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It's Rachel & Ross! - Bodens' All Star Winners



Emily, Rachel & Sorcha - All Ireland Winners



Michael Darragh & Collie - All Ireland Winners

Focal ón gCathaoirleach



Athbhliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise daoibh uile. Tá súil agam gur bhain sibh sult agus suaimhneas as an Nollaig, agus go bhfuil sibh réidh le tabhairt faoi na dúshláin mhóra atá amach romhainn in 2018 le spiorad, le neart agus le fuinneamh.

The New Year is a time when we set out goals, objectives and resolutions for ourselves as individuals and it is no

different for us as a club. Our number one goal is to set the bar even higher in terms of the standards that we expect of ourselves both on and off the field. This will include quality of coaching and team preparation where Brian and Paul will continue to provide top-quality coaching, development and resources in order to ensure that our juvenile and adult players acquire game-specific skills, speed, strength, agility and power as well as the ability to read and anticipate moves in a game. We encourage all club coaches to take advantage of all of the opportunities to upskill and to share their skills with other club coaches where requested.

In 2018, we ask our players, and particularly our adult players, to give serious consideration to the commitment that is required to play at a particular level in the club and to play with a team that is commensurate with both your skill level and the level of commitment that you are in a position to give. This commitment includes a willingness to prepare for, and participate in, training and matches and to maintain a diet and lifestyle appropriate to the grade at which you are playing. While we are a club above all else, we are also made up of individual teams, and it is important that you can depend on your teammates in the heat of battle and that your teammates can depend on you.

We ask our many club members and supporters to continue with the high level of commitment, discipline and good behaviour that you invariably display on sidelines around the county. Think about how you could support the team manager and selectors in some additional way – maybe hang the nets and flags or volunteer as umpire or linesman? The Communications Committee always welcome match reports and photographs, perhaps you could lend your literary or photographic skills occasionally? They say it takes a village to rear a child, and similarly, it takes a whole community to run a GAA club. For 2018, make a resolution to do one small thing extra to help with the running of a team or a section within the club.

Fundraising

In January 1980, the then Taoiseach Charlie Haughey famously said in a TV broadcast that ‘we are living way beyond our means’ and unfortunately the same can be said of us in Ballyboden St.Endas as we head into 2018. We have run the club at a deficit for a number of years and this is a situation that cannot be allowed to continue.

As far as I know there are only two possible ways to fix that situation – one is to reduce our costs and the other is to increase our income. Considerable work has been done over the past six or seven years to manage to reduce our costs but further reduction will have an impact on the top-class facilities that the club provides for players and members. We are reluctant to cut back on facilities, physiotherapy, strength & conditioning etc, so we as a club must increase our income stream. We are very grateful to all of our sponsors and especially to our major sponsor, H&K International, for their ongoing and very generous contribution to the club. We genuinely could not operate at the high standards, to which we have become accustomed, without them.

On top of membership fees & sponsorship we must raise significant amounts every year in order to run the club. When you renew your membership, you will be asked to join the club lotto and we ask that

you would do this to help the clubs’ finances. It is essential for the ongoing operation of the club that every family associated with the club would have one annual lotto ticket at a cost of €120 ie. €10 per month, and we earnestly request that you would show your support for Ballyboden St.Endas in this way.

Finally, Christmas and New Year is a time when we think of those that are no longer with us, and we pray for all club members who died in 2017 and also for family of our club members who passed on during the year. I measc na mball a ndeachaigh ar shlí na fírinne in 2017, bhí Pdraig Cullinane, Michael Farrelly agus Gerry Hogan, agus airíonn muid uainn go géar iad. All were great men and great club men who were taken from their families far too soon. I got to know Pdraig and Gerry over the past few years – Pdraig on sidelines at both football and hurling matches and Gerry through his massive contribution to the 1916 commemoration in 2016. His knowledge and passion for the subject and for the association of Rathfarnham and Ballyboden with the Rising was infectious. He loved to tell of the involvement of the people of Rathfarnham and especially loved the serendipity of grandchildren of people who fought in the rising being in a class he spoke to in St. Mary’s school or of his daughter living in the house from which a father and son left to fight in the GPO. Is fíor le rá nach mbeidh a leithéidí arís ann, agus guímid suaimhneas síoraí dá n-anamnacha uile.

Mar fhocal scoir, I would like to thank Sinéad Ryan, Neil Buckingham and the Communications Committee that put the Boden News together each year on top of their ‘day jobs’ publishing the weekly newsletter and updating the website and social media with all of the news about the Boden family. We will be launching a new website in 2018 and look forward to all of the news popping into our laptops or on to our phones and tablets on a regular basis.

Here’s to success and high-achievement both on and off the field in 2018.

Ciarán Maguire
Cathaoirleach

Bar Report 2017

Another year over and you would wonder where its gone as time flies when you're having fun! The clubhouse was a hive of activity in 2017 with many activities and events taking place throughout the year.

Our new pitch at PUM is a sight to behold and even though it curtailed the amount of matches that could be played, it didn't stop us from continuing the fun inside!

Our "Ladies Nights" are proving very popular with our female clientele and we will be soon crowning our Miss/Mrs Hendrix & Fever 3 for 2017.

The Monday Boden Session is going from strength to strength under the stewardship of the mighty Joe Johnston, many thanks to Joe and all the entertainers that take part every session. Our Bingo sessions take place every Tuesday night and a big thank you to Cats, Annette and Theresa for all the time and effort afforded in making this weekly event so enjoyable.

Our 55+ club has mushroomed into a beehive of activity. It takes place Monday to Friday from 10am-2pm and consists of line dancing, aerobics, table tennis, meditation, flower arrangement, bowling, art classes and lots of tea tasting... It also has a fully equipped gym behind the function room for those who need to get that "beach body" back in shape again.

The pool & darts society had a very busy and successful year and without singling out anybody in particular, a special thanks must go to Roger for his persistence, hard work and dedication in making the pool and darts the success that it is.

St.Patrick's day saw hundreds of kids dance and sing along to "PAW PATROL" in the function room and was thoroughly enjoyed by all...look out for 2018!!

The Ciorcal Cainte group are actively looking for new members to join them on Wednesday nights in the club house for a cupla focal agus cupan tae! All are welcome.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our new chairman Ciaran Maguire, Noel Sheridan, Gerry Mahon and all the staff for their continued support in 2017 and of course Sinead Ryan, Neil Buckingham, Liam Cunningham and Mark Magahran for all their help in promoting the various events in the club throughout the year and we look forward to another eventful year in 2018.



Mick Farrell – Bar Manager

Name: Mick Farrell

Position: Started off as Bar Manager, but now have a CV the length of my arm!!

How long a member: 15 years

Any family in Boden: Two daughters

Fav Music: Big Tom

Fav TV: Love island!!

Fav Book: "I hope they sell beer in Hell" by Tucker Max

Fav Grounds: Bukit Lalil National Stadium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Greatest moment in sport: Winning the "All of Leitrim" under 9 girls handball competition in 1980

Greatest Ballyboden Moment: The "lock in"!

Hobbies: Reading (about alcohol), sleeping (after alcohol), cycling (to the pub), Walking (from the pub)

Gaa Gripes: Gaa Members looking after themselves too much and being afraid to go out and socialise more often (in the club bars), which would be so beneficial to their wellbeing and mindfulness...

The best thing about BBSE:THE BAR

BODEN FACT FILE

DID YOU KNOW?

Both Rachel Ruddy of Dublin and Sinead Burke of Galway from our senior ladies football team were nominated for All Star awards this year but did you know that both their dads - Vivian (Rachel's dad) and Tom (Sinead's dad) were born on Achill island (Co.Mayo) and actually played together on the same football team growing up!

Membership 2018

Online Membership Payment System

2015 saw the introduction of a totally new system for membership payment using the Smartclub Solutions cloud based system. The system has been a great success with over 90% of membership payments processed through the system. Sincere thanks to all for their support and use of the system. The introduction of the new Membership Card was part of the Smartclub system and has been enthusiastically embraced by members.



During the past year, the use of the Membership Card has been expanded to enable access to the refurbished gym in Sancta Maria for all adult players. Sincere thanks to Brian O'Regan for his administration of this process.

We would ask that members remember the following for the payment of their 2018 membership fees:

- The 2018 invoices will be available early in January with the fees based on the motions passed at the last AGM.
- All members will receive an email with the details of their membership invoice.
- Due to the significant annual outgoing payments from the club in January/February, prompt payment of memberships would be greatly appreciated.
- Member's Usernames and Passwords remain the same as for 2017 when logging in to the Smartclub account as per the link on the club website.
- The club has no access to the passwords used by members.
- The invoices are based on the 2017 status of members unless otherwise notified. If an incorrect invoice has been issued, please contact the registrar at registrar@bodengaa.ie
- Members cannot change the invoice amount on their account as this must be done on the central database
- The existing membership cards are valid for 2018. Cards are no longer renewed annually.
- A charge of €5 will be made for all replacement cards to cover the costs incurred.
- Please note that all membership fees must be paid online. Any difficulty with this should be communicated to the registrar.

We look forward to the continued success of the Smartclub system in 2018 and ask that all members continue to give their full support to the Executive in the implementation of the system.

Liam Carter.

Ciorcal Cainte



Cúrsaí Teanga is Cultúr

Tá bliain gnóthach eile ag teacht chun chríche go tapaigh sa chlub. Is dócha tar éis an sár bhliain a bhí againn i 2016 go raibh sé deachair é sin a leanúint agus go raibh daoine ag teacht chúchu féin i 2017. Chuireamar deireadh le Ceiliúradh an Chéid i Mí Eanáir le hOíche iontach in éineacht le Mícheal Ó Muircheartaigh. Chuir sé crann is nocht sé carraig i Santa Maria. Nocht sé deardh iontach sa chlub, deartha ag an sár ealaíontóir Chris Lawlor.

Ba mhaith linn fáilte speisialta a chur roimh an gathlaoirleach nua sa chlub, Ciarán Maguidhir. Tá a fhios againn go bhfuil bá ar leith ag Ciarán don teanga is don chultúr. Mar dhonas ar sin beidh sé ár gcur faoi bhrú feachtais a chur chun cinn, ach bhféidir nách aon droch rud é sin.

Lean an Ciorcal Cainte i rith na bliana. Bíonn idir deichniúr is dá réag go rialta ag freastal ar an gCiorcal gach Céadaoin idir a naoi is a deich, ag cur cúrsaí an tsaoil trí chéile agus ag baint sult is tairfe as. Buail isteach is beidh céad míle fáilte romhat. Tá na hoícheanta Traidisiúnta ag dul ó neart go neart faoi threoir Joe Johnston. Gura fada buan iad. Agus lucht na ndrámáí, cá mbeimís gan iad, táid le moladh go hard. Beidh "An Shaughraun" ar stáitse i mí na Samhna agus táid ag beartú cheanna féin don bhliain nua. Guimíd gach rath ar bhaill an chluib i gcóir na Nollag is na h-Athbhliana.

Seán O'Connor



Golf Classic 2017

By Jack Nolan

Our annual Golf Classic was once again held in Edmondstown Golf Club on Friday the 26th of May in glorious sunshine.

Our hosts in Edmondstown presented us with a challenging course in immaculate condition and with the usual warm and friendly welcome. Our 40 Teams enjoyed the great conditions and the competition was keenly contested, with the Sports Surgery Clinic Team led by Fiachra O'Connor returning a fantastic winning score of 92 Points.

The committee would like to thank all of those who contributed to making the day such a great success, particularly our teams of players and to our many kind sponsors for their support. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.



1st Place – 92 Points (BOT)	Sports Surgery Clinic Team
	Fiachra O'Connor
	Finn McGarry
	Paul Ryan
	Ray Cosgrove
2nd Place – 92 Points (BOT)	Greenoak Construction Team – Pat McCabe
3rd Place – 91 Points (BOT)	Jimmy Hutchinson's Team
4th Place – 91 Points (BOT)	Liam Dean's Team
5th Place – 88 Points	TJ O'Mahony 2 Team – Tony Furlong
Front Nine – 45 Points	Rody Bolands Team
Back Nine – 48 Points	Cruinn Diagnostics Team
Longest Drive	Senan Kavanagh – KPMG Team
Nearest the Pin	Pauric Connolly – KPMG Team

Golf Society Report 2017

By Ned Slattery

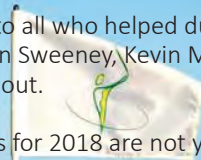
We are pleased to report an increase of 8 new members which brought our numbers to 50 in 2017.

18 members received prizes during the year so it was a good spread all round. Our player of year was Owen Sweeney, well done Owen! Our captain was Paul Magahran who did a splendid job all year- thanks Paul.

Pat Doyle came up trumps again with Mount Juliet- well done Pat. The winner of the Captains prize was Shay Kilduff, a popular winner.

My thanks to all who helped during the year - Pat McGrath, Pat Doyle, Owen Sweeney, Kevin Murray & Liam Deane, apologies if I left anyone out.

The Courses for 2018 are not yet finalised, our new committee will organise that. Our captain for 2018 will be Jack Nolan and I wish him all the best.



Ladies Football Report



By Joanne O'Regan

Under 9: The 2008 girls left their 3 academy locations in September of 2016 and came together on the Sancta Maria hockey pitches. In total 62 girls were registered in September 2016 to commence. The girls were split up evenly to give a good balance of abilities throughout the 5 teams. The skills honed each Saturday morning became more evident and more comfortable to the girls with each passing week. Saturday mornings were enjoyed but the Sunday morning matches was where the real fun and enjoyment was. Encouragingly the group has steadily expanded over the course of the year and if the commitment and enthusiasm shown by both, parents and girls in 2017 can be continued then we can be confident of a very exciting 2018 to look forward to.



Under 10: We had 62 registered girls divided into 5 teams. Throughout the year, our girls produced a very high standard of play and competitiveness. Training sessions were very organised and energised and the skills and motivation produced at training are being replicated in the Go Games themselves. All coaches have also ensured that the girls are having fun and enjoying themselves. One of the highlights of the year was a trip to the Ladies All-Ireland Final, where 84 (girls & parents) enjoyed a great day out. The future of the 2007 girls in the club appears to be secure and everyone is looking forward to greater challenges in the years ahead.



Under 11: The under 11's started their season with 70 girls actively training and playing. There were many highlights both on and off the field of play. The girls got to play in the club Mini All-Ireland in Sancta Maria on the all-weather pitch. This year they were playing with the older age group which they thoroughly enjoyed. There was an end of season group trip to ZIPIT for all the girls, huge numbers attended. Four hours spent in the lashing rain is real character building stuff! It was a hugely rewarding experience for the coaches to work with this group this year and they have seen a huge improvement in skill level.



Under 12: We started this year with 4 teams. Our first match was on February 4th against local teams St Jude's and Templeogue Syngé St. During the year we played a team from Ardara from Donegal in Sancta Maria. We got on so well they have invited us up for a tournament early next year. We brought the girls to St Martin's in Wexford for a football match with them and a neighbouring club. The girls played great winning all of their matches. The girls are improving all the time. They are playing with their friends and new friendships are forming. With 71 girls on the team sheet, we feel we are in a good position entering into the Leagues for 2018.



Under 13A: The girls began their Division 1 league campaign against Foxrock Cabinteely at the end of February. The girls won their first 7 matches only losing 2 of their last 3 matches to Lucan



and Brigid's. The play-off took place at Lucan at the end of June and although 5 points down at half time, our girls rallied to turn the deficit into a 14 point victory to take the league title.

The girls came back to training at the start of August to prepare for the C/ship. The girls topped their group which led to a semi-final against Lucan which they won by 8 points. The final in Russell park saw the girls beat St. Brigid's by 5 points in a very competitive final.

Under 13B: The 22 girls who made up this years under 13B panel came to each training session and match with a huge level of commitment, enthusiasm and dedication combined with a huge sense of fun and confidence. The team competed in division 4 of the league. The performances in all six games were outstanding. Highlights included a 7-4 to 7-4 epic draw with St. Jude's, and an incredible victory away against Erin go Bragh in conditions in which Noah wouldn't have ventured out. The hard work they put in during the year was shown at its best in the shield semi-final against Ballinteer. Once again, defenders hassled and harried, midfielders caught and created and forwards soloed and scored, to a level that had a very high quality.

Under 13C: The year began with 21 players and finished with 23 committed panellists. We competed in Division 6 south of the league and had good competitive games. Despite some mismatches the girls kept the smile on their faces. The commitment at training on Wednesday evenings was inspiring and the willingness to learn evident from the girls. The improvement from start of year to finish was palpable. The Cup is where the team really came into its own with 100% commitment. With two great wins over Shankill and St. Sylvester's, we qualified for the semi-final against O'Dwyers. Playing heroically against a very strong O'Dwyers A-team we just fell short by 6 points, the closest any team had got to these eventual winners so lots to be proud of. Overall a great year marked by fun, energy, characters, and excellent commitment from the girls.

Under 14A: Our U14A ladies footballers missed out on silverware in 2017 but nevertheless had a decent year in which they finished 2nd in the League, runners up in the Féile and reached the semi-finals of the Championship. Considering that 3 of the defeats suffered, including the Féile final, were by a one score margin, lady luck could have been kinder to this great gang of girls who never fail to give their utmost in terms of effort, skill and determination in the top tier of ladies football in Dublin. The panels' commitment to training never wavered and this makes it a pleasure for the mentors to be involved with them.



Under 14B: We played in Division 3 of the League, Division 3 Féile & Division 2 Championship. The primary focus for the year was to win the league, while having a go at Féile. The league campaign started in February with early wins over Cuala & Fingallians. Féile took place on the weekend of 1st April. We overcame Cuala, Round Towers Lusk, and Ballyboughal by a last gasp goal to top the group, making the final. The girls gave a great account of themselves in the final but fell to a very strong Erin's Isle team. The girls can be very proud of their efforts having won a league, contested a Féile final and a shield final.

Under 14C: The girls started off this year with a panel of 18 players. The division 6 league started on the 5th of March. The girls went into Féile confident with two good wins in the league. We lost our first game of Féile to Whitehall but the girls then beat St. Brigid's in the second game which got them into a semi-final against Trinity Gaels. Although we didn't make the final it was a positive and fun experience and enjoyed by players, parents and mentors. We had wins over Kilmacud crokes, Ballinteer and Castleknock in the Championship, finishing 2nd in our group. Hard work saw us make a final against St. Marks in which we were defeated by 6 points. Although there was no cups or trophies the girls achieved a lot and worked hard.

Under 16A: The panel was a good mix of girls graduating from the last year's U14's and girls with a years U16 football under their belts. Having started the League campaign with a narrow 1 point defeat against Thomas Davis we then won a few and lost another before losing our final league game against Foxcab. Championship began having been drawn away against one of the main contenders Thomas Davis for our first game. It was going to be a big ask but the girls produced a great winning performance. This was the perfect start to the Championship and led us to topping the group which also had Parnells and Fingallians. We went on to beat Foxcab in the semi final in an extremely challenging game. We went on to beat Thomas Davis in the county final.

Under 16B: Starting the league with a game against Man O War it helped to figure out who should play where on this team. Losing by 2 points against the eventual league winners the season continued with another six league matches resulting in a second place finish in the league. Finishing second in our group we found ourselves in a Championship final against Erin's Isle. Unfortunately it was not to be our day. This team was made up of the most wonderful young ladies who always represented their parents and club fantastically, they played with amazing heart and conviction and enjoyed themselves while doing it.

Under 16C1 & C2: The number of girls participating at U16 were sorted into 4 panels and we elected to enter a C1 & C2 team, with each one participating in a separate group in Div 5. Although the numbers who fell away before the league started was disappointing, there was a core group who made up the two panels who were fully committed to football for the year. In both leagues, the teams were competitive, fulfilled all their fixtures, were hugely dedicated and did themselves and the club proud throughout the league. In Championship both teams performed well in their groups but both were just outdone for Championship semi-final places and went through to the shield semi-final. The C2 team beat St James' Gaels and the C1 team beating Clontarf resulting in a Boden v Boden shield final. The C2 team came out on top after an eventful game. Well done to all the girls who stayed the course and who can look forward to bigger and better things next year.



Minor A: The minor A management team appointed in 2017 went about building structures that would benefit us well into the future. With a very young panel and many first year minors it was going to be a challenging year. However the team and panel kept together and competed in league and championship. Many valuable lessons were learned for 2018 and the coaching and effort put in this year will reap rewards in future years. As with any minor team exams were the priority and the team worked well within those constraints and ensured the girls kept active and interested. The management is confident that 2018 will show the quality of this team as it matures.

Minor B & C: We struggled at times to field 2 teams this year and with only 2 Mentors available to look after both teams it became difficult. 36 Ladies made themselves available at different times throughout the season. Both panels contributed to our Minor C Championship victory so well done to all involved and a special thanks to our FLOs throughout the season.

Mentors also wish all Ladies moving to adult football the best in the future and good luck with the exams.





Senior A: The girls started their pre-season training in the gym before Christmas with the first phase of 'on-pitch' immediately after the new year which ran up to the middle of February. We then took part in the Paidí ó Sé tournament in Dingle. It was a great start to the year and future participation is a must. Winning the tournament was a bonus and the celebrations were great fun. As of now the league remains unfinished and so our final position is unknown however we won four and lost four of those games. The league was slow to finish up – our final three matches were played in October. In Championship we qualified for the semi-final after a successful group stage, losing once to Foxrock Cabinteely but recording wins against Thomas Davis, St Brigid's and with Parnell's. The Semi Final was played against St Sylvester's and an excellent performance led

to a comprehensive victory for Ballyboden. The county final was played in Fingallians and there was the most unbelievable support from Ballyboden. The result of the final was disappointing of course, but more positives than negatives came from the defeat. With the quality of opposition obvious and the competition as close as it was on the day, it became quite clear that this team is now able to operate at the highest levels of club football and that the future is very bright indeed. Congratulations to Rachel Ruddy and Emily Flanagan on their involvement in Dublin's All Ireland success this year and to Rachel Ruddys All Star success and Sinéad Burke whose efforts for Galway have also been recognised with an All Star nomination.

Senior B: Overall 2017 was a mixed year for the Senior B Ladies. The squad, many of whom were with us last year, was complemented by some new but experienced players. We were also supported during the year by a number of players from the minor ranks giving a good mix of youth and experience as we went through the league, Cup and Championship campaigns. While we had a poor Cup campaign, we finished mid table in the League, which is a very good performance considering most of the teams in Division 4 are the first teams for their respective clubs. For the third year in a row, we reached the knockout stages of the Junior B Championship.



We turned in a superb performance to win by one point against St. Peregrines who had beaten us in the Cup final the previous season. Another fantastic Championship performance was a one point loss to O'Dwyers out in Balbriggan. While we were beaten by Templeogue Synge St. in the final Group game the narrow defeat to O'Dwyers was sufficient to see us through on points difference to the semi- final against Raheny out in St. Annes Park. We had great support on the night but unfortunately, we came out losers by a margin of 4 points in a tight game. Raheny went on to to win the championship outright. While there was no silverware for us this year the players gave their all throughout the season.

Senior C: We fielded a 3rd senior team for the 1st time in a number of years and with the assistance of the Minor Ladies we played our way to a Championship Semi Final, unfortunately losing out to a strong St Monica's team. This team now provides the platform to ensure we have team and places for the numbers of girls coming out of minor in years to come. 2018 is where this team will come into it's own and the future looks bright.

The section wants to record in particular its thanks to Tom Mullaney and Damien Coleman for their commitment throughout the year and the great support given by parents.



Rachel Ruddy Profile

By Sinéad Ryan

If you are a member of Ballyboden St. Enda's, you would often hear the surname Ruddy circulated around the club, whether it's behind the scenes or on the pitch. Twenty-nine year old Rachel Ruddy is a very familiar face in Ballyboden St. Enda's and after a successful year - she tells us her thoughts on her football career, what it means to win her second All-Star Award, what Ballyboden St. Enda's means to her and the plans for the future. For anyone growing up in Firhouse, Knocklyon or Rathfarnham - Ballyboden St. Enda's would always be on the radar for any sporting family. Rachel joined the club at eight years of age and hasn't looked back. Her roll of honour is impressive, winning Football county finals 2008 & 2010, Camogie Finals 2009-2014, a Minor Football Championship and a Leinster Camogie and Football Championship in 2008. When I asked about some of her favourite memories, she couldn't pick one!

Rachel has been the backbone of many a team over the years, helping with fundraisers, club initiatives, coaching and advising young players. It's something that she was brought up with in Ballyboden St. Enda's and wanted to give back " Ballyboden St Enda's is a great place, when I was growing up in the club - there were loads of young players which encouraged me more. The work that goes on behind the scenes is incredible - people don't realise it so it's great to be able to help in any way possible. Recently we were chosen to be part of the AIG Dub Club Chronicles where different areas of the club were focused on. The club isn't only a place for GAA training and matches but a place for people to meet and try new social events. It was a privilege to be asked to be involved in the video."

Unfortunately Rachel suffered a back injury in 2015 and was in rehabilitation for over a year. " It was a tough year, especially as everything had been going well. As I am a physiotherapist - I was probably harder on myself too so I did a lot of rehab, gym and pilates and it gradually got me back on track and I was playing Camogie and Football the following year"

2017 was a great year for Dublin Football, with the men's team overcoming Mayo in the All Ireland Final, the ladies successfully completed the same job and were crowned All Ireland Champions with a scoreline of 4-11 to 0-11 against the green and red of Mayo. It had been seven years since the Dublin Ladies won their first All Ireland. " 2010 was a great year, I remember thinking everything just clicked for us on the day as a team, we were on fire and nothing was going to stop us. Lifting the cup is amazing and having my family right beside me made it all the more worthwhile.

Professionalism in the GAA has increased throughout the years and this year was no different when it came to the Dublin Ladies Football Team. Mick Bohan headed into the 2017 season in his second stint as manager and ticked off all the boxes along the way. "Every year different aspects become more professional within teams. This year, Mick had a brilliant background team who pushed things up to another level, for example regular strength and conditioning, stats and analysis, getting food after every training. It makes a big difference and we proved this by winning the All Ireland Final "

Rachel wasn't alone on the Dublin panel, Boden Player Emily Flanagan also celebrated the All Ireland win and one of Ballyboden St Enda's stalwarts Sorcha Farrelly was one of the backroom team which helped Rachel and Emily a lot. " Yes it was brilliant to have Emily and Solo on the team. Sorcha (Solo) has coached me since I was U10 so I'm well used to listening to her! She is a brilliant defence coach and was so good to have around. She is very clued in with what is needed at county level, having played with Dublin herself".

Every GAA child's dream is to play in Croke Park and although Rachel is no stranger to the GAA headquarters, there will always be nerves ahead of All Ireland Final Day. "I was more nervous this year for some reason. It took a while to get used to the noise and the amount of people in Croke Park, it was so much louder this year which was great but once we all got our heads together we were focused on the game. We were confident going into the game, I think everyone had buried the memories of previous losses. We eventually got the scores that we needed so it was pretty intense the whole way through the match. The relief at the final whistle was something else! Celebrating with family, friends & work colleagues was brilliant and something I will never forget". Rachel's style of play, dedication and skill was honoured at the 2017 All-Star Awards when she was presented with her second All-Star, a fantastic achievement for Rachel and her family. "Receiving my second All-Star Award was brilliant, it really topped off the year and it was great to share the night with some of the other girls on the team".



Rachel with her parents Eleanor and Vivian and Club Chairman Claran Maguire with the Sam Maguire & Brendan Martin Cups and Rachel's All-Star Award

As the busy year comes to a close, it's time for Rachel to sit back and reflect on a successful year but, as always, next year's Championship is firmly at the back of her mind" I'm taking a little break to travel around the world after Christmas, but I'll hopefully be back in time for Boden come Championship time and back into the swing of things again!





BINGO!

Every Tuesday 8.30pm in the Club
All welcome. Great fun

This year the bingo has been just as successful as in other years. We have retained our numbers and the continued support from our bingo goers has allowed the bingo to remain a success. The bingo has created great social interaction amongst a lot of bingo goers and many friendships have developed from our dedicated support. The numbers average weekly between 50-55. The jackpot game is also very much appreciated and, as the prize money increases each week, it encourages bingo goers to continue to come. There is great excitement when it's won!

The weekly raffle has proven to be a great success too. The Halloween night and other themed nights have also been wonderful and fully appreciated by all our bingo followers. Thanks to Conor, Theresa and all the committee for their continued efforts. The success of the bingo has been down to the commitment of the team who have been there from year 1 and, of course, our bingo followers who continue to come, rain, hail or snow.

New members are always welcome - so please tell your friends.



Boden Abroad



Andy Hughes

Age:23
Club: St. Brendan's GAA
Currently studying physical and sport education in St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London



Our ladies senior football captain **Ciara Ruddy** has taken off on her travels and is currently working in New Zealand where she is playing football but did you know she has also taken up refereeing... Angela Gallagher better watch out!



Chris Lambert is a member of Ballyboden St Endas, playing on the Senior B Hurling panel. He left for New Zealand back in May 2016. He works on a dairy farm, calving and milking 1,000 cows. However, he was still mad for the hurling and on his return to New Zealand in July of this year he became chairman of Rakaia GAA club and a member of the Canterbury GAA Committee. He entered the club into Canterbury 7's Tournament. They managed to reach the football final beating all the South Island teams along the way, losing narrowly to Auckland Harps GAA in the final.



However they fared better in the the hurling as it was a mix of both Rakaia GAA and Waimak Gaels where they won the senior hurling 7's competition. Chris was named hurler of the tournament scoring 3-3 in the hurling final. Rakaia GAA are made up of Irish dairy farmers working in New Zealand. Due to Chris' involvement in the GAA in New Zealand and entering the team into this competition he received an official invite from the consulate of New Zealand Geoffrey Keating to a reception to meet with President Michael D. Higgins in Christchurch.

John O'Mahony who plays for Donoughmore GAA club in County Cork and also works alongside Chris, joined with him in meeting Michael D.Higgins and Sabina Higgins (pictured below).



Communications Report

By **Sinéad Ryan**

2017 has been a challenging year for the communications committee of Ballyboden St. Enda's. With over 140 teams in the club and approx 3,500 members, it's a tough but rewarding role to keep the members up to date on all the various aspects of our club.

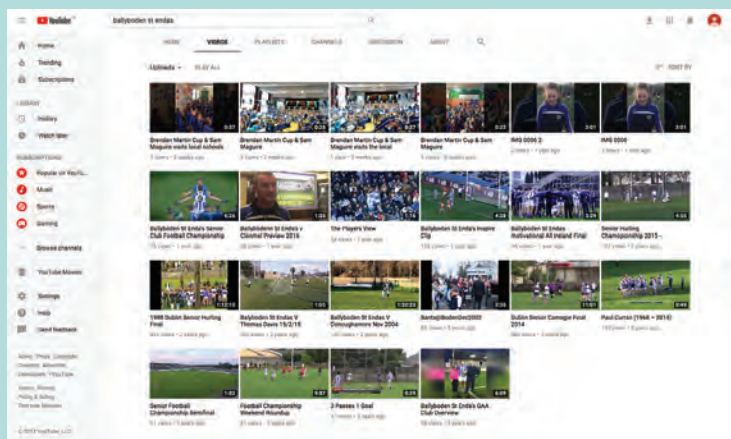
On a weekly basis, we distribute the Boden newsletter to 2,800 people. The newsletter is a great way of spreading the word of our match reports, club events, sharing photographs to members who cannot access the club on a daily or weekly basis or for members who have emigrated and love catching up with all the news.

On a daily basis, the communications team update the Boden GAA twitter feed which has over 5,500 followers. Our twitter following is one of the highest in Dublin and across the country. It provides updates for members, players and journalists that are on the move. If you want to comment on Ballyboden St. Enda's on twitter, follow us by searching **@bodengaa**.



Our Facebook page also proves very popular with members in Ballyboden St. Enda's - especially for match pictures and any updates on events that are taking place in the club. With over 3,500 followers on Facebook, we find any videos or pictures receive a great response.

We also have a Youtube Channel- if you search Ballyboden St Enda's you will find videos from past and present and it's a great way to gather all the videos together for anyone to watch them whether they are in Ireland or abroad. If you have any videos that you would like uploaded to the Youtube page email them to sineadryanmedia@gmail.com



In addition to all of above, the Boden GAA website is always updated on a regular basis by the communications team. We hope in the New Year to upgrade our website to make it more accessible to members and non-members across the country on various devices. We also thank our sponsors H&K International for their help to the communications team when required.

As there are so many games, events, training sessions within the club - a notice with any match results, event details etc are sent to different publications every Sunday night so they reach the papers on a Monday or Tuesday of the following week. It is very important that we get all the updates from all codes by Sunday evening.

This year Ballyboden St Enda's was fortunate to be chosen by AIG to feature in their Dub Club Chronicles series of videos, it was a great experience for the club although it was tinged with sadness with the passing of Gerry Hogan throughout the production. AIG had asked myself to gather a few members, staff and players in the club over a few days to talk about what the club means to them. We filmed training sessions, drama rehearsals and even aerial views of the clubhouse. Gerry spoke about the history of Ballyboden St Enda's, his love of the club and how proud he was to be a member. Gerry passed away just before the AIG video was released online but we are sure he would have been happy with the end result.



As a whole, the communications side of Ballyboden St. Enda's has become an increasingly important part of the club, one which relies on you, our members, for content. The team below coordinate all the information they receive but without everyone's help we wouldn't have such a vibrant social media presence so keep all those pictures, match reports and community stories coming!

Finally, a massive thanks to all those who have made this publication, the Boden News, possible again this year. We hope you enjoy it!

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Camogie Report 2017



By Ronan Feely

2017 was a good year for the Camogie section. The Seniors did well to get to a Championship Semi-Final in what was a transitional year with a large turnover of personnel. At Juvenile level there was success for U16s and U13s, while

the U14s got both teams to Feile finals. At the younger ages the numbers of girls coming through augurs well for the future of the Camogie Section. Thanks to all the mentors who help to keep these large numbers of girls coming back every week and who try to improve their skills along the way.

Finally, a special thanks to James Murray who has looked after the section over the last few years most recently as Chairman and previously as Secretary. We expect to still see James on the sideline and to be able to call on his umpiring services as necessary!

Senior 1: The Senior 1 Panel started the year with good optimism. Gym work started in November and continued right throughout the year. The team entered the Leinster League for the first time and got through to the semi final where they were beaten by Oulart de Ballagh. The league was very much a case of mixed fortunes where we struggled to keep up consistent performances.

In a hard fought game the team came out 2 goal winners - the prize was 2nd spot in the group and a semi final away to Na Fianna. This unfortunately was the last game we had. A poor opening half left us with too much catching up to do, the final score of 11 points to 8 points left all frustrated as a shot at the county title was gone for another year.

The Championship began with a good win against Naomh Mearnog which was followed by a loss to St. Vincent's, a game that showed we could compete well against the current county champions. This meant a knock out game against St. Judes.

In a year where there was a large turnover of personnel a competitive semi final can be looked upon as good progress. The age profile dropped dramatically and these girls are now aiming to take the responsibility of driving this panel forward. With more youth to follow through next year this team can only get stronger.



Senior 2: Our 2017 season began with an almost entirely new panel of players with the exception of four from last year, as nine players were elevated to the Senior A panel while others took time out to pursue other activities. On paper we had a panel of 40 while in reality at times we struggled to have 16 available for games. It was a big ask for many of the girls to step up to Senior 2, some were apprehensive while others embraced the challenge.

To their credit the core panel worked extremely hard in training and contested each game to the best of their ability, with a never say die attitude. Playing at that level meant we were playing many first teams that were indeed challenging. We played 8 games in Division 3 league, with 3 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses. Championship was an even harder task as were we playing in Division 2. Again to give the panel due credit they gave their best at each game and didn't let themselves down.

Minors: Our Camogie Minors were looking to emulate their Championship success from 2016. As with the previous year, the minor Championship only started in November after all the other age-groups were finishing up for the winter.

Crokes. Again the girls pulled out a terrific performance to see off the strong Kilmacud challenge and set up a final with local rivals Faughs.

The girls got off to a great start with a victory over Vincents – this set up effectively a semi-final in the final group decider against

However, on this occasion, it was not meant to be! In a close encounter, the girls could not get the better of Faughs who came away with a 2 point victory. Roll on next year!



Under 16's A: 2017 was a great year for the U16A team. Having gone very close to winning the Championship in 2016, being pipped by a point by an all-conquering Faughs team in the semi-final, hopes were high that we would be very competitive in 2017.

The league is not yet completed, but Boden currently sit at the top of Division 1, having won eight and lost one – with one game left to play. Our solitary loss was as a result of the concession of a last-minute goal against Good Counsel. Hopes are high that we can finish the league with a win, which would win us the trophy. In Div 1 Championship, we opened with a victory over Crokes, and followed this with a hard-fought victory over Castleknock, to qualify for the semi-final. There we played Good Counsel and ran out surprisingly easy victors.

As everyone expected we faced our old foes Lucan in the final where the girls showed true grit to prevail and thus copper-fasten their reputation as setting the standard at this age group in Dublin.

Speaking of County, this was also a great year for the county U16A team and it was helped in no small measure by the Boden contingent of Hollyn, Hannah, Olivia, Ally and Katie. They were pipped by Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final, but got their revenge a couple of weeks later when they beat the same opposition in the Leinster final. Most of this group move to minor next year, and the prospects are looking good if they continue to show the same commitment and dedication.



Under 16's B/C: These are a mighty group of girls whose attitude is superb. In fielding two teams in addition to the Div 1 team in the league we ensured a little bit of history was made – three teams in total at any level is a great achievement and a first at this level as far as can be checked by Ballyboden Camogie. Competing in Div 3 and Div 4 was a challenge, oftentimes playing the first team from a smaller club, however there were some memorable victories.

For Championship we combined our B & C teams. Here again, the girls played some great camogie and were unlucky to lose out in the shield final. This group was a great mix of 2001 and 2002 girls. A joy to coach and a credit to the club. Let's hope to see all these girls playing again in 2018. Maith sibh.



Under 14: The Under 14's had to go drop to 1 team in 2017. We did manage to field two teams in the Dublin Féile, with the help of a number of under 13's. In the Dublin Féile our A team recovered from an opening defeat to Skerries to top their group. They then had a brilliant victory in the semi-final against Jude's and met Lucan in the final. In spite of a good performance from our girls, Lucan ran out deserving winners.

Our B team was graded in Division 5, and hurled a great weekend. They duly won the Division with relative ease, and enjoyed a hearty celebration back at the club.

We qualified for the Regional Féile which we hosted in Ballyboden and we managed to qualify for the semi-final where we ran the eventual winners Athenry very close. We were again down to one team for the "A" Championship, meaning that it was a big ask. Nonetheless the girls performed brilliantly, the highlight was a great victory over Skerries, and they were extremely unlucky to be pipped for a semi-final spot on the basis of scores conceded. They were defeated by Na Fianna in the Shield final.



Under 13: As we approach the end of 2017, we can reflect back on a very positive year for the 2004 girls with 50 girls still actively involved across 3 teams.

Our B and C teams were always going to find the going tough in Divisions 2 and 4 particularly when they came up against single team clubs, but they were competitive for the most part and never let their heads drop in any of their matches. Our A's managed to go through the league undefeated and put in a brilliant display against Naomh Bríd in what was effectively the Division 1 decider.

In the Championship our C's did brilliantly and qualified for the Division 4 Cup semi-final. Our B Team won the Division 3 Shield final against Lucan. The girls on the team have a brilliant attitude and their skills have progressed hugely over the course of the year. Their Shield title was a just reward for all their efforts throughout the season.

Our A Team won the group stages of the Championship on what was the easier side of the draw, but then had to do things the hard way by beating both of our closest rivals, Naomh Bríd in the semi-final and Lucan in the final to claim the Division 1 title.

A great achievement by the girls which meant they managed to go the whole year undefeated.



Under 12: The Under 12 camogie team continue to improve and develop. We started the year with 42 active players and with some joiners and leavers we also finished the year with 42 which is a credit to all involved. In matches the girls acquitted themselves very well and the improvement was significant.

We also organised an away trip to Kilkenny on June 24th where we enjoyed superb hospitality by the College President and the girls received a talk from Ann Downey, the Kilkenny Senior camogie manager and two of the 2016 All Ireland winning team; full forward Miriam Walsh and 2016 National camogie player of the year Denise Gaulle. The girls had pictures taken with the All Ireland and League camogie trophies before going bowling. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for players and mentors.

We thank our entire mentor group for their considerable input during the year starting with the ladies who are essential to ensuring everything runs so smoothly.

Under 11: The 2006 group have progressed very well over the 2017 season particularly in the latter half of the season by playing some competitive challenge matches. We currently have 54 girls playing camogie for the U11 group and all the girls have developed very well over the year.

A special word of thanks to all coaches, team texters, referees & pitch co-ordinators and everybody who helped out throughout the year. The group as a whole have prospered, benefitted & developed as a result.

Under 10: This year, we had approximately 65 players registered, including 5 newbies that joined us in September. We fielded 5 teams each week in the go-games blitzes, and competed in a total of 15 blitzes in the "All County" group. This group are a pleasure to be involved with, and we can see great friendships being formed, and fun being had. Their skills are coming along too! Long may they both continue!

A big thanks to all of the mentors of the 2007 girls Camogie group, and to all of the parents for their support during the year. Thanks to Google for sourcing pink bibs. Thanks also to the football Female Liaison Officers who double up for us at Camogie training, and to the referees for their patience and time. Thanks to James Murray and the Camogie section for all of their help during the year, and to the older teams for giving us something to aim for!!

Under 9: The 2008 girls left the confines of the 3 academy locations in September of 2016 and all came together on the Sancta Maria hockey pitches. In total 62 girls were registered in September 2016 to commence.

The girls first games took place versus Castleknock in April and from these first games up to our final games 2 weeks ago the girls have performed excellently each week. The skills honed each Saturday morning became more evident and more comfortable to the girls with each passing week. Even for their tender years the pride and confidence they exuded when they pulled on that Boden shirt was very evident as was their competitive instincts!

From January 2018 the girls will go to 2 midweek sessions, one per code for the first time. If the commitment and enthusiasm shown by both parents and girls in 2017 can be continued then we can look forward to a very exciting 2018.



Under 12



Under 11 Team 1



Under 11 Team 2



Under 10 Team 1



Under 10 Team 2



Under 10 Team 3



Under 9 Team 1



Under 9 Team 2

CMRF Christmas Appeal

This was our second year of the appeal and we'd like to say a huge thanks to all those who kindly donated toys for the Crumlin Hospital Heart Unit. Once again Santa was giving out your toys to the children on the ward. To witness their faces light up when Santa meets them is a humbling experience. Despite what they are going through, there is always that smile that makes this all worthwhile.

Once again Ballyboden St Endas have done themselves proud. The childrens' parents are so grateful to the club and Santas visit gives everyone a lift.



I would like to thank Mick Farrell for all his help. A big thanks also to the Executive Committee for their continued support. Finally, thanks to my wife Tracey who works so hard behind the scenes. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go leir.

A Happy New Year to all. Boden Abu!
Martin & Tracey O'Donnell.



Boden Sessions 2017

By Joe Johnston

What a year of brilliant Sessions we've had and what a loyal troupe of musicians, singers, comedians, dancers and bards - all local people coming to give of their time and talents, free gratis and for nothing, to entertain their neighbours in this community. Let me also highlight the wonderful creativity of many of our performers who write their own material - songs, poems & send-ups, all in a spirit of good fun and entertainment. The Boden Sessions have also acted as a 'sheltered launch pad' for performers starting out, like singing a song in public for the first time. The nicest part though is the wonderful audiences we have on Monday nights, they come to listen and they appreciate and show respect when someone is lacking in confidence, that's what makes the Boden Sessions the special nights that they are.



We will miss our great friend Gerry Hogan R.I.P. who contributed so much to our Sessions, not content with just singing his favourite songs, Gerry would give us all the background as well and the history of where the song was born.. go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam uasal.

We invite **ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MIGHTY BODEN CLUB** to come along to one of our Sessions (the dates will be on the online & in the Newsletter) and see / hear for yourself, you might even feel like playing a tune!... then YOU TOO (however insignificant your onfield history), will be able to answer 'YES' when asked the question- "did you ever play for Boden?!!"



Berlin GAA 2017

A Breakthrough Year by Arthur O'Sullivan

Having been founded and affiliated in late 2014, Berlin GAA's first two years as a GAA club were always going to be about growth and consolidation. After steady development in 2015 and 2016, this year was a particularly important one for the long-term future of the club and thankfully 2017 has seen the club make several significant breakthroughs both on and off the field.

Training began in earnest in January, but the club was not in tournament action until April, when it swept to the double at the German Hurling and Camogie Championships in Dresden. The German Hurling Cup is named after the late Chris Hennessy, the founder of Berlin GAA, so it was particularly important to win back this trophy, which is contested by all the hurling teams in Germany. It was also very satisfying to win the German Camogie Cup, our first ever tournament victory in that code.

Although the club competed well in official European Gaelic football tournaments in 2015 and 2016, neither our ladies or mens teams could make the breakthrough of winning one of the sanctioned tournaments. Our ladies ended that drought in Zurich in May, sealing that regional title with a winning goal in the last minute against Munich.

Two months later, the Berlin GAA men repeated the trick and won the club's first ever official title in that code, winning the regional round in Munich with a superb victory over long-time rivals Vienna Gaels in the final. Both our men and ladies finished second overall in their regional leagues in 2017, finishing just behind regional powers Munich Colmcilles (Ladies) and Vienna Gaels (Men) respectively.

In hurling, 2017 was also a breakthrough year. After the Chris Hennessy Cup win in April, confidence was high and in tournaments in Luxembourg (May) and Hamburg (June) our men won the secondary Shield competitions after narrowly missing out on semi-final places at the hands of the Benelux powers.

However, at the biggest tournament of all - the European Hurling Championship in Dresden in late September our men finally made their first semi-final, losing a gripping last four clash narrowly to eventual champions Belgium before rallying to win the third-fourth place play-off.



At the European Football Championship in Maastricht on Oct 21 with 700 players, the largest ever tournament held in continental Europe our men battled gamely but missed out on a semi-final place after narrow defeats to Amsterdam and Belgium. Our ladies also missed out on a semi-final place but recovered to win the Senior 'B' competition in an amalgamation with the Warsaw Ladies.

Off the field, Berlin GAA also had some memorable moments in 2017. The club became officially twinned with Ballyboden St Endas in March. We are honoured to be associated with a club of the stature of St Endas

and we are well aware of the esteem in which our partners are held in Ireland and elsewhere.

We would like to give a special word of thanks to Paudie O'Neill for establishing the connection between the clubs. Paudie is a regular visitor to Berlin and has been a central figure in our development since he first came to our training in April 2016. Gerry O'Sullivan from Ballyboden St Endas became the first official visitor from the club to a Berlin GAA training session since the twinning when he joined us for training in late March this year. We hope to develop the twinning relationship in the years ahead and embark on a number of shared projects.

Another interesting event for the club in 2017 was on October 3, when RTÉ broadcast a 30 minute documentary about Berlin GAA as part of its television series "The Geansaí". Paudie featured prominently in the programme, which apart from being broadcast on RTÉ1, was shown at a special screening in the Irish Embassy in Berlin on November 9.

While this has been a year of real progress for Berlin GAA, plenty of challenges remain. We are still on the lookout for a permanent sponsor to help with our costs, including the significant costs we accrue during the year by travelling to tournaments all around Europe. We also are looking to improve our training facilities, which remain limited due to a lack of resources:

Also, we have lost several members this year who have left the city and either returned to Ireland or continued their travels elsewhere, an inevitability of the transient nature of life for young people living abroad. That said, we have also gained several members, including young Jack Mahon, a Ballyboden St Endas player currently on an Erasmus student exchange programme in the German capital. We wish everyone in Ballyboden a Happy New Year and look forward to hearing from you, and also updating you on our progress, in 2018.



We warmly extend the hand of friendship to any Ballyboden member who finds themselves in the German capital any time soon. Get in touch!



Jack Mahon

U16B Ladies Footballers Away Day in Carlingford

It was a dark and wet Club car park as 18 weary souls climbed aboard the Carlingford Express at 7am Saturday morning. The under 16B Ladies Football Team were off for an end of year set of activities and fun after a very successful sporting year. The team performed admirably in both League and Championship this year coming up a few yards short in both as Runners Up in the League and losing the Division 3 Championship Final to Erin's isle.

However as morning dawned, the weather improved, the rain cleared, the sky turned blue(ish) and the girls started to wake up and spring into action.

First off was Laser Combat- the girls were kitted up and armed. As they locked and loaded mentors were the key targets of the girls with "Man Down" a familiar refrain. Next up was Ziptopia. Fears were conquered and the girls showed true courage as they made their way from tree to tree at heights of up to 45 feet and at speeds of up to 30 Kmh.

The final activity of the day was a night time activity Nightline. We had to hike 3km up a mountain and from there we were blindfolded and had to work together in single file, hand on shoulder in front to navigate through the forest. " I'm a celebrity get me out of here" came to mind as we each had to warn the person behind of the impending hazards. "Elephant" was the warning code for somebody losing contact and suffice to say we feared an imminent stampede as the cry "elephant" echoed through the forest constantly!!!!

Thankfully we all arrived safely back to base and following a few Carlingford chips, plenty of sugar treats were required to replenish energy reserves. All in all a special trip enjoyed by mentors and girls alike.

Finally we thank the girls for a fantastic year of football played with great heart, true commitment and a never say die attitude.

A really special bunch of girls who make us proud and represented the club so well on and off the pitch. Thank you girls, keep up the good work and we look forward to you continuing to actively represent the club so well.

Linda, Conor, Ciaran, Donal, Ian and Liam



Senior Citizens 2017

Another great party to round off the year where the attendance was a whopping 152- a very full house! Dinner was perfect, thanks to our own Chef Paddy Brady, all washed down with a few drinks. Thanks to all the helpers, Mick Farrell and his staff on the day.

A few weeks ago we lost one of the A team, Gerry Hogan R.I.P. He was involved with us from the start, 16 years no less, a good team player in any position from photos to fundraising. Many thanks to all our teams over the years and a special mention to Dan Browne for his 16 years service.

What can I say
Gerry has passed away
Sadly missed by all
But never missed a call
Be it song, photo or talk
Always there never a stall
To help out one and all
Gerry the A team will miss you
As you were true and true

God Bless you Gerry

Tommy Clinton November 2017



Q: How come peoples ages change in December?

A: Because they qualify for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party!

BODEN FACT FILE

DID YOU KNOW?

It's not often you hear of a player involved in two Senior County finals in two different codes in two different Counties within two weeks of one another but that's exactly what our Senior Footballer Niamh Chawke achieved last October.



On the 1st.Oct. she was involved with our Senior Footballers who were defeated by Foxrock Cabinteely 1-10 to 1-5 in the County final and 14 days later she lined out at right half back for her home camogie team Granagh Ballingarry in the Limerick county final against old rivals Ahane. On this occasion she triumphed winning the game 0.16 to 0.9 in what was her and her clubs 5th title in a row. The club went on to represent Limerick in the Munster championship where they were defeated by the Tipperary Champions. Niamh is a primary school teacher here in Dublin, trains with the 'Boden footballers during the week and travels down to Limerick at the weekend for training with her camogie team.

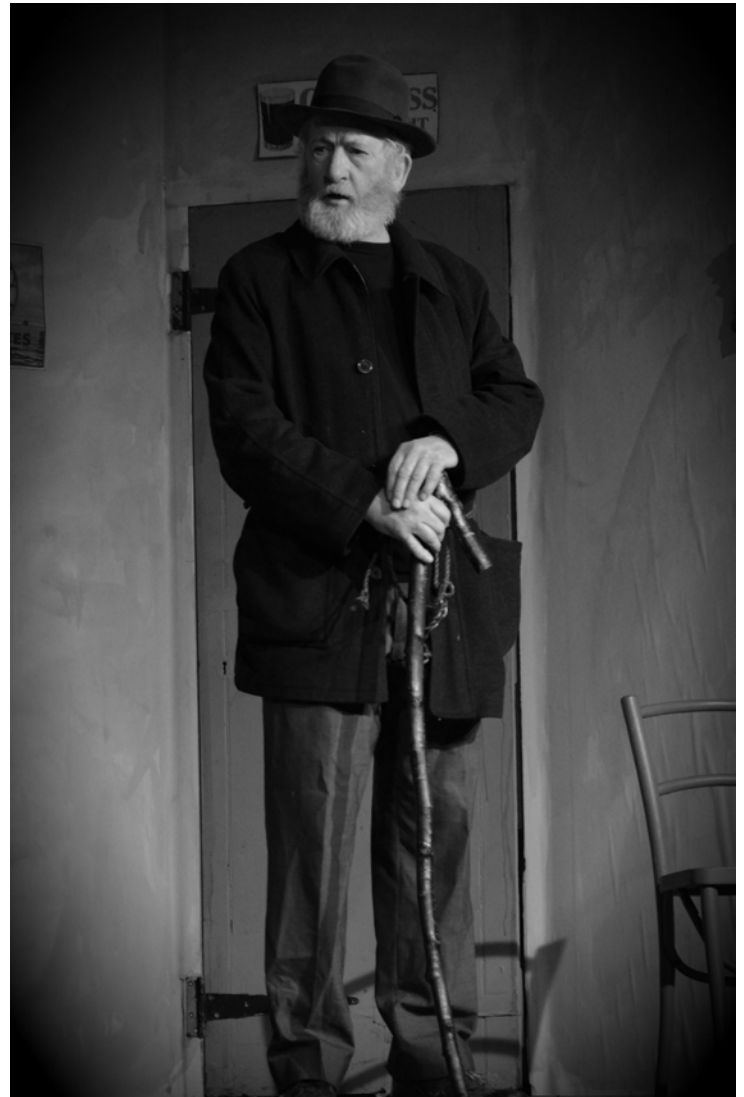
A very busy lady who one might say "Chawkes" up the miles in pursuit of her sports.

Boden Theatre Group Review

By Carol Fitzmaurice

It has been another hugely successful year for the Boden Theatre Group with two challenging productions selling out 8 nights in total throughout the year! The first production of the year was “The Field”, the iconic Irish play, which needed exceptional performances from the actors to do John B. Keane’s characters justice.

We had an amazing response to our production of John B. Keane’s “The Field” back in March. There was unprecedented demand for tickets for this classic Irish play and all four nights were sold out. It was expertly directed by Joe Kearney who worked tirelessly to produce a great show. The actors brought out the right mix of drama and comedy to portray the main themes of the play - from the struggle of land ownership to the fierce loyalty amongst the community and the distrust of outsiders and their plans. It certainly kept audiences entertained and the feedback received was amazing! We would like to thank Therese Keville and Conor Sheehan who made their acting debuts for the group as Mrs. McCabe and the Bishop. We would also like to thank Ciara & Sean O’Farrell and Millie Kearney & Zach Kearney who played the Flanagan children.





Our second production of the year took place in November and was "The Shaughraun" by Dion Boucicault, a Dublin playwright from the 1800's. This melodramatic farce is a genre of play we have not yet tackled as a group, but the success of this production was truly overwhelming. All four nights sold out and there was wonderful audience feedback. The play had everything from comedy and drama, to action and romance with a loveable rogue and a pair of hissable villains thrown in for good measure! There was also plenty of music throughout and it was performed by our very talented musicians which really brought this show to life! The play was directed by Pat Egan, who did a wonderful job in bringing the best out in everyone to ensure an enjoyable night's entertainment.

The group was saddened by the sudden passing of Gerry Hogan. He was involved in the drama group in it's infancy and was an avid follower of the group ever since then. We are delighted that his daughter Niamh is continuing his legacy and she astounded us with her determination to continue rehearsing for our play and she put in a tremendous performance in "The Shaughraun".

We would like to thank all the people who work behind the stage. The success of each production depends on them and they are an integral part of our group. Thank you to the musicians who played live music for "The Shaughraun". Thank you to Scoil Treasa who provided us with rehearsal space throughout the year. Thank you to the club executive and bar management for their continued support. Most importantly, we would like to thank YOU, our loyal audiences, who continue to turn out in huge numbers to support us.

And as we draw 2017 to a close, we already have plans made for 2018. We have chosen our spring play by playwright Tommy Marren who is a Ballyhaunis native. It is called "It's The Real McCoy" and it is a comedy set in the west of Ireland. And who better to direct it than a Ballyhaunis man himself, Sean Fitzmaurice, who will be making his directorial debut!



We look forward to seeing you in March 2018.



The Academy

Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan

2017 saw another exciting year of action for Ballybodens Academy. The academy is where our 6 & 7 year olds are introduced to the club for the first time and are given an opportunity to play Gaelic Games in a fun and safe environment in our 3 venues of St Enda's Park (Hermitage), Knocklyon Park (Ballycullen) and Cherryfield (Clubhouse).

In what was a very quick year, we hope all children, especially those who have just started their journey in Ballyboden, have had a fun & enjoyable year so far. We hope practice each Saturday was, and is, a memorable experience for everyone and that friends were made and lots of new skills were learnt!

As well as practice each Saturday, the year also involved blitz matches with other clubs, fun activity days, and fundraiser days and we look forward to 2018 bringing much more!!



Huge thanks must go to all our Academy coaches with special mention for our head coaches in each Academy venue, Mary Hyland (Hermitage), Pat Coman (Ballycullen), Rachel Clancy (PUM Girls), Seamus Vaughan (PUM 2010 Boys), Brendan Ryan (PUM 2011 Boys), Sean Rapple (2010 Hermitage Boys), Sean O'Toole (2009 Girls) & Colm Fagan (2009 Boys).

Thanks to all those who help in any way on Saturday mornings, be that preparing tea and scones, or putting helmets on kids!! Thanks to Damian Coleman for his continued generosity on behalf of Milish Foods Ltd and to Jackie, Peter, Kathleen, and Liam for all their work preparing tea & scones over the years...we hope you are enjoying the retirement! A special thanks to Sean Moran & Cathy Orr of TJ O'Mahony for their continued sponsorship of Ballyboden's Academy.

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



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Summer Camp 2017

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Ballyboden St Enda's Summer camp continues to get better and better!! 2017 saw the records break once again, with the highest number of children ever attending the camp!! The combination of reasonably good weather and brilliant coaching staff made this year's camp one of the most enjoyable ever.



Every child that attended the camp received the new and much sought after Ballyboden Training Top, the Training Jersey and Summer Camp bag. The most valuable gift the children received was the opportunity to play GAA for the Summer, to make new friends and have an amazing time in a Safe and Fun Environment!! Great memories were created for all children with Raffles, Dublin Player Visits, Skill Games, Fun Games, Mini league matches, Day Trips, Fancy Dress matches, Water Fights and superb coaching from our excellent staff!! Over 80 of our young coaches were employed during the 5 weeks of Camp!! All activities were co-ordinated by our full time coaches Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan.



A huge thanks to Eoin O'Riordan of Leahy & Co. Accountants and Jack Nolan of Cruinn Diagnostics for their sponsorship towards the Summer Camp, and of course to all the parents and children who helped make the camp so successful.

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



Coaching & Games Report

By Brian O'Regan & Paul McLoughlin

A huge amount of the coaches in the club once again attended the many seminars, courses and workshops throughout 2017. Not only were the coaches upskilling themselves but they were also gaining new knowledge and experiences to pass onto their players.

There were two Foundation Award courses held this year. The first one held in February was attended by a mix of new parents who have begun coaching in the Academies and also U16 and Minor boys and girls who coach in the Academy and summer camps. New coaches whose children started the Academies back in September attended the second course held in October. All attendees of these courses also completed the Child Protection Course.

Foundation Award Feb 2017



Foundation Award Oct 2017



An Award One Child course for Go-Games coaches was held in April and an Award One Youth/Adult Hurling/Camogie course was held in November. We will be hosting the Award One Football/Ladies Football course early in the New Year and all details can be found on the club website.

Award One Child Course 2017



During 2017 the Coaching & Games Executive played an important role in bringing Eamon O'Reilly of Sparc Sports Physiotherapy & Athletic Rehabilitation Clinic on board as the overall club physiotherapist. Sparc is located just off the courtyard in Sancta Maria and having such personnel on site has already proved to be a massive addition to the club. Eamon hosted a workshop titled 'Warm up to perform' back in October which was attended by coaches across the four codes.



SPARC Opens in Sancta Maria



Warm up to perform

Also in 2017, Edward Stattery came on board as the club's Strength & Conditioning coach. Along with Ben Daly, they oversaw the S & C work with numerous teams including the four senior teams and all minor teams. Having a streamlined approach to this type of training will pay dividends in future years for the players in the club. In November Ed hosted a workshop for 'Speed Development' for our underage coaches.



Speed Development Workshop

In Ballyboden we are lucky to have such great young players who help out coaching in our Academy and with our juvenile teams. These young coaches will be the future adult players, mentors and administrators in the club. Thirteen of these young coaches attended the GAA Youth Forum in Croke Park back in October and represented the club with pride at an event with over 700 attendees from clubs in every county. Many thanks to Caoimhe Ní Néill from the Games Department in Croke Park for facilitating the boys and girls on the day.



Handball Workshop - Enda Timony

The above is just a snapshot of some of the work, which went on in the coaching and games side of things in 2017. Of course a huge thanks to all club mentors for their commitment throughout 2017 and we look forward to working with everyone again in 2018 and beyond.

The secret of success is that there isn't one. You know the five things you need to know:- Get the basics right; Put in the training hours; never duck the tough stuff; always go for the win and... never give up!

Carol Fitzmaurice - Profile

Position in Ballyboden St Enda's: Drama Queen! I'm a member of The Boden Theatre Group and committee, with responsibility for organising the PR for the group.

How long are you a member in Ballyboden St Enda's: Over 30 years!

Any family members in the club? My parents Sean and Noreen Fitzmaurice.

Fave Music: I usually listen to music when out running so anything up tempo from Rudimental is good with me.

Fave TV: Peaky Blinkers and Great British Bake Off.

Fave Book: The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt.

Favourite Grounds: Cherryfield – the grounds in which I spent most of my playing career.

What has been your greatest moment in sport? Finishing the Dublin marathon last year. It was my first time to run it and it was the hardest but most rewarding sports moment I have ever taken part in.

What's your greatest Ballyboden St Enda's moment? Watching my dad lead the team to win the 1995 Senior Football Championship and being in Croke Park to see Ballyboden St. Enda's Senior Football Team win the All Ireland Club Final last year.

What are your hobbies? Being part of the drama group as well as arts and crafts.

What's the best thing about Ballyboden St Enda's: While sport is at the forefront Ballyboden, there are so many other ways in which people can get involved in the club. Our club caters for so many different interests and it brings a diverse range of people together to be part of the wider club community.



Brian O'Regan - Profile



Position in Ballyboden St Enda's: Director of Coaching.

How long are you a member in Ballyboden St Enda's: Joined the nursery in the late 80's

Any family members in the club? Yes too many to mention and more joining in the next couple of years.

Fave Music: Not majorly into my music but you can't beat the old stuff!

Fave TV: Narcos and Designated Survivor.

Fave Books: Andre Agassi autobiography and Relentless by Mary White.

Book currently reading: Game Changer by Fergus Connolly.

Favourite Grounds: Old Court.

What has been your greatest moment in sport? There have been a lot of good moments so far, but the greatest moment is hopefully yet to come.

What's your greatest Ballyboden St Enda's moment? Coaching the Senior Ladies Footballers in 04 & 05 when they won back-to-back All-Ireland Club Championships. Witnessing the lads playing in Croke Park on All-Ireland Club finals Day on St. Patricks Day 2016 and watching the joy it brought to young and old around the community.

A close third would be Mathew O'Sullivan's acceptance speech when his 'team' won the inaugural Puc Fada competition in 2017.

What are your hobbies? I used to enjoy cycling & going skiing, but finding the time nowadays since the kids came along has put an end to it.

GAA Gripes? That Ladies Football and Camogie are not under the guise of the GAA at national level and obviously the lack of clarity around fixtures at club level.

What's the best thing about Ballyboden St Enda's: There are many different opportunities for members to engage in the club both on and off the field, as it is an extremely inclusive club, which serves the whole community

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Ballyboden St. Enda's

Football Report 2017



By Eoin Dunne

In the 2016 Adult Football report, I summarised the year just gone as follows “For football in Ballyboden St Enda’s, the future is indeed promising.....roll on 2017” – an appropriate sentiment, given the dizzy heights of our achievements in 2015 and 2016. The future of football in this club does remain promising, very much so, but I think it’s fair to say that 2017 was not a year that lived up to our expectations.

That said, it was a year on which we should reflect to ensure that we continue to learn, to develop and improve. Learn from whatever mistakes we may have made, continue to develop the structures and resources that are required to support our teams, and improve, well...to improve on everything we can – our performances, our results, our commitment, our attitudes – even our luck, if such a thing can be done!!

The individual team reports will provide the details of on-pitch activity but I would summarise the year of 2017 as follows more general reflection on adult football in our club in 2017.

Following our Senior Footballers All-Ireland success and the winning of the Dublin Senior Football League, 2016 was always going to be a hard act to follow. However, with a new management team in place, the Senior squad entered 2017 in good stead, and determined to compete at the business end of the Championship. Unfortunately our loss to St.Oliver Plunketts in the first round was the defining moment of the season for the squad and the league campaign that followed was fairly unremarkable, with a mid-table finish. However the year finished on a high note as the team beat Raheny to win the Senior Championship Tournament in November.

The issues that affected the senior squad in terms of player availability, for a variety of reasons, had a knock-on effect on the Intermediate teams’ league campaign and in truth they struggled to be consistently competitive and ended in a relegation play-off. However one highlight of the season was an excellent play-off victory over St. Vincents, and they retained their Division 3 status.

Our very young Junior A team had an excellent run in the Junior A championship, and exited at the semi-final stage to a strong and experienced Plunketts team and finished mid table in Division 5. They did win silverware in the form of the Conlon Cup in August.

Our Junior B’s did an excellent job of building on the promotion they achieved last year, and got to a promotion play-off in Div 8, unfortunately falling short in the end. Our Junior C team also had a very enjoyable and relatively successful campaign, managing to avoid the disaster of relegation and more importantly also avoiding the even greater disaster of promotion..!!

We again fielded three minor teams (with difficulty, at times, it must be said) but in truth we had a disappointing year, as evidenced by the team reports. There was no lack of effort, but many results just didn’t go our way, and we do seriously need to examine and understand why we are underachieving at minor level. Our Minor A team endured a very tough league campaign, and although they did win a Championship game, they did not qualify for the knockout stages of Championship

The heroic performance of our Minor B team, in reaching their Championship final in November, and only falling short by the minimum margin, provided a very bright finish to the year, while our Minor C team battled gallantly through the league, with considerable assistance from the Under 16 teams.

I would like to thank individually every member of the management of our adult football teams

Senior	John O’Brien, Eugene Duffy, Ben Molloy, Ger Flaherty, Ned Flood, Peter Shovlin, Daire Walsh
Inters	Shane Brooks and Sean Crowley
Junior A	Neil Brennan and Don Carolan
Junior B’s	Martin, Dave, Keith and Tracey O’Donnell
Junior C’s	Patrick Greville
Under 21A	Mark Fee, Martin Masterson, Kenny Naughton, Colly Moran, Neil Buckingham, Bobby O’Sullivan
Under 21B	Kevin Walsh, Frank McNamee, Paddy Healy, Vivien Ruddy
Minor A’s	Derek Ward, John O’Boyle, Tony Wallace, Seamus O’Flaherty, Frank Basquel, Brendan Gillespie
Minor B’s	Joedy Moran, Conall O’Broin, Ciaran Farrell
Minor C’s	Peter Hanrahan and Sean O’Neill

Special thanks is also due to Shane Brooks, Andy Kerin and Daire Walsh, who took charge of the senior squad from mid-Sept, and duly delivered silverware in the form of the Senior Championship Tournament win. Shane also deserves further mention, along with Sean Crowley, for their management of the Intermediate team for many years, and who have decided to step down. They, and all the above named deserve our utmost thanks for all their efforts.

Representative Honours

Congratulations, once again, to Michael Darragh Macauley and Colm Basquel on their senior All Ireland success with Dublin in September. Colm Basquel and Shane Clayton won U21 All Ireland honours with Dublin. At minor level our representatives were Kieran Kennedy, James Madden & All Star winner Ross McGarry who won the Leinster minor championship with Dublin.

Sponsorship

The Football section is no different to the rest of the club in that we have to make significant efforts to match expenditure with revenue. We would especially like to thank our main sponsor, H&K and Dave Bobbett without whose support we would be unable to develop as we have. We also have a secondary sponsor- Trubake- and we would sincerely like to thank Frank Basquel for his significant and continued contribution. In addition we would like to thank our individual sponsors Rathfarnham Credit Union, George King, The Blue Haven, RoofMart, Shovlin Tiling, Pat Doyle, Jim Keane, Fintian Hyland and Darby Timbs. Finally, on this topic, no word of thanks would be complete without acknowledging Danny Griffin for all his effort in securing sponsorship for the teams.

Mile Buiochas

To the Executive and Games Executive a special thank you. To all the section chairs for their co-operation and support during the year. On behalf of the Football Section, I would like to formally thank all my fellow committee members for their significantly work over the year- especially Jim, Neil, Pat, Conor, Frank, Donie and Darby. On behalf of the Football Section, I would like to formally thank the club Chairman, Ciaran Maguire, also Noel Sheridan and Mick Farrell for their continued help and support. I also wish to acknowledge the contribution made by Sinead Ryan throughout the year for promoting the football section and her dealings with the media.

On a final and sad note, our good friend and colleague Pdraig Cullinane passed away in February 2017. Pdraig was a great servant of the club for many years, and served as Football Secretary. May he and all of the friends and colleagues that we said goodbye to in the last year – Rest In Peace.



Senior Football The 2017 season kicked off under a new management structure. Early league form saw narrow defeats to St. Jude's and St. Vincent's in close fought contests and in between both results, we overcame our local rivals Thomas Davis in Sancta Maria to get our league campaign up and running. The Championship draw saw us pitted against St. Oliver Plunkett's in a straight knock out all Div.1 contest, arguably the most difficult assignment for both clubs of all the first-round draws. We started the game well and the first 40 minutes of this contest saw us play the superior football. We lead for most of the game putting some slick moves together but unfortunately couldn't translate these plays into scores and fell victim to two sucker goals. The game changed on a couple of key incidents and we eventually lost by 3pts.

The remainder of the season saw many younger club players gain valuable senior football experience. A special thanks to these young lads who supported the team. We managed to pick up valuable victories along the way overcoming Sylvester's, Castleknock, Clontarf, Cuala and Lucan. With several players returning from their travels, the outlook for the end of the season looked more promising. We finished the season with some fine victories in the league and won tournament Championship. The unexpected loss of a high quality team manager in John O'Brien has initiated the search for a new management team.

It is important that we reflect quickly on the past season, move on and get back to players 'playing' and management 'managing'. Importantly, let us not forget the basic ingredients of success- hard work and commitment. Finally, we also would like to wish John every success for the future. **Ger Flaherty**

Junior A Football 2017 was very much a mixed bag for the Junior A Team. This year started off with the squad deprived of some of its better players who were promoted to the Inter ranks. With only a few Minor players from the 2016 squad coming through, it was always going to be a difficult season. However there were some notable milestones. Quite a few players made the step up to Intermediate during the season to underpin the ideal that the Junior As should be a development squad and to provide young players with a stepping stone to the senior ranks. As the Intermediates suffered through a host of issues, the Junior As provided a selection of players (depending on availability) to the Inters and it became apparent that they were well able for the step up in standard. As for the season itself we won 50% of our games and more importantly once again, got through to the Junior A Championship semi final where we met a very strong Plunketts team who deservedly won on the day. However, once again the players were not found wanting when it came to battling right to the end.

Intermediate Football The Intermediate footballers started out the season with the main aim making a strong challenge in the Championship when we had a strong squad and concentrate on being as competitive as possible in a very strong Division 3 League. With the majority of our players under the age of 23 this was a huge challenge.

Our championship started early in April with a very hard game against Naomh Barrog. We fielded a strong side and the game went very tight to the end. However a few missed chances in the last few minutes cost us dearly. It was very disappointing to exit the Championship so early in the season.

The league continued over the summer and with lots of players going away for the summer and both Inter and Senior teams out of Championship results were mixed. The team picked up enough points to stay in the league and finished it with a superb play-off win against St Vincents. Staying in this league was very important and after all the issues, we were delighted as a team to show the character to raise our game when needed.

The management team of Shane Brooks and Sean Crowley are now stepping down. It has been a good journey but very challenging at times. Promotion with Inters and being involved in the group that won the All Ireland will always be remembered. We would also like to thank the players and especially those who have been with us the full few years and longer Naoise McGuire, Ciaran Archibald, Scott Cullen, Seamus Keane, Tomas McGrath and Dara Kilduff.

Shane Brooks

We won the Conlon Cup in August against a much fancied Na Fianna side, but on the day we were the better team and were it not for some erratic finishing we would have won even more convincingly.

To conclude, I would like to thank a few people. Don Carolan and I have managed this group for the past few years and I would like to thank Don for everything he has done for me and for the teams over the past few years. I would have been lost without him. Shane Brooks and ourselves worked closely during the past two years and he has been a true friend to this team. We greatly appreciate everything he has done for us. Liam and Conor Deane gave us a great dig out during our championship run and this also was greatly appreciated.

To the players in the squad, I would only say you have been a fantastic group and a joy to coach. The last few years have been some craic. **Neil Brennan**



Junior B Football After gaining promotion, the JB's held their own in a very tough league. We hit the ground running and registered hard fought wins against extremely tough opposition. We had a great run in the Cup, only losing out on a final on points difference. Our Championship run came to an end after we lost to St Sylvesters in controversial circumstances. Our early season form stood to us and at one stage we were pushing hard for second place. The JB's made it to the promotion semi final playoffs against a strong outfit in Geraldine P Morans. The game was well contested by Boden, the lads gave their all. However it just wasn't to be, Geraldines were the better team on the day and worthy of their promotion.

I would like to acknowledge the great help I have had from Neil Brennan, Shane Brooks, Derek Ward and other mentors throughout the club. A huge thanks to the players who were called upon on short notice and put in a shift, thanks a million guys. Thanks to my brothers David and Keith for their huge input this year... a great help. Finally, thanks to my wife Tracey, our administrator, first aider, score keeper & statistician.

I would like to think that Junior football is an attractive option to young players coming through the ranks who wish to progress to Intermediate and Senior level. A great stepping stone and learning curve for all young players within the club. With a proper structure in place this is achievable. Boden Abu. **Martin O'Donnell**

Junior C Football This was our first year fielding a Junior C team in Div 11, and it was a very successful debut season. Mixing the silky skills of the stars of yesteryear with some very enthusiastic youth, we won some, lost some, and finished mid-table. Most importantly, we provided an opportunity for lads – who may have thought that their days of playing competitive football were over – to extend their footballing careers. A master stroke was undoubtedly managing to re-arrange home fixtures for Saturday nights, thereby providing a very welcome social element to the season. It is rumoured that some lads are already engaged in pre-season training for next year (although it is probably only a rumour...!!!)

Patrick Greville

Minor A Football This was a difficult year in terms of competitiveness and therefore results. The three league panels trained together up to the start of the Championship. The A's played 38 players and would like to thank the B and the C mentors for their support. Congratulations to the B panel and mentors on their successful season, the majority of whom played with the A's during the season. Thanks to Tom O'Donoghue minor A hurling manager for communications and congratulations on winning the shield. Thanks to Frank Basquel (Trubake) who sponsored the A's jerseys.

Congratulations to the 13 players who represented Dublin Football and Hurling 2017/18 at under 17 and under 18 level. Congrats to the Ballyboden lads who won Leinster Championship medals at with Dublin under 18 Football (Kieran Kennedy, Ross McGarry, James Madden) and Hurling (Conor O Donoghue, Kevin Desmond, Shane Kennedy, Luke McDwyer, Tommy Glynn, Karl Reddy) and to under 17 hurlers (Kevin Desmond, Luke McDwyer). In spite of the results I would like to complement the players and the management for their commitment and effort. Finally thanks to Vinny Keogh who wrote our match reports for the Newsletter. **Derek Ward**

Minor B Football The Minor B's league campaign began in February with a loss to Nh Fionnbarra by 1-6 to 1-5. Conditions were dreadful and the game could have gone either way. We lost league games in the following weeks to St Anne's (B), St Mary's, Templeogue Synge St. and Round Towers (C). We defeated St Peregrine's at home and could not field a team against Isles of the Sea because of exams, injuries and supplying players to Minor 'A'. The team was entered in the Minor 'C' championship and was defeated in Ballycullen in the 1st round of the round robin by

Craobh Ciaran. The team re-grouped, worked hard and defeated O'Toole's and Fingallians away to qualify for the quarter final. This team continued to gain confidence and defeated Cuala away in the quarter final and Na Fianna at home in the semi final by 3-6 to 2-7.

Craobh Ciarain defeated us in the final on Sunday November 12 (away) by 2-8 to 0-13 in a great final. The result was in doubt up to final whistle but the award by the CCC of a home fixture to Craobh was certainly an advantage to the winning team. The following people had a major influence on the successful season: Ian Clarke, Darren Homan, Ray Grady, Seamus O'Flaherty, Conor Doolan, Niamh McMahon, Liam Carter, Paul McLoughlin, Peter Hanrahan Derek Ward & John O'Boyle throughout the league. This team of 28 players made a significant contribution to the club this year and were thrilled to receive their runners-up minor championship medals. **Joseph Moran**



Minor C Football The Minor C football team campaigned in Division 5 South of the League. We started with a panel of 11 minor players and were more than happy to be assisted by a number of U16 players throughout the season. We opened the league away to Ballinteer St Johns and put up a reasonable display to lose by 7 points. In our next game we were well beaten by Geraldine Morans who went on to win 6 of the 7 league games they played. Our third league game was away to Kilmacud Crokes and we finally got our act together and won by 3 points. We followed this up with a good win against St Judes at home. Unfortunately during the height of the holiday season in June and July we conceded 3 games due to a shortage of players. I would like to thank all the players who togged out for the Minor C footballers throughout the year. I would also like to complement them for the way they conducted themselves both on and off the field. They are a credit to themselves, their families and the club. I would also like to thank the management/-mentors of the U16 teams for their cooperation and assistance during the season. It was a source of major disappointment to the players involved that the club decided not to enter the C team in the Championship. **Peter Hanrahan**

U21 Football The players really got behind this undervalued competition this year with an impressive 54 lads turning up for training on the first night. Both A and B teams put in the work required to mount a double fronted challenge for honours and were duly rewarded with both teams reaching their respective finals, the A's v Na Fianna and the B's v St.Margarets. Despite a herculean effort both teams fell short at the final hurdle but the mentors from were seriously impressed with the attitude, skill and effort shown by the players which they hope will carry into 2018. Finally, the U21 management, and indeed all the football section, wish our colleague Noel Madden all the best in his recovery from illness. **Neil Buckingham**



U21 A Panel

Ross McGarry Profile

By Sinéad Ryan

The transition from minor to senior team is one that has developed throughout the years and when we look back at some players who have played an important role at senior level, it was their minor playing days that taught them all they needed to know. Ballyboden St Enda's Ross McGarry was one of the new kids on the block on the Dublin Minor team in 2017 and even though Kerry won the 2017 All Ireland Minor Championship, Ross and his Dublin teammates showed great skill throughout the Championship which ended in Ross receiving a Minor All Star award.

Ross was at the end of many a goal for Dublin in this year's Minor Championship. He scored a goal against Kildare ending their 5 in a row quest. "It all happened so fast so it's hard to recall everything, it was a great run from James Doran (Na Fianna) and he put it on a plate for me and it was just about beating the keeper from there. A great feeling nonetheless and one I will always remember"

The All Ireland Semi finals didn't go to plan and the Dubs narrowly lost to Derry "I think at half time going in one point ahead having not played anywhere near our best we realised that we had the beating of a strong Derry side if we started playing. However for whatever reason we didn't get out of first gear and before we knew it was all too late. I don't think it was down to anything other than a poor mental state on our behalf".



At only 18 years of age, Ross has always been into sport. Starting off in Ballyboden St Enda's at the age of four in the academy, he played all sports throughout his life until he decided the Gaelic was the one he wanted to concentrate on. "I'm from Rathfarnham so there was loads to do sports wise when I was young in the area. I played basketball, hurling and football but dropped the others when Gaelic became more serious. Playing with Ballyboden has been brilliant throughout the years and I have made some great friends. Some of my best memories include travelling to Austin Stacks in Kerry when I was under 13 and also in the U14 All Ireland Feile up in Derry. They were great times."

At a young age, Ross already has many achievements under his belt including U14 Division 1 Feile winners, U15 Hurling League and Championship (Division 1), U16 Dublin Division 1 Championship winners in 2014 & 2015. "I suppose I was lucky to be included in a lot of victories throughout the years, we have great players and management in the club which helps. Ballyboden is a special place, win lose or draw. I love the community aspect of it, every Saturday & Sunday you see the same faces around the club that you grew up with and also the same faces on the sideline supporting and helping out with management etc, I think that's very special."

Ross has had many mentors throughout his Ballyboden St Enda's and Dublin career. "The list is endless to be honest, over the years I've been lucky enough to have several different mentors all of which have had a massive positive impact on me, Dan O'Sullivan, Brian O'Regan & Paul Shields to name a few. However I'd have to say the Feile winning management team that then led us to an U16 Championship win had a special impact on me, Frank Mcnamee, Paddy Patten, Kevin Walsh, Vivian Ruddy and Tony Wallace. It was an important and very enjoyable few years of my career and I owe a lot to them for that"

Although the All Ireland title wasn't to be Ross found himself named on the Electric Ireland Minor All Star team - "It's quite hard to put into words but it was a major honour and I was very proud to be chosen. To see my name alongside fourteen other incredible footballers was amazing and I thought it was a real testimony to both the club and my family for all the hard work they've done for me over the years so I was delighted with that".

So as the Minor stage of his career is completed- what's the plan for the future? I suppose for every young footballer growing up the dream is to play for the County Seniors. I realise how hard it is to make it that far and that's why my plan is to keep my head down and focus on one season at a time and hopefully I can get that opportunity one day. However seeing the sheer ecstasy that an All Ireland Club Championship brought to Ballyboden St Enda's a few years back I think that's top of my priorities list. I can't think of anything more special than to win an All Ireland with the club and people who I've been surrounded by my whole life so for the rest of my career that's what I'll always be working towards.



juvenile round-up



Cliona Mellett & Mark Brady

Juvenile Boys Section Round Up – Football & Hurling 2017

2017 has once again been a very busy year for Ballyboden St Endas Juvenile Boys Section. In excess of 600 boys registered again with the club this year. Such numbers demand huge commitment from coaches, mentors and parents alike. On behalf of the club, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who give their time on a voluntary basis, week in, week out assisting in the development of our young players.

A special word of thanks to our Executive and in particular to Brian O'Regan and Paul McLoughlin for their great support throughout the year. The outstanding club facilities, such as the All Weather pitches and the skills wall continue to be of huge benefit in the training and development of the boys' skills. Well done to all the boys who competed in the various competitions throughout 2017 and we look forward to 2018 with great confidence.

Mark Brady,
Chairman, Juvenile Boys Section.

Juvenile Boys Roll of Honour 2017 (Taken from Coiste na nÓg Átha Cliath)

FOOTBALL:

- U12C:** Division 8 League Winners
- U13C:** Division 7 League Winners
- U15A:** Division 1 League Runners up
- U15B:** 'C' Shield Winners
- U15C:** 'D' Shield Winners
- U16A:** Division 1 League Winners
- U16A:** 'A' Championship Runners up
- U16B:** 'D' Championship Winners

HURLING:

- U13A:** Division 1 League Winners
- U14A:** Division 1 League Winners
- U14B:** Feile na nGael Division 4 Runners up
- U15A:** 'A' Championship Runners up
- U15B:** 'C' Shield Runners up
- U16A:** 'A' Championship Runners up
- U16A:** Division 1 League Winners

2008 Boys Football - Under 9's Finally, the wait was over after two years in the Academy and it was time to put skills into competitive action with the boys very eager to get started in their first ever 'Go Games'. The coaches key focus for the year was to ensure that the boys enjoyed what they were doing while developing their football skills. The boys have continuously improved all year, their passion for the game and sporting attitude is to be commended with numbers averaging 85/90 on match days and at training.



2007 Boys Football - Under 10's 8 teams entered into the Go Games with 90 boys training on Friday nights. The boys transformed in strength, skill and ability, competing against St Vincents, Naomh



Olaf, Castleknock, Lucan Sarsfields & Ballinteer St.Johns amongst others. All players improved game after game, showing great respect for the opposition, referees & management. In September, some boys travelled to Laois and

won the Milltown Properties Cup following some fierce competition from Kileshin, Round Towers of Naas and Paletine of Carlow. In October, a group travelled to Offaly for a tournament hosted by St Vincents GAA.

2006 Boys Football - Under 11's The U11 boys continued to develop their skills with attendance at training & matches very high this year. Moving from Sancta Maria to Ballycullen allowed plenty of experience playing on grass. As well as regular Saturday morning Go Games, the boys competed in a number of tournaments throughout the country. In April it was Scotstown County Monaghan. In October two teams participated in a football tournament in Naas, with both drawn against each other in the final. The weather Gods intervened to prevent the match being played! Pre-summer training sessions at St Enda's Park saw the boys play in a Mini All Ireland series of football and hurling matches, which were enjoyable and very competitive.



2005 Boys Football - Under 12's Division 8 League Winners

The U12's fielded 4 teams in Divisions 1, 3, 8 and 10 in Dublin County Board leagues for the first time ensuring competitive and challenging football.

Our Division 1 group had no defeats before the break, though the second half of the season proved demanding. Our Division 3 team had more of a challenge as they faced mostly 'A' stream teams. Our Division 8 were League Winners! Our Division 10 lads were positioned among stronger opposition to ensure at least 7 league matches so had a tough time but enjoyed the season nevertheless. Road trips included a trip to Scotstown and the Monaghan v Dublin NFL in Clones, tournaments in Naas, (Div 10 lads scooped the Shield trophy), An Riocht, Co. Down and Cooley Kickhams in Co Louth.



Finally, mention should be made of Cumann na mBunscoil success in Croke Park: St Marys Rathfarnham were Winners of the Division 1 Corn Kitterick, the first time since 2004, and Ballyroan BNS were winners of back to back Corn Kitterick Shields. Super achievements! Well done to all the Boden lads involved.

2004 Boys Football - Under 13's

U13A Our Division 1 boys began the year playing 5 grading league games, winning 2 out of 5. In the league they won 8 of 14 games finishing in 4th place and played 32 boys. Trips away included a friendly in Bailieboro before the Cavan v Dublin NFL in Breffni Park and the Lee Strand Tournament in Tralee, taking the Shield in a nail biting final against hosts Austin Stacks.

U13B This season has seen this group of lads really grow as a team and play a very high standard of football. They showed great determination and attitude all year. The lads had been second in the league for most of the year only for the last few results to go against them and ended up in 4th position.

U13C Division 7 League Winners

Winning 2 out of 5 grading league games placed our U13C's in Division 7. Operating with a small panel of 18 players (having lost two players early on) the lads grew in confidence and found their positions of preference which led to familiarity and improvements game on game. The team went on a fantastic winning streak ending the first round of league matches winning 8 of 9 games. The league was then divided into two and the lads won all 4 games in the 'Top 5' play offs.

U13D All the boys worked hard this year to keep the fourth U13 boys team competing. It was a tough year and they were up against some good sides but the lads fought hard and always fielded a full team. Thanks is due to the players from other teams that helped make this possible. It is hoped that most of the boys will continue with their football next year and they look forward to Feile.



2003 Boys Football - Under 14's

U14A The U14 lads began their season by preparing for their Division 1 league campaign and Feile tournament. Injuries curtailed the maximum this group could have achieved but hopefully that will come next year. They finished 4th overall in the league and showed on numerous occasions the potential they have. Feile started well but the gruelling day in Skerries took it's toll and the lads didn't make it past the group stage. Throughout the year they continued to expand the squad incorporating players from the B and C teams. This has produced a very competitive squad going forward.



U14B Our U14B's played in Division 4 where they faced stiff competition as the only B team playing at this level. The highlight of the year was Feile where all lads put in great performances and showed their true potential. They topped their group following three wins before losing out to a late goal in the semi final to the eventual winners Cuala. The team had a strong start to the league and were in 2nd place heading into the summer break.

However the second half of the league proved more challenging due to the loss of some players and a couple of sub par performances. The team finished 4th in the league, the best position achieved by a Boden B team at this age group in recent years. During the year, it was great to see some lads progress to the A squad and lads that helped out the U15s acquitted themselves very well.

U14C Overall there has been a huge improvement in the team this year. The boys competed in Division 8 against Castleknock B, Clontarf B, St Brigids B & Monicas, all who could easily compete in higher divisions. Feile in April was both a wonderful and heart-breaking experience. The team competed in Division 10B hosted by Beann Eadair. BBSE beat the hosts in the first game and then lost a close game to the eventual runners up. Qualifying for the semi-final on scoring difference, local rivals St Judes pipped our lads in a game that required extra time and plenty of drama to decide a winner. The team worked hard and were very unlucky not to be in the final. Following the disappointment of Feile, the team developed as a unit and gave some excellent performances with 3 wins on the run into the summer break finishing tied on points in 4th position.



2002 Boys Football - Under 15's

U15A Division 1 League Runners up The Under 15A footballers had a core panel of 21 players and consistently moved players between teams in order to ensure that all players can play to the best of their potential. Throughout the year a total of 31 players played A football.

The boys finished 2nd in Division 1 League to a Castleknock team that have only been beaten once in the last four years. They were unfortunate to meet Castleknock in the s/f of the Championship and even more unfortunate not to beat them in a tight encounter in Cherryfield. After the summer break, a Strength and Conditioning programme was introduced for the boys which proved very successful and is being used now by all under 15 players across both codes. It was a successful year for the group and we look forward to 2018.



U15B 'C' Shield Winners

Our U15B footballers had a long hard campaign in Division 4 and by the time Championship time came along, the lads had yet to win a game. Despite this, the lads never stopped trying to play good football. They headed into the 'C' Championship with



optimism. Unfortunately in spite of a really solid performance, they lost on their first day out and went straight into the 'C' Shield. They beat St Vincents and Kilmacud Crokes en route to the final against Ballyfermot DLS. The lads delivered the complete team performance on the day and ran out winners.

It's fair to say that they kept their best until last! It was some reward for the boys and mentors' hard work and dedication throughout the year. Notwithstanding a tough year in the league, the lads remained committed and were a pleasure to coach. They look forward to the year ahead at U16.

U15C 'D' Shield Winners What a difference a year makes! After losing every match last year, this crew of lads ended up in Division 7 where they were very competitive winning 7 of their 10 league matches and finished third. They started the year with 20 players but quickly lost 6 to the B team. During the year a couple of lads joined so numbers increased to 18. At training, numbers were nearly always 100% which is a testament to their willingness to train and play football. After the summer break the lads played their first ever Championship. Beaten by a very much improved Castleknock C team in the opening round, they faced another away match, this time Kilmacud in the Shield. An exciting game ensued with Boden winning with a last minute goal. Next up was Cuala B, a league division above BBSE, and more drama with a last minute point seeing the boys through to the Shield final v St Sylvesters. The final turned into a thrilling contest between 2 well matched teams, both teams trading score for score keeping everyone entertained.

The second half was no different and it was all in the melting pot until the end with Boden coming out on top 3-12 to 3-06. It has been a great year and these lads have always been a pleasure to train. They are a happy unified bunch.



2001 Boys Football - Under 16's

U16A Div. 1 League Winners and 'A' Championship Runners up

Beaten in last years U15 Championship Final in November, this group of players were very eager to go a step further at U16. The league began in February and the team hit the ground running, clocking up a number of victories. Their only defeat in the first half of the season was to Clontarf. The opening round of Championship saw an immense tussle with Lucan in Sancta Maria, a one point victory saw the team through. Victories against Whitehall away and Skerries at home ensured a second county final in as many seasons. Unfortunately the lads fell to an accomplished team from St Vincents. Focus then returned to the league and the victories started building up again with only one defeat, once again to Clontarf. On the last day of the season, the lads were joint top with Clontarf, with a league play-off in the offing. However Clontarf drew with Lucan and Boden were given a walk-over by Crokes so although denied the chance to win the league playing a game, this should in no way take away from the immense achievement of the lads in winning the league. We wish them luck as they advance to minor and adult football within the club.



U16B 'D' Shield Winners

The big day arrived in May for our U16B boys in the 'D' Championship final in O'Toole Park. Following a hard fought extra time win away to Clontarf in the Quarter Final and a solid Semi Final victory against St. Sylvesters, they lined up against St. Patricks, Palmerstown, who reached the final with convincing wins. The boys worked hard, preparing well with extra training sessions in the lead up to the final. Winning the toss, they selected to play with the breeze in the first half and took control of the game right from the start and despite a few wides had built up a good lead of 0-6 to 0-0 at the break. In the second half, St. Patricks quickly got off to a good start firing over the first score. The Boden management team looked nervously at each other, was this to be a game of two halves? The Boden boys rallied and quickly took control of the game and it was to be the only score conceded, with the final score 1-13 to 0-1. The boys were superb and it was a great team performance ending their time in Juvenile. It has been a pleasure for the mentors to have helped the lads to this stage of their careers and convey best wishes to the lads stepping up to minor next year.



2008 Boys Hurling- Under 9's The lads and coaches made the big step up from the Academy to Go Games with the boys very excited about playing against other clubs. The key focus for the year was ensuring that the boys enjoyed what they were doing while developing fundamental skills.

In June, they hosted their first Feile Iomana with teams from Na Fianna, Lucan Sarsfields, and Ballinteer St Johns attending. After the summer, training moved to St Enda's which allowed the boys to get used to playing on grass and open spaces. Paudie O'Neill ran three very worthwhile 'Coach the Coaches' (games based coaching) sessions in September.



2007 Boys Hurling- Under 10's Circa 70 boys played regular Go Games, friendlies and a number of blitzes. The boys won the St Kevin's Tournament on Good Friday. In May, nearly 200 players from four clubs attended Boden's U10's Feile Iomana. Other blitzes



included trips to Naas and Clonmel. The Mini All Ireland in June in St. Enda's Park saw 6 Boden teams battle for the coveted trophies, with some great games played. On Leinster SHC final morning, Craughwell from Galway visited and played four matches.

The boys have worked hard and really developed their skills all year.

2006 Boys Hurling- Under 11's Highlights this year include winning the Cup and Shield in the Annual Dermot McNulty Tournament hosted by Na Fianna in May, our boys first hurling tournament win. In June, the Féile Iomána in Cherryfield saw boys from Na Fianna, Clontarf, Castleknock, St Judes and Ballinteer taking part. Boden fielded an impressive four teams. The pre-summer Annual Mini All Ireland in St Enda's Park was competitive and enjoyable.

The weekly Camaint competition over the Summer culminated in a day of finals at Parnell Park. Tournaments attended included The Joe Delaney Tournament, Ballincollig GAA Cork and The Phelan Stone Hurling Tournament in St Patricks of Ballyragget, Kilkenny.



2005 Boys Hurling- Under 12's The boys began their season with a series of grading games and enjoyed their first year of formal league hurling with teams in Divisions 2, 4, 7 and 11. Training on Friday evenings and weekend matches were very well attended with the focus primarily on skill development, developing "game sense" (good decision making) and game preparation. There has been a remarkable increase in skill levels and the ability to execute a skill under pressure. Every player was exposed to playing at a level they were comfortable with but also one that challenged their skill levels. There was an average rotation of over 20% of players between each team each week. By year end, the teams were around the middle of the league tables so despite plenty of movement of players between teams, they were still competitive in

each league. The highlight of the year was the new format Annual Féile Iomána attended by Faughs, Na Fianna and Cuala. Three teams of mixed ability were entered from each club with the results from each match contributing to the overall Club score so it was club rather than any one team that would win. The venue was Ballycullen with 6 pitches in play and 150 boys competing at any given time. Ballyboden lifted the Trophy for the first time!! Now CCC1 draws to an end and CCC2 beckons!



2004 Boys Hurling- Under 13's Division 1 League Winners

Competing in Divisions 1,2(3) & 5, 54 players commenced and completed the league season. 57 matches including 41 league games were played. Despite being the first year of specific team panels, many players had the opportunity to play on more than one team. Some of the 2017 Highlights were: "School of Excellence" sessions with Paudi O'Neill, David Curtin, Darragh Spain & Conor McCormack, GAA Handball sessions with Gary McNulty, Training with Senior Hurlers, Trip to Waterford for the Willie Phelan Cup, Surfing and Fire Station visit, trip to Ennis to see Dublin play Clare in the league, Friday night Wall Ball Sessions, 9 players lined out for Under 14 Feile Teams and end of season Internal Mini League. The Division 1 title was clinched in September following an unbeaten season. Challenge games were played against Kilmacud, Kevins U14, Emeralds (Kilkenny), Sixmilebridge (Clare), Ballygunner (Waterford), Dicksboro (Kilkenny), Wicklow Development Squad and Naas. In April, the team brought back the Willie Phelan Cup, beating Ballygunner.

Division 2 was a big ask so following a mid-season review the lads were slotted into Division 3, also a very challenging division full of 'A' Teams. However the work rate and effort of the team has resulted in 3 wins out of the final 4 games.

Division 5 was also challenging. The highest ranked third team in this age category, the squad achieved results against the 'B' teams in the division.



2003 Boys Hurling- Under 14's

U14A Division 1 League Winners

The lads commenced the year with coaching sessions from Liam Hogan and Darragh Spain. They started the league very strongly and were unbeaten in the run into Div 1 Feile. The excellent team and individual player performances saw group stage wins over hosts Kilmacud Crokes, Commercials and Naomh Barróg and earned the lads a semi-final encounter against local rivals Faughs. Alas the boys narrowly missed out by a single score for a place in the final. A disappointing end to Feile, the tournament served a purpose of uniting the players as a squad, and they have played each match since with a greater sense of being a team and a togetherness not seen in previous years. Beating Faughs at home post Feile put them top of the League table. A post Summer duel against Feile winners Na Fianna and an away win over Faughs saw them seal the league with 2 matches in hand. Overall, this was a milestone year for this group of players who have improved as a team. They deserve great credit for their performances all year. It is the belief of their mentors that this is just the beginning of the journey of realising what this squad can achieve in the future.



U14B Feile na nGael Division 4 Runners up

The year started out combining the C and B teams to keep as many lads hurling as possible. Div 4 was always going to be challenging as all the other teams were 'A' teams and some games had to be conceded due to lack of numbers. The big event of the year was Feile and the lads did a mountain of fundraising in preparation. Hosted by St. Maurs two great wins against O'Tooles and Liffey Gales guaranteed a semi final place against St Kevin's which was played in Thomas Davis. The lads really benefitted from a large number of supporters from the club and got through to the final. The team faced St Maurs in Blakestown the following day and despite being well in contention at half time St Maurs proved too strong. The lads really enjoyed the experience and will always remember the cheers afterwards from the large Boden contingent.

The lads also enjoyed a great weekend in Bundoran and an Air Soft Shooting trip which wrapped up a great Feile year.



2002 Boys Hurling- Under 15's



The season preparation commenced back in December 2016 and 2017 started with a series of Winter league matches against Thomas Davis, Kilmacud and Cuala. Over the course of the league campaign, there were some high and lows with 9 games played, winning 3, drawing 2 and losing 4. The League however served as great preparation for a crack at the Championship. The Championship 1st round threw up a home match versus near neighbours Thomas Davis and after a nip and tuck first half against the wind, the lads gained a foothold on the game and won out well. Next up was Kilmacud Crokes who Boden had never beaten in a competitive match. Blessed with home advantage, all those who witnessed this match agreed that the lads were determined and ran out comfortable winners in the end with some fantastic hurling on display. So the first ever Championship yielded a Final which was played in Blakestown as Parnell Park was unavailable. Training went well and a session in Abbotstown was arranged in preparation for the final. Mick Keville, Emmet Carroll and Fearghal Brennan gave generously of their time facilitating training sessions. On the day but not without a fight, the team came up short by 2 points.



Our U15B hurlers plied their trade in Division 4, starting slowly with 3 defeats followed by a run of 4 wins and ended the season in 3rd place. They had the honour of being the first Juvenile team to play on the redeveloped PUM! A tough 'C' Championship made up of Division 3 & 4 teams saw the team drawn away to Crokes from Division 3. The challenge brought out a super performance from the lads but unfortunately they were narrowly defeated. First up in the Shield was a brilliant battling win against Cuala. The semi-final was away to Lucan and despite going down to 14 men, they managed to produce the best performance that this group has ever put together and recorded an emphatic win. The Shield final was against Fingal Gaels and the boys had home advantage. A huge crowd gathered at Cherryfield and the lads started like a whirlwind dominating the first half with a healthy lead at half time. Sadly they ran out of steam in the second half and suffered a narrow and very disappointing defeat. Despite the defeat, this group should be very proud of their season – the consistent improvement from all players over the last numbers of years has been really impressive and the boys have been a credit to the club. The mentors look forward to seeing even more progress over the coming season at U16.

**2000 Boys Hurling- Under 16's
U16 Division 1 League Winners and 'A' Championship Runners up**

This outstanding group of hurlers have been a credit to themselves, their mentors and the club all throughout their time in the Juvenile section. While they fell at the final hurdle in this year's championship, they recovered to wrap up the league in emphatic style.

A Dublin and All Ireland Feile, the under 14, 15 and 16 league titles together with an Under 15 Championship is a superb record of which all should be very proud. Good luck to all the lads as they leave the Juvenile section and head into the minor grade.

A huge thank you to Brendan Ryan and Brian Kelleher for all their hard work with the lads.



Cliona Mellett - Profile



Name : Cliona Mellett

Position in Ballyboden St Enda's: Juvenile Boys PRO

How long are you a member in Ballyboden St Enda's: 14 years

Any family members in the club? Yes My husband is a Ladies football mentor, my 2 sons are Senior hurlers and my daughter plays U16 Ladies football.

Fave Food: Thai

Fave TV: Homeland

Fave Book: The Great Gatsby

Favourite Grounds: Parnell Park

Any Vices? My timekeeping!

What's your greatest Ballyboden St Enda's moment?: My 2 lads starting with Boden's Senior Hurlers and beating the All Ireland Champions Cuala in the opening round of Championship earlier this year!

What are your hobbies? Walking the dogs, photography and have recently returned to swimming

GAA Gripes? Inconsistent Referees

What's the best thing about Ballyboden St Enda's: There is a real sense of community and belonging in the club which is great. It's a really friendly place with large range of other social activities catering for all interests and ages. It's a club for life!

BODEN FACT FILE

DID YOU KNOW?

There are currently 4 Galway natives on our Senior Ladies Football squad, Sinead Burke, Maria Hoey, Deirdre Lawless and Aoife Martin.

Maroon and white second strip anyone?...

Páirc Uí Mhurchú Re-opening

By **Brendan Moran**

The official re-opening of Pairc Uí Mhurchú took place on Saturday 1st July. There was an atmosphere of great excitement as games recommenced on the main pitch after a 9 month closure due to the works development program. The day was action packed with both our Senior Footballers and Senior Hurlers playing Ballymun Kickhams in AFL Division 1 and Dicksboro (now Kilkenny champions).

The Club Executive believed that it was necessary to do a complete refurbishment of PUM. The 3 main principal reasons being:

- (1) The narrowest of the sideline on the car park side (only 1&1/2 metres) constituted a safety hazard for players. This has now been doubled to 3 metres, reducing the considerably the risk to players and complying with recognised GAA standards.
- (2) The length of the pitch on 1 side was only 134 metres, which was deemed too small for modern day GAA games. As a result of the refurbishment, the pitch has now been extended to 140 metres in length.
- (3) A complete new drainage system has now been installed on PUM which will ease the problems experienced in the past as a result of inclement weather.

The official ceremony was performed by the Chairman of Ballyboden St Enda's Mr Ciaran Maguire together with special guest, Mr Jim Bolger Chairman of the Leinster Council. Among the other guests who attended the event, included Mr Paul Gogarty Mayor of SDCC, Mr Sean Shanley, Chairman of Dublin County Board, Canon Adrienne Galligan from Rathfarnham Parish, Fr Paddy Smyth from Knocklyon, Mr John Lahart TD and Counsellor Deirdre O'Donovan.



The entire PUM project took over 2 years in terms of planning & preparation, all of which was directed by the Club's Facilities Director John Ryan. In addition to thanking John for his management of this major project, the Club's thanks should also be extended to SDCC and the resident associations of both Cremorne & Westbourne Lodge for their support.



Inaugural Poc Fada Competition

In addition to, and to coincide with, the re-opening of the newly refurbished pitch in PUM the Hurling Section ran a unique Poc Fada event. The competition preceded the Senior Football and Hurling matches and had the participation of all our adult hurlers. A huge fundraising effort was made by the hurling committee with an emphasis on a fun day for all participants. A very strong feature of the event was the wide participation across all four codes in the fundraising and certainly new friendships were initiated all round.

A little bit of apprehension existed about the day and what was it all about...but as the day progressed and the fun began everyone got into the spirit of the occasion and the feedback has been very positive. We had approx. 60 players involved including minors and seniors with a back-up team of over 30 people. In all, close to 100 club personnel were involved in the day and, if nothing else, it was a fantastic opportunity to mix with colleagues young and old in a fun filled family environment. As a fundraiser it was also a huge success and many that missed out this year will no doubt get fully involved in 2018 (subject to committee approval).

Throughout the day we were spoilt with the excellent burgers and trimmings from our master chef Paddy Brady. In addition, we had a plentiful supply of ice creams for young and old. The usual reliables donned the yellow jackets to keep the traffic flowing and ensured everybody was accommodated.

The day finished with a packed clubhouse for the big raffle of All Ireland tickets, helicopter trip and overnight stay in Red Cow hotel. The winning Poc Fada team was captained by Matty O'Sullivan and he accepted the presentation with a winner's performance. The 'Big Prize' went across the Liffey but was sold by our own intermediate hurler Austin Lynch. The evening finished with plenty of 'Ceoil agus Craic' and will certainly be remembered as a very special day in the history of the club.

Such a volume of people were involved in this 'Fun Day' that it is not possible to mention everybody by name, just to say a big 'THANK YOU' to all involved, this could not have happened without the support across all four sections..





Report by Shay Devlin

2017 has been a very active and exciting year for Súiltóirí Buadáin. The Group continues to go from strength to strength with now over 60 members participating in this section of the Club's activities. We had a number of new members join us during the year and they are now enjoying not just the walks but, just as importantly, the social side of the Group's activities. The mainstay of the Group's activities is the Saturday morning walk where we gather at the clubhouse at 9am before heading off for our regular 3 to 4 hour hill walk. There is always the option of a shorter walk each Saturday for those who wish to have a more leisurely stroll for a couple of hours. The hill walks take us all over the Dublin and Wicklow mountains. Some of our walks during the year included Djouce, Tibbradden, Trooperstown, the Spinc, the 2 Sugar Loafs, Sorrell and Black Hill, Aughavanagh, Hollywood, the Kilbride Circuit, Tinnahally, Lough Dan, Lugnaquilla, the Howth Head Loop, to name but a few. Every few weeks we have a Walk for All where we do flatter walks where everyone can join in and particularly those whose knees may no longer stand up that well to the challenges of the mountains. Some of our featured Walks for All included Bray to Greystones, Phoenix Park from the Memorial Gardens, Avon Ri to Russborough, Dun Laoghaire to Killiney and around the waterworks at Boharnabreena. Needless to say, after every walk comes the stop off for the very welcome tea and scones.

The year also produced many other fantastic highlights. A wonderful long weekend away in June walking in the Sperrin Mountains staying in the An Creagan Holiday Village, a day trip to Carlingford Lough and a wonderful trip up to Westmeath and Cavan organized by Cavan native Kevin Cahill. From Mullaghmeen in Westmeath to the 7 Wonders of Fore, to the Wild Swans at Coole, Derryvaragh and the beautiful Franciscan monastery in Multyfarnham this was a most memorable day.

Foremost among the highlights was our away trip for a week in September to Zell Am See in Austria. The 2016 trip to Mayrhofen in Austria was always going to be a hard act to follow but this trip equaled if not surpassed it. We had our biggest group of travelers since we began our away trips in 2013. A large group of 50, including a number of members travelling away for the first time, left Dublin Airport for Munich early on the morning of September 6th and arrived back safely a week later having enjoyed a wonderful week of walking. We had a lovely hotel close to the shores of the lake in the beautiful town of Zell Am See where the food and facilities were excellent. We had weather from all seasons, walking in sun, rain and even snow on one day. We were again close to the ski lifts to bring us up to the walking areas at 2000 metres where we started our walks each day. Some of the group chose to avail of the many wonderful shorter walks that were available and over the week people also took the opportunity to travel to places such as Salzburg and Hitler's Eagles Nest in the Alps. As in previous years the music and craic in the evenings was up to the normal high standard probably helped by a lovely Gin House attached to the hotel. A new addition this year was a nightly card game of Chase the Ace introduced by one of our newer members, Barry Jackson. Late at night loud shouts could be heard in the reception area by up to 15 people playing the card game.

Walking in Austria is a great experience which, no doubt, we will return to again but for 2018 we are already planning our trip to the Andalucian town of Nerja in Spain.



Above the clouds and ready to walk the Austrian hills

Many of our members also took on other walking challenges throughout the year climbing the hills and mountains in places as far afield as Tenerife, Peru, Crete, Scotland and the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain. Pride of place must go to 3 of our members, Sean and Teresa Dolan and Mairead O’Sullivan who scaled Machu Picchu in Peru. This is a difficult trek over a number of days where one of the biggest challenges is dealing with the high altitude. However, each of our intrepid explorers did the club proud by overcoming the challenge and reaching the peak. This year we once again supported the Glen of Imaal Red Cross Mountain Rescue Team when 10 of our members completed the Annual Moonlight Challenge which, with the aid of head torches, involves a 28 kilometre, 7 hour hike at night in the Wicklow hills.

We had 5 members completing the marathon in a wonderful time of under 7 hours and the walking group were also delighted to support a number of wonderful causes during the year, particularly the Darkness into Light walk in aid of Pieta House and the recent Climb for Clare walk from the club to the Hell Fire Club.

We would like to thank Brendan Moran and the new Chairman Ciaran Maguire for their support during the year and in particular Mick Farrell and his bar staff for always being so accommodating throughout the year.

We are always looking for new members and anyone interested in joining us on the hills can try it out on a Saturday morning – just remember to bring sturdy boots, the right clothes for the weather and a good supply of water and snacks.



On the Schmittenhöhe in wintry conditions



Seán & Teresa Dolan on the Austrian hills



Guard of honour from Dutch hill walkers



Moonlight challenge in Glendalough



Ballyboden St. Endas Schools Report 2017

Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan



2017 saw another great year in the local schools. The excellent relationship that exists between the local Primary and Post Primary Schools continues to flourish, involving Schools Coaching, Primary School Blitzes, Transition Years Programmes and the ever-common Sam Maguire Cup Visits!! Our School Blitzes are as ever an exciting day out for the boys and girls from 2nd & 3rd class, with 500+ students taking part over the course of 4 days.

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

As mentioned already, the children once again had the brilliant experience of having Sam Maguire and Dublin Players visit their school. Added to this year was the welcome arrival of the Brendan Martin Cup and the Dublin Ladies, our club players/mentors, Rachel Ruddy, Emily Flanagan, and Sorcha Farrelly.

Much more great unseen work goes on in our local schools, the results of which were visible this year in what must have been one of the most successful years for our local schools in Cumann na mBunscol. Well done to All!

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



Cian Mellett - Senior Hurler

Name: Cian Mellett
Section: Senior Hurling and 2017 U21 Hurling Captain
Position: Midfielder/Back
Height: 5'10"
Fave Food: Dominos Pizza
Fave Music: Listen to everything and anything
Fave TV: Peaky Blinders, Game of Thrones
Fave Book: The Club
Favourite Grounds: Pairc Uí Mhurchú, Parnell Park
Greatest moment in sport: Winning the Minor Hurling championship 2013 & my Senior Debut vs Cuala this year
Who was the toughest opponents you ever faced: Na Fianna
Nominate the laziest: Bryan Kirwan
Biggest Messer: Cillian "The Daddy" Byrne, Paul Ryan
Childhood heroes / Sporting heroes: Stephen Hiney, Mal Travers
Do you play any other sports: Soccer in the prestigious UC'D Superleague
Do you have any superstitions before a match: Arriving late
Biggest Disappointment: Losing the U21 championship final to Na Fianna by a goal
Other players with a promising future: Kevin Desmond, Luke McDwyer
Ways of improving GAA: Better formatting of Club Championship
Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse: Relax
Pet Hates: Mornings
Advice you'd give to young players: Work harder than those around you and stick at it
How would you like to be remembered: Tough hurler who always gave his all



Player Profiles

Cian Murray - Senior Footballer

Name: Cian Murray
Section: Ballyboden Senior and U21 football
Height: 6'1"
Fave Food: Mother's Lasagne
Fave Music: Red Hot Chili Peppers
Fave TV: The US Office
Fave Book: Game Of Thrones
Favourite Grounds: Pairc Uí Mhurchú
What has been your greatest moment in sport? Getting into the Minor final in 2015 with a team that many people had written off
Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced? Paddy Small or Ross McGrath
What are your hobbies? Watching TV and bringing my dogs down to the park
What are your vices? A good takeaway
Nominate the laziest person on your team? Ross McGrath
GAA Gripes? People pulling out of a challenge
Childhood heroes? Robbie Keane
Do you play any other sports? I used to play a lot of hurling and I'm sure I'll go back to it at some stage, also a bit of rugby and golf
Do you have any superstitions before a match? I used to have a few but they never seemed to work so I forgot about them.
Biggest Disappointment? Losing the minor final to Ballymun 'cause of a few fluky goals
Pet Hates. People driving too slowly
How would you like to be remembered? Dogged and determined and as someone that forwards hated to have marking them
How do you think you will be remembered? As the lad at the back with the dodgy barnet!



Ciaran Kiely - Juvenile Dual Player

Name: Ciaran Kiely
Section: U13 Football / Hurling
Position: (F) Full Forward (H) Centre Back
Height: 5'7"
Fave Food: Steak
Fave Books: The Choice by Philly McMahon
Favourite Grounds: Croke Park
What has been your best moment in sport: Winning the U13 Austin Stacks Tournament

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced: Barry McGuire Boden full back
Nominate the laziest: Leon Kennedy
Childhood hero: Diarmuid Connolly
Do you play any other sports: Soccer
Pet Hates: Bad referees
What would you like to be when you grow up: Physio
Favourite Hurler: Austin Gleeson



Doireann Mullanay - Dual Player

Name: Doireann Mullanay
Height: 5ft6
Fave Food: Yoghurt raisins
Fave Music: Tom Odell, Ludovico Einaudi
Fave TV: Great British Bake Off
Fave Book: Harry Potter
Favourite Grounds: Semple Stadium
Greatest moment in sport? Winning U16 All Ireland with Dublin Camogie
Toughest opponent you ever faced? Louise Ward, Galway, All Ireland Minor Football Final
What are your hobbies? Farming, swimming, cycling, running, playing the harp
What are your vices? Cracking my fingers
Nominate the laziest person on your team? Let me see...
GAA Gripes? Lack of resources and recognition in women's camogie and football compared to men
Childhood heroes? Jessica Ennis, Gwen Jorgensen
Do you play any other sports? Gaelic Football, Athletics, Scuba diving
Do you have any superstitions before a match? Meal beforehand turkey & sweet potatoes
The highest point of your career to date? Captain of Dublin Minor Camogie team
Biggest Disappointment? Losing All Ireland Final Replay in Football against Galway
Pet Hates. Procrastination, Loud chewing
How would you like to be remembered? As someone who never gave up and always gave it their all
How do you think you will be remembered? As the one who tore two ACLs in two years before the age of 19



Boden



Katie Murphy - Ladies Senior Footballer

Name: Katie Murphy
Height: My real one, or what I tell people?
Fave Food: Spaghetti and meatballs
Fave Music: Justin Bieber of course...
Fave TV: Any form of reality TV and I'm hooked
Fave Book: Any John Green book
Favourite Grounds: Probably Breffni Park
What has been your greatest moment in sport? Winning the Leinster Young Player of the Year, with Bill Daly by my side.
Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced? Crokes have been our nemesis since we were little so anytime we play them, it's always tough.
What are your hobbies? Eat, sleep, football, repeat
What are your vices? My wicked dance moves
Nominate the laziest person on your team? Pftt lazy? No, we're all super energetic...
GAA Gripes? Young and talented girls quitting Gaelic
Childhood heroes? Djibril Cissé and my brother Barry Murphy
Do you play any other sports? Badminton is definitely my second favourite
Do you have any superstitions before a match? I always have to have a lunch bag of cereal and a Powerade on the way to a match. Plus, I only wear brightly coloured boots
The highest point of your career to date? Getting to the Senior Club Championship final with the best bunch of girls
Biggest Disappointment? Having a knee injury that kept me out of football for 2 years
How would you like to be remembered? As a hardworking and intelligent team player
How do you think you will be remembered? "That nippy little corner forward"



Limrick Layder

SPECIAL REPORT

A Season of words in D Minor - CCC - Coaching, Confetti & Curry!

14th May 2017 Minor D Firepower topples Castleknock

We had a successful medal presentation last Thursday night in the clubhouse- for last year's minor C hurling team that brought glory to the club on a glorious autumnal day last October at the Trinity Gael's Complex near the town of Malahide- where they were crowned County Champions.

But that was then... so with a new team and a few old stalwarts the 'glory hunters' set off for Somerton in Castleknock to take on the locals minor B's in a Div 5 league match. With a big 'clear out' of the old guard, a more youthful management was put in place. Robert Lambert (he of the last remaining hill farmers in Rathfarnham) was appointed chief coach with Alan Kinsella as PRO and smoking partner of Robbie. But back to the match....Matthew 'The Paw' Nolan was in goal and caught some great high balls on the line, 'Thundering' Thomas O'Neill was right corner and always looked threatening (well the corner forward stood well back), at full we had 'The Swimmer' Darragh Murphy and left corner and making a return to duty was Sean 'The Quiet Man' Mahon. Half time score was 1-11 to 1-04 in our favour, after playing with the wind at our backs.

Within 5 mins of the restart 'Knock had scored 1-2 without reply leaving only 2 pts in it. Evan 'The Long Fellow' Rossiter was introduced as a sub for James 'The Politician' O'Reilly and scored a good goal with minutes of his arrival. Alan 'The Dinger' Mc Govern was switched to the backs and quietened his man straight away. The half back line were steady throughout, particularly at centre where Jack 'Hardy Boy' O'Sullivan is improving all the time. Jack 'The Baker' Basquel and David 'Tidy Hurler' Barrett were doing their bit. Both our midfielders Oisin 'The Tiger' Murray (Captain and man of the match) and Sean 'The Gazelle' Lambert were playing well and picking off good points from distance. We'd another two Lamberts (Rathfarnham's version of The Waltons family up in Blue Ridge Mountain) in the half line, young Jack (1-4) and his cousin Rob junior (1-1) were keeping the scoreboard ticking over nicely while their colleague James 'The Runner' Kinsella was contesting well for all balls. James 'Smiler' Hanrahan was deceptively skilful throughout and scored a great point early on with a great dummy and a nice side-step. At right corner was Liam Mac Pháidín who alongside his father 'as umpire' worked well together. Dioma 'Rugby' O'Rourke was introduced late but made an impression.

At the finish the score was 3-11 to 2-06 in favour of Boden. The lads went home smiling and hungry, looking forward to a big dinner. p.s. The Lamberts/Waltons had to head home in a rush – a few cattle has broken through a gap into the wood and had gone missing.



Sept 24, 2017 Minor Ds shooting well - Limrick Layder Reports from within West Dublin!

On a fine autumnal Sunday morning all the male minor hurlers gathered at the clubhouse. The A's were heading south to Cuala, the B's were heading north to Portmarnock and us D's appropriately enough heading 'west' – (where all the good cowboys hang out) to take on Castleknock in a shoot out! We rounded up a good posse of players but 'lost our leading forward' in the car park ('Long' Jack Lambert was promoted to the B team) After protracted negotiations we recruited an u16 player John Maguire and 3 litres of freshly squeezed orange juice ...surplus stock from the A panel. Undaunted we headed due west arriving to Porterstown in good time to prepare well for the shoot-out. Our new technical director (the old one 'The Gav' Duff got promoted last year to the B's) Robert Lambert took the lads through their pacesby the time he'd finished they were frothing at the mouth for the battle ahead. Olde style training- none of your fancy-dan stuff with cones scattered around the pitch like confetti at a wedding. The ball was in and the game was on

Sean 'The Gazelle' Lambert settled us with 2 early frees. A joint goal – claimed by 2 players, 'Smiler' Hanrahan and 'The Politician' O'Reilly. Under constant pressure at the back, the full line of 'Steady' Barrett, 'Thundering' O'Neill and 'Dynamo' McGovern were holding out- like the Daly gang at the OK Corral. Matthew 'The Paw' was as playing a blinder in goals! 'Red' Benjamin Hurley and 'Strapping Lad' Corcoran were making good runs at the opposition and creating good space. Another goal compliments of the 'Runner' Kinsella. By half time we were 6 points to the good. We refreshed ourselves with the A Team juice. Seemingly 'Jesus' McKenna likes a glass of juice at half time! Castleknock scored a goal early in the 2nd half and things were looking dodgy but our captain the 'Tiger' Murray and his comrades in the half back line 'Cool' Dennehy and the 'Turf Cutter' Basquel started hurling 'tough' along with the 'Dasher' Bradshaw and the siege was lifted. The Gazelle and Evan Rossiter struck over a few quick points before 'Junior' Lambert stole in for tidy goal. We got a disputed point, compliments of our umpire – the genial Jeremiah Corcoran. Next 'The Paw' came out of goal for a seventy and split the posts. We introduced new blood, the Seanachai MacPhaidin showed well. Next on was the 'Enforcer' Duffy who put manners on the opposition backs. Sean Mahon then helped us over the line. Strapping Lad' Corcoran went through for a goal. Dioma was nearly introduced but had to be withdrawn as we had reached our quota of 5 subs. We won 4-9 to 2-6, as confirmed by Des the statistician and 'the Paws' grandfather. Thanks to 'Smilers' father for washing the jerseys. Also to all those parents who haven't yet washed the jerseys but may do so in the future! Rock on.



October 22, 2017 Goal Fest in Sancta Maria - Limrick Layder Reports

Since the opening of the Grouse shooting season back in September the action has been poor to middlin. However the same cannot be said of the Minor D hurling championship semi final v Na Fianna last Sunday in Santa Maria which produced a 9 goal thriller. Due to the torrential rain on Saturday the match was switched to the 6G all weather synthetic pitch which, it has to be said, better accommodates our unorthodox skill set! We started well and despite a lot of possession and playing with a strong wind at our backs we arrived at half time only 3pts to the good. The Paw was playing very well in goal along with the full back line of Dynamo McGovern, Thundering Tom and Steady Dave. The half forward line of Rob Junior, Big Evan and even bigger Cian were causing a lot of trouble and throwing their weight around....and picking off a few points into the bargain. We introduced the Turfcutters brother shortly after half time and he made an instant impact. Within minutes the Politician scored from a square ball (luckily enough his father was the umpire) and the score stood. Smiler Hanrahan then caught a great ball off a clearance by Capt Tiger Murray and struck a great goal....we were beginning to motor!

Scores were coming fast and furious and to keep us on our toes Na Fianna (as their illustrious name suggests) were not lying down and rattled in a well worked goal along with a few nice points. Cool hand Luke (unlike his brother Jack the Turfcutter wouldn't be a great man in the bog – his back is too long for all that bending- but he'd be 'God send' in meadow – for topping wynds of hay or when piking hay up high in a barn) was asserting his authority on the match and bring his comrades into play with.....Smiler got another goal, The Runner kicked in a goal, Big Evan and Bigger Cain also added their names to scoreboard – we were so overjoyed we could hardly stay on the pigs back! The final whistle was blown and we were a few goals to the good and in the final – hopefully to be played in 2 weeks time.

5th November 2017 The Final....Limrick Layder reports

After a long but joyous hurling season the Minor D hurling team arrived at the D Championship final in Blakestown Rd, Coolmine to take on the local Peregrines team last Sunday. Having inspected the pitch and established the angle of the low lying sun our captain Tiger Murray decided to play against the wind and into the sun in the 1st half.

We scored first thanks to a nice point by Red Benji... that rattled our opponents and they replied with a flurry of points from all angles that you could only stand back and admire. Our goalie the Paw Nolan, full back line of Dynamo McGovern, Thundering Tom and Steady Dave were under constant pressure but manfully held Peregrines to scoring points for a distance and kept our goals intact. Outfield we were beavering away but scores were hard to come by. Long Luke, Jack the turfcutter and the Tiger were giving it their all- the word from Rob (Coach) was to get to half time and see where we'd go from there.

The ref blew the whistle. The score 17 to 1. They were 17 and we were 1. The smoking tent was erected in the far corner, another 20 Major were opened and smoked within minutes – our carbon footprint had shot through the roof – but our coach (Rob) and his assistant (Alan) 'enveloped in the plom of smoke' had a eureka moment – 'all out attack' for the 2nd half.

We started brightly...the Gazelle, his cousin Rob (jnr), big Evan and even bigger Cian were running hard at the opposition but without much joy on the scoresheet. Thundering Tom picked up a yellow card but got good value from it and was replaced by the Dasher Bradshaw. The 3 James's (Politician, Smiler & the Runner) were toiling away in the full line without getting any breaks... or scores and we'd gladly have taken anything! Eventually Long Luke broke the deadlock with a rocket to the net. The colour started coming back into our cheeks. The Enforcer Duffy came on with a swagger and tapped of a fine point, the Runner scored a goal off his left... we were beginning to believe! Sean the quiet man was introduced and put in a few good tackles, Cool Eoin went on a mazy run, was fouled and Luke scored another goal from the resultant close-in free - we were beginning to get notions about ourselves.

Unfortunately Peregrines went up the field and scored a right poxy goal – no justice whatsoever! We emptied the bench – The Seanachai Mac Phaidin made a telling contribution as did Dioma and Darragh in the earlier rounds but alas, without surplus A Team Orange Juice, we had to give way to the better team on the day. We regrouped along with all our fellow minor hurlers at 6.00pm in the clubhouse where the hurling committee laid on a fine meal, Mick Farrell upped the ratio of chicken to rice in the Leitrim curry by about 400% and we had a dinner that couldn't be beaten.

We'll look forward to the break and meet up again in the new year...with the help of God !



Minor D	04/09/2017	Home	Ballyboden	5.07	Parnells	1.09	
	10/09/2017	Away	Ballyboden	4.09	Castleknock	2.06	
	22/10/2017	Home	Ballyboden	7.10	Na Fianna	2.07	S/f
	30/10/2017	Blakestown	St Peregrines	2.24	Ballyboden	3.06	Final



Mellett & Keaney



Gavin & Joe Duff



Dave and E.T....



Hawkeye Fletch



Dave Curtin & Malachy Travers



Seniors Leinster League Final



Junior B Squad



U21 Squad



Minor A League Champions



Finn McGarry in action V Crokes



Conor Dooley focused on the 65

A harvest of many hands

On October 1st, 2006, the Boden faithful sat mournfully in the stands in Parnell Park. The club had just fallen narrowly to an ageing Craobh Chiaráin team and those present must have wondered if the elusive Senior County Championship was ever going to visit Firhouse Road. Damian Lawlor had written in the Sunday Indo "... the perception was that if you hit Ballyboden St. Enda's hard they didn't like it. A bit flaky..." Liam and his men set about dispelling the idea that the team had a soft underbelly. Could Boden recover from this defeat, their 5th such defeat in a County final? Liam Hogan, who had just completed his first year as manager, took defeat on the chin and quickly set his sights on formulating a plan to snatch the Blue Riband of Dublin hurling and take our place at the top table. 1983, 1988, 2001, and 2004 had seen Boden falling at the last hurdle but this defeat really hurt Hogan and the players! Could Boden recover and would another push get them over that line?

2007 started brightly for the Senior Hurlers. Liam Hogan had met his team of mentors...the previous year was reviewed and new and higher targets were set. The AHL generally started after St. Patrick's Day and early form suggested that Boden would be strong contenders. Success at under age and a schools' level (Harold Cup) was coming to fruition. As well as winning the Minor Championship in 2006, we now had several All Ireland Medal winners. Dublin had won the Croke Cup for the first time, defeating St. Flannan's in the final. The team was backboned by Boden players. These players were also part of the team that won the 2006 Under 21 C/ship. Several young contenders were now promoted to the Senior ranks. Malachy Travers and Enda Kinsella were also welcomed into the fold. There was a renewed focus that this was going to be the year and anyone who witnessed the training sessions in Oldcourt were left in little doubt that there was now a huge panel to choose from with massive competition for places.

The AHL can be very frustrating for a manager. Dublin players may not be available for League games but this too can be a chance for others to shine. When the county players returned in August, the competition for places was fierce and the start of the championship was eagerly anticipated.

The games finally got under way on September 15th...they were delayed due to the Dublin Under 21 team's involvement in the All Ireland Final. In all Boden played 5 games and the scene was then set for a final against St. Vincent's . The march to the final is set out below.

Date	Opposition	For	Against
15/9	Cuala	2 16	0 12
29/9	South Dublin 2	1 22	0 11
10/10	Kilmacud	1 13	0 12
14/10	North Dublin 2	3 13	0 11
20/10	Lucan Sarsfields	4 12	0 13

As can be seen from the table, the journey through the early rounds showed Boden were a serious outfit. They had scored 11 goals in the five matches and none were conceded. What was also very evident was the discipline of the team. Frees were not easily conceded and this was not by chance. Anyone who had witnessed the aforementioned club practice games would attest to the "ferocity" of those games the discipline exercised by players in those games was now paying dividends!

The final took place on October 26th. St. Vincents were the opposition, having seen off the might of Craobh Chiaráin and O' Toole's on the way to the final. It was played at 8.30pm in Parnell Park. 5,000 people attended (including the Taoiseach) but few would have been aware of the pre-match drama! Three Boden players were involved in a car crash in Templeogue on the way to the game in which both cars were written off. Thankfully, there were no serious injuries and those involved, as Liam Hogan later reported, would not be deterred! Boden went into this game with the hurt of five final defeats. Hogan later commented "we were fed up of being beaten, and the guys were prepared to lay down their lives out there on that pitch". Boden conceded their first goal of the Championship in the 5th minute and the faithful could be forgiven for thinking "here we go again!" But that was as good as it got for Vincent's who had to be happy with just 5 more points in the next fifty five minutes on a perfect evening for hurling. Boden cut loose and finally put the demons to rest with an historic 11 point win over their Northside rivals. The final score was 2-13 to 1-05. The release of emotion on the final whistle was a joy to see and was only mirrored when Stephen Perkins was presented with the Evening Herald Trophy for the first time in the club's history.



**Senior Hurling Championship Winners
2007**

This was not a one match campaign. The average winning margin was 10 points. The free scoring forwards averaged over 2 goals per game...13 in total. The top scorer was David Curtin, who notched 1-21 in the campaign despite missing some game time through injury. He was closely followed by Conal Keaney who bagged 4-10. Dave Sweeney scored 3-10 and Jimmy Doody should also be mentioned at 3-07. Only one goal was conceded in 6 games and surely the greatest credit is due to the discipline of the backs. One goal conceded in six games and our game stats show that Vincents got two points from frees!

BALLYBODEN ST ENDA'S					
1. GARY MAGUIRE G. Mac Uirthin	3. STEPHEN PERKINS S. Mac Peiláin	4. MARTIN O'SULLIVAN M. Ó Súilleabháin	7. MALACHI TRAVERS M. Ó Treabhair	9. BRIAN KENNEDY B. Ó Cinnéide	12. MICHAEL GRIFFIN M. Ó Griofa
2. CATHAL RYAN C. Ó Riain	5. STEPHEN HINEY S. Ó Súilleabháin	6. TIM SWEENEY T. Ó Súilleabháin	10. DAVID SWEENEY D. Ó Súilleabháin	11. ENDA KINSSELLA E. Ó Cinnéide	13. JAMES DOODY S. Ó Dúda
14. EMMET CARROLL E. Ó Carráid	15. DAVID SWEENEY D. Ó Súilleabháin	16. CONAL KEANEY C. Ó Cinnéide	17. EMET CARROLL E. Ó Carráid	18. CONAL KEANEY C. Ó Cinnéide	19. JAMES DOODY S. Ó Dúda
FIRIONAID					
14. Finn McGarry F. Mac Fhearghail	15. James Duffly S. Ó Dulúigh	16. Simon Lambert S. Lambéart	17. Dave O'Connor D. Ó Conchúir	18. Maurice Healy M. de Níde	19. Mick McGarry M. Mac Fhearghail
20. Shane Durkin S. Ó Dúirín	21. David Curtin D. Mac Cúinn	22. Simon Daly S. Ó Dálaigh	23. Alan Ryan A. Ó Riain	24. Paul Ryan P. Ó Riain	25. Brendan Treacy B. Ó Treasaigh

This tremendous achievement should never be underestimated ...winning one is a major achievement but it takes a really special team to come back to the well year after year.

The management team left no stone unturned in their pursuit of The Blue Riband. John Kirwan, Robert Lambert, Jerry Aherne and Jim Kilty supported Hogan and they were also assisted by a further support team of Mick O' Regan, Denis Nagle, Brendan Swords, Nuala Kennedy, Tomás Ó Reachtabhra and Dave Conway. All in their own unique way contributed to the overall effort. Liam was single minded, passionate and determined.

The scenes on the Firhouse Road that evening were among the happiest in the history of the club. Not a cow would have been milked in Knocklyon that evening!! Liam Hogan now had to focus on the Leinster campaign, a first for the club. Wins over Oulart the Ballagh and Camross led us to the Leinster Final on December 2nd in Tullamore. The history books show that we were beaten narrowly by the mighty Birr on a scoreline of 1-11 to 0-13 on December 2nd. The team had finally made the breakthrough. The following years would see this team dominate the Dublin Senior Championship with 5 wins on the trot and a 6th to follow after a one year break.

He expected nothing less than a hundred per cent from the players and everybody else around him and that is what he got in delivering this historic title.

A Harvest of many hands!

“Ní neart go cur le chéile”. Táimid fíor bhuíoch daoibh.

Tomás Ó Reachtabhra / Eamonn Treacy



Emmet Carroll in action



Conal Keaney in action

Easter Schools of Excellence

Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan

Once again Ballyboden St Enda's Easter School of Excellence took place over the 2017 Easter Holidays, for players from our U12-U14 teams. The desire of our young players to improve and learn more was clearly evident, with over 160 boys and girls from our Camogie, Hurling, Ladies Football, & Football teams taking part over the course of 4 days.

The School of Excellence was overseen by Club Coaches Brian O'Regan & Paul McLoughlin and with great support from over 12 of our top young adult coaches all of whom have vast experience and are active coaches with teams in the club. A huge thanks to all the team mentors who promoted it so well and to the players that attended!!





Boden babies



Aoife Sweetnam 17-08-2017
with her brothers Liam and Donal.
Daughter of Richie & Triona Sweetnam



Ollie Cian Durkin 07-09-17
Son of Shane & Sinéad Durkin



Sadie O'Reilly 27-11-2017
Daughter Eamon & Elizabeth O'Reilly



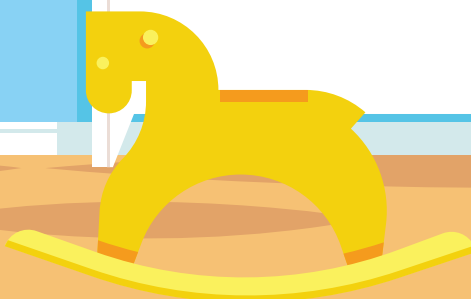
Joe Daly 14-06-17
Son of Simon & Jenny Daly



Tomás O'Dea 09-12-17
Son of Sinéad & Derek O'Dea



Labhaoise Ryan 11-09-2017
Daughter of Roisin Walsh and Keith Ryan





Boden Wedding bells



*James and Louise Power
Married on 15th Sept 2017,
Nenagh Co. Tipperary*



*Sile Nic Coitir and Fiona Nash
Married on 31st March 2017*



*Sheamus and Denise Griffin
who were married in Malahide
on 20th May 2017*



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