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What a year we've all had as a club in 2019 with Dublin and Leinster senior football championships being a particular highlight. Who will forget the excitement and tension of the games against Na Fianna and St. Jude's in Dublin and the closing minutes of the Leinster final against Éire Óg of Carlow? The squad and their management truly made us proud in our 50th year, and we thank them for a great year. While senior championships are

Club Development Activities 2019

The draining of the grass pitch in Sancta Maria is now complete. We were also very fortunate to secure a grant from Sports Capital to partly finance the erection of LED Floodlights. This was certainly the one piece of the jigsaw we were missing. Like PUM we need to use the pitch wisely throughout 2020 and try to maintain a high standard of finish.

The demolition work in Sancta Maria school is still ongoing and we continue to work closely with the appointed Architects to protect our interests. This includes removing office to front of building we called 'Sister Basil's Office', separating our building from School and making good all boundaries and services.

the pinnacle of on-field achievement, fielding over 170 teams each week, developing our juvenile players and representing Ballyboden St. Endas with pride, discipline and sporting behaviour are huge achievements which are made possible by armies of volunteers who train and coach teams, prepare pitches and carry out all of the essential tasks required to keep Ballyboden running. The contribution of all members to the social capital of the locality is immeasurable and invaluable. We have made a significant investment in facilities again in 2019 when we upgraded the Sancta Maria grass pitch and installed floodlights to add further to the top-class facilities available to members in the Sancta Maria complex.

Of course, the commemorative and celebratory events to mark our 50th year will remain long in the memory. Each of the adult and juvenile games sections organised an event during the year with each section's event emphasising a different aspect of the club's history, personnel and culture. Blitzes, competitions, social events, photographic displays and reunions all featured in a broad range of events. At a club level, the Coiste Chomórach an Chéid under the chairmanship of John Kirwan planned and delivered such wonderful events as the Paul Rouse lecture, the club Mass for deceased members, the Céilí House broadcast, a commemorative 50th anniversary meeting in Ballyroan Boys' school

on the 18th of September, a truly entertaining drama production and, of course, the gala dinner and celebration attended by over 850 club members, past-members, friends and family. It was a truly unforgettable programme of events which was a fitting tribute to those who have gone before us and an acknowledgement of the great club which we have become.

Unfortunately, we lost some valued club members and friends during 2019, among them members who have laid the foundations of the club we enjoy today through their contribution as players, mentors, administrators and supporters over a period of many years. All members were shocked and saddened at the sudden and untimely departure of club dual player Dermot 'Digger' Manley to his eternal reward agus guimíd ar son a theaghligh agus a mhna chéile, go raibh misneach agus suaimhneas acu. Guimíd suaimhneas síoraí do Dermot agus do anamnacha na marbh uile.

Athbhliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise dár mbaill uile agus go n-éirí go geal le gach éinne ar an bpáirc imeartha agus i ngach uile réimse den saol in 2020. Tabhair aire daoibh féin!

CIARÁN MAGUIRE

4. Continue to work with SDCC to ensure our interests in the various local developments are maintained.
5. Good relationship with the local schools is critical and we work together to the best of our ability and aid with pitches and facilities where possible.

I'd especially like to thank James McGarry, Frank Moran, Billy Coman and Paddy Walsh for their assistance and input to various projects.

Finally, to all members I'd like to thank you for your support and patience with the various projects.

John Ryan, Chairman
Club Development Executive.

Bar Report 2019

Mick Farrell

Another year gone and I count myself lucky to have been among the celebrations that have taken place over the last 12 months to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Club. Apart from the different events connected to the 50 year celebrations, normal activity in the bar continued at full pace.

Some of the highlights include our first Inter county quiz night in the bar with 32 counties represented, wearing their county colors on the night with Limerick & Wexford joint winners with all proceeds donated to charity.

The Monthly Boden Sessions continued to thrive under the stewardship of Joe Johnson and take place the first Monday of Every month.

The Easter egg hunt at the club has again proven to be very popular where all the kids look forward to having a fun day outside looking for their Easter eggs followed by a magic & puppet show inside. Looking forward to this year already!!

Our first Leitrim Donkey Derby which took place in the bar was a night to remember raising over €1,500 for charity and is guaranteed to be an annual event in the future.

Our "Ladies Nights" have again proven to be very popular and top bands like "The Bee Gees", "Abba", "Rat Pack" & "Robbie Williams" ensured the dance floor was rocking from start to finish. The next ladies night in 2020 is Friday 3rd April with the amazing "Runaways" on stage.

The Annual St. Patrick's Day kids show gets bigger & better and is proving to be a most enjoyable family day out for all.

The Drama society put on two first class performances in 2019 with sold out signs a common occurrence especially with the show in November "Fifty shades of Boden" directed by Mick Keville which attracted unprecedented numbers. Well Done.

As part of the 50th celebrations, "Céilí House" broadcasted live from the clubhouse and the large audience were entertained by top class musicians & entertainers. We are now lucky enough to have a selection of these musicians playing EVERY Thursday night in our club Bar. Everyone is Welcome.

Our weekly Saturday night "Spin the Wheel" came to a festive conclusion when we gave away €8,000 on Xmas week. It now resumes every Saturday night at 11pm with €1,000 up for grabs on the night.

These are just some of the highlights of what goes on inside the club and as you can see there's something for everybody.

I must take this opportunity to thank all the hard working bar staff, Ciarán Maguire, Gerry Mahon, Noel Sheridan, Sinéad O'Dea, Neil Buckingham, Cliona Mellett & Alan Kinsella for all their support during 2019 and we look forward to another enjoyable and eventful year in 2020.



Senior Footballers training under the new lights in Sancta Maria

Think you know your club? Check out these amazing 50 facts about Ballyboden St. Enda's

- 1 Ballyboden St. Enda's began with 36 members, today we have over 3,000.
- 2 The grounds of Páirc Uí Mhurchú were purchased in 1966 for £4,000.
- 3 The Juvenile section of the club was established in September 1974.
- 4 Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA twinned with Berlin GAA in 2017.
- 5 Ballyboden St. Enda's have three All Ireland Club titles - The Senior Ladies who won back to back titles in 2004/05 & The Senior Footballers in 2016.
- 6 The Summer Camp was set up in 1999 with just under 1,000 children.
- 7 The Boden Newsletter was established in October 2012.
- 8 Our Ladies completed a footballathon world record of 13h 31m in 2018.
- 9 Brendan Young played AFL in every position on the pitch - even in goal.
- 10 Ballyboden St Enda's ladies players Aoife O'Neill, Sarah Nagle and Laura Nagle are the faces of #cantseecantbe 20x20 campaign.
- 11 Our Comms team won the Leinster Club Website of the year in 2019.
- 12 Senior Ladies footballer Rachel Ruddy played against her current manager Valerie Mulcahy at Inter County level when Dublin met Cork.

Senior B team have 38 senior Crean (Scollard), Louise Kelly
14 Ryder Cup winning Captain Padraig Harrington are former
15 The 2019 Ballyboden St. Enda's of our Vice Presidents all hail
16 It's the 20th year of the Golf
17 80% of our juvenile ladies play
18 A Former Club Chairman John
19 There are currently six sets Senior Camogie team in the club - The Whites, The O'Donoghues, The
20 The Senior Camogie team were St Enda's to win back to back Dublin
21 Club favourite Ned Slattery manager for twenty years

- 22 The Lotto was launched in April 1998 and the first draw was on 15 June 1998.
- 23 Brian O'Regan coached and won Senior County titles with all four sections.
- 24 Richie Sweetnam managed the Senior Camogie team to five Senior Championships in a row from 1999 to 2014.
- 25 Danny Griffin has worked on sponsorship for the club since 1992.
- 26 Páirc Uí Mhurchú was named in 1984, in honour of founding member and first Chairman of Ballyboden St. Enda's, Ned Murphy.
- 27 Over 400 children take part in the Ballyboden St Enda's academy each year.

13 Three of the starting county titles between them Orla and Joanne O'Regan (O'Sullivan). Paul McGinley and vice-captain Ballyboden St Enda's players. president and three out of four from the county of Cork. society in Ballyboden St Enda's. BOTH ladies football & camogie. Francois was French, born in Nantes. of sisters playing on the The Hylands, The Ruddys, Nagles and The O'Neill sisters. the first senior team in Ballyboden Championships in 1999/ 2000. was Ballyboden St. Enda's bar before finally retiring in 2014.

- 28 The Ballyboden St. Enda's website was established in 2002.
- 29 There have been 354 newsletters published to date which has grown from an initial 571 recipients to 3,010 recipients.
- 30 The Ballyboden St. Enda's Facebook Page was set up in 2002 with 450 friends. Today we have over 5,000 friends and growing.
- 31 Boden men David Sweeney, David Curtin, Stephen Hiney and Stephen Perkins were all Dublin Senior Hurling Captains.
- 32 Liam Hogan managed the Senior Hurlers to 5 in a row from 2007-2011.
- 33 The Ballyboden St. Enda's Lotto's highest ever jackpot was €15,000 and was recently
- 34 In 2014 on the Camino de Santiago, Conor Sheehan read from Ulysses on the Boden flag on the highest peak as along the Camino de Santiago Austria and Croatia. TG4 man of the match in the 2016 & All Ireland Final 2016. finals with Dublin U14, 16, 18 and with Dublin U14, 16, 18 and Senior. a 100% record in Croke Park. P2 W2! and the 2016 All Ireland Final. complete set of football championship Enda's - He has championship only missing out in Under 15. and Colin Moran have captained (Sean) and Leinster (Collie) success. Gay Cuddy has won the Dublin with two different clubs. the only father and son to win a playing for Ballyboden St. Enda's. Ireland Feile titles in all four codes. Championship in all four codes. was on Thursday 18th June 1969. Chairmen have been members of Ballyboden St Enda's - Bill Daly, Martin Skelly and Jim Bolger.
- 47 Former Ladies football and camogie player Kellie McLoughlin is currently the National Boxing Champion @57kg weight division.
- 48 The most popular surname in BBSE in 2019 membership is... Ryan.
- 49 The Club has won 31 Senior A championships in the last 50 years in 4 codes.
- 50 Conal Keaney is the only Ballyboden St Enda's clubman with Leinster Senior Championship medals in both football and hurling.

Golf Classic

The 2019 Annual Golf Classic was once again held in Edmondstown Golf Club on Friday the 24th of May. Our hosts in Edmondstown presented us with a challenging course in immaculate condition and with the usual warm and friendly welcome.

Our 40 Teams enjoyed the great conditions, with the Sports Surgery Clinic Team led by Fiachra O'Connor returning a fantastic winning score of 93 Points.

1st Place – 93 Points
Sports Surgery Clinic Team
Fiachra O'Connor, Finn McGarry
Ray Cosgrove, Gerry White

2nd Place – 90 Points
Holland Property Management
Liam Holland Andy McEntee
Seamus Given Declan O'Donnell

3rd Place – 88 Points
Total Expo Team

4th Place – 85 Points
Spectrum Team
(Supporting the 2006 Boys)

Front Nine – 42 Points
Pat Doyle Team

Back Nine – 46 Points
TJ O'Mahony Team

Longest Drive Finn McGarry
SSC Team

Nearest the Pin Malachy Travers
SPARC Team



The committee, Liam Deane, Grainne Nolan, Helen Deignan, Sean Moran, Ned Slattery, John Small, James Mc Garry and Liam Holland would like to thank all of those who contributed to making the day such a great

success, particularly Cliona Mellett, Miriam Doyle, Tom McGrath and Cathal O'Regan.

Most of all we would like to thank all the teams, Sean Moran of TJ O'Mahony and to our many kind sponsors for their continued support. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

Is mise le meas,
Jack Nolan



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TJ O'Mahony **DIV & TRADE** **PHONE WATCH**

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ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Golf Society

2019 was a very successful year for the society. We had 48 members of which 29 won prizes. Our captain Danny O'Connell was an excellent ambassador for our Society this year. Thanks Danny on behalf of the committee and all the members.

The Captains prize was won by our youngest member Thomas Sweeney - Well done Tom!

Golfer of the year was Vincent Carney, the highlight being his 3 over par in Mount Juliet. A special thanks to the committee for all their support. Also a big thank you to our sponsors: Stephen Campbell, Pat Doyle, Jonny Kenny & Tom Durkin

We wish Brendan O'Connor all the best in his captains year. New members of the club are very welcome to join.

April 17th Castlenock - Tee time 1-3pm.
May 15th Arklow Tee time 1-3pm.
May 22nd Golf Classic Edmondstown Tee time All day.
June 26th Hermitage Tee time 2-4pm.
Captains prize Mr Brendan O'Connor.
July 10th Beech park Tee time 1-3pm.
August 17th Grange Tee time 1-3pm.
September 18th Nass G.C Tee time 1-3pm.
October Date TBC Tee time 11am-1pm.
followed by Prize giving and A.G.M @ 8.30pm.

Ned Slattery

Ladies Football Reports



Senior A

We started 2019 with our annual trip to the Paudi O'Sé tournament. The league commenced in early April with a disappointing loss to Cuala, but we recovered to defeat Clanna Gael. Foxrock Cab were too strong for us two weeks later.

We had mixed luck in the championship losing to Thomas Davis in a close opening game before beating Fingallians well with an outstanding away performance. Our third championship game was at home to Kilmacud

and after a wonderful open game we came up short despite some outstanding performances. A fortnight later Kilmacud were again the visitors to PUM this time in the league and after a tight game 'Boden were victorious. Good away cup wins followed where we gave Senior A opportunities to newcomers Aoife Dwyer, Aoife Durkan, Bronagh Lynn and Laura Smithers as well as minors Hannah Murphy and Aisling Byrne.

All in all a mixed season with the hope that the six girls that were introduced to senior football,

the return of Natalie Hyland and the tremendous boost of Valerie Mulcahy's appointment, that we can look forward to again becoming a force in Senior ladies football.

Congratulations to Rachel Ruddy on winning her 3rd All Ireland with Dublin as well as Sorchá Farrelly and Claire Butterly who were both part of the management team. Congrats also to Sinead Burke our Galway star who won her second all-star in a row.



Senior B

2019 was a very successful year for the Senior B Ladies team, competing well in Cup, League and Championship.

The highlight of course was winning the Junior B Championship with a hard-won victory over Peregrines.

Our season started in February by winning the Paudi O'Sé tournament. Our captain Sarah Burns was presented with the winning trophy by her cousin, former Kerry footballer Killian Burns! In the League we were brought down to earth, as now playing in Division 3 we lost a number of our earlier games and despite winning our last few games of the season, we were demoted to Division 4.

We began the Championship in mid-May with wins against Erin's Isle, FoxCab and Scoil Uí Chonaill and our last match before the break saw us defeat Peregrines in PUM setting up a semi final.

In the semi-final, we faced Ballyboughal at home. We played our best football of the year in the first half helping us seal victory.

In the final on 22nd September we again faced Peregrines. The game was a tight affair with scores at a premium. Peregrines scored a goal in the first few minutes, but Boden fought back to dominate the game and lead by 0-06 to 1-0 at half time. We tagged on another 3 points to build a strong lead, but Peregrines scored another goal and 3 points to bring the game level. However late points sealed the win for Boden and huge celebrations.

Senior C

2019 included 67 training sessions and 25 matches in total, ably assisted by our Minor A panel whilst our Leaving cert girls took exams providing a great template for the future. Championship commences during exam time which is not ideal. We were very unlucky losing by a single point in two games. We reached the semi-final in the cup and finished mid table in league. Overall a very satisfactory year, special thanks to the Minor A management for their support all year.



Minor A

A challenging year in which the dual player issue really came to the fore as six of the regular starting 15 represented Dublin Camogie leading to clashes with the training sessions and league matches meaning the season never really got going. A number of the girls benefited and enjoyed playing up with the Division 5 Senior Ladies team.

Minor B

After a shaky first league match defeat, the girls regained their mojo to win their next 4 matches, finishing 3rd. The early start to Championship impacted the team and resulted in a loss to Na Fianna. As the following matches were byes, we laid on extra intensive training, core work and challenge games. This paid off with a win against O'Tooles and a semi-final berth. Unfortunately, we came up short against a better team, Trinity Gaels. As some of the team were in their second year as Minors, many also took the opportunity to begin their adult football careers, toggling out for the Senior D's during the early summer.



Minor C

A team of all first year minors performed strongly and were competitive in all our matches. The girls came back after the summer break totally rejuvenated. It may have been due to run outs with the Senior D's. We won three really competitive matches on the trot (our best run all year) which earned us a place in the Final against Clontarf. Having gotten off to a poor start we came back strongly and found ourselves only 1 point behind at half time. However, Clontarf proved too strong in the second half and ran out worthy winners.

2019 was the girl's first venture into adult football helped them develop as team and individual players.



U16 A

2019 was a difficult year for this team on the pitch but, there was much to admire in the actual performances of the girls and the spirited displays that they managed against strong opposition. The girls continued to turn up for training and matches in great numbers and several of them also played up for other teams in the club including all Minor teams and Senior B, C and D. What is also very pleasing is that all the girls will play in the Minor in 2020 which is the ultimate measure of success.



U16 B

The girls had a fantastic league campaign, winning 5 and losing 2 to come second. In the championship we defeated Robert Emmet's in the first game but unfortunately that was our only win in the championship group stage. We got a lifeline as we played Robert Emmet's again in the shield semi-final and won well. The final put us up against a very strong Cuala A team, which we lost by two goals.

The last two games saw the return of the skill and teamwork that we saw in the league. All in all, the success of this team is not only their on field achievements over the years, it's their love of the game and their commitment.

Next year will see these players going to Minor and we wish them well in the adult ranks



U16 C

Thanks to U15 championship success we moved up a division for league which proved tough with only 1 win from 7 struggling in particular against the single team clubs. We finished training at the end of May due to junior cert. We returned training the first week in August and we had a good turnout for the ladies 7 a side tournament on the 24th August followed by 2 challenge games before the championship, where we secured a semi-final berth but unfortunately lost out to Lucan.

We played our last game at U16 on 24th November and trained up to the end of the month and look forward to seeing all the girls back next year for minor.



U15 A

The league began with home defeat to Fox Cab. However, the girls dug deep over the next number of weeks and followed with 4 wins which resulted in a tie with Fox Cab and a play-off to decide the title. However Fox Cab were unable to field and so our girls were awarded the title.

Championship saw a first round loss to Lucan. A big win over Cuala set up a group decider with Fox Cab. The girls ran out convincing winners to set up a Semi Final with Clontarf. An ever-improving Clontarf team put up a great fight but we secured a final against Lucan. The final itself out in Lucan really was a classic – our girls played some wonderful football to build up a 5-point lead but were then pegged back, with Lucan themselves stretching their lead to 5. But our girls dug deep in a tense finale to come out on top by 2.

The team is well represented at county level with 7 girls in the county squad, Alice Rudden, Aine Rafter, Sadie Codd, Kate Donaghy, Hannah Byrne, Megan Dignam and Ella Reid.



U15 B

After the first six games of the league we had five wins and only one defeat to Crumlin. Our final league game was against Bridget's who needed just a draw to clinch the league. In a superb performance our girls ensured the celebrations that awaited the Bridget's girls had to go on hold.

The league finished with 4 teams tied, so it was down to playoffs. A win over Man O War in put us in the final against Crumlin. An early throw in was agreed to facilitate lifts straight from the game to the Gaeltacht buses!. In a final a last minute free to bring the match to extra time went to the wrong side of the posts and we had to settle for league runners up.

The good league run saw the team promoted for the Championship. A great performance with a team weakened through injury saw us claim a draw in our first match against Bridget's, but defeats to Man O' War and Skerries put us into a shield semi-final against Lucan where unfortunately our 2019 campaign came to an end.



U15 C

The C team had another memorable year thanks to a highly dedicated panel of 26 players, who gave the mentors a welcome headache of multiple subs!

The team firstly sets out to have fun, followed by enjoyment of our national games and then see what happens in terms of results. We are glad to report we delivered on all three counts in 2019 thanks to a fantastic second place in the league after six great wins. A highlight was a great one-point win over neighbours BSJ who had defeated us in the Féile final last year.

Of course, with league success comes championship upgrading and sure enough we were promoted for championship which was a significant step up in opposition ability. Despite this though, the girls as always put out their best performances and held their heads high. We secured a cup semi-final berth but lost out to eventual winners Raheny.

All are returning for 2020 and hopes are high for another enjoyable year at U16.



Winter training continued in St Colmcille's Community school from January to April.

The first big event on the G4M&O 2019 calendar was the pub quiz in a packed Boden clubhouse to raise funds for the year ahead including a G4MO team kit.

In May the team benefitted hugely from a training session with Dublin Ladies Manager Mick Bohan.

In June we welcomed Ranelagh Gaels GAA, Geraldine P Moran GAA and Clann Mhuiré CLG to Ballyboden for the inaugural Boden G4M&O blitz. The sun came out and this reflected the fantastic atmosphere in Páirc Uí Mhurchú. Eight terrific games were played in total.

A well-earned break was had during the summer. In September we got back to training, and were invited to a promotional event for #2020 in Geraldine Moran's.

Many thanks to our trainer and Coach Trish who has put the team through their paces since September.



Boden Sessions ag feachaint siar

What a year of Sessions we've had! – brilliant entertainment on the last Mondays of the month – fantastic performances from local groups and individuals – every single person who comes along to sing a song, play a tune or tell a yarn – to perform before an audience for the first time – that is a wonderful achievement.

The Boden Sessions are filled with such magical moments- singers, dancers, musicians, and we even have brilliant comedy acts too! Just to give you a flavour of some of our acts during 2019 – for the first time ever we had a cellist, an uilleann piper, an awesome sawman, a trumpeter, poets reciting their own poetry and composers performing their own songs, just like this one...

*"Oh we come from Ballyboden
we're the greatest Club in Dublin
where the blue and white is all you'll ever need,
And we've reached the age of 50
and we're so proud of our history
And a future that is certain to succeed."*



Yes, the words of this song – composed by Neil Buckingham, rang out at our Seisiúin na Nollag and we'll keep on ringing it out into the future.

THANK YOU to all of our Session performers
THANK YOU to the fantastic audiences who come along and urge us on – encouraging us all the time, (just like they do on the sidelines).

THANK YOU to our wonderful Bar Manager Mick Farrell who patiently waits for the last song to be sung! – and if YOU'RE one of the few who haven't visited the Boden Sessions yet - bígi linn gan mhoill agus abair amhrán dúinn – bliain nua ann anois, an 51ú bliain don Chlub- cantairí agus ceoltóirí nua ag teastáil.
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Baile Buadháin Le Gaeilge 2020

An bhfuil suim agat sa Ghaeilge? Ar mhaith leat an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn agus í a dhéanamh níos feiceáil agus níos so-chloiste timpeall Bhaile Buadháin sa bhliain 2020?

Tá muid ag cruthú ghrúpa a bheadh báuil don teanga agus a bheadh sásta páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí éagsúla len í a chothú sa chlub. Anuas ar sin, ba mhaith linn cur isteach ar Fhonndúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha

agus meithleacha beaga a chruthú leis na rudaí cuí a chur i bhfeidhm i mbliana.

Má tá suim agat a bheith páirteach sna himeachtaí seo, seol ríomhphost le d'uimhir ghutháin chugam ag Ciarán.macuidhir@gmail.com

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Cluiche Ceannais Chraobh Shinsir Iomána na gClubanna
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SOUTH AFRICA GAELS

Earlier in the year I was in the Bar pondering over a pint when my phone rang - it was an International Number and thanks to the modern smart phone it indicated that the call was from South Africa Should I answer? Yes/No? If it's a hoax it can cost a pot of money and a lot of grief...

But, alas it was Greg Heraty arranging another momentous trip with his new found Club **SOUTH AFRICA GAELS**... He had visited us a few years previous and we had a wonderful match and evening on the All Weather pitch in Sancta Maria. Greg had a similar request again but this time he also planned on bringing a ladies team and a little further request that if there were any spare boots or sports gear in BBSE he would kindly

take it back to the South African schools to help with developing GAA games.

So we got the machine oiled up... Cliona Mellett and Sinéad O'Dea on social media etc. and we got calls from all over the country from people willing to contribute. It was a Huge Success – over 1,000 pairs of good boots and sets of jerseys & Tops arrived- so much so that Greg could not possibly take them all back with him. In stepped the great man JACK NOLAN and through his business CRUINN Logistics he couriered the consignment to SA and bore the cost of same.

The SA Gaels teams arrived to a tremendous welcome (the photos tell the story) and we had two great games, plenty of lovely African

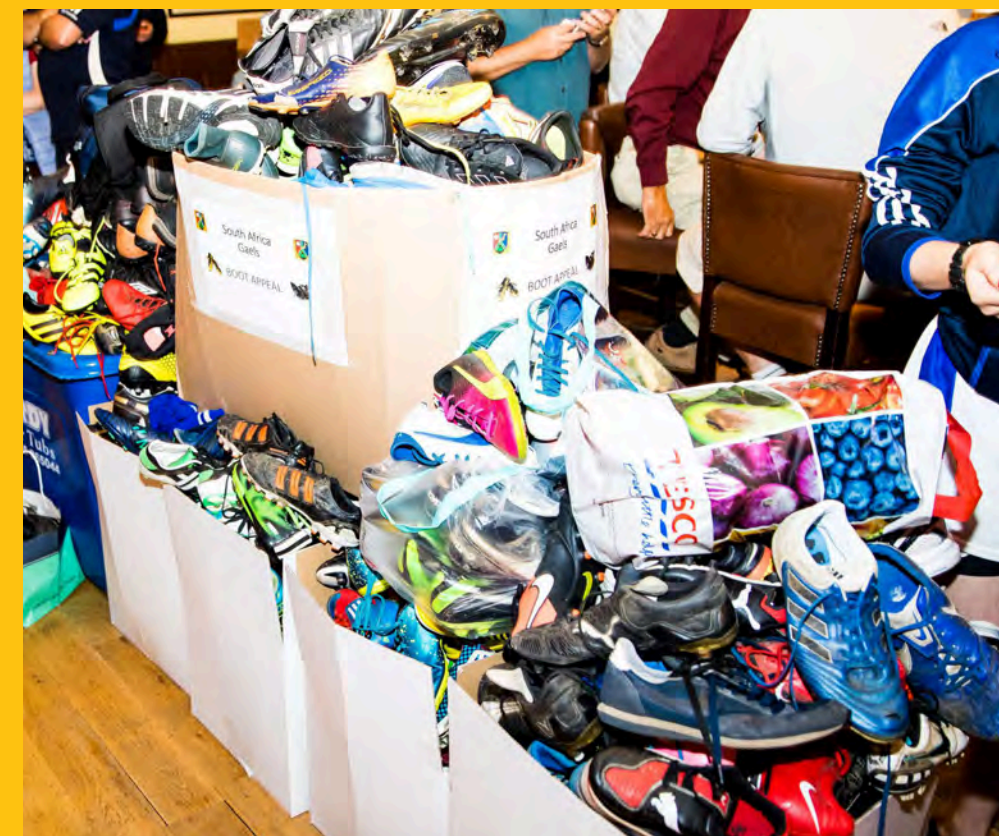


dancing and appreciation followed by a few jars and food in the bar afterwards... this was such a wonderful cultural experience that I hope happens many more times with teams and volunteers like Greg Heraty in our Club



To all of the people who helped (too many to mention) and especially to our young people who I know really enjoyed the experience, WELL DONE!

Liam Deane



Bingo Report

The continued support of our regular bingo goers has allowed us to continue as always on a weekly basis. While we have retained numbers of 45 we would be happier if we could increase the weekly bingo goers. Any suggestions would be greatly received.

Our themed nights and jackpot rollover has continued to encourage our regulars to participate weekly on a Tuesday night. The number of friendships made over the years is encouraging and the social interaction is most rewarding for the Committee who have been there from the outset.

Thanks to Conor (our MC), Teresa and all the Committee for their continued commitment. Thanks to our bingo followers who continue to support us weekly and come in rain, hail or shine.

New Members Welcome
Please tell your Friends.

Lotto Report

Our biggest ever Jackpot has just been won! After 35 Weeks of roll-overs the Ballyboden St Enda's Club Lotto was a massive €15,000 and we're delighted to see Colaiste Eanna pick up the big one! During the year we paid out over €10,000 (€10,200 to be precise) to members in prizes and a secondary Jackpot of €3,500 has been building up behind this.

The Lotto remains one of the most important sources of income for the club, so if you want to play your part in assisting in the continued development of the club please see the club website.

To join the Lotto; details are available on

www.bodengaa.ie



Lotto Committee 2019

SENIOR A HURLERS



Hurling Report

AS THE YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE IT IS PERHAPS FITTING TO LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR THAT WAS 2019 WHILE AT THE SAME TIME LOOKING FORWARD TO 2020 AND WHAT IT MIGHT BRING US.

OVERALL 2019 CAN BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN A YEAR OF HIGHS AND LOWS FOR ADULT HURLING IN THE CLUB.

On the low side we can be disappointed that we failed to retain our Senior Hurling Championship title and exited this and the other three adult championships at the quarter final stage in each competition. We did, however, manage to qualify for the final of the Minor A Championship and only lost out by a single point in a superb final to

Kilmacud Crokes. I think all the managers and players will concur that the club provided whatever support and assistance they sought during the season and that sometimes luck just doesn't go your way.

On the high side we won three league titles, Minor Division 1, Minor Division 4 and Adult Division 3 while our Adult Division 5 team were also promoted. This means that in 2020 we will have adult teams competing in AHL 1, AHL 2, AHL 4 and AHL 6. This was a great achievement for all players and management teams. We competed in the Clonkill 7s and we would hope to continue to take part in this competition annually.

We had our, now Annual, Big Breakfast and

again this event was hugely supported by so many members and friends. While it is impossible to thank everyone who contributed to this wonderful social and fund-raising event, a special word of thanks is due to the Man with the Pan, Paddy Brady, and his crew without whom there would be no breakfast. This will be held again early in the new year and we look forward to seeing you all there again for the best breakfast in town. We also ran the Poc Fada and this year it was expanded by popular demand to include juveniles. We were very lucky with the weather and a great time was had by all competitors. This event was followed on the day by a 7-a-side which was organised as part of the 50 Year celebrations. Our congratulations and thanks are due to the Celebrations Committee

who have worked so hard and organised so many excellent events to mark this very important year. This all led to a great feeling of inclusiveness and pride in our club.

We continued to involve juvenile teams at our home Division 1 league games and it is always lovely to see the excitement and skills of the young players. Thanks to the various managers and mentors of the juvenile teams for arranging their teams to come along and play. Perhaps in 2020 we can look at increasing the profile of these games in some way. These lads are our future adult players and we need to continue to encourage them in any way we can.

Over the recent past it has become clear that the club need to provide an increased level of coaching to hurlers in the club and with this in mind we have recently engaged with various parties within the club to identify how best we might achieve this. While we are still at an early stage in this initiative it is hoped that a plan will be in place early in 2020. We have many very good coaches available and we will be putting a strategy in place to ensure that we harness and enhance the skills of these vital coaches.

SENIOR B HURLERS



JUNIOR A HURLERS



SEVENS CHAMPIONS



JUNIOR C HURLERS



MINOR A SQUAD



MINOR B SQUAD



JUVENILE POC FADA PARTICIPANTS



DOLORES GRIFFIN PRESENTS THE KEVIN GRIFFIN CUP TO CATHAL RYAN



KARL REDDY JUST ABOUT MANAGES TO MAKE A BLUE CAP AND YELLOW GLASSES WORK!



NIALL RYAN, PAUL RYAN, JOHN RYAN, MICHAEL FOYNES (WINNER OF THE POC FADA DRAW), NICK PRICE (SUPERVALU) AND JOHN SMALL



JUVENILE POC FADA WINNERS - SEAN, DARRAGH, AARON & JOE WITH JOHN RYAN



ADULT POC FADA WINNERS



3 GENERATIONS OF KELLEHERS. ADAM, DENIS AND BRIAN



Gary Maguire

The Maguire Family are no strangers to Ballyboden St. Enda's - hailing from Firhouse. Gary started at U9 football in Páirc Uí Mhurchú with Tony Lennon and then over to Cherryfield with Marius Martin for the hurling. "I got involved after my three older brothers and sister had already joined. I could have easily been playing with St. Annes instead, only for Sean Fitzmaurice said to my mam that she should bring my oldest brother Peter down to Ballyboden when he was around 10 years old and we all followed" Growing up, Gary played all sports but it was the GAA that he had a grá for " It was a help that we played both hurling and football all the way up in Scoil Treasa, Firhouse Community College and Colaiste Eanna so GAA was always around me - my family and friends played it so I enjoyed it more".

Gary came through the ranks underage in Dublin, starting at Under 14's he progressed through the juveniles, minor and onto the Senior team in 2004. "I made my debut in the league against Kilkenny in Nowlan Park, that was a task in itself. I played for Dublin throughout the years but when Anthony Daly came in as manager with Dublin I saw what needed to be done to step up. I would think it was around this time when I reached a more serious level and it was during this time hurling in the club became more competitive and successful so it all rolled into one"

Having played so many matches throughout the years , Gary chooses a poignant game as his most memorable "There have been hundreds of matches between us all in the family but the one that strikes a cord with is watching my older brother Declan win the All-Ireland Hurling Féile in 1992 in Athenry against Loughrea. I was behind the goal when Declan, who had come on corner back made a goal line save that saved the game for Ballyboden St Enda's. I got lost from my parents at the game and had my name called out over the public address but never heard it because I was wrapped up watching the game and celebrations on the field after. This game probably has greater significance now"

Gary's older brother Declan is never too far from his mind and is remembered fondly in Ballyboden St Enda's each year in the annual Declan Maguire tournament on Stephen's Day "The St. Stephen's day game has been going for a long number of years before Declan passed away in 1998. In 2003, Joe O'Brien the hurling chairman at the time asked the family if we would like to have the St. Stephen's day game in honour of Deco. We were honoured and a trophy was provided at the time by the club. The trophy usually gets presented to the winners every year and then returns to the trophy cabinet in my parents house where its sits beside my All Star award. The support from the club since Declan's accident has

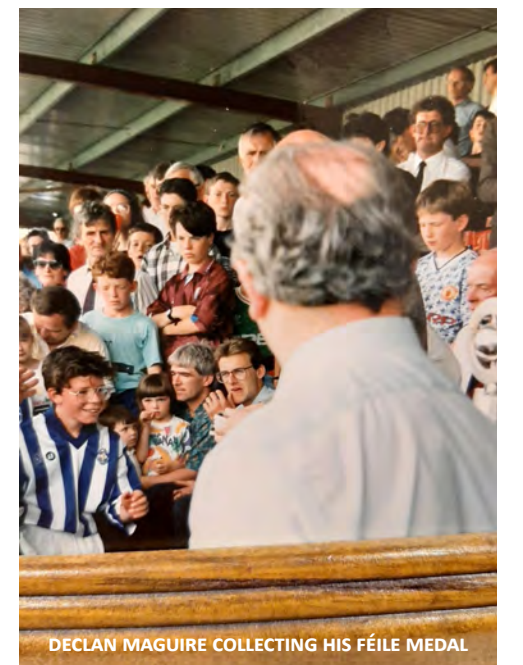
always been deeply appreciated by the whole family and felt each year"

The 2019 season wasn't as good to the hurlers as previous years - where did it all go wrong? "Ah, we lost to St Vincents who were a better team, they outworked us and showed greater hunger than we did. We were somewhat sluggish and gave some soft frees away but still had chances to win the game. It wasn't to be, we would have had to drastically step up if we were to overturn Cuala".

This leads me to Gary's plans for the future. Working as a Project Designer for Hugh Munro & Co. Ltd. Consulting Engineers located in Dublin Port and with a new addition to the family he has decided to hang up the boots "Well I am recently retired from hurling altogether as work and family commitments have become more demanding with two young children at home so I will probably be taking a back seat with my club involvement for the near future. Down the line though I would like to try and help the club focus on the development of young hurlers. Our numbers on the Dublin minor hurling team recently do not appear to be as they used to be which does concern me for the future, I hope I could help improve this again. Ballyboden St Enda's is a brilliant club and is hugely important to the community and has helped me develop as a player throughout the years. It is a great outlet for people to put on the jersey in a team environment and focus on something else away from whatever life stresses there may be. There is always a team playing that anyone can go to support or get involved with".

After 28 years of playing in the blue and white we are sad to see Gary retire but we thank him for all the memories & remember the door is always open to return!

Sinéad O'Dea

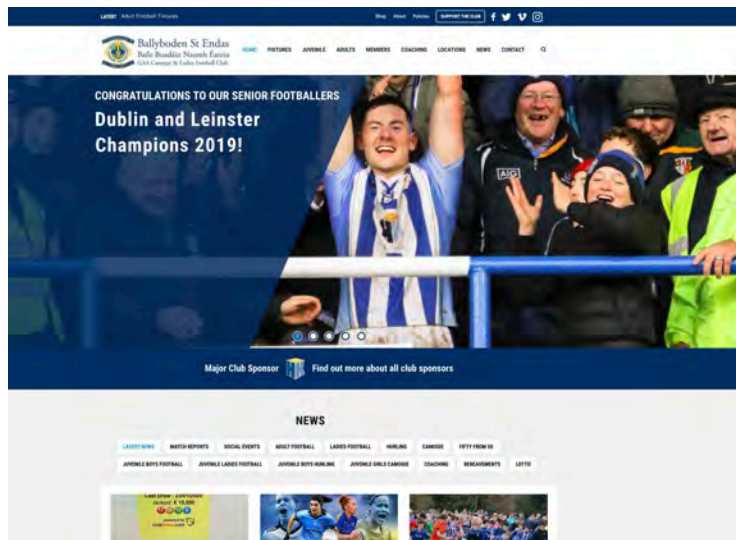


DECLAN MAGUIRE COLLECTING HIS FÉILE MEDAL

The Communications Committee had a very busy 2019, we were central to the 50th Celebrations and liaised with the 50th Anniversary Committee regularly throughout the year to advise and promote all the events the Club had planned. This was in addition to all the regular updates to our website and social media channels across all 4 codes and our social sections.

At the start of 2019, there was a plan to update the Ballyboden St Enda's website, we receive a lot of traffic to our website, social media channels and our newsletter so a user friendly updated website was always going to be beneficial. Executive member Cormac Smyth and his team, in particular Gareth Ebbs, in A.M Web worked with the communications team on what was needed on the new website, how it could look, how to make it user friendly and to top it all off they transferred all the archive material from the old website to the new one. The new website and new name ballyboden.ie was launched in June 2019 and in the first six months we received just under 30,000 hits 75,000 people visited from Ireland, just under 2,000 from the UK and over 1,500 from the United States.

We have also had visitors from India, Germany, Portugal and Berlin. The new website has been received very well by our members & although there have been a few tweaks here and there- we are very proud that we won Leinster Club Website of the Year.



The 20x20 campaign is partnered with the Federation of Irish Sport and Ballyboden St Enda's were delighted to help with the launch. Senior Players Sarah & Laura Nagle, Aoife O'Neill, Grace Walsh and Eimear O'Leary all worked with Along Came a Spider agency to create some of the most iconic photos supporting the 20 x 20 campaign.



On the social media front, the success of the Senior Footballers increased our numbers throughout social media, our instagram page now has over 2,000 followers, Facebook has just under 5,000 and our twitter increased to 7,500 followers. Each day, the communications team update all the social media channels with events, match reports, match photos and supporters photos. We also have our Ballyboden St Enda's youtube page which we are gradually developing.

If you have any old footage - send it to us to upload!

Each week, we send match reports to our weekly newsletter, local and national newspapers and communicate with different types of media to highlight the different activities that happen in the club.

The success of the senior Footballers ramped up activity for the Communications committee, liaising with county boards across the country for match information, team sheets and team photos.

Working with the national media preparing interviews prior and after the game with players and managers and encouraging the community to attend the games through all forms of our media to support the lads. Three in a row and five in a row with the Dublin Senior Footballers and Dublin Senior Ladies footballers was also a busy time for the website. Ballyboden St Enda's is lucky to have players on both teams and we were delighted that the club is associated with such historic moments.

Throughout the year we have linked in with the 50th anniversary committee on their events, we contributed to the year celebrations with our Fifty from 50 profiles which started 50 days prior to the Gala night. These profiles created great hype around the club and there was great interest to see who was next and what their input in to Ballyboden St Enda's was. We also filmed a 50th anniversary video where we dived back into the archives (thanks to footage from John Galvin) and spoke to some players, managers and chairpersons past and present about the club from its beginnings to where it is today.

<https://www.ballyboden.ie/50th-anniversary-video/>

Neil Buckingham also wrote a song about Ballyboden St Enda's through the years and this was also played at the Gala night in November.

https://soundcloud.com/neil_buckingham/boden-50th-song

All in all the Communications sections is getting busier and busier every year, between over all comms, communications for each section, the newsletter, website updates, social media updates, daily mails and photographs. We are very grateful for all the volunteers who help out with the team. Thank you to Ciaran Maguire and Noel Sheridan for working with us throughout the year, members of the Executive who have created ideas or suggestions, Mick Farrell for his help promoting the different events, A.M Web for their constant support and to all the photographers who help on a daily / weekly basis providing the pictures that bring all this to life.

If you are interested in helping out with the communications committee - there is always a job!! Contact pro@ballyboden.ie.

Finally, Thank you to all the communications team!

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Camogie PRO - Beth Molloy / Ronan Feely
Ladies Football PRO - Cliona Mellett
Juvenile Boys PRO - Eamonn Gormley
Juvenile Ladies PRO - Dave Rusk
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The Academy

Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan

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As 2019 comes to an end it is great to look back on an excellent Academy Year and to acknowledge all the good work being done by so many during the the past and current season. The Academy is where our 6 & 7 year olds begin their playing days in the Club, and where the skills of the Football/ Hurling/ Ladies Football/ Camogie are introduced to the boys & girls in a Fun and Safe environment.

There were many highlights during the year with Fun Days, Blitz matches, and 50th Year events. We had our Annual Santa Fun Run in December which raised just over €500 for Crumlin Children's Hospital. Many of the children were also part of the filming for our 50th Year Anniversary video which is available on Facebook and the club website.

It was brilliant to see the commitment from all the players & coaches in our 3 Academy Venues, St Enda's Pk (Hermitage), Knocklyon Park (Ballycullen) & Cherryfield (Clubhouse).

Huge thanks must go to our Academy coaches with special mention for our Head Mentors in each Academy Group, Pat Coman (Knocklyon Park), Paul Wellwood (Cherryfield Girls), Tony Morley (Cherryfield 2012 Boys), Andrew Jackson (Cherryfield 2013 Boys) Mary Hyland (St Enda's Park Boys & Girls), Matt Whelan (St Enda's Park 2012 Boys) Owen Loughney (2011 Girls), and Kieran O' Neill & Ian Connery (2011 Boys) Thanks to all those who help in any way on a Saturday morning, be it making tea and scones, or putting helmets on kids!!

Thanks to Damian Coleman for his continued generosity on behalf of Milish Foods Ltd and to Barbara Kelly for all her work preparing tea & scones in the clubhouse on Saturday Mornings.

A special thanks to Sean Moran & Cathy Orr from our long time sponsors TJ O'Mahony, for their continued sponsorship of Ballyboden's Academy.

A final thanks to all the Academy Parents for encouraging your child to be active and to play for Ballyboden St Enda's. We hope all children are enjoying the experience of being part of a special club!!



Coaching & Games Executive Report

2019 was a superb year of coaching activity in Ballyboden. Below is just a snapshot of some of the Coach Education activity that took place during the year.

In January we brought a group of under 15 boys out to represent the club for the first time in a Handball competition in St. Brigid's GAA club. Many thanks to our handball coach Gary McNulty for organising the event.

Once again there were a large number of parents who started out their coaching careers by getting involved in the club Academy. We wish these coaches well and hope to see them on the sidelines for many years to come.

Under the Children First Legislation, all coaches working with Juvenile teams must have completed the Foundation Award Course. In order to facilitate this we held three Foundation Award courses in the club during 2019. As an add on to the Foundation Award Courses, we also held a refresher skill development workshops with our coaches in the early part of the season.

It is also compulsory for all Juvenile coaches to attend the Child Protection and Awareness course. We held 8 of these courses in the club during the year and there are more courses planned for late January/early February to ensure that all coaches have completed this course before the 2020 season commences.

An Award One Child Football and Hurling course took place over four nights in March. This course is for coaches working with Go-Games teams.

Once again our club physio Eamon O'Reilly oversaw the BBSE Warm up to Perform workshop back in February. This is a warm up designed for all club teams from under 13 upwards.

Former Dublin Football and Tipperary Hurling analyst Ray Boyne oversaw a workshop titled 'Player Development at the Centre of Everything We Do (A Discussion on Stats)'. This workshop, which was attended by coaches from all four codes, went through the theory and practical elements around taking

stats and giving accurate feedback to the players.

Paul Kilgallon, author of the book Coaching Children in Sport, gave one of the biggest attended and most engaging workshops of 2019. Over 100 coaches attended the workshop 'Building your Coaching World'.

Ulster Council GAA Master Tutor Philp Kerr took a small group of football coaches for a practical and theory workshop in June around the area of designing and implementing effective small-sided games.

It was also great to see a large number of coaches from the club attending the numerous workshops, which were held by the Dublin County Board, and other sporting organisations in order to further develop their coaching knowledge.

Brian O'Regan & Paul McLoughlin



Paul Kilgannon Workshop



Ray Boyne Workshop



Handball Tournament in St. Brigid's GAA



Go-Games Skills Development Workshop



Summer Camp coaches Foundation Award Course



Foundation Award Course



Foundation Award Course

Schools Report

2019 was another great year for the excellent relationship fostered between the club and our local schools. The activities that the club provide for our schools, such as, Player Skill Development Programmes, Primary School Blitzes, Transition Year Programmes, and much more, help and support the schools and the club in the their promotion of GAA and the development of the children in the community. Our School Blitzes are an exciting & Fun day out for the boys and girls who take part, with 600+ students displaying their skills in Football/ Ladies Football/ Hurling and Camogie over the 4 days in the Club.

Our Transition Year programme in St Colmcilles Community School, allows the club to expand the level of coaching in our local primary schools and to allow more children the opportunity to play Football, Hurling, Ladies Football & Camogie.

There were a number of School visits towards the end of the year. Our Senior Football Dublin & Leinster Champions, Sam Maguire winners Michael-Darragh Macauley, Robbie McDaid & Jim Gavin and our All Ireland Ladies Football Champions Rachel Ruddy & Sorcha Farrelly from the Dublin Ladies Football were all visitors to the schools displaying the rewards of their successes during the year.

Many of our local schools were lucky enough to get to the Cumann na mBunscol Finals. Well done to all!

We would like once again to thank all our local schools for their continued support in promoting GAA in the locality.



Schools of Excellence

Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan

Once again Ballyboden St Enda's Easter School of Excellence took place in 2019 over the Easter Holidays for players from our U12-U14 teams. A brilliant School of Excellence, attended by over 150 boys and girls from our Camogie, Hurling, Ladies Football, & Football teams took place at our main clubhouse over the course of the 4 days.

The players developed their skills and knowledge across a number of areas including Tactics, Team Play, Free Taking, Goal Keeping and Athletic Movement Mechanics. The players also contributed to the 50th Year Time Capsule by filling out Questionnaires which will be selected to be part of the capsule, representing the year 2019.

The School of Excellence was overseen by Club Coaches Brian O'Regan & Paul McLoughlin and with great support from many of our top

young adult coaches all of whom have vast experience and are active coaches with teams in the club.

A huge thanks to all the team mentors who promoted it so well and to the players that attended.



Summer Camp 2019

Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan

Another brilliant couple of months of Summer Camp took place in Ballyboden during July & August 2019. The sun shone for most of the time and craic & enjoyment was had by all involved.

2019 was one of our biggest ever Summer Camps with over 1300 kids attending over the course of 5 weeks. Every child that attended the camp received a New Summer Camp Kit, Bag & Wristband, but most of all they got to play GAA for the Summer, made new friends, and had a brilliant time in a Safe and Fun Environment.

Great memories were created for all children with Raffles, Player Visits, Skill Games, Water Games, Fun Games, Mini league matches, Day Trips, Fancy Dress matches, Water Fights and superb coaching from our excellent staff.

Over 60 of our young coaches were employed during the 5 weeks of Camp!! All activities were co-ordinated by our full time coaches Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan.

A huge thanks to Eoin O'Riordan of Leahy O'Riordan Accountants and Jack Nolan of Cruinn Diagnostics for their continued sponsorship of the Ballyboden Summer Camp, which marked their 12th Year of Sponsorship!

A big thanks to all the parents and children who helped make the camp so successful.

Ballyboden Summer Camp continues to be a special place for our local children to have Fun and enjoyment during the Summer months of July & August each year!!





Dublin & Leinster Senior Football Champions!



Football Report

Jack Nolan & John Madden

IT HAS BEEN A MEMORABLE YEAR FOR THE FOOTBALL SECTION IN THE CLUB. A NEW CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE AND EXTENDED VOLUNTEERS COULD HAVE TAKEN A WHILE TO BED IN BUT BOY, THIS ONE HAS HIT THE GROUND RUNNING. OF COURSE IT'S ON THE PITCH THAT REALLY MATTERS AND THANKS TO OUR SUPERB PLAYERS AND MANAGEMENT TEAMS WE CAN PROUDLY CALL OURSELVES DUBLIN & LEINSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS AND ALSO JUNIOR 5 ALL COUNTY CHAMPIONS! THE ADULT FOOTBALL COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS, MANAGERS, COACHES, MENTORS, CLUB COACHING STAFF, CLUB MANAGEMENT, BAR STAFF AND MOST OF ALL OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2019.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE COMING FOOTBALL SEASON WITH CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMISM.

Senior Football Team

Our Senior football team have been a model of consistency all year. The team were unbeaten during the league and narrowly lost the league final on 17th December by one point against Ballymun. On the 3rd of November 2019 they defeated Thomas Davis to win the Dublin Senior Football Championship. Following wins over the Louth Champions, Newtown Blues and the Westmeath Champions Garrycastle they defeated Eire Óg from Carlow on the 8th December 2019 in the Leinster final. This was the club's second time to contest and win a Leinster Football final.

On the 4th of January 2020 they lost narrowly to Kilcoo in the All Ireland semi-final. The management team of Anthony Rainbow, Brian O'Regan, Kenny Naughton, Noel Basquel, Finnan Hyland and Paul Waters have the team playing on the front foot and have developed a panel of players capable of performing at the highest level. Congratulations to Ross McGarry, Kieran Kennedy and Mark Mc Namee who were part of the Dublin under 20 team that reached the All Ireland Final. Congratulations are also extended to Michael Darragh Macauley, Colm Basquel and Robbie McDaid who were part of the Dublin Squad during the year. Ballyboden Captain Ryan Basquel was also a member of the Dublin national league squad.



Sevens Football

In the 50th Anniversary of the founding of our Club, it was fitting that the Football Committee was involved in a number of events to celebrate the occasion. On an unseasonal sunny day on Saturday the 7th February 2019 a sevens tournament was held at the Club. This involved players from all grade's senior, intermediate, junior and minor to play together many for the first time. Young players got the opportunity to play with eight players who had won All Ireland Club medals in 2016. A cup was procured and presented to the winning team. It was called the Padraig Cullinane cup in honour of the former Football Secretary. The Cullinane family expressed their deep appreciation of the event. It is anticipated that a sevens competition will be run again in early to mid-February.

Consideration is being given to presenting a cup in memory of the late Dermot Manley to the winners.



Masters Football Match

On Saturday 27th July the Dublin Masters over 40's team played Kildare in Pairc Uí Mhurchú. Local councillor Charlie O'Connor and the Lord Mayor of Dublin Paul McAuliffe attended. Liam Carter deputised for the Club Chairman. Ballyboden player Ciaran Doyle was the Dublin captain for the match, which Dublin won on a score line of 4-13 to 1-8. Ian Clarke and Cormac Smyth also played. After the match both teams enjoyed a meal in the clubhouse.



Intermediate football team

The Intermediate football team had a very impressive campaign under the new management team of Donal Monahan, Mick Maher, Wally Durkin and Daire Walsh. They finished in fifth place in the League. Following this they re-grouped and put in a strong Championship campaign, resulting in a final appearance against Kilmacud Crokes on the 2nd of November 2019 at O'Toole Park. Despite being level at half time and the huge effort put in, the side lost out on the day on a final score of 0-7 to 1-10.



Junior A Team

The Junior A team under Martin O'Donnell had a difficult year. A few losses, particularly early in the year, were by the narrowest of margins. The Football Committee would like to thank Martin and to recognise the huge contribution and great success that he has achieved with Ballyboden Junior Football over the last number of years. We hope that after a short break, we will see Martin back involved with a Ballyboden Team soon.

Junior B Team

The Junior B team under Neil Brennan, despite having 27 players listed, struggled to field teams. They finished the league on seven points.

Junior C Team

The Junior C team under Donal Griffin had four wins in Division 11 of the League. The team put in a strong championship campaign and on the 10th of November 2019 were crowned the junior 5 All County Champions after a thrilling 1-12 to 1-9 victory over Skerries Harps in Abbottstown. Unfortunately, not all supporters could attend the final due to a clash with the Senior teams' involvement in the Leinster championship in Drogheda.



Minor A Team

The Minor A team under Liam Carter, Paul Mc Loughlin and Eamon O'Reilly had a superb season. After 11 matches resulting in 8 wins, one draw and two losses, the team finished as league runners up. Following a powerful championship campaign, the team were defeated in the semi-final by two points by the eventual winners, Castleknock. On the day the team were without a number of influential players, who were unfortunately ruled out through injury. It was agreed by all that they were a well-coached outfit who played good football. Well done to Harry Colclough, Eoghan Gannon, Ryan O'Dwyer and Hugh O'Sullivan, who were part of the Dublin Minor team that reached the All Ireland Quarter final stage of the competition.

A special mention must go to the members of the Senior Football team who assisted in Juvenile training sessions and acted as Maor Uisce for the Minor A team during the year. Their involvement and encouragement epitomises' the spirit and ethos of Ballyboden St. Enda's and bodes well for the future of our Club.

Minor B Team

The minor B team had a good league campaign only dropping three points and finishing in second place in the League. They were defeated in the quarter final of the championship. Mentors Tony Duffy, Cormac O'Farrell, Karl Woods and Ray McKenna can be very pleased with the overall effort.

Minor C Team

The C Team achieved two wins in the league. They also won a Championship match and narrowly lost out in another. The team played against A and B teams from other clubs in Division Four south.

Minor D Team

This group were the only D team playing minor football in 2019. They fulfilled every fixture but failed to register any points.

Under 21A Team

The under 21A team under Tony Duffy, Frank McNamee, Donal Griffin, Shane Brooks and Martin Murphy enjoyed a good quarter final win over Skerries Harps. They were defeated in the semi-final by the eventual winners Cuala. Due to the ongoing interest of the Senior team in the Leinster championship it was not possible to field all eligible players.



MINOR A PANEL



MINOR B PANEL



MINOR C PANEL



U21 A PANEL

Finally we'd like to wish club legend Ian Clarke all the best after his transfer to Naomh Mearnog in Portmarnock, a great stalwart for the club over the years.

Best of luck Ian!



Ballyboden St Enda's supporters have been on the edge of their seats this year when watching our senior footballers in action... Emotional scenes have been captured after some great scores, nail biting second halves and team celebrations with families and friends over the last few months and one player who has been the leader of the pack is Ryan Basquel.

Twenty-Seven year old Ryan started in the club at a young age "I joined the club when I was five or six when my parents brought me down. Mum is a Tipp woman, when she moved to Dublin she started playing with Portobello and the Dublin Ladies team. She won an All-Ireland Junior medal.

Dad is from Mayo - he has been coaching my team since I started in the club, from u8 right up to senior. He was the manager of the minor championship winning team in 2010 and a selector on the management team in 2016 when we won the All-Ireland as well as being a selector with the current panel so with GAA steeped in my family it was always the obvious route sports wise"

Ryan Basquel Senior Football Captain

This year Ryan was handed the captaincy of the Senior Footballers, so how did that make him feel? "It was a massive honour being named captain. Getting to lift the county and Leinster Final cup on behalf of the lads was something I'll never forget. It was also incredible to follow in the footsteps of great captains like Ben Molloy, Declan O'Mahony and Darragh Nelson and captaining a senior championship winning team. I was also lucky this year to get great support from other guys on the team who took massive leadership roles within the squad such as Aran Waters (Vice Captain), Darren O'Reilly and others".

The introduction of Anthony Rainbow the last few years has also been a significant positive to the team "Anthony is one of the nicest guys you could meet. As a manager, he's exceptionally well organised, he's very calm and he really brings everyone together - the whole management team and squad. He's brought really good consistency to what we are doing, top 4 in the league and semi-final in the championship in 2018, and there is no way we would have achieved what we did this year in 2019 without everything he brought to the table. One of his biggest strengths is getting the best out of players and I think he can do that because everyone on the team has such a massive respect for him and his family. We're extremely lucky to have him"

There were a few close games this season so what's Ryan's favourite moment? - "It would have to be the last five minutes against Na Fianna, despite being down in injury time, the lads kept the head and worked a goal through Colm and then Darragh Gogan kicked a great 45 to equalise. It could have been a very different year without those few minutes".

With Ballyboden St Enda's celebrating its 50th year in 2019, a great achievement for the club, the community, volunteers and of course

players, what does the club mean to Ryan? "The club to me means family and community. It's a place where we share the ups and downs, success and failure but ultimately a place where we meet lifelong friends and great people. It's very important to have that relationship and have a strong bond between teammates. Digger Manley passed away late last year and he was at the forefront of our thoughts during the closing rounds of the Leinster Championship. There's far more important things in life than football and the friendships between team mates is one of them"

So as the season draws to a close- it's time to look ahead to 2020 - "It was tough loosing to Kilcoo but I think as a team we have grown stronger throughout the season and I hope we can get back to Croke Park to play and win another All Ireland Club Championship..

Sinéad O'Dea



Caoga Bliain ag Fás 1969 – 2019

Following months of preparation by the Caoga Bliain Ag Fás Committee, under the leadership of John Kirwan, a comprehensive programme which would involve everyone (young and old) in one way or another in celebrating the 'Boden's 50th Anniversary, was launched on 26th November 2018 by Club Chairman Ciarán Maguire.

The initial activity took place in late 2018 with the launch of an Anniversary Club Crest detailing years 1969 – 2019 and the words Caoga Bliain ag Fás. The crest was incorporated in all club merchandise (jerseys, polo shirts, training tops, mugs and car stickers) for the year. A nostalgic **Jubilee Calendar**, beautifully produced by Neil Buckingham, with photographs recording the



development of the club was published for Christmas 2018. The inaugural 2019 event was in pursuit of the Caoga Bliain ag Fás Committee's objective to develop Handball in the Club. A ten-man team drawn from the U15 hurlers (mentored by Emmet Pullen) participated in a tournament in St. Bridget's GAA Club. The team acquitted themselves well in front of a large attendance and were presented with medals by Eugene Kennedy (former All Ireland Singles winner).

On 23rd January, a full house listened to **An Leacht Caoga Bliain**, a thought provoking lecture by Dr. Paul Rouse. The key focus was on the importance of "sport for all and facilitating maximum participation" and Dr. Rouse pleaded for better planning at all levels in the GAA to address the challenges across six themes of Games, Player, Pitch, County, Money and Meaning (i.e. Why do we do what we do in the GAA?).



On February 2nd the **Adult Football Tournament** kicked off the games' sections 50th anniversary celebrations. The tournament,

dedicated to the memory of the late Pdraig Cullinane, former football committee secretary, brought players from minor to senior together to compete in a brilliantly organised competition. The Westmeath team (Aran Waters, Tom Hannifin, Eoghan Monahan, Ruairi Kirwan, James Mc Tiernan, Mick Ryan, Patrick Dunleavy, Kevin Kirwan) lost out to Carlow Rising (Bob Dwan, Darragh Nelson, Mikey Ryan, Fionn Maguire, Ross Mc Cormack, Malachy Codd, Brendan Kavanagh, Conor Cullen) in a great final by 0 - 9 to 1 - 5. Pdraig Cullinane's wife Mary, presented the cup to winning captain Bob Dwan and thanked the Football Committee and players for a great day. The great day was also a great marker on the value of each games section commemorating the 50th anniversary, something that was admirably done by each of the other five games sections later in the year.



The Archives Exhibition, displayed in the club hall from the 25th -28th April, and later in Ballyroan library had hundreds of people come to view the history of the Club from its beginnings in 1969 right up to the present day. Many paid return visits such was the array of information displayed. Starting with the minutes of the first meeting held on 18th September 1969 visitors could walk, literally, through the history of the club viewing, in chronological order, the hundreds of photographs of teams, players, mentors, match reports, player profiles, roll of honour for U16 to Senior teams and much more. The archive was the brainchild of Paddy Walsh who had been gathering material for years and whose hard work (assisted by Pat Walsh, Patricia Walsh, Eamon Treacy and Jim Humphreys) produced an exhibition to remember. The archive continued to be a great resource later in the year in providing material for displays at the Ladies Football, Camogie the Gala events. It will continue to be an invaluable source of press reports, programmes, games reports, photographs, yearbooks, AGM reports, club newsletters, oral histories etc. for club members seeking out any aspect of the club's history.



The **50th Anniversary Golf Classic** in Edmondstown Golf Club on May 24th gave an opportunity to put an anniversary slant on an annual event. The organising committee led by Liam Deane and Jack Nolan ensured a successful and enjoyable day with forty teams of four competing on a challenging course in immaculate condition. The winning Sports Surgery Clinic Team (Fiachra O'Connor, Finn McGarry, Ray Cosgrove, Gerry White) were closely followed by Holland Property Management (Liam Holland, Andy McEntee, Seamus Given, Declan O'Donnell).



The **Hurling 50th Anniversary Poc Fada** and Sevens on 24th June involved 3 Poc Fada competitions and a Sevens competition. The day began with The Juvenile Poc Fada where over 50 players from 13-15yrs competed including the very first girl participant, Mallaidh Ni Fhaircheallaigh. Sean Wall (second time), Darragh Ormsby, Arron Campbell and Joe Rafter won out. In the Adult Poc Fada Joe Ryan challenged every player to be a bit more tactical with the winners being Dean Curran, Finian McDonagh and Aaron Coffey. Prior to the Sevens final we had an inaugural U9's Poc Fada Beag, managed by Emer Kennedy Gannon and Jean McNamara, with over 50 players of the future involved and this was won by Mark Cashin. The Sevens was run on a round- robin basis with each team playing four games in splendid sunshine. The Kevin Griffin Cup in memory of former Club President, Chairman, senior hurler, and selector was presented to the winning captain, Cathal Ryan, by Kevin's wife, Dolores with other members of the Griffin family in attendance. The day concluded with the presentations to the 2018 Minor Hurlers and the senior hurlers by John Kirwan, Chair of the Caoga Bliain ag Fás Committee and Martin Kenny, Club Vice President.



Our **Juvenile Girls 50th Celebrations** took place over two "street league" blitzes. Huge numbers from U9 to U14 played on Friday 21st (football) and Friday 28th (camogie) turned out to compete on teams named after local estates and areas in a throwback to the street leagues that were such a feature of the club in the 1980s. Dave Mellon's famous barbecue did a great trade on both evenings while on the field the girls served up a great evening of hard-fought competition.



Not to be outdone, the **Juvenile Boys 50th Celebrations** on Friday 16th August had over 250 boys from U9 to U16 in Páirc Uí Murchú and Cherryfield to celebrate Caoga Craic. With events that included obstacle courses, GAA Clay Pigeon Shooting, Giant Jenga and "baby hurling" (24" hurls and a large sliothar) a hugely enjoyable day was had by all.



The **Ladies Football 50th Celebrations** on August 24th started with a very competitive sevens tournament over the course of the afternoon with 150 players from under 15 to senior mixed across teams participating. The evening celebrations moved to the club-house where Stephen Campbell had taken photos from the archive and created a montage of giant prints of teams from across the years including every juvenile team from recent years. The only non-team photo, looking over the evening, was a picture of Bill Daly who was instrumental in the creation, and in leading the success, of Ladies Football in the Club. No doubt he'd have approved of the evening's highlight where the All-Ireland winning teams from 2004/2005 were acknowledged and each player presented with a silver salver to mark the occasion. Speeches on the night came from Cathal O'Toole, Ladies Football Committee Chair; John Kirwan, Chair of Coiste Caoga Bliain ag Fás and Ciarán Maguire Club Chairman.

A very special event August 31st was the **50th Anniversary Mass** for Deceased Members. Huge work went into the compilation of the names of all known deceased members along with their year of death, all of which were incorporated in a specially designed mass booklet. As many surviving relatives of deceased members as possible were contacted and invited to the event. Celebrants on the night were Fr. Murray and Fr. Finn, two men with long connections with the club, along with the Fr. Peter Reilly, PP Firhouse; Fr. Martin Poustaven, O.Carm., PP Knocklyon; Fr. John Hughes O.S.A., PP Ballyboden; Fr. Martin Cosgrove, PP Rathfarnham and Reverend Adrienne Galligan, Church of Ireland, Rathfarnham. Joe Johnson and Mary Cleary arranged the choir and music themed around commemoration and remembrance. The altar featured a blue and

white floral display with the offertory gifts (club flag, jersey, hurley, football, sliotar, handball, whistle, first minute book and bread and wine) presented by adult and minor players from the four codes. Readings were by the Club Chairman and Secretary with Prayers of the Faithful read by the Club President and Vice Presidents. One of the more poignant moments was the reading of the names of every deceased member by the former Club Chairpersons. It's worth considering, for the future the allocation of a specific day each year for the Club Mass - maybe the last Saturday of August.



50th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, 31st August, 2019
7.00pm



Celebrants

Fr. Jimmy Murray	O. Carm.
Fr. Tony Finn	O.S.A.
Canon Adrienne Galligan	Church of Ireland Rathfarnham
V. Rev. Martin Cosgrave	P.P. Rathfarnham
Fr. Martin Poustaven	O. Carm. P.P. Knocklyon
Fr. John Hughes	O.S.A. P.P. Ballyboden
Fr. Peter Reilly	P.P. Firhouse

On 18th September 1969 at 8p.m., the inaugural AGM of Ballyboden St. Enda's took place in Ballyroan Boys National School Hall. Fifty years later at the same time, on the same date (Sept. 18), in the same room, an Executive Committee Meeting of the Club was convened in **Commemoration of the inaugural AGM** of Ballyboden St. Enda's. Invitees to the meeting included the survivors of that first meeting and relatives of those who attended but are now deceased. Attendees at both the 1969 and the 2019 meeting were Tom Cosgrave, Séan Doherty, Denis Donovan, John Kearns, Noel Callan,

George Sisson, Teddy Doherty, Peter Molloy and Roy Egan. Relatives of those who attended the first meeting, but are now deceased, included Noreen Norris (daughter of Ned Murphy), Niamhín Scolard (wife of Daithi), Bernie and Ken Morgan (wife and son of Tony), Diarmuid and Eoin O'Sullivan, (sons of Seán), Stephen and Stephanie Riney (son and daughter of Stephen) and Maeve Foy (sister of Pierce Murray). Other attendees at the 2019 event included many who were active in the club in its early years and many of the current club officials. The ceremonial executive meeting was chaired by Ciarán Maguire with Mick Kennedy, Club Secretary recording the minutes and Club Treasurer Donagh O'Farrell in attendance. Paddy Walsh, former Chairman and Chairman of the Club's Archiving Committee, read the minutes of the first meeting of the Club. John Joe O'Sullivan, a former teacher in the school and long-time Club member, reminisced about the early days of the school and John Kirwan, former Chairman and Chair of Caoga Bliain ag Fás Committee, explained the context in which the first meeting came about.



Ballyboden St. Enda's

Minutes of the Club's
Inaugural General Meeting

Thursday 18th September
1969



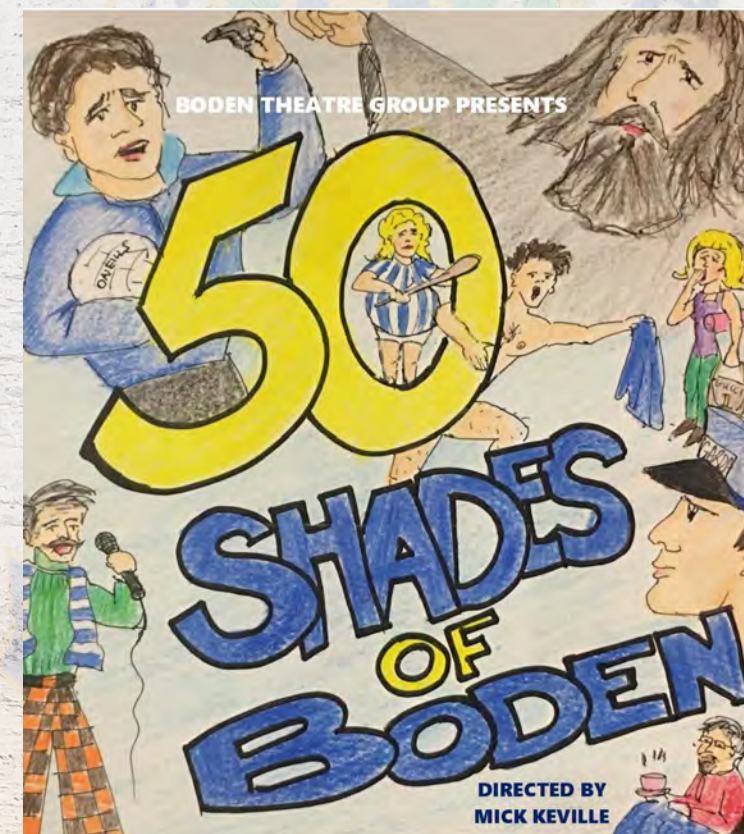
The Committee of the new Ballyboden - St. Enda's G.A.A. Club.

The Club was delighted to welcome back **Céilí House** to the Club, on Saturday 21st September, as part of our Caoga Bliain ag Fás celebrations. A full house greeted Kieran Hanrahan, Presenter, Aidan Butler, Producer and the Ceili House team for the live broadcast on RTE. Craobh Naithí CCÉ provided a musical extravaganza with thirty five musicians making up the "Ballyboden St. Enda's very big band". The dancers who performed were Alex Hughes and Ciara McIntyre. Gerry O'Sullivan (history of the Club), John Kirwan (Club's 50th), Ciarán Maguire, Club Chairman, (contribution of the Club to the GAA in Dublin and to the Community), and Dolores Griffin (family involvement and social ties) were interviewed. Other club contributions broadcast on the night were from Deirdre Conway ("Mo Ghile Mear"), Hugh Ruddy ("Raglan Road"), Cathy Ní Néill (fiddle), Aine Duffy (concertina) and Eimear Duffy (flute). Mick Glynn (musician) recalled the contribution of musicians Paddy Treacy, Vincent Broderick, Mick Creehan, John Mulrooney, Bernie Hanley, Christy McDermott and Donal Corrigan who performed at sessions in Ballyboden St. Enda's in the 1970's, 1980's and into the 1990's. The programme can be downloaded on the RTE podcast.



The final games section commemoration was the **Camogie Reunion** organised by the Camogie Committee under Chairman Dan O'Sullivan. Over 140 people enjoyed a sit-down meal in the club hall which was specially decorated for the evening. After welcoming the guests Dan O'Sullivan invited Tomás Ó'Reachtabhra to the stage to be interviewed by Ann Cassin. Tomás gave an insight into the Club's first Senior Camogie Championship win and reminisced in a most captivating way on his experience in the Club. John Kirwan recalled the history of camogie in the club from the efforts of Margaret Francois and Maeve O'Sullivan in the 70's to the great work of Kathleen O'Sullivan in the 80's and 90's assisted by Doreen O'Sullivan, Noel Sheridan and Mairín Mulvey and on to the 10 senior Championships won since 1999. The night was one of reacquaintance, reminiscence, catch up and was a huge success as stalwarts of Camogie in the club, past and present were all represented.

The Boden Theatre Group undertook to produce a very special show to mark the club's 50th. And this they did in some style with **"50 Shades of Boden"** on 13th-16th November under the direction of Mick Keville. A cast of 34 presented the story of the club from the first seeds sown in Ned Murphy's head to form a club, to its present-day achievements. The production, consisting of music, parodies, dance and humour by established and new members of the group made for a show, enjoyed by over six hundred people over four nights, that emphasised the community that is the Club.



Fifty from 50, an idea from Club PRO Sinéad O'Dea and delivered by Neil Buckingham (design/website) and Cliona Mellett (FB/IG) profiled fifty club members, with one profile shared on social media on each day of the fifty days leading up to the Club's Gala Gathering. The fifty members selected came from across the four codes and from every decade. The initiative highlighted the breadth of the club's membership in terms of origins and contributions to the development of the club.

The profiles can be
viewed on
www.bodengaa.ie





Camogie Re-Union



Time Capsule Group

The **50th Year Gala Gathering** on Friday 29 November in the City West Hotel was the signature event in the jubilee celebrations. Almost 900 people, with past and present links to the club, attended the celebration of the past 50 years. Invited guests included John Costello (CEO, Dublin County Board), Joe Keane (Dublin LGFA Chairman), Jenny Byrne (Dublin Camogie Chairperson), John O'Neill (Club President), Fr. Tony Finn and sponsors David & Anne Bobbett and Seán and Emily Moran. MC for the night was Declan O'Brien who did a superb job in orchestrating proceedings. A thoroughly professionally produced **Anniversary Video** by Sinéad O'Dea was aired which captured clearly and succinctly the origin and the growth of the club and its contribution to the community it serves.

An **Anniversary song** composed by Neil Buckingham was also launched on the night, the lyrics of which are on the back cover. Ciarán Maguire, Club chairman addressed the Gathering and reflected on the journey the club had taken. Gradam an Cathaoirligh were presented to Kathleen O'Sullivan (for resurrecting Camogie in 1983), Noel Sheridan (for his work as mentor, committee member

and latterly as the Club's General Manager) and John Kirwan (for 43 years dedicated service to the Club and County).

On 15th December the 50th anniversary edition of the annual **Senior Citizens Christmas Party** (postponed from the 8th December due to the very welcome participation of the senior football team in the Leinster final) was held in the club. It's an eagerly awaited event each year and was superbly organised as always by Tommy Clinton, Dan Brown and their hard working committee. The event was enjoyed by some 130 people.

Earlier in the year something was put aside by John Kirwan, Brian O'Regan and Paul McLoughlin for the club's 100th anniversary in 2069 in the form of a **Time Capsule** containing questionnaires completed by the children attending the School of Excellence and the U16's recording some personal information about themselves, their views on the GAA and its rules, favourite players etc. The opening of the capsule in 2069 will be an interesting event for the young people who contributed material and for their children and grand-children not to mention the broader club membership.

There's one more significant project to come. The publication of a history of the club charting its growth over the last 50 years will take place shortly. Written by former Club Cathaoirleach Gearóid Ó Suilleabháin the **History of Ballyboden St Enda's 1969-2019** will be a high-quality publication that tells the story of the club from the early years of Gaelic games in the locality to the inception of the club and right up to today.

In keeping with a historical production of this type, the book is being financed through patronage rather than sponsorship or advertising. There are many who have already taken the opportunity to become patrons of the book which involves a contribution of €200 towards the costs of production.

All patrons will be acknowledged by name on a "Patrons Page" and of course will also receive a complimentary copy of the book. With the book shortly going to print anyone wishing to become a patron or to reserve a copy of the book should email stairboden@gmail.com as soon as possible.



Caoga Bliain ag Fás legacy

Apart from the tangible legacies of the 50th Anniversary celebrations such as the club history, club archives, the up to date list of deceased members, the 50 from 50 profiles and so on it is hoped that the intangible benefits of contacts established and re-established through the Gala/Gathering and the various reunions and other events throughout the year will strengthen and bond the club as it continues to develop and serve the community in the years ahead. 'Boden and its leadership and membership over the years' can be rightly proud of their contribution to the well being of the community of which it is part.

It has continually strived to provide top-class well-run facilities and coaching where our young people of all abilities have the opportunity to play Gaelic games and to grow as individuals.



Hopefully the Caoga Bliain celebrations have contributed to maintaining this strong record of achievement.

Caoga Bliain ag Fás Committee
January 2020



Juvenile Ladies Report

2019 WAS TRULY A YEAR TO REMEMBER FOR OUR JUVENILE LADIES, WITH THE GIRLS' SUCCESSES ON THE FIELD OF PLAY MATCHED BY 2 MEMORABLE WEEKENDS OFF IT, CELEBRATING OUR CLUB'S RICH HISTORY OF ACHIEVEMENT IN BOTH LADIES FOOTBALL AND CAMOGIE.

FAST GROWING

With over 350 girls now registered to play between the ages of U9 and U14, ladies football and camogie are among the fastest growing sections of Ballyboden St Endas. A survey of the juvenile ladies membership earlier this year showed that approximately 85% of our girls are dual players, which is reflected in the huge number of girls teams which were fielded in Go Games (up to U13) and in league and championship (U13 and U14) by Ballyboden St Endas in 2019 – with 26 teams playing ladies football and 22 teams playing camogie.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

To mark our 50th year in 2019, the girls celebrated the club's rich heritage in both codes with specially staged 'street leagues' played over two memorable weekends in June with the participating teams named to hark back to the origins of the club. First up was ladies football, with approximately 250 girls playing in 25 mixed age teams at Páirc Uí Mhurchú and Cherryfield on a glorious June evening, while over 160 girls in 16 teams took part in the camogie competition the following Friday. Always a highlight of the Boden juvenile ladies' year, 2019's blitzes were a great way to celebrate the success and contribution of our ladies footballers and camogie players in the life of the club over the past 50 years and for many years to come.



GO GAMES

The Ballyboden pipeline into competitive ladies football and camogie continues to thrive! This year, we fielded 39 teams in Go Games: 21 in football and 18 in camogie. These numbers were supported by very strong attendances at training reported across the board, with 50+ girls now the norm among all the age groups. In addition to the Go Games, many groups also took 'away days' travelling for games to as far afield as Knocknacarra, Crookedwood, Oulart the Ballagh, Moneygall, while hosting teams from Danesfort and Abbeyknockmoy among others. There were also trips to Croke Park to support the Dublin Ladies footballers for their '3-in-a-Row'.



ON FIELD SUCCESS

The 2019 celebrations off the field were matched by the Boden girls' successes on it. Leading the way were our U14 Division 1 Camogie team, winners of the Division 1 Dublin Féile, which they followed with a memorable All Ireland campaign in Cork which took them all the way to the national shield semi-final. Meanwhile in football, it was our

U14C footballers who kept the Boden flag flying, winning the Division 7 Championship Shield. Our U13s also had a very successful season with the Division 1 teams completing league and championship doubles in both football and camogie, while elsewhere U13B camogie went to a championship semi-final and the U13C footballers made it all the way through to their Championship final where

they lost out to Na Fianna.

FINALLY...

Well done to all the girls on a great year. Best of luck and every success to our 2005 girls as they move on from juvenile, and a warm welcome to our 2011 girls to the world of Go Games!!



Juvenile Boys Report

BY CLIONA MELLETT, DAIRE MAC PHAIDIN AND DAVE KIELY

Juvenile Roll of Honour 2019 (Taken from Coiste na nÓg Átha Cliath)

FOOTBALL:

U12B: Division 5 League Winners
U12D: Division 9 League Winners
U14A: Division 1 Feile Runners Up
U15A: 'A' Championship Runners Up
U16A: 'A' Shield Winners

HURLING:

U12B: Division 5 League Runners Up
U14B: Division 4 League Runners Up
U14B: Division 4 Feile Runners Up
U15A: Division 1 League Runners Up
U15A: 'A' Shield Winners
U15B: Division 4 League Runners Up
U16A: Division 1 League Runners Up
U16A: 'A' Championship Runners Up
U16A: Minor Division 4 League Winners

2019 HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN A VERY BUSY YEAR FOR BALLYBODEN ST ENDAS JUVENILE BOYS SECTION WITH IN EXCESS OF 600 BOYS REGISTERED AGAIN WITH THE CLUB THIS YEAR. SUCH NUMBERS DEMAND HUGE COMMITMENT FROM COACHES, MENTORS AND PARENTS ALIKE. ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO GIVE OF THEIR TIME ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, WEEK IN, WEEK OUT ASSISTING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR YOUNG PLAYERS. A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS TO OUR EXECUTIVE AND IN PARTICULAR TO BRIAN O'REGAN AND PAUL MCLOUGHLIN FOR THEIR GREAT SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THE OUTSTANDING CLUB FACILITIES, SUCH AS THE SKILLS WALL AND THE ALL WEATHER PITCHES CONTINUE TO BE OF HUGE BENEFIT IN THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOYS. WELL DONE TO ALL THE BOYS WHO COMPETED IN THE VARIOUS COMPETITIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO 2020 WITH GREAT CONFIDENCE.

DAVE KIELY, CHAIRMAN, JUVENILE BOYS SECTION.



On Friday 16th August, over 250 Juvenile boys gathered to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. The U9 to U12's took to the main pitch while the U13 to U16's were in Cherryfield. The younger boys took part in an obstacle course based on the TV show 'It's a Knockout' followed by the new phenomenon that is GAA Clay Pigeon Shooting with a frisbee. The boys also got to play Giant Jenga and Giant Connect 4 thanks to Robinson/s Fruit Shoot who also provided complimentary soft drinks.

Coagga Craic

The U13 to U16's in Cherryfield had a 5 a side blitz which took the form of three different games. They played Frisbee GAA, followed by Pilates Gaelic Football and finally 'Baby Hurling' using 24" hurls and a large first touch sliotar.

On completion of the activities, everyone adjourned to the BBQ which was manned by Dave and Liz Mellon and their merry band of assistants.



Boys U9 Football & Hurling

This year 100 boys played in nine teams, in both codes, and were entered into three Go Games groups. Highlights for the year include supporting our Senior Football Champions, participating in the Couch to 6 Skills Challenge, the first away trip to play O'Loughlin Gaels, Kilkenny and Féile Iomána in June which was played in Páirc Uí Mhurchú and Cherryfield with our club Chairman Ciaran Maguire presenting medals to all 140 participants.



Boys U10 Football & Hurling

108 players and 21 mentors began their journey at U10 earlier this year and focused on the development of small sided game-based ball skills in both hurling and football and instilling the seeds of friendship and comradery within the group. The boys applied their skill with great gusto, endeavour throughout the year, with great performances in all their Go Games.



Boys U11 Football & Hurling

This year the boys made the move from Sancta Maria to Ballycullen. Go Games matches exposed the lads to a competitive element which they really enjoyed with some cracking Go Games. A key focus was to continue their development and enhance their agility, balance, coordination and decision-making. Football highlights included away trips to a football tournament in Dungannon, Tyrone and to a challenge match in Rhode, Offaly. On the hurling side, teams travelled to play in Kilkenny and Kildare. The Féile Iomána was once again a great success and the Camáint in July saw some of the lads playing in Parnell Park finals under floodlights.



Boys U12 Football & Hurling

Football Division 5 League Winners
 Football Division 9 League Winners
 Hurling Division 5 League Runners Up

84 boys transitioned into five football teams competing in Dublin Leagues for the first time in Divisions 1, 5, 7, 9 & 12. Ballyboden topped Divisions 5 and 9. Highlights include some of the boys attending the Annual Michael Bammell Malone blitz at Cooley Kickhams in June and the Senior Football Team taking them for a training session in September.

In hurling, 60 boys had their first taste of League action in Divisions 1, 5, 7 & 11. Three teams were very competitive in Na Fianna's Annual Dermot McNulty Tournament Cup, Shield and Plate competitions, playing 13 cracking matches in total. In June almost 200 boys were hosted in 3 hurling blitzes in the Feile Iomana.



Boys U13 Football and Hurling

Close to 90 boys are registered as U13's with five football teams competing in Divisions 1, 4, 5, 7 & 9 and three hurling teams competing in Divisions 1, 3 & 6. Notable highlights of the year include a trip to Waterford by the hurlers for a match against Ballygunner and competing in the Annual PJ Troy organised by Whitehall Colmcilles and later that month participated in the Junior Poc Fada at Cherryfield. The football boys played many challenge matches and also spent a weekend in Tralee competing in the Austin Stacks Lee Strand Invitational Football Tournament.

**Boys U14 Hurling and Football**

A parents' committee was set up to run a series of fundraisers, bag packing, park run, pub quiz etc, to ensure there was enough funds to not only to kit the lads out for Feile, but also to ensure the year's events extended beyond 2 weekends. And so it was that the boys also enjoyed an adventure weekend trip to Bundoran, Hell and Back, paintballing and a session with Enda McNulty hosted by Amazon at their headquarters.

U14 Hurling

Division 4 League Runners Up
Division 4 Feile Runners Up

The season started very well for the 'A' team with 4 League wins out of 5. The lads comfortably finished mid table of Division 1. Féile got off to a great start with a fantastic win over Crokes, before the lads narrowly lost their final two group games. Despite their disappointment to their credit they supported the B team that afternoon in their Semi Final. The B's competed against 'A' teams in Division 4 in both the League and Féile and finished Runners-up in two very competitive competitions. Hosting the Féile tournament, the club ran a well-organised day with the lads topping their table and beating Craobh Chiaráin in a home semi-final, a great game with wonderful support before falling by two points to Oliver Plunkett ER in the final. The season started very strongly with 5 wins from 7 for the 'C's, a panel of 22 players. Unfortunately in Féile, they didn't make it out of the group stage. Highlights included bringing 3 players out of retirement, the lads having their own team talk before the last match at Féile knowing they were underdogs and players stepping up for the B team when asked.

**FÉILE IOMÁINT - A PANEL AND MENTORS****FÉILE IOMÁINT - B PANEL AND MENTORS****FFÉILE IOMÁINT - C PANEL AND MENTORS****U14 Football**

Division 4 Feile Runners Up

The Division One lads had a memorable Féile weekend, winning through to the Dublin final at Parnell Park on the May Bank Holiday Monday falling to eventual All Ireland Féile winners Kilmacud Crokes. In league action the boys finished a highly credible 3rd place. The Division 4 and Division 9 lads faced tougher challenges this year. Both teams enjoyed Féile despite being eliminated at the round robin stage. The Division 4 boys were the only B team in their division and faced very strong 'A' opposition and also shored up the Division One lads with their stronger players as needed. As a result it is expected they will play in Division 5 next year. The Division 9 team fared slightly better, finishing clear of the relegation zone, despite facing some challenging days, they chalked up some memorable victories.

**FÉILE PEIL - A PANEL AND MENTORS****FÉILE PEIL - B PANEL AND MENTORS****FÉILE PEIL - C PANEL AND MENTORS****Boys U15A Hurling**

Division 1 League Runners Up
'A' Shield Winners

The season started in January with a run to and puck around at the Hell Fire Club with new coach Naoise Maguire. Athletic development sessions followed later that month and in June. The team finished joint top of Division 1, losing only 1 of their 14 matches. They were unfortunate to fall to Lucan Sarsfields in the League final. In the Championship, the team claimed the Shield Title. Highlights include the Longest Poc Competition in PUM followed by breakfast with the Senior Hurlers, Annual Juvenile Poc Fada, Monday night hurling under lights in Oulart the Ballagh and training sessions with David Curtin, Simon Lambert, Mick Keville and specialist goal keeping sessions with Gary Maguire and Síle Nic Coitir.

**Boys U15B Hurling**

Division 4 League Runners Up

This squad of 22 boys came together in January after an amalgamation of 2018 U14 Division 4 & 5 teams. The immediate challenge was to become a team and get to a level where they could do more than just compete which they did admirably jointly topping the Division 4 League table and finishing Runners up after the League final. Drawn in the B Championship against Division 2 teams, the lads put in strong performances bowing out in the semi final. Senior hurling goal stopper Gary Maguire provided training to the team's goalkeeper.

**Boys U15A Football**

'A' Championship Runners Up

The boys started back training on 11th January. From the start they showed great commitment and were rarely absent from training unless through injury. Confidence was high heading into the Championship with the lads producing their best performance of the year in the semi final against Lucan Sarsfields, a team that had badly beaten them in the Féile the previous year. Unfortunately the boys lost to a good Crokes side in the final. Despite injuries, particularly to their regular goalkeeper, the lads finished fourth in the league.



Boys U15B Boys Football

Due to re-organisation within the year group, this team only came together at the start of 2019 and it was a year of transition for the team. After a very enjoyable friendly against Breaffy from Co Mayo, the League campaign started in February. Over the course of the season 12 matches were won and 4 lost. There were some excellent performances along the way as the team grew and in every game the players gave their all and always did the blue and white proud. A good run in the Championship saw the lads reach the semi final but were pipped by Parnell's away in an extremely exciting tight match.



Boys U15C Football

This year was always going to be a challenge for the lads with at least half of the panel with winner's medals from the previous two seasons. The promotion to Division 6 as well as losing four key players to the B panel didn't bode well so to be placed fourth behind clubs that were fielding one team was a magnificent achievement. The highest ranked C team in Dublin. In their first Championship they were unfortunate to be pipped by Lucan Sarsfields in the quarter final.



Boys U16 Hurling

Runners up in the U16 Division 1 League
Runners Up in the U16 'A' Championship

The hurlers fielded one team U16 with a panel of 24 lads. Lead coach Paudie O'Neill was assisted at times by Darragh Spain, Mick Keville and Timmy Hammersley. In Championship, the lads topped their group and beat Faughs in a home semi-final in PUM setting them up a final versus Kilmacud Crokes in Parnell Park. In the run up to the final the lads played a challenge match against Maynooth and also Durlas Óg. Unfortunately Kilmacud Crokes came out on top on the day. In League, the boys were runners up, they played 9 games, winning 8 and losing 1.

Minor Hurling League Division Four
Winners of Minor Hurling League Division Four

To ensure all the lads got game time, a team was entered into the Minor League. The lads went through the Group stages unbeaten and had a league final against St Peregrines in Blakestown, with Ballyboden coming out on top.



Boys U16A Football 'A' Shield Winners

A new management team of Ross Traynor, Stephen Fee and Andrew Kerin joined Tommy McGrath and the boys made good progress finishing 4th place finish in a highly competitive Division 1 League. The Championship was a challenging one with Boden, Crokes, Vincents and Judes in the same group in an unseeded draw and championship ambitions ended with a game to go. In the Shield, the final was a tricky trip out to Finglas v Erin's Isle and in what proved to be a dogfight, Boden showed all their skill and composure to see off Isle. There was big support for the boys on the day in a performance of real maturity from this side running out 0-15 to 1-07 winners.



Boys U16B Football

Having gained promotion in 2018, the U16B's competed well with steady performances finishing mid table in the League Division 3. A huge achievement for the highest placed B team in the Dublin Leagues. Placed in B Championship, the lads were beaten by eventual winners Templeogue Synge Street in the quarter final.

Boys U16C Football

The year started with a very enjoyable outing to Kylemore Karting in January. As the only C football team in the Dublin U16 leagues this year, the team performed well throughout the league campaign finishing in 4th place in Division 7.

The commitment from this group of players was fantastic all year and it was great to see five players returning to Gaelic Football. A highlight of the year was an almost full turn-out on a wet and cold Wednesday night in Sancta Maria for a great training session with Wally Durkin.



85th Dublin Belfast Friendship Games

U12 boys from St Colmcille's SNS & St Mary's BNS represented Dublin Schools in this tournament in June. Mayor of Belfast John Finucane greeted the boys on their arrival by train from Dublin. 'The Friendly Games' began in 1934 and have been going strong ever since between Dublin and Antrim Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. Needless to say a great day of fun and Hurling was had by all.



Right Fix Hurls

'Right Fix Hurls' won the Senior Category of the Student South Dublin Enterprise Final Awards for their Social Media Campaign. The venture is a Hurley Repair Service run by Colaiste Eanna students David Keogh and Thomas Culleton, members of Ballyboden St. Endas U16 hurling team. Since April 2017, Denis Kelleher (Thomas' Grandad and Vice-President of Ballyboden St Endas), has been teaching the lads the craft of hurley repairs and banding. Denis has been fixing and banding hurleys for the players of Ballyboden for many years.

Endorsements include Jim Gavin (Dublin Senior Football Manager), Luke Corcoran & Aidan Mellett (BBSE Senior Hurlers).

Right Fix Hurls can be contacted on Facebook and on Instagram.



Camogie Report

IT WAS A YEAR OF CHANGE IN THE CAMOGIE SECTION WITH NEW MANAGEMENT, NEW COMMITTEE AND PLAYERS RETURNING FROM RETIREMENT TO FORM A 4TH SENIOR TEAM FOR CHAMPIONSHIP. THERE WAS ALSO A CHANGE WHERE THE CLUB FIELDED TEAMS AT UNDER 15 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A NUMBER OF YEARS.

Senior A

The Senior A Camogie team played out a total of 25 games over the year starting with the Leinster League in early February where they made the semi-finals.

The Dublin League ran from March to May and was a mixed bag with 4 wins and 4 losses. The girls though were improving throughout and worked hard through the summer with guest coaches focussing on skills development along with a team building weekend away in



Limerick and challenge games against country opposition. All the hard work paid off with a great run in Championship with 6 successive victories earning them a home Semi-Final against St. Judes. However, despite the best efforts from our players, the team didn't get to

the necessary standard on the day and St. Judes were deserving winners.

Our thanks to the players for their efforts during the year. They are great ambassadors for our Club.

Senior B

The Senior B's started out the year in the Intermediate cup where new players integrated with those more experienced. The team was then placed in a tough Inter 1 league but they performed well beginning with 3 wins and a draw before results tailed off and they finished in mid-table.

Championship was a tougher affair with defeats against more experienced opposition but through it all the girls were always enthusiastic, always trying to improve and get the best out of themselves and plenty of laughs and friendships along the way. Looking forward to next season already!



Senior C and Senior D

The early part of 2019 saw the Senior C camogie panel come together to train for the Junior 3 league. The young panel of girls started with a couple of challenge matches in March followed by league in April. With a 50% success rate, the team finished mid-table maintaining their status for next year.



The championship is where this group really took off. The panel of enthusiastic Camogie players meant there was more than enough for one team and with some experienced players persuaded to dust off the helmets, the two squads were complete. The newly enlarged squad trained through the summer in preparation for playing in both the Junior 3 and Junior 4 Championships. Both teams competed admirably in the championship with both teams making shield finals. Ultimately it was disappointment for the C team but joy for Senior D team in winning their own shield final.

Overall a very enjoyable year for this group of ladies!



Minor

The Minor A's were confident going into their championship which got under way at the end of October. They started well with 2 victories resulting in a home semi-final against Kilmacud.

However on the day our girls found it difficult to get a foothold in the game and didn't play to their potential. Crokes got their revenge this year having been beaten in the final last year by this panel. So in the end it was disappointment for this group with many of them having been together since nursery and having achieved great success over the years winning Féile, leagues and county championships, with some of the panel having two minor county championship medals to their credit.

It was disappointment also for the Minor B's. After 2 good victories in getting them to the Semi-Final they couldn't get to the next stage and bowed out along with the A's.



Under 16

At the start of 2019 there weren't quite enough numbers from the '03 year to make up an U16 panel and with the club transitioning to an U15 grade for the first time in years, it made sense to combine the 2003 and 2004A girls into one large training group with a view to competing at U16 with the support of some '04 girls on each match day. The league campaign got off to a great start for the girls, with pulsating one point victories against Kilmacud and Lucan. After mixed results in the rest of the games, the girls ended up second in the league, albeit one or two other clubs failed to complete all their fixtures. A fair reflection and reward for the way they played throughout. The U16 Championship saw our girls winning their 2 group matches to earn a home tie against Lucan in the semi-final. However as with the Senior A's and Minor A's, the home draw did not work out to their advantage and the girls went down to Lucan.



Under 15A

The U15 league campaign ran from February through to the middle of April and included wins over Plunkett's, Cuala, Crokes, Castleknock and Whitehall before a league decider away against Lucan late in May. In a very tough game the girls had to dig deep to come away with victory and a third Division 1 league title in a row. Championship rolled around after the summer and the girls battled their way through to the final in Abbotstown. However this was a match

where the girls just never got to the level of performance that they'd reached in the past and Lucan came out on top by two points. We're now looking forward to another successful year at U16 and beyond. Long may they continue to play and enjoy their camogie!



Under 15B

Having finished second in the league in 2018, the U15B girls were moved up into Division 3 which was a more competitive division and included both A and B teams. The strength of character was demonstrated throughout the 7 league games with 3 wins and 4 losses with the team finishing a respectable mid table position. One more win would have seen the team joint third, but that was not to be. With a highly competitive (and higher) division also in the championship relative to 2018 the girls showed material determination and grit at all stages against predominately stronger teams and never gave up reaching a shield final.



Under 15C

It was a good season for the under 15C Camogie team, which ended with a mid-table League position and getting out of group to the Championship semi-finals. Throughout the year the girl's skills improved vastly. The girls gave their all in each and every match, this despite often playing clubs with just one team. The win over Raheny B in the Championship was a particularly great performance from the team. Thanks to all the girls, parents, families, coaches, FLOs and all who supported the team through the year.





2019 was another active year for the ever growing group of hill walkers that make up Súiltóirí Buadáin. Every Saturday morning throughout the year we gather at the clubhouse at 9am and head off to walk the hills somewhere in the Dublin or Wicklow mountains and sometimes even further afield. We have good numbers each Saturday throughout the year and we regularly have over 30 members for our walks during the summer months. For those who don't want to do a long walk there is generally the option of a shorter walk each Saturday morning. Our hill walks take us to the most scenic spots around Dublin and Wicklow like Djouce, Tibbradden, Trooperstown, the Spinc, Sorrell and Black Hill, Glencree, Aughavanagh, Hollywood, Tinnahally, Lough Dan, Lugnaquilla, Howth Head and Camaderry to name just a few.

Every few weeks we also have a Walk for All where we do flatter walks where everyone can join in and particularly those whose knees may no longer stand up that well to the challenges of the mountains. Some of our featured Walks for All in 2019 included Bray to Greystones, Phoenix Park from the Memorial Gardens, Avon Ri to Russborough, Dun Laoghaire to Killiney as well as around the waterworks at Boharnabreena. Needless to say, after every walk comes the stop off for the very welcome tea and scones.

The year produced many fantastic highlights. We had a wonderful trip along the Barrow way starting at Goresbridge, passing through Graignemanagh and finishing up in St. Mullins. However, the main highlight had to be our away trip to Croatia in October. A total of 50 travelled and we stayed in a beautiful resort overlooking the Adriatic Sea. The resort was close to Trogir, a UNESCO protected town, reachable by water taxi from the resort. The resort was also close to the beautiful city of Split with its lovely streets and squares. We were very fortunate to make contact with Pat Herbert, who, through his company Enjoy Dalmatia, organizes guided walking holidays in Croatia. Pat would be well known to many people in the club as he played senior hurling with Ballyboden St. Endas and also played with Limerick. The walks in Croatia were across stunning terrain and were quite challenging as

they involved some steep climbs and descents. However, there were 2 walks on each day and people could choose a slightly easier and shorter walk but with equally stunning views across the Dalmatian coastline. Pat had also organised experienced and friendly guides who ensured that we were safe at all times. Croatia is a truly beautiful country, with very friendly people and an ideal destination for a hill walking holiday.

We had many other highlights during the year. The annual Moonlight Challenge in support of the Glen of Immal Mountain Rescue Team was again supported by Na Súiltóirí when 10 members completed the 26 km route around Glendalough on a November night with the aid of head torches. A large number of our walkers also participated in the Darkness into Light walk in May in aid of Pieta House and 10 of our members did a further stage on the Camino de Santiago during the year covering the stretch from Leon to Ponferrada.

We finished 2019 with a well-attended Christmas party in the Yellow House and with our traditional Dodder walk on 21st December from the clubhouse to the Grand Canal Dock. We have already planned our away trip for 2020. A group of around 50 members will travel to Mayrhofen in Austria at the end of August for a week of hill walking in the Zillertal Alps. Everyone is looking forward to a week of good walking and the normal ceol agus craic in the evenings.

We would like to thank the club chairman Ciarán Maguire for his support during the year and also Mick Farrell and his bar staff for always being so accommodating to us throughout the year.

We are always looking for new members and anyone interested in joining us on the hills during 2020 can try it out by meeting us at

9am at the clubhouse any Saturday morning, just remember to bring sturdy boots, the right clothes for the weather and a good supply of water and snacks.

Shay Devlin



DERMOT 'DIGGER' MANLEY

The club community woke on the morning of November 14th to the shock news that club member Dermot Manley had suddenly passed away the previous evening.

To many in Ballyboden he was just known as “Digger”, “a trusted teammate”, “a soldier on the pitch; a gentleman off it”



Digger grew up immersed in the GAA and it wasn't long until he was playing hurling and football and building lifelong friendships. He was fortunate to be a member of successful teams in both codes and had the distinction of playing Senior in both codes. Having Mayo and Monaghan connections, it was only natural that football would be his favoured sport, playing at the highest level in the club. He was a brilliant attacking half back and the highlight of his football career was a Dublin Senior Football Championship medal in 2009.

Work and life commitments meant he didn't have as much time to pursue his football passion but he did find time to play Junior Football in 2019. He was also a fine hurler, starring at half back and mid-field, achieving great success at championship level. Among his haul were an Under 16 Hurling Championship (2003) and Under 21 Hurling Championships (2006 and 2007). A senior B championship followed in 2012 and he was part of the panel that won Senior A Championships. At schools level, he was a member of the Dublin Colleges Team that won the Dublin's first Croke Cup in 2006, adding an All Ireland Medal to his chest.

To all his clubmates and friends he was just “Digger”. He enjoyed the simple things in life like eating crackers and cheese and having super competitive games of FIFA. He inspired his friends through his exploits in sport, work and by his impact on those around him. One friend described him as “the smartest man I know, with the silliest sense of humour”.



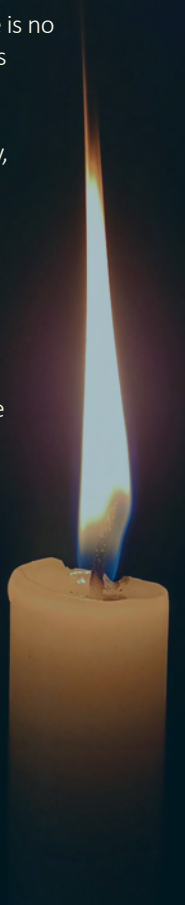
He had a unique ability to generate craic from the simple things, from his humorous take on everyday human interactions, making a mockery of modern pop music, his impressions of some of his favourite characters from Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter or his impersonation of hilarious fictional characters. This was typical of Dermot as he always looked to enjoy most engagements and ensure that everyone else was enjoying themselves at the same time. Despite all this devilment, you could always trust his judgement and he was someone who his friends always looked to for advice when faced with a difficult decision.

All in Ballyboden will miss Digger Manley and there is no doubt he will be most fondly remembered by all his club mates and friends. But, of course, he will be mostly missed by his heart broken family; by his beloved wife, Kylie, his parents John and Rosemary, his siblings Sean, Paul, Ciara, Eimear and Aoife, his father-in-law Gabriel, mother-in-law Marian, brothers-in-law Damien, Gabriel and Elvin, sisters-in-law Lindsay and Chanelle, his nieces, nephews and all his extended family.

The turnout at his funeral in Our Lady of Good Counsel spoke volumes about his popularity and the effect he had in such a short life - those who knew Dermot had lost a shining light in their lives. Michael Darragh Macauley summed it up most eloquently in an interview on RTE after this year's Leinster final success when he said that “he was one of the best humans I ever met. If we had a few more like him, the world would be a better place”

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a anam dílis -
Ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann

Eamonn Treacy



Boden Theatre Group

The Boden Theatre Group had another hugely successful year with the club's 50th anniversary right at the heart of the group's focus.

It had been decided early in 2019 that our winter production would be something to reflect the club's history and place in the community. So, a small committee was formed with Mick Keville at the helm and they began to work on ideas and scripts early in 2019.

In the meantime, our spring production was taking shape with John Joe O'Sullivan producing and directing our first play of the year

"I Do Not Like Thee Doctor Fell".

This play is a dramatic comedy by Irish playwright Bernard Farrell and it looks at the issues of a small group of Irish people attending a group therapy session. While on the surface, it looked like a simple play with all the action taking place in one room, it was in fact one of the most demanding plays our group have taken on with all the focus on the storytelling and dialogue between characters. But true to form, the group did an amazing job and had a very successful run of four nights.

After a break over the summer, the group came back in September to take on the huge task of marking the club's 50th anniversary. Mick Keville, Ger Reynolds, Cormac O'Farrell, Declan O'Brien and Owen McLoughlin wrote



all the comedy sketches and songs that would become an original two-hour show called "50 Shades Of Boden". The play was a celebration of the club and its history through comedy sketches and songs. Mick, as director was keen to get as many people involved in this historic event and looked outside the group for other club members to join in the frivolity, fun and experience of treading the boards. This resulted in a cast of 34 which brought about a few logistical headaches for the director who did an amazing job arranging rehearsals around personal schedules.

But ultimately the large cast brought about some hidden talent in the club and added to the sense of celebrating the club as a community. It also brought new audiences as people flocked to see friends and family on the stage for the first time instead of on the pitch.

And for the first time ever, tickets for the show had sold out in advance of the show starting. A lot of work went into the planning and organising of music with Noel Larkin and his one man band providing the music with everything from Abba to Les Mis, not to mention all the original songs such as the "Blue And The White Of Ballyboden".

It really was our pleasure to have been part of the club's 50th anniversary and we look forward to the next 50 years and hope to still be bringing quality drama and comedy to the loyal audiences who continue to support our group year after year. We look forward to seeing you again next year when Joe Kearney will direct John B. Keane's play "Moll" in March 2020.

Carol Fitzmaurice



Paul Manning

The 20 x 20 initiative was introduced last year to create a cultural shift in the perception of girls and women in sport. Ladies Football Secretary Paul Manning is heavily involved in promoting the 20 x 20 initiative in Ballyboden St Enda's.

Paul has been involved in Ballyboden St Enda's since 2000 when his eldest son Anthony joined the academy in the Hermitage. "Like most volunteers, I was standing with my arms folded on the sideline and Donie Kerin encouraged myself and several other parents to attend a foundation course been run by the then club coach Enda McNulty and as they say - the rest is history"

Paul has been secretary of the ladies section since 2014 and to add more to the mix he is referee co-ordinator for juvenile boys and girls and a mentor with Senior B Ladies and Minor boys so Donie did very well when he got Paul involved! "As secretary I would be the first point of contact with the county board and then I liaise with the teams in the club, I am in charge of administration within the ladies section and I'm involved in any decisions between the county board and the club. As referee coordinator I appoint the referees for the go games home matches so I'm busy enough".

The ladies section in Ballyboden St Enda's is one of the biggest in Ireland fielding over 40 teams from Under 9 to adult "The ladies section is very important, it's vital we promote ladies football and have the coaching structures for all abilities in place so we can retain all the players as best we can for the future generations".

As Paul celebrates his 20th anniversary involved the club he is delighted that his family are still involved "My son Micheál is playing minor football and hurling and my daughter is playing senior football and camogie. My eldest son Anthony is in college in Tralee and hopefully he be back Ballyboden colours again in the future. It's great to have family involved and the club is a very important part of our lives.. "The club has been like a extended family over the years, from being involved with my own children's teams or on the ladies football committee there is a great sense of pride being a member of Ballyboden St Enda's. I have made plenty of friends over the years and have had plenty of laughs and successes on the way"

As we kickstart the 2020 season and with the introduction of Valerie Mulcahy to the club what was Paul's highlight of the year and what are the plans and hopes for 2020 "Apart from the 50th anniversary events and Senior Men's success, it has to be mentoring the Senior B ladies to the Junior B championship with a win over St. Peregrines alongside Jimmy Walsh and Eugene Duffy. We had a great year - one of the highlights was winning the Paídi O'Se tournament in Dingle last February.... Plans for the future is obvious "More success across the ladies section on and off the pitch and for the 20 x 20 initiative to continue to be as popular across the country as it was in 2019.

Sinéad O'Dea.



PAUL & ELIZABETH AFTER THE SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP WIN



Boden Supporters are... SIMPLY THE BEST!





Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2019



family day 2019

The clubs annual Family Fun Day was held on Sunday 5th of May. With Fun events such as Live Music performances, Inflatable Games, Magicians, Balloon Artists, Exhibition Matches, BBQ, the Dog Show and much much more, it proved to be an amazing day out for young and old alike, with the sun shining from start to finish!!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this day a huge success and we look forward to hosting it again in 2020.





A Gala Gathering

Celebrating 50 Years





Ballyboden St Enda's 2019 Dublin Bus /Herald Dubs Stars were presented with their awards in November. Congratulations to the lads. Well deserved recognition for what has been an epic year for the club.

Pictured are (L-R) are Shane Clayton, Aran Waters, Colm Basquel, Darren O'Reilly, Ross McGarry, Darragh Gogan, Ryan Basquel and Robbie McDaid. Collie was also named Footballer of the Year!

Missing from the photo are Darragh Nelson and Paul Ryan.







2019 DUBLIN BUS/HERALD DUBS STARS FOOTBALL PANEL

Darragh Gogan (Ballyboden St. Endas)		
Adam Fallon (Thomas Davis)	Shane Clayton (Ballyboden St. Endas)	Ciaran Fitzpatrick (St. Judes)
Cian Murphy (Thomas Davis)	Robbie McDaid (Ballyboden St. Endas)	Aran Waters (Ballyboden St. Endas)
Andrew Foley (Clontarf)		Ryan Deegan (Thomas Davis)
James Doran (Na Fianna)	Colm Basquel (Ballyboden St. Endas)	Darren O'Reilly (Ballyboden St. Endas)
Conor McHugh (Na Fianna)	Ryan Basquel (Ballyboden St. Endas)	Ross McGarry (Ballyboden St. Endas)

SUBS: Sean Currie (Ballymun Kickhams), Andrew McGowan (Kilmacud Crokes), Eoghan Fitzpatrick (Ballinteer St. Johns), Darragh Nelson (Ballyboden St. Endas), Kieran Doherty (St. Judes), Eoin Kirby (Thomas Davis), Cormac Howley (Round Towers, Lusk).



Claire Butterly, Rachel Ruddy and Sorcha Farrelly



Michael-Darragh now has an incredible 7 All-Ireland medals!



Sorcha & Claire with the Brendan Martin Cup



Michael-Darragh Macauley and Robbie McDaid with Sam

What a year it's been for the Dubs and the Ballyboden St. Enda's county players.



The Jackies made it 3-in-a-row while the mens made history by winning Sam for the 5th time in-a-row.



Like many of our senior players in all codes, they started in Ballyboden St Enda's from a young age and Sarah Nagle is no different.

Coming from a very sporty family, Sarah isn't the only one that's involved in the club "We are all into sport and for as long as I can remember we always have been. Laura, my sister, plays on the Senior A Camogie team with me. My mum Catherine is part of the management team and my dad Con always helps out on the match days as the "impartial" umpire so win lose or draw there is always something to talk about."

Sarah has always played camogie - "My earliest memory of Boden is losing by 12 goals to Lucan when we were U12. Not only was the score tough to stomach, it was lashing and we had that awful hill to contend with. Revenge was sweet, four years later when we beat that same team by two points in the U16A championship final though."

Sarah is the current captain of the Senior Camogie team - "I'm captain this year and it's a great honour to lead the girls to hopefully a successful year."

Twenty- three year old Sarah is a registered Paediatric Dietitian working in Crumlin Childrens Hospital mainly covering the burns unit. "I'm enjoying Crumlin, it's different and puts a lot of life into perspective. Ballyboden St Enda's is a great outlet and it's even better when you are playing with friends".

Sarah was one of the Ballyboden St Enda's players who was involved in the 20 x 20 campaign in 2019. "We were delighted to be included in the campaign, as it was something we were very passionate about. As the hashtag implies **#cantseecantbe** we turned up on a pitch with our Ballyboden jerseys and hurls and spent about 3 hours with the photographers and media team. We shot different scenes, like in the dressing

room before games, training and match scenarios. We also got headshots taken of ourselves with the recognizable red war paint. It was a lot of fun on the day. From our point of view, it was important that Ballyboden St Enda's got recognition for being an inclusive club and great to see the club getting behind it"

What does the 20 x 20 campaign mean to Sarah? "Sport has always been an integral part of my life. The 20 x 20 campaign has highlighted the high quality, skill level and intensity of women in sport. It has been an amazing year for women in sport, with Dublin winning the 3 in a row, the Irish hockey team qualifying for the Olympics and Katie Taylor, the two-weight world champion. The 20 x 20 campaign has focused on giving female athletes the credit they deserve for the time, dedication and spectacles that they display in all sports. From our own club perspective we have gotten firmly behind it too and have held events to promote 20 x 20. Our club now has nearly 50/50 male to female ratio of playing members, and I have no doubt that the publicity the campaign got across social and traditional media will continue to grow well into 2020."

As camogie numbers increase within the club and across the GAA community - what are the hopes for 2020... " Well we would love to win the Championship - like every team! Last season got off to a promising start, winning six championship games in a row. Unfortunately, this came to a disappointing finale when we were beaten by local rivals St Judes in the Semi-final, a game that we felt we left behind us. We are eager to get stuck into the season this year and hopefully advance to a final and win it!!

Sinéad O'Dea



Sarah Nagle



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Rachel Ruddy and Seamus Conboy
Married on October 19th in Ravello, Italy

Boden Wedding bells



Brendan Treacy and Caroline Moran
Church of Annunciation, Rathfarnham
and Virginia Park Lodge in July



Niamh Hogan and David Stritch
with their two children Diana and Sonny
Married 3rd August 2019.



Martin O'Sullivan and Leanne Gaughran
St. Oliver Plunkett Church, Co. Louth
and Castle Bellingham in February



Paul Ryan and Jessica Coffey
Church of Annunciation, Rathfarnham
and Johnstown House Hotel in December



Liam McCarthy and Emer Skelly
Church of Assumption and James, Claregalway
and Saltbhill Hotel in August



Boden 50th Anniversary Song

https://soundcloud.com/neil_buckingham/boden-50th-song

Words & Music Neil Buckingham

Oh we come from Ballyboden
we're the greatest club in Dublin
where the blue and white is all you'll ever need
and we've reached the age of 50
and we're so proud of our history
and a future that is certain to succeed

In the year that saw a man,
put a ship on the moon to land
and in Woodstock there was
half a million souls
and the Kingdom lifted Sam,
while the Cats put the Rebel's down
there was a clan with a plan and a field
on the Firhouse road
there was a clan with a plan and a field
on the Firhouse road

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We started off so small,
just a shed and bag of balls
and the socks and the knicks were a mix up
of every hue
but soon the victories came
and the kids got to know the name
and the word in the pubs and the clubs
was the Boden blue
and the word in the pubs and the clubs
was the Boden blue

CHORUS

Then it was 1995
and the dream was still alive
we had a run in the cup on the cusp
of the promised land
and it came down to the wire,
and it felt like the Sam Maguire
with the scores and the roar of the crowd
in the victory stand
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in the victory stand

But that was just the start,
we were always a class apart
Then the fellas and the girls with the hurls
were the teams to see
and the stars of Peil ma mBan
made good on their master plan
and put their names in the halls of fame
for eternity
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While we love what's in our past,
we've a future built to last
On the Obair of the women and the men
that the seeds were sowed
so here's to another score
and the return of the Boden roar
'cause we're the clan with a plan and a field
on the Firhouse road
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