrne winning the €8,000 Jackpot in May. Gearóid O'Suilleabháin was our next winner of €5,000 in July. We then had to wait until October, when the biggest Jackpot of the year €8,500, was won by 3 winners Michael Kennedy, Caroline Buckley and Milo & Anna McKeogh. Most recently in December, Brian Stafford won €3,500.

In addition, there were 122 Lotto members who were winners of the weekly Match First Three Numbers Drawn draw, winning amounts varying from €50 to €300. Overall the Lotto returned over €41,000 in prize money to Lotto members in 2023.

The Lotto remains an extremely important source of income for our club and makes a significant contribution in helping provide facilities, sporting and non sporting, for all ages and codes. It is estimated to have contributed over €42,000 to club funds in 2023.

As always, we would urge all club members to join the Lotto. The opportunity to win cash prizes is high and one option such as 3 lines for €12.50 per 4 weeks is great value and you will also be supporting the running and ongoing development of the club.

**Go to [www.ballyboden.ie](http://www.ballyboden.ie) for details on joining, it couldn't be easier!**

**We would like to thank all Lotto members for their continued support, and wish all Lotto and Club members a peaceful, prosperous 2024.**

## Bar Report 2023

Another Year gone and a what a fun packed year it was in our club Bar...

It was great to host all of our familiar and popular activities throughout the year, like Our Family Fun Day, St Patricks Day kids Shows, Easter Egg Hunt, Ladies Nights, Pool competitions, Quizzes, Golf Outings, Santa, Drama Group, and much much more... We erected our outside Marquee again and it created a great vibe around the clubhouse and made a great meeting place for one and all.

Our Bliss ice-cream parlour proved a big attraction again last summer and we are looking forward to Summer 24 already. We also made a return to our Annual trips to The Ploughing Championships and Punchestown Races where we again came home with empty pockets!

The Over 55+ Club continues to take place every day, Monday to Friday and gives a great service to the local community to meet up for a chat, drink tea, and a bit of Line Dancing to finish it off. .

To finish off, I would like to thank the following for their continued support and look forward to working with you all in 2024.

Hard working Bar Staff  
The executive committee  
The communications committee  
Bar Committee  
General Manager Con Nagle



4th May €8,000 - Winner Joseph Byrne  
Club Chairman Donagh O'Farrell and Lotto committee member Alex McCarthy with winner Joseph Byrne's Dad Charles, Daughter Argie and Niece Holly.



6th July €5,000  
Lotto Committee member Niall Desmond with Winner Gearóid O'Suilleabháin



26th October €8,500  
Lotto Committee member Margaret Dolan with Winners Mick Kennedy, and Gerard, Anna & Milo McKeogh



7th December €3,500  
Lotto Committee member Liam Carter with Winner Brian Stafford





**U8 Football & Hurling**

2023 was the first year that BBSE entered the U8 Boys Go Games and it proved to be a big success. Alan Ryan (Hurling) and Anton Hegarty (Football) led this group and were assisted by 34 other coaches throughout the year. There were 129 boys registered for 2023 and these were split into 4 x 3 Team groups for the Go Games series. Games ran from February- June and September-November and there were consistently 85-90 players turning up for matches each week, with up to 100 attending training. The progress made by this group has been impressive. This group participated in 40 training sessions and 21 Go Games mornings, 2 matches per morning. They are constantly improving the basic skills that they are practicing each week at training.

**U9 Football & Hurling**

There are 106 Boys registered in the U9 Boys group and we fielded 9 teams in both football and hurling each week. Go Games started in mid-February and we participated in 12 hurling weekends and 12 football weekends. Training sessions took place twice a week with an average of 80-90 boys attending training, the dedication and commitment of the boys and their parents/guardians was appreciated. Go Games concluded at the start of November leaving us time to squeeze in a few blitzes, before the winter break. To wrap up the Go Games season, there was a football trip to Wexford. After a great morning of football, the boys moved onto laser tag, archery and orienteering before returning home with lifelong memories.

**U10 Football & Hurling**

In January 2022 the U10 boys, coaches and parents were back for the second year competing in Go Games. We had 96 boys regularly playing both football and hurling and we were delighted to enter three groups in both codes during 2023. The year commenced with some challenge matches before moving into Go Games, and throughout the year we had the opportunity to host Granemore (Armagh) and Monasterevin (Kildare) for a football blitz, which gave the boys great experience and opportunities to develop their skills. The U10 season came to an end in November, with our final challenge games against Cuala in football and Na Fianna in hurling, where the boys were able to demonstrate all they have learned throughout the year. We look forward to 2024 and the next stages of our journey with the club.

**U11 Football & Hurling**

The U11 boys had 95 footballers and 72 hurlers, with 19 coaches helping them to improve throughout the year. The parents have also been particularly supportive with the fundraising efforts and team commitment this year.

During the year we played 15 different rounds of Go Games, displaying excellent skills with lots of great teamwork. On top of great competitive Go Games, we hosted a Hurling blitz at PUM in May where we welcomed teams from Dicksboro, Moycarkey Borris, Clane and Faughs.

The lads also played exhibition games at half-time for the Senior team and had great fun with fundraising initiatives including a disco and a fun run.

The boys were delighted when the Senior Footballers and Hurlers came to training sessions to provide some great tips.

The season wrapped up with a fun day at the Sport Ireland National Indoor Arena. Thanks to all the coaches for their commitment and efforts throughout the year. We'd especially like to thank the pitch and referee coordinators for all their work during the year.

Thanks again to the parents for their support during the year.





**U12 Football & Hurling**

There were 94 boys registered in 2023 and we fielded 5 teams in football and 4 in hurling each week. We are grateful that we had 23 coaches to help train the boys in both codes. Boys regularly moved across teams throughout the year based on aptitude and attitude. Progress across the football group was strong, which was evident with many of the teams competing strongly against opposing teams at the end of the year.

The 12-month progress was a major highlight and huge testament to the trojan work that all of our coaches put into their teams. Each of our 4 hurling teams played their first grading games in February, to kickstart a great year of hurling. While results in the initial grading games were mixed, the boys performances constantly improved and it was great to see their skills develop throughout the year. Once the final league compositions were decided, the boys put in some great performances throughout the year and all of the teams finished in the top half of their respective divisions.

**U13 Football & Hurling**

We had 85 boys playing football across four Divisions in 2023. The development of the lads has increased hugely this year. The coaching group was also grateful to the Senior football players who made themselves available to pass on their knowledge. The involvement of the Senior players and the introduction of S & C helped to develop the skills of the boys and the coaches. In June we took our football-only lads to Cooley Kickhams (Louth) to compete in the Michael Bammel Malone Tournament along with 40 plus clubs from London, Scotland, Derry, Antrim, Dublin, Louth and Meath. We brought a cross-section of players from across all the groups and the day was massive craic. We also competed in the Colm Cooper Invitational Dr Crokes tournament. Nothing beats a 4 hour return bus trip to Kerry to collect a cup from Colm Cooper. The lads beat Dr Crokes, St James Gaels from Galway in the final and sang all the way home! They were a credit to the club throughout the day.



This was also a great year for the U13 hurlers. We returned to play in February 2023 and began with several grading games before competing in Divisions 1, 4 & 7. Our playing numbers have remained very strong with 57 hurlers currently playing. The skill level of these hurlers improved greatly this year. We played in several tournaments which allowed us challenge some top-quality teams including O'Loughlin Gaels, Tramore, Ballygunner, Cashel King Cormacs, Naomh Eanna, Naas, Clane, Monaleen. We also had an experience to remember in Waterford when Liam Phelan invited us down for the Willie Phelan Trophy. Congratulations to the Division 1 team who won their league after some fantastic displays of hurling during the year. We must give massive praise to all of the U13 players who, along with maintaining a super attitude, showed great resilience when facing stronger opposition. They also showed great respect to teammates, coaches, referees and opposing teams.

**U14 Football & Hurling**

The U14A hurlers had a very strong year and finished by losing a very competitive county final by two points to St Vincent's. Prior to the summer break we played 3 games in 6 days and used many players from both the A and B panels. We have seen boys develop a range of skills through the year and we continue to concentrate on the basics of striking and catching in training.

The U14B hurling team had a great year. Before the summer holidays the lads played five games in Division 4 of the league, winning four and drawing one of these fixtures. When summer arrived the team was promoted to league Division 3 where they had two good wins and three narrow defeats against quality opposition, frequently featuring Dublin A development squad opposition. This qualified the lads for the semi-finals of the Shield competition where we lost out narrowly to Naomh Maur. We finish 2023 as the top ranked B panel in the county looking forward to the craic and the challenge of Féile na nGael next year.

The U14C team was very competitive in the Division E. After some good results, particularly a great come back to earn a draw (4-12 to 6-6) against Erin Go Bragh, we qualified for the Cup competition. Unfortunately, after a hard fought match against Fingallians, we came out on the wrong side of the result bringing our season to an end. This was another big year for the U14 Football boys, physically and mentally. We started the year with four teams, then scaled back to three to ease the pressure on numbers playing. This was also the first year to attend team gym sessions, which elicited a great response from our lads to the Youth Athletic Development Programme.



We also had a great year playing in competitions. Our Team 1 had a good year progressing to the Shield semi-final of Division 1. Over 30 players were exposed to Division 1 football through squad rotation prior to the fixed panel competitions. Team 2 had a great season culminating in an epic encounter that saw them overcoming a very strong Ranelagh Gaels A team in the semi-final. The final saw them up against a very talented Cuala A team who had 3 or 4 players that would make most A teams in the county. Our lads put in a great effort but unfortunately fell short on the day. Our Team 3 and Team 4 amalgamated at the back end of 2023. As a result, all of our T4 team players had to step up from Division 8 to Division 5, and ended up reaching the Shield semi-final.

We are all now looking forward to a fun filled Féile year and more football development in 2024.

**U15 Football & Hurling**

All three football teams were very competitive this year. The U15A Division 1 team played 17 games that included a strong showing in Féile and a narrow cup semi-final defeat by a strong Clontarf team. They also finished joint second in a very competitive Division 1 league. Under the player pathway initiative, the U15 boys were welcomed into, and supported our U16 teams in both their league and championship campaigns to great effect.



The U15B team played in the Division 6 Féile competition, which saw them meet Lucan in the Cup semi-final, and from there on to the final against Kilmacud Crokes, only to be beaten in the last quarter of the game to finish as runners up. They also competed in league Division 5 only to finish runners up, but which sees this group of lads get promoted for the second year in a row.

The U15C team competed in Division 9 of the Féile competition. After a tough group stage, the boys qualified for the semi-final of the shield where they faced a strong O'Dwyers A team away in Balbriggan. The lads put in the performance of the year winning by 6-4 to 2-15 and claiming a place in the shield final. In the final they faced a rematch of the earlier Group match with Castleknock B team. Despite a great effort on the day and battling to the end, a late goal flurry by Castleknock won the day. The lads represented themselves and the club with distinction throughout the year and showed tremendous resilience through a tough Autumn league campaign that will serve them well as they move onward



to the next campaign. Away from competition, the boys enjoyed a start of season trip to a muddy Kilruddery and an end of season overnight to Killary Adventure Centre. Both occasions proved great opportunities to deepen the bonds of friendship between all of the boys.

It was an exciting year for the U15 hurlers as they participated in Féile. The competition ran over several weeks from February to April with some great wins, close losses, and tough challenges. The two Ballyboden teams were super ambassadors for the Club and played some great hurling with only the slimmest margins preventing us reaching the Division 1 finals. In August the group travelled to Killary Adventure Centre for an overnight stay and participated in many activities such as wall climbing, river gorging, raft making, and high ropes. The league commenced after the summer break with the weather having an impact on some of the fixtures. Some new voices and fresh perspectives were brought into the coaching team with the purpose of taking this group to their next stage of development as they enter the U16 group and from there into the minor ranks.

#### U16A Football

After finishing 2022 on a high as League winners, hopes were high for another good year for the U16A footballers. While results in the early rounds weren't as hoped for, the effort of the lads couldn't be faulted. Towards the end of the league campaign the performances improved and we finished the competition with a great battle away to Lucan Sarsfields where, unfortunately, we were pipped at the post, with Lucan claiming the League title.

Spirits were high as we looked forward to a good championship. As luck would have it, the championship draw saw us begin with a trip to Lucan on the first Saturday in September. The soaring temperatures that day saw the Boden lads also in scorching form- with a fully deserved win by 5-7 to 1-9. This was followed by convincing wins over Cuala & St Oliver Plunketts to top the group. It was two months later when we got to play Na Fianna in the semi-final. Na Fianna came out of the blocks in flying form, and despite the best efforts of the Boden lads we couldn't peg them back- Na Fianna fully deserving of their victory on the day.

#### U16B Football

After finishing strongly to reach mid-table in Division 4 in 2022, The U16B team resumed again as the only B team in that division in 2023. As a result of injuries across the group, the League campaign was a struggle throughout, with the notable exception of a strong performance and result against Naomh Olaf in May. The team, with the support of some U15s, headed into Championship with the hope of better performances. The team performed very competitively in the Group stages, with a narrow one-point defeat to eventual Cup finalists Saggart, meaning that



the Shield competition was all to play for. The team turned in a season's best performance against Round Towers of Clondalkin in the semi-final, to qualify for the Shield Final against St Judes. The final was a very competitive affair, with the play dictated by an extremely strong wind blowing straight down the field. St Judes came out on the right side of victory with a two-point winning margin at the final whistle.

#### U16C Football

Following a challenging league campaign finishing mid-table, the U16C team battled hard throughout the Championship to meet Beann Eadair in the semi-final. Our boys came through when it mattered by beating them in a very close game, 3-13 to 4-08. We then faced Erin Go Bragh in the final in December, the match played in desperate weather conditions. The boys delivered a very convincing performance against the strong Clonee side to win the Championship final on a 5-6 to 0-11 score.

#### U16D Football

The U16D team entered into the G Championship composed of five clubs competing in a league format, with the top two competing in the final. The boys finished the league with 3 wins from 4 matches and played in the final against St Judes in early December at Tymon Park.

With support from a number of our U15 players, the U16D won the final 1-11 to 3-1 in extra time, winning the Championship while also claiming the first ultimately successful campaign for this group.



#### U16 Hurling

The U16 hurlers had 43 registered players in 2023 and fielded two teams. The start of the season was difficult with many players (circa 50%) absent due to injury and involvement in other sports.

**Team 1** topped its championship pool recording three wins and our reward was a home semi-final against Lucan. Once again, injuries played a part as we lost players before the match. Boden had not played for 6 weeks before the semi-final and made a slow start. But gradually they fought their way back into the match. Nearing the final whistle, we were a couple of points down, but the boys dug deep and levelled the game in injury time. Ultimately this game was settled in Boden's favour with a goal scored in first period of extra time sending us through to the final.

On 2 December we faced Kilmacud Crokes in the U16 Final at Pairc Ui Mhurchu in a repeat of the final when the lads played at U14. Crokes took an early lead and took the upper hand. A goal early in the second half left Boden nine points down. The response from our players was magnificent and we narrowed the gap to one score with a few minutes remaining. Alas, that was as close as we got as a late Crokes goal put the game beyond us.

**Team 2** got off to a great start, topping the group after wins against St. Pats, Lucan and a fabulous away performance against Binn Eadair. Winning the Group gave them a home semi-final against St Vincents. The semi-final was a classic, Team 2 had not played for quite some time and this showed as the lads handed St Vincents a 6-point lead. But the boys stormed back and with five minutes left were 5 points to the good! In an absolutely heart breaking last few moments, a late deflected goal saw St Vincents emerge with the narrowest of winning margins.

For the season finale, the boys, coaches, and parents gathered in the club on the evening of 2 December to mark the end of the Championship and also the end of our time as the 2007 juvenile group. They were also there to acknowledge this exceptional group of young men, displaying the qualities associated with the best of Boden; talented, hardworking, exceptionally well behaved, brave and with a never say die attitude that brought them much success. The 2007 Hurlers have won A & B titles at U14, U15 and were runners up in U16: that's all right by any high standard.





After more than 10 years in existence Siúltóirí Buadain continues to go from strength to strength with now over 80 members in the hill walking group. Every Saturday we have two walks setting off from the club and this could involve up to 50 walkers in total. Our main walk will generally be a challenging hill walk, normally around 4 to 5 hours, and our second walk will be around 3 to 4 hours with climbs that are a little less challenging. Some of our favourite walks include the Spinc in Glendalough, Djouce, Scarr and Kanturk, Lugnaquilla, the Howth Cliff walk, Maulin to name just a few. Over the last number of years, we have seen a heightened interest in outdoor activities and hill walking has become a very popular pastime and form of exercise.

As a result, Siúltóirí Buadain has experienced a big surge in interest in joining the group. Over the last couple of years, while we have been able to take in a number of new members, we still find ourselves with a waiting list of over 20 people looking to join. While we would like to be able to take in everyone looking to join, we are unfortunately not able to do so at the moment as we have limited walk leader capacity within the group. This is something we have begun to address and during 2023 we organised a number of walk leader training courses, provided by Mountaineering Ireland. We now have additional walk leaders in the group who, with a little further training and experience will be able to guide walks over the coming year. This should enable us to take in some more new members in 2024 and make inroads into our current waiting list.

Hill walking is a very enjoyable and sociable pastime and one that lends itself to developing strong friendships. However, with tricky terrains and often unpredictable weather conditions, accidents can happen and we need to be in a position to handle accidents and administer first aid when the need arises. During 2023 we organised 2 first aid training courses for members and more than 40 members of the group took part. We also replenished our first aid supplies during the year to ensure that sufficient first aid supplies are available on all our walks.



There is of course much more to Siúltóirí Buadain than our weekly Saturday walks across the Dublin and Wicklow mountains. We have always looked to broaden our horizons both within Ireland and abroad. 2023 saw 50 members travelling to Spain for a memorable hill walking trip in Nerja. The accommodation had fantastic facilities close to a lovely beach and the food was first class. We had 2 guided walks each day and a highlight of the trip was a walk on the Caminito del Rey which is a walkway pinned along the steep walls of a narrow gorge. The trip also provided plenty of opportunities for good ceol agus craic in the evenings.

Our year finished with our annual Christmas party in the Yellow House and we were delighted that the Club Chairman, Donagh and his wife Liz were able to join us on the night. We now look forward to continuing the success of the group in 2024 and beyond.



## Pool Report 2023

Roger Healey

The inhouse competitions are now more popular than ever, with both the singles and doubles annually averaging 50 entries, over the past few years this has helped to raise the average standard of pool in our club tenfold, and the banter at the bar by the same! The year began with the completion of the 2022 Singles Competitions and both finals were very hard fought. In the main final Don O'Neill won against Shane Healey to take the title once again, and in the plate, Conor Coyne taking the win over Pat McGrath. Don has now been in 10 finals, 9 consecutive, and won 6, this is unprecedented.

### Dodder Valley Pool League

Boden have had a very good year, firstly by finishing second to Glenville in the league, entering us into the champions league, meeting Glenville in the final, this proved to be a real battle between the leagues two top teams that went all the way to the final frame between the two captains and after a major tactical battle, we managed to take the Champions title.

The pool team moved on under the new captaincy of Shane Healey, to take the runners up spot in the DVPL Cup against Glenville in November.

### Doubles Competition

As mentioned earlier, the standard of pool in the doubles was exceptional from both teams, with David Coffey & Kieran Griffin taking the title over Rhys McDonnell & Jody Brooks by 5 – 3 to become Club Champions, there was good fun and banter in the bar, with a great night had by all.

One-week later Boden got news that shook the club to its very foundations, the tragic loss of Kieran Griffin. This is still very raw in the hearts of our members today, Kieran was a big part of our club all his life, and loved by all, He is forever in our hearts, and our thoughts are with his family and friends, he will be missed. RIP.

I would like to thank the club executive, Mick Farrell, The Pool Committee (Jack Nolan, Tom Reville, Karl Young, Paul Coffey, Dave Coffey) for their continued support, but mostly a big thank you to the club members for taking part.







G4MO started back training at the end of January 2023 when the Flood lights came back on with great enthusiasm. We got our order of training tops and ¼ zips and we all wore them with great pride. There's a great team atmosphere up in training in Sancta Maria every Tuesday evening. We now have at least twenty five people turning up every week for training no matter what the weather is like.

We had our Annual Fundraiser a Pub Quiz in April for our Second ever Blitz in June. Our next one is 1st March coming.



We hosted our Blitz on the Main pitch on the hottest day of the year, inviting Cuala, Judes, Geraldine P Moran's and Naomh Olaf's.

We received lovely emails praising us for our hospitality which is all down to the hard work and the team effort in organizing everything by the G4MO Committee. Of course, we had to celebrate the up and coming wedding of Carmel O'Sullivan. There was plenty of merriment and dancing that night. We took the summer off and then back to training and matches at the end of August.

Our coaches Ciaran and Ian had us doing the Bronchos every week and as a result we nicknamed ourselves the Ballyboden Bronchos (we love the Bronchos NOT). This became our theme when we got the nod to go to the National Blitz in September over in Malahide. The bus came and picked us up from the clubhouse in the morning and then over to the northside for plenty of football and laughs, then back to the Clubhouse for food and drinks and dancing the night away.

We have been lucky with our recruitment over the past year and have managed to keep our numbers high, with over fifty members. We are always happy to have more recruits. Our coaches are brilliant with training the new people who have no experience and in a couple of weeks are then confident enough to play matches. We also have a good few members involved with helping Boden Og and other Juvenile teams as well.



We raised €1,900 on the day (cash and online donations). As well as that people registered in advance and we raised €2,312 from that.

So in total we raised €4,212 this year! It's a huge jump on last year and shows our mile is going from strength to strength!

Thanks to you and everyone in the club who supported us, it's really something to be very proud of!



The 2023 Annual Golf Classic was held on Friday the 26th of May in Edmondstown Golf Club. We had 45 teams competing from early morning to dusk in beautiful weather conditions for good and competitive golf. As usual, our hosts in Edmondstown gave us a warm welcome and presented us with the Golf Course in pristine condition.

Town Link Construction's team were first past the post with a winning score of 98 points, with just five points separating the first five teams:



The committee, Liam Deane, Susan McManus, Sean Moran, John Small, Shane Guest & Jack Nolan, would like to thank all of those who contributed to making the day such a great success. Particularly to Miriam Doyle, Ned Slattery and Cathal Regan for their great work on the day. A special mention to Orla Mc Cabe and Liam Carter, who carried out the reception and starter duties diligently and cheerfully all day. Thanks also to the management and staff of Edmondstown Golf Club and to Costello Catering for looking after us so well with a fantastic meal, which was enjoyed by all.

Most of all we would like to thank the participating teams, Sean Moran of TJ O'Mahony, Mark Forrest of Ardstone and to our many kind sponsors for their continued support.

**Please put Friday the 24th of May in your diary for next years' event.**

## Golf Society Report 2023

Ned Slattery

Myself and a few lads decided to start up a golfing society in the year 2000. We started off with 10 members and delighted to say the membership in 2023 was 51. After 22 years I've decided to step back from the committee to allow younger blood take over.

The lowest number at an outing was 9 in Blainroe golf club in 2001, we had 8 prizes and I never featured - came last - hence the saying 'it's not all about winning, it's the taking part that counts!' In the early years, to survive was the priority and up stepped Iomair Tracey and John Moore, a friend of Iomair's who sponsored the majority of the prizes which set us up to where we are today. Thank you to both of you.

As the years passed the society grew and for the last 5 years we had on average 50 members. As I mentioned the lowest attendance was 9. Well the highest was 64 in Newlands Golf Club where we held a remembrance day for a good friend of us all - The legend Brendan Moran. 52 people from Ballyboden and 12 of the Moran family attended. The winner being Vivian Ruddy and a great night back in the club that evening. I was ably assisted that day by another club member Donie Kerin who sadly passed away this year. For the record, the biggest amount of points to win an outing was 57 points by John O'Neill who just pipped Paul Carroll by 1 point in Edmondstown GC. There were 10 par 3s and 8 par 4s on the day as they were renovating the course.

Today Edmondstown is one of the finest courses in Co. Dublin, where the golf classic fundraiser for the club is played and is run by Jack Nolan and Liam Deane with an average of 45 teams and well supported by society members. A Special mention to everyone who helped over the years, all the Captains and our honorary President Iomair.

It has being a pleasure to serve the members over the years- a super group of ladies and gentlemen. My condolences to the family's of members who passed away over the years. My captains prize night will stay with me forever and to have some of it on video is a treasure. Congratulations to Paddy Walsh, the winner. The gift the members gave me on the captains night was more than generous and was put to good use thanks very much. Looking forward to going out at 1 o'clock at the outings next year and mixing with the members again.

Wishing you all a prosperous new year.

**Stay safe. Yours in golf, Nedser.**



**1st Place – 98 Points**

Townlink Construction Team  
Joe McCarron, Matt Cleary,  
Keith McCarron, & Cathal McCarron

**2nd Place – 97 Points Pat Doyle Team**

Pat Doyle, Owen Sweeney,  
Jason Devine & Jim Power

**3rd Place – 94 Points (BOT)**

Cathal Fitzgerald Team  
Cathal Fitzgerald, Graham O'Reilly,  
Jim Boland & Brian Delany

**4th Place – 94 Points**

Silveracre Montessori Team  
Rita Archbold, Ciara Archbold,  
Willie Barry & John Philips

**5th Place – 93 Points**

Maplewood Developments Team 1  
Paddy Whelan, Michael Devaney,  
Grant Perry & Sean O'Rourke

**Front Nine - 49 Points Phonewatch Team**

**Back Nine - 49 Points TJ O'Mahony Team 2**

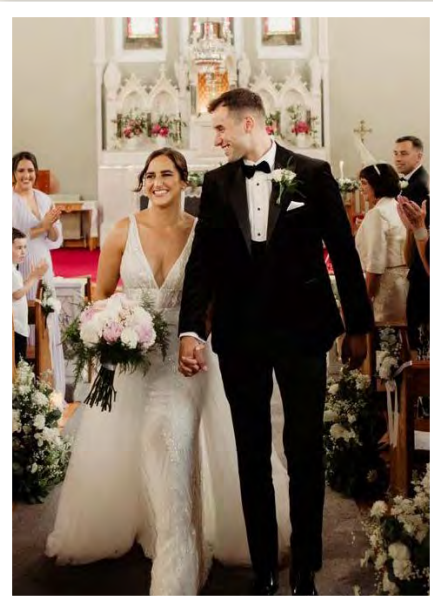
**Longest Drive Finn McGarry**

**Nearest the Pin Kevin Reynolds**





# Boden Wedding bells



Conor Dooley and Suzanne O'Reilly  
July 2023



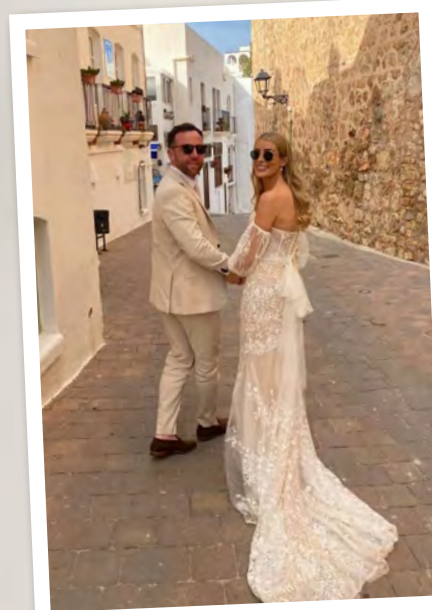
Dean Curran and Amy Walsh  
August 2023



Des O'Sullivan and Emma Quinlan  
June 2023



Rachel Basquel and Shane Meskell  
September 2023 in Co. Mayo



Steven O'Connor and Sadhbh Kelly  
Cabill - June 2023



Jason Devery and Grace Tobin  
July 2023



Finian McDonagh and Ciara Donovan  
September 30th 2023



Hugh Mockler and Carmel O'Sullivan  
July 2023



James Ryan and Kirsty Lee Wallace  
July 1st 2023



Bláthnaid O'Connor, daughter of David and Léan born on 22nd November



Baby Cillian Power  
Son of Louise & James Power



Cadhla Maguire, daughter of Fionn and Ciara.  
Born 31st October

## Boden Babies



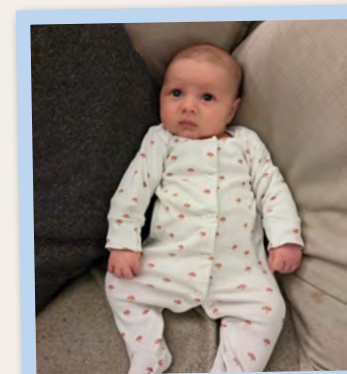
Shay Showlin born 19th June with brother Tom and sister Lily



Lola Ann Lambert, daughter of Simon and Grace. Born December 12th



Bodhi Durkin daughter of Shane and Sinéad



Senan Liam Ryan...son of Paul and Jess  
born on July 24th



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