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Táimid lán dóchais ag tús na bliana úire agus ag súil leis na dúshláin atá amach romhainn in 2022. Mar a dúirt an file, Brendan Kennelly, ‘Every beginning is a promise, born in light and dying in dark’, agus táimid ag tnúth le tús na himeartha agus le bheith ar ais le chéile arís.

2021 was another strange year, starting with pandemic-related restrictions, but opening up in early summer to allow us to complete a full schedule of league and championship games. We still had water breaks, no access to changing rooms, online meetings and limited attendance at matches, but we had games. The GAA, an Cumann Camogaíochta and the LGFA and all of their associated clubs overcame the challenges put before us, and thanks to armies of volunteers, managed to complete a full season safely and enjoyably. The resilience and flexibility of club volunteers was seen as we transitioned from online and individual training to group training and quickly to games in early July. We are hugely grateful to all club volunteers for the enormous efforts you make on a daily basis to make Ballyboden St. Enda's the magnificent club that it is.

Off the playing field, the One Good Club initiative grew from strength to strength and engaged our young members in such diverse activities as designing a flag for mná Buadáin, collecting food and clothes for charity and St. Patrick's day hikes. There was a palpable unity of purpose and a coming together during a period when no games or collective training was allowed, and this benefitted all of those who took part. I'd like to thank Deborah Heavey, and her band of sisters that included Teresa Molohan, Aoife O'Dwyer, Trish Walsh, Claire Keely, Hannah Hyland, Jenni O'Connell and Cliona Mellett for pulling all of this together, and I know that they plan to develop it further in 2022.

2021 was also the year of outdoor gatherings, and Mick Farrell with support from Jack Nolan, Pat Conway, Frank Brooks, Liam Deane and others created a very attractive outdoor environment that allowed our members to meet socially in a safe environment. Of course, Finn McGarry and Simon Lambert opened the Tribe coffee shop at the club, and,

along with Boden Bliss ice-cream contributed to the creation of a fantastic environment where young and old members could meet and have a chat. Finally, after multiple studies over two years regarding badgers and bats and all sorts of wildlife, we received planning permission to develop two pitches and changing rooms in the Carmelite site. Thanks to the facilities executive including John Ryan, Billy Coman and James McGarry for their persistence in following this through to conclusion. Our next task will be funding the development!

On the playing side, we fielded more teams that we ever had previously, and although this put a strain on resources, we competed successfully at all levels and all codes. There was no silverware at senior A level, but progress was made in team development, and we are confident going into 2022. In camogie, we won the senior A league, the senior B shield, Junior 3 championship. We won championships in minor A and adult Ladies Football, in the 2020 minor football championship, Junior A hurling and U21 hurling as well as juvenile championships. The most heartbreaking loss must go to the minor camogie team who led their final for 59 minutes only to be beaten by a single point at the final whistle. The quality of player and level of skill on display can only give us hope for the future. As we go into 2022, it is great to see club members managing our senior A teams. At the time of writing, Kenny Naughton, Terry O'Neill and David Curtin are ratified as senior football, camogie and hurling managers respectively with the Ladies Football manager yet to be appointed. We recognise the level of commitment required to coach and manage all teams, and we are very grateful to all of the volunteers who give so generously of their time.

Both our club Director of Coaching, Brian O'Regan and club GPO, Paul McLouglin, moved on to new career paths this year after 19 and 16 years respectively with Ballyboden St. Enda's. Words cannot do justice to the impact that Brian and Paul have had on generations of Ballyboden players, on our coaching structures and practices, on the skill levels of our adult teams and on club culture which all bear the imprint of Brian and Paul's work. We cannot adequately express our gratitude to both. As we seek to recruit replacements, it has fallen to volunteers to take up some aspects of Brian and Paul's work, and we are grateful to all who have done this, and especially to Tom O'Donoghue for pitch co-ordination and to the Juvenile Chairpersons, Dónal Woodcock and Damien Coleman for keeping the Academy running smoothly. We plan to appoint a Coach and Player Development Manager early in 2022 and are working with the County Board to get a replacement GPO.

Bhí an-bhliain ag an ngrúpa 'Buadán le Gaeilge' agus in ainneoin na srianta a bhí i bhfeidhm, d'éagraigh siad imeachtaí soisialta anuas air meithealacha oibre i rith na bliana, agus ghlacamar páirt i gcomórtas peile measctha (fir agus mná) i gCumann Naomh Fionnbarra i mhí na Samhna. Mar thoradh ar a gcuid oibre, bronnadh bonn airgid Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha ar an gclub ag deireadh na bliana. Tréaslaimid le Séamie agus an grúpa uile as an éacht sin a bhaint amach.

Ag an am seo bliana, cuimhnímid ar ár gcomhghleacaithe atá imithe ar shlí na fírinne agus ar a gclann agus a muintir. We remember and pray of all of our deceased members and their families, and we recognise that the club we have today is their inheritance to us. We especially remember great people like Noel Madden, our club Vice-Presidents, Martin Kenny and Denis Kelleher as well as our comrade Eddie Finn and senior citizens' stalwart Kay Murray as and all of our members who have gone to their eternal reward. Suaimhneas síoraí dá n-anam.

Running a club the size of Ballyboden St. Endas is a huge financial undertaking, and we depend on membership fees, sponsorship and fundraising to fund all of our activities as well as our capital development. We thank all members who paid their membership fees promptly in 2021, and will ask the same in 2022. Thanks to the group who run the club lotto week after week, and we encourage all members to take out a lotto subscription. Finally, we are hugely indebted to our generous sponsors without whom we could not be the club that we are. As you will see elsewhere in the Boden News, the formal major sponsorship agreement with H&K expired with 2021 and we are extremely grateful to H&K for their unparalleled generosity over 11 years – go raibh míle maith agaibh, David and Ann. We are excited to launch a new overall, major club sponsorship agreement with Sports Surgery Clinic, and we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with a prestige brand.

Mar fhocal scoir, I know that I speak for all Ballyboden members when I wish our friend and fellow Ballyboden club member, Tom McGrath, a speedy return to full health. We all wish you well and pray for your recovery Tom.

Go n-éirí go geal le gach duine in 2022, agus guímid gach rath ar na foirne uile nuair a théann siad chun páirce go luath.

Ciarán Maguire

Club Development Activities 2021

You may not have seen a lot of pitch development or bricks and mortar, but I can assure you a lot of work has been completed behind the scenes. Below is a summary of the main activities:

1. 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. Unfortunately, work has ceased for the moment with the school project, and we have proposed to complete the boundaries ourselves and agree a cost structure with School. We are presently at the final stage of negotiations.
2. We have secured planning permission for player Audio/Visual room, Office, Kitchen and Health Centre for the above structure.
3. The sale of Old Convent (Saplins) building is progressing but very slowly. We have had numerous difficult issues on the contract, but we are gradually getting through an extended list.
4. Full planning for Carmelite land was achieved during the year to include: 2 x Full pitches, own entrance, and dressing rooms. This was a very challenging process and needed input from a wide range of professionals.

5. We also achieved planning permission for ladies dressing rooms and the tender process is complete. However due to high costs of material and labour the executive decided to defer the building of same for the moment.
6. Applied for Sports Capital Grant for dressing rooms and we wait the outcome.
7. Worked closely with Bar Manager to spec a suitable heating system.
8. Have begun research into replacing all weather surface on both full size and Hockey pitch.

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

John Ryan
Chairman
Club Development Executive.



Camogie Report

Ronan Feely

2021 was another different year in the Camogie section as the sport continued to deal with the challenges of living with Covid. Leagues, Cups, Championships and training all started late in the year, but every effort was made by county board to run off the competitions in the available time. Players and coaches alike continued to make the best that they could out of the challenges that were delivered throughout the year. On the field there was good success with silverware for all 4 Senior teams and for both U16 teams too with Minor A's and U20's also very close to their own championships.

Senior A

Covid resulted in a slimmed down campaign for the Senior A team in the earlier part of 2021. However, the panel worked hard on an individual basis during lock down on the team's pre-season fitness programme. The League and Cup were combined into one competition which commenced at the end of May. The team had a successful campaign winning seven of their games before beating Lucan in the semi-final and claiming victory against St. Vincents in the final (2-8 to 1-9).



In Championship, the girls performed well to come 2nd in their group behind county champions Judes- however a third semi-final loss in a row means that the quest for Championship success for this team continues. However, the panel was energised this year from the addition of younger players and with the necessary dedication and continuous skill development, a bright future can lie ahead.



Senior B

2021 was to be year of transition for our Senior B team. With some players moving up to Senior A team, others injured and others retiring their hurls altogether, it was initially a challenge to even assemble a squad together at all. This was coupled with the fact that the team were now competing at Inter 1 level after promotion from the previous year. Having had little time to prepare, the girls won their first match in the Inter 1 Cup against Na Fianna B and then went on to win 7 out of 8 games, only beaten by Naomh Peregrine in the final.

There was just one week off before championship where the girls just missed out on qualification for semi-finals but went on to shield where they finished off in style though winning semi and final to finish the year on a high. All in all, though, a successful and enjoyable year for all.

Senior C Junior 3 Camogie 2021 Champions!!!

Whereas 2020 finished with a close-run defeat in the championship final, 2021 brought tears of joy to the junior 3 camogie team, mentors and supporters alike when the girls finished the season on a high as the Dublin Camogie Junior 3 Champions!

The team had gone undefeated in the league section of the cup with six wins - unfortunately, the team weakened by injury and summer holidays went out in the semi-final.

The championship group looked daunting especially after a round one defeat to Lucan. However, the girls upped the level to shock the previously undefeated and cup winners Oliver Plunketts in the next match, an away fixture in Navan Road.

There was no looking back now, with a convincing victory over Setanta leading to a final clash with Plunketts. A match with the character of the team shining through with the last three scores of the game securing a 2-point victory.



Senior D Junior 4 Camogie Shield Winners!

The junior 4 team entered the cup competition aided by more of the up-and-coming minor girls. Unfortunately, as can be the case in the lower divisions, with some of the other clubs fielding teams of young A players, the cup proved a bit of a struggle, but the girls persevered through the summer despite the adverse results. In the Autumn, the girls continued to play their hearts out in the junior 5 championship and in their final match of the season, it all came good with victory in the shield final.



U20 Camogie

The U20 competition was a new development for 2021- Our Boden team got together after senior competitions were finished in October. In a group of 3 in one half of Division 1, they had their first match conceded and were beaten in the 2nd thus advancing to Semi-Finals as runners up. However, in this strange year, the semi-final was conceded by Judes and so our U20's were in a Division 1 Championship Final without having won a match.

In the final against Lucan the team acquitted themselves well going went down by 3-11 to 0-11 bringing the curtain down on the 2021 season.



Minor A

The minors were a casualty of the shortened Covid affected season with the league, which is usually first up in the calendar, cancelled for 2021. The Championship which then followed on after Senior and Juvenile calendars were complete didn't get going until November so all in all it was a very short season for the U18s. They were drawn in a very tough championship group with Castleknock, Vincents and Judes but they overcame all 3 getting better in every game. They then beat Na Fianna in the Semi-Final to set up a showdown against Castleknock. The final was finely balanced with our girls leading pretty much all the way only to be undone by a late goal. A disappointing end but overall a positive experience with a lot of progression by all players through the year.

Minor B

When it finally came around to Minor Championship, our B team were hopeful of success but were just pipped in the first game and then went down to 2 heavy defeats as the suffered the fate of the lower divisions where you never know what team you will face as teams brought up younger A players on the day. Hopefully next year, with all the girls still minor, they will get a better run with a full calendar as Dublin Camogie try to introduce a more meaningful U18 competition.



Under 16A

The focus for this year was on developing the full range of skills building on previous years' work. Throughout the Covid lockdown the girls were encouraged to do as much practice as they could on their own. This practice proved worthwhile as the girls mounted a successful league campaign through the summer. After making it through a tough group and semi-final, they overcame Lucan in League final to finish as league champions. Championship started in early September and the girls applied themselves diligently to top the group and set up a home semi-final against Lucan again. On this occasion, however, Lucan got the upper hand and reversed their defeat of earlier in the Summer ending our U16s championship run. Overall, though it was a year of considerable progress for all girls who now look forward to continuing their camogie journey next year.



Under 16B

The team retained their 21-player panel and continued to develop their skills throughout the year. The league was disappointing with Finian's dominating the table and finishing with a points margin of in the region of +130 pts. For the Championship the group was more even with our girls in Div. 4 against the first teams from Craobh Ciarán; St. Peregrine; Naomh Olaf and CBC as well as the second team from Lucan Sarsfield's. 2nd in the table secured a final place where the girls managed to see off St. Peregrines despite them having home advantage, in a nail-biting game which saw the girls claim the championship. This is the first competition win for these girls and a fitting end to their time as a unit before they move on to minor.



Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna le Gaeilge - Tuairisc Bhliantúil 2021

Bhí an-áthas agus bród ar mhuintir Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna nuair a bronnadh bonn cré-umha Fhondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha ar an gclub i mí na Nollag 2020. An aidhm a bhí ann in 2021 ná an bonn airgid a bhaint amach. Eagraíodh go leor imeachtaí agus feachtais i rith na bliana. Níor chuir na srianta isteach ar dhul chun cinn nó ar fhuinneamh an Mheitheal Oibre.

Mí Eanáir

Is ar Zoom a eagraíodh an chéad chruinniú den choiste i mbliana. Rinneadh achoimre ar an obair iontach a bhí déanta in 2020 agus rinneadh plé ar an bplean oibre don bhliain nua. Leanadh ar aghaidh leis an rannóg Ghaeilge sa nuachtlitir gach seachtain. Tugadh moladh don lucht léitheoireachta píos beag Gaeilge a fhoghlaim mar rún athbhliana! Ainmníodh James Holland mar an chéad Ambasadóir don bhliain 2021.

Mí Feabhra

Agus an dianghlaisáil fós i bhfeidhm sa tír, ní raibh seans mórán a dhéanamh nó a eagrú sa chlub. Cuireadh eolas ar aghaidh sa nuachtlitir maidir le conas clárú do ranganna Gaeilge ar Vifax. Bhí roinnt scéalta suimiúla ann do na léitheoirí. D’eagair Joe Johnson seisiún ceoil iontach ar Zoom. Ainmníodh Aoife Durkin mar an chéad Ambasadóir eile don bhliain.



Mí an Mhárta

Tháinig an chéad chraoladh den phodchraoladh nua – The Boden Beat – amach agus is i nGaeilge a bhí sé. Cuireadh agallamh ar Robbie McDaid faoin turas fada a bhí aige bonn uile Éireann a bhaint amach.

Tosaíodh ar na seisiúin den Chiorcal Cainte a eagrú ar Zoom. Ainmníodh Therese Keville ó Shiúltóirí Buadain mar Ambasadóir na míosa. Cuireadh eolas ar aghaidh sa nuachtlitir maidir le himeachtaí fíorúla do Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Ar an 29 Márta bhí seisiún ceoil eile ar Zoom.

Mí Aibreáin

Ghlac an club páirt san fheachtas One Good Club a bhí á eagrú Lidl. Táimid an-bhródúil as an ról lárnach a bhí ag an nGaeilge mar chuid den chéim ‘Keep Learning’ nó ‘Lean Ort ag Foghlaim.’ Cuireadh frásaí ar scileanna éagsúla le chéile. Rinne na mionúir físeáin agus na frásaí sin á n-úsáid acu agus á múineadh. Bhí póstaer galánta ar líne agus bhí daoine in ann na frásaí a chleachtadh dóibh féin. Ceann de na himeachtaí is corraithí a eagraíodh ná nuair a tháinig daoine éagsúla ón gclub – idir óg agus aosta – le chéile chun Amhrán na bhFiann a chanadh le chéile. Sheas siad ar Pháirc Uí Mhurchú agus chan siad an t-amhrán náisiúnta go bródúil.



Mar chuid eile den fheachtas sin, eagraíodh comórtas ealaíne. An dúshlán a bhí ann ná bratach a dhearadh don chlub. Bhuaigh Mia an comórtas agus bratach fíor-álainn a tharraing sí agus an Ghaeilge mar chuid lárnach di. Chuir an coiste Gaeilge an bhratach amach ar chártaí poist agus mar fháinne eochracha.

Bhí sé beagnach am do na páistí dul ar ais ag traenáil le chéile tar éis na srianta. Cuireadh sraith físeán amach ar na meáin shóisialta agus dúshlán scileanna á thabhairt do na páistí. Rinne cuid de na hAmbasadóirí na físeáin sin. Eagraíodh seisiún ceoil ar Zoom arís agus bhí slua deas i láthair.

Mí Bealtaine

Cuireadh frásaí sa nuachtlitir a bheadh úsáideach agus giollcanna, teachtaireachtaí nó téacsanna á sheoladh. Tháinig méadú ar an méid Gaeilge a bhí in úsáid ar na meáin shóisialta agus anois feictear teachtaireachtaí as Gaeilge go rialta. Bhuaigh an Chiorcal Cainte le chéile ar Zoom.



Mí Meithimh

Tháinig baill den Mheitheal Oibre le chéile chun fuinneoga na chlubthí a ghlanadh roimh an athoscailt. Tugadh cárta poist do gach cailín ar na foirne faoi aois. Bhí roinnt frásaí sa nuachtlitir chun cabhrú leo cárta poist a sheoladh as Gaeilge. Ainmníodh Laura Burns mar Ambasadóir na míosa.

Mí Iúil & Mí Lúnasa

Bhí cruinniú ag an Meitheal Oibre ar líne. Rinneadh aistriúchán ar na comharthaí timpeall an chlub.

Mí Mheán Fómhair

Bhí oíche shóisialta den chéad scoth sa chlubtheach ar an 3 Meán Fómhair. Tháinig Gaeilgeoirí ó chlubanna éagsúla sa chontae agus bhí sé go hiontach an Ghaeilge a chloisteáil sa chlub don oíche. Bhí an grúpa traidisiúnta i láthair agus bhí Gaeilge in úsáid ag an bhfoireann taobh thiar den bheár.

Mí Dheireadh Fómhair

Lean an grúpa traidisiúnta ag seinm gach Déardaoín sa chlubtheach.

Mí na Samhna

Ainmníodh Joe Johnson mar Ambasadóir na míosa agus bhí an t-agallamh a rinneadh leis thar a bheith suimiúil ar fad.



Ghlac foireann ón gclub páirt i mblitz lán Gaelach a bhí eagraithe ag Naomh Fionnbarra, faoi chúram Ghlór na nGael. Ceathrar ban agus triúr fear a bhí ar an bpáirc ag aon uair faoi leith. Bhí an blitz oscailte do chumann ar bith atá cláraithe le Fondúireacht Sheosamh Mhic Dhonncha. Dhá chluiche a bhí ag an bhfoireann. Thug siad aghaidh ar Naomh Fionnbarra agus Naomh Barróg. Cé nár bhuaigh siad an uair seo, bhain gach éinne sult as na cluichí.

Mí na Nollag

Bhí an club thar a bheith bródúil as Laura Basquel agus í ag glacadh páirt san Underdogs ar TG4. Bhí físeán deas den chlann – Laura agus a máthair Rose Anne ag labhairt as Gaeilge, a deirfiúr, Rachel ag moladh í, agus a hathair, Gerry ag taispeáint na sár-scileanna peile atá aige. Fuair an Meitheal Oibre an dea-scéal go raibh Bonn Airgid Fhondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha bainte amach ag an gclub. Táimid thar a bheith bródúil as an obair ar fad atá déanta chun é sin a fháil. Mar is léir ó na himeachtaí atá déanta sa chlub i mbliana tá an Ghaeilge ag dul ó neart go neart sa chlub agus tá súil againn an-chuid imeachtaí a eagrú sa bhliain úr.



Ladies Football Report

Cliona Mellett

In yet another challenging year, we are fortunate to have a very strong and experienced Ladies Committee who are driving the environment for the growth and development of all our Ladies Football teams. With five adult ladies teams now active in the club in 2021 and with the calibre of players coming through the future certainly is bright for Ladies Football in Ballyboden St Endas. We are delighted with the improved competitiveness and participation of our Senior teams and the emergence of exciting new talent at Minor level. Kieran Rudden and his management team have developed one the best minor teams to come out the club in recent years with big winning margins in

the Dublin 2021 Championship and League competitions. This now provides a great opportunity for the new Senior Ladies Management team to push on and challenge strongly for Championship honours both in Dublin and beyond in the next few years. Recently we launched a major fundraising initiative in partnership with the Men's Football Section to generate the necessary financial resources to enable us to provide the necessary support for player development and player welfare programmes.

Ger Basquel. Ladies Football Chairman

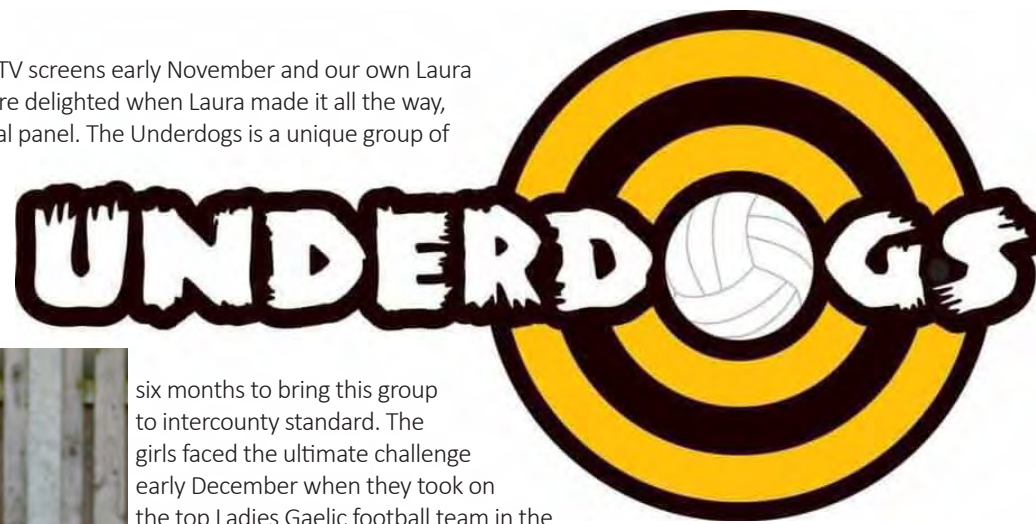
Ballyboden St Enda's is 'ONE GOOD CLUB'

Early in 2021, we were delighted to learn that we had been chosen as one of 25 clubs, out of 900 applications, from across the country to participate in Lidl's One Good Club Mental Health and Wellbeing programme in association with the LGFA and Jigsaw. The five-step programme aims to build and encourage positive mental health promotion in the club and wider community. Over the 10 weeks, we completed a wide range of activities across 5 themes Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give, and the moments were captured and shared on social media. Highlights included our hugely successful St Patrick's Day walk, our wonderful framed photo collage, Baking with Hannah, Marty Morrissey's visit to Ballyboden and ended with a Facebook Live event hosted by Marty celebrating the achievements of the participating clubs. We received a highly commended on the night and later were presented with a new set of jerseys by Lidl Tallaght which our U16A ladies wear with pride. Many thanks to our club community who wrote, baked, walked, sang, labhairt Gaeilge, got involved in any way. We will be forever grateful for your participation, support, encouragement and for the opportunity to support all members to engage in activities that can promote better mental health and well-being.



TG4 The Underdogs

The TG4 series 'Underdogs' returned to our TV screens early November and our own Laura Basquel was among the participants. We were delighted when Laura made it all the way, from the original 500 applications, to the final panel. The Underdogs is a unique group of players from different GAA clubs all across the country. These footballers have never played at Junior, Intermediate or Senior Inter-County Championship level before. Mickey Ned O'Sullivan, Kevin Cassidy and former Waterford star Michelle Ryan had



six months to bring this group to intercounty standard. The girls faced the ultimate challenge early December when they took on the top Ladies Gaelic football team in the country (the ultimate underdogs) All-Ireland Senior Ladies Champions, Meath. As part of the pre match preparations, The Underdogs visited Ballyboden St Endas where they faced our Senior A Ladies for a game on Pairc Uí Mhúrchú. The Underdogs v Meath was played in Donaghmore-Ashbourne Gaa club, Co. Meath with a deferred broadcast to air on TG4's Peil na mBan Beo that evening. While the game did not go The Underdogs way, there were great celebrations after the match for Laura as she was named Réalta na Sraithe, Player of the series! Laura has been a great ambassador for our club throughout the series and is a super role model for our younger club members. It was great to see Laura feature more as the six week series progressed.



PRIDE

Our Senior Ladies footballers showed their support for PRIDE on a training Saturday morning in June. Training was completed in not just the Ballyboden blue but in all the colours of the rainbow. The team also got behind the #laceupwithpride campaign by wearing rainbow laces in their boots, in support of Belong To Youth Services, the National Organisation supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTQI) young people in Ireland. Training was followed by a delicious PRIDE picnic which was sponsored by *Get Fresh*, Ballyroan.

Get Fresh have long been providing fresh fruit and veg to the community and were delighted to sponsor the event.



Senior A Report

Multiple Zoom calls, Strava groups, running programs, goal setting workshops, photo competitions, painting & prosecco nights and cook alongs occupied our Senior A girls in the first 4 months of 2021 with ne're a ball in sight. On May 10th, the girls returned to 3 training sessions a week, a month in advance of their first game, so it was all systems go getting the squad into shape. Play commenced with three Cup matches, winning 2 and drawing against Thomas Davis. The girls were victorious against Foxrock Cabinteely and with an emphatic away victory over Fingallians the girls qualified for the Cup final against Thomas Davis. Unfortunately, aided by home advantage the Kiltipper outfit prevailed. League highlights included a drawn match against Kilmacud and away victory to Thomas Davis. In September, four Championship wins in quick succession meant the team topped their group and welcomed Foxrock Cabinteely to PUM with high hopes for the semi-final but the greater experience of FoxCab won out



in the end. The competitive season ended with a televised home game versus The TG4 Underdogs played on 6th November. In all, there were 51 training sessions, 16 competitive matches, winning 10, drawing 2 and losing 4, 32 players were used, with six senior debuts. We bid Valerie Mulcahy farewell & good luck and thank her for her immense contribution in her two year tenure.

Senior B Report

The B team finished the 2021 season with a comprehensive win over Whitehall Colmcilles to finish as Division 4 League Runners up thereby achieving promotion to Division 3. The team won the Shield in October and finished 3rd in the Cup competition. The performance of the year was the Shield semi-final win over Junior A team Raheny in St Anne's Park. There is a fantastic spirit within the squad who now look forward to playing in Division 3 and to retaining the Paudie O'Shea Cup in Dingle in February, Covid permitting. Thanks to the Minor management for releasing players during the year as needed.



Senior C Report

This group of determined young women set their sights firmly on securing the county title this year after the disappointments of 2020. The panel of 24 (reduced to 21 over the season) worked immensely hard from the get go. The girls trained twice weekly with an individual session at weekends to get fitness levels up for the start of the League and Cup campaigns. The team progressed to the Championship county final vs a strong Naomh Mearnog in August. On Páirc Uí Mhurchú, the team had an outstanding day, showing true grit and composure and were crowned County Champions at last! Two weeks later, a new goal of Cup final was set and the panel went on to defeat Round Towers Lusk in a cracking cup final in Lusk in November. In 2021, a total of 19 games were played, winning 17 and losing 2. It was an extremely successful year for this bunch of ladies and management. It is hoped that a number of players will make the transition to the A and B panels as they have no doubt shown their abilities and skills throughout the season.



Senior D Report

A compacted season, 17 games were played between June 9th and November 7th. It proved difficult at times to get 15 out each week so many thanks to the Senior, Minor and U16 teams for their support. Heartening to report the season ended with 20 players.

In the Division 7 Cup, the girls finished second winning 3 out of 4 games, losing to Ballyboden Wanderers in the semi-final. In Division 7 League, they finished 5th winning 4, drawing 1 and losing 4. Junior E Championship was challenging with the girls losing the shield semi-final to the eventual winners Whitehall Colmcille B.

Senior E Report

The Senior E team was formed in June to accommodate the ever growing numbers in our Ladies Football section. The team had a great run in Championship, reaching the semi-final, beaten by the eventual winners. With a respectable mid table position achieved in both League and Cup competitions, the girls had a great first year. Fielding a full team however for matches, especially the early fixtures (and later with the move to Sunday matches) was at times almost impossible.

It was apparent that recruitment of additional players during the year was needed if the E team was to survive. And this became the team's biggest success. It was achieved by players encouraging friends to return playing and ladies new to the club found a team with a great welcome. The initial panel of 19 grew steadily to 28 by September! While the team may not have any silverware, they created a great new and expanding "Super" E team.

Many thanks to the Senior B's, Minors and U16s without whose support the team would not have survived or flourished. Tom Finnergan joined as coach mid-way through the year building on Robbie Murphy and Declan O'Reilly's coaching helping the team achieve success on the pitch.



Minor A Report - League & Championship Winners!

U18A's returned at the end of April after a busy lockdown when the girls were kept busy with skills and fitness challenges and team camaraderie was developed through Zoom meetings with quizzes & treasure hunts. The shortened competitive season started in July in PUM with a convincing win against Lucan. This was followed by wins against Kilmacud, Foxrock and a final showdown against Clontarf at home with the girls taking the League title. Thanks to the U16's who filled gaps as required as the league played out over the summer months.

Championship started at the end of August and with the full team available the girls cruised into the final beating Clontarf, Vincents, Kilmacud and Na Fianna along the way resulting in another final showdown with Clontarf away in St. Anne's Park. Clontarf fought hard but the Boden girls got on top and again were convincing victors. The team ended the season with 11 wins out of 11 including the 2 challenge matches away to Na Fianna and St Brigids. With their season finishing relatively early at the end of September, they have continued to work hard in preparation for 2022 with the 2nd year minors preparing to move to the senior ranks. Many thanks to all who supported the girls in 2021.



Minor B Report

A strange year with covid, late selection, summer holidays, committee meetings, after school commitments, grinds, work commitments and two Championship semi-finals. Placed in the stronger half of the League, losses to Lucan, Na Fianna, Crumlin ended in a relegation battle against Man O War. With almost a full side out, the girls played great football winning comfortably. Hosting Ballymum in the first Championship match with the full complement, the girls progressed to the semi-final when they faced a dubiously strong Lucan team. Season over, retirement was short lived as Lucan was disqualified and the girls were back in another semi-final against Na Fianna. The five weeks layoff showed, but it still didn't stop the girls putting scores on the board.

Hopefully most girls will move onto adult football. Some got to play Senior during the year. Many thanks to Covid officer and FLO Co Ordinator Noreen Walsh and the other FLOs, the U16 girls, Danny and Caoimhe for Summer training and Paul on nets.

Minor C Report

After a long wait training resumed with the question being would everyone return after lockdown. There was 100% attendance at the first training session! League and Championship group stages were limited to two games as group opposition dropped out. Despite best efforts, the campaigns didn't result in semi-final places however the final game of the season was a shield final against a strong Trinity Gaels side. A fantastic first half performance saw Boden ahead but the tides turned in the second half and it wasn't to be the girl's day.



The mentors would like to express their gratitude to FLOs Melissa Pender and Aisling Vaughan whose presence all year was invaluable. Parents and mentors alike would like to thank the girls for all the enjoyment given throughout their Ballyboden career. We looking forward to seeing them continue in the Blue and White of Minor next year and beyond.



Minor D Report

The Minor D panel started back training with 16 players after restrictions were lifted and played in League Division 8, winning 1 out of 4 games with help from players from the Minor E and U16 panels. The girls did better in Championship Division 8 playing 4 games winning 2 losing the home semi-final to Raheny B.

The Championship was a more positive and enjoyable experience with the teams in the group evenly matched. Overall it was a short but good season with the restrictions and lower numbers due to players having work, study, college and holidays. Thanks to the FLOs who played a huge part over the years taking on the extra work such as first aid, team sheets, score keeping, jerseys, WhatsApps and emails, roll keeping and covid questionnaires etc.

Minor E Report

In yet another truncated year, training returned at the end of April with the continued logistics of health questionnaires, hand sanitisers and Pods. FLOs Teresa Johnson, Ger McGrath, Anne Newe, Paula Coffey, Keave Downey and Paula Rohan kept the show on the road so the girls were well set up for the commencement of the League in June. Matches was limited with smaller competitions due to Covid but challenge matches increased game time.

The League campaign was mixed followed by some challenging Championship matches with the girls qualifying for the shield final away to Clontarf. In a cracking game of football, Clontarf came out on top despite Boden dominating possession and scoring chances. It was great to be back to some normality and the girls showed great humour despite results and setbacks. Some of the girls were introduced to Senior football and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thanks to the U16's who helped out during the Summer.

U16A Report

The year began virtually with zoom calls and the girls sending in videos of skill challenges. In February the girls took part in a Strength & Conditioning and Running programme and it was clear to see the girls had made a huge effort in lockdown when they returned to training at the end of April. The first League match on June 17th was a comprehensive win over Foxrock Cabinteely, a team the girls hadn't beaten since U12. The team finished third in the League winning four out of seven games, a great achievement considering that the full panel were never available throughout the summer because of holidays and covid scares!

The girls competed well in Championship winning two out of three group games only to lose out in the semi-final to top favourites Clontarf. The girls thrived during the year, training twice a week and had a phenomenal attitude and work ethic.

U16B Report

A year of ups and downs, the B & C teams struggled for players and duly amalgamated carrying on as a B team which posed a challenge for the previous C players playing up two divisions. The girls soldiered on in Division 5 with a couple of heavy losses but by the end of the League there were some real signs of improvement. Increasing training to twice a week throughout the Summer break, the team started to gel with the extra training. A requested move to Division 6 for Championship suited the team and a great first match win against Craobh Ciaran and a similar win against Templeogue Synge St. saw the girls qualify for the semi-final in Clondalkin.

Once again the girls put up a great fight though Clondalkin proved a little too strong for them on the day. The girls also had an opportunity to play minor football for the first time easing their pathway next year.

We wish all the U16A's moving onto Minor the best of luck as they leave Juvenile Football



GAA FOR ALL

BBSE Inclusion Group

This year saw the beginning of what we hope is many events and activities for our Inclusion Group.

On Friday 24th September, the club celebrated National Inclusion Fitness Day by welcoming children with special needs to Páirc Uí Mhurchú for a fun evening of games and activities.

The event kicked off with some brilliant dancing with instructor, Natalie. The participants separated into their stations. We had throwing games, penalty kicks and hurling penalties. The groups joined together at the end for some very exciting matches.

Our coaches from both the minor hurling and camogie teams made the stations extremely enjoyable for the participants and it was clear to see that they were enjoying themselves too.

Mick supplied us with ice-cream on the night and with sponsorship from CPD College participants were given t-shirts and medals to remember the evening.



The Inclusion Group was delighted to take part in Sponsor a Spook on Saturday 30th October. With the fantastic help of the U13 girls, the group played some Halloween bowling, kicked some amazing penalties and showed off their spooky dance moves in musical statues. We had a surprise visit from two of our senior football team who joined in the very competitive pumpkin relay race.

We are looking forward to the new year and to new plans to continue to make our club an inclusive place for all.

Please contact us at bodengaainclusionday@gmail.com for more information or if your child would be interested in taking part.



Buíochas le H&K International

The H&K overall club sponsorship of Ballyboden St. Enda's was first launched eleven years ago in 2011 and the support of David and Ann Bobbett and of H&K International has been transformational for the club. Through their very generous sponsorship and provision of a long-term interest-free loan, H&K have enabled us to develop Páirc Uí Mhurchú, build the ball-wall in Sancta Maria and to redevelop the gym as well as to fund multiple 'Lá na gClub' family days, deliver coaching initiatives and support adult and juvenile teams.

Community and youth have always been very important to the Bobbett family, and hopefully, Ballyboden St. Enda's has been a worthy vehicle through which they could channel their support for those causes. We as a club have certainly benefitted from their generosity.

There have been many sporting highs and some lows during the past eleven years, but winning the Club All-Ireland football championship in 2016 was the high point on the field. It was especially unique for David and Ann as their son, Brian, was on the team. We hope that the All-Ireland victory brought great joy to the H&K family.

The formal major sponsorship arrangement ended at the end of 2021, but, on behalf of all of the members of Ballyboden St. Endas who benefitted from H&K's generosity over the past eleven years, we would like to say a huge 'go raibh míle maith agaibh' to David and Ann and to assure them of a perpetual welcome on the Firhouse Road for such fantastic supporters of the club.



Sports Surgery Clinic Partner With Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna

As we commence a new year, we are delighted to announce a new partnership between Ballyboden St. Enda's and Sports Surgery Clinic who will become our overall club sponsor. The Sports Surgery Clinic is a leading international centre for the treatment of orthopaedic, sports and exercise related injuries and enjoys a reputation for the highest quality healthcare and rehabilitation services. SSC is a centre of excellence in joint replacement (hip, knee, shoulder) and sports soft tissue surgery and has in excess of 40 consultants in orthopaedic surgery and allied specialities supported by a team of highly specialised nurses, physiotherapists and other healthcare professionals. You can read more about SSC at <https://sportssurgeryclinic.com>

The connection between Ballyboden and SSC is not new, and many of you will know that one of the leading surgeons in the Clinic, Mr. Ray Moran, is a brother of our late and much-loved former Chairman, Brendan. In addition, many of our club members have already benefitted from the expertise and care provided by SSC and can attest to the quality of their surgical, medical and rehabilitation services. Together with our Strength and Conditioning programme, onsite and pitch-side physiotherapy services provided by Eamon and the Sparc team, Sports Surgery Clinic will contribute greatly to the physical wellbeing of our members. Of course, physical wellbeing is not just about our playing members as I'm sure many of our golfers and siultóirí will avail of SSC's expertise in the coming years.

SSC's sponsorship will be used to further evolve our club player development and welfare initiatives to the benefit of all in the club. Ballyboden and Sports Surgery Clinic share the pursuit of excellence in all of our core and supporting activities, and for this reason, we are confident of developing a mutually beneficial relationship over a long number of years.

We would like to acknowledge the work of Brian Keane, Fiona Roche and Fiachra O'Connor from the SSC team and of Mark Mellett, Sinéad Ryan, Cathal Fitzgerald, Eamon O'Reilly and John Ryan in making this sponsorship a reality – go raibh míle maith agaibh uile.



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Hurling Report

Dave Conway

This year was another overshadowed again by Covid. While for so many people sport, and hurling in particular, is a vital element of their lives, it is far more important to reflect on the impact that Covid has had on our community and our families. Many of us have all lost family members or friends during these past 2 years and we suffered their loss without being able to have our friends close to us when they departed. We would like to thank the players and mentors who were unlucky to encounter Covid either themselves or by being close contacts, for their honesty and commitment to our club and community by withdrawing from games when necessary. Our lives have been changed in so many ways and yet the common denominator of our love of sport has helped us close ranks and support each other in new ways.

While we realise that everyone has their own grief, we would like to mention the loss of a number of 4 stalwarts of our club who passed within the past year or so. Brendan Moran was a former Chairman of the club and filled so many different positions when he was asked. John O'Neill was also a former Chairman and was a wise gentleman to whom you listened when he spoke. Eddie Finn was Eddie. He was Chairman of the Hurling Section for many years and also managed several teams over the years. Denis Kelliher had so many roles in the club over a very long time it would be impossible to list them all. He had a great interest in coaching and was a driver in this area. All four friends contributed hugely to our club over a long period of time. We were very lucky to have known them.

Senior A

It's fair to say that in the end it just wasn't to be for the Ballyboden Senior A hurlers of 2021 but the character, spirit and commitment of this team was undeniable. The team is undergoing a regeneration and it is great to see so many players make their debut at senior level. The league phase of 6 games saw 34 players represent Ballyboden which is really encouraging.

We were short a few lads going into the League Final and were defeated by a strong Na Fianna team. Our championship run was ended by in the quarterfinal by Cuala who beat us in a fantastic battle by 2 points after extra time. Scoreline was 1-27 to 0-28...the same number of scores but they got the major one.



Senior B

Our Senior Bs had a great championship run this year and they were very unlucky to lose out at the semi-final stage to a Castleknock team, managed by our own Emmet Carroll. Scoreline was 2-17 to 1-18...again it was the same number of scores but they got the extra major one!



Junior A

The Juniors A team impressed all through their championship run and capped off the season with a fine victory in a championship that has been eluding Boden for quite a while. Our first title at this level in 21 years was a just reward and we had 6 points to spare over a gallant Clanna Gael Fontenoy team in the final which was played in O'Toole Park.

Tim Sweeney's men brought the title back to the Firhouse Road, for only the 4th time in Boden's 52-year history. "It was a magnificent all-round performance against a tough Clanna Gael side.

We needed every ounce of experience, nuance and fitness and the lads were not found wanting. What a great day! This was a significant win for many reasons....The team was a blend of youth and experience – young players coming out of minor playing with “elder” hurlers, some of whom had played Senior hurling for the club and they managed by some former “greats”.



Congrats to Tim Sweeney and all his background team on this wonderful achievement. The final score was BBSE 0-16 Clanna Gael Fontenoy 0-10.



Junior A Team – County Champions 2021

Back L-R: Rhys McDonnell, Chris Lambert, Ruairi Kirwan, Ben Kelly, Owen Wigglesworth, Joe Maguire, Alan McGrath, Des O' Sullivan, Daniel Nugent, James Enright, Jason Devery, Eoin McKenna, Ruairi Hestor, Neal Farrell
Front L-R: Enda Casham, David Keogh, Darren Lennox, Andy Hand, Jack Kenney, David Gilheany, Hugh O' Sullivan, Luke Mulligan Lynch, Sean O'Donnell, Ronan Sharkey, Daniel O'Riordan, Daire Sweeney

Junior C

The Junior C team only lost out on reaching the Division 6 League Final on the head to head to Civil Service Hurling.

They then reached the final of the Junior C Championship but lost out by 3 points to Lucan on a scoreline of 1-17 to 2-11 in a game played in Lucan.



Junior E

The Junior E team struggled for numbers all year but still managed to finish mid-table in the League and later qualified for the quarter-final of the championship where they lost to a very strong Naomh Mearnog team on a score-line of 2-18 to 1-07.

The big positive was the numbers of players who got playing time as a result of entering an additional team. All players have to be commended for their competitive nature and commitment to each other and their management.



As always the Junior G hurlers played only championship hurling as this group have a serious distain for cold damp weather! This season they had wins against Round Towers of Lusk, Kevins and St.Jude's. They were beaten in the semi final by St.Vincent's. Although no medals were actually won, old bonds continued to be strengthened with old foes.

U21 - County Champions!

The U21 team played in the A Championship. This squad contained several lads who had also won the Junior Championship in November and they ranged from U18s right through to U21.

A county final in December is a great way to shorten the winter and Boden supporters had been looking forward to this U21 final since the shootout against St Jude's in the semi-final a couple of weeks earlier. St Vincent's were the opponents in this title decider scheduled for an afternoon throw-in on 4th December. The CCC had fixed the final for Páirc Naomh Uinsíonn as neutral pitches were not available in the county. A huge Boden following ensured that the away fixture would not hinder our chances.

The sizeable Boden support on the hill seemed content with the first half performance (we led 11 points to 8) and were further encouraged with a bright Boden start to the second half. Vincent's looked a beaten team as Boden extended their lead – but in fairness to Vincent's they fought bravely and the minimum separated the sides as the game entered the final minutes. A Vincent's win looked likely at this stage- There are the moments in a close game that make a difference and quick thinking from Darragh Kenny (with a prompt from manager and dad, Johnny), saw him tap the ball to the unmarked wing-back Hugh O'Sullivan. He moved into space and sent a missile over the Vincent's bar – a very important score that put two between the teams as the clock ticked down. The Vincent's momentum was



Under 21 Team – County Champions 2021

Back row L-R: Cian Hasset, Pierce Christie ,Sean Murphy, Jack Lambert, Conal McGlynn, Peter Gannon, Joe Maguire, Fergal Ryan, Mattie Nolan, Paddy Dunleavy, Ryan O'Dwyer, Cillian Kirwan, Darragh Kenny
Front row L-R: Eoin Behan, Adam Fiske, Eoin Deignan, Sean O'Donnell, Jack Kenny, Mal Codd, Matt Ormsby, John Maguire, Davy Keogh, Hugh O'Sullivan, David Monaghan, Enda Cashman, Rhys McDonald, Kevin Desmond, Luke Mulligan Lynch

broken. A fine score from Christie and the final insurance point from a Ryan free were the last significant actions of this well contested final that saw Boden win the U21 title on a scoreline of Boden 0-18 to St Vincent's 0-14.

Captain Sean O'Donnell was gracious in his victory speech and thanked St Vincent's for a fine match, his team mates for their dedication and the management team for their time and support.

This was a very welcome victory and a first Under 21 title since 2011. A further positive was the involvement of former players in the management set up, a development which only bodes well for the club.



Minor A

Our Minor A team had a fine Championship run but ultimately fell short. We were drawn in a tough group with Raheny, St Vincent's and Cuala. First up was Raheny in PUM which was a memorable game for the lads as it reminded them of the intensity of Division 1 Championship hurling and while we ran out winners on the day, it was no easy day out by any means. Next, away to St Vincent's where we certainly underperformed and were sent packing across the Liffey to contemplate life in general, and more specifically, our next game away to Cuala which was now a knock-out affair. They say that the most important aspect of a defeat is how you react to it, and to their credit, this team reacted in fine fashion by turning in a great display of hurling out in Shanganagh Park to secure a comprehensive victory and home Quarter Final tie against local rivals St Jude's.

On a breezy, and nervy, Sunday morning in October, this team met a very fine and very physical St Jude's team, intent on turning them over. Our performance that day was so satisfying in terms of work rate and smart hurling that we really got a sense of how good we can be, even if we weren't all the way there yet.

The semi-final draw saw us back out to Marino (our 3rd away tie out of 5 games in the championship) to the scene of that round robin defeat in September. Determined not to let St Vincent's have it so easy this time, the team out-did themselves in terms of their performance that day. Their tackling, turnover count, positive striking, team spirit and desire to die for each other had us ahead for the entire match, only for Vinnies (playing their 4th home game of the campaign) to leverage the encouragement from their sizeable support, to convert an equalizing free in the dying minute of normal time. Buoyed by that momentum, they were able to convert a few more in extra time, and sadly for this team, their journey ended. But they kept their best performance by far until the end, and they left it all on the pitch.

Nothing more can be asked, what more can be given?



Minor A Hurlers

Back row (L-R): Conor Casey, Sean Bury, David Gannon, Josh Corcoran, Alex Gavin, Barry McGuire, Leon Kennedy, Mick McDonald, Hugh O'Sullivan (Jt.Capt.), Setanta Sudway, Eoin MacPháidin, Evan Welsh.
Front row (L-R): Rhys McDonnell, Connell McGlynn, Thomas Culleton, Ciarán Kiely, David Keogh (Jt.Capt.), Osin Byrne, Matthew Ormsby, Cian Kelly, Jim Kennedy, John Farrington.

Minor B

The Minor B's had a great year and only lost out in a 3 way tie for a place in the League final. They regrouped for the Minor C Championship and qualified out of a very tough group for a quarter final game against Round Towers and then a semi-final place, away to St Olafs. This was a marvellous game and we prevailed by a single point. The draw was kind to us for Minor C final as we were drawn to play Erins Isle in Ballyboden. Despite a terrific display of skill and determination we came up just short (4 points) against the strong favourites.

These lads did us all proud with their respect and dignity at full time as they congratulated their opponents. It is worth noting that each team they played in the Championship was an A team so well done lads. Unfortunately they will not get to play A next season following the decision of the County Board to move Minor to Under 17, but we can look forward to seeing these lads progress at U19 and U21 before they progress to play Adult hurling.



Minor C

The Minor C team was composed of a mix of minors and U16s and they accredited themselves very well despite struggling for players a lot of the time. For various reasons they only played 2 league games (they won both!).

In the Championship they qualified for the quarter-final but lost out in that game to St. Vincent's (in Marino) on a score of 3-14 to 2-10. Huge credit to the players, and their manager Tom O'Donoghue, who kept plugging away no matter how hard the circumstances.



Brendan Moran Tournament

In early August, we had a Tournament to honour Brendan Moran. We invited three top class teams – from Limerick, Kilkenny, and Antrim.

Dicksboro beat Kilmallock in the game in Sancta Maria to progress to the final. Boden and Loughgiel Shamrocks drew in a high scoring thriller in PUM and in a wonderfully sporting gesture, Loughgiel conceded to allow the host team to play in the final.

As hosts Boden were very appreciative of the gesture and all was set for a feast of hurling the following day. Loughgiel took the spoils in the Shield Final. With a youthful Boden side lining out against a seasoned Dicksboro side, it was always going to be “a big ask” to deliver the silverware in the Cup Final.

The Kilkenny side powered into an early lead, but Boden continued to keep in touch with some excellent teamwork and just lost out in the last quarter to a fine Dicksboro team.

Brendan Moran would have been proud as Vinny Moran presented the cup to the Dicksboro captain, Tom Kenny.



A highlight of the year off the pitch was our Virtual Treasure Hunt. It was a novel venture made necessary by Covid restrictions. The response from the Boden Community was not a surprise.....over 40 teams participated from the comfort of their homes, making their way virtually around the Boden catchment area. Well done to the organisers. Unfortunately, social events were not possible and we look forward with hope in the expectation of some “normal” social activity in 2022.

The manner in which all players represented the club throughout the year must be commended. Equally so, the committee of the Hurling Section cannot express our gratitude enough to all Managers, Coaches,



Selectors and backroom staff for your dedication and commitment to Boden Hurling. Thank you all for the excellent work done throughout the year and for setting and maintaining such a high standard of professionalism.

Of course behind, or more-so beside every Section in OUR CLUB are our loyal and hugely supportive members. Without your generous support, financially and with your time and efforts, we could not help our teams to be the best they can be. Thanks to you all for being with us so far.

Boden Abú.

The Academy

Report by Dónal Woodcock



For most of our juvenile boys and girls, their Boden adventure starts in the academy. Despite Covid the academy continues to flourish with queues the length of the car park in September as our future stars lined up to register for the new season. 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 2015 boys & girls to join the 2014 children for training on a Saturday.

In the Spring, the 2013 & 2014 boys and girls completed their 20/21 season, and it is great to report that they have all come back for more. The 2013 boys and girls have been training away in the last few months of the year, improving their skills in preparation for the start of Go Games in February 2022. 2021 has seen some big changes in the academy,

In April After 19 years of coaching and in recent years as Director of Coaching in Ballyboden St Enda's, Brian O'Regan decided to take a sidestep from his role in Ballyboden to pursue a new career.

In June, one of our long-standing Academy Coordinators, Mary Hyland, hung up her clipboard after 15 years presence in the Academy on a Saturday morning, most especially in St Enda's Park, the Hermitage. In October, Paul McLoughlin our games promotion officer for the last 16 years and the key cog in the efficient running of our academies also decided it was time to pursue a new career. Fortunately for all, he has left the academy in good stead with the meticulous plans for every session you can imagine. All three have been a welcoming face for hundreds of young girls & boys coming into the club for the first time, ensuring they were looked after to the highest standard.

The coordination of all the academy 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; Padraic Doyle, Tim Sweeney



and Aidan Dundon in the Hermitage, Karen Straiton and Seamus Vaughan in Ballycullen and Chris Judge, Alan Ryan and Paudie O'Keefe in Cherryfield. Also, a big thankyou to Aisling Brennan and Joey Marrinan who are looking after the 2013 girls as they prepare for Go-Games and Richie Sweetnam and Andrew Jackson who have taken charge of the 2013 boys

A big thanks to our sponsors TJ O'Mahony.

Finally, the biggest thanks go 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. Also a big Bualadh Bos 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.

Here's looking forward to a healthy and fun filled 2022 for Ballyboden's Academy!!



Coaching & Games Executive Report

As we all know, 2021 didn't turn out as we would have hoped, but nevertheless many of our standard Coaching & Games Courses took place, albeit through online channels more so than face to face.

In February & March a full review of our Juvenile and Adult Mentors coaching qualifications allowed us to plan ahead to directly assist those mentors who needed to update their qualifications. During March & April three Child Safeguarding 1 courses took place online with over 50 mentors updating their child safeguarding status.

On the resumption of outdoor workshops, 3 Foundation Award Course Practical's were held in June for all those new mentors that completed the Online element in Autumn 2020 and Spring 2021. Over 60 Academy and U9-U12 Mentors completed the practical's with excellent contributions from everyone involved. Having already completed their Child Safeguarding and Garda Vetting, this now meant the coaches were well equipped to help the develop the young players they look after.

In September, following the great response from our new Academy parents, over 50 new Mentors volunteered to become involved in coaching and mentoring with Ballyboden. A Coaching Workshop attended by nearly 40 of these coaches was held in late September, which introduced the new parents to the Skills, Games and Coaching methods they would need to begin their mentoring journey in the club. With such enthusiasm being shown, the future is surely bright for the children they will be mentoring.

The ongoing development of our Mentors coaching qualifications is a vital element in helping develop our players to the best of their ability. Mentors being properly resourced and given all the support they require is essential, and coaches continuing their development through Award 1 & Award 2 courses, as well as completing practical workshops and online seminars, is a key priority for the club.

In October I finished up as Games Promotions Officer with the club after 16 years in the role. Those years have flown by, no doubt a reflection on how enjoyable and busy each season was. Since 2005, to be given the responsibility to mentor hundreds of coaches, to coach thousands of kids, and to help in some way shape coaching development within the club, has been an enviable position to be given. Delivering Foundation Award Courses, Award 1 courses, Child Safeguarding Workshops, and Club Coaching Workshops meant that I got to personally know all new mentors within the club. Many of these mentors have gone on to become great friends. Being given the most enjoyable position of overseeing the Academy, Summer Camps, Easter School of Excellent Camps, and Schools Coaching Programs, meant that I got to know most of the children in the community down through the years, many of whom have gone on to become club players and coaches in Ballyboden.

There are far too many people that I have shared these experiences with that I can begin to thank, but I'm sure they know who they are. One person who I must thank and who I have worked side by side with through all the above, has been Brian O'Regan. Brian's knowledge and experience of all things GAA and Coaching related, is something which I haven't known any other person to have. He has an in-depth understanding of most any subject within the GAA. Many people said that we were like a married couple by times, given that we never stopped arguing, but one thing is for sure we always agreed on what we were working towards. We shared the same principles, and were lucky enough to be involved in some great times within the club. Following Brian's departure earlier in the year, a new chapter in the Coaching & Games Development within the club will now start.

I would like to wish the next Games Promotions Officer, and Coach & Player Development Officer, all the best in their roles, and hope that they have as enjoyable and fulfilling experience, as I have had in the Club.

Paul McLoughlin



Summer Camp 2021

Paul McLoughlin



Great credit for the continued success of the Summer Camp goes to all our young coaches who work at the camp and who make it their priority to help the children have the best experience possible! Over 65 young coaches were employed over the summer, all fully qualified, and all dedicated club members, and players. Huge credit also to our two camp Coordinators, Padraic Doyle and Ciara Woodcock whose professionalism and ability to work on their own initiative made the camp run smoother than ever.

In yet another year where children’s normal routines were severely interrupted, the summer camp provided a much needed outlet for the kids to have as normal a summer as possible!

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 who once again went over and above in supporting the camp. Thanks also to Paul Callaghan of Callus Ltd, who has been suppling our Camp Kits, Jerseys, Training Tops and Bags for nearly 20 years. The quality and service are as ever second to none.

This year was my 17th Summer Camp with Ballyboden, and unfortunately my last, after finishing up as Club GPO. For Brian O’Regan who finished as Coaching Director before the Summer, it was many more years involved in the camp. It was one of the most enjoyable and rewarding parts of the year, and was something that both myself and Brian always looked forward to, regardless of the workload involved. The camp is where children create long lasting positive experiences within the club, and I can truly say some of the best memories I have, are from my time in charge of the camp.

I wish the next Club GPO and Coaching Officer all the best with the Camp and I’m sure all the young children are looking forward to another great Summer in 2022!!

Certainly, as we finished out Summer Camp 2020, we all presumed we would be in a different place in 2021 and that covid might not be an issue anymore! Unfortunately, as we all know that didn’t happen, but nevertheless, this did not take from the enjoyment and success of Camp 2021.

After an eventful online registration process for the camp, where due to the phenomenal demand, all weeks of the camp sold out in under an hour, the main priority was to go about making the camp as safe and enjoyable for all the children taking part.

With over 200 children in attendance each week, Ballyboden St Enda’s Summer Camp continues to be the biggest, and thanks to the great coaches involved, it also continues to be the best camp in the country! The camp allows young children aged 5-12 years old to get out in the ‘fine weather’, meet their friends, make new friends, improve their sporting ability, and have a great time all in a fun and safe environment. This year every child that attended the camp received the much sought after new style Training Top, Training Jersey, & Bag.



Schools Report

Paul McLoughlin

The club would like to thank all our local schools for their support during the year, and for their ongoing promotion of GAA in these challenging times.

A full program of Primary Schools Coaching took place from April to June when the schools returned, and for many children it was their first time resuming any type of organized sports since the pandemic began. The enthusiasm among the children to get out, be active and to learn new skills was a joy to see and carried on into the resumption of club activity in April.

Our TY GAA Coaching Program has been dealing with a stop start situation over the last year or so, but I have no doubt that on the resumption of normal coaching support, the great work being done by GAA Skills coordinator Shane O’Brien and TY Coordinator Trisha Walsh, will be extended for all the young coaches involved in the program.

On a personal note, I would like to thank immensely all our local schools for allowing the club to be a part of their school curriculum for so many years. Myself and Brian O’Regan had the privileged position of being able to coach hundreds of local children each week, and to help introduce them to Gaelic Games and to try and promote a life long love of the sports, and of Ballyboden.

I have had the pleasure of working with many principals and teachers over the last 16 years, far too many to thank here, but who always gave their full support to GAA and to Ballyboden St Enda’s. The club is extremely fortunate to have such great schools in our community, and that our young club players love for GAA is being nurtured in a positive environment.

I have no doubt that the next Games Promotions Officer will receive as much a of a welcome as I did and will be allowed help shape the next generation of players in Ballyboden!



Membership 2021

2021 was another busy year on the membership front. We fielded 187 teams overall, a great tribute to all involved across all codes & ages. We increased our membership by more than 200 this year, a terrific achievement in these Covid times. The culture of every member being conscious of the necessity to pay their membership resulted in the Club achieving close to 100% compliance. This is only possible due to the hard work across all sections, special mention to John Small, Jack Nolan, Deborah Heavey & George O’Shea. The co-operation of all mentors & coaches is hugely appreciated.

	2019	2020	2021
Total adults	1025	1091	1158
Total students	256	295	302
Total Minor	165	188	207
Total Juvenile	1346	1351	1,406
Total OAP’s	126	105	133
Total overseas	3	1	1
Total PAID membership	2921	3031	3,179
Academy membership	560	570	604
TOTAL PAID MEMBERS	3,481	3,601	3,809

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Football Report

John Madden

Each New Year usually brings a hive of activity with teams and managers setting out their plans for the months ahead. However, due to government restrictions following an exceptional rise in Covid-19 infection rates throughout the community, all Inter-County and club games including training were cancelled nation-wide.

In May, came the shock announcement that the club coach and Director of Coaching Brian O'Regan was leaving his position after 19 years at the helm. He had the distinction of successfully coaching all four codes to county titles. He was known to young and old and had a great handle on all club activities. He will be sadly missed. The football section wishes Brian and his family every success in his new endeavours. Around the same time in May thankfully players were allowed to commence training again in pods. Like last year there was great enthusiasm and large numbers of players made themselves available for training. League matches subsequently commenced in June. Water breaks which were introduced last year remained in situ for 2021.

The highlight of the year were the winning of the delayed Minor A Championship from 2020. This was followed a week later when the 2021 Minor A team won the league. The Junior A team won the AFL Division 6. Our Junior B team were beaten by the narrowest of margins in the Junior 3 All county championship.

Senior Football

With Brian O'Regan vacating the Director of Coaching role in the club, Ronan Quinn the former Leixlip and Kildare county player and selector joined the senior football management team under Anthony Rainbow. Ronan was most recently manager of the Clogherinkoe Intermediate Football Team who won the 2020 Kildare Intermediate Championship.



The football league commenced in June and Ballyboden were joined by Kilmacud Crokes, St Judes, Lucan Sarsfields, Thomas Davis, Ballinteer St John's, Cuala and Castleknock in a southside league. Whilst Ballyboden were unbeaten in their seven league games they were pipped by Kilmacud whom they had defeated in the group game as league winners. The campaign included three draws against Ballinteer St John's, Lucan and St Jude's.

The championship commenced in September. Ballyboden were drawn against Raheny, Na Fianna and Whitehall Colmcille's. The first round resulted in a solid win against Na Fianna as Ballyboden won by 1-14 to 0-14. The second match against Raheny resulted in a convincing win for Ballyboden by 15 points. However, an unfortunate error whereby Ballyboden played six substitutes meant the game had to be replayed on the direction of the CCC. The replay resulted in a draw, Ballyboden 2-9 Raheny 1-12. The final group game was against Whitehall Colmcille's. A strong win by 10 points meant Ballyboden topped the group and went on to meet Castleknock in the quarter final. Ballyboden comfortably negotiated this hurdle on a score of 2-17 to 1-11. Ballyboden were then drawn against old adversaries Kilmacud Crokes in the championship semi-final. On the day Kilmacud were the stronger team and defeated Ballyboden by 1-15 to 1-8. Ballyboden were missing senior players as Robbie McDaid was injured and Michael Darragh MacAuley was away. Notwithstanding this all concerned will have been disappointed with the performance. A number of young players got game time as Harry Donaghy became a regular starter. Ryan O'Dwyer and Harry Colclough also got game time.

The championship semi-final against Kilmacud marked the end of Anthony Rainbow's stint as manager. The highlights were the County and Leinster championship wins of 2019. Anthony was a very popular figure around Ballyboden and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours.



Intermediate Team

The Intermediate team continued to show good form under their management team of Dónal Monahan, Wally Durkin, Dáire Walsh, Mick Maher and Martin Murphy. The team played in the All County Intermediate championship and AFL 3 South. They were very competitive and the value of gym and zoom sessions was clearly evident. The teams in the group included St Marys Saggart, St Finians, Clanna Gael –Fontenoy, St Patricks Palmerstown, St Peregrines, St Jude's and Good Counsel /Liffey Gaels. The team finished second in the league with four wins and three losses.

The first championship match was away to Ballymun. This match ended on a score line of 1-13 each. In the next match they played St Jude's winning comfortably by 2-9 to 0-6. They followed this with an impressive home win against Lucan Sarsfield's inning by 3-17 to 1-13. In the quarter final Ballyboden were defeated by Thomas Davis courtesy of a controversial last minute penalty. The final score was Ballyboden 2-4 – Thomas Davis 1-9. This panel of players developed and progressed over the course of the condensed season, so much so that that all familiar and associated with the team were disappointed that they did not feature as final contenders for a championship title.



Panel- Mark McNamee, Stephen McGrath, Josh Keane, Jack Lambert, Fionn Maguire, Conor Hanrahan, Scott Cullen, Karl Reddy, Keith Sweeney, Sam Lally, Eoghan Gannon, Josh Hayes, Oisín Carolan, John Murphy, Eoin Behan, David Leach, Tommy Burke, Neil Hester, Rob Cullen, Conor Lowe, Daragh Kilduff, Mark Walsh, Collie Dunne, Enda Cashman, Dillon Ward, Ruairi Kirwin, Evan Flanagan, Malachy Codd, Harry Colclough, Ciaran Archbold, Luke Byrne, Mikey Dunne, Barra McGarry, Emmet Doogan, Eoghan Monahan, John McGinn.



Junior A Team

The Junior A team were again under the management of Tony Duffy, Richie Connell, Declan Maguire and Tadhg Cashman. Once the go ahead for training came significant numbers of players made themselves available. The team played in Division 6 South which included Lucan, St Judes, Civil Service, St Anne's, Kilmacud Crokes, Wanderers and Bank of Ireland. Ballyboden won all seven group games and went on to narrowly defeat Fingal Ravens after extra time in a thrilling finish to the league final by 1-10 to 1-9. This first Junior A league win in recent years provided great entertainment and a welcome diversion to all.

In the championship Ballyboden were paired with Clontarf, Templeogue Synge Street and St Brigid's. They defeated St Brigid's and lost out to Clontarf and Templeogue Synge Street, two higher ranking teams. This team showed solid improvement throughout the year especially in their skill execution and decisions under pressure. We look forward to continued improvement in 2022.



Junior B Team

The Junior B Football team were led by Dónal Griffin accompanied by Paul Dolan, Keith O'Donnell and David O'Donnell. Shane Brooks joined as team coach and was enthusiastically welcomed by the panel. The team finished mid table in the league. A significant number of players were absent for league matches as they took advantage of holidays becoming available post lockdown.

The championship began in September. A well-tanned team topped the group following wins over Garda, Kilmacud Crokes and Ballinteer St John's. The quarter final was against Castleknock. The team strengthened by the return of Ciarán Doyle and Cormac Smith from the Dublin masters panel. In the end, Ballyboden had four points to spare. The semi-final against Clontarf was played in front of a large crowd in the Sancta Maria grass pitch. Ballyboden won on a scoreline of 5-13 to 0-13.

The final was away to St Patricks of Donabate. In a very tight match Ballyboden were unlucky to go under by the narrowest of margins on a score line of 1-8 to 1-7. Hopefully next year this team can negotiate the final hurdle.



Junior C Team

Mark Brady and Jim Dwyer took charge of the new Junior C team. The team was comprised largely of Minor B and C players from last year. They were competitive in three league matches.

Junior D Team

Cathal O'Toole took charge once again of the Junior D team assisted by Eoin O'Riordan. They oversaw the introduction of Minor B and C footballers to adult football for the first time. The team joined the C group for training sessions. Positivity was rewarded and players were only asked to do their best. This resulted in a number of players returning to the fold for the first time in a few years. Susan Creed's light bites at the intervals went down very well and was the envy of all opposition teams.



Minor A Team 2021

The 2021 team came under the exciting new management team of Eamon O'Reilly, Darren O'Reilly, Damian Coleman, Paul McLoughlin and Andrew Kerin. Following their appointment Eamon and his team hit the ground running and carried out terrific work with all minor players. The players participated in weekly zoom training sessions, relating to strength and conditioning, injury prevention and nutrition. After 4 wins and 1 loss (fielding an understrength team) they qualified for the league final and went on to defeat St Sylvester's by 0-12 to 0-10 in a tactical encounter. For many of the players this was their second trophy won in a week having earlier played in the 2020 championship winning team. In the championship that followed Ballyboden had good wins against Na Fianna, St Judes and Cuala before losing out to Skerries Harps at the quarter final stage. Overall, the team developed well and all associated with them were disappointed they did not go on to contest a semi-final or final.



Minors end 10 (well, 11) year wait for the Championship - Gizmo Reports on a great journey

Omens: there were several omens hanging over this fixture which may give you reason to profess that the result was written in the stars.

1. Mentor and forwards coach Andy Kerrin, was part of the 1998 MFC winning team, when the final was not played until 1999.
2. The last time Boden lifted the Fitzgerald Cup was in 2010, the final was also not played until the following year.
3. The captain of the 2010 team, has a cousin playing with this current team.
4. 18th August 2021 is World Beer Day, and everyone knows that mentor Maguire all too frequently worships at the altar of Arthur Guinness...

So, for believers in Fate, the universe was realigning around the Firhouse road.

Tough Start: The game started at a ferocious pace. Each team traded points in the opening 7 minutes, the pick of the bunch coming from Kenny off his left peg. Byrne and Keane were creating havoc within the Ballinteer defence and they carved out a 1 on 1 that saw the Ballinteer net minder produce a fantastic save. However Ballinteer netted the opening goal and went to the water break 4 points ahead.

Comeback: Early Q2 frees from O'Dwyer and Byrne set the tone for the next 15 mins. Constant pressure from midfield duo of Colclough and McDonald, ably assisted by the industrious Behan, led to a defensive mix up which was pounced on by Byrne, as he palmed the ball into the net. The noise from the travelling support could be heard back in Knocklyon and visibly lifted the team. "There is a lot to be said for that 16th man tripe, there may actually be something in it", said rotund water boy Declan Maguire, "We stuck on 1-4 and restricted Ballinteer to just 2 points".

Turning Point: Leading by a solitary point entering the 2nd half, 3 quick fire Ballinteer points had them back in the driving seat by two. The half back line of O'Sullivan, Donaghy and Gavin decided to carry the ball into the forwards. One of these lung bursting runs, set up O'Dwyer to neatly finish into the Ballinteer net. The resulting forward press saw multiple turnovers and kick out errors, one of which fell to young Keane, who coolly placed the ball beyond the 'keeper's reach. The crowd went wild.

Finish the job: With a 6 point lead going into Q4, Boden didn't sit back, they went for the jugular. Like a Springer Spaniel on the 1st November, Sweeney and Keogh smelt blood and terrorised the BSJ defence. Their only answer was to concede free after free. Wing back Gavin found himself in the 'Butter Zone' late on and dropped like a shot seagull when he was hacked to the ground by the Ballinteer keeper. The resultant penalty was dispatched by Byrne and that put the game beyond doubt. The introduction of Hassett, O'Halloran and McGlynn added to Ballinteers woes, as the fresh legs and footballing cuteness allowed Boden to keep the ball and only make line breaking runs when necessary. This was enough to see out the game and collect the crown of Minor A Football Champions.

Reflection: As the lights began to dim around Parnell Park, it gave this hack time to look back on the journey, covering the trials and tribulations of this group of players. The wins, the losses, the expectations, the realities, the smiles, the tears, the hard training, the lashing rain, the freezing cold, the glorious sunshine, the fights, the feuds, the laughs and the craic. Only then did it dawn on me.....it actually wouldn't have mattered had we lost the game tonight, because 26 babies in 2002 have become fine respectful, fun-loving gentlemen that are an absolute credit to their families and to their club. And that, in itself, is the real big prize. **Final score: BBSE 4-12 Ballinteer 2-11**



The 2020 Minor Championship Winning Squad

Eoin Donne, Luke Mulligan-Lynch, Joe Maguire, Eoghan Gannon, Hugh O'Sullivan, Harry Donaghy, Alex Gavin, Harry Colclough, Michael McDonald, Eoin Behan, Ryan O'Dwyer, Daragh Kenny, David Keogh, Luke Byrne, David Keane, Daire Sweeney, Conall McGlynn. Richard O' Halloran, Cian Hassett, Kevin Hickey, David Monahan, Evan Welsh, Daniel Lynch, Oislin Byrne, Leon Kennedy, Ciaran Duggan, Barry McGuire



Minor B Team

The Minor B footballers provided thrills and excitement to all connected as they grew into a formidable outfit, who signed off the year with the very strong feeling of..... what if??

First League match was Crokes. After a bright start, the greater cohesiveness of the opposition told and they ran out narrow winners. This put the boys on the back foot and they knew there was an uphill climb from there. As training went on, the lads started to find their voice amongst each other and grow into a unit. This improvement saw the lads reel off wins against Round Towers (C), St Marys, Naomh Olafs & Cuala. However, a one point loss to a very good Peregrines team meant we were destined to finish second.

Onwards to the Championship. First up again was Peregrines and again we came out the wrong side of a tight match but aided by great sessions on the Grunty/ Prunty, the team got very much into championship mode. Tight away wins in Maurs and Cuala ensured a quarter final berth. Again, this was away, to Naomh Mearnógs. This team doesn't do easy. In what was the performance of the year and after trailing for most of the match, Boden came out 1 point winners. The semi-final ended in defeat, as we came up against a crack Fingal Ravens unit, who would go on to win the final. Many thanks to all for what was a successful season for the Team. Neil for the gym sessions, our fellow minor mentors, but most of all to the players that showed their one club mentality and all of them grew and matured into a great bunch of lads who soldiered and, most importantly of all, laughed together.

Minor C and D Football

The Minor C and D football teams were looked after by Eoin o Riordan, Sean Mc Garvey and Tom o' Donoghue. When football resumed in May it became apparent for a wide variety of reasons that it would be difficult to field strong teams. The long gap coupled with leaving certificate exams, leaving certificate holidays, sporadic covid outbreaks and long term injury proved challenging for mentors. The teams offered an opportunity to players graduating from under 16 to continue playing football. In most cases they played against strong second teams from other clubs. Whilst they lost around 60% of their games it afforded payers an opportunity to train and improve on their core skills.

Under 21A Football

The Under 21A team was managed by Tony Duffy, Liam Carter, Richie Connell and Tadhg Cashman. The campaign began in St Anne's Park on 13/11/21. Clontarf got off to a great start and went 6 points up. A missed penalty stalled Boden's comeback and they entered the half time break 7 points down. Ballyboden started the second half in a determined fashion and worked tirelessly to reduce the margin. They were driven on by a large number of followers and went on to win by the narrowest of margins. The final score was 1-16 to 2-12. On the 28/11/21 Ballyboden travelled to Skerries for the semi-final. In near Baltic conditions, Ballyboden played with a strong wind in the first half to lead at halftime by 0-5 to 0-2. In the second half the physically stronger Skerries team eventually overcame Ballyboden on a final score line of 0-9 to 0-5.

Under 21B Football

Donal Griffin took charge of the under 21B Football team. They got a bye in the first round and were away to Kilmacud Crokes in the semi-final. They put in a good performance in cold conditions but were on the back foot following three first half goals for Kilmacud. The final score was 0-11 to 4-5.



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Juvenile Boys Report

Eamonn Gormley

U9 Football & Hurling

The boys, coaches and parents were delighted to eventually get back to training for hurling and football in April 2021. This year we have had 20 coaches and 103 boys participating, with the majority playing both football and hurling. Due to our great numbers, we were delighted to have three groups this year, (Blues, Greens & Yellows) which meant nine teams participating in the Go-Games for both codes. We played 15 different rounds of Go-Games throughout the year where the boys displayed excellent skills with lots of great teamwork on show.

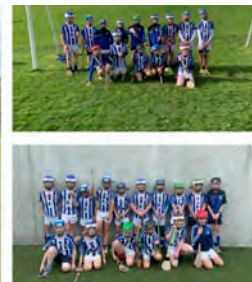


U10 Football



The 2011 Boys started their U10 Football year on 30th of April 2021. 25 coaches and 94 boys and coaches assembled at Sancta Maria for an eagerly anticipated return to play. Go-Games matches resumed on Saturday 12th of June and continued through the summer until a break on a scorching Saturday in mid-July (17th) where Yellows took on St Judes with an excellent display of skill. The ever-popular Christmas Fun Day wrapped up activities on Dec 4th. We welcomed a number of new boys to the group who all integrated seamlessly into the teams.

U10 Hurling



2021 saw our 2011 Boys finally get a decent run of hurling Go-Games, after the Covid interrupted season of last year. All three coloured groups played a mixture of home and away games against teams from throughout Dublin. Results were mixed but the boys performances constantly improved throughout the year and having the experience of a full year of matches will stand to them next year. It was great for all the mentors involved to see their hard work in training pay off with a noticeable improvement in the boys skill levels with their striking, catching, hooking and blocking greatly improving throughout the year.

U11 Football

At the start of April word came through that we could go back training late April and so it began. It was great to see happy faces arriving every Wednesday evening for training and even happier faces leaving. We had strong attendance from kids and coaches alike, and parents taking the time to catch up with friends on the side-lines. Our numbers are strong this year with approximately 90 boys participating. Games commenced in June, and we got to play three competitive matches before the summer break. Matches started back again late August and we got to play six more competitive games where you could see all the training over the summer paid off. Thanks to all the coaches and covid supervisors who helped out all year, and the parents for supporting the boys.

U11 Hurling

We returned to hurling matches on the bank holiday Monday in June playing against Kilmacud Crokes. We played some fantastic matches over the course of the summer. Our teams, Clare and Tipperary, would hurl until near darkness replicating those days of the late 90's between both counties which were full of great skill, excitement and fun. Our playing numbers remained very strong throughout the year, with 75 hurlers playing currently. As we moved towards Autumn we prepared for a Feile Iomana in Cherryfield. We invited Naas, Faughs and Na Fianna and had 180 boys playing hurling that day. It was great to renew friendships with coaches and players from these clubs. Thanks to all the coaches who gave their time to U11 hurling this year- all have worked hard this season to ensure players enjoy their training and games.



U12 Football & Hurling

In April the super Ballyboden players and mentors began our 2009 Boys journey together with the focus on fun, enjoyment, and pride in representing our club. This year's journey focused on the development of 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 skill with great gusto and endeavor throughout the year, with tough and resilient performances during all their Go Games played. It has been an absolute pleasure for all the mentors to have been involved this year with the boys.



U13 Football

Not unlike 2020 the start of the season was regrettably delayed, however, come May it was a case of hands on deck as we burst into action again. While recognising that matches would be great for the boys, our key focus from the outset remained on advancing the boys individual development of the fundamentals of Gaelic football and their on-field decision-making through our small side, game-based training model.

At the core of our philosophy is player first and team development second. Furthermore, our coaching philosophy is built around constantly rotating the boys through the various panels to give them the opportunity to play with the teams above and below their competitive level, while building strength and depth for the years ahead. The coaches remain committed to the creation of a positive environment, where every boy gets to play at their competitive level, has the opportunity to display their own unique talents for themselves and the teams they play with, all the while having fun wearing the BBSE jersey.



U13 Hurling

The U13 boys had another great year, playing for the first time in the hurling grading league structures. We had three teams playing at various levels and all teams had super performances during the year, finishing in the top half and even getting a first place in division 1. There were limited opportunities to bring the group away on trips this year, but we did host Davy Fitz club, Sixmilebridge, in Cherryfield, and it was a great morning with two competitive games ending in net plus for Ballyboden.

We finished the year on a joint football and hurling Xmas Orienteering challenge where we had 60 boys running around three rock mountain, answering questions, and eating take-away pizzas.

A big thanks to all the coaches and the covid representatives this year for their dedication and hard work.



U14 Football

Following a delayed start to the season, the U14 Boys got their campaign off the ground at the end of June.

With 82 boys in regular training they were ready for their qualifying games among four teams across Divisions 1, 5, 8 and 12. The four teams battled hard throughout the qualifying Group stages and continued the good form into their Cup games. In what was a season of great competition, the U14A team came out at the top of their Group only to face tougher competition in their Cup games.

In early November the boys capped off a memorable season with a convincing victory over the old rivals Kilmacud Crokes with a final score of 1:11 to 0:7. After a successful campaign the team was crowned U14 Dublin County Champions

We are delighted to have close to 30 boys competing for places on the first team with another c. 50 pushing up through the ranks. Keep up the good work boys! We have further exciting challenges ahead in 2022.

A special thanks to all the coaches for their hard work throughout the year.



U14 Hurling

The year began with the now nearly normal routine of a restricted games & training programs held under Covid guidelines that encompassed Return to Play protocols, reduced POD sizes, hand sanitizer and much more. When matches were allowed, the first Team started really well and enjoyed some great performances before the summer break. The second team had a mixed start but performed well by late summer. One of the undoubted successes of the season was the number of players who got to play Division 1 league hurling, by the end of the league approximately 35 boys played for Team 1.

We reached the county final of the Divisions 1 and 6; a tremendous achievement for the players and coaches. Team 2 were drawn away to O Dwyer's while Team 1 were matched against Kilmacud Crokes. First into action was Team 2 who recorded a nine point win on score line of 6-3 to 2-6 much to the delight of their coaches. Team 1 got off to a flying start against Crokes in the Division 1 final, with early scores settling the team.



Both Teams were hurling really well, but a late free from Crokes levelled the game and brought it to extra time. Boden scored two goals in the first period of extra time settling the result on 3-13 to 0-16 in Boden's favour.

The boys are a credit to the club and to their families. We are also fortunate to have some new boys join the Group and hope to recruit a few more with the intention of fielding three teams in 2022!

Many thanks to our coaches, although relatively small in number, they are big in effort and enthusiasm.

U15 Football

League matches commenced in late June with four teams playing against Na Fianna, St Maurs, Cuala A and B teams. This set the scene for the next eight weeks in what was a very crowded calendar. Matches were won and lost, but all of our four teams remained competitive in their respective divisions. The league stage finished during the last weekend of August with all four teams in with a chance of Féile honours.

September heralded the beginning of the delayed Féile 2020/2021 Football championship with four teams in action. It is testament to the commitment of the squad that almost every boy, bar those carrying injuries, lined out to play. To go on and win all four matches was an incredible achievement by any standards. There were mixed fortunes in the second round football two wins out of four. During the final rounds of the competition, our A team narrowly lost to St Vincent's A while the D team were also beaten by St Sylvesters. Victories for the B and C team put them into Division 5 and Division 7 Féile 2020/21 finals in early November. On match day, unfortunately it was not to be as both teams came out at the wrong end of tough competitive finals against Parnells and Scoil Uí Chonaill, respectively. Heartbreak for our boys knowing that they had put on the greatest performances of their football lives in the toughest, most competitive, matches they had played.



U15 Hurling

After the disappointment of the previous year's cancellation of the U14 Féile 2020 competitions, the U15 boys looked forward with renewed determination to play a full season of hurling. Following weeks of intense training the first league matches were played in mid-June, with both A and B teams recording comfortable wins against Lucan Sarsfields and Bohernabreena St Columbas, respectively. Over the following weeks the lads continued to put in great performances against top teams from Kilmacud Crokes, Cuala, St Vincent's and St Finians.

Having been suspended in deep freeze for almost 12 months the Féile 2021 competition finally started in September. Both A and B teams put in great performances recording victories over Castleknock and Erin's Isle. In the second round, the B team were defeated by St Finians while A team put in a tremendous effort to win over Kilmacud Crokes. In two very competitive matches both teams lost in the final round against Castleknock A and Ros Lusca (a combined team from Rush and Lusk), bringing their Féile 2020/21 championship journey to an end. A sad finale for our boys to a brilliant hurling Féile competition, but they will only get stronger when they return to U16 competition next year. The coaches would like to extend sincere thanks to all the boys for their effort, commitment and positive attitude throughout the season.

Away from the Féile matches there was no shortage of activities and achievements for all of the hurling and football boys. Six players from each code were selected to train with the



respective Dublin U15 development squads. In preparation for the Féile football final, the U15B boys team visited the Drimnagh Boxing Club for an intensive workout with Michael Carruth, Olympic boxing gold medallist for Ireland at the Barcelona Olympics (1992).

At season's end the football A team were winners of an inaugural tournament hosted by Scotstown GAA (Monaghan), beating Donegal U15 Champions from Gweedore, Monaghan U15 Champions from Scotstown and St Vincent's (Dublin) along the way. In the late summer the coaches started a weekly strength conditioning course for all the boys. The coaches want to thank all the boys for their efforts, passion and commitment throughout the extended Féile competition.



U16 Football

After a year of stop-start action, it was a relief for the U16A boys to finally get back on the field of play and they started their league campaign with a bang, with a good wins against Erins Isle and St Pats of Donabate. Defeats to Kilmacud Crokes and Lucan saw Ballyboden finish a comfortable joint 3rd in Division 1. For the Championship, Boden found themselves in a group with Kilmacud, Templeogue and Clontarf. Boden's challenge ended with a four point defeat against Clontarf in which those present fought to a standstill. Into the Shield and a two point win against St Sylvesters put Boden up against Erins Isle at Beneavin where the season finally ended with a two point defeat.



The U16B football team had a tough but enjoyable year in Division 4. While results over the course of the year didn't result in many victories, the group developed massively over the year with guys standing up to be counted on a regular basis. The year was also challenging for our U16C football team. They played five matches in the Division 9 and six matches in the F championship, their final match at PUM. They didn't concede any of their matches and fielded a slightly different team in each match. They were the only C team in the U16 football championship.



A big thank you to Podge Kearney for some excellent warmups, through the year. Also, a sincere thank you to the current U15 boys and their coaches, because without their help and support we wouldn't have been able to field a team. Wishing a great bunch of lads, the best of luck, as they start their Senior football careers, their future looks bright they'll have to wear shades!

U16 Hurling

For our U16A hurlers, 2021 was a year of consolidation during which they came together nicely with three Bs moving up to join the As, and as a group they certainly emerged significantly stronger. The league campaign in the summer was beset by injuries, a covid outbreak in early August necessitating a complete shutdown of all activity, and the inevitable holidays. Nevertheless, a good start in a downpour against Castleknock in Somerton showed the promise from this group. Despite some poor results during holiday season a creditable draw against Erin's Isle on a very tight pitch in Beneavin saw them finishing mid-table in the league and improving as a group with every outing.

On to the Championship and an opening match against a very strong Kilmacud team at Sancta Maria saw Boden go down fighting against the eventual Championship winners. Undaunted by the loss, the boys then put in a very strong showing against Castleknock at Porterstown, which they followed with a resounding victory against Erin's Isle in determined show of strength in Páirc Uí Mhurchu. An epic quarter final encounter away to Cuala in Shanganagh saw Boden dictate the play and lead all the way to the final minutes when a goal off a stray hurl put Cuala ahead for the first time, and an ice cool free with the last puck of the game brought the game to extra time. Unfortunately though, it was not to be, and the eventual loss was definitely a case of 'what might have been': this was a game and a Championship that the Boden lads deserved so much more from.



U16 B / C Hurling

The team had a challenging year. Due to adjustments on player availability, the U16 B and C team were combined, which resulted in them playing in a league Division that was probably just beyond their standard. Attendance at training and games was high through the year the large majority have signed up to go again next year at U17. The groups showed great heart and commitment to keep going this year and regardless of the results, dusted themselves off and went again. A top group of players who gave their all.



The inaugural Knocklyon GOAL Mile took place on December 25th with the help of a number of volunteers and support of Ballyboden St Endas. Despite the bad weather, many turned out and helped to raise funds for those in need.

Irish Olympic runner Nadia Power fired the first starting gun and everyone is looking forward to next year's Mile, along with main organiser and local Ciarán Ahearn.



Bar Report Mick Farrell



This year, the bar report will be only half as long as last year, as we were only open for 6 months!

Because of the Covid Restrictions In 2021, we only managed to open up in June, but having said that, from June until December was a different type of busy!

We erected a marquee out the front of the club and it proved to be a great success. The weather was very kind to us throughout the summer and there was a great atmosphere outside, where members felt safer and more comfortable in the fresh air. It also gave us the chance of welcoming new friends, neighbours, members, and ex-members from the area to meet up for a chat and a pint and the opportunity to reconnect with the club.

The opening of Boden Bliss ice-cream has also proven to be a great success and along with Tribe Coffee there is a great atmosphere around the outside of the club.

Sadly, Covid has had a devastating effect on a lot of our members' lives last year and we can only hope the year ahead is a bit kinder to us all so if you're passing the club anytime soon, call in and see us...we promise a céad míle fáilte to all.



Looking forward to seeing you soon.



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Lotto

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2021 was another year of "Virtual Lotto", where the Club Lotto draws were conducted and administered remotely. Despite this lack of the personal touch, we maintained a full Lotto schedule throughout the year, with a draw held every Thursday night – thanks to the magic of Zoom, and an on-line random number generator!! Over the course of these 50 or so weekly draws the Jackpot was won on no less than 7 occasions - two more than the previous year.

In February the first Jackpot of the year - €4,500 – was won by Paul Waters. This was followed by Jackpot wins in March for Patrick Lehane (€1,000) and Michael O'Regan in April (€3,500). The next big win on June 17th was by Paul Donnelly (€5,000) with a further Jackpot of €1,000 shared by Gerry Ebbs and Eamon Phelan the following week. We then had to wait until September 23rd for the largest Jackpot of the year - €7,000 which was won by Killian O'Neill, with the most recent Jackpot of €5,000 at the end of November shared by Orla Carey and Carmel Smith. So far this year (2021), €27,000 has been paid out in Jackpot winnings, In addition, there were 122 Lotto members who were winners in the weekly Match First Three prize, who won amounts varying from €40 to €300. Overall, including the weekly Match Three prizes, the Lotto gave out €42,000 in total prize money to 129 Lotto members so far in 2021. This means that almost 25% of Lotto members were winners in the 2021 Lotto draws!!

The Lotto remains a vital source of income for the club, and even more so during these times when the ability of the club to generate revenues is severely impacted by the Covid pandemic. The re-opening of the club bar earlier this year did see a welcome return of the weekly Lotto entry envelopes, but the volume of these is still well short of pre-pandemic levels. Despite this, the Lotto is estimated to have contributed over €40,000 to club funds in 2021. Through consistent promotion on the club website and social media channels, we were able to achieve a small increase in the overall number of Lotto members – we now have just over 500 annual and monthly subscribers. 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.....**



Paul Waters with his cheque for €4,500



Michael O'Regan and his wife Anne with his cheque for €3,500



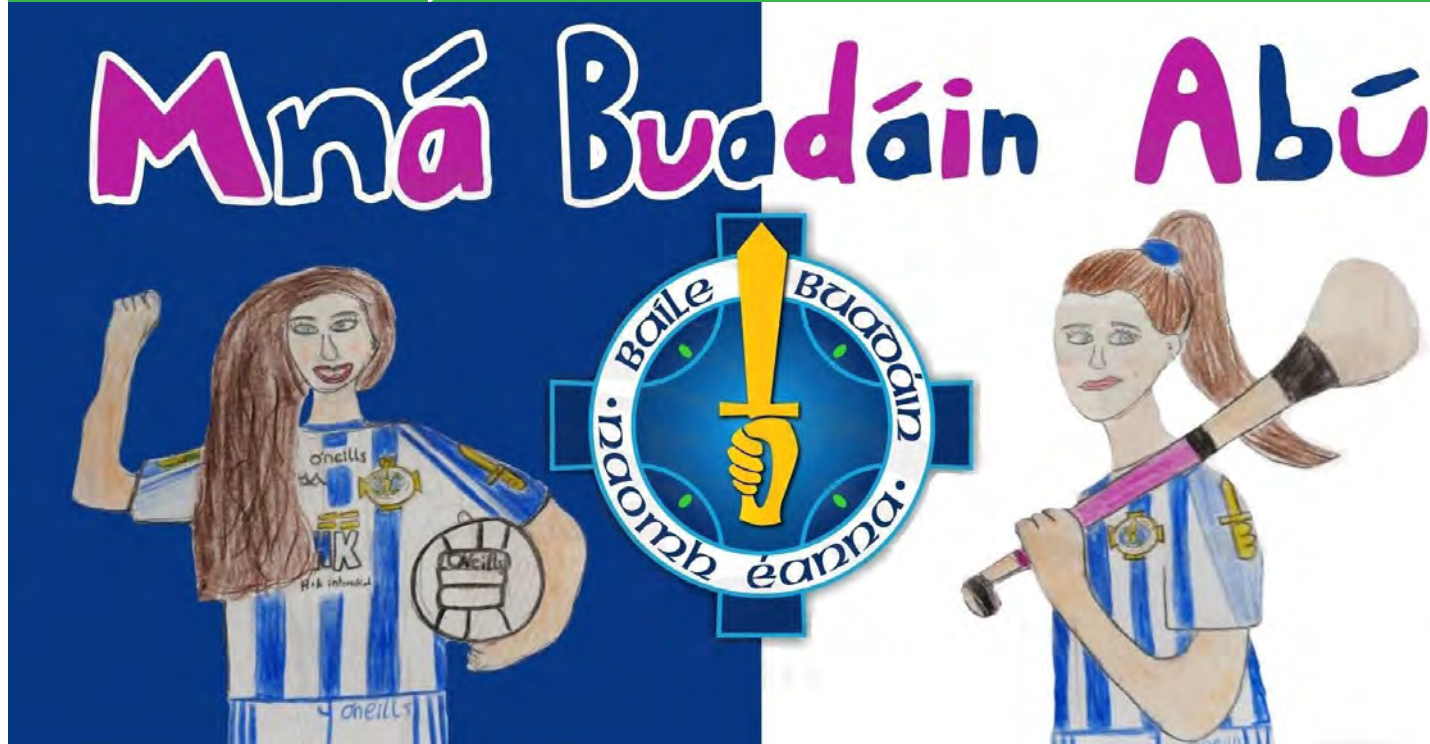
Killian O'Neill is presented with his cheque for €7,000 by Ciarán Maguire and Donogh O'Farrell



November Joint Lotto winner Orla Cary & daughter Olivia accepts a €2,500 cheque from Alex McCarthy

Juvenile Girls Report

Dave Rusk



2021: A Year of Phenomenal Growth in Numbers and On Field Successes

With approximately 515 girls registered to play Ladies Football and Camogie with the club in 2021 (up to and including U15, but not counting the Academy), it was definitely a case of “Mná Buadain Abú”, as Ballyboden St Endas Juvenile Girls games continued to go from strength to strength in the club. This phenomenal growth could be seen across all age groups and continued all year, with one age group (2007 Girls) even recruiting 9 new players for both football and camogie during the course of the year itself.

On Field Successes

Our growth in playing numbers was reflected in success on the field, most notably the brilliant U15 Division 1 Camogie Féile/Division 1 Championship success in October, and for the U14s: Football A Shield and Camogie A Shield winners, Football C Shield winners, our U15s were also finalists in the both the Div 1 and Div 8 Football Féile and Championships and Shield finalists in Div 4 Camogie, while our U13s were beaten Div 4 Championship finalists in Camogie and lost out by a point in the Div 4 Football Shield final as well. So as the year rolled into the end of October/ beginning of November, many of our girls teams in both football and camogie had the excitement of remaining in the hunt for county silverware right to the very end of the season.



U9 Football & Camogie

Dublin Development

Ballyboden St Endas continued to supply players into the county development panels in both football and camogie, offering some of our girls the unforgettable experience of training and playing with girls from other clubs in the county jersey, and Boden had representatives on all competitive panels across the U13, U14 and U15 age groups and in both codes (NB: There were no Dublin development football squads for 2007 and 2008 age groups during 2021). Well done to all the girls who represented the club with such pride!

In addition, thanks go to a number of our volunteer coaches and bainisteoirí who stepped forward to work with county development panels across the age groups, and to our club facilities volunteers who hosted county development sessions during the year.



So well done to: Millie Larkin, Ruby Murphy, Ruby Cummins, Rachel Vaughan and Rachel Moloney (U15 Camogie); Karrie Rudden, Joy Ralph, Emma Moran (U15 Football); Saoirse McMahon, Charlie Murphy, Blaitheín Ní Riain, Sarah Rusk, Leah Coburn, Sophie Dempsey, Jess Hughes, Abigail Glynn, Ciara Sweeney (U14 Camogie); Kate Keaney, Emer Moloney, Katie Loughnane, Fírinne Ní Dhálaigh, Millie Kearney, Alison Loughnane (U13 Camogie).

Go Games

Boden's Go Games participation in both Ladies Football and Camogie continues to go from strength to strength with the club represented by huge numbers of girls on a weekly basis across all the age groups. It's a testament to the volunteer coaches, bainisteoirs, FLOs and, in these unusual times, Covid Officers and to the enjoyment the girls get from it that they continue to turn up for matches and training on a weekly basis in both codes and in such big numbers. Well done girls, and we hope we will see you all back in 2022.

The full rundown of Go Games teams fielded by Ballyboden Juvenile Ladies in Go Games in 2021 is:

U10: 6 football teams, 6 camogie teams

U11: 5 football teams, 5 camogie teams

U9: 6 football teams, 6 camogie teams

U12: 5 football teams, 4 camogie teams



U10 Football





U10 Camogie



U11 Go-Games



U12 Football



U12 Camogie



Flags, Fundraising and Recycling

The Juvenile Ladies year 2021 was bookended by two big initiatives: the flag competition in March/April and the Sponsor a Spook major fundraiser for the year at Halloween.

Inspired by reports from the Sports Council among others on the subject of encouraging and retaining girls in sport, the club's Juvenile ladies Committee invited our players to design a flag to represent their pride and enjoyment in ladies football and camogie. A bumper entry of over 30 designs was received, with the winning "Mná Buadain Abú" design by dual U11 player Mia O'Connell (at the start of these reports) which was made into a full-sized flag and raised for the first time by Mia in April, and will continue to fly outside the club for years to come to show our club's pride in our ladies sports.

In October, the Juvenile Ladies section launched its major fundraiser: the 'Sponsor a Spook' Spook-tacular, a combined dress up sponsorship training session for the younger girls, with an added on Prize Draw which took place in the Club. Both the training session, the sponsorships, and the prize draw were great successes and brought in much needed funding to be put to good use for Boden's Juvenile Ladies players and teams in the months to come. Our thanks to all our sponsors and supporters who made the event and fundraising such a success.



Also present at the Spook-tacular were the U14s, who were busy selling recycled Boden kit, including hurls, helmets, jerseys, tops, footballs etc., etc. The brainchild of 07 mentor Sinead McNeela, the recycling initiative was very well supported both in donations and in resale of the reconditioned kit, and contributed much need funds to the Féile fund.



U13





U14A Football – Shield Winners



Tale of a Championship and Féile winning season!

Deborah Heavey on the U15As Camogie Year

In 2021 the 2006 Camogie girls came back in force on April 26th. This was the day everyone had waited all year for. The girls were very enthusiastic and looking forward to the league campaign.

The Division one group was tough but wins against Clontarf and Faughs were enough to secure us a semi final against Cuala place despite losing one of our girls Maya Wynne Gorisch to a long term injury. We were delighted to win the home tie and the chance to play for a league medal. We didn't get our happy ending though as we were beaten by St. Jude's in the final.

This bunch of girls hadn't experienced the devastation of a loss and there was only one thing to do. We had a look at what we needed to do and decided that championship and Feile was the place to do it! We trained through the summer and the girls put their shoulders to the wheel. We were unlucky to lose players to injury but Karrie, Maya, Sarah & Rachel became our best supporters & found themselves part of the management with insightful half time talks. We won our first match at home against Cuala. Our second game was played in Silver Park against Crokes and this game ended in a draw. Our third and final group game was home against Na Fianna and unfortunately the girls had to taste defeat again. Lucky for us with the way the groups went we reached a semi final against Lucan in the 12th Lock. This was the toughest game we had all year it was end to end point to point but the gods were shining on us as we jumped for joy at the final whistle. Championship and Féile final were there for the taking.

On a sunny October Saturday we gathered in the Iveagh grounds. The work was done the tan was applied. We were ready to meet Na Fianna head on. This was a game we were never going to lose. The girls were like warriors going into battle. They knew that feeling of loss and it wasn't happening on the 16th of October. Pride was on the line and they did it for themselves, their teammates, their families and the mentors that believed in them. The injured girls were tantamount to this success. Their presence on the line cheering on their friends was felt on the pitch. They were strong players and a huge loss but the rest of the team stepped up to let the mentors and spectators know we were just as good as them. The absolute joy was felt all over the Iveagh grounds when Karrie Rudden accepted the Féile cup and Emma Moran the Championship cup. Our year ended on a great high.

On a special note we would not have been able to field a team in 2021 without the support from Sinead McNeela the U14 girls and their parents. This represents true club spirit. As we look towards U16 in 2022 we are delighted to welcome back the girls who couldn't finish out 2021 and look forward to a year where the main focus is having a happy environment for the girls to develop, improve and wear the Boden crest with pride.



U15A Camogie Championship & Féile Winners



U14B Football



U14C Football – Shield Winners



U14A Camogie



U14B Camogie



U15A Football



U15B Football



U15C Football



U15B Camogie



GRMA

This survey of the year wouldn't be complete without some thank yous – to our girls: no Ballyboden girl ever pulls on a jersey to play badly, as parents and mentors we are immensely proud of you all. To the mentors, FLOs, Covid officers, jersey washers, Teamer and Foireann operators, cone collectors, umpire etc., etc. – our thanks, it couldn't be done without you. And to our various photographers and match reporters (whose work you see on these pages) thanks for bringing the girls' year alive for the rest of us.

Juvenile Ladies Committee members 2021: Chair: Damian Coleman; Members: Rachel Clancy, Clare Keeley, Seán O'Toole, Kieran Rudden, Dave Rusk, Trish Walsh, Paul Wellwood.

Golf Society Report

Ned Slattery

A record 52 members joined this year which was fantastic.

Our 1st outing was in Arklow on May 21st. I have never seen a golf course flooded like it. We arrived at 9.45am and I immediately got ready to make calls to say the course was closed, but to my astonishment the course was open. 48 people turned up and the winner was Owen Sweeney with 35 points.

The next outing was in Hermitage - won by Liam Dean with 40 points.

The highlight of the year was the Newlands outing- a remembrance day for a great friend of all sections of Ballyboden St Endas - Brendan Moran. 64 people played that day, 12 of which were members of Brendan's family. Winner on the day was Vivian Ruddy with 44 points. A big thank you to all club members who donated prizes on the day.

The Mount Juliet winner was George O'Shea with 43 points. Sponsor of the day was Iomair Treacy.

The Captain's prize was played in Naas. Winner was Pat McGrath with 43 points. A great night was had in the club with music and craic. Sponsor was Seán Basquel.

Marlay Grange outing. Top 6 scores won vouchers: Terry O'Neill, George O'Shea, Brian Gorman, Ray Cosgrove, Vivian Ruddy & Ciaran Smith.

The player of the year in 2021 was Ciaran Smith. Congratulations to him.

My thanks to Captain Brendan, President Iomair and the committee. Our Captain for 2022 is Michael Kennedy and we wish him all the best.



Golf Classic 2021



The 2021 Annual Golf Classic was held on Friday the 3rd of September in Edmondstown Golf Club.

We had 45 teams competing from early morning to dusk in perfect weather conditions for good and competitive golf. We also secured some new sponsors this year, such as Colin Durkin of Durkin Joinery, whose support is much appreciated. As usual, our hosts in Edmondstown gave us a warm welcome and presented us with a Golf Course in pristine condition.

Tom Durkin's team broke all records in returning a fantastic winning score of 104 Points, followed by more great scoring from Pat Doyle's team and Ciarán Maguire's team, both of whom would have taken the top prize with such scoring in previous years...

The committee, Liam Deane, Sean Moran, John Small & Jack Nolan, would like to thank all of those who contributed to making the day such a great success. Particularly to Miriam Doyle, Cliona Mellett, Ned Slattery, Cathal Regan & Tom McGrath to whom we wish a speedy recovery.

A special mention goes to Orla McCabe and Liam Carter, who carried out the reception and starter duties diligently and cheerfully all day. Thanks also to the management and staff of Edmondstown Golf Club and to Costello Catering for looking after us so well with a fantastic meal, which was enjoyed by all.

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

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.
Liam Deane & Jack Nolan.



1st Place – 104 Points Tom Durkin Team

Tom Durkin, Tony Harnett, Liam Scally & Dermot Maguire

2nd Place – 101 Points Pat Doyle (National Guild of Master Craftsmen)

Pat Doyle, Owen Sweeney, George O'Shea & Pat McGrath

3rd Place – 100 Points Ciarán Maguire Team

Naoise Maguire, Austen Lynch, John Breen & Cillian Gallogally

4th Place – 96 Points H&K International Team

David Bobbett, Malachy Travers, Kenny Naughton & John Ryan

5th Place – 95 Points RSA Insurance Team

Brendan Meaney, Seamus McGabhann, Gavin Fitzpatrick & Pierce Williams

Front Nine - 50 Points (BOT) Peter Doyle Team
(Peter Doyle Solicitors)

Back Nine - 51 Points (BOT) John Philips Team
(AIB Private Banking)

Longest Drive Men Michael McGarry (Turley Property Advisors)

Longest Drive Ladies Eleanor Ruddy (Vivian Ruddy Team)

Nearest the Pin Jake Turley (Turley Property Advisors)



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ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



Communications Report



This time last year we all expected that life would return to some normality in 2021 but as the pandemic continued, hand sanitiser and masks became a day-to-day accessory. Everyone in Ballyboden St Enda's worked harder to mind each other and for the communications team, it was a second year of showcasing the club through many alternative media avenues.

Fundraising is always an important aspect in every GAA club-this year each section of the club thought long and hard about fundraising for their section and how to get members involved. Virtual fundraisers proved a popular method of fundraising and it was a great way to get the local community and members from abroad to get involved. The successful Ballyboden St Enda's lotto continued this year and there were many winners who collected their winnings. Don't forget – if you are not signed up to Boden's Lotto, log onto www.ballyboden.ie to have a chance to win the jackpot!

Seamie O'Neill and his team continued the success of **Baile Búadain Le Gaeilge**. Each week, there would be updates online as Gaeilge, notices within the clubhouse translated to Irish and when it comes to bigger games – great motto's and slogans that members can use online. Joe Johnston continued his weekly ceoil session throughout the year which unfortunately had to be abandoned towards the end of the year due to restrictions. If you are interested in learning a cúpla focal visit www.ballyboden.ie for more information.



The pandemic has been a tough road for many families across the country. Ballyboden St Enda's took part in the One Good Club Initiative in association with the LGFA, Jigsaw

and Lidl. The mental health awareness programme encouraged positive mental health promotion within Ballyboden St Enda's and into the wider community. It was a great success and had a positive impact on everyone's health. On the 24th of September Ballyboden St Enda's celebrated National Inclusion Fitness Day. Children with special needs were welcomed to the club for a fun evening of games and activities. It was a very successful day for the club, the community and for all the families and volunteers involved.

Another great initiative celebrating Ballyboden St Enda's Ladies Camogie and Ladies footballers was a "Design A Flag" competition. Mia O'Connell designed her flag which was raised outside the club for the very first-time last April.



The successful Golf Classic returned again this year. Another great fundraiser for the club and a great social event for club members to gather. There was also a golf and hurling tournament in memory of our dear friend and former club chairman Brendan Moran. Teams from Limerick, Kilkenny and Antrim travelled to Ballyboden St Enda's for a great weekend of hurling. Kilkenny's Dicksboro were crowned the overall winners.

The social side of Ballyboden St Enda's is important as ever but unfortunately due to consistent restrictions Mick and his team had a



difficult year. Mick not to be outshone though organised a successful outdoor seating area which created a great alternative for members to meet.

Ballyboden has many forms of media outlets from our monthly podcasts, weekly newsletters, daily updated across our social channels it is a busy group. The new addition of the podcasts this year has been a great success. Communications member Derek Ryan has interviewed players from each section if you would like to take a listen back – <https://podcasts.apple.com/ie/podcast/ballyboden-st-endas/id1556147871>

Sinéad O'Dea / Carol Ryan



The newsletter is distributed to over 3,000 people on a weekly basis both home and abroad. Over 70% of the newsletters are opened and it is a great method of communicating with members from all across the world. One of our main aims this year was to increase our social media status. Ballyboden St Enda's has one of the highest following on social media in Ireland. On Twitter, we have over 8k followers, 3.5k followers on Instagram and 5.5k on Facebook. It is great to see interaction from members young and old when we post about different stories, match reports etc within the club.

Ballyboden St Enda's wouldn't be where it is today without the support from locals and businesses home and abroad. Over the last number of years H&K have helped the club tremendously with sponsorship, whether it was the Family Fun Days, launch nights, media nights ahead of county finals or All Ireland Club Finals – David Bobbett and his team were always on hand to lend their support. H&K have stepped down as overall sponsors and we thank them for all their contribution to the club. Sports Surgery Clinic are now proud sponsors of BBSE since January 2022. As Chairman Ciaran Maguire mentioned earlier, Sports Surgery Clinic are no strangers to Ballyboden St Enda's and we are delighted to be working with them in the future.

Finally to all the supporters, Volunteers and players – a big thank you for all your support over the last year. To Brian O'Regan and Paul McLoughlin who stepped aside from their club roles for pastures new- thanks for all your hard work. Thanks to the photographers in the club (we would be lost without ye), to Cormac Smyth and Gareth Ebbs who answer any/all technical queries and to the Executive team for their advice and assistance.

Roll on 2022!!

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Boden babies



Alexander Regan Keville, 3/10/21 to Dave Keville and Noreen Regan



Páidí Fitzgerald born 12/12/2021 to Aisling and Mark Fitzgerald



Luke Fitzpatrick, born 8th October 2021 son of Mary Hyland and Dean Fitzpatrick



Jesse Stritch, October 28th 2021 son of Niamh & David Stritch



Florence Durkin born in April 2021 to Shane & Sinéad Durkin



Max Brian Buckeridge, born January 2022 son of Peter Buckeridge and Lorna Raythorn



Cadhla & Éabha O'Dea born 10 January 2022 to Club PRO Sinéad & Derek O'Dea



Paddy Daly, born in September 2021 son to Simon & Jenny Daly

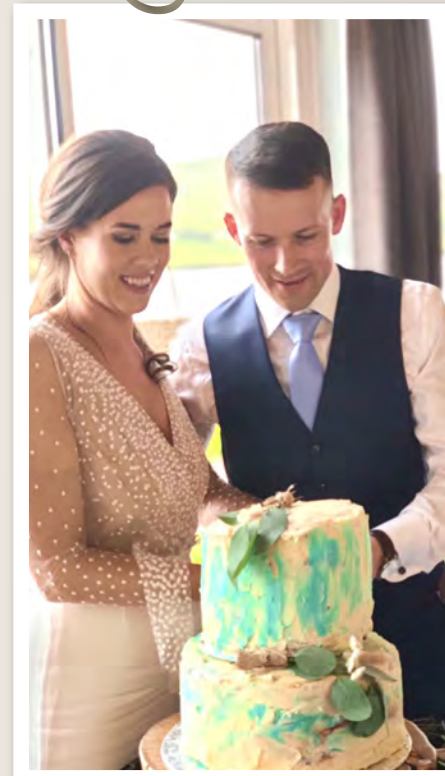


Shay Anthony Ryan, born in January 2021 Son of Paul and Jess Ryan



Shay O'Neill, born 1st January 2022 son to Mairead Luttrell & Donal O'Neill

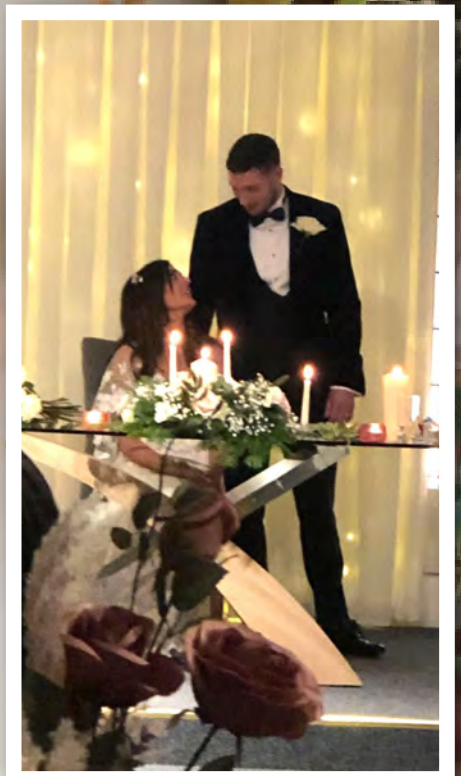
Boden Wedding bells



David O'Connor and Léan Moran married in Dingle in August



Ian Clarke and his bride Tracey married in University Church, Stephens Green on December 29th.



Bob Dwan and Debbie Dunne married in the Rathsallagh Country House on December 28th.

BODEN COLOURING COMPETITION

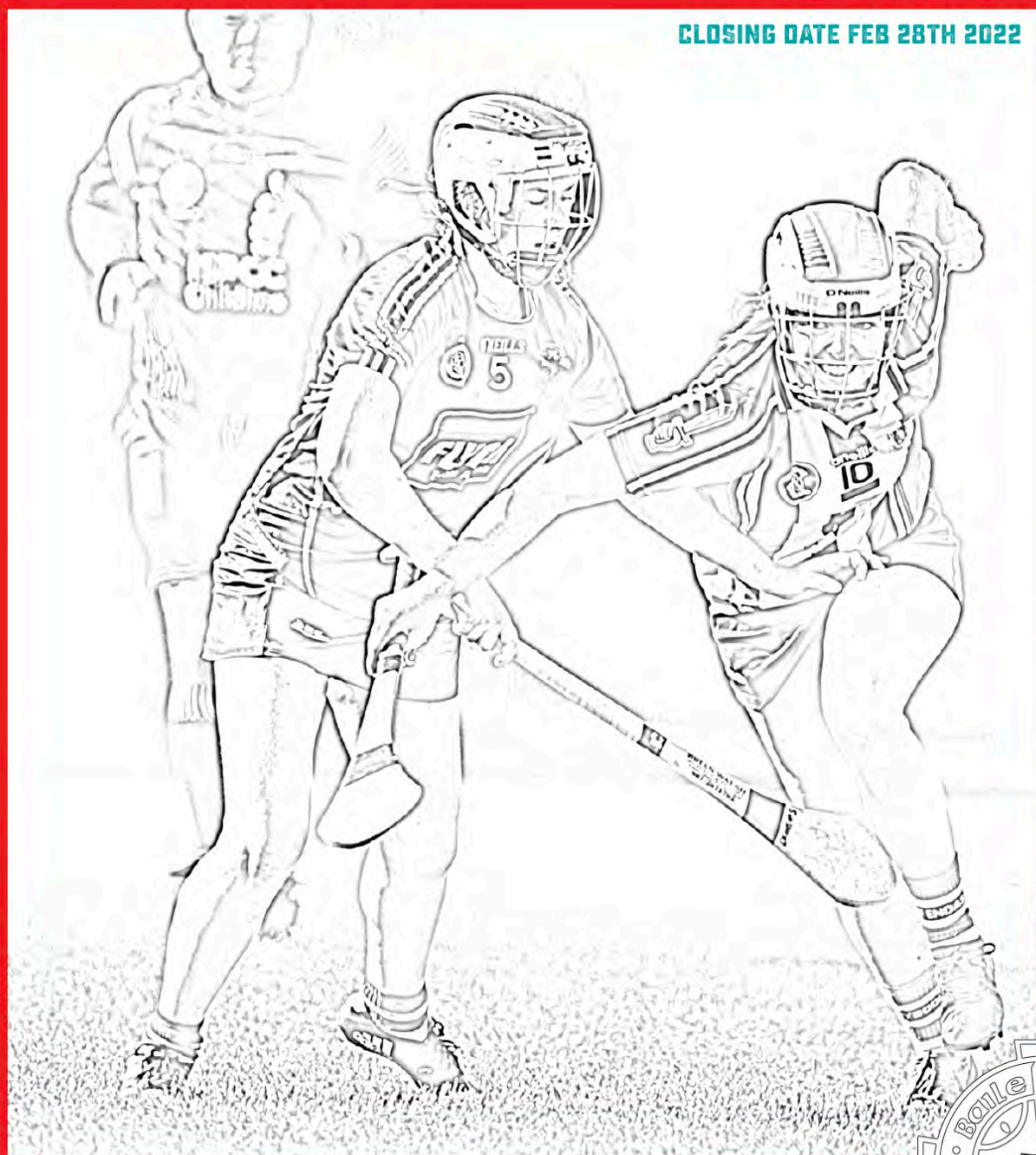
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