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A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER...



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 Guím gach rath don athbhliain ar bhail uile Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna, agus tá súil agam go raibh Nollaig shuaimhneach agaibh agus deis agaibh sos a ghlacadh i measc bhúr mhuintire. Bliain eisceachtúil a bhí in 2020, ach táimid ag súil go dtiocfaidh feabhas ar chúrsaí in 2021.

Happy New Year to all of our members, and we look forward to 2021 with hope and expectation. The arrival of the Covid-19 vaccine will hopefully allow us to return fully to training and games in the Spring and to a fuller engagement with each other as members of the 'Boden community. 2020 was a year of highs and lows like no other. We started the year as Leinster Senior Football Champions looking forward to an All-Ireland semi-final against Kilcoo in Breffni Park and daring to dream of a repeat of 2016. Unfortunately, that was not to be, but we were immensely proud of the achievements of our senior footballers and thankful for the joy they brought us. Our Ladies Footballers also had a promising start to 2021 as they participated in the annual Comórtas Pháidí Uí Shé in Dingle and Gallarus at the end of February. The B team retained their title, and the A's were beaten in the final of the senior competition by Clonguish of Longford. Boden were also represented in the Kingdom that weekend by the U15 Ladies footballers who came to Dingle to support the adults in between a busy schedule of games against local opposition and some fun in Killarney.

Boden was in full swing preparing for leagues, championships, féile and tournaments when Covid-19 hit the country in March. As national organisations, the GAA, LGFA and an Cumann Camógaíochta supported the clubs to keep active during the doldrums of the pandemic when schools and workplaces were closed. Faced with unprecedented circumstances, we regrouped and found a way around the crisis. Teams arranged individual challenges, online gym and training sessions, social activities that bound the 'Boden community together and provided outlets for physical activity when the country was closed down, and I have no doubt that this helped many people through lockdown. As you will read elsewhere, Ballyboden adult players hooked up with SuperValu to deliver shopping,

medication and other necessities to our senior citizens who were unable to go out to get them themselves due to cocooning advice. Along with the shopping, they also brought much-needed companionship, and we can be rightfully proud of the service that our younger members delivered to the community.

We were delighted to be able to return to training and play during the summer, and huge kudos must go to the national organisations for the support, training and education that they provided to us in the clubs. Congratulations too to the various CCC organising groups who planned and delivered a meaningful series of competitions and games across codes and age groups despite uncertainty, changing goalposts and fear of the unknown risks. It is at times like this that the power, energy and competence of club members comes to the fore – volunteers stepped forward as Covid supervisors for all of our 174 teams, and training and games were resumed in a safe, controlled environment. Huge thanks to all of those who recorded attendances and health-check updates, sanitised footballs, sliotars and equipment, stewarded matches and who enabled us to return to play in totally unprecedented circumstances. We couldn't have done it without you! Special thanks are due to Eamonn Gormley who was an invaluable source of advice, support and direction when the inevitable difficult situations arose. Thanks also to the Facilities Maintenance Executive, especially Vivian Ruddy, Martin Durkin and James McGarry and also to Con Nagle and Billy Coman for all the work they did to provide signage, sanitising supplies and to make our facilities ready for a safe return to play.

We had a good year on the field of play once competitions started, although it was strange playing behind closed doors or with just a small number of supporters allowed into the grounds. We competed successfully in boys' and girls' Féiles, and our adult teams acquitted themselves well in all championships. Our Senior A Camogie and Ladies Footballers showed great improvement on 2019 and both reached the semi-finals of their championship. Both Senior A men's teams reached the championships finals which were held on consecutive weeks in September and gave us hope of a trophy in this difficult year, but it was not to be, and we tasted defeat in both competitions. The teams gave their all, and the hurlers, in particular, might have snatched a victory – we thank players, coaches and mentors of all teams for the enjoyment and pleasure which they gave us in 2020. At the time of writing, we still have minor teams and the U16 hurling team in championship finals, and we sincerely hope that those competitions will be completed, and we wish our minors and U16's well in the finals. The year closed with the great news that the Juvenile Ladies

Football and Camogie organisations have agreed to play their championships at U14 on alternate weekends and to follow that through to U16 in the coming years. This is a great step forward for juvenile girls who will no longer be asked to play championship games on consecutive days, and thanks are due to several club members, but especially to Cathal O'Toole, for driving this initiative over a number of years.

We take it for granted that the club runs summer camps for six or seven weeks of every summer which provide fun, development and physical activity for around 200 children each week as well as providing summer employment for younger club coaches, but this is a huge achievement every single year. In 2020, when schools had been closed since mid-March, taking on the task of running the summer camps was an even bigger challenge but one that our club coaches Brian O'Regan and Paul McLoughlin took on head-first and delivered full-to-capacity camps in a safe manner each week in the summer. Well done, Brian and Paul – we're very lucky to have you.

You can't help but have noticed that we took the opportunity of the enforced break in play to upgrade facilities at Páirc Uí Mhurchú and in the club house. Thanks to the Facilities Development Executive (John Ryan, James McGarry, Billy Coman, Frank Moran), the car-park was resurfaced, and working with Brendan Peoples of www.evergreenlandscapes.ie and McEvoy Electrical the 'shrubbery' along the boundary wall got a serious makeover. The bar and hall were also refurbished during lockdown – what started off with Mick Farrell, Brian O'Regan and Darren O'Reilly re-sanding some tables soon became a demolition job and there was no going back! In yet another example of club members rising to the challenge, much of the work was done as a meitheal with members contributing their time and painting, joinery, plastering and decorating skills to upgrade the hall and bar, inside and outside, to make it into a very attractive venue which we were delighted to be able to reopen for a few weeks in December. It was great to see the senior footballers and hurlers painting the outside of the building and the Buadán le Gaeilge group cleaning windows and upgrading signage – thanks to all who helped in 'Operation Transformation'.

Chuaigh baill agus daoine muinteartha linn ar shlí na fírinne le linn 2020 agus airímid uainn iad uile, ach chailleamar dhá laoch le linn na bliana nach bhfeicimid a leithéidí arís – is iad sin Brendan Moran agus John O'Neill. Two giants of the club left us for their eternal reward in July and August this year, former club Chairman, Club President and Trustee, John O'Neill and former club Chairman,

Brendan Moran. It can be truly said that these were great men, loved and respected by all, who gave everything they had to the community of Ballyboden St. Enda's and who contributed so much to that community. To paraphrase a sentiment expressed by the Moran family, it was well known how much both men loved Ballyboden St. Endas, but the fantastic turnout of members from all sections and of all ages for their respective guards of honour in Páirc Uí Mhurchú illustrated how much Ballyboden St. Endas loved them.

A historic milestone was achieved in 2020 with the long-awaited publication of the 'Boden history, Stair Chumann Lúthchelas Gael Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna, which chronicles the evolution of the club from our 'pre-history' of Ballyboden Wanderers and Rathfarnham St. Enda's right up to the end of our 50th year. This truly is an epic tome and will be a reference book for generations to come as well as a source of anecdotes and stories to keep us entertained. Congratulations to Gearóid Ó Súilleabháin and Eamonn as well as to the Coiste Caoga Bliain on making this dream become a reality.

Finally, congratulations to all Ballyboden members who represented their county with pride in 2020 but pride of place must go to Robbie McDaid, Colm Basquel and Michael- Darragh MacAuley, who along with

Club Development Activities 2020

The year started off with some teething troubles with the electrics in Sancta Maria. The extra load due to new floodlights on grass pitch caused system failure. The problem was solved by giving a direct feed to Saplings and upgrade of ESB fuse rating. The balance of funding from Sports Capital grant was drawn down. Irrigation of SM pitch and PUM became a big issue throughout the first lockdown. A rota was planned between maintenance executive, coaching staff and development committee and all pitches looked exceptionally well when activities resumed.



Re-sodding PUM before first lockdown back in March



Grass pitch in action after lockdown



Brendan Moran & John O'Neill

Brian O'Regan as coach, brought a sixth consecutive All-Ireland title to the capital. Similarly on the Ladies side, congratulations to Solo, Sorcha Farrelly, and to Claire Butterly who were part of Mick Bohan's team that brought a fourth consecutive All-Ireland to Dublin.

Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise dár mbaill uile, agus go raibheamar ar ais ar na páirceanna gan mhoill in 2021.

Ciarán Maguire

During first lockdown the opportunity was taken to upgrade and replace the tarmac in the car park at Clubhouse. Prior to this, the landscaping was all replaced with some beautiful cobblelock and fresh planting with appropriate lighting. The landscaping was fully sponsored by Evergreen Landscapes and lighting fully sponsored by McEvoy Electrical. Their support has been invaluable, and the outstanding finish would not have been achieved without their support.

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. This project, unfortunately, has taken much longer than anyone envisaged and is all outside of our control.



Demolishing Sr Basil's office ... rebuild programme for 2021

During the year we applied for several planning permissions:

1. Ladies Dressing Rooms: we achieved same for behind the clubhouse where we hope to tender early in new year for four dressing rooms.
2. Sancta Maria Audio/Visual room and Physio room. Waiting decision
3. New Coaching Hut and meeting rooms in Car park. Waiting decision.
4. Carmelite Land: 2 playing pitches with dressing rooms: Waiting decision.

Most of 2020 has been allocated to planning rather than the actual building of facilities. All the above, subject to financial approval, will form part of our development programme over the next few years.

Other key activities to note:

1. With support of James McGarry successfully secured some local funding from SDCC.
2. Working with Saplings on various issues throughout the year to include renewal of contract/potential sale etc.
3. Continue to work with SDCC to ensure our interests in the various local developments are maintained.
4. 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.

In the coming year we hope to progress the following developments:

1. Planning Applications as per above.
2. Work on new round of Capital Funding.
3. Building Projects: Ladies Dressing Rooms/Coaching Hut.
4. Review Sparc contract
5. Saplings Contract/Sale
6. Further Develop landscape programme with Evergreen

I would especially like to thank James McGarry, Frank Moran, Billy Coman and Paddy Walsh for their assistance and invaluable experience throughout 2020.

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

John Ryan, Chairman Club Development Executive.



The damage done by Mr Fox

Golf Classic 2020

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the original date for the 2020 Annual Golf Classic of the 22nd of May was postponed.

Not to be beaten, the event was rescheduled for Friday the 28th of August, with the "Deane Machine" kicking into full effect in late July, filling the time sheet in record time. The rescheduled Classic was once again held in Edmondstown Golf Club on what turned out to be a game of two halves..

The rain showers which were forecasted for the morning duly arrived, but unfortunately



1st Place H&K



2nd Place TIDL



3rd Place Deano's Team

So, what did you do when the bar was closed Mick....?

Little did we know what was ahead of us 12 months ago but as the saying goes "Every cloud has a silver lining" The fact that we had to close for most of the year gave the club the opportunity to renovate the bar, hall and car-park. Six months ago, a few volunteers got together to 'do a bit of painting' around the place and it quickly grew legs...More & more people turned up with their paint brushes, toolboxes, expertise and time, that the place was suddenly a hive of activity and it wasn't long before they had the bar transformed into a pleasant, warm, cosy and relaxing haven.



BEFORE

Even the senior hurlers and senior footballers volunteered THEIR time to paint the complete outside of the clubhouse, which was no mean feat, especially when 'rain stopped play' the first day and we ended up with more paint running down the drain than on the walls!! The car-park was also completely resurfaced and to complete the



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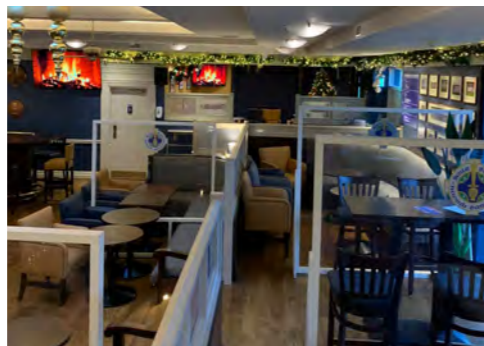
renovations Evergreen Landscaping installed the shrubbery, greenery, plants, flowers and stone work to finish off the car-park perfectly.

There are too many names involved in the different aspects of renovations to thank so it's safer to name none, only to say the club never looked as well and it wouldn't have been possible without all the help from so many different people .We have a Club to be proud of.

Before I finish I would like to thank all the hard working staff and Ciaran Maguire, Gerry Mahon, Con Nagle, Sinead O'Dea, Neil Buckingham, Susan McManus, Cliona Mellett, Alan Kinsella, and Our Executive Committee for all their help and support during the year.

Thanks to all of you who dropped in over Xmas and if you didn't get a chance to drop in, we look forward to seeing you when we re-open again.

Please stay safe and thanks again. Mick & Staff



**1st Place – 94 Points
H&K International Team**
David Bobbett, Terry O'Neill, Michael Turley & Vincent Carney

**2nd Place – 92 Points
TIDL Team**
Shaun Gillen, Peter Buckeridge, Brendan Tracey & Paul Ryan

**3rd Place – 90 Points
Liam Deane Team**
Liam Deane, Martin Donohoe, Jim Gallagher & Des Brown

**4th Place – 89 Points
Greenoak Construction Team**
Pat Mc Cabe, Paul Ryan, John Cousins & Colm Fagan

**5th Place – 89 Points
Liam Holland Team 2**
James Holland, Ross McGarry, Barra McGarry & Ross McCormack

**Front Nine – 47 Points
Ray Cosgrove Team**

**Back Nine – 46 Points
Tony Walsh Team**

**Longest Drive
Michael Turley H&K Team**

**Nearest the Pin
Martin Donohoe Liam Deane Team**

for the early starters these "showers" were more akin to a relentless deluge which lasted until late morning. We persevered nonetheless and the teams that played from lunchtime onwards enjoyed more pleasant and benign conditions.

As usual, our hosts in Edmondstown gave us a warm welcome and presented us with a challenging course in good condition, despite the difficult earlier weather conditions. "Most" of our 40 Teams enjoyed the conditions, with the H&K International Team led by David Bobbett returning a fantastic winning score of 94 Points.

The committee, Liam Deane, Sean Moran, John Small, James McGarry, Shane Guest, Jack Nolan and Liam Carter our COVID-19 Compliance Officer, would like to thank all of those who contributed to making the day such a great success, particularly to Miriam Doyle, Tom McGrath, Ned Slattery, Paddy Brady and Cathal Regan.

Thanks also to Costello Catering for looking after us so well with the fantastic meal, which was enjoyed by all.

A special mention to Orla McCabe, who carried out the reception and front of house duties diligently and cheerfully all day. Most of all we would like to thank the participating 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.



Ladies Football Report

Cliona Mellett

2020 will live long in the memory and it's social implications will be long lasting. For our sport, less game time for our players was a very obvious impact however we learnt this year just how important the simple act of participating in our game is. Participation at training sessions remained very high during restrictions despite having no competitive games to train for. Our ladies enjoyed the benefits of being part of a team win, lose or draw. Our year had started very brightly hosting the Ladies NFL opening round and the launch of the Comórtas Peile Páidi Ó Sé, as well as successes in Dingle until Covid-19 and lockdown changed the flow of the year.

Many thanks to out-going Chairman Cathal O'Toole for his immense contribution and hard work over the last number of years. Cathal is also to be commended on his leadership role in facilitating the proposed roll out of alternative weekends for dual players at U13/ U14 for League and Championship and at U15/U16 for Championship in 2021. Sincere thanks also to Treasurer Brendan Coyne and board delegate Leonard Brennan as they move on from their respective roles.

We wish incoming Chairman Ger Basquel the best of luck in his new role.

Ladies Football Section host the opening round of Lidl NFL Ladies Dublin v Tipperary

The club were honoured to welcome Dublin and Tipperary to Pairc Uí Mhúrchú on Sunday 26th January when the girls met in the opening round of Lidl Ladies Division One NFL. The game gave the club an opportunity to showcase PUM and our club facilities. The sense of community, and spirit of Ballyboden was very evident on the day. Dublin Ladies GAA were very appreciative of the smooth organisation of the game from the stewarding, to the guard of honour for both teams, the half-time Juvenile girls exhibition game and the provision of the hall after the match for refreshments for both teams.



Páidi Ó Sé Comortas Launch 2020

The Annual Dingle Football Tournament, Lidl Comórtas Peile Páidi Ó Sé 2020, was successfully launched in the club in January in conjunction with Sportstalk. Many clubs from around the country sent representatives and attended alongside Gaa legendary broadcaster Michael Ó Muirheartaigh, Páidí's son Pádraig Óg, Ballyboden and former Dublin Ladies footballer Rachel Ruddy, All Star and current manager of Ballyboden St Endas Senior Ladies Cork's Valerie Mulcahy, former Galway All-Ireland winning manager John O'Mahony and Kerry's ace forward Tommy Walsh.



Comortas Páidi Ó Sé 2020 Soisearach Mná & Sinsearach Mná

GAA clubs from Orange County in California, Edinburgh, London and 14 counties from the four provinces of Ireland took part in the 31st Lidl Comórtas Peile Páidi Ó Sé 2020, with 36 adult mens and ladies club teams descending on Dingle from 21st to 23rd February

Ballyboden Senior B Ladies retain their title

The Ballyboden Senior B Ladies team were looking forward to defending their title and a weekend of football and fun. The Ladies continued their winning ways and retained the trophy beating Ballymacelligott (West Kerry), followed by Castlegregory / Annascaul (Kerry) before facing Breaffy (Mayo) in the final finishing out the game comfortable winners.



Senior A Ladies are runners up

Wins over Sarsfields (Kildare) followed by a much tighter game against Caltra (Galway) saw our Senior A's qualify for the Senior final. The girls just came up short by the bare minimum to an excellent Clonguish (Longford) on a score line of 5.7 to 5.6 in a wonderfully sporting and exciting game.



U16 Ladies Lotto Jackpot win

Our 2004 ladies aimed to round off their Juvenile careers with a fourth straight Championship win however plans were scuppered when the competition stopped at the semi-final stage in September lockdown. It seemed it would be the season without a prize. All that changed with a phonecall came to say that the team's chosen numbers had come up in the Ballyboden Club Lotto and the rollover jackpot was theirs.. €10,500! The team had answered the call two years earlier when the lotto was being promoted and the girls signed up as a team. They were duly rewarded when their numbers were drawn on Thursday 10th December.



U15A

In 2020, the U15A team became the first team in the club to be run by an all-female management team, fitting in the pinnacle year of the 20 x 20 movement. The season started with a trip to Kerry to play Dr Crokes before travelling to Dingle to support the Senior Ladies in the Páidi Ó Sé Tournament. The girls played one game in the League before Covid hit and training was suspended. Tasks were set weekly and every Saturday videos of the skill that they had practised that week were submitted with great support from the parents. The girls were delighted to get back to action in July and were very competitive in the Championship finishing on a high beating hot favourites Brigids, their hard work over the summer paying off. Each girl's commitment to improve has been phenomenal and they finished up training on December 4th.



U15B

The U15B team made a flying start to their season with a league win over Naomh Mearnóg before Covid put a stop to their gallop. The girls continued to work on their football skills with weekly football challenges, the winner receiving a prize delivered to their door. When the season restarted the team had a great win over Judes at home in a challenge match, followed by mixed fortunes in the League Cup. Drawn in a tough group for C/ship, the girls were unfortunate to come out the wrong side in two exciting and competitive games followed by a resounding win in their final group stage match over Scoil Ui Chonail and a cold sea swim after in Clontarf. They were all set to take part in the Shield when Lockdown Two began. The girls continued to train and welcomed Aoife Gogan from Senior Ladies who joined the coaching team.



U15C

The year started off well with full attendance at training. The girls' big achievement was beating Ballinteer St John's after so many close encounters and Raheny A in the Championship. The girls finishing mid table in the League Cup in a division with mainly club B teams.

The 2005 girls ended the season all training together as a squad in Sancta Maria which allowed greater integration between the three teams, promoting player development with new skills learned before the girls proceed to U16.



U16A

The year started off well with great attendance at training and some good performances in early season challenges. League action started in March with a convincing win over Cuala to set the girls on their way until the action stopped mid-March. Zoom quizzes and skills challenges were organised and much to the delight of the girls training resumed in June. The girls had convincing wins in their 3 group games in League and Championship when they resumed in August and looked forward to the semi-finals in both competitions.

Unfortunately this never happened as restrictions were imposed mid-September which prevented their completion. Although this was a blow for all concerned, the girls took it in their stride and were thankful that they were still allowed to train albeit on a non-contact basis. This group is largely unchanged from 2019 and most have been together since The Academy.



U16B

The U16B panel attended each training session and match with a huge level of enthusiasm and dedication combined with a great sense of fun. After a couple of challenge matches, the girls won an incredibly tough opening League game against Cuala and then Covid happened.

A thoroughly refreshed team arrived back after lockdown to a newly designed League and Championship. For the six weeks of both competitions, the girls beat the other three teams in each group twice and finished top of the table ensuring semi-finals in both competitions, remarkable as thirteen of the panel are dual players and played two codes per weekend and also reached the Camogie final. The second suspension of games was a huge disappointment but there was huge commitment to training which was allowed proceed with guest coach Cormac O'Farrell bringing a variety of new drills to try out each Sunday morning.



U16C

The team's first league outing was delayed due to weather and opposition availability with their first game on 8th March lasting all of 2 minutes before the referee deemed the pitch unplayable! Then lockdown happened.

Competitive games time did not commence until the post lockdown resumption and the girls competed in the League Cup competition during August and September playing three games followed by two Championship outings before the second lockdown.

Despite the lack of competitive offerings, the team continued to train weekly with great participation and enjoyment and all 26 on the panel are committed to returning to play minor in 2021 which is a great achievement.



Minor A

The Minor A ladies were an amalgamation of the 2002 and 2003 girls and it took a little time for the girls to gel and come to terms with each other's strengths and ways of playing. Hugely enthusiastic, the large numbers that turned up for every training session and match was consistent right throughout the stop-start year. Despite having a panel of 25, every girl was given game time during the season. The girls opened the Championship with the game of their careers against old rivals Lucan Sarsfields. They eventually qualified for the postponed Shield semi-final against Clanna Gael Fontenoy. Training continued twice a week up until mid December, the large numbers attending driven by the sheer enjoyment of being out on a pitch and the comradery offered by this group.

Minor B

The season commenced at home to Na Fianna B in Ballycullen on March 7th, after an away trip to Scoil Uí Chonail at the end of February was postponed due to bad weather. Lockdown intervened and training resumed again in July. Division four proved challenging pitted against some Club A teams with Senior and Inter-county players among their ranks. Subsequent games against Round Towers and Whitehall Colmcilles confirmed the spirit and progress amongst the players as they battled to compete at that level. A revisit to Westmanstown in the Championship and subsequent games were further evidence of the burgeoning skills and teamwork. The team was set to play a Shield semi-final away to Round Towers when matches were halted again. There are 17 girls on this panel who are minor again in 2021, and despite a significant number of injuries, their attitude and resilience shows great promise for 2021.

Minor C

A challenging year with obviously little opportunity for competitive football, it was great for the team to get back to training in August as it gave the girls an opportunity for some exercise and to meet up with their friends.

With three games played in both the revised League and Championship, the girls finished mid table in both competitions. With the games suspended again in October, attendance for training continued to be very high.

Senior A Ladies

After the initial excitement of All Star and Cork footballer Valerie Mulcahy's appointment as senior manager, preseason training started earlier than usual in early November. In the New Year friendly matches were arranged against Garda, Portlaoise and St.Sylvesters along with the annual trip to Dingle for the Páidi Ó Sé Tournament where the girls were pipped by a point in the final. From mid-March to late June, training continued remotely through zoom calls. The shortened League started with defeats to Foxrock and Kilmacud while the Championship season began with wins at home to Clanna Gael, away to St. Brigids and home to Fingallians qualifying for the semi-finals with a game to spare.



Drawn away to Fox/Cab in the semi-final, a game described as 'the best club match they had ever witnessed', our ladies unfortunately came up short on a score line of 4.13 to 3.10. The League recommenced with big scores registered in wins against Clanna Gael and Cuala and finished with an away defeat in early October to Thomas Davis.

To be able to play matches and train safely was the big bonus in this most difficult of years and for that the team are very grateful to the wider GAA community, the Club, the Executive and Ladies Committee and the many volunteers behind the scenes who made this happen.

Senior B Ladies

It was always going to be a challenging year for the Ladies B team. Promotion after winning the Junior B Championship in 2019 meant competing



against club's first teams. The team was also weakened by the loss of over half 2019's starting 15 due to injuries, retirements, and promotion to the A panel so the team was in transition. The season started off on a positive note, with the girls retaining the Ladies Junior Trophy in the Cormórtas Páidí O 'Sé in Dingle. The League Cup and Championship competitions yielded disappointing results with league defeats to St Jude's and Naomh Olaf's, and in the Championship to favourites O Dwyer's and Naomh Barróg. The team however fought bravely in all games putting in some fantastic performances not reflected in the score lines.

Despite the Championship exit, morale remained high within the team and finished out the year on a high note playing excellent attacking football with comprehensive victories over Portobello and Foxrock Cabinteely in the final 2 League games. Management were grateful for the Minor players who played up and made a fantastic contribution during the season. They should have bright futures ahead of them with Ballyboden adult teams.

Senior C Ladies

2020 was a challenging year for all and the Division 5 panel were no exception. Whether these girls were training on their own or in pods they all stuck with it and should be very proud of themselves and the great effort they put in. With only 2 losses throughout the season, it was a very successful year indeed. They played 13 games winning 11 and losing 2, one being the Junior C final and the other Scoil Ui Chonail (Division 3) in a challenge, losing by a point. The average age of the 23 panel members is 20 years of age and in their second year together as a team, the ladies are showing great improvement and going in the right direction.

Summary of games played, played 3 challenge matches, won 2 and lost 1, Championship played 6 and unfortunately lost the Final to a very strong Naomh Olaf's side. In the League Cup, played 4 and won 4 in the group and the team were due to play a semi-final v Garristown.



Senior D Ladies

Having started with the season with 18 players, the last count was 29! In the first league game against Templeogue, the ladies played extremely well and unsurprisingly some of the players were moved up to the C team. The next game against Shankill, a bare 15 overcame their 25 strong squad, with another superb footballing performance. In Championship, first up were eventual winners St Judes and although in a higher division, the girls won a very tight game followed by another enthralling victory over Shankill (which required a post-match cool down in the Irish Sea). The squad started to develop some momentum and qualified for and fell in the Championship semi-final against higher division Erin Go Bragh in a very entertaining game for the neutral.



This group embodies what it means to be a team with the numbers at training, the enthusiasm, the encouragement, the fun and the open arms attitude to new players joining the group, players for one reason or another hadn't played senior ladies football in 5, 10 or more years.



In it's third year of existence, participation continues to be strong in Ballyboden G4MO's team. Winter training continued in St Colmcilles Community School in January until lockdown. The ladies welcomed Geraldine Morans GAA, and the Sam Maguire and Brendan Martin cups to



Sancta Maria in February in what was to be the only game of the year despite entering

in a south side league with Crokes, Cuala and Geraldine Morans. The annual G4MO Table Quiz was held in February to raise funds for the year ahead. The clubhouse was packed to capacity for the second year running demonstrating the huge amount of support and interest in the G4MO's. The team resumed training late August and continued weekly until the second lockdown was announced. The ladies look forward to returning to training and games in 2021.

Rachel Ruddy – an exemplary Club & County player and role model

Earlier this year, Rachel announced her intention to retire from Inter County duties. It was always the plan for the club and section to mark the ending of a stellar career in the county jersey while also thankful for Rachel's continued wearing of the Ballyboden St Endas colours in both codes.

Covid-19 however did not allow that to happen so we should not let 2020 pass without acknowledging Rachel's success in playing for Dublin and winning 3 All Ireland medals and 2 All Stars which speak volumes of her quality as a player. A tenacious defender, she was a leader on the pitch and often grabbed games by the "scruff of the neck" to drive on her team mates. Off the pitch her resilience was further evidenced by her battle with injuries causing her to miss seasons 2015 and 2016 but she fought hard to make it back in style for the 2017 win and secured her second All Star in the bargain!

Off the field Rachel also epitomises the consummate club person, always available to support varied activities despite what was clearly a hugely demanding inter county commitment and also balancing her career as a physiotherapist. Juvenile players got to know Rachel from medal presentations, interviews and just simply being there to encourage the girls. Rachel was also eager to help the club and county efforts in the push for alternate weekends for dual players (having been a dual player herself at both club and county level) speaking at conventions to promote the player welfare issues at stake

On behalf of all in the club, we sincerely thank Rachel and wish her all the best and look forward to many more years supporting her in the Boden colours.



Many thanks to Luci Horwell, Commercial Manager and Jack Nolan, Managing Director of HealthWatch Ltd, providers of workplace Health and Lifestyle Screening Programmes, who kindly sponsored training tops for our Senior 'A' Ladies Football Team.

Many thanks also to Stephen Campbell of Data Direct for sponsoring hoodies for our Senior 'C' Ladies Football.

Aoife Barton - Ladies Senior Football

- Position: Full Back
- Height: 6ft 2"
- Favourite footballer: Dean Rock
- Fave Food: Sunday Roast
- Fave TV: Googlebox
- Fave Book: Women don't owe you pretty by Florence Given
- What has been your greatest moment in sport?
Has to be getting into the Senior C Championship Final 2020 with the help and support of our dedicated coaches Stephen Campbell, Paul Hall and Stuart Ramsden.
- Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced? Always remember it being St Brigids during my early years of football.
- What are your hobbies? Swimming, hiking, eating good food and of course football!
- What are your vices? Ben and Jerrys ice-cream always.
- GAA Gripes? People giving up to easily.
- Favourite personal saying in football: C'mon girls, keep going!!
- Do you have any superstitions before a match? Always wear a blue bobbin when playing matches.
- Biggest Disappointment: Losing the Championship Final this year against St Olaf's.
- It was a tough one because we worked so hard this year.
- Ways of improving GAA: Giving more recognition to Ladies GAA.
- Pet Hates: Snoring, chewing loudly, people who walk slowly.
- What advice would you give to young players? Train in your own time, never be afraid to take risks and ask those important questions.
- How would you like to be remembered? For being the 'Tall Girl' on the team,



Hurling Report

John Ryan

What a strange year it was!

Who would have thought at the beginning of the year that only two rounds of league would be played, that we would all end up greeting everyone through a mask and we would limited to total of 200 people per game. Mr Covid arrived in March and succeeded in closing all activities from March to end of June. Very few club supporters had the privilege of seeing live championship games where most had to depend on Dubs TV which unfortunately was limited to our Senior A's.

Strange as it may seem but as season progressed and no spectators allowed this became an absolute essential service. Never did we rely so much on social media.

Did you ever think you'd be brave enough to enter a bank wearing a mask and ask for money \$\$\$.

So how did we fare??...Read on to find out



Senior A Manager: Joe Fortune **Selectors:** Mickey McCullough, Malachy Travers, Andy Coffey, Paul Daly
Supported by: Billy Coman, Linda O'Donnell, Joe Roche, Declan Fitzpatrick and Peter Wall.

We began with a baptism of fire and fell under the spell of a strong Kilmacud side. After a few harsh words and a willingness by management and players to bounce back, sparks flew at training sessions and from it came the fighting spirit of Boden who won their remaining Round Robin games with more left in the tank. Then came Vinny's in quarter and a young Na Fianna team in semi. Both presented different type of challenges, but we were up for it and marched on to the final v Cuala. Despite having been ahead by 4 points at half time we were unable to quell a strong Cuala side who came at us in waves in the second half. We can be extremely proud of the squad and management who gave it their all to win back that title. Through the efforts of all involved we now have an excellent mix of youth and experience and hopefully nicely set up for the 2021 management team to raise the bar even further.

After three years at the helm Joe Fortune has stepped away but has left the team in an extraordinarily strong position to challenge for titles in 2021. On behalf of the hurling section, we would like to thank Joe for his commitment to Boden over these years and his attention to detail was exemplary.

Management Team 2021 Manager: Malachy Travers **Selectors/Coaches :** Dave Curtin, Mickey McCullough
Supported by : Billy Coman, Linda O'Donnell, Joe Roche, Declan Fitzpatrick and Peter Wall

Senior B Manager: Richie Sweetnam **Selectors:** Simon Daly, Brian O'Shaughnessy

We came out of the traps fighting and if you were fortunate enough to witness the game in Silverpark you saw an absolute classic. Often the management team can get the raw end of the stick but certainly they can be proud of the calls they made in second half.....for sure it turned the



game and we sealed victory by some excellently taken scores and came away with a victory by 2 points. Our B team has always been a feeder team and some of the top performers were promoted to the A's and indeed became an integral part of their success story. This will always be the case and can be difficult to manage but communication between both sets of management was excellent and decisions were made in the best interest of the players.

Our B team in most cases are up against the first team of most other clubs and is an exceedingly difficult championship to win. The management have already been in contact with the committee about next year and feel they somewhat underperformed and are gunning to get back onto pitch.... rock on 2021.

Sadly, on 12th July we lost one of the great Gaels of the club, Brendan Moran. In his final days, Brendan was still our hurling board delegate and manager of our Senior B's. His departure came as a shock to all of us. He was a much-loved friend, caring and witty man, full of integrity and is a huge loss to all of us but most of all to his immediate family

Management Team 2021: Same as 2020

Junior A Manager: Tim Sweeney **Selectors:** Brendan Treacy, Dan Boland, Tom McGrath, Keith O'Donnell, Gary Maguire
Supported by: Susan Creed.



Probably the best fed team in the section and for sure every other management group is looking for Susan but Tim is having none of it and has circled the wagons around Ms Creed. And the hurling is not bad either, big squads at training and the "Who's who" management team. A serious set up and very well organised and a real team effort.

The lads won their group with some strong performances and reached the semi-final against a fancied Brigids. If we could pack Sancta Maria with supporters for sure they would have been out the gate but unfortunately Mr Covid did not allow but for sure there was huge interest in this fixture. And the lads did not disappoint. This was Brigids second team and our third and was always going to be an uphill battle. To say we fought to the end is an understatement. The spirit and heart in this team is infectious and every Boden person present was truly gutted with the outcome.

Management Team 2021: As 2020 but with additional coaches: Seamie O'Neill and Mick Keville.

Junior C Managers: John Small and Ger Soffe **Coach:** Phil Larkin.
Supported by: Alan Kinsella and Danny O'Connell.

Firstly, not many will remember but when John and Ger took over this team in 2019 they had 6 at training and looked extremely bleak. If we recall our fifth team suffered until we got this house in order. Some of the elder lemons had retired and our younger members were non-committal. In effect there was no core to the team and was drifting big time. Of course, there are no medals given for fielding a team but the two lads have done trojan work to pull this together and now have a core of 20 strong players and our fifth team was back up and running in 2020.

Their season transformed when they entered the Cup competition where their fighting spirit came to the fore with some excellent performances. They are now in the cup final but again fell victim to the pandemic and appears will not be played.

Junior G Managers: Brendan Ryan and Tomás Ó Riordáin

This has been the brainchild of Brendan Ryan and is often called the social team but can assure you it is far from it. The lads give it their all and something each player really looks forward to. It is unbelievable to think that Brendan and Bomber has assembled a squad of 30 players (at least on match day !!) and competition for places is savage. Not sure if he gets 30 training but don't think a few of the lads would even survive a heavy session (hurling that is).

Even though the lads lost out at semi-final stage to Thomas Davis the Club has facilitated a fantastic bunch of guys to extend their playing career when many had already hung up the boots. Unfortunately, with Covid and clashing with other fixtures it has not been possible to see any of the games, but the importance of this team is immeasurable and hopefully will go from strength to strength.



Minor A Manager: Johnny Kenny **Selectors:** Tomás Ó Riordáin, Brendan Ryan, Darragh Monaghan, Mick Keville

Minor B Manager: Niall Sudway **Selector:** Mark Brady

With Covid and Leaving Cert upheaval this had to be the most difficult year to manage a minor team. In our view winning Minor championships is never the key goal but more important is to ensure players receive quality coaching and that those players in turn move to adult ranks seamlessly.

Both Johnny and Suds were off the blocks early and assembled a strong backroom team and where possible agreed to train together. Unfortunately, our A team were riddled with injury but despite this gave some excellent performances and lady luck certainly did not shine on them and were a single point on wrong side of scoreboard on few occasions. Our B's were out of championship due to a Covid scare but within few days were back in again... still not sure how this happened. We all know how difficult it is to keep a B team on the road and Suds pulled out all the stops but again succumbed to first team minors. However, the players have received some excellent coaching and will again provide numerous players to the adult teams to continue their development. The responsibility now lies with the adult section to continue the fine work done by Minor management and indeed the Juvenile section in the many previous years.

Management Team 2021: Manager: Tommy Keogh
Selector/Coach: Paudie O'Neill, Paddy Corrigan, Emmet Pullen, Naoise Maguire, Eoin Small, Niall McMorrow.

Note: We expect to have 3 minor teams in 2021 and more updates on personnel involved as the year unfolds.

U21: We entered two teams at this level but competitions were cancelled due to pandemic.

This year we had an unprecedented number of players available for selection. Normally during the summer, we lose players through J1's, Holidays, part-time jobs etc. Everything changed this year due to Covid and as a result we were unable to provide game time for several players. The committee of 2021 have had several meetings and it is the intention to seek the permission of CCC to enter a fifth league and championship team underneath our Junior C team. This we understand will be a difficult to manage and will need the support of all managers to ensure players will get much more game time in 2021. The Junior G team is a championship team only and will continue as such.

The Junior A team will over time become more like a development squad team. Once out of minor all players will move to this team and the new Junior team.

Fifth Team Mentors: Mick Glynn and Gavin Duff.

We cannot let the moment pass without mentioning the exceptional work done by all our Covid officers. This was trust upon us all on short notice in mid June and the support we received from all teams was excellent. Each team provided a Covid Officer and worked tirelessly to ensure we complied fully with HSE protocol. We cannot underestimate the extra workload this entailed, and our club are truly fortunate with the calibre of people involved. On behalf of the club we would like to particularly thank you for providing a clean and safe environment for all our players and management.

After many, many years' service to the club John Cummins has stepped down as the "Hurley Repair Man" and we have separately put a few words together to thank John for his exceptional level of commitment to Boden



To all our volunteers can we say a big "Thank you" in one of the most challenging years to date. Let's hope 2021 will return to some normality.

Inter County Representatives 2020
Congrats to our players who represented their club with Dublin this year.

Minor Hurling: Leon Kennedy, Hugh O' Sullivan, Barry McGuire, David Keogh, Connell McGlynn (not in photo Rhys McDonnell)



Dublin Under 20: Pearce Christie, Patrick Dunleavy
Kevin Desmond (pictured below), Luke McDwyer (pictured below)



Senior: Paul Ryan, James Madden, Conal Keaney, Aidan Mellett, Luke Corcoran

Our Master Craftsman John Cummins retires after 25 years service

As many of you are now aware John has stepped away from Hurley repairs over the last while. How often have you heard the expression "every person can be replaced" but this man for sure will not be replaced? John's magic touch with the repair of the Hurley was something incredibly special and he took such pride with each one. John has been an absolute stalwart for the last quarter of a century, and we can never thank him enough for his tireless work.

John joined BBSE in 1979 from his home club Doon and very quickly became the first-choice corner back on our Senior team. John played in the 1983 county final in Croke Park against Erin's Isle but unfortunately was on the wrong side of the scoreboard on the day. However, he had the distinction of playing the last club county final in Croke Park as it was moved to Parnell the following year. John continued to play senior hurling up to the mid 90's and I had the pleasure of playing alongside him for many of those years.

When the note went up a few weeks ago about John's imminent retirement the good wishes came flooding in and key words like "gentleman", "magic touch", "master craftsman", "a pillar of BBSE", "brilliant man", "top man", all kept repeating and doesn't even do justice to the man who had the midas touch when tasked with repairing almost the impossible. For sure he has fixed thousands of hurleys but to John each player was as important as the next and gave the same amount of care and attention whether you were Senior A or Junior C Hurler or Camogie player. To John it was a labour of love and he could often be found in the shed late at night after coming off his shift just to have a hurley ready for the following day. He was unbelievable in his commitment and, of course, the hurley was always better after repair than when new.

We cannot let the moment pass without mentioning his wife, Catherine, who was extremely courteous at all times even when members called at unsociable hours (not so sure the dog was as friendly....ask Alex!!). It was certainly a team effort and the club were so fortunate to have such a strong GAA family on their doorstep.

We wish John and Catherine the absolute best wishes on their retirement from the "BBSE Hurley Repair Workshop".

On behalf of all club members can we say a big 'Thank You' to you both for the many years of great service to the hurling and camogie sections.

John Ryan, Hurling Chairman



Boden Brekkie and Boden Christmas Trees



There was never any doubt that GAA was going to be part of David Curtin's life. Growing up at the back of the clubhouse in Cremorne he started playing for Boden in 1987 under the safe hands of Marius Martin "I was brought up in a GAA household where I played before even understanding the rules, Mam is from Wexford and Dad is Kilkenny. I would go to the games with dad from an early age and I couldn't wait to get playing myself". As the club developed, more volunteers started helping out with teams "It was a great time, I started off playing on the St Colmcilles teams and we got to a couple of Herald Cup finals, back then they were huge games to be playing in. After that, it was the U12's and then I played under PJ Donohue and Dan O Sullivan from U14 to U21, we mustn't have been too bad to play with if they stayed that length of time with us!" David's earliest memories are still fresh in his memory "Winning the U16 final after a replay against Erins Isle particularly stands out, it was a great game, playing with your friends and getting a win after all the training"

2020 has brought out a sense of community spirit which reminds David of the many managers who gave him lots of guidance throughout the years and he credits them with the success he has had "In the junior years, Nicky Power, PJ Donoghue and Dan O'Sullivan gave us all a great interest in the hurling and put so much time and effort into it. The team was managed by Gerry and Eamon O'Sullivan. They did a huge amount of work for hurling in the club and the Ballyboden St Enda's 50 years anniversary book brings back a lot of memories". As the county finals and titles accumulated, new managers and selectors came into the mix "Liam Hogan brought a huge influence to the hurling section, he instilled great belief into guys and was able to get the best out of players. Johnny Kenny and Joe Fortune also managed us to championship victories. Joe was delighted he brought "Auld Lads" all the way to a Leinster final".

David's intercounty career started off a young age, he played with Dublin at Under 12 against Wexford and continued all the way up to his Dublin Senior Hurlers under Kevin Fennelly in 2001 "I had a great run of things when I look back, underage I was very lucky to start so young and that it continued throughout the years. When I joined the Senior team, it was great to have Jimmy Galavan on board as a selector, he used to collect about seven of us in his old white van and bring us to training!" David's most memorable moment in a Dublin jersey was a relegation battle against Laois in 2005. "We had a poor year and we had to win it to retain our McCarthy cup status. There was a lot of pressure on us that day and it was an important win for Dublin Hurling. Another moment would be the 2011 league win. Anthony Daly brought a huge work ethic to everything that everybody had to buy into. He mixed the more experienced lads with the younger guys and for a good number of years got a fair bit of success. Hurling is going through a dry spell at the moment but I've no doubt that success will be nearby for the hurlers soon".

Before starting last year's Championship, David had decided that it would be his last year playing Senior "I had

decided to retire when I turned 40 which was September, I have been playing for 23 years at a Senior level and the body was screaming at me to give it a rest!! I loved every minute of it. Have to think of something else to do now!"

Now that David has stepped aside from playing – he has time to look at the club from a different perspective and with two young kids eager to play he really appreciates being part of Ballyboden St Enda's. "BBSE is known as a big GAA club all over Ireland but when you are involved there is a real community feel to it.

Everybody knows each other. People don't realise this when looking in from the outside. They see this huge club with a huge number of teams but the sense of community is very evident when you are involved. It has always had that small rural club spirit to it and long may that continue. The communities around the club along with the local schools have really bought into that sense of community. A great example of this is the TY coaching programme that the club have organised. Throughout the school year, groups of TY students come down to their local primary schools and help teach the children the skills of football and hurling. I started teaching in the school in 2004 and I'm principal now so it's great to see the past pupils still involved in the club and now their kids helping out. St Colmcille's has long been a great feeder school for BBSE and many stars of the clubs Men's and Ladies' teams have come through the school. I have no doubt the school will continue to play a huge role in the future of BBSE"

David Curtin reflects on his Boden years

After a tough year, most GAA fans can't wait for the time when restrictions are finally eased and sport can be played again. "Enjoying sport is everything. It is the reason we get involved and the reason we stay playing. When you see young kids at the nursery and auld lads still playing football and hurling it just goes to show that the enjoyment lasted throughout. Dublin comes and goes but the club is where you start and where you finish. I love the fact that the club caters for all levels of ability. It is so important for children's development to learn how to win and lose and develop friends for life also"

With plenty of time on his hands – it won't be long before David will be coaching in some shape or form in BBSE "It won't be the last of me, I'm an active person so I'm sure I'll find something to keep me busy! **From everyone in BBSE – thanks David for all the years of commitment you have given the club!**



Some Good News in 2020! Inner City Helping Homeless

One of the highlights this year was the response within the club to a clothes appeal in aid of the very deserving charity "Inner City Helping Homeless (ICHH). An appeal was launched across all sections in the club for clothing and welfare essentials and the response was outstanding. Over a period of 3 weeks members of our club managed to donate over 250 bags of clothing and other essentials which took 3 vans packed to the roof to transport to the warehouse before Christmas.

Within 5 days of ICHH accepting the delivery the store room was packed to the rafters and over 120 people less fortunate than ourselves received much needed supplies to help keep them warm during the cold spell. In addition to the superb response with clothing we also received very generous donations from our Ex Hurling Chairperson Mr Joe O'Brien on behalf of the Riyadh Irish Society in Saudi Arabia and Jack Nolan on behalf of Cruinn Diagnostics. The final icing on the cake was that ICHH was the beneficiary of the annual Christmas collection which was organised by Paul O'Loughlin and the academy parents.

Huge thanks to those who were on hand to take the bags into the club and also spent a number of nights sorting the clothes. These were Con Nagle, Alan Kinsella, Mick Farrell, Grainne Nolan, Helen Deignan, Emer Kennedy Gannon, Heather Nolan, Shona Giles, Sheila Giles, Holly O'Connor and Katie Farrell.



Ken Giles presenting the Academy cheque to ICHH

Ken Giles



Membership 2020

At the beginning of 2020, I decided that I would encourage everybody to have their membership paid by 31st of March or as close as possible to it. Everyone bought into this, and by early March when lockdown came we had close to 70% of membership paid. Obviously everything came to a standstill for a significant period, but when training and games re-commenced a few months later the outstanding membership flowed in. The end result was that we ended the year with 3,601 PAID members of the Club for 2020, an increase of over 100 from 2019 which is a great tribute to all involved.

A brief breakdown is as follows:

- Adult members - 1,092
- Student members - 295
- Minor members - 188
- Juvenile members - 1,351
- OAP members - 105
- Academy members - 570

I would like to place on record my thanks to all mentors and especially all Section chairpersons, whose assistance was invaluable to me throughout the year. I must especially thank John Small, Denis Kelleher, Jack Nolan, Deborah Heavey & George O'Shea for their great work as section registrars throughout the year.

Gerry White, Registrar, Ballyboden St Endas GAA, Camogie & Ladies Football Club



The Academy

Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan



The year 2020 started out on a very bright note for the Academy and finished up on an even better note at the end of November. What happened in between as we all know was very much interrupted but nevertheless, when we were allowed to get out and play the children enjoyed themselves as much as ever. After getting 9 weeks of training done before December, the Academy resumed in February with 4 great weeks of activity in St Colmcilles National School, and back outdoors in early March for one session before it all came to an end. Since the new Academy season started in September, we have had a brilliant run of training and we have been delighted to welcome in our 2014 boys & girls to join the 2013 children for training on a Saturday. As the 2012 boys & girls prepare for, hopefully, the start of their Go Games in February 2021, they have been training away, improving their skills for the start of their playing journey.

The coordination of all of these age groups activities happens as the result of the actions



of many volunteer coaches that give up their time each Saturday. Over 70 parents and over 60 young coaches help train the children each week.

The work of our Head Mentors deserves special praise, with a huge thanks going to the following; 2013 & 2014 Knocklyon Park Boys Head Mentor **Richie Sweetnam**, 2013 & 2014 Knocklyon Park Girls Head Mentor **Joey Marrinan**, 2013 & 2014 St Enda's Park Boys Head Mentor **Padraic Doyle**, 2013 & 2014 St Enda's Park Girls Head Mentor **Mary Hyland**, 2013 Cherryfield Boys Head Mentor **Andrew Jackson**, 2014 Cherryfield Boys Head Mentor **Tommy Keogh**, 2013 & 2014 Cherryfield Girls Head Mentor **Aisling Brennan**, 2012 Girls Head Mentor **Paul Wellwood**, and our 2012 Boys Head Mentors **Pat Coman**, **Tony Morley** & **Matt Whelan**.

A big thanks to our sponsors **TJ O'Mahony**, to **Damian Coleman** of **Milish Foods**, and **Barbara Kelly** for her work early in the year.



Finally, the biggest thanks goes to our Academy boys & girls and their parents. Since the start of the new season in September, the participation by the players in training each week and their good manners has been a joy to see. Due to Covid there has been many new restrictions on how training can take place and they have approached this in a very positive way. Most of all a huge thanks to the parents who have followed the guidelines so diligently and have been unwavering in their support for the measures necessary for training to take place. Their support was on clear display at our Christmas Fun Session at the end of November, when through their generosity, and that of everyone who attended, we raised **€3000 for Inner City Helping Homeless!** An amazing amount of money, which was a credit to all involved!

We can now hopefully look forward to a healthy and fun filled 2021 for Ballyboden's Academy!!



Coaching & Games Executive Report

Brian O'Regan & Paul McLoughlin

2020 will obviously go down as a unique year in many ways and a lot of the Coach Education programme which was planned by the coaching & games section of the club had to take a back seat.

That said we did get some courses and workshops ran off prior to the March lockdown and after that the world of Zoom and online webinars became the new buzzwords.

Overall there were four Foundation Award Courses held. One face to face course in February and three online courses in October, November and December. Just over 80 of our club coaches completed the Foundation Award Course in 2020. We had just completed the first night of our Award One Child course on the 6th of March when the course had to be postponed.

In total, seven Child Safeguarding courses took

place during the year with over 130 coaches completing the workshop.

On Friday the 24th of January over 50 coaches attended a Football skills based workshop in Sancta Maria, which was presented by Mick Bohan the current manager of the Dublin Ladies Football team.

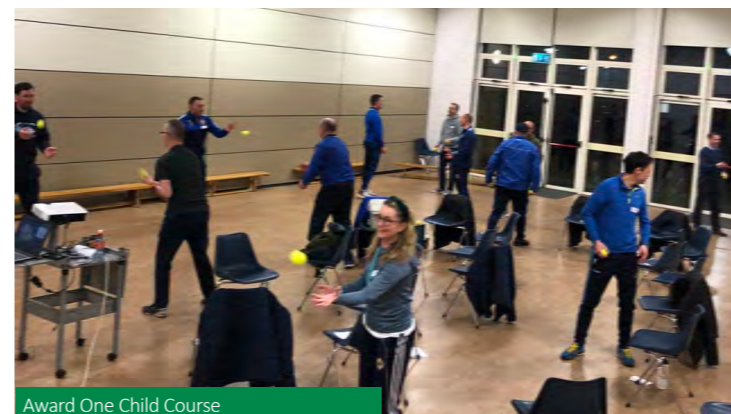
Throughout January and February we ran our indoor Athletic Development sessions for our under 15 & 16 boys and girls. These sessions took place over 5 weeks and many thanks to Ed Slattery and Neil O'Connell for assisting with these sessions.

During the first lockdown, various workshops and webinars were held with coaches online. Although this was a new experience for a lot of coaches, it still gave them a great opportunity to learn new skills during a time when active coaching could not take place.

One of the most heartwarming events to come out of the lockdowns was the various skills challenges that were organized by the coaches from each age group. Keeping the children engaged during this tough time was a huge challenge for the coaches but one which was met head on and widely praised by everyone who took part.

Hopefully as we progress into 2021 we will see more action on the pitch and we will be able to return to our Coach Education programme. If coaches get some time over the Christmas period and would like to further up skill they should try to catch up on any of the webinars, which they may have missed during the year.

Some of these excellent webinars can be found on Dublin GAA Coaching & Games Development YouTube channel or <https://learning.gaa.ie/gaacoachwebinar2020>



Award One Child Course



Award One Child Course



Mick Bohan Football Skills Workshop



U15 Boys AD Sessions



Foundation Award Course Feb 2020



U15 Girls AD Sessions



Summer Camp 2020

Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan

With so many negative aspects to the year 2020, one hugely positive event that took place this year was Ballyboden St Enda's Summer Camp. One of the most important occasions of any Summer, it was all the more welcome this July & August.

A much-shortened lead in period lead to a very busy few weeks, but once the camp was up and running it was an unheralded success. Ballybodens Summer Camp is the biggest of its kind in the country, and this year many restrictions had to be put in place in order to ensure it ran safely. Yet the camp was sold out in 3 days and during the course of July and August over 800 children aged 5-12 attended the camp, safely organized into their small

Pods for the week they attended!

Brilliant support from the parents of all children, in embracing the new rules, meant that any possible disruption to the boys' and girls' enjoyment of the camp, was cancelled out. Instead, it proved to be one of our most successful camps, with some of the many new procedures, making the camp even better than normal and will do so for camps in the future!

Over 65 young coaches were employed over the summer, all club members, and all worked tirelessly to ensure the children had the best experience possible! In a year where children's normal routines were severely

interrupted, to have the summer camp as an outlet to return to some sense of normality, was a massive positive in their lives during the Summer!

Thanks to all parents and children who helped make the camp so enjoyable! A huge thanks to our long-standing sponsors, Jack Nolan of Cruinn Diagnostics & Eoin O'Riordan of Leahy O'Riordan Accountants. Jack and Eoin give generously to many different facets of the club and we are hugely appreciative of their year after year support of the camp!

We look forward to Summer Camp 2021 and hope that it can be just as successful as this year!



Schools Report

Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan

We would thank all our local schools for their support during this strange year. With the schools being closed for most of the year, many of our normal events were unable to take place.

Primary schools missed out on their Cumman Na mBunscoil competitions from March to June, while many of our local secondary schools missed matches, events and even All Ireland Finals, as was the case with St Colmcilles Community School Senior Football team!

Yet it is to 2021 we look and hope for the return of all our main events in the schools. We would like to thank especially our local primary schools who have been so welcoming to the return to schools coaching by Ballyboden St Enda's.

We look forward to the full resumption of activities during next year and to better times ahead for everyone!



TY Programme Feb 2020

Football Reports

Jack Nolan & John Madden

2020 was without a doubt the strangest of years. The onset of Covid-19 put players, mentors, administrators, parents & supporters on the back foot. On the 12th March the G.A.A management closed all pitches. All matches and collective training also stopped. This prompt decision helped the population in general to grasp the seriousness of the situation. Ballyboden, like many other G.A.A clubs across the country, put in place initiatives to help those in need. This meant encouraging people to look out and help those at risk. Many players and mentors collected and delivered the shopping to those in need. Most teams had only played one or two league games prior to the lockdown. One of the most noticeable things that happened when training re-commenced was the large number of players attending training. Everyone was mad to go and had nowhere else to go!

Thankfully the club championships went ahead and almost all came to a conclusion which was a bonus. The situation around Covid throughout the rest of the year remained fluid as rules and regulations changed frequently and with restricted numbers allowed to go to games we relied on TV and social media to keep us updated with the scores in the big games. Thanks to Football PRO Neil Buckingham for the twitter updates and the extended football family on the football Whatsapp group for some brilliant commentary when we couldn't be there ourselves.

A year like no other, we found out a lot about ourselves and what's really important. Amidst a life changing pandemic our community rose to the challenge to be there when needed and to sit on our back-sides and watch TV when needed too! We hope 2021 can be a better year for all of us.

Seven's Football Tournament Saturday 8th February 2020

As a mark of respect this year's Football Sevens tournament was held in Memory of Dermot "Digger" Manley. 92 players from all ranks were joined by Dermot's brothers Sean and Paul, brother in Law Paddy Healy and friends and were split into two Groups of four teams. Brian O'Regan, Tony Duffy and Donal Griffin did a great job in ensuring that the teams were made up of equal talent and ability. Group A contained Leitrim, Westmeath, London and Cavan with Group B comprising of New York, Tipperary, Sligo and Carlow.

After eight well contested group games, the Leitrim team of Alex Murphy, Brian Bobbett, Ciaran Doyle, Colm Dunne, Cormac Smyth, Fiachra Madden, Keith Sweeney, Mark O'Sullivan, Paddy Healy, Paul Dolan and Ryan Basquel topped Group A and the Sligo team of Ciaran Archbold, Colm Humphreys, James Holland, James O'Hara, Johnny Murphy, Manus Coughlan, Mikey Ryan, Mossie Nagle, Shane Hogan and Stephen McGrath topped Group B.

The final which was refereed by Donal Griffin, was keenly contested in Pairc Uí Mhurchú, with Sligo securing the Trophy on a score line 2-6 to 2-2. Dermot's father John presented the trophy, which was generously sponsored by Frank Brooks, to the captain of the Sligo team, Ciaran Archbold. After some nice words and tributes to Dermot from Ciaran, Ciaran presented the Trophy back to John and the Manley Family.



John, on behalf of the Manley family, thanked the Club, the Football Committee and in particular the Players for making it such an enjoyable and special day. John went on to talk about Dermot and what Ballyboden St.Endas meant to him and to his family and the great friends that Dermot made through the years in Ballyboden. What followed was a truly special and poignant moment with a standing ovation and a prolonged round of applause.

The committee would like to reiterate our appreciation to all of the Players, Mentors, Volunteers, the Catering and Bar staff and in particular John Madden, Tony Duffy, Brian O'Regan, Donal Griffin, Donal Monahan, Cathal O'Toole, Liam Carter, Denis Nagle, Frank Books, Tommy Flynn, Donie Kerin and James McGarry for making the day such a great success.

Senior Football

2020 started on a disappointing note when our senior football January by Kilcoo from County Down, on a score line of Ballyboden Following this the team had a well-deserved break before the first Ballyboden had an encouraging victory by 5 points. Little did we some time due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the restrictions that played. On 25/7/2020 the first ever Senior Football championship match Ballyboden defeated Clontarf on a score line of 4-20 to 2-08. This was Vincent's on 5/8/2020 of Ballyboden St Enda's 5-11 St Vincent's 1-17. O' Toole Park against Whitehall Colmcille on 15th August. score line of 4-22 to 1-10. Following the group games quarter final on 30th August where they defeated Raheny a score line of 2-16 to 0-16. On 12th September in Parnell in the semi-final on a score line of 2-11 to 1-11. The final



team were defeated in the All Ireland Semi-Final on 4th 0-11 Kilcoo 2-08 in Kingspan, Breffni Park, Co Cavan. League game against Na Fianna on 1st March. know that this would be the last match for followed! No further league matches were was played in Pairc Uí Mhurchú where followed by an away victory over St The final group game was played in Ballyboden won comfortably on a Ballyboden progressed to the in Parnell Park after extra time on Park Ballyboden defeated St Jude's was played in Parnell Park on 27th

September against Ballymun Kickhams who on the day were worthy winners on a score line of 1-19 to 0-08.

The management team of Anthony Rainbow, Brian O'Regan, Kenny Naughton, Noel Basquel and Finnian Hyland despite the final result, together with the players brought great joy to Ballyboden supporters during the lockdown.



Intermediate Team

Our Intermediate football team continued their impressive form under Donal Monahan, Wally Durkin, Daire Walsh, Mick Maher and Martin Murphy. Their opening championship match was at home against Kilmacud Crokes on 25th July. In a high scoring encounter Ballyboden lost out on a score line of 3-11 to 4-12. On the 5th August Ballyboden were away to Cuala. The match finished with a score of 2-10 to 0-14. The final group game was at home to Skerries Harps on 15th August. Ballyboden won on a score line of 0-15 to 0-10 and qualified for the quarter finals. On 29th August Ballyboden had a big win over Na Fianna. The final score was 4-17 to 1-10.



Ballyboden qualified for the semi-final against St Jude's on 12th September. Despite holding a commanding half time lead of 2-5 to 0-4 some second half mistakes, allied to a lack of penetration and some strange decisions turned the tide against Ballyboden who lost out on a score of 2-10 to 3-12. A strange season came to an abrupt end in the semi-final. The squad and management can however be very proud of the effort as the team were missing a number of key players.

Junior A Football Team

The Junior A team were under the new management team of Tony Duffy, Richie Connell, Liam Carter and Tadhg Cashman. Training started promptly early in the New Year. A series of challenge matches allowed the new management to develop a style of play best suited to the team. As with other teams the lockdown set things back. When the championship began Ballyboden went under in a narrow defeat against neighbours Ballinteer St John's on a score line of 2-11 to 1-11 in Marlay Park on 26th July. In round two on 4th August Ballyboden defeated Whitehall Colmcille's on a score line of 3-11 to 1-11. A third round win at home against Na Fianna on 16th August on a score line of 2-14 to 1-11 meant the team progressed to the quarter finals. Ballyboden were defeated by a strong Kilmacud side in the Quarter final on a score of 1-17 to 0-10. Significant numbers of players made themselves available which bodes well for the future.



Junior B Football Team

Under Donal Griffin, Paul Dolan, Dave O'Donnell, Keith O'Donnell and Peter Jensen training commenced in January and large numbers attended training. On one occasion 34 players attended. The first round of the championship was against Whitehall Colmcilles away on 26th July. Ballyboden won by 0-14 to 0-6. On 4th August Ballyboden defeated Naomh Fionnbarra in a home match on a score of 3-10 to 2-3.

Following a bye in the third round Ballyboden qualified for the quarter final of the All County Junior 3 championship. On the 9th September they were narrowly defeated by on point on a score line of 2-6 to 1-10.



Junior C Football Team

Following the successful 2019 championship campaign Cathal O'Toole assisted by Eoin O'Riordan oversaw a platform for existing layers and new players joining from minor ranks. Championship matches were played against St Finians, Cuala and Skerries Harps before the lockdown put a halt to the league.

The injection of youth into the team gives a good blend of youth and experience for the future.



Minor A Football Team

In 1785, Robert Burns eloquently summed up the 2020 Minor 'A' football season with the line, *"The best laid plans o' mice an' men / Gang aft a-gley"*, which roughly means that no matter how well a project is planned, something may go wrong with it. And so it was.

With the support of the football committee, we decided to run enlarged training panels and move players between teams to ensure as much game time as possible. Player development, integration of age groups and preparation for adult football being the primary focus. With just 2 league games played between January and July, the minors took their 100% record into the group stages of the Championship. Qualification for the final came after winning 3 group games, a quarter and semi-final. As a management group we are proud of the fact that in seven competitive matches, we never fielded the same starting 15 players twice and gave 26 lads a taste of Dublin's top tier football.

On behalf of the Minor mentors, we would like to thank Jack Nolan, John Madden, Michael Kennedy, Neil Buckingham, John Kirwan, the Minor B, C & D mentors and everyone to helped, guided, assisted and educated us along the way. And we're not quite done yet.....

Unfortunately, the championship final was due to be played 48 hours after Dublin went into Level 3 restrictions, on Friday 18th September. We still don't have a rescheduled date but, what we do know is that Dublin must be in at least Level 2 restrictions before it will be played. And as our old friend Robert Burns also said, *"There is no such uncertainty as a sure thing."*



Minor B Football Team

The minor B team were managed by Mark Brady, Jim Dwyer, Paul Manning and Ross Trainor. They fitted in two league games prior to the Covid lockdown. Like all other teams everyone was full of enthusiasm at the end of June when training resumed. They recorded a fine win in their first championship match at home to Castleknock on 19th July on a score of 1-14 to 1-08. They lost out to Cuala on 29th July on a score of 1-14 to 2-07. A walkover against St Marys saw them progress to the quarter final. They lost out in a quarter final against Clanna Gael Fontenoy in a close affair by 0-13 to 0-09. 10 of the panel will progress to adult football in 2021.



Minor C Football Team

The minor c team was managed by Peter Hanrahan and Fergal Ryan. The team played against A and B teams from south city clubs. The team offered an opportunity to players graduating from under 16 to continue playing football.

Minor D Football Team

The management team of Eoin O'Riordan, Sean McGarvey, Jodie Moran and Cathal O'Regan kept the flag flying for this young group of players. Like many other teams they fitted in one league match before Covid struck. The team had a tough draw in the championship against Kilmacud Crokes, St Judes and St Brigids. Despite some heavy defeats mostly against teams backboned by under 16A players the team continued to train and work on their skills.



Under 21 Not held in 2020 due to the covid situation.

****Did You Know**** ... it's been 10 years since our last Minor Football Championship win. The management team of Noel Basquel, Sean Crowley, Shane Brooks and Paul Waters guided the Boden lads to victory over the 2008 & 2009 Champions Na Fianna by 0-08 to 0-07. The final was played on Jan 23rd 2011 due to the snow in December. We think you'll recognise a few names and faces!



Back Row (L-R) Noel Basquel, Alan Ryan, Alan Cleary, Barry Higgins, Graham Heavey, Adam Jermyrn, Lorcan Mullany, Naoise Maguire (C), Eoin Crowley, Robert McDaid, Ciaran Gibbons, Ronan Cleary, Donagh McCabe, Scott Cullen, Sean Prendegast, Aran Waters, Sam Moloney, Nial O'Connor, Donal Butler, Shane Brooks, Paul Waters.
Front Row (L-R) Sean Crowley, Neil Jordan, Dan Buckingham, Ryan Basquel, Tom McGrath, Conor Dooley, Alan Flood, Dan McGuinness, Colm Dunne, Carl Moloney, Shane O'Toole, David Ryan, Cathal Flaherty.

When Dessie Farrell's name came into the mix to replace Jim Gavin, Dublin supporters were delighted to see a manager that has worked with underage and development throughout the years to help the Senior team success continue. Ballyboden's Robbie Mc Daid was already on the panel but Robbie and Dessie would have known each other from Robbie's juvenile years. Robbie is from Churchtown but thankfully joined Ballyboden "My two sisters played with Ballinteer St Johns but my friends are from Rathfarnham & they played with Boden so I just followed suit and I haven't looked back! Ballyboden St Enda's is a great club and that was shown even more the last ten months- we really got the see just how much a club like ours can bring people together & help others in the community. Seeing the number of volunteers who offered their time to do shopping for the elderly within the community was great to see and it epitomised what the GAA community is all about"

Economics teacher, Robbie credits Ballyboden St Enda's with his development into the Dublin squad at underage." I got called into the u14 Dublin development squad by Dessie Farrell and progressed through to minor and then took a break from Gaelic to play a bit of soccer with UCD, before going back to Gaelic and played in my final year at the u21 grade with Dublin in 2014. We won the All Ireland that year and my first call up to the senior panel followed that winter. After one or two injuries during the league campaign in 2015 I was dropped, and got called back in again following our Club All Ireland win in 2016. I got dropped again in 2017 after the league, and went back in 2019! So I was like a yo-yo in and out of the squad over the years but I knew that I wanted to play for Dublin and I kept working hard on my own game and thankfully I made the breakthrough last year".

Looking back at the year, it has been very eventful for Robbie, quoted as Dublin's big new find in 2020 and at the time of print he has been nominated for a GPA and an All Star award- Did he ever think it would be such a mixed bag of a year?" I don't think any of us could've predicted what unfolded in 2020! We were extremely lucky that we were able to have our club and county season's run off. It gave so many people a welcome distraction and the lift they needed!

Unfortunately we came up against a strong Ballymun side in the County Final who played out of their skins that day and as for the Dubs Senior Squad, we just took each game as it came. It was unpredictable week by week with fixtures so there was no point in getting ahead of ourselves. It was great to be part of such a panel and to be part of a successful team. Brian O'Regan also joined the backroom team so it was great to have Brian's experience and to get feedback - he knew not to be shy on sharing his thoughts!"



Robbie McDaid Senior Footballer chats to Sinéad O'Dea

If you have followed Mc Daid's career, although he is known for his defensive position he is no stranger to the scoreboard highlighting is goal ability in club against Garrycastle last year and in county this year against Cavan. "I didn't always play the same position, far from it! I started off as a full back, got pushed around to every position in defence, played midfield for a while and I even managed to chance my arm playing in the forwards a few times! I think I'm more comfortable in the back line though, something I'd say Anthony Rainbow and Noel Basquel are quite happy to agree on!"

As the 2021 season approaches how is Robbie preparing. "At the moment I'm taking a break, I got a drone last year so I need to get working on that and one of my longterm intentions is to learn the guitar so I might try my hand at that again! Football wise, the aim for Club and County will be to win what's in front of us. We have such a strong team within the club at the moment, so we'll be looking to right the wrongs of last season and regain our title. With Dublin, on a personal level I hope to push on from last season and express even more so what I can do and bring to the table. It's extremely competitive within the group so I know I'll have to be at my best to keep my place and push on. But that's the exciting part!

The 'Boden Story - 50 years a-growing (1969-2019)

Gerry O'Sullivan

A number of years ago or so the story goes, the 'phone in the clubhouse rang on a Saturday morning. The Bar Manager Ned Slattery answered. The caller, a mother, was enquiring as to what time the nursery (academy) started. "10 o'clock" Ned whispered in reply. "And what time will I pick him up?" "When he's 18" shot back the response. Truth or fiction? It's not really important. As Seán Fitzmaurice is at pains to point out "it starts on a Saturday morning" when hundreds of 6 and 7 year olds lace their boots and raise their hurleys in pursuit of a dream that not even a global pandemic could curb.

Today, the academies are the driving force behind the club's growth and are in many cases the first point of contact for a large number of adult members who are drawn to 'Boden. But Ballyboden St. Endas is more than a Dublin club. It is a community that has helped a multitude from other parts of Ireland and overseas to make themselves feel welcome and at home in the largest city on the island. That input has made the club what it is today.

It has long been an ambition of mine and the club's, that the story of the birth and growth of Ballyboden St. Endas would be committed to paper. For many reasons, this didn't happen until 2020 but the building blocks were being gathered and stored in the knowledge that one day the task would be completed. The Golden Anniversary of the club seemed the perfect time to put that matter to bed.

Writing GAA histories is not uncommon. Why do we do it? In our case there has been a shared feeling for some time that the story of the club deserves and maybe has to be told. For the who, what, when, where and why, answers needed to be provided.

Despite its considerable size with 656 pages, 310,000+ words, and over 500 photographs documenting thousands of names, the book cannot record every thing that happened over those five decades and more. What it does enable us to do, however, is to help the generations of today and the future to build a sort of relationship with the events and people that have laboured in this particular GAA vineyard for over half a century. We are all part of the 'Boden DNA.

Would those who founded the club in 1969 be pleased with what 'Boden has become? It is impossible to tell. Indeed it is a somewhat irrelevant question given that none of us today can predict what the club will be like in the Ireland of 50 years from now. Who could have foreseen a year ago, the COVID virus, that has had a global impact on the way the world functions?

The purpose of the history is not to provide a roadmap for the future. But the club of the current times will make that journey in the knowledge that we have travelled a long road, we have a track record and we have reached this point thanks to the hard work and vision of so many who have led the way. To remain relevant and vibrant, Ballyboden St. Endas and the GAA will have to keep their sights on the future because only by planning for the years ahead can we have any certainty that the gains that have been made can be preserved. In that endeavour, the history book, which will outlive those who compiled and read it, may be of some comfort and sustenance in facing future challenges.

The work would not have been completed without the efforts of the photo editor, Eamonn O'Sullivan who collated and helped prepare for publication over 500 photos for this history. These photographs taken by a large number of people are a huge part of the production that has been met with such an overwhelmingly positive reaction from within and outside the club. The cover illustration by David Sweeney is a stand out feature of the production, which was piloted to completion by another club member, Jimmy Walsh.

An Coiste Caoga Bliain ag Fás chaired by John Kirwan and including Pat Conway, Liam Deane, Jim Humphreys, Emer Kennedy-Gannon, Thérèse Keville, Seán Ó Conchúir, Donagh O'Farrell, Tomás Ó Reachtabhra and Paddy Walsh was a rich mine of information and advice. The support of the Club Executive under Chair Ciarán Mac Uidhir was invaluable. The massive interest of the members helped drive the project forward in the knowledge that expectations were high and that the end result was being eagerly awaited.

What has COVID taught us? It is far too soon to say. But there will be a legacy. Many of our sacred cows have been torn asunder. Why did it take a global pandemic for Governments and others to realise that nurses, ambulance personnel, fire service people, porters, lorry drivers, doctors, carers, teachers, gardai, hair dressers, artists and more are "heroes"? To that list we can add the thousands of exceptional volunteers, GAA members in our case, who came forward when needed. The pandemic has been a great leveller but we can take comfort in the fact that the gaelic games organisations rose to the challenge.

To some what gaelic games are about doesn't seem rational. 30 men or women running around a field risking life and limb chasing a bit of leather. I like to think it is about keeping the "child" within us alive. Providing a space where we can play, dress up, roar our heads off and do it all over again regardless of the result.

The great Cork poet Theo Dorgan (whose sister Kay Kerr will be known to many in the club for her great work in St. Colmcille's Parish, Knocklyon) was asked to pen some words to mark the 50th Anniversary of Na Piarasigh in Cork, a club his father helped form. He describes the journey home on the cross-bar of his father's bike after a Na Piarasigh victory in the old Athletic Grounds now Páirc Ui Chaoimh. It says it all.

**"And then the long, slow pedal home,
Weaving between the cars on Centre Park Road,
Leaning back into the cradle of his arms.**

**That was some goal, wasn't it Dad?
It was indeed, it was. His breath warm on my neck,
A wave for the man on Dunlop's gate,
We'll pass the ship tied up near City Hall.**

**He's a knacky hurler, Pat Kelleher.
He is Dad, ah jay he is,
By God, that was the way to win.
It was Dad, it was.**

[from "The Match Down the Park", Rosa Mundi (1995)]

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**A HISTORY OF BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS GAA,
CAMOGIE, LADIES FOOTBALL AND HANDBALL CLUB**

1969-2019



Aisling Farrelly reflects on the Ballyboden Ladies Football 2010 County Final

The perfect combination of experience, youth and pace has always proved a winning formula for the Ballyboden ladies senior team. From our first senior county final in 1999 under the guidance of Bill Daly, to our last win in 2010, no victory in these 12 seasons ever came easy. One thing however always remained constant and that was the grit, determination and work ethic of this group. In the 2010 season Finnan Hyland led the charge as manager with Vivian Ruddy, Declan O'Reilly and Dan O'Sullivan in as selectors.

Having won 9 in a row from 2000 to 2008, losing in 2009 at the hands of Na Fianna, pressure was most certainly on to prove that the Ballyboden ladies team weren't past their sell by date. A semi-final clash with county champions Na Fianna ended all square with the Boden girls claiming victory in the replay with the slightest of margins, 0-12 to 0-9. Key players such as Natalia Hyland, Ciara Ruddy and Claire King were rising through the ranks providing an injection of pace while the ever steady 'Corco' captained the side ensuring we were all ready to face the upcoming county final. Fiona Corcoran, famously was the one to put the ball over the bar in the most dramatic of finishes on our 1st All Ireland win in 2004. It was no coincidence that she was now the one to steer us into battle to win back the county title.

Now back in the 11th final in 12 seasons, the team was ready to face new kids on the block Fingallians. Boden started strongly with Ciara Ruddy and Natalia Hyland clocking scores within the opening 6 minutes. Ballybodens second goal came from Gemma Fay in the 19th minute. Fingallians did come back fighting after the break, slotting a goal in but Boden ladies proved too strong, winning out 3-13 to 1-05.

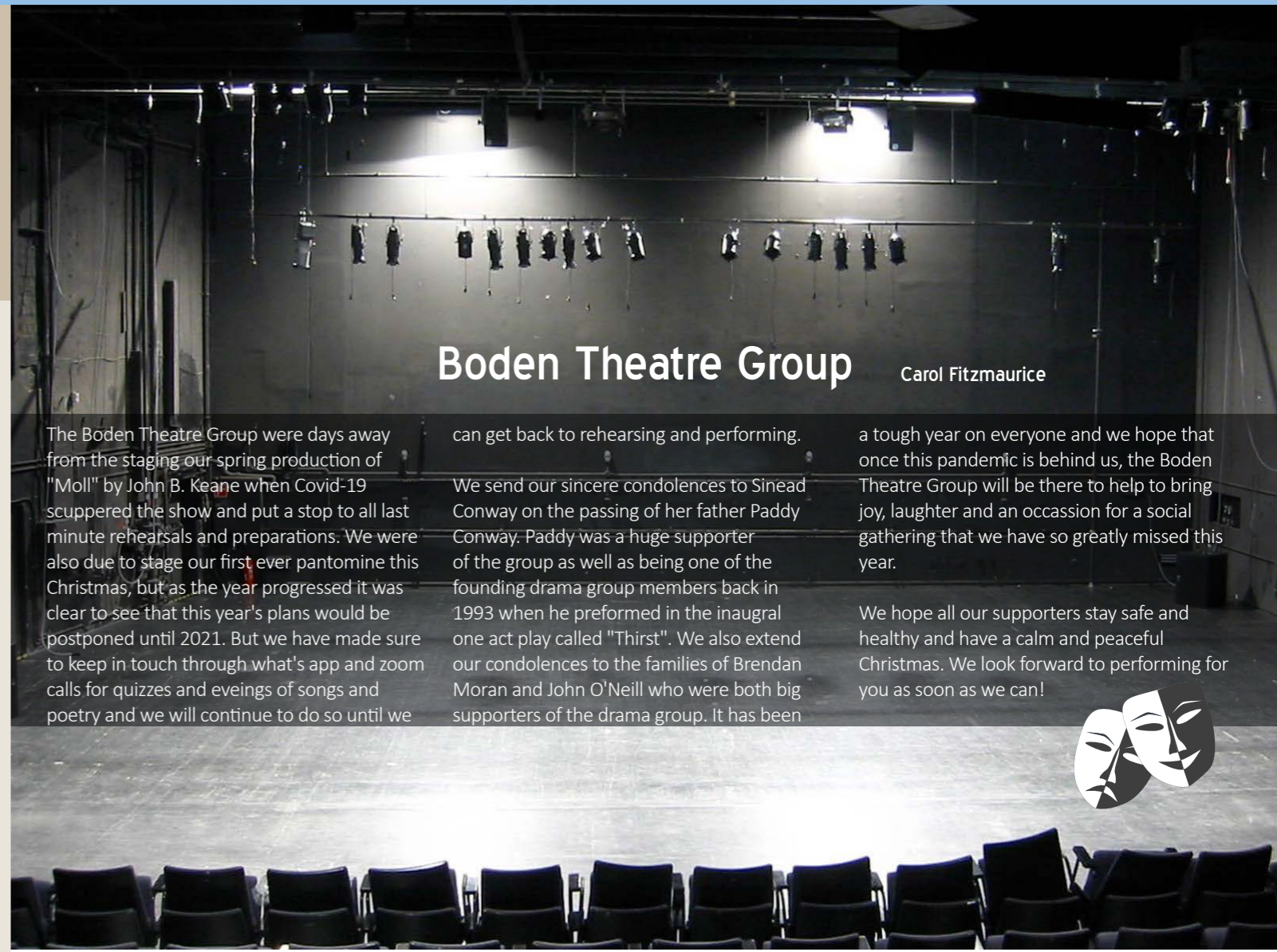
Of the 28 member panel that competed that year, we had 4 All stars/Replacement All stars in our midst, with nearly a decade between Noelles Comyns All star award in 2001 and the first of Rachel Ruddy's All star awards in 2010. Seven players were part of the first win in 2000 and also the success in 2010. Three of these players, Joanne O'Sullivan, Gemma Fay and Sorcha Farrelly hold all 10 championship medals. These stats help to reassure that no win comes easy.

It takes years of dedication, determination and above all, camaraderie and the love of playing with a unique bunch of girls.



2010 Senior Ladies Football Championship Winners

Back Row (l-r) Dan O'Sullivan (mentor), Declan O'Reilly (mentor), Vivian Ruddy (mentor), Gráinne O'Malley, Fiona Ní Chorcoráin, Elaine McGrath, Aisling Farrelly, Jenny Ward, Susan White, Natalia Hyland, Rachel Nugent, Alice Gillen, Ciara Ruddy, Edel Drury, Caroline Conway, Rachel Ruddy, Sarah O'Brien, David "Hammi" Cunningham (Physio), Noelle Comyn
 Front Row (l-r) Sorcha Farrelly, Megan Carney, Maria McGrath, Paula McGrath, Teresa Molohan, Sarah Denvir, Orla Scollard, Mags Fitzgerald, Joanne O'Sullivan, Gemma Fay, Claire King, Karen Hopkins.
 Missing from photo: Finnan Hyland (manager)



Boden Theatre Group Carol Fitzmaurice

The Boden Theatre Group were days away from the staging our spring production of "Moll" by John B. Keane when Covid-19 scuppered the show and put a stop to all last minute rehearsals and preparations. We were also due to stage our first ever pantomime this Christmas, but as the year progressed it was clear to see that this year's plans would be postponed until 2021. But we have made sure to keep in touch through what's app and zoom calls for quizzes and evenings of songs and poetry and we will continue to do so until we

can get back to rehearsing and performing.

We send our sincere condolences to Sinead Conway on the passing of her father Paddy Conway. Paddy was a huge supporter of the group as well as being one of the founding drama group members back in 1993 when he preformed in the inaugural one act play called "Thirst". We also extend our condolences to the families of Brendan Moran and John O'Neill who were both big supporters of the drama group. It has been

a tough year on everyone and we hope that once this pandemic is behind us, the Boden Theatre Group will be there to help to bring joy, laughter and an occasion for a social gathering that we have so greatly missed this year.

We hope all our supporters stay safe and healthy and have a calm and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to performing for you as soon as we can!



Boden Sessions

Joe Johnston

What a year of 'very different Sessions' we've had – who would have believed it – but fair play to all our online performers – you pulled out all the stops – it wasn't easy to go recording and it wasn't easy to get up and running with zoom but we kept the show on the road. We did our usual last Monday of the month in the Club in January and February but when March arrived we were knocked for six. Then we heard about Whats App and by the end of April we were recording our items at home and sending them to everybody who was on Whats App to enjoy at home.

In May we were becoming more confident with Zoom thanks to the efforts of Tom Berry who pressed all the right buttons so that everybody could come 'on screen' to watch and listen and chat – great banter and the best of craic!

We were reminding everybody to keep safe as we sang together 'Óró fanaigi sa bhaile, óró fanaigi sa bhaile, óró fanaigi sa bhaile' 's cuirimid ruaig ar chovid' well- we haven't managed to chase covid away yet ... but hopefully 2021 will see the back of it. In the autumn we changed the Sessions – a new flavour was needed so Declan O'Brien and Eddie Comerford came to the rescue with their comedy recordings and we were all 'in stitches'.

In October the Boden Players regaled us with their recordings of Laughter in the Lounge and these too were a big hit with all our Sessioners listening in.

November was very different – Seamie O'Neill brought us on a virtual tour of Knocklyon and Firhouse – using all his expert knowledge and maps of the area we were trekking along after him from Cherryfield house to Tymon Parkon Zoom .. and it was most enjoyable; we learned loads about our local area and the beginnings of the great Boden Clubhouse.

What can I say for 2021 – bígí linn arís – beidh an craic ag dul ar aghaidh – tá súil agam go mbeimid sa Chlub sar i bhfad, sea, really sa Chlub ag canadh agus ag damhsa, ach idir an dá linn – we'll be 'zooming along, singing our songs, side by side'. So bígí linn agus fanaigi slán.

Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna le Gaeilge - Tuairisc Bhliantúil 2020

Tionóladh an chéad chruinniú de Mheitheal Oibre BBNÉ le Gaeilge 2020 ar an 23 Eanáir. Ag an gcéad chruinniú, dúirt an aoi speisialta Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh go bhfuil “ardmholadh ag dul go Baile Buadain as an bhfeachtas seo a thosú. Is mór an rud é an cultúr agus an teanga a chur chun cinn mar chuid de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael.”

Tá sár-obair déanta ag Seán O'Connor thar na blianta chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn sa Chlub agus bhí an Meitheal Oibre ag iarraidh tacú leis sin agus an obair sin a leathnú agus a chur chun cinn.

Chomh maith leis sin, tionóladh Meitheal Oibre na nÓg chun tacú leis an obair.



Cuireadh tús le rannóg Ghaeilge a chur sa nuachtlitr go seachtainiúil. Cuireadh eolas ar fáil maidir leis na himeachtaí a bhí le teacht – Ciorcal cainte gach Céadaoin agus Seisiúin ceoil ar an Déardaoin. Chomh maith leis sin bhí frása na seachtaine, ceol na seachtaine, scothfhoireann a ainmniú, na cluichí sna meáin, áiseanna don fhoghlaim agus rannóg na bpáistí. Cuireadh tús le himeacht nua – Cúpla Poc.

Tháinig grúpa le chéile ar an Aoine chun an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus cúpla poc a bheith acu. Bhí cúpla frása i nuachtlitr na seachtaine chun cabhair a thabhairt d'fhoghlaimoirí nua. Bhí an-spórt acu!

Cuireadh comharthaí as Gaeilge timpeall an chlub, an bheair agus san ionad aclaíochta. Cuireadh tús le pósteair faoi imeachtaí sa chlub a dhéanamh as Gaeilge freisin.

Chabhraigh Meitheal na nÓg leis an mBricfeasta Buifé ar an 29 Feabhra. Bhí an Ghaeilge le feiceáil ag an mBricfeasta.




Maidin Bricfeasta Buifé

Dé Sathairn, 29 Feabhra sa Chlub (8.30am go 12.30pm)
 Duine Fasta: €10 Páiste: €5
 'Full Irish', gránach, iógairt, scónaí, sú, tae is caife
Curtha chun boird ag d'fhoireann iomána sinsireach
 An teacht isteach le dul chuig ciste traenála na n-imreoirí

Thóg foirne Pheil na mBan A agus B páirt i gComórtas Peile Pháidí Uí Shé.

Tráth na gCeist: Ghlac Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna páirt sa Tráth na gCeist mhór do chlubanna CLG Átha Cliath mar chuid de Sheachtain na Gaeilge Dé hAoine 6 Márta i DTwo ar Harcourt Street. Faoi stiúr an Chaptaein, Donagh Farrell, d'éirigh go maith leis an bhfoireann an tríd hait a bhaint amach.

Eagraíodh seisiúin ceoil na Bealtaine ar líne arís ar an 25 Bealtaine. Seoladh na fiseáin chuig tithe altranais áitiúil cosúil le Marlay agus Orwell ionas go mbeidh na daoine iontu in ann bheith ag canadh leo in aimsir na paindéime.

Eagraíodh meitheal oibre trí Ghaeilge ar an 12 Meán Fómhair chun na fuinneoga agus na scátháin sa chlub a ghlanadh i gceart. Cuireadh teachtaireacht as Gaeilge ó Joe Fortune, bainisteoir, ar an suíomh gréasáin roimh chluiche ceannais iomána an chontae in aghaidh Cuala. Rinne imreoir Shane Durkin fístéip as Gaeilge roimh an gcluiche ceannais.

Ainmníodh ambasadóirí na Gaeilge: Avril Flood, Robbie McDaid, Ceara Nic Coitir, Valerie Mulcahy, Colm Basquel, Doireann Mullaney, Luke McDwyer.

Ranganna Amhránaíochta: Tuairisc ó Joe Johnston

Ba mhaith liom insint daoibh faoin amhránaíocht iontach a bhíonn ar siúl againn gach oíche - Dé Máirt ar Webex - thosaigh na seisiúin ar an 10ú Samhain agus beidh siad ag críochnú ar an 15ú Nollaig. Iseult Ring is ainm don 'múinteoir cheoil' Bíonn sult is spraoi ag gach duine sa ghrúpa - thart ar 20 ar fad - ag glacadh páirt - canann Iseult bhéarsa cúpla uair agus ansin tagann na 'scoláirí' isteach léi ag canadh an bhéarsa céanna - amhráin álainn ar fad a phioc Iseult don chúrsa - agus bíonn díospoireachtaí againn faoi na hamhráin a chuidíonn linn na focail a thuiscint. Samplaí de na hamhráin atá á dhéanamh againn ná - Tonnta Chonamara, An Poc ar Buile agus ceann eile a theastaigh uaimse a fhoghlaim le fada an lá - Mná na hÉireann - amhrán álainn ar fad a sheinn mé go rímhinic, ach níor chan mé riamh cheana féin é - éistigí ar Youtube Seán Ó Sé agus Ceoltóirí Chualann - iontach.


So bíonn an craic ar fheabhas agus tá buíochas mór tuille ag Ciarán Mac Uidhir agus Seamie Ó Néill a d'eagraigh an cúrsa dúinn. Seans maith go mbeidh GRÚPA NUA ar an bhfód don chéad Seisiúin eile sa Chlub - i ndiaidh Covid !

Fuair Baile Buadain an dea scéal go raibh Bonn Cré-umha Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha bainte amach acu i mbliana


I dteachtaireacht ó Sheán Ó hÓráin, Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, rinne sé comhghairdeas leis na clubanna ar fad ar éirigh leo boinn a bhaint amach sa bhliain thar a bheith aisteach seo.

"Tá éacht mhór déanta acu uile an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn ina gcuid clubanna. Tá ról fíorthábhachtach ag an nGaeilge i gCumann Lúthchleas Gael agus molaim go mór a gcuid oibre agus an dea-shampla atá leagtha síos acu."

Dúirt Frainc Mac Cionnaith, Bainisteoir Forbartha le Glór na nGael gur ghlac 196 club páirt sa cheathrú bliain don scéim seo i 2020, méadú 45% ar 2019. "Is cúis mhór áthais dúinn go bhfuil líon na gclubanna atá páirteach ag dul i méid bliain i ndiaidh bliana agus go bhfuil siad chomh tiomáinte agus díograsach leis an teanga a chothú sa spórt."



Ambasadóirí na GAEILGE



Labhair Gaeilge Linn !



Is in ómós do Sheosamh 'Joe' Mac Donncha (1953-2016) a ainmníodh an Fhondúireacht nua seo. Fear le háireamh a bhí i Joe a bhain go leor amach dó féin agus do phobal na tíre seo i goitinne le linn a shaol. D'éirigh leis an post is airde a bhaint amach sa Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, thóg sé Corn Mhic Cárthaigh leis siar go Gaillimh mar iománaí agus bhí sé ina phríomhfheidhmeannach agus mar chathaoirleach ar chuid de mhóreagraíochtaí na tíre seo, Foras na Gaeilge ina measc.

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Juvenile Ladies Report

2020: Games! Lockdown!! More Games!!! More Lockdown!!!!

If 2020 had been a normal year, no doubt we would be reading in these pages about our Boden girls' successes and achievements on the field of play, of All Ireland Féile exploits and championship campaigns, of fun-filled away days, and hosting football and camogie clubs from around the country in our turn, of mini All Irelands, and fund raisers and sponsorships.

Of course, 2020 was a far from normal year, with 2 lockdowns bringing all competitions to a halt not once but twice, but the girls still managed to press on when competition allowed it, and make the most of the alternatives – whether training alone, quizzing, baking or training in pods. So, no Champo or Féile or Mini All Irelands to report on for 2020 then. But the girls rose to it.



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A Normal Start

It had started just like any other year: the fundraising and arrangements for the U14 girls' Féile – Dublin was to host the All Ireland Féile- was in full swing, and it was also a very big year for our U13s, as they ventured into county League and Championship action for the first time- and both age groups started brightly in their respective competitions.

For the younger girls, it was also an exciting time, as training and fun walks started the year and all the girls looked forward to a year of fun and Go Games and grading matches.



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Big, Big Numbers

Once again, the sheer number of girls registering to play football and camogie for Ballyboden was impressive – between the ages of U9 and U14, there were 438 girls registered to play for the club in 2020, the vast majority of them dual players. And with more and more enrolling in the Academy...



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Shuddering Halt, And New Ways to Train

By mid-March, the warmups were over and leagues had already started for the U13s and U14s, but all that came to a shuddering stop, as following Government guidelines the GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association county boards called a halt to all activity including training, and the playing fields fell silent.

Not to be daunted by a mere global pandemic, training programmes that could be undertaken (and videoed) in back gardens were sent out via WhatsApp, and Zoom quizzes and baking competitions took the place of football in camogie for the girls. Spring rolled into summer, 'Return To Play' protocols were put in place, Covid Officers were appointed, training resumed in July, and a much anticipated return to play in late summer saw the games resume in a flurry of fixtures during August and September.

The Window Opens

Back to the field of play then, and the girls made up for lost time in the competitive age groups with games scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays each weekend for U14, and Saturday afternoon and Sunday mornings for U13.

At U14, the resumption of play saw limited league matches followed by a modified Féile, which now took place over consecutive weekends, with a series of group games taking place on Friday evenings (football) and Saturday (camogie). In fact, the late summer evenings in Cherryfield were the occasion for some brilliant games of football as the Boden girls across all 3 teams put in some scintillating performances, and with all 3 teams making it to Football Féile semi finals, including an unbeaten run in both league and Féile for the Div 1 girls. In camogie, it was a similar story for the U14s, as both teams progressed to their respective semi-finals before Covid once again intervened and brought play to a shuddering stop.

For the U13s it was a similarly hectic schedule in August and September, with games on Saturday afternoons (football) and Sunday mornings (camogie). In football after some memorable performances across the divisions, the girls had made it to the Championship semi final in Divisions 1, 4 and 8, while our Division 10 girls had made it to the Shield Final when play was finally closed down in September. Meantime in camogie, similar battles on Sunday mornings saw the Div 1 girls narrowly miss out on a Championship berth but make it to the Shield semi-final nonetheless. The Div 3 girls were still at the group stages when lockdown occurred, while the Div 6 girls qualified for their Championship semi-final when Covid finally stopped play for the year.

The Girls Keep Training

With the prospect of games receding with each week, the girls were undeterred, and continued to come to training in huge numbers, with special dress ups for Halloween and Christmas. Proof, if any were needed that the girls really do this for fun and to have a laugh with their friends. The matches are just part of it.



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Go Raibh Maith Agaibh...

Some thanks yours. As always, we are indebted to our coaches and FLOs across the age groups who put in so much effort- this year particularly - to keep the show on the road. To the girls and their parents, well done and thanks for sticking with it, next year will be different! And to our Covid officers, both parents and coaches, who checked and traced and sent out reminders and sanitised, and logged each session and who acted as bouncers at the gates of training week in week out, our thanks - we couldn't have done any of it without you! Finally, thanks to all our photographers, who's work you see on these pages, and who bring our social media pages alive throughout the year.

GRMMA go léir. Hopefully, 2021 will be different.

Juvenile Boys Reports

Eamonn Gormley

U9 Boys Hurling and Football

The 2011 Boys hurling and football groups had a very different introduction to their first year of Go Games than they originally anticipated. Initially, their early matches fell foul of bad weather and were cancelled, before a premature halt was called with the arrival of Covid-19 restrictions. When things started back up again in June, we recommenced training where the boys stayed within their 3 colour groups. They played challenge hurling matches against St. Jude's and Kilmacud Crokes. They also got to play their first football match in September against Kilmacud Croke's and now have that experience under their belts.



Many thanks to all the mentors, coaches and Covid19 supervisors for all their contributions and support throughout the year.

U10 Boys Football and Hurling



The U10 footballers and hurlers had to adjust their plans as the year progressed where staying safe was prioritised. We participated in two football fixtures and three hurling fixtures this year. While we didn't get to have our hurling Féile in June or have any trip away there were plenty of positives from 2020. We have 99 footballers and 84 hurlers playing currently. As the year progressed we moved to non-contact training sessions. The coaches and players responded superbly and have been very creative when designing and participating in non-contact drills.



We are lucky to have 25 coaches involved with our group- without their effort and dedication, nothing could happen.

A special thanks to our Covid representatives- Michelle Connolly, Fergus Sweeney and Richard Hampson who have worked so hard in the background.

U11 Boys Football and Hurling

This year's journey focused on the development of small game-based ball skills in both hurling and football to enable the development of the boys, but also instilling the seeds of friendship and comradery within the group. The boys applied their skills with great gusto and resilient performances during all their Go Games played. Unfortunately, Covid-19 put pay to our good run of Go Games, however, since we have returned the boys have adapted to the new world and continue to hone their skill base. It has been an absolute pleasure for all the mentors to have been involved this year with the boys and their development into the clubs next stars, but, most importantly with big smiles on their faces. Finally, a big thank you to all our COVID Reps who help keep the boys safe and ensuring our compliance.



U12 Boys Football

Our key focus from the outset remained on advancing the boys development of the fundamentals of gaelic football and enhancing their agility, balance, coordination and on field decision-making, through our game based training model. The boys applied their skills with great endeavour throughout the year despite all the challenges of Covid19. These young lads are resilient and a pleasure to work with. As for the coaches, we remain committed to the creation of a positive environment, where every boy gets to play and has the opportunity to display their unique talents for the teams they play with. A big thank you to the all the parents, coaches and the volunteer Covid supervisors, it has been a pleasure to be involved in such great sporting fun.



U12 Boys Hurling

The highlight for the U12 hurlers happened early in the year when we travelled to Tipperary to play against Ballina and Newport. With the season up and running, we looked forward to the U12 grading games, which were very enjoyable and competitive. Despite the Covid-19 restrictions, the lads kept practicing their skills by participating in an innovative online skills tournament involving teams from Dublin, Waterford, and Tipperary. Big thanks to Mick Ryan for organising this! This lasted for a number of weeks and then we were back to training, playing challenge games against Kilmacud Crokes. Unfortunately, we never recommenced the grading games but continued to train thanks to the help of a very dedicated group of Covid-19 officers who deserve a huge amount of thanks on behalf of the boys and coaches.



A big thank you must also go out to all the coaches and the boys for their dedication and commitment to playing sport over a difficult year.

U13 Boys Football



On the 17th January 2020, 83 x U13 Boys led by 18 coaches, stepped out at Sancta Maria for their first Friday evening training session of what promised to be a great year of football. Despite the challenges of 2020, the Boys attended 30 Friday night training sessions and were most fortunate to have a further 10 additional Sunday afternoon Park sessions. The boys also had an introduction to Strength & Conditioning with Neil O'Connell from our Adult coaching team. This year the U13 Boys assembled four competitive teams, entering the league at Divisions 1, 5, 8 and 10.

In Division 1 the boys played a total of 4 games out of the scheduled 7 and secured 3 wins from 4, scoring a total of 117 points along their journey. In Division 5 they played 5 games out of the scheduled 7, securing 3 victories, kicking 155 points, including 36 Goals.

In division 8 the boys played five games out of the scheduled seven with four impressive wins, the lads displayed great skill and determination throughout each game. Entering division 10 was never going to be easy with 4 strong panels facing opposition of 1st & 2nd teams from some of the county's finest clubs and managed to play four of their five scheduled matches.

The U13 coaches would like to thank all the parents & guardians for their adherence to the GAA guidelines regarding Covid-19, keeping the boys, coaches and their families safe.



U13 Boys HURLING

The U13 hurlers had around 54 boys playing across 3 teams. Once games were permitted, we arranged challenge matches to help with preparations for the league.

The 3 teams competed in Divisions 1, 6, and 10, though they only managed to complete two rounds of the leagur. Of the 6 matches played, we had 4 wins, a walkover and a narrow loss. The boys had been training on Monday evening's in St. Colmcille's with high attendance. The boys attitude, behaviour and capacity for hard work has been exemplary.

A sincere word of thanks to the Coaches who put in great time and effort at each training session and at matches.



U14 Boys Football

This was the year that every U14 footballer looked forward to. After years of training the boys were now ready for Féile 2020. In preparation, a large contingent headed to Marlay Park in mid-January to take part in the regular Marlay parkrun over 5km. Féile preparations continued with the boys raising funds from bag-packing in local supermarkets, while a fantastic quiz night was organised at the clubhouse. In the depths of winter league games were played against Castleknock, St Pats (Palmerstown), Kilmacud and Clontarf.

The season ended with the arrival of covid-19 and the outlook was grim as the Feile2020 weekend passed by. Thankfully, it was rescheduled in August in a new round-robin format. The boys started training again in June and were fit and ready for the first round of matches as four teams lined out against St. Vincents, O'Toole's, Naomh Mearnóg and St Jude's. All matches proved very competitive with three wins out of four. In the second round, Team A put on a epic display of football to defeat our great rivals from Kilmacud. Our other three teams also played great football with the D team posting a big win over Na Fianna. Just when it seemed that everything was going well, it all came to a grinding halt as renewed restrictions stopped all matches. However, training continued until the end of the year with the squad of over 80 boys continuing to turn out to practise.

The Féile competition is tentatively rescheduled for 2021 and there are exciting league and championship matches to look forward to.



U14 Boys Hurling

What started off as a year with great excitement for the group quickly fizzled out with the onset of Covid-19. However, in pre-Covid times the boys participated in a packed Féile Programme. In addition to the local Dublin Féile, the U14s were also due to participate in the hosting of the National Hurling Féile. The challenge of keeping the group motivated to practice was solved by the launch of the U14 Hurling training link, regularly updated with skills challenges and training videos.



The boys returned to training in late June and Feile2020 got underway in mid-August with three hurling teams playing first round matches against St Vincents, Binn Éadair and Cuala. Round 2 of the hurling Feile2020 took place in September with Teams A up against Faugh's in Tymon Park while Team C took on Ballinteer St Johns at Marley Park. It was just one of those days when everything went right and the A team put in a powerful winning performance. The C team continued their great run with victory over our neighbours from Ballinteer while Team B had a bye match. Unfortunately, the boys never got to complete the third round as all matches were cancelled again as new restrictions kicked in. Nevertheless training continued to the end of year with great turnouts. During the year 17 of our players got the opportunity to play U15 Hurling.



U15 Boys Div 1 Football

2020 was a strange one all right. For the 2005 Boys this was their first year of Championship, and everyone was looking forward to it. The first fixture of the Division 1 league was against Div 2 Féile champions Erin's Isle. The Boden lads concentrated on the job in hand and came away with a deserved win. At this point, the weather intervened in the season with the next 2 games postponed due to closed pitches. When play eventually resumed on March 8th, it was against 2019 Division 1 winners Thomas Davis, who emerged comfortable 1:10 to 2:16 winners.

The following week lockdown was announced, schools closed, and all sports stopped. Training resumed in July, and with the league abandoned all eyes were now on August and a Championship opener against Templeogue Synge Street. Alas it wasn't to be for our lads, emerging the wrong side of 2:08 to 4:03. A trip to Whitehall saw the lads leave it late to emerge 2:05 to 2:10 winners, making the final group fixture against Erin's Isle in Beneavin a must win. Unfortunately it didn't go our way, losing out 2:10 to 1:10 and an early exit from the Championship. Then Covid intervened once more, bringing an extraordinary year to an early end.



U15C Boys Football

2020 was a year to remember for everyone, especially our U15C team. They had a panel of 22 players, played 3 challenge matches, 1 league Div 9 match and 3 Championship matches. The year started with a challenge match win over Fingallians B, a defeat in their Div 9 match. Probably what they will remember most about 2020 was the Lock Down Challenges. They were brilliant, funny, tough, clever and a great way of getting through Lockdown. After Lockdown, it was back to training, in pods, Health Questionnaires, hand gels, contact/ noncontact training. The boys made the most of it and got ready for the E Championship. They had an impressive win over Round Towers Clondalkin B, unlucky loss to Croke's C and lost to Erin Isle B.



U15 Boys Hurling

We started off the year with preseason training sessions in the Spawell, S & C in Colmcille's and at Sancta Maria. We entered 3 teams into competition so that everyone could play at a level they were comfortable at and managed to get challenge games and Round 1 of the League completed for our B & C teams. All of our teams were very competitive in the Championship but lady luck never really shone with the teams getting caught with late goals for heart-breaking 1 point defeats or draws. Our A team finished off the championship campaign with a big win against St. Jude's. It was a performance that we all savoured after all the hard work put in during the year.



U16A Boys Hurling

The 22 strong panel commenced training in January. There was a positive atmosphere among the group. Each player commenced an individual development plan to work on areas of skill and athletic development. Prior to the commencement of the league, challenge games were played against St Maurs minor team and Naas. A couple of weeks before the world of Covid-19 we had the opportunity to play one league game against Faughs under lights on the main pitch in Abbotstown. During the initial lock down period, we had a number of individual and virtual team



challenges, including 5k runs and wall ball challenges. A two week "do at home" S&C programme was also put in place. When the lifting of restrictions allowed, the panel came back together to train from 1st July. Internal games were played against the Minor B team and also a mixed game with the Under 16B's. We also played another challenge against Naas in preparation for Championship.

The long awaited Under 16 A Championship commenced on the 4th August. We were grouped against Kilmacud, Faughs and Ballinteer. The first round was a tough away fixture to Crokes where the Boden players came out on top with an eight point win.

Hurling week preparation commenced with recovery sessions on the day after the Football games, including two fun trips to Killiney Beach for a swim. The team qualified for the semi-final with home wins against Faughs and Ballinteer and were drawn at home against Naomh Barróg in the semi-final. Coming from behind, the Boden players battled out a deserved 4 point win and qualification for the Blue Riband of Juvenile Hurling, the Under 16A Championship Final. Who were to be our opposition...? No guesses needed....U14/U15 Double/Double winners Lucan Sarsfields. Unfortunately, the Level 3 restrictions for Dublin came into play on the day before the final and to date remains to be played.

U16B Boys Hurling

Following on from a successful U15 campaign, the team was placed into Division 3 of the U16 Hurling League. Two preseason friendlies against Round Towers Clondalkin and Good Counsel clearly showed that the team would be more than competitive for the year ahead. Training and competitive games resumed in June. A game was organised against a strong North Wicklow Gaels in Kilcoole.

Placed in Group 2 of the U16 Hurling C Championship, consisting of 5 teams, our first game was a midweek visit to play Lucan Sarsfield B. In a hard fought game, the lads



came out on top winning 1-10 to 1-07. Our second game was always going to be pivotal against Fingal Gaels. A score line of 2-15 to 0-15 propelled the team to the top of the group and gave the squad a great chance of achieving one of our objectives of qualifying for the semi finals. The third round of fixtures pitched us against Naomh Mearnog. Another intense game where again goals decided the outcome. This time, unfortunately, our ability to create some clear cut chances did not produce the end result and we experienced our first loss 3-12 to 1-12. We prepared for our final round robin game knowing any victory would guarantee a semi final slot. It has not yet been decided whether the remaining fixtures will be able to be completed.

U16A Boys Football

The U16A team had a remarkably successful year and were unbeaten for the entire season. In total they played 7 matches which comprised of 2 challenge games, 1 league game and 4 championship games. Like other juvenile age groups, the league was not completed however the 16A's did manage to get 4 championship matches played before the second lockdown, winning all 4 games and reaching the Division 1 Championship semi-final. It was uncertain whether they would get to play this match against one of their old rivals Lucan, however there is a chance that they will get to play this semi-final in Jan/Feb 2021.



The highlight of the year was the fantastic run in the Championship which started with a tricky away match against old rivals from Thomas Davis. They managed to get through this tough match and win by 4 points. That was followed by two more good wins against Naomh Barróg and St Sylvester's. There was a home draw for the quarter-final against Ballinteer a team they drew with twice in the previous year. A tough match it was but our 16A's were always in control and won by an impressive 5 points. Roll on the semi-final and who knows they might just manage to go all the way!

U16B Boys Football

After a good pre-season, we kicked off the League on 8 February with a good win over Na Fianna B. Our games with this team were always close but we beat them comfortably. A postponement and a walkover followed, so our League finished there. Unbeaten!

In August we were straight into Championship. Drawn with 3 teams from Divisions above us and with two of those away. After a hard fought draw with O'Tooles, we went to Naomh Olafs and got the 2 points we needed. All roads led to St Marys of Saggart for a straight shoot out to get through. On a dirty night the lads dug deep and delivered. Into the semi-finals we went consigning a strong Marys team to the Shield. This set up a quarter final away against an unbeaten Kilmacud. Playing the best football this group have ever produced, Crokes could not live with us and we ran out comfortable winners. Still unbeaten!



Thank you to all the parents, the officers of the Club and the Juvenile County Board for all their work in allowing us to have some great games and memories during this year.

U16C Boys Football

Following some players opting out, the U16 mentors debated long and hard whether it was possible to run 3 teams, eventually deciding it was, in order to give as many lads as much game time as possible. With the support of some hurlers, boosted by some players returning, and on occasions by U15 players, we managed to play one league match before games were suspended. The return to training in the summer followed by the Championship was really positive. We finished second in our group with two fine performances and big wins against Croke's and Naomh Barróg. Losing the other game meant second place and a tough away quarter final at Geraldine Moran.



Whilst we came up short, the improvement and the way we kept competing to the end was commendable.

The mentors (Peter and Tom) would like to say a big thank you to all the lads. They are an absolute pleasure to manage, give 100% and have grown in confidence and skill. Each player should be really proud of their performance and our hope is that as many as possible choose to carry on to play at Minor level.

Camogie Reports

Ronan Feely

Senior A

The Senior A Camogie team were only getting prepared for the year ahead when the first lockdown was invoked in March and instead of on-field action they reverted to online action in the form of competitive skills competitions including the Courtville Jewellers sponsored finale.

Action finally got under way with a couple of challenge matches in July and a couple of outings in the League Cup competition with a good win against Lucan and a defeat against St. Vincents as a prelude to the 2020 Championship.

Championship started with a good win against Faughs in PUM which was followed up with a last gasp win away to Na Fianna. A loss the following week at home to St. Judes meant an away semi-final against St. Vincents who dominated proceedings from start to finish winning comfortably. Congratulations to St. Judes who went on to win the Championship.

The resumption of the League cup was then cancelled and the season came to an early conclusion as training for adult players was stopped. Our thanks to the players, mentors and all the support staff for their efforts during the challenging year.



Senior B

2020 turned out to be a hugely successful and rewarding year for our Intermediate team. With the early part of the year written off with lockdown, the season boiled down to an intense 8-week period of competitive games between late July and September.

After a couple of league cup wins over Naomh Olaf and CBC/Portobello, the Intermediate Championship got under way with the opening game an away fixture to Naomh Olaf where the girls had to dig deep before coming away with a win. This was followed by a good home win vs CBC/Portobello and then a key away game against the unbeaten Whitehall Colmcilles where the group showed massive spirit to come away with victory. A victory against Lucan in the final group fixture secured a championship final against Whitehall.



After going behind to a goal early in the second half, the team needed a very brave and determined effort to get their noses back in front and see the game out. Celebrations were very different but the group took huge satisfaction in winning the club's first Intermediate title in 19 years. Special thanks to all of the mentors and the many who helped along the way but especially to the players themselves. Just a fantastic bunch who had great fun and enjoyment off the pitch but on the field, they showed brilliant skill, effort and commitment.

Senior C and Senior D



Our Junior Camogie teams can look back on 2020 with great pride and fond memories. The number of girls playing junior camogie continues to grow and in 2020 a total of 48 girls lined up for the two teams. The panel was enlarged by the welcome addition of some younger recruits graduating from the juvenile section and some more mature members donning the helmets again.

After a couple of challenge matches the season commenced in earnest at the end of July with a couple of rounds of cup competition prior to Championship. After a difficult opening round versus St Annes, the Junior 4 team reached the semi-final of the championship with wins against Ballinteer, Cuala and Wild Geese, unfortunately the semi-final proved a step too far where they were outplayed by eventual winners Round Towers. The junior 3 team started the campaign with a good away win against Commercial's but were soon brought back to earth by Cuala where a poor first quarter was their undoing in a close enough match, a final group match win away to Naomh Mearnog put the girls second in the group with a difficult away Semi Final versus Setanta but a gritty victory meant a place in the final and a trip to Abbotstown.

The final in Abbotstown against a young Naomh Bríd team was played behind closed doors on Sunday 4th October with the fixture going ahead just before the season was brought to a halt by Covid. With the match broadcast on Youtube for family and friends to watch the girls put in a full-blooded performance only to be undone by two breakaway goals in a heart-breaking 2:4 to 1:4 defeat.

Under 16A

The league campaign got off to a good start in late February with wins at home to Naomh Bríd and away to Cuala and then Covid-19 struck. From the middle of March through to the end of June there was no formal training or matches for the girls. However, time wasn't wasted with drills and challenges set to keep the girls practicing on their own. The league continued in August with 3 more fixtures against Lucan, Raheny and Erin's Isle resulting in a draw and 2 wins. The league was then parked for championship to take place. However Championship did not go to plan with a draw against Cuala and a defeat to St. Vincents leaving our girls out of the competition even before it came to a premature conclusion in September.

The girls were fortunate enough to be allowed to continue to train for the rest of the year and they were lucky to have guest coaches coming in from the Senior Camogie team.



Under 16B

On the 7th of March the first match of the season saw the girls losing out narrowly to Naomh Fionnbarra..... 5 months later, the 8th of August saw the girls return to the field of play, as they played their second match, performing brilliantly in a narrow loss to Naomh Padraig.

A great start to the Championship with a fine 3-2 to 2-0 victory over Raheny was followed by disappointment of losing to Naomh Fionnbarra in a great game 6-1 to 3-5. Despite defeat in the last match against St. Annes team the girls made the Championship Semi Final on points difference. A stellar performance in the Semi-Final against Cuala saw the girls make the final with an outstanding performance. The final has not yet taken place...

Thanks to the girls who turned up to non-contact training in record numbers with training a much needed social occasion for the players.



Under 15A

The Under 15A panel set out with a target from the outset to focus on improving key technical areas and to develop each player's full range of skills thereby enabling girls to play at a more competitive level. Division 1 is very competitive with 5 teams including BBSE of equal standard so this provides an ideal challenge for the team to grow and develop. After early challenge matches the girls were narrowly defeated in the league by Naomh Bríd. This was followed by lockdown where the girls continued to practise with skills challenges.

Once the season restarted, the girls availed of every opportunity to play matches with help from U14's when available panel numbers were low. Ultimately they missed out narrowly on Championship semi-final before the competition was postponed. However they ended the year achieving their goal of skills development and they look forward to U16 year.



Under 15B

The U15B team competed in Division 4 this year though the divisions are often poorly balanced as several clubs field their A team in division 4 and often having a couple of county players. In spite of this the girls did rack up a win on the Northside against Craobh Ciarán. The team suffered three defeats a couple of which were to significant margins however the best games as always came within a couple of points leaving everyone with a greater sense of enjoyment and the prospect of a win following the next meeting.

Notwithstanding the defeats, the girls continued to enjoy their sport with attendance at training regardless of weather consistently at the 90%+ level and finishing in mid-December.



BODEN'S UNSUNG HEROES...

SHANE O'BRIEN CHATS TO AISLING POWER

At the heart of every GAA club in Ireland is a sprawling network of volunteers doing thankless work that keeps their club going. Ballyboden St. Enda's is no different and relies on these unsung heroes just as much as any other GAA club in the world. One of these unsung heroes is Aisling Power, who serves as referee co-ordinator for the Camogie Section in addition to her role as Family Liaison Officer (FLO) for the under-16 camogie A team.

Aisling's Ballyboden story started in 2006 when her son Rian joined the club's academy. Then, her role was simply one of a dutiful parent watching her son from the sidelines, but she would soon become more involved with the club, taking on more responsibility with each passing year. Her daughters Leonie and Corinne followed in their older brother's footsteps and joined Boden, strengthening her ties with the club. Before long, she was no longer just a watching parent, but an active volunteer working tirelessly as a vital cog in the huge Boden machine. She explained that she was "eased in gently" to her volunteering career, starting out as an FLO for the 2006 camogie group as a "back-up". However, her role quickly evolved, and she soon found herself as the full-time FLO for the 2004 camogie A team. She additionally took on the roles of First Aid officer for the 2004 camogie side and of back-up FLO for the 2004 Ladies football team.

Three years ago, Aisling was asked to take over the role of Camogie Referee Co-ordinator, whereby she was required to match appropriate referees to different age groups – less experienced referees are assigned to Boden home Go Games, while more experienced referees are assigned to official league and championship games. With almost too many volunteering roles to keep track of, it would be easy to forget that she still has to fulfil her duties as a parent and ensure that her kids get to and from training safely. All three of her kids are still involved with Boden at dual level, meaning that at least one of her kids was training on every night of the week before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Needless to say, the COVID-19 pandemic has given her a much-needed break. "It's been much quieter since COVID. Thankfully, the girls could train for the most part and I continued to act as FLO/First Aid for their trainings," she said.

In the absence of competitive games, her duties as Referee Co-ordinator have naturally been greatly reduced since last March, although she has still found time to help bring through a new generation of young referees by organising online refereeing courses.

She has been impressed by the sense of community shown by members of Ballyboden during the COVID-19 pandemic, pointing to a number of volunteer initiatives that have helped vulnerable members of the community.

I think it's been very evident that Ballyboden is not just a club, it's a community," she said. "I think it's brilliant to see community initiatives such as shopping for those who couldn't get out during COVID and the minors cleaning up Cherryfield. I also think Ballyboden has been crucial for our players in terms of their mental health and promoting them in keeping up with their individual training when that was allowed."

She also said that the pandemic has highlighted just how important sport is for children, while she additionally said that the pandemic has reminded parents of the beauty of watching their kids play matches.

"I think if we didn't realise how important sport is for young kids, we do now. With online learning and facing into a screen on your own for most the day, getting back to team sports with physical and social interaction can't come soon enough. I think COVID-19 has also reminded most parents how much we enjoyed watching our children's matches, I am definitely dying for them to get back."

With coronavirus vaccines currently being distributed around the country, a return to play is finally on the horizon and when that happens, Ballyboden – and every other GAA club in the world – will need volunteers like Aisling Power more than ever.



Noel Sheridan reflects on his time in Boden with Sinéad O'Dea

As many of you will know Noel Sheridan has retired after 17 years as our first General Manager. Noel, a native of Stoneyford in County Kilkenny, joined the club in 1982 and had a successful spell winning the Junior Championship in 1986 and an Intermediate Championship in 1988 as manager of those teams. He also served as Secretary of the Camogie Committee for four years during this time.

He became Secretary of the Hurling Committee in 1989. In the hurling section, Noel has been selector on Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams winning championships at Junior and Intermediate levels. Noel was elected to the Executive Committee also in 1989 and became Club Vice Chairman in 2002. Up until his appointment as General Manager in 2003, he served a period of 14 consecutive years on the Executive Committee. While on the Executive Committee, Noel also chaired the Social Committee for periods as well as the Development Committee in 2002.

The Club and its members owes Noel a huge debt of gratitude for his hard work and dedication throughout his long years in Ballyboden St. Enda's and we offer our heartfelt thanks and best wishes in his retirement.

So we pestered him to answer a few quick questions for the Boden News...

When did you start in the club and how did you get involved?

I started in 1982. Club member Kathleen O'Sullivan & a schoolteacher in Loreto N.S. sent a note to all parents requesting help in coaching. I offered to help now and again and it continued though admittedly a bit more than now and again!

Over the years what is your earliest memory?

There have been so many memories but one of the earliest would be securing the top pitch in St. Enda's park as a camogie pitch.

What is your favourite memory on the field and off the field?

There are lots of happy memories, St Patrick's weekends away, the New Year's Eve dinner dances were always great fun. Celebrating the centenary was a great week in the club and of course when we win Championships there is a great buzz around.

How many teams were you involved in?

Throughout the years, I was happy to be involved directly with underage Camogie, Junior, Intermediate and Senior B and then Secretary for Junior Intermediate and Senior hurling for many years.

Biggest accomplishment in Boden?

Ballyboden St. Enda's is a great club and a big club so being involved with different Executive committees in establishing pitches, dressing rooms & facilities at Ballycullen & Sancta Maria would be top of the list.

What is so good about Ballyboden St Enda's?

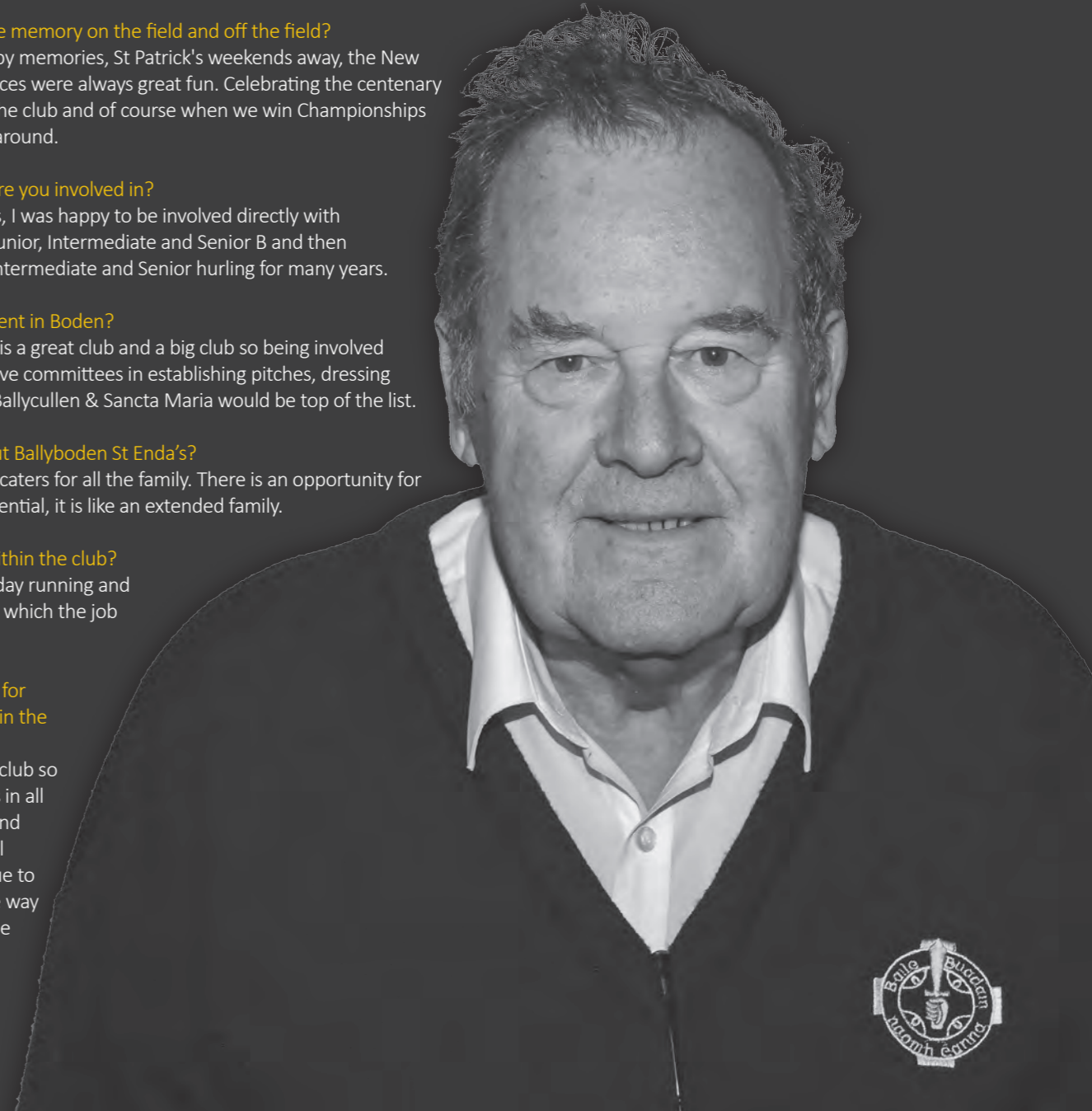
Ballyboden St. Enda's caters for all the family. There is an opportunity for all to realise their potential, it is like an extended family.

What will you miss within the club?

I will miss the day to day running and the face to face chats which the job entailed.

What are your hopes for Ballyboden St Enda's in the future?

Ballyboden is a great club so I wish further success in all levels and codes on and off the pitch & that all members will continue to be proud in a humble way to be a member of the club.



Communications Report

Sinéad O'Dea



2020, a year like no other, the start of a new decade, a leap year, the year we all learned about Zoom, staying in, staying apart, elbow pumps and the now common sight of face masks. It was the year of a global pandemic which changed our lives immeasurably but also a year to look back and reflect and appreciate the smaller things in life.

In January 2020 as everyone was kick starting their fitness regimes for the year ahead it wasn't long before the news of a virus called Covid-19 hit Irish shores. The country came to a halt just before St. Patrick's Day and as we go to print for the Boden News, we are currently in "Lockdown 3".

For the Ballyboden St Enda's communications team – it was an unusual year, instead of reporting on games, training and social gatherings, we were relaying advice from the government and the GAA to our members in order to keep everyone safe. The year started off with our Senior Football Semi Final against Kilcoo in Co. Cavan. Unfortunately the game didn't go our way but the team brought a lot of excitement to the club. The first few weeks of January were busy, the Páuidí O'Se Dingle Tournament launched in the clubhouse in conjunction with Sportstalk. Many clubs from around the country sent representatives and attended alongside GAA legend Michael Ó Muirheartaigh, Páuidí's son Pdraig Óg, former Dublin Ladies footballer Rachel Ruddy and Kerry's Tommy Walsh. From the communication side – it was great to have a national launch within the club that reached all media. We publicised the event on all our social channels and on Ballyboden.ie.



The young 'Boden faithful in Cavan supporting the Senior Footballers pre Covid

The Footballers had a great day with the Seven's Football Tournament in February in memory of Dermot "Digger" Manley and the Senior Hurlers had great success with their third annual breakfast fundraiser. Joe Johnston restarted his sessions in the clubhouse & Seamie O'Neill established a great group of members for Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna le Gaeilge 2020. There was great plans for the year but all came to a halt.

When the country stopped in its tracks for the first lockdown the communications team virtually gathered Senior Players from all codes to record a Covid 19 safety message. This was circulated across all codes and received a good response. Each section organised their own challenges to keep up the momentum and positivity. Matches returned back intermittently throughout the year with low attendance at the start and resulting in no attendance from spectators for everyone's safety. We were delighted to get a call from Primetime to highlight the extent of protocols at the games. Chairman Ciaran Maguire spoke to Primetime about the restriction of supporters and how the club was working together to stay safe during the pandemic.

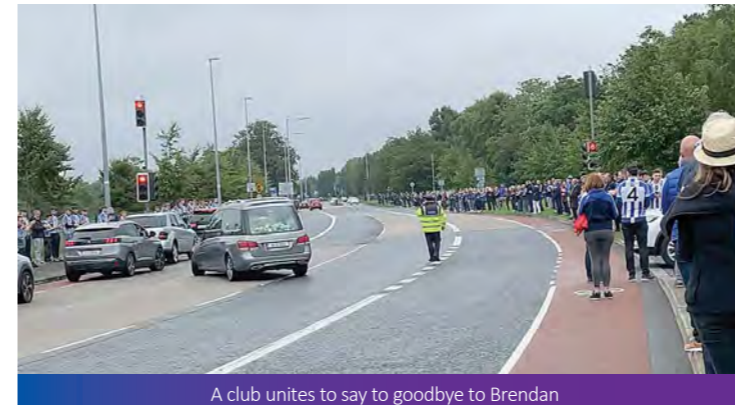


Ciarán Maguire talks to Prime Time about Covid procedures the club put in place

All our Senior teams finished their Championship matches in the later stages and juvenile teams also represented the club successfully. The Ballyboden St Enda's Summer Camp was a great success this year under difficult circumstances and led by Brian O Regan and Paul McLoughlin. GAA clubs across the country are successful because of volunteers, players, managers, families to name just a few. During the summer, Ballyboden St Enda's lost two great Boden men – Brendan Moran & John O'Neill – both heavily involved in the club for years. From the communications side, Brendan helped develop the communications team when he was Chairman. He admitted earlier in his Chairman role that social media wasn't his forte but he was willing to learn and even set up a profile (with guidance) on some of the social media channels. Brendan was a great man, he was hugely supportive of the communications section and any ideas we had. His popularity was shown at his send off when hundreds of people lined the Firhouse Road to say Thank You and Goodbye. John O'Neill was another well respected man in Ballyboden St Enda's, a former president of the club John was always around for advice, he was a great family man and club supporter. He was involved in our 50th anniversary video of Ballyboden St Enda's where he spoke about his love for the club and how it has transitioned throughout the years.



Brendan in a familiar position he loved, on the sideline helping his team



A club unites to say to goodbye to Brendan



The Senior Hurlers pay tribute to John O'Neill

As the year continued, there was a lot of voluntary work from the different sections co-ordinated by the communications tea. SuperValu set up an initiative alongside the GAA to help the community, we were only too happy to get involved. What started off with a handful of people ended up with over 70 volunteers. It was a great way of giving back and helping those in need. The Golf Classic got underway in August and we reported this online, Ballyboden St Enda's fundraised for the Inner City Helping Homeless, hundreds of bags of clothes were donated alongside substantial donations all organised by Ken Giles.

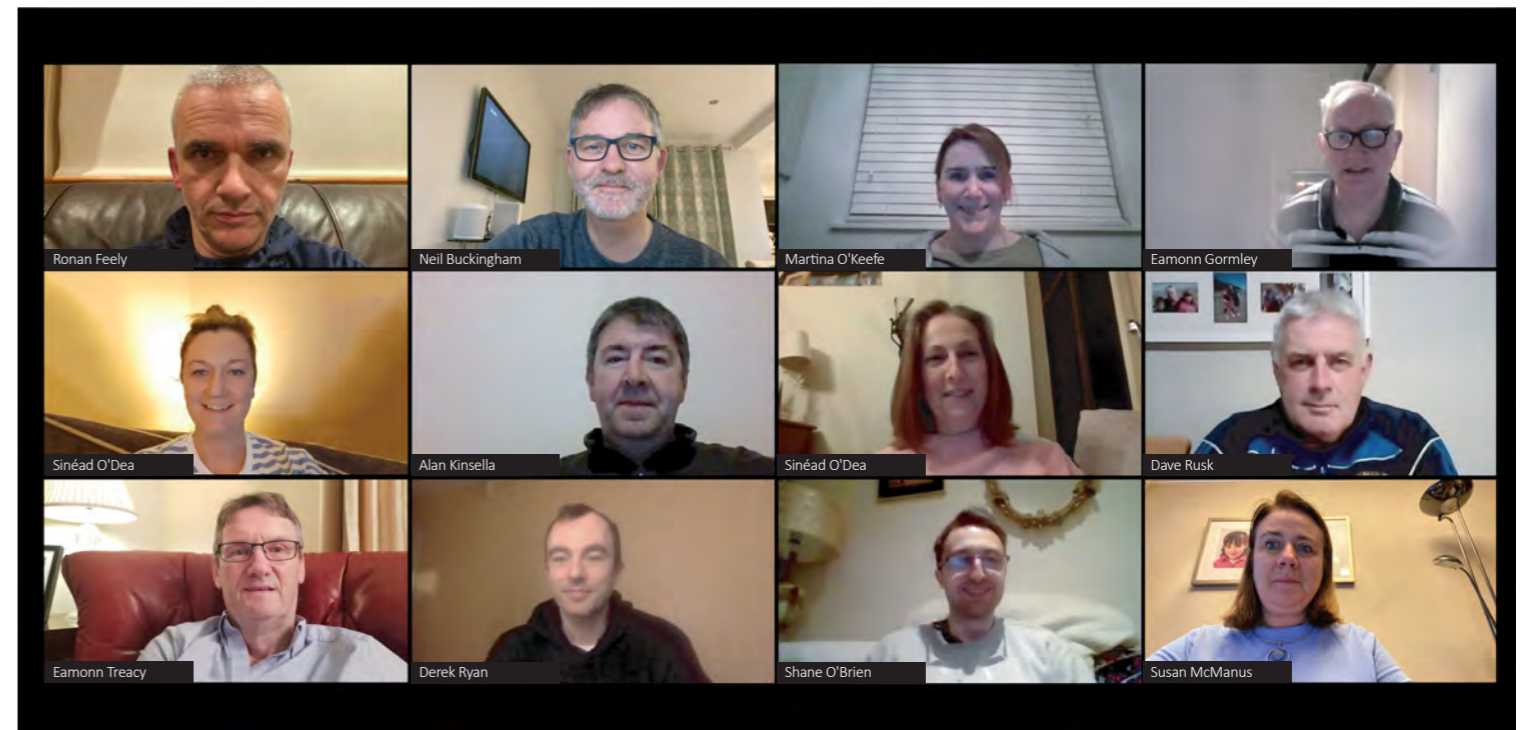
As we reached the end of the year, the 50th anniversary Ballyboden St Enda's book by Gerry & Eamonn O'Sullivan was launched. Gerry and his team produced a great book for everyone to look back at and reminisce. The club house opened again albeit for a short time but everyone was able to see all the work Michael Farrell, Gerry Mahon, the bar staff and all the volunteers had worked on throughout the year – a job well done!



John O'Neill pictured in the redeveloped Páirc Uí Mhurchú

After 17 years as General Manager Noel Sheridan stepped down, anyone who knows Noel would know he would help out at the drop of a hat with anything and he will be sorely missed, see page 45 for more. Although a quieter year with fewer games, it was a busy year to keep Ballyboden St Enda's as a club together, to keep our members up to date on the happenings within the club and to keep an eye on each other. From all the communications team, thanks to everyone for all your support throughout the year, we would be lost without the photographers in the club, to Cormac Smyth and Gareth Ebbs who answer any technical queries and to the Executive team for their advice and help... We look forward to the year ahead.

Communications Team pictured below on a Zoom meeting. Sinéad O'Dea, Neil Buckingham, Cliona Mellott, Eamonn Treacy, Eamonn Gormley, Dave Rusk, Martina O'Keefe, Susan Mc Manus, Shane O'Brien, Alan Kinsella, Derek Ryan, Ronan Feeley



Lotto Report

Eoin Dunne

Like everything else that was impacted by Covid in 2020, the club Lotto had to adapt to the circumstances of the pandemic that has affected all aspects of our lives. After a brief pause in March/April, the Lotto resumed on a virtual basis – the Committee met each week on Zoom and conducted the draw using an on-line random number generator – and it has continued like this throughout the rest of the year. In this way, the Lotto was able to continue as a vital source of income for the club. Even though we were, for the most part, deprived of the revenue from the weekly envelopes in the club bar, the Lotto is estimated to have contributed up to €45,000 to club funds in 2020.



Barry Murray is presented with his cheque for €11,000 by his son, senior footballer Cian

It was also a good year for Lotto members as we had 5 jackpot winners – our biggest ever win of €15,000 won by Colaiste Eanna in January, €11,000 won by Barry Murray in June, €10,500 won by the 2004 Ladies Football team in December (see pic on page 7), as well as smaller jackpots of €3,000 and €2,000. These jackpot amounts, together with the weekly Match 3 prize of €300, amounted to a total almost €55,000 that was handed back to Lotto members in prizes this year.



In addition, the Lotto Committee were delighted to welcome a new member recently – Cliona Mellett who will be a great addition to the collective wisdom of that august body..!!

As always, we would urge all club members to join the Lotto – now, more than ever, we need your support. **Go to Ballyboden.ie for details on joining – it couldn't be simpler.....**

Congratulations to our County players and coaches on a remarkable year



Michael-Darragh Macauley, Robbie McDaid, Coach Brian O'Regan, Colm Basquel and Kieran O'Malley pictured after Dublin's historic 6th All-Ireland in a row.



Claire Butterly and Sorcha Farrelly pictured after Dublin's 4th Ladies All-Ireland in a row.



One of the very best...and one of our own Michael-Darragh Macauley has called time on his inter-county career. A warrior on the pitch and a gentleman off it, his sheer determination and fierce drive has propelled him to a medal haul of epic proportions! He holds a record-equalling eight All-Ireland medals for Dublin, ten Leinster titles and five National Football Leagues. His impressive displays earned him the Footballer of the Year award in 2013 and he's also the recipient of two All-Star awards in 2011 and 2013.

Congratulations Mick on a stellar Dubs career from all at Ballyboden St.Enda's. We hope to see a lot more of you in club colours for years to come.

Go raibh mile maith agat.



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Boden babies



Connie O'Sullivan with big sister Nina
Daughter of Aisling and Mattie



Dermot Bród - 22nd July 2020
Son of Kylie and the late Dermot Manley



Sean Masterson - 16th January 2020
Son of Martin & Fiona



Leo Keaney - 1st February 2020
Son of Conal & Jenna



Joe McCarthy
Son of Liam & Emer



Sophie Treacy
Daughter of Brendan & Caroline



Thady Barrett - 30th May 2020
Son of Kathryn & Justin



Millie Lambert
Daughter of Simon & Grace



Jack O'Sullivan
Son of Martin & Leanne



Ballyboden St. Enda's in the Community...

We're there when you need us



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