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Ath-bhliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise daoibh uile. Bliain thábhachtach i saol Bhaile Buadáin Naomh Éanna a bheidh ann in 2019 agus muid ag ceiliúradh leathchéad bliain ar an bhfód. Eagrófar an-chuid imeachtaí ceiliúrtha i rith na bliana agus tá súil agam go nglacfaidh sibh páirt iomlán iontu. On behalf of the Club Executive, I would like to wish all members and their families a very Happy Christmas and a fantastic year in 2019 when we celebrate 50 years of excellence, inclusion and respect in Ballyboden St. Endas.

What a year we have had in 2018 with the Dublin Senior Hurling Championship and a Leinster Final appearance among the highlights. We also won the Minor A Camogie Championship, Dublin Féiles and league promotion for the second year running for the Junior B footballers. Our Minor B footballers won their Championship, and we were Minor A finalists at both hurling and football, but whether our teams won or lost, they represented us with pride and excellence on the field of play, and we are very, very proud

of all of them and of their mentors and supporters. The work that goes in to prepare and coach juvenile teams is huge, and yet our members continue to do it week after week from January to December. This work is an investment in our youth and our future and will bear fruit both in the short term on the field but also in the long term in the formation of character that is enabled by you at Ballyboden St. Endas. I would especially like to thank Richie Sweetnam and Peter Lucey who stood down after a decade in charge of the senior camogie team. I'm sure we will see both of them back on the sidelines before too long.

Unfortunately, in 2018 there were a small number of instances where communication broke down and conflict ensued among club members. As we turn the page on a new year, we ask all members to work together for the good of our players and of Ballyboden St. Endas. If you find yourself in a situation where you are in conflict with another member, please start 2019 by putting the past behind you and reaching out and building a bridge to that member. Of course, we made an investment in the

future of Ballyboden St. Endas when we purchased the Carmelite facility in 2018, and we look forward to developing that facility for generations not yet born over the coming years. In 2019, we will develop the grass pitch in Sancta Maria, and the facility will be closed for approximately six months from March 2019. This short term pain will be worthwhile as it will result in a top class grass surface being made available for club teams.

Míle buíochas dár baill uile, do múinteoirí na scoileanna sa pharóiste agus go háirithe do na ceádta a dhéanann a ndícheall seachtain i ndiaidh seachtaine chun feabhas agus pobal a chothú i mBaile Buadáin Naomh Éanna. Glac sos le linn tréimhse na Nollag agus guim athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Ciarán Maguire
Cathaoirleach



Bar Report

2018 was another eventful and fun packed year in our clubhouse with events, activities and nights out to suit everyone's taste. We had numerous "LADIES NIGHTS" throughout the year with various tribute bands, including, Abba, Michael Buble, Robbie Williams, Joe Dolan and others supplying fun filled nights to their adoring female fans... Wait until you see the line up for 2019!

The Broadway Challenge was a great success in the Citywest hotel with "Hairspray" coming out as deserving winners on the night ... and the after party was even better back in the club where all the acts took to the floor again to perform to their adoring fans.



Our St. Patrick's day kids show was once again a great success where children from all ages danced and sang their way alongside "Paw Patrol" and also on Easter Sunday over 150 kids took part in our Annual Easter Egg hunt and Disco.

Our pool room was a hive of activity throughout the year due to the brilliant work carried out by the new pool committee chairman Jack Nolan and his band of merry men. Well done to all.

Our Tuesday bingo nights continued throughout the year and a special thanks has to go to Cats, Theresa and Annette for keeping the "balls rolling" week in and week out.

Santa came and went again at Xmas this year (Rudolph had the flu so Santa had to arrive by Fire brigade) and a great day was had by all, with hundreds of presents dispatched to all the good (and some not so good) boys and girls from Ballyboden. Thanks to Santa and Mrs Claus and their elves for a great day.

The 55+ club continues to flourish from Monday-Friday from 10.30-2pm, where you can participate in Line dancing, tea drinking, aerobics, tea drinking, flower arrangements tea drinking, art classes, tea drinking, meditation, yoga,....and did I mention tea drinking?!!. New members always welcome.

Our new "Spin the Wheel" which takes place EVERY Saturday night at 11pm is proving very popular, where 3 people are called up to spin the wheel with chances to win dozens of top prizes and cash jackpots which increase every week. Watch out for a special "spin the Wheel" night in 2019 when

Marty Whelan himself will be dropping in to overlook proceedings!.

The highlight of the year was our senior hurlers winning the Dublin Championship and League titles and it provided many great nights of song, dance and craic in the clubhouse. Congratulations to all involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Chairman Ciarán Maguire, Noel Sheridan, Gerry Mahon and all the staff for their continued support in 2018. Also to Sinéad Ryan, Neil Buckingham, Liam Cunningham, Mark Magahran and Cliona Mellett for their help in keeping the club activities **in the spotlight** throughout the year.

Finally, the club caters for all events: christenings, birthdays, weddings, funerals, and we endeavor to make every occasion as enjoyable as possible, so if you have an occasion of any sort coming up why not consider the clubhouse as a venue because dont forget...it's

YOUR CLUB

YOUR FAMILY

YOUR COMMUNITY

Mick Farrell



Uachtarán agus Leas-Uachtaráin

The club byelaws define the high standard which is required of candidates for the roles of Club President and Vice-President, and we have been very lucky to have had many individuals of high integrity represent us in these roles through the years. A member nominated or selected for the position of President or Vice-President shall be a member with integrity, status, long service, real achievement, GAA ethos, cross-club support and be recognised as a suitable representative of the Club.



The four current incumbents of these important roles represent the values of honesty, hard-work, respect and integrity to which we all aspire and are role models for all members, young and old. You can draw your own conclusion as to whether or not it is coincidental that three of the four come from the Rebel county. **Ciarán Maguire**

Club President:

John O'Neill: John hails from Castletownbere in West Cork and was introduced to Ballyboden St. Endas by his brother, Paddy who himself was club Vice-President in recent years. John coached club juveniles in Hermitage with Seán Mac Pháidín for several years, however his job in ESB took him all around the country, and it was difficult to commit to club duties mid-week. John Joe O'Sullivan and John's other brother, Vincent, solved that issue by bringing John on to the Social Committee where most of the activity took place on weekends when dinner dances and other social events were organised. John was club Secretary from 1978 until 1983 and subsequently served two terms as club Chairman between 1983 and 1992 which meant that he was central to the running of the club over a 15 year period. John took on the role of Club Trustee in recent years and his long years of committed service to the club were recognised when he was elected club President at the AGM in 2018.



Club Vice-Presidents:

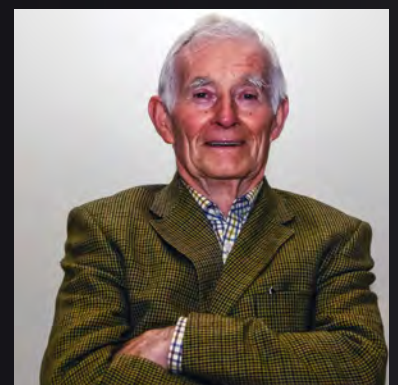
Nuala O'Sullivan: Nuala is also from Cork and was raised in Inchageela in West Cork before moving back to Rochestown in the suburbs of Cork City. Nuala and Dan moved to Dublin on 1st January 1991 and joined Ballyboden in 1992 when their eldest son Mark was playing U11 on a team managed by Dan and Tom Cullen. Nuala lists Fintan Walsh and Edward O'Riordan from St. Mary's BNS as being instrumental in the O'Sullivan family initially coming to Ballyboden. Of course, the late, great Bill Daly was pivotal in introducing Nuala's daughter, Joanne, to join the club. Nuala and Dan's four children, Mark, Joanne, Matthew and Martin all played juvenile and adult in both the big and small-ball games. Nuala says that she was 'at every match that ever was' involving Ballyboden and worked in the club shop, made the sandwiches, did First Aid with the senior camogie team where she was mammy to the entire squad for several years. Nuala says that she did 'every job that I was asked to do' and is a real example of a member with GAA ethos, integrity and cross-club support. Nuala's grandchildren are now in the club academy and the dynasty looks set to continue.



Denis Kelleher: The third of the Cork triumvirate, Denis is from Dunamway and joined Ballyboden in 1976 when Fintan Walsh encouraged Denis' son, Brian, to play football in St. Mary's BNS and from there in Ballyboden St. Endas. In his understated way, Denis tells us that he 'helped' with the U11 hurlers along with Darragh O'Reilly. In the days before the club had a Juvenile Executive, Denis was the organiser of juvenile hurling in the club. In addition, he was also Ballyboden's delegate to the Dublin Juvenile Hurling Board and also served as Treasurer of that board. Denis' children Brian, Seán, Martin and Julie all played juvenile and adult games with the club, and his grandchildren are lighting up juvenile and minor teams currently. Denis managed camogie teams along with Micheál Ó hÉigeartaigh. When the club strategic review, Challenge 2020, was being prepared, Denis' formidable intellect was recruited as part of the demographic study. In recent years, Denis has served diligently on the Registration Committee, and he also collects and analyses playing statistics for teams in the hurling section.



Martin Kenny: Martin is the odd man out in this group as he is from Meelick Eyrecourt in Galway, a club that contested the first All-Ireland final against Thurles in 1887. Martin joined St. Columbas in Dublin (a forerunner of the current Crumlin club) in 1956 and hurled with them until Nicky Keary and his brother Paddy bought houses in the Goatstown and Rathfarnham areas and encouraged Martin to move in that direction. In 1969, thirteen St. Columba's players, the majority of them from Galway, joined Ballyboden St. Endas. They won the Junior Championship in 1973 and the Intermediate Championship in the following year, 1974. Martin recalls that they 'used to win Corn Fogarty all the time'. Ballyboden reached the semi-final of the Senior hurling championship in 1976, a time when the final was played in Croke Park, but Martin missed the game due to a slipped disk suffered while pulling out a door-frame during a renovation of the clubhouse. Martin's sons, Jonathan and Martin, have played and managed hurling teams in the club, and his grandchildren Jack, Darragh and Shona represent Ballyboden with distinction today. Truly a man of long service, real achievement and status.



Ciorcal Cainte

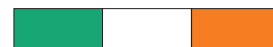


Guímíd Beannachtaí na Nollag ar lucht na Cúise i mBaile Buadain Naomh Éanna. Bhaineamar taitheamh, craic is spraoí as na Ciorcail Cainte le bliain anuas. Bhí idir cúigear is deichniúr linn gach oíche Céadaoin óna naoi go dtí a deich ag cur cúrsaí an tsaoil trí chéile. Sé an trua nach bhfuil suim ag beagán níos mó dár mbaill in ár dteanga dúchais. Mar sin féin táimid ag

féachaint chun cinn agus ag súil go mór le 2019, bliain Cómoradh Caoga Bliain bunaithe an chlub. B'fhéidir go spreagfadh sé sin ár mbaill a gcion a dhéanamh. Mair a chapail is geobhair bia.

Ath Bhliain faoi mhaise is faoi rath oraibh.

Seán Ó Conchúir



Berlin GAA

The Berlin GAA 2018 season was definitely a remarkable and memorable one, with the club having participated in 4 out of 4 Central European football tournaments and 3 out of 5 European hurling tournaments. From Bratislava to Rome, and from Berlin to Kerry, the season was filled with wins and losses but most importantly filled with craic.

Our men's football team were our most successful this year, with representatives from all over the world – Germany, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Australia, Israel- to name a few, and of course, Ireland. Starting off the season a bit rusty with an unfortunate loss to a strong Warsaw team in Rome, the Berlin men's football team made a quick turnaround and won each of the next three tournaments. Wins in Bratislava, Augsburg and most memorably the final tournament of the year on home turf in Berlin, meant our men lifted the first league title in the club's history on the final awards night in Berlin.

Our ladies football team were also very successful, coming in overall second in Central Europe, losing by just one point to our rivals Munich. However, this didn't faze the Berlinettes too much as what mattered most was that our Ladies beat Munich in Berlin at the final tournament. Not only that but it also meant that our men and ladies did the double, making it a very special

Saturday in September and a first for Berlin GAA.

In June, Berlin had the opportunity to host our first ever hurling tournament and what a success it was – the biggest ever hurling tournament to take place in Europe. Our men finished third on the day while the ladies were unlucky not to reach the camogie semi-finals. Despite not competing for league honours in 2018, this year's hurling and camogie season was fun-filled and light-hearted with trips to Dresden and Hamburg, two neighbouring German cities, making it an enjoyable campaign. A special shout out to our Berlin camogie team who managed to reach the final against hosts Hamburg, having beaten a combined Luxembourg/Belgium team in the semi-final, the team who won the Berlin camogie tournament in June. Onwards and upwards!

August saw the return to Berlin of regular visitor and Ballyboden legend, Paudie O'Neill. He delivered four solid hurling and camogie combined sessions – no gender inequality in Berlin! Paudie's passion for the game and willingness to help others learn, especially the non-natives, saw numbers at training rocket with his presence. We also were given the amazing opportunity to participate in the inaugural Chris Hennessy memorial Gaelic Football tournament in Listowel, Co. Kerry in October of this year. The late Chris, was a founding member of Berlin GAA and we feel very privileged to have taken part. Many thanks to Christy

Twinned with Ballyboden St.Enda's



Walsh for his remarkable generosity throughout the weekend, to Norah de Brún and the whole Listowel Emmets club and to all of Chris's family and friends.

Finally, a huge thanks to our Chairman, Arthur O'Sullivan, a proud Cavan man, and the rest of the committee for all of their hard work and commitment throughout the year. It's one thing trying to organise pitches and gear in Ireland but faced with a pitch cancellation just days before the final of the Central European tournaments in Berlin, a heatwave and on top of it a slight language barrier, Arthur managed to pull some strings and the tournament was a great success. An overall enjoyable and unforgettable year.

Alles Gute für 2019. Amy Ryan

Online Membership Payment System

We would ask that members remember the following for the payment of their 2019 membership fees:

- The 2019 invoices will be issued by email early in January with the fees based on the motions passed at the last AGM.
- 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 2018 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 2018 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 2019. 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.

Gerry White.

Golf Classic

The 2018 Annual Golf Classic was once again held in Edmondstown Golf Club on Friday the 25th 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.



1st Place – 95 Points
Sports Surgery Clinic Team
 Finn McGarry, Damien Byrne
 Fiachra O'Connor & Ray Cosgrove

Our 40 Teams enjoyed the great conditions, with the Sports Surgery Clinic Team led by Fiachra O'Connor returning a fantastic winning score of 95 Points.

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



2nd Place – 89 Points
H&K International Team
 John Ryan, David Bobbett
 Michael Turley & Brendan Moran

success, particularly Orla Ryan, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Tom McGrath and Cathal Regan. Most of all we would like to thank the participating Teams and to our many kind Sponsors for their continued support. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

Jack Nolan



3rd Place – 87 Points
Owen Sweeney Team

4th Place – 86 Points Bookstation Team
 Front Nine – 45 Points Pat Doyle Team
 Back Nine – 43 Points Ned Slattery Team

Longest Drive
 Nearest the Pin Men
 Nearest the Pin Ladies

Ger Synnott – Owen Sweeney Team
 Eugene Heather – TJ O'Connor Team
 Anne Hiney – McHugh Components Team

Golf Society

2018 was another busy and successful year for the Boden Golf Society. We played seven outings during the year, all of which were well attended with an average of 58 Golfers playing each outing. In the true spirit of Society Golf and "excellent handicap management" the prizes were spread over 17 players throughout the season.

Jack Nolan's Captains day was held on the superb O'Meara Course in Carton House in fantastic weather conditions on Friday the 13th of July, with Kevin Murray (pictured with Captain Jack Nolan) pulling ahead of the field to claim the Captain's Prize.

Congratulations also to Johnny Kenny who was Mr. Consistent throughout the season and prevailed as the overall Golfer of the Year.



We would like to acknowledge the generous sponsorship of:
Pat Doyle – The National Guild of Master Craftsmen
Tom Durkin – Durkin Joinery Limited
Jack Nolan – Cruinn Diagnostics Limited

Most importantly we would like to thank all of our members and many visitors who contributed in making the 2018 Golfing Season such a success.

We are delighted that Danny O'Connell has accepted the role of Captain for 2019. Another highlight of the year was the appointment of Iomair Treacey as our Society President. Iomair, who through his generous sponsorship of the Society in the fledging years, contributed to keeping the Society going and remains a stalwart member of the Society today.

We would like to wish both Iomair and Danny the best of luck in the coming Golfing year.

Ned Slattery



Club Development Activities

The highlight of the year was certainly the purchase of the Carmelite lands which we concluded in July. We are presently reviewing the club's requirements and considering a planning application.

Work on draining the Prunty will begin on March 1st approx. (weather permitting). We have also secured planning permission for floodlights and subject to financial approval we may be in position to erect same later in 2019.

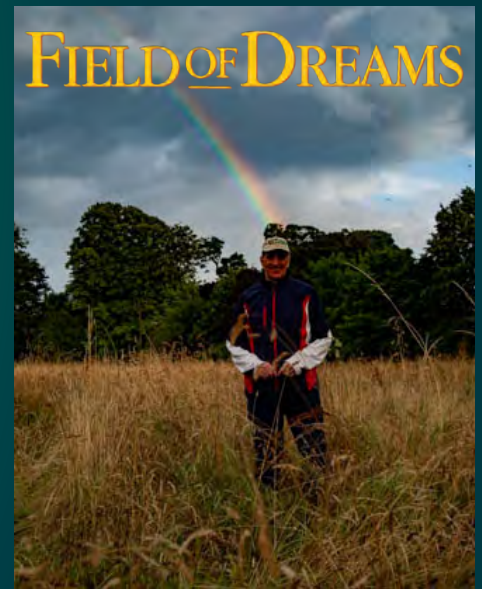
The outstanding demolition work in Sancta Maria school will begin in early January. This includes removing office to front of building we called 'Sister Basil's Office', separating our building from School and making good all boundaries and services. As part of our buildings will effectively be a building site for a few months we all need to be extremely diligent when using the facilities. Hoarding will be placed around the associated building and only contractors will be entitled to enter this area. The Gym and dressing rooms will still be in use but please note your new surroundings.

Other key activities to note:

1. *Applied for a Sports Capital Grant for Lights on Prunty, should be announced by mid-2019.*
2. *With support of James McGarry successfully secured some local funding from SDCC.*
3. *Review of contract with Saplings.*
4. *Continue to work with SDCC to ensure our interests in the various local developments are maintained.*
5. *Good relationship with the local schools is critical and we work together to the best of our ability and aid with pitches and facilities where possible.*

I'd especially like to thank James McGarry, Frank Moran and Paddy Walsh for their assistance and input to various projects. Finally, to all members I'd like to thank you for your support and patience with the various projects.

John Ryan
Chairman
Club Development Executive.



CMRF Christmas Appeal

It was another special day when Santa visited the Childrens Heart Unit in Crumlin Hospital. The amazing generosity of the Ballyboden St Endas community can only be commended yet again. The gifts that were left under the Christmas tree in the club were handed out by Santa and the sheer joy in the childrens eyes was a sight to behold.

The Heart Unit is a very special place and the children are extremely well looked after by the wonderful staff. They are so appreciative of your kindness. There is a great buzz when Santa is doing his rounds. Little heads are peeping around corners to catch a glimpse of the great man. You can feel the Christmas spirit in the air. Then when Santa takes the time to chat and remind them to leave the cookies out for himself and carrots for Rudolph, the children are spellbound at this stage.

A special thanks to Paul McLoughlin who helped raise €1,240 at the Academy fun run in Cherryfield. Thanks to all who contributed. This money is now going to help buy a much needed electric bed for the Heart Unit. Thanks also to Mick Farrell behind the bar who helped make this all run smoothly and to Neil Buckingham for his help in designing the poster and the advertising on the website.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Martin O'Donnell



Ladies Football

Under 15 Ladies - Championship Winners

Initially returning to training with 16 players, numbers grew with the successful addition during the year of five new girls. Finishing mid table in the league but the championship is where this team came into its own. Winning all three group games gave a lift for the semi-final v Na Fianna. Despite losing to them in the league the girls had what it took to make the championship final. Excellent preparations took place with Dubs stars Con O'Callaghan and Michael Fitzsimons ensuring we were ready for the final! We met St. Monicas in PUM and after a close game the girls came out on top. After many years of soldiering this was this team's first competition win and thoroughly deserved. All in it was a great year for the girls with the new players mixing in well and a definite renewed interest in the game from all the girls.



FLOs: Loreto Hayden, Aoibheann Murphy
Mentors: Stephen Campbell, Ken Regan, Gerry Duffy, Alyn Deane

Under 16 A Ladies

2018 marked the start of a new year and the first time the 2002 and 2003 girls would play on a team together. Despite losing our first two games by narrow margins, the girls began to bond and the results followed, winning the last four league games and we came second in the league. This was a fantastic achievement for the girls.

We reached the semi-final of the championship but unfortunately were beaten by the better team on the day. The girls didn't give up till the final whistle, and if there had there been just a few more minutes on the clock the result could have been different.

From a management point of view, we are extremely proud of the girls, they were extremely pleasant and dedicated. They developed their football skills, have grown as footballers and made new friends on the team. All in all, a very successful year.

Mentors: Orlaith Keane, Fearghal Brennan



Under 16 C Ladies

Our journey began back in February when 22 girls came together from 4 different teams from the previous year. Although the girls came from different teams they gelled together very quickly. We had a fantastic run in the league winning 5 of 8 matches and eventually coming 3rd. In June we visited Cullenstown in County Wexford on what was possibly the best weekend of that incredible summer. The girls really enjoyed Coast Steering down at Hook Head and just hanging out and swimming at the beach.

Once the holidays ended and school resumed, we were straight back into championship football. We had three fantastic wins which secured us a place in the County Final against Clontarf B. After being 1-3 to no score down at half time we came back to lead the match for a substantial period of the second half. However, Clontarf scored a couple of late goals and eventually came out on top. It was a fantastic year in terms of performance, commitment and enjoyment and we hope to see all 22 girls back again next year at either minor or U16 level.

Mentors Brendan Coyne, Pat Reynolds, Ciaran McCarthy, Donagh O'Farrell

Under 16 B Ladies - League Runners-up

The U16B team had a successful league campaign with the combined age groups coming together. The team had a terrific win in their first league match and became more established with each match. The training ground work began to translate more and more with each game.

The team found themselves in a 5-team championship group. The girls continued their unbeaten run, comfortably defeating St Maur's and Trinity Gaels in Cherryfield which was becoming something of a home fortress.

The semi-final against Cuala A, who had dropped down from Division 3 for Championship, was always going to be a challenge. The team put up a spirited display in the first half and were very much in the match. Unfortunately, they were unable to keep a very strong Cuala team at bay in the second half and our championship came to an end.

Thanks to the parents for their support, as a panel of 25, made for tough decisions when we could only field a match day squad of 20. Training attendance (and enthusiastic chatter) was always high and so was their desire to grow as footballers and have fun as a team.

Sonia Worthington, Brian Weldon, Conor Daly and Mark Mellett



Minor A Ladies

We started out the year with an extended panel of 28 players to give as many players as possible an opportunity in 'A' football, to have a look at players in different positions and to generate some competition for places for championship. As a result, league results were mixed. Nevertheless, it was a valuable learning exercise.

We took a collective break during the summer due to Leaving Cert, Gaeltacht and holidays but players who were available played a number of games with the adult teams in the club. This allowed the players to maintain their fitness and sharpness and allowed them to experience adult football.

We resumed training in August for championship with a reduced panel of 21 players and had a good championship run. We secured three victories to top our group before being defeated by Kilmacud Croke's by a single point in the championship semi-final.

Many thanks to the Senior A management for facilitating us with internal challenge games in training. The increased pace and tempo of these games helped us greatly in our preparations. We wish those players who have left minor the very best of luck in their adult football careers.

Mentors: Teresa Molohan, Fearghal Brennan

Minor B Ladies

A team of all first year minors, league results were mixed winning 2, losing 4 and drawing 1. Some of the players took the opportunity during the summer to train and play with the senior B's, which was a great help to match practice and fitness

Excellent preparations for championship gave us the opportunity to plan how we wanted to play and build a team spirit. Finishing second in our group we played Erin Go Bragh in the semi-final. This game was drawn and so went to a replay which we played at home and won.

We played Na Fianna in the Final during mid-term break. Two of our players were out of the country and were gutted that they could not play, while another player left her parents in Spain and made her way home to play!

We had a very strong wind at our back but only had a one point advantage at half time, the second half saw us 9 points down at one point which was too much for us to claw back and we lost by just 2 points. While disappointing, our championship run was a fantastic experience.

Mentors: Ian Horan, Ciaran McCarthy, Linda McCullagh as FLO, Liam Duffy.

Minor C Ladies

Our girls had a brilliant year and far exceeded any of the coach's expectations.

We started back training in Jan and this year Paul Hall came on board the management team to focus on the girl's fitness. After some tough initial weeks, we couldn't believe the subsequent improvement in the girl's performances and thanks to Paul for doing a great job.

Initial expectations were unknown but the girls rose to the occasion with amazing performances which resulted with us winning the league unbeaten.

Next up was Championship and with a move up in divisions we had a challenge in front of us however with additions to the panel we progressed to the Final against Templeogue Synge St. Unfortunately, we lost to a better team on the day, but it was a great way to finish the year playing in a final at home on PUM.

All in all, the year couldn't have gone better. Many thanks to all the FLO's especially Roseanne for her organisation.

Mentors: Colm Bolger, Stephen Campbell



The G4MO initiative is a fun, non-competitive form of women's football and is open to all women of 18 years or older who are not currently registered as a player with an LGFA club. No experience of Gaelic football is required. The main emphasis is to have fun while getting some exercise, learning new skills and making new friends. The G4MO initiative has brought a new element to the club, it's a social opportunity, and it gives women an outlet, gets them off the side line and onto the pitch and it gives more of a sense of belonging to the club.

The Boden G4MO team started out in June 2018 with 35 players attending the first training session and it has grown continuously to over 70 members now. Ballyboden G4MO Ladies made history for the club on October 6th when we participated in our first ever National Blitz held in Naomh Mearnog. With 102 teams and over 2,000 people showcasing their skills, there were some great scores and even better craic. The blitz day is completely recreational, and all players treated the blitz in a fun and fair play manner with BBSE playing teams from Laois, Westmeath and Leitrim. Although the scores were not recorded, the matches themselves were very competitive and the Boden G4MO team did the club proud in their first ever All Ireland blitz.

Thanks to our coach Connell McGlynn who has brought the G4MO's on a great journey through the year. Ballyboden's G4MO winter training continues in the St. Colmcilles Secondary school hall on a Tuesday's from 20.30pm – 21.30pm and new players are always welcome.

Well done to Maura Solan and Catherine Sadlier for leading out this great initiative.



Senior A Ladies

At the time of writing our senior A's are battling to retain division 1 status and are working hard to stay at the top level. Overall we had a busy year in 2018 which started off in February as we retained the title at the Paidi O Sè tournament held in Dingle. Aoife O'Brien captained the team who defeated Mullahoran (Cavan) in the final. Our girls will be looking for "the treble" come February next.



We also competed in the all-Ireland club 7's in Naomh Mearnog last September.



Left to right: Beth Molloy, Avril Flood, Aoife Gogan, Rachel Nugent, Claire Kirwan, Sarah O'Brien, Maria McGrath, Niamh Crowley, Elaine McGrath, Aoife Martin and Niamh McMahon.

Well done to Boden trio Aoife Gogan, Claire Kirwan and Aoife Dwyer after their recent All-Ireland league victory for Marino College against Ulster Colleges in Breffini Park, Cavan.



We send congratulations to our teammates Sorcha Farrelly and Emily Flanagan and the Dublin ladies football team who claimed their second All Ireland in a row. Well done ladies!



We were delighted in December to see our team mate Sinead Burke win her 1st all-star award following a terrific season with her native Galway. Well done Sinead.

Finally the team sends their very best wishes and gratitude to Claire Butterly who has stepped down as manager after three years at the helm. Claire set standards that the club should be proud of and led the team to its first county final since 2011. While she has left difficult shoes to fill Claire has provided a template as to what excellence looks like as the section looks to find her successor. Claire was superbly supported in 2018 by Declan O'Reilly, Ned Flood and Ger Flaherty. Claire has taken on a role as part of Mick Bohan's management team and we wish her (and Sorcha) all the best for the three in a row in 2019.



Senior B Ladies

2018 was a very successful year for the Senior B Ladies team, winning the majority of our games in Cup, League and Championship. The highlight was capturing the Division 4 Cup with a fantastic victory away to Portobello in Leinster Road. We started the season in style by reaching the final of the Castleknock 7's as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge. In the League we won 5 games and were unlucky to lose out in a play-off for promotion to Division 3 with Fingallians in our last game of the season in Sancta Maria. We played our best football of the season during Championship winning three group games before losing an enthralling semi-final to O'Dwyers. In the cup, we won 3 out of 4 games to finish top of the group. Our semi-final opponents, Clontarf were dispatched due to a strong first half performance. In the final vs Portobello, the score was level at half time. The turning point in the second half was a brilliantly taken goal by Laura Hayden, after that we piled on further scores and we ran out winners by 3-09 to 1-07.

Mentors; Jimmy Walsh, Aisling Farrelly (Boo), Eugene Duffy and Paul Manning



Senior C Ladies

Thanks to the foundations laid in 2017 by Tom Mullaney, Damian Coleman and Stephen Campbell we again successfully fielded a third senior team in 2018 and it was a great year for the players. 10 league games were completed with the majority covered by adult players meaning minor players did not have to be called upon too often. This bodes well for the future and 19 adult players finished the season to return in 2019. The section is committed to supporting this team as they develop on their adult football journey. 2018 was also marked by tremendous fun, socialising and enjoyment while ensuring that EVERY girl who left minor at end of 2017 had the opportunity to play.

Mentors: Colm Bolger, Stephen Campbell

Reports compiled by Cathal O'Toole

Aisling Farrelly & Sorcha Farrelly - Girl Power!

Sinéad O'Dea

A recent sports campaign in Ireland titled 20x20 aims to highlight the coverage of women in sport, to increase the female participation in all sports and increase attendance at games. We are lucky enough to have some of our camogie girls in the 20 x 20 promotion which was broadcasted nationally .

Ladies Football and Camogie are extremely popular in Ballyboden St Enda's. We have had many accolades throughout the years but one major highlight is when we were crowned All Ireland Club Champions in 2004 & 2005- two players who are no strangers to the club and played in both finals are Aisling Farrelly and Sorcha Farrelly or to some club members- Boo & Solo!

Both girls joined the club at a young age- Sorcha joined the camogie nursery when she was eight years old while Aisling joined when she was ten and played both camogie and football .



Sorcha & Aisling

Ladies football developed considerably throughout the years and one man always gets a mention- The late Bill Daly. Sorcha remembers her first time playing football "I played camogie first and then played both. I remember Bill started an U14 ladies football team in 1993 and I was too old for that so he brought me out to with Dublin Under 16's instead!! I hadn't a clue how to play or what the rules were but Bill said I would be grand ... and I was! It's my main claim to fame - I played football for my county before my club!". Aisling also remembers Bill- "He was the main man to get us all playing football, we had great mentors throughout the years who encouraged us to do well but also to enjoy ourselves - Bobby, Maso, Pat, Joe McAuliffe, John Dineen, Oggy, Jimmy, Paul, Shay, Eugene and of course Bill...

So what's so good about Ballyboden St Enda's ? "Ah the friendships that I have made throughout the years and not just for me but the friends that my parents have made from travelling to every pitch across the country". Aisling also recalls that the club was a starting point for many a romance! " I was dazzled by Mark Fitzgeralds football skills and obviously he was with mine and the rest is history as they say!" I'd say we have been to every county in Ireland either training or playing a game says Sorcha- Ballyboden is a huge part of all our lives. The girls I played camogie and football with are my best friends!"

Winning the All Ireland club final is a huge achievement for any club but to win it twice and back to back is an amazing accomplishment - both girls were on the team that won. I remember the first year 2004 was just an incredible feeling of relief. We had lost the club final in 2001 and then two All Irelands 2003 and 2004 with Dublin so to get over the line with all your family and friends there was very special. The second year the bus had broken down on the way to the match and we were losing in the second half and had girls sin binned so showed incredible heart to come back and win it. Coming back to the club both years with the cup was amazing and we all have great memories of those times". I remember Fiona Corcoran holding herself steady to secure the winning point in 2004 and raising the trophy with Karen Hopkins in 2005 is a huge highlight" says Aisling- after that it's all a bit of a blur ! I'm blaming Solo for that!!"

Since the All Ireland Club wins- both girls have played for Dublin, Sorcha is also a selector on the Dublin Ladies Football Team. "It has been a phenomenal couple of years and I feel very privileged to be involved with such a special group. Their work ethic and attitude is fantastic and to see them get over the line last year against Mayo after the three previous year defeats was brilliant and very special to be involved. To win it with Rachel and Emily there was fantastic. Mick Bohan is a super coach and I am learning all the time. Mick showed major faith to ask me to get involved at what was a very difficult time for me personally so I am very grateful to him for the opportunity". Aisling is back playing for Ballyboden. "Playing for Dublin was a brilliant achievement and to play and train with and against some of the best in the country is something I will always remember. I'm back playing in the club now- it's great craic- sometimes training and matches are more enjoyable than the football with one of my highlights being one of the girls stopping to pet her dog that had run on the pitch as the ball was about to drop into our back line!

With the 20 x 20 campaign in full swing for 2019 what needs to be improved with Ladies GAA. Aisling - " I think the shift towards a more professional and planned approach to the coaching and running of Ladies football is now evident by the standard we see on the pitch. We still have a way to go certainly but we are definitely getting closer to women recognizing that success is only achieved by maintaining high standards, commitment and striving only for the best.

Sorcha - Ladies football has grown so much in the last few years. It is one of the fastest growing sports around. The skill levels have increased significantly over the last few years and I think they need to continue to be worked on. The profile is rising and the record numbers at the last two all Irelands is fantastic but I think we need to continue to work on increasing numbers at ladies football games all year round and not just in Croke Park in September.

Aisling and Sorcha are great examples for young girls in Ballyboden St. Enda's- so what advice do they give to any young girls in the club "Keep playing!!! The benefits and enjoyment are massive and the friends you make will be friends for life. Practice, practice, practice the skills especially kicking off both feet and hand passing off both sides"- says Sorcha. Aisling confirms Sorcha's advice but adds "it's a cliché but friendships made on the pitch will last you a lifetime.

Boden Sessions



What a year of Sessions we've had! There is no way can I select a few highlights of the year gone by, because in my view they are all highlights – every single person who comes along to sing a song or play a tune, to perform before an audience for the first time – that is a wonderful achievement and the Boden Sessions are filled with such achievements- singers, dancers, musicians, and we even have brilliant comedy acts too! So we are going from

strength to strength – just like our Boden Club where we perform – celebrating caoga bliain – what an achievement í gcúrsaí spóirt, long may we continue into the future with the best of sporting and musical achievements –

“Boden, Boden, together standing tall, shoulder to shoulder, we'll answer Boden's call, we'll answer Boden's call !”

Yes the words of this song rang out in November at our last Session – one eminent member of our audience described the night as 'a tapestry of talent'.

THANK YOU to all our Session performers, we look forward to seeing you all in action again very soon. THANK YOU to the fantastic audiences who come along and urge us on, encouraging us all the time. THANK YOU to our wonderful Bar Manager Mick Farrell who always waits for the last song to be sung and Donal Naessens who makes sure the sound on the microphones is perfect for every performer. So if **YOU'RE** one of the few who haven't visited the Boden Session yet - bígi linn gan mhoill agus abair amhrán dúinn – bliain mór romhainn, cantairí agus ceoltóirí nua ag teastáil.

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Ballyboden St.Enda's - The story so far...

Ballyboden St Endas will celebrate its Golden Jubilee in 2019 – a period of massive transformation in the shape of the country. According to www.therichest.com Ireland is the 7th wealthiest country in the world. Measured by GDP per capita, our ranking rises to 5th spot, a position that is replicated by www.fortune.com which draws on IMF data. That's not to say that there aren't people in Ireland who face into each day with fear and dread as to where the next euro is going to come from. But compared to 1919 we are in a much better place as the country counted its dead from the Irish war of Independence to the much larger 35,000+ from World War 1.

In the first half of the 20th century some 10,000 people, half of them children, would die each year in Dublin alone from tuberculosis. Yet the roots of Ballyboden St. Endas took hold while all of these events were happening. Ballyboden Wanderers first saw the light of the day in 1910, fell out of existence for long spells only to resume activity in the early 1960s. Before the decade had ended, it would merge with Rathfarnham St Endas and St. Joseph's Boys Club to create the club that has won 30 senior championship titles in football,

hurling, camogie and ladies football. Not to mention All-Ireland club titles in ladies football and football, it has provided senior captains to Dublin football, hurling and ladies football teams and All-Stars in all codes and 4 All-Ireland Féile titles.



There are older clubs in Ireland, there are clubs with more All-Ireland titles but nobody has accomplished what Ballyboden St. Endas has across the full range of gaelic team sports. Off the field the impact has been even more profound if more difficult to measure.

It's time to tell the story. Memorabilia of all sorts and memories are requested no matter how minor you might imagine your contribution to be. Please help pull together this remarkable story so that future generations may remember who dug the well that current and future generations draw from.

The target publication date is September 2019 so please contact me at stairboden@gmail.com or **087 2075017**.

Míle buíochas
Gerry O'Sullivan



Adult Hurling

Ballyboden St Endas - 2018 Senior County Champions... that has a nice ring to it.

Starting out this year we knew that we all needed to work together to turn small margins back in our favour in 2018 and without doubt you can all be proud of your efforts off the pitch. The results of this work significantly helped our players to deliver their best efforts and results on the pitch.

A new venture was held early days in the year. This was the **Big Breakfast** and the twin aims were enjoyment and fund-raising. It is safe to say that it achieved and perhaps exceeded these aims. The players really got involved in the build up and on the day itself they worked together to ensure all there enjoyed themselves. A very special word of thanks to Paddy Brady and his wonderful crew who all worked hard at the ovens and stoves from early morning. We were very lucky with the timing of the Big Breakfast as the weather really changed after we had

fattened up half of Ballyboden. The entire country was engulfed in snow for what seemed like months but our supporters survived the bread shortages and emerged from their igloos to help clear Páirc Uí Murchú in time for a vital Senior league game. A labour of Loaves to a labour of Love in a very short time!



Once again this year we had the Poc Fada, a longer course which the players and spectators clearly enjoyed. We were blessed once again with a great day weather-wise and significant funds were raised for the section. This year we introduced a Juvenile Poc Fada and their participation was very

welcome. Who knows how it might grow next year and beyond??



Within a few short weeks we were looking like we could be in trouble with the drought as the immaculately green surface began to suffer the lack of rain. Luckily Franks Brooks remembered where we had dumped the snow and he was able to advise the drill man where to sink the well. We struck water at 70 feet and the pitch was saved!

Another very important feature this year was the introduction of the juvenile games at half time for our Division 1 home games. This allowed the young stars of tomorrow to come along and display their skills in front of large crowds and also to meet the stars of today. It was lovely to see them play and then queue up after the game to get autographs from the home and visiting teams alike. Much credit is due to the juvenile mentors for their support in organising this important initiative. From small acorns come large oaks.

On May 16th we welcomed the All Ireland Club Champions Cuala to the club and our juvenile lined up alongside the adult players to give them a well deserved guard of honour onto the pitch. This is what true sportsmanship is about and it was a lovely occasion for the children. Our visitors were very taken with our gesture and "allowed" us to win the game.



Having fallen short at the quarter final stage of the Senior Hurling Championship when we lost out to Lucan in 2017, there was a change of management for the Senior A team this season. Joe Fortune was appointed manager, Andrew Coffey assistant manager, Mickey McCullough was installed as coach with Paul Daly as selector. The other members of the backroom team largely remained in place.

After much debate we entered 4 teams in Adult Leagues and 5 in Adult C/ships. We also entered 2 Minor Teams in league and championship plus 2 U21 championship teams.

Overall we have had a good year on the pitch and regaining the Senior A Championship was of course the pinnacle of the year. This afforded us the chance to compete in the Leinster Club Championship. Unfortunately we fell at the final fence to a very strong Ballyhale Shamrocks on 2nd December in Carlow

The team then played Na Fianna a week later in the League Final and emerged victorious on a score line of 1-14 to 1-10. All in all a great season for the team and management. Well done to all involved.



Our first game in Leinster was vastly overshadowed by the very tragic death of 3 year old Annabel Loughlin, the daughter of a member of the Clonkill Hurling Club. To her parents, family and community we offer our deepest sympathies on their very sad loss. As a club community we embraced their loss on the Tuesday night in Parnell Park. We respect and admire the way their players honoured the wishes of their teammate and his family with their contribution to a titanic battle.

Our players too contributed to the occasion in no little way with their performance both on and off the field. The guard of honour was special. Many thanks to the staff of the Dublin County Board and Leinster Council for their total support on this sad occasion.

Thanks also to the management and communities of both clubs. We hope to reconnect with Clonkill in the New Year by travelling down to play them in a challenge game.



Our second adult team, under Brendan Moran and his management team, played in League Division 3 and in the Senior B Championship. In the League they played 11 games, we won 7 and lost 4. However these statistics do not reveal the full story as in 3 of the 4 games that were lost, the margin of defeat was a single score. These were 3 games that if we got the "rub of the green" in our favour, we may very well have gained promotion from Division 3, all against 1st teams it should be noted. In the Senior B Championship, we came up, in most cases, against teams from higher divisions, including the eventual championship

winners Faughs, a Division 1 team. We did qualify for the ¼ final but suffered defeat to St Oliver Plunkett Eoghan Ruadh, who themselves ended up as beaten finalists.



The third adult team toiled in Division 4 and in the Junior A Championship. Dan Boland and his management team worked very hard to extract the best they could from their players. They were very unlucky to lose 4 key players with long term injuries and with an ever changing panel they were relegated in the league. In the Junior A Championship they came second in their Group behind St Maurs. They then won the Quarter Final but were beaten in the semi-final by a much better, fitter and faster team in St. Maurs who deservedly went on to win the championship. They also played in the Leinster League. Having reached the final in 2017 they decided to step up a gear to Division 2 but found themselves out of their depth, drawing one game and losing two. They again entered a team in the St. Judes 7-aside Junior All-Ireland. This team comprised of players from six different teams within the club who gelled brilliantly

on the day. The players thoroughly enjoyed the day's hurling, winning the Group stage and losing by only one point in the Quarter Final to a Limerick side. Unfortunately due to increased time commitments their totally committed and brilliant coach over the past two years Mick Keville cannot be with the squad in the coming year but with Susan Creed providing much needed first aid, food and beverage at games and training these lads will surely rise again next season.



Our fourth adult team were unsuccessful on the competitions front, League 6 and Junior C Championship, but they have some positives to take away from the year. In the league they started off with two wins from the first two games and this was followed up by some very tight matches in the three championship games during April. Unfortunately, they came out on the wrong side of those tight games. As the summer approached it was more difficult to retain players as the squad relied heavily on Leaving Certificate and exam students. They battled on for the rest of the season, but were just short of that little bit in each match they played. They have maintained their league and championship status for 2019 which was very important.



Although no medals were won it was still a successful year for our Minor B hurlers as the team came away with a few wins, copious draws and their love of hurling intact. Training was well attended and despite injuries and other commitments we never had difficulty fielding a team. Championship wasn't what we had hoped but the performance against Western Gaels

The Minor A hurlers also reached the final of the A Championship but eventually came up just short against a superb Kilmacud Crokes team. Many of these young lads also featured on the Minor Football team who also lost the final of their championship.

The hurlers played seventeen matches in 2018 including league, championship and challenge games. Two were lost (including championship final), there was one draw and fourteen were won. Not a bad return from a very young squad including 12 first year minors and 8 second years. Four under sixteen players joined the squad for championship due to an extraordinarily high number of injuries. Many counties where Ballyboden traditionally travel for challenge games have changed their minor competitions to under 17 in line with inter-county teams. This caused great difficulty in finding suitable opposition for challenge games.

They topped their group in championship, beating St. Oliver Plunkett Eoghan Ruadh, Lucan and Cuala. The defeat of St. Vincent's in the semi-final was most satisfying as they were the only team to beat us in the league.

was probably the highlight where having been nine points down we got into the lead only to lose to the last puck of the match. This was a good bunch of the lads some of whom will be moving on to Adult hurling next year and already a number of them have tasted life with various of the clubs Junior teams.

The final against Kilmacud Crokes was an excellent contest. Unfortunately, after leading by 6 points at half-time, our opponents dominated the second half and took the honours. At the time of going to print, we await the league play-off, also against Crokes, with whom we share the top of the table, having drawn with them in Silver Park.



Two people who have given what appears to be a lifetime commitment to Ballyboden Hurling have indicated that they now intend seeking their fortunes elsewhere in the club. Seamus Vaughan has been involved with Junior teams on and off the pitch for over 10 years. Bob Lambert has had an involvement in countless teams (from Senior A to juvenile) for over 20 years plus responsibilities at County Board level. On behalf of not just the Hurling Committee but the entire Hurling Section ... A big thanks to you both. Our loss will certainly be another section's gain. Seamus with a young family is throwing his lot in with underage and Bob is still going to give a dig out with Camogie.

To help replace the two lads and to try and increase the number of volunteers who make themselves available to assist on match days in any one of a number of roles...first aid, putting up nets/flags or umpiring etc. we would appeal to members to contact any of the committee to find out how you can help in 2019. Volunteerism is at the heart of everything we do and we do need your help.

We cannot begin to mention everyone who supported us throughout the year. Our Thanks and Appreciation to our players, management squads, backroom teams, coaches and trainers, sandwich and tea makers, jersey washers, journalists and photographers, linesmen, umpires, dressing room cleaners, Xmas Tree sellers and purchasers, ground maintenance staff,- for all your hard and often unseen efforts. Too many people to name you all individually but THANKS to all of you.

Dave Conway



James Madden - Hurling Feature

Sinéad O'Dea

One of the biggest highlights for 2018 in Ballyboden St Enda's was the Senior Hurlers claiming the Dublin Championship and advancing to the Leinster Club Hurling Final. Unfortunately it wasn't our day against Ballyhale Shamrocks but hurling in the club has been given a huge boost with the performances of the team.



James Madden- yes we have two!, is one of the members of that hurling team and from a young age all he has known is Ballyboden St Enda's. "I started in the club at 5 and haven't looked back.. I'm from Templeroan so it's only down the road which was so handy. I played football, hurling and soccer growing up so there was always something to do". James continued to play dual and under his father Noel's football team won an All-Ireland Féile in 2009 and a minor hurling championship in 2013. He was spotted by Dublin's coaches at a young age and started his Dubs career at Under 13's. " It mean't a lot at the time. Representing your county is always an honour no matter what grade" Things didn't always go to plan though as James explains..."I was dropped from Dublin hurling at u15 (too small they said !) so I didn't play minor hurling for Dublin (didn't get the call) but played football. I then didn't play again for Dublin hurling until U21 when our current senior manager Joe Fortune who was managing the 21's at the time called me in. In my 2nd year of U21 I broke into the senior team and got my championship debut against cork in 2016. Gilroy then took over 2017/18 season where we made good progress but still came up short. Hopefully this year we can push for silverware with Mattie Kenny in charge. Club wise our main goal would be to retain the Championship and continue the success from 2018".

As the role of the club player has become more competitive and professional in recent years, does James think that anything could be changed for the club player? "I think the idea of playing two Championship matches before the Summer and the rest after is crazy. Teams who lose one or both of those games can be gone before the summer starts and I don't think that's right for a player or a team. Also suitable league and Championships matches should be played in Abbotstown, we are lucky to have the facilities in Dublin so why not use them".

James is a member and player of Ballyboden St Enda's for 18 years now, he has made many friends and has turned a hobby at a young age into a sport he loves - so what's so good about the club? " I think one of the greatest strengths is that the club is all inclusive. No matter how old or young you are in the club or what level you play at- there is a great sense of enjoyment. Although it's one of the biggest clubs, it still feels like a close knit community"

So as training and matches start back with Ballyboden St Enda's and the Dubs- it's head down for James as he concentrates on making 2019 even better than 2018.



Communications Report

The last few years have been busy on the Communications front. On a daily basis the website and social media channels are updated and emails and queries answered. With over 150 teams in the club and numerous social sections- our comms team are always busy!

Twitter

On Twitter @bodengaa we have over 6,000 followers and winning the hurling county final this year added a few more followers. If you are ever tweeting about Ballyboden St Enda's always add #bodengaa.



Facebook

Facebook is our most popular social media tool and our members, young and old, appreciate all the photos and videos that are uploaded almost daily. Again if you have an event, match report or photos from a social event send them to the comms team and we will upload.



Newsletter

Over the past year there is an email open rate of 38% (up 3% on the previous year), so an average of 1,200 people are reading it every week. Alan Kinsella & Shane O'Brien edit & produce the newsletter each week with information supplied by our section PRO's and other sources. At present there are 3,128 recipients of the newsletter (up 310 in the past year)

We send around 50 newsletters a year. If you have any notes, photos or posters for events - email newsletter@bodengaa.ie

Website

The www.bodengaa.ie is thriving year on year & in 2019 we will be launching our new website which will be more user friendly for our members. Match Reports & fixtures are always a favourite and events in the bar/hall always get promoted on the website. Neil Buckingham and myself are the main contacts for updates and each section PRO also have access to promote their sections via match reports & photos e.t.c.

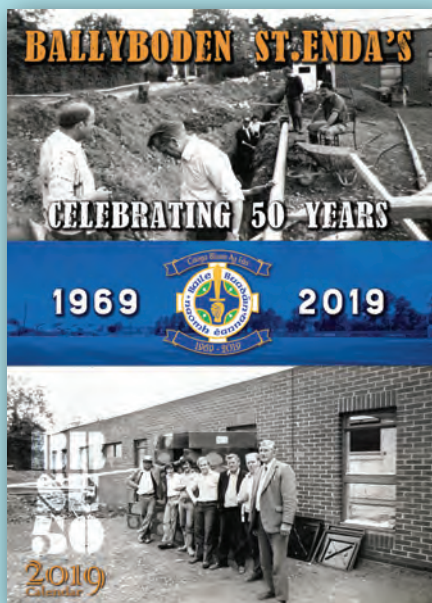


50th Anniversary Calendar

As the 50th anniversary of Ballyboden St Enda's approaches the Communications team along with the 50th anniversary team produced a brilliant commemorative calendar to look back at where it all began. Thanks to all the photographers who sent in their photos from past and present and to Neil Buckingham for bringing it all to life. It will be on sale in the club house for €5. The calendar will be the start of the 50th anniversary celebration.

For more information log onto

www.bodengaa.ie



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To all our photographers- thank you- there are too many to name but we appreciate all your work throughout the year.. A photo says a thousand words so we would be lost without your work.

Thanks to all our team managers and members who send us in reports, photos, event details etc on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

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So... who takes all those great pictures that grace our website and social media channels? Well, some of them are a bit...er camera shy but we managed to persuade a few to stand in the limelight for a change. Let's meet a few of our unsung heroes...

Its all "Marys mams fault". In Croker, Eva my daughter was about to collect her winners medal when Marys mam peered over my shoulder and asked if I could take a picture of her "Mary". I duly obliged. However my camera was so slow it was still processing Mary when Eva was collecting her medal. NO PHOTO! That was the day I vowed I would get a DSLR. That was 2011! **Liam Cunningham**



As a regular walker in the Dublin and Wicklow mountains with the Siúltoíri Buadáin the camera is always in my backpack, taking every opportunity to capture the beautiful landscapes. I also have a passion for sports photography, working with the other club photographers to record the action on and off the pitch. Like sport, if you

want to improve practice is really important. They say "your first ten thousand photographs are your worst".

Eamonn O'Sullivan



What can I say about myself except I prefer to be behind the camera rather than in front of it. A lot of processing would be required to make me look half decent!

Sean Gilheaney



Snapping people and GAA matches are just my thing! I haven't looked back since I purchased my 1st zoom lens years ago after complaints from home that the players in my photos looked like matchstick men! It's been a privilege to be in a position to immortalize special moments in the club over the years. We are very

lucky in Ballyboden to have such active social media which gives all us photographers a chance to showcase our offerings! **Cliona Mellett**

Mark Magaharan

Mark has taken many pictures for the club down the years as far back as the early 1990's with the first Senior Championship win in the club in 1995, social events in the club and team shots for Hurling, Ladies football and Camogie. Many of his team pictures can be seen hanging up in the clubhouse bar.



Capturing those moments in time when a players skill and athleticism shines through is why I love taking photos. Hopefully that player or family member then takes pride and pleasure from that picture. To me, a nice action shot still beats any video. **John Kirwan**



The key to taking a good action photo is standing in the right place at the right time! As the boys are growing so fast I want to capture moments to create precious memories. There was none when I was a kid chasing a ball on mucky pitches!

Eamonn Gormley



Having spent years helping my husband Eamonn with photo editing for the boys, I couldn't be outdone when our daughter began to play. On those less than balmy days taking action photos brings another sense of purpose to standing on the sideline.

Suzanne Gormley

Thanks to all our fantastic club photographers for all the great work that they do.

Neil Buckingham

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As 2018 comes to a close, Ballyboden St Enda's Academy can reflect on an excellent 2017/2018 season and look forward to the continuation of our 2018/2019 season in a similar manner!

The Academy is where our 6 & 7 year olds begin their playing days in the Club and where the skills of the Football/ Hurling/ Ladies Football/ Camogie are introduced to the boys & girls in a Fun and Safe environment.

There were many highlights during the year with Fun Days, Blitz matches, Senior Player visits, and our Annual Santa Fun Run in Dec which raised over €700 for Crumlin Children's Hospital. We had coaching sessions in the Hall with our County stars Michael Darragh MacAuley & Colm Basquel. We also a great day out for our 2010 Boys in the GAA Play & Stay Day in Croke Park!! It was brilliant to see the commitment from all the players & coaches in our 3 Academy Venues, St Enda's Pk (Hermitage), Knocklyon Park (Ballycullen) & Pairc Ui Mhurchu (Clubhouse)



Huge thanks must go to our Academy coaches with special mention for our Head Mentors in each Academy:

- Pat Coman (Ballycullen)**
- Paul Wellwood (PUM Girls)**
- Kieran O' Neill (PUM 2011 Boys)**
- Brendan Ryan (PUM 2012 Boys),**
- Mary Hyland (Hermitage)**
- Mick Dowling/Tim Sweeney/Paul Canniffe (Hermitage 2011 Boys).**

Thanks to all those who help out in any way on a Saturday morning, be that making tea and scones or putting helmets on kids!! Thanks also to Damian Coleman for his continued generosity on behalf of **Milish Foods Ltd** and to Barbara Kelly for all her work preparing tea & scones in the clubhouse on a Sat Morning!

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

Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan



Coaching & Games Report

It was another busy year on the coaching and games front in 2018. Many new coaches joined the club at Academy level during the year and we would like to welcome them on board for what we hope will be a long and fulfilling coaching journey.

During the year two Foundation Award course took place for new coaches in our Academy and also for our young coaches who joined in with teams during the year. This is the first step along the coaching ladder for many of these coaches.

There were four Child Protection and Awareness course held during the year with over 20 coaches in attendance at each course.



Foundation Award Course

Many thanks to Frank O'Connor from First Aid Direct who oversaw the First Aid and Defibrillator training course in December. It is important that at least one mentor from each team is fully trained up in First Aid and it is great to have Frank there to assist us with the training.

It was great again in 2018 to see number of coaches do extra and attend workshops and seminars in Dublin and even further afield. It is important that coaches keep upskilling themselves especially as the team they are with go up through the ages.

Our Strength and Conditioning coaches Ed and Ben continued to delivery excellent programmes with our adult teams across the four codes in 2018. The benefits to this all year round programmes can really be seen by the players in the areas of injury prevention and performance improvement. At the beginning of the year the lads also put in place a 6 week programme for the Under 15 and 16 squads which will be continued on in the New Year. A resistance training workshop was delivered by Ed in December to introduce the under 13 & 14 mentors to introduce them to the theory and practical elements of movement training and body weight exercises.

The BBSE Warm Up to Perform activate warm up which was designed for all team from U13 upwards in conjunction with our club physio Eamon O'Reilly is being used by many teams across the club. There will be another theory and practical based workshop to reinforce this warm up with coaches early in 2019.

One of the biggest attended workshops of the year was the Football and Ladies Football goalkeeper workshop which Paul Waters hosted. Paul then followed this up with practical goalkeeping sessions for keepers across both codes.

Handball coaching continued again towards the end of 2018 under the coaching of handball coach Gary McNulty. This year the sessions moved indoors to St. Colmcilles Community School and were a great success. 2019 promises to be a breakthrough year for handball as it will see the club field its first ever handball team when some of our U15 boys participate in a tournament over in St. Brigid's in early January.



Goalkeeping Workshop



Resistance Training Workshop

Resistance Training Workshop



Foundation Award Course



Foundation Award Course - Young Coaches



Handball Session

Thanks again to all club mentors who worked with the various teams throughout 2018. Hopefully everyone will enjoy the break over the Christmas and comeback recharged and ready for the 2019 season.

Brian O'Regan & Paul McLoughlin



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Ballyboden St.Enda's Summer Camp - 20 years of fun!

Just when we thought Ballyboden St Enda's Summer Camp couldn't get any better, Camp 2018 arrived with a bang and a heap of scorching sunshine!!

2018 turned out to be one of our biggest ever camps and the combination of super weather and brilliant coaching staff made it an amazing experience for over 1,200 kids that attended!

Every child that attended the camp received a Summer Camp Training Top, Training Jersey & Bag, but most of all they got to

play GAA for the Summer, got to make new friends and have a brilliant time in a Safe and Fun Environment.

Great memories were created for all children with Raffles, Player Visits, Skill Games, Fun Games, Mini league matches, Day Trips, Fancy Dress matches, Water Fights and superb coaching from our excellent staff. Over 70 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 has to go to Eoin O'Riordan of Leahy & Co. Accountants and Jack Nolan of Cruinn Diagnostics for their sponsorship of 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!!

Paul Mc Loughlin & Brian O'Regan



Susan Creed - Intermediate Hurling Volunteer

Sinéad O’Dea

Ballyboden St Enda's, like most GAA clubs around Ireland, depends on volunteers. Whether it is volunteering with a club team, washing jerseys, creating articles for a website, making sandwiches or tea and coffee everything helps and it's appreciated.



Susan Creed is one of our many volunteers in the club and the word of the street is that- she is brilliant! "Like most volunteers we do it for the love of what we do. It's a great way to give back to the community. I also enjoy what I do and have a bit of craic with the lads..."

Susan is a Galway woman but has lived in Limerick and Waterford in her younger days. Now settled in Dublin, Ballyboden St Enda's gradually fell on her lap when her eldest son told them about training in the club on a

Saturday morning. "My eldest went to St Mary's BNS and told us about GAA training in the club- both myself and my husband were interested in helping out so I've been hooked ever since. My volunteer duties can stretch from taking photos, using my first aid skills or to provide some refreshments post matches. In particular I like the post-match refreshments (thanks to Rabobank) as it's a chance for players and supporters to chat and we also invite the opposition which creates good community spirit and friendship between clubs. The Intermediate Hurling team are a great bunch of lads and they know me so well now that I know what the team needs. The team even organised an end of season trip away ensuring it was inclusive of all involved in any way with the squad and it was brilliant fun!"

So what keeps Susan motivated to continue volunteering? Ah I enjoy what I do- BBSE has a great sense of community, support and friendship. People recognise that everyone has different abilities and it only takes encouragement to help them find and use theirs in the best way".

So with Susan's grá for hurling and GAA in general- can she see any future stars? "Even after all the years watching games I would not know enough to be able to pick out players of the future in these sports but what I can say from the sports I have been involved with from a young age I see the same things necessary...a passion for the game, an innate understanding that there

has to be a good balance of intensity and fun, a knowledge that there are always things to learn and a confidence to back your own abilities and appreciate your weaknesses and the ability to work for the good of the team".

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary this year in the Ballyboden St Enda's- we hope our volunteers continue and enjoy their involvement in the club." I hope to continue to make time to be involved with hurling but like everyone it depends on juggling work and family commitments. Maybe this year success will come from seeing more supporter involvement- sometimes it only takes managers or players to ask for help from those they see around them. Surveys of volunteerism show that most get involved when personally asked about specific tasks rather than a general "help needed" notice. Nobody wants to be judged as a fish who can't climb a tree but if asked to swim will be proud they can and want to do it to the best of their ability!





BINGO!

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

New Members always welcome - Please tell your friends!

This year the bingo has been as successful as in other years. We have retained an average of 45-50 and that continued support from our bingo goers has allowed the bingo to be a success. The bingo has created great social interaction amongst a lot of bingo goers and many friendships have developed amongst our players. The jackpot game is also very much

appreciated. Because the prize money increases each week it encourages bingo goers to continue to come and when it's won it creates great excitement. The weekly raffle has also proven to be a great success. The Halloween night and other themed nights have also been wonderful and fully appreciated by all our bingo followers.

Thanks to Conor, Teresa 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 our bingo followers who continue to come, rain hail or snow.

Annette Sheehan

Ciarán Maguire

Cathaoirleach

The role of the Chairman is to support the members of the Executive in promoting our four games (five if handball is included), developing our coaching excellence, building and maintaining our facilities and building community within the Ballyboden, Firhouse, Rathfarnham and Knocklyon areas. Of course, fielding teams and providing top-class facilities incurs a significant cost, and a significant amount of Executive energy is spent on collection of Registration fees, fund-raising and generally managing the club's assets. All of this activity is directed towards creating a culture of excellence in everything we do both on and off the field of play.



Noel Sheridan

General Manager

Working closely with Executive Committee to carry out the day to day management of all facets of the Club. Also maintaining links with all Schools, County Council, Bord of works to ensure that the interests of the Club are protected in every respect.



Sinéad O'Dea

Public Relations Officer

The PRO role consists of publicising the club in the best way possible through different media outlets. Updating the Bodengaa.ie website and Facebook & Twitter pages daily. The communications committee also produces a weekly newsletter.



Danny Griffin

I am sponsorship manager for the club since 1995. I look after pitch signs, advertisements and some team sponsorships.



Ballyboden St.Enda's



John Ryan

Chairman of development committee, responsible for planning and implementation of all capital projects.



Vivian Ruddy

Chairman Maintenance Committee- Responsible for pitches, club grounds and facilities.



Ken Giles

Fundraising / Signature Club Events

The role requires continuous interaction with all sections of the club to provide support that may be required to aid fundraising. Overseeing annual initiatives like the Club Development Fund and identification and implementation of club signature events like "Broadway", "Boxing", "Strictly" and "Night at the Dogs"



Donagh O'Farrell

Treasurer and juvenile girls mentor.



Gerry Mahon

Social Section.

I look after several aspects like the Bar, the Hall, Bingo Dancing, Music and La na gclub All Social activities within the Club fall under my remit.

Daire Mac Pháidín

Children's Officer's
Establishing a child and youth centered ethos and culture within Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna. The Children's Officer is frequently the link between the children/young people in the club and the adults. It is the Children's Officer's responsibility to guide club policy and procedures in relation to how we treat our under age players.



Cormac Smyth

Executive member for 3 years. Recently played with Junior Bs and Dublin Masters. Currently working on IT related items for the club including the new website.



Liam Carter

Chairperson of the Adult Games Committee. The role of the committee is to act as a forum for the 4 Adult Games sections in the club.



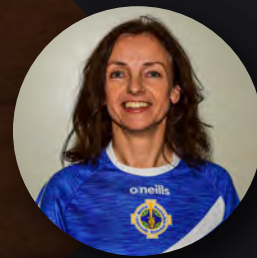
Gerry White

Club Registrar, maintaining Club membership database, assisting with payments and memberships. Liaise closely with the section Registrars to ensure that all of our players are registered on the GAA Servasport database.



Catherine Nagle

Juvenile Games, I represent the Juvenile girls and boys sections on the executive, providing a link between the two and assisting in any matters pertaining to this age group.



Executive Committee



Jody Moran

I am Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Player Injury with 3 members: Conor Doolan (football), Eithne McGarry (hurling) and Declan O'Rourke (Coiste na n-Og).



Seamus O'Flaherty

Assistant Treasurer. Mentor and Coach in Football section since 2000. Member of 1916/ 2016 centenary organising committee.



Mick Kennedy

Club Secretary
Point of contact for receiving and circulating all official communications received from the Dublin County Board relating to Adult (Mens) Games along with other correspondence.



Tom O Donoghue

Coaching- working with Club coaching director to ensure we have systems in place to develop our mentor group across all codes. Background in all sports primarily Hockey and Hurling.

David Bobbett H&K - feature

Sinéad O’Dea

In 2013, local man David Bobbett decided to lend a helping hand to the club financially and he hasn’t looked back and either have we. Underage development in Ballyboden St Enda’s has increased successfully throughout the years and with the extra resources since 2013 our successes have followed. Was David always interested in sport? “I liked all sports but I’m not very tall and my eyesight wouldn’t be the best .. I did play rugby though in school & my father was from Meath so I used to go to Croke Park with him on match days.”

So when did David get involved in Ballyboden St Enda’s?

“I always knew about Ballyboden St Enda’s but it was in 1997 that my eldest son Conor started playing with the club and since then all four of my sons have enjoyed playing with Ballyboden St Enda’s with both Brian and Shane still playing. I have watched the boys play and train since they were young and the enjoyment they get out of the club is great to see.”

H&K International is Ballyboden St Enda’s major sponsor - it is one of the world’s largest providers of restaurant solutions to the Quick Service Restaurant Industry. “We supply 20,000 restaurants in 80 countries on an annual basis serving 10 billion customers and have 13 worldwide locations with 2000 employees. I started in the Dublin office in 1985 as a temporary accountant and throughout the years I have held many positions in the Irish and Global business and got the opportunity to become the worldwide CEO in 2002 and I purchased the Global business in 2006.” “It is a pleasure to sponsor Ballyboden St Enda’s – giving back to the community is important. So far my highlight has to be the All Ireland Club Football Final in Croke Park in 2016 & being invited by Andy Mc Entee into the dressing room after the win. It was a great day & will always be remembered.”

David also branched out and set up Irish Heart Disease Awareness – “In 2011 I did a full medical in the US including a calcification test.

I found out aged 51 that I had the arteries of an 85 year old even though all blood markers were good and I was fit and not overweight . I am very lucky that my disease is totally controlled on medication and I’m on a low carb diet as carbs are like petrol on a fire to me as I was a undiagnosed diabetic for years . I feel everybody has the right to know they have a progressive disease rather than finding out they have a problem when they have a heart attack or drop dead. Heart disease is a progressive disease and like any disease the sooner you know the more you can do about it. The CAC test is in the guidelines and is a test that should be taken for men over 40 and women over 50.. I also produced a documentary on RTE with George Lee and funded a movie called the Widow maker available free of charge on you tube and shows the history of the CAC test.”

As David approaches 60 in 2019, his plans are to become less directly involved in the business. “I’m 60 next August and it’s time to start looking after my personal life a little more so I hope to move to a Chairman position in 2020 and have more time for travel and racing. Of course I will have more time to watch the Ballyboden games and hopefully our successes will continue.”



Pool Report

2018 was another busy year for the Pool Section. The 2017 / 2018 singles competition kicked off in mid-November with 48 players competing in the league stages, with the top 32 qualifying for the Cup and Plate knockout rounds in mid January. The finals night was held in the bar on Thursday the 29th of March with a large crowd in attendance. Mark Lynch and Pat Ball competed in the Plate Final, which went all the way to the last frame, with Pat securing the title in a Titanic Battle. The Cup final between Don O'Neill and Jack Nolan was a much more one sided affair with Don in insatiable form showing all of his class to secure and once again regain the title.

The annual Doubles Competition started in late April with 25 pairings of seeded and unseeded players. There were some great and highly entertaining matches played throughout the tournament, with some surprising results.

The final was held in the bar on Friday the 5th of October between Paul Coffey and Cormac O'Farrell versus Pat McGrath and Sean Brennan, with Paul and Cormac securing the title following a good and a competitive final.

The 2018 / 2019 singles competition is now up and running with an unprecedented number of 51 players competing in eight groups. The committee would like to thank Mick Farrell and his staff for all of their help and support during the year.

Jack Nolan



Pool Committee

Santa came to town...



Club Development Fund

Changing of the Guard

2018 saw the existing lotto committee step down and hand over the guard to our new committee. We would like to sincerely thank the outgoing committee of Fiona Kelly (Chair), Grainne Nolan, Joe McCall and Sean Flynn for their commitment and dedication over the past number of years and hope they enjoy putting their feet up. Our new committee have been in place for the past few months and have settled in nicely.

The new committee is Brendan Coyne, Alex McCarthy, Joe Ryan, Maurice Curtin and Eoin Dunne. They meet every Wednesday night to conduct the weekly draw, have a chat and a bit of craic. It is great that such a diverse group of guys have come forward to take up the running of the lotto and we are very grateful. If you have 30 minutes every week to spare you are more than welcome to come down and join them.

Ballyboden Club Lotto – 2018 Review

After a brief suspension of a few months the Ballyboden Lotto was relaunched in April of this year.



Vivian Ruddy €5,500 Winner



Pat Lehan €1,000 Winner



Patrick Rohan €8,500 Winner

There was a lot of publicity via the website, newsletter etc with the relaunch and there was a concerted effort to get new members to join, however unfortunately there was only a modest increase in numbers, far below the projected target.

The lotto draws have gone very well and we are already in week 32 of the year. To date there have been three jackpot winners Vivian Ruddy, Pat Lehan and Patrick Rohan who won €5,500, €1,000 and €8,500 respectively. There is always a great bit of banter on the night in the bar of the draw with the opportunity for people to buy a ticket for the draw.

The lotto is an extremely important source of income for the club and makes a significant contribution to helping provide facilities for all ages and codes, sporting and non sporting. It is so important that as many people support it as possible.

It now easier than ever to join. You just click the **"Club Lotto"** icon and it literally takes a couple of minutes to put in your Credit/ Detail card details to sign up.

It only costs €12.50 per month to join and as well as having the opportunity to win some great prizes you will also supporting the running and ongoing development of the club.

Minimum 50% given back in prizes
Minimum €1,000 per week
3 Chances to Win Weekly

Maurice Curtin - Lotto Committee

Name: **Maurice Curtin**

Occupation: **(Retired) School Principal**

Position in Ballyboden St Enda's? **Lotto Committee**

How did you get involved in BBSE? **When I became principle of Scoil Treasa, Firhouse (1977)**

How long a member in the club? **Since the early 1980s**

Why is BBSE so important to the community? **To engage young people in sporting activities and to develop our national games amongst the local community.**

Sporting Hero : **DJ Carey**

Sporting Moment in BBSE: **When (my son) David Curtin captained the '5 in a row' Hurling winning team**

Describe BBSE in three words - **Community, Community, Community**

BBSE players for the future: **Aidan Mellet, Luke Corcoran, Kevin Desmond and Luke McDwyer (and of course my grandson Daithi Curtin...currently 1 year old)**



Ballyboden St.Enda's Ladies Football Broke a World Record!

In what must be one of the most unique events ever staged on the Firhouse Road, Boden created history on 17th August 2018 with 350 members of the ladies football section participating in a continuous game of football that lasted a staggering 13 hours and 31 minutes!

The first ball was thrown in at 6.59am with our U15 and U16 players drawing the short straw as the opening act of this historical play. Thanks to the military planning and the commitment of the mentors EVERY time slot had the required 30 players to ensure compliance with the 15-a-side requirement.

Despite the early start the club was not going to let the girls go hungry and Deborah Heavey and Lynn Mulready along with the U13 parents laid on refreshments that were incredible and catered to all tastes. Breakfast, Brunch, lunch – you name it, it was available!

Over the course of the day the pitch side entertainment kicked in with the obligatory Ice Cream and Chipper vans complimenting the evening meal of superb Burgers barbecued to perfection as always by the husband and wife team of David and Liz Mellon along with their many helpers who learned a thing or two about hot BBQ grills!!!!

Every team in the section from U9 to Senior A was well represented and in particular our younger players got their first chance to play on the hallowed turf of PUM.

As the day progressed the excitement grew as we got closer to the magic time. The music blasted out over the PA to entertain the spectators who were also treated to excellent football. The quality of football was end to end for every age group despite the size of the pitch for the younger ones.

Our MC's for the day, Brendan Moran and Brendan Timbs regaled the crowd with banter and scripts that would not be out of place at the Rose of Tralee.

Finally the countdown to 8.30pm began and on the sound of the horn scenes of sheer jubilation erupted as hundreds of girls stormed the pitch to celebrate being part of something really special.

Section chair Cathal O'Toole outlined the main reason for hosting the event was not primarily about fund raising but more to do with deepening the connection of the girls to both the sport and the club. With many distractions for young people away from sport and high drop off rates among girls in particular it was important the girls saw how enjoyable it was to be part of the game and the club. The feedback since August suggests we went a long way to fulfilling this objective.

The day was rounded off with the raffle results and the winner of the years free membership of Gym Plus Rathfarnham who kindly sponsored the prize was Aisling Coyne

Finally an event like this could not have happened without a Trojan effort on the part of the organising committee led by Stephen "Soupy" Campbell. The brainchild of Stephen he gathered around him a superbly committed group of members who left no stone unturned in ensuring the day would be a huge success so a sincere thank you also to the rest of the team: Pat Conway, Jimmy Walsh, Brendan Coyne, Dave Melia, Sarah Reynolds, Catherine Nagle, Colm Bolger, Kieran Rudden, Ken Regan, Cliona Mellett and our photographer Mark Magahran

SPONSORS

We are extremely grateful to our kind sponsors who gave so generously and we would like to record our thanks to them. We would also encourage club members to support them, most of whom are either based in our community or connected to the club. They deserve our support.

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Gym Plus Rathfarnham



The Caoga Bliain ag Fás Committee held their first meeting in 3rd December 2017. An Information/Launch Night for all members was held on 16th February 2018 announcing the committee and seeking member's ideas and views, for consideration, on how best to celebrate this significant milestone for the Club in 2019. The minutes of the first meeting of the Club, held in September 1969, were read out. Numerous ideas were put forward and viewpoints expressed and all of these were duly considered. We agonised over many of them for a long time.

Apart from listening to members views we also sought information and material from them to facilitate our Archiving Project and the Club History book. The event was used as a rallying call to teams and mentors to make a special effort to win championships during this historic year. That would be a fitting tribute to all involved down the years. We are very grateful to all the members who participated and supplied material to date and we look forward to cross club support for all our projects during the year.

We have endeavoured to come up with a calendar of events so that everyone (young and old) is involved one way or another during our Club's 50th celebrations in 2019. It is only when one starts planning for something like this that one realises the breath of activity going on in the Club on a daily basis. Everybody is busy and time is at a premium. Despite these constraints we have set out a series of planned events for the year. We have liaised widely with members and committees as we strove to get the right mix. We announced these events at a Launch in the Club on 26th November 2018.

Club Gear/Merchandise with Caoga Bliain ag Fás Logo:

Available from 26th November 2018.

Club Polo Shirts, Jerseys and Training Tops, with our Club's Caoga Bliain ag Fás logo, are available to purchase in the Club shop. Any new sets of team jerseys purchased in 2019 will have our Club's Caoga Bliain ag Fás logo on them. Mugs with the Club's logo and crest are available to purchase in the bar.

Jubilee Calendar:

Available from 1st December 2018.

The Club has produced a Jubilee Calendar for sale this Christmas (2018). The calendar includes dates of events in the Club during 2019 together with a myriad of photographs and historical material across all codes and activities. It is a must buy for all members.

Paul Rouse Lecture:

Wednesday 23rd January 2019.

Following on the huge success of the Diarmuid Ferriter talk in 2016 we have secured the services of author and Associated Professor in UCD to give a lecture on various aspects of the GAA. Paul served as Manager of the Offaly Senior Football team in 2018 and is a member of St. Oliver Plunket's GAA Club. He is a former reporter with Prime Time investigates in RTÉ and works as a historical consultant on TV programmes and was the historical consultant on the RTÉ Reflecting the Rising event on Easter Monday, 2016. This event is free to members.

Archiving Project and Exhibition of Club Memorabilia:

Easter 2019 22nd April 2019.

The Club's archiving project is well under way at this stage. Photographs, paper cuttings and materials from club members have been received from Club members to enable the Club archive to be built up. A set of meeting minutes, AGM Reports from 1978 to 2018 and a full set of Club Newsletters are included. A set of relevant match programmes and Dublin yearbooks has also been put together. We have received access to the Dublin County Board Archives and Irish newspaper archives to search for Club material. Oral histories will form a very important part of the archive and interviewing will commence in January. All members are encouraged to supply any material relating to Club activities which they may have as soon as possible. Original material will be copied and returned if requested. An exhibition of Club memorabilia received to date will take place on 22/04/2019, at Easter. There will be an opportunity for some players to display their individual medals and trophies.

50th Anniversary Golf Tournament: Friday 24th May 2019.

This event will take place in Edmonstown golf Club. Teams of four.

Time Capsule:

To be completed by 31st May 2019.

A Time Capsule questionnaire has been drawn up for completion by u12's, u13's and u14's.

Submissions are requested by 31st May 2019.

Games:

Internal Club 7 a Side Competitions.

To cater for our adult playing members and involve them in a meaningful way we have proposed

that internal 7 a side competitions be run by each section, football, hurling, camogie and ladies football at a time and in a manner that is advantageous to the section. We feel that a 7 a side tournament in each code, involving minors to seniors, would facilitate maximum participation. Activity agreed to date includes:

Hurling: 29th June 2019.

The Hurling Committee will hold the annual fundraising Poc Fada for minors and adults in the morning and at lunch time respectively. This will be followed by a 7 a side competition that afternoon/evening. Presentations will take place afterwards in the Clubhouse.

Football: No date yet.

Camogie: To be advised.

Ladies Football:

24th August 2019.

The Ladies Football Committee will hold an Activity Day.



On the Juvenile front the following activity has been agreed:

Juvenile Boys up to under 16:

May Bank Holiday. Activity planned for May bank holiday weekend.

Juvenile Ladies Football and Camogie:

21st & 28th June 2019. Mini All Irelands will be run on the last two Fridays of June 2019.

Handball:

Efforts are continuing to establish Handball in the Club. In 2019 it is planned to organise u14/15 games against Na Fianna and St. Bridget's in the first 3 months of the year. A coaching event will take place for mentors of all our juvenile teams.

Mass for Deceased Members:

Saturday 31st August 2019.

A review of the list of Deceased Members with a view to ensuring that in time people will remember who these members were in the Club as opposed to being just names on a list is taking place. In this context it is envisaged that a record of the deceased person's role in the Club e.g. mentor, player, administrator, spouse of member etc. and the date or year of death will be maintained. We also want to

ensure that all deceased members, in so far as we can, are included on the list. An Open Air Mass/Ecumenical Service is planned for 31st August 2019 to remember all deceased members. There are currently 183 people on the list. We will be inviting relatives of our deceased members to the event and to refreshments afterwards in the Clubhouse.

Boden Theatre Group:

20th to 23rd November 2019 inclusive.

The Boden Theatre Group is putting on a Comedy Show a la Laughter in the Lounge on 20th to 23rd November 2019, inclusive. The Group is looking for stories relating to personalities and events to do with the Club from members. mickkeville@yahoo.ie is coordinating the collection of material and would appreciate any relevant material. They intend having several sketches based on Club personalities/events but all linked into one theme.

Gala Dinner/Gathering: Friday 29th

November 2019.

The venue (City West) for the Gala Dinner/Gathering is already booked and the date (29th Nov.'19) has been set. This will be a Gathering of all Ballyboden St. Endas members past and present so as to make the event as inclusive as possible. Tickets will therefore be offered for purchase to former members and players.

A promotions/ticket selling team is in place and tickets costing €70 each and will be sold from the middle of 2019 on a table (€700) basis.

Annual Christmas Party:

Sunday 8th December 2019.

We have been looking at the Annual Christmas Party for 2019 with a view to ensuring that all eligible "older members" and people with links to the Club e.g. spouses of members are catered for. To a large extent this is already happening but the list is being reviewed. The present committee share our objective and are happy to do this with us.

Uachtarán na hEireann:

An invitation has been extended to an tUachtarán to visit the Club in 2019.

Caoga Bliain ag Fás Logo will be displayed on signs outside the Clubhouse, in Ballycullen and in Sancta Maria.

Ceili House. An invitation has been extended to Ceili House to broadcast their programme from the Club.

In parallel with the above events the following normal activities will continue throughout the year.

Monthly Seisiún with Joe Johnston on the last Monday of each month except for July and August.

Céilí:

First Saturday of each month except for December. There will be two Céilís in November.

Ciorcal Cainte:

Gach Céadaoin, óna naoi go dtí a deich.

Golf Society Outings:

Each month from April to October. For more information on these and other events see Jubilee Calendar and commemorative leaflet setting out 50 Bliain ag Fás Programme of Events – 2019.

Caoga Bliain ag Fás Committee: John Kirwan (Chairman), Pat Conway, Liam Deane, Emer Kennedy Gannon, Jim Humphreys, Terese Keville, Seán O'Connor, Donagh O'Farrell, Tomas Ó'Reachtabhra, Gerry O'Sullivan and Paddy Walsh.
Archiving Committee (Chairman): Paddy Walsh, Jim Humphreys, Eamon Treacy and Pat Walsh.

Club History Committee: Gerry O'Sullivan (Author), Jim Humphreys, Mona O'Sullivan.

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Juvenile Girls

With almost 500 girls (from U14s down) now playing camogie and football at Ballyboden St Endas in 2018, our Juvenile Ladies section is now an area of huge growth for the club.

The numbers are dizzying: our U10s played a combined 19 Go Games fixtures in football and camogie, with 3 challenges thrown in for good measure; our U11s played 12 fixtures in football between Go Games and challenges (x 5 teams, that's 60 matches in all) and 15 in camogie (x 4

teams, that's also 60 matches). That's right: between them, the Ballyboden St Enda's U11 Girls alone played in 120 matches in 2018!

At the 'older' (!) end of the section, there is also great success to be celebrated, with our U14s and U13s winning in league and championships in both shield and cup competitions, as well as blazing a trail in the football Féile, winning in Dublin and reaching the national semi-final, not to mention call ups to the county panel. So our girls aren't just having fun – they are also putting all that fun to good use.

And of course there are also our big annual club highlights: the brilliant mini All Irelands took place in Sancta Maria and Cherryfield at the end of June, while our juveniles arrived in their hundreds to play their part in achieving the Ballyboden St Enda's World Record for the longest ever continuous games of football, and also represented the club at Croke Park for the biggest ever hurling training session.

Well done to all the girls – the club is very proud of each and every one of you.

New Juvenile Girls Committee

In June this year, a new Juvenile Girls Committee was set up. This came out of the identified need to have the same structures for the growing numbers of girls as are in place for the boys. This is an exciting and important development for the club. The Committee have met monthly since June and have written a strategy for the next two years. At the core is our mission that all u9-u14 girls are given the opportunity to be welcomed to take part in both codes, that they will be able to fully participate in a safe, positive environment, that they will be able to grow and develop and be inspired to

keep a positive lifelong engagement with Ballyboden St Enda's.

Our Strategic priorities to this end will focus on Participation, Coaching, Communication, Values, Organisational Structures and Governance, Volunteers and recruitment, Finance and fundraising. The Committee are clear in their wish to do this to the best of their ability and are keen to implement this strategy starting January 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club for their support with this initiative and to introduce the Personnel and Roles on the committee. **Carol Donaghy**

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Chair – Carol Donaghy

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Treasurer- Cathal Fitzgerald

Football Rep- Damien Coleman

Camogie Rep – Cathal Fitzgerald

PRO – Dave Rusk

Club Rep- Brian O'Regan

County Board Delegates - Kieran Rudden

– Football, Cathal Fitzgerald - Camogie

Coaching/ Games Rep – Tommy Keogh

U9 Football and Camogie

2018 was the first year of Go Games for our 2009 Girls in both Camogie and Football. We started out the season with 76 players, finishing up with 80 at the end of the season. This meant we had 6 teams playing every Sunday, with an average of nearly 60 training every week, rain or shine. Over the year, our girls played in 19 Go Games: 9 Camogie and 11 football matches.

Off the pitch, a big highlight for the girls was the trip to the All-Ireland final to watch Dublin v Cork with 28 of our girls enjoying the trip to Croke. Roll on 2019!



U10 Camogie

We saw a big jump on our numbers from 50 at the start of 2018 to 55 coming into November with queries about membership all the time. Our average attendance at training was 45. Our numbers meant we were able to field 4 teams, who played 9 weeks of Go Games. Highlights of the season include the mini All Ireland held at Cherryfield in June, and a few ice cream stops during some very warm Saturday afternoons in May and June! Over the course of 2018, there were obvious improvements in the girls' skill levels from February through to November, with some welcome input from Tommy Keogh and Julie Kelleher who assisted in the sessions and worked with the coaches on some vital parts of the game.



U10 Football

With 70 footballers, U10 were able to field 5 teams for their Go Games. Over the course of the year, the girls played 10 fixtures, and 2 separate challenge matches. All our matches were very competitive and enjoyable and the girls were very positive and helpful in all our activities throughout the year. Highlights of the season were the girls' mini All Ireland in Sancta Maria in June, and also travelling as a group to the ladies All Ireland in September.



But probably the biggest highlight of all was the Ballyboden 'world record' match in August. A very memorable day for all.

U11 Camogie

With 62 players signed up to play, our U11 camogie group was able to field 4 teams, who each played 15 Go Games fixtures across 2018. The girls' skill sets were noticeably improved across the year, and filling any gaps in our Go Games schedule with internal games wherever possible also saw a huge improvement in match play, as the girls worked together and brought passing and support play into their games.

These improvements were obvious to anyone watching the girls play. Always a spirited group, they are now adding skill and match sense, and are usually at the very least a match for opposition clubs on the field, which made for some very entertaining- and always committed- encounters during the year. It was very rare to see them play on the back foot.

Best of all though is watching the friendship and camaraderie grow among the girls, to evolve as teams. A great group of girls to be involved with.



U11 Football

With 70 players enrolled, we were able to field 5 teams – over the year we had 12 rounds including challenge & blitzes – totalling 60 matches for the combined 5 teams.

The girls' footballing skill level improved once again with training concentrating on heads up football and fast play. The training brought extra confidence in the girls' football ability and also their overall support play. It was also great to hear the players themselves cheering each other on during matches and the cry 'Come on Girls' can now be heard at every game, which shows their level of commitment and engagement. The girls were mixed into different teams throughout the year to ensure they got to know one another better and hopefully firm Ballyboden friends are being created. Highlights of the year included the football mini All Ireland which took place in Sancta Maria in June and the football-a-thon where the girls played and hung out together for the day and they really enjoyed the experience.



U12 Camogie

With 52 players we were able to field 3 teams for our 15 Go Games during 2018. With a very high weekly average attendance at training of 92%, the girls' skills developed to a very good standard, with passing skills- stick, flick and hand passing- all exceptionally good. First touch, soloing, catching, striking, free taking and pick-ups (jab & roll) were also to a high level along with tackling and free taking. The girls also concentrated on team play- communication, passing, support play. This showed in our matches- in our final 4 challenge matches the girls scored an average of 6.18, and the girls' team play was exceptional.

Away from our Go Games, highlights of the year included a water fight before the summer break, an 'away day' to Kilmessan and a volleyball match against the Kilmessan girls. We also had a great end of year Xmas party at Roundwood, and of course we always had fun games during training, with a few bags of sweets to boot!



U12 Football



With 67 players enrolled to play football, it meant we were able to field 4 teams for the first half of the Go Games, moving to 3 teams for the second half of the year. Average attendance at training for the group was 50+, and each team had 5 fixtures between March and June, with 4 graded 'pre league' matches with an end of season county board blitz during September and October. The girls also took part in the club mini All Ireland Blitz at Sancta Maria on 22nd June and played their part in the Ballyboden ladies Football 'Football-a-thon -Break a World Record' event on 18th August. The girls also went rock climbing and went to support the Dubs at Croke Park for the All Ireland 2-in-a-row against Cork. This is an exciting time for the girls as they prepare to leave the GO GAMES structure to become three Team panels who will compete in three divisions next year. We know they will continue to make the club very proud.

U13 Camogie

Our U13s fielded 2 teams in this, their first year out of Go Games. Attendance at training was excellent, and the girls had a full schedule of games for the year between league, championship and challenges. Our A team competed successfully in Div 1 in both League & Championship – finishing 3rd in League and as runners-up in Championship, losing out by 5 points to Erins Isle in the final. A super group of girls whose team spirit & never say die attitude brought them to the brink of glory. Meanwhile, our B team finished second in Div 4, and were beaten semi-finalists in the U13C Shield, losing out by just 3 points to Naomh Olaf A in a competition where the girls displayed remarkable resilience and character throughout, facing 'A' teams every step of the way.



U13 Camogie contd...

A couple of very enjoyable outings during the year included Olympic gold medallist Michael Carruth hosting the team free of charge at his gym in Drimnagh for a training session, while the GAA's world record setting hurling and camogie training session in Croke Park was also a great success. Onwards & upwards with some great memories of the 2018 campaign to spur us on to even greater things in 2019!



U13 Football



Our U13 footballers entered 4 teams into the U13 competitions, reverting to 3 after the break. After a good start, our Division 1 team struggled a bit in the league, but despite this our girls still managed to secure a place in the Division 1 Cup. A good cup campaign saw us finish in the group with 6 points with good wins over Brigids and Kilmacud. Unfortunately, this was not enough to secure a place into the next round, but a win over Maurs in the Shield semi-final put our girls into the final against Clanna Gael, which we won by 3 points in a pulsating game in Cherryfield.

Meantime, our Division 4 team finished mid-table in the league, and then embarked on a thrilling Division 4 cup journey that brought them all the way to the final- beating Judes, Thomas Davis and St Patricks Donabate on the way, before unfortunately losing out to Plunketts in the final.

Our 13C group had started the year with teams entered in both divisions 7 and 9 but reverted to 1 team for the second half of the year. The newly amalgamated 13Cs then proceeded on a cup run in the Division 8 Cup, which brought them all the way to the final where they eventually succumbed, also to Plunketts.

Off the field, there were a number of events held like Discos and Zumba dance at the club. The girls also had a trip to Zippit, and had a night away for players and mentors at Carlingford. The girls also attended trips to Croke Park to watch Dublin win their back-to-back All Ireland. All in all, a great year for the U13 Girls, with an impressive Division 1 Shield win and Divisions 4 and 8 Cup finals to look back on. Well done to all the girls.

U14 A Camogie

The U14 girls resumed training during January in Sancta Maria – and as ever, training was both fun and competitive. The league proper kicked off on the 24th February with a tie at home against Naas which we won- and the girls then went on to win every other tie in the league thereafter, winning the League outright.

Next up was Féile- the girls were in great spirits as we headed out to Oliver Plunkett's to compete in what was a very tough group, containing ourselves and our two closest rivals, Lucan and Brigids. Unfortunately, this time it wasn't to be, and after a loss to Brigids and a draw against Lucan, we were going home early.

Championship rolled in and saw the girls in a 5 team group. The girls were brilliant in all their group matches beating Whitehall, Brigid's and Lucan in turn and in doing so qualified directly for the final, awaiting the winners of second and third placed teams. Despite having no competitive fixtures for 5 weeks, a series of tough challenges ensured the girls were well prepared for their Final against Lucan hosted by Parnell's GAA Club on November 3rd which we eventually won out 4-05 to 2-07. In doing so, the girls managed to complete their own "double double" by winning both League and Championship at U13 and U14. The U14 girls remain as enthusiastic as ever, and it is our hope that they go on to enjoy another great year in Ballyboden in 2019!



U14 B Camogie

With a panel of 18 girls the season kicked off in early Feb in Santa Maria. Before the League started we played 2 challenge games versus Judes and Lexlip. After a League campaign of 7 games, the girls eventually ended up as joint runners up with Naomh Judes.

The girls enjoyed a great Féile weekend. Some fantastic matches on Saturday saw them reaching the final on Sunday only to lose out to a very good Cuala team (and compliments to Camogie Board for having an all 'B' team group)- the loss being somewhat soothed by having watched their friends in U14C win their final in the preceding game.

Unfortunately our success in the league inevitably meant that we competed in a higher Division in Championship. This proved a step to far for the girls, and alas we finished the Championship without any joy.



U14 C Camogie

With fourteen U14 girls- and supported by the U13 girls- our team entered Division E with a mixture of single team clubs and B squads. With the snow, it was April 24th before we had a competitive match under our belts and felt a little undercooked going into our Féile.

We were the first club to field 3 teams in Féile camogie which is great testimony to the girls and all who helped for all those years. Emerging victorious from a group of Ballinteer B Castleknock B and Raheny B, we headed off to St Peregrines, (where our B squad also qualified for the final and were to play Cuala B immediately after our final). In a very close encounter with Castleknock our girls won by the narrowest of margins. Not only was the victory sweet but what made it even better was the fact that our B girls invaded the pitch at the end to celebrate with their friends. What a great memory for all. With the victories against Eire Og and another exciting match against Ballinteer we made it through to the league decider versus Commercial's. So off we went down to Rathcoole to see if we could pick up the league! Commercial's had home advantage but with a determined performance by all our girls we came home with the league. The girls put in great effort in the championship and qualified for a final versus Faughs which was played in driving rain and unfortunately, we could not make the magic treble. All in all, what a year of memories for the girls who have played camogie together since 2011. We are so proud of the girls for all their efforts in 2018.



U14 A Football

It is only when you look at the number of matches played (27 in total) that you recall what a remarkable season the under 14A team have had. It all started back in February and after a couple of good pre-season outings, the girls started their league campaign out at Oliver Plunketts. They quickly learned that they were not going to have things their own way and that as the reigning U13 champions that teams were going to do their very best to knock them off their perch! A messy drawn game at Plunketts followed by a great fightback draw against Brigids would ultimately cost them their league title.

Next up came the Dublin Feile weekend where our girls travelled over to Crokes on what proved to be a memorable weekend. The girls started with a super victory over Kilmacud followed by a narrow defeat against FoxCab to set up a Semi Final against Lucan. The girls won out in a tight match to set up a Final against FoxCab. This time the girls were ready for the challenge and they triumphed to take the title. With all the focus on the Dublin competition, the girls hadn't even realised that now they would travel to an All Ireland competition in Belfast in June.

Returning to league action, the girls won the rest of their league matches to finish runners up to Brigids and then played out

friendlies in preparation for the Feile na mBan competition. Leading up to this, there was also a successful County campaign where Alice Rudden, Kate Donaghy and Hannah Byrne helped Dublin to an All Ireland U14 Final where they were cheered on by their team mates but just lost out to Cavan.

The Feile na mBan was another memorable weekend for girls and parents alike where the girls, staying with their host club families in Bredagh GAA club in Belfast, represented the club well and played some of their best football in making the Semi Finals where they lost out to eventual winning team from Cork, Éire Óg.

Returning after the summer, the girls launched into Championship action. They were on the easier side of the draw but always knowing that they would have to overcome Brigids and Lucan to retain the title that they had won at U13. Having overcome FoxCab, Crokes and Cuala in the group, the girls were outstanding in getting the better of Brigids in the Semi Final. This set up a Final with Lucan. The girls thought they had won but on review the county board decided that the match had to be replayed. However in the replay there was no doubt as our girls prevailed to take the title after another super team performance.



U14 B Football

From mid-January on, the girls on the under 14B 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.

Regardless of the absence of silverware the girls can look back on a successful year. A competitive league campaign resulted in a third-place finish. The Féile week-end was a great experience with a run to the final, only to be beaten on the day by a great Westmanstown team. The return after the summer for Championship saw another string of great performances which finished in a semi-final defeat to a Ballymun team with some great talent in its ranks.



U14 C Football

Our U14C league performance was a mixed bag, but Féile was where this team came into its own. A superb weekend began with a home hosting and the section volunteers led by Stephen Campbell, Deborah Heavey and Colm Bolger put on a fantastic and memorable occasion for players and supporters. Making the Féile final in Tallaght Stadium just kept the dream going! Losing 3-3 to 0-6 to a strong Ballinteer B team was no disgrace.

Championship came and provided another great run for us with the team making it out of the round robin stages with some to spare only to be beaten by eventual winners Templeogue.



operation TRANSFORMATION 2018

Another successful Operation Transformation Boden Style came to an end last February. Here are the statistics for OT 2018: Of a total membership of 65 we had 24 die-hards weighing in for our final night.

- **Total weigh loss final week - 1 stone 8.75 lbs**
- **Total weight loss over all - an amazing 18st 4.75 lbs!**
- **10 people lost 9 lbs or more, and of those, 4 lost 11 lbs or more, Incredible!!**

Well done to all. But much more importantly, everyone was out walking and talking and taking some much needed 'me' time.



Noel Sheridan - General Manager

Name: **Noel Sheridan**

Position in Ballyboden St Enda's: **General Manager Ballyboden St. Enda's**

How did you get involved in BBSE: **Juvenile camogie coaching in St. Enda's Park back in 1980.**

How long a member in the club: **38 years**

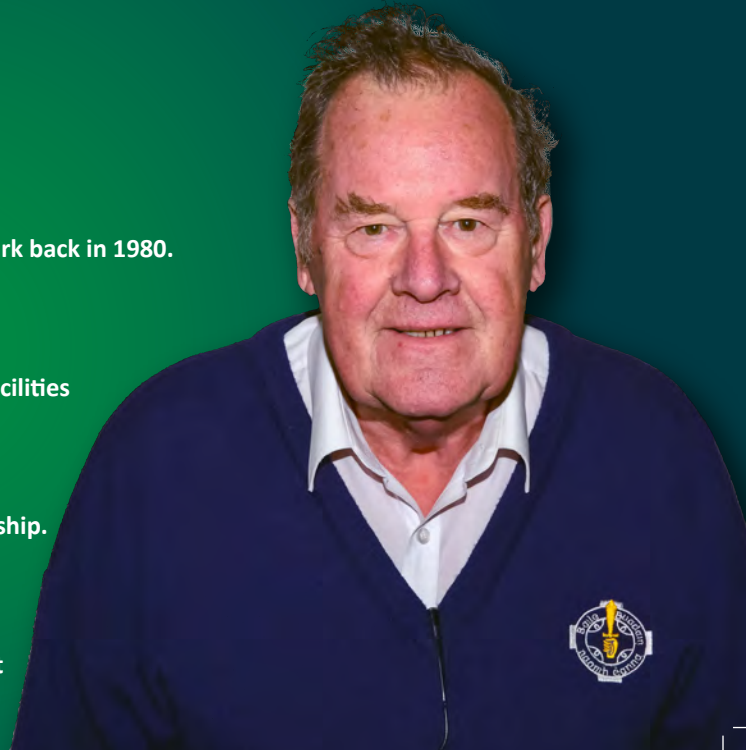
Why is BBSE so important to the community: **Providing social and sporting facilities**

Sporting Hero: **Eddie Keher**

Sporting Moment in BBSE: **winning the first senior hurling county championship.**

Describe BBSE in three words: **Professional in everything**

BBSE players for the future: **Colm Basquel, James Madden and Aidan Mellett**



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Juvenile Boys

2018 has once again been a very busy year for Ballyboden St Endas Juvenile Boys Section. with in excess of 600 boys registered again with the club this year. Such numbers demand huge commitment from coaches, mentors and parents alike. On behalf of the club, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who give of their time on a voluntary basis, week in, week out assisting in the development of our young players.

A special word of thanks to our Executive and in particular to Brian O'Regan and Paul McLoughlin for their great support throughout the year.

The outstanding club facilities, such as the skills wall and the All Weather pitches continue to be of huge benefit in the training and development of the boys. Well done to all the boys who competed in the various competitions throughout the year and we look forward to 2019 with great confidence.

Mark Brady,
Chairman, Juvenile Boys Section.

Reports compiled by Cliona Mellet and Mark Brady.

Juvenile Roll of Honour 2018

FOOTBALL:

- U12C:** Division 6 League R/up
- U14C:** Division 7 League Winners
- U15B:** Division 4 League R/up

HURLING:

- U12D:** Division 9 League R/up
- U13A:** PJ Troy Division 1 Winners
- U15A:** Division 1 League R/up
- U15B:** Division 5 League Winners
- U15A:** 'A' Shield Winners
- U16A:** Division 1 League Winners
- U16A:** 'A' Shield Winners
- U16B:** 'C' Shield Winners
- U16B:** Division 4 League R/up

U9 Boys Football and Hurling

108 players and 21 mentors began the year with focus on fun, enjoyment and pride in representing their club. Another priority was the development of small game-based ball skills in football and hurling to enable the development of the boys while also instilling the seeds of friendship and camaraderie within the group. The boys applied their skills with great gusto and endeavor with tough and resilient performances in all of their Go Games. One of the many highlights of the year was the hosting of "Feile" hurling blitz which was attended by 360 boys from clubs all over the county. Another was being part of the guard of honour, alongside our Senior Hurlers, when All Ireland Hurling Club Champions Cuala came to Ballyboden. The year ended with a movie and pizza night and it was great see the group gather as friends and team mates.



U10 Boys Football

Fielding up to 80 boys in nine teams, a key focus this year was to continue developing the fundamentals of Gaelic football and enhancing agility, balance, coordination and decision-making. Central to this was small-sided games-based training. The coaches ensured that the boys enjoyed themselves while developing their football skills. The boys have competed well together in Go Games showing great determination and improving skill where their passion for the game and sporting attitude is to be commended. Highlights of the year were a Blitz in Newbridge and winning 'The Downs Tournament' in Westmeath. The boys performance both on and off the field prompted the Downs Chairperson to write to the club praising their conduct.



U11 Boys Football

The U11 boys continued to develop their skills throughout the season with an average of 77% attendance at training & strong performances across all their matches this year from all 93 boys. The big move from Sancta Maria to Ballycullen allowed plenty of experience playing on grass and the boys benefited from this. The early Summer enabled training in St Enda's Park most Friday evenings.



As well as regular Saturday morning Go Games, the boys competed in a number of tournaments throughout the country. In April they visited Bray Emmetts followed by a busy Summer of events at Stamullen, Killeslin, Mullingar, Oranmore and Round Towers GAA in Kildare.

U12 Boys Football

Division 6 League Runners Up

The U12 boys entered unknown territory as they prepared for their first grading games and the chance to compete against clubs from all over Dublin. The five football teams secured places in Divisions 1, 4, 6, 8 & 10, the most in the county at this age. The mid-division teams often played against the top teams from other clubs. All the years of hard training paid off as they tore into the opposition week after week. All teams did themselves proud by finishing comfortably in the top half of their respective leagues. The teams also played in many tournaments and challenge matches, the highlight being winning the Shield in Louth's Cooley Kickhams Tournament. In 2019, the boys move to 15 a side matches on bigger pitches and face a new round of grading games before the leagues start up.



U13 Boys Football

Division 1 season got off to a good start and the lads finished a solid fourth in a highly competitive division, continually improving with plenty of movement from the Division 4 team ensuring both panels were kept fresh and competitive.

Division 4 was challenging, full of 'A' teams, save Crokes 'B'. The lads did very well to maintain a steady course and finished fifth on the same points tally as fourth and ahead of Crokes. Lots of movement up and down from the Division 1 and 9 teams assured the lads that there were opportunities to be had.

League winners in 2017, the Division 9 team won 3 from 5 grading games so were well placed to do well in a Division dominated by 'B' teams. The boys put in some very good performances resulting in five wins, a draw and some very tight losses. Overall a good outcome for a great group of players.

The Division 10 lads had a more challenging season and finished third from bottom in a division comprising of 'B' and 'C' teams. They managed to finish the season on a high with a dramatic 10:10 to 12:04 draw against Whitehall Colmcilles 'C' in Cherryfield. Highlight for the year was winning the Lee Strand Cup in Austin Stacks Gaa, Tralee early September, the second time Ballyboden have won this competition. In addition, Boden's centre forward Mark McGlynn was named 'Player of the Lee Strand Tournament'. In November, the

entire squad's final training session was taken by Dublin star Paul Mannion.



U14 A Boys Football

32 boys played in Division 1, competing admirably in a competitive league finishing fifth, winning 5 games and losing 9. Senior footballer Colly Dunne helped out with coaching.

In May they were drawn in Division 1 Feile with Ballinteer St. John's, Naomh Barrog and St. Sylvesters. Opening with a comprehensive win against Ballinteer, they were narrowly beaten by hosts St Sylvesters before beating Naomh Barrog. A semi-final loss to Lucan Sarsfields ended their Feile dreams. In the League, the boys needed to win their 1st two games to avoid relegation. They knuckled down defeating Ballinteer before producing their best performance of the year in their final game defeating St Sylvesters in Malahide.



U14 B Boys Football



The U14B's had a challenging season in Division 4 being one of only two 'B' teams. The lads carried out the plan of the season

by playing as a team and doing themselves and the Boden Crest proud. The boys play a great brand of football which has been a joy to watch. Ballyboden hosted Division 5 Feile and a highlight of the year was the must win final game of the group stage in PUM when they played the best football they had played all year. Unfortunately, a semi-final meeting with St Marys, Saggart ended what was a thoroughly enjoyable Feile day.

U14 C Boys Football

The team had a great year in Division 7 winning out after a play-off against Robert Emmets. We had 14 competitive games spread from February to November. Starting the year with just 17 boys, each player gave 100% and it has been a fantastic achievement winning a very challenging League for a second season in a row. Division 8 Feile in May saw our lads pipped in the Final by Trinity Gaels after putting in very strong performances. Four League matches remained after the Summer break, two of which were against the table toppers. The lads showed great determination to come through all four, notably a come from behind one point win against Man O War and a great result away against a previously unbeaten Robert Emmets. This left the team in a playoff against Robert Emmets and in a pulsating end to end encounter the boys saved the best till last and triumphed in the play-off final.



U14 D Boys Football



Drawn in Division 10, it has been a tough task for the lads competing against four 'B' teams, a 'C' team and two smaller clubs who only have one team of mixed ability in the league. Regardless the boys competed well and finished mid table. Having done so well, the team were placed in Feile Division 9. Hosted by Raheny, the lads battled bravely but failed to make it out of the group stage. The boys enjoyed their Feile experience and displayed great character and kept trying until the end.

U15 A Boys Football - Division 4 League runners Up

We could give you details of wins, losses, points, etc for the U15A footballers during 2018 but one game sums up their year. Sunday 15/04/18- 1st round of the 'A' Championship v favourites Skerries in Sancta Maria. It rained all morning. Biblical even. Down to 14 men, all subs used, and level at full time. Extra time loomed. The lads got into a huddle and we then asked them did they have the resolve to go on and win in the toughest of circumstances. The big crowd that gathered got their answer. They tore into Sherries like their lives depended on it, outscored them 3 points to 0 to put their big rivals out. Players, coaches and parents all exhausted! Brilliant. Yes they were on the tough side of the draw running Crokes close, won 75% of their matches during the year, scored a lot, conceded less, but that one game will live in the memory for a long time.

U15 B Boys Football

Following a new training regime and pre-season trip to Mullingar, the team started competitive league games in February. Playing an attractive brand of football and with a great team spirit, they finished the league season with nine wins and three draws from fourteen games, which left them top of the table and level on points with St. Oliver Plunketts. The league final was a tight affair that could have gone either way. Despite conceding two early goals, the lads showed tremendous spirit in battling back to level the game in the second half before losing out narrowly in the end. The team also performed strongly in the 'B' Championship where they put in a gutsy performance against Division 3 opponents St Pat's Donabate before losing out by two points to Lusk in the Shield quarter final. Overall it was a very successful year and a great achievement to finish in second place in a very competitive league.

U15 C Boys Football

The U15C Boys had a mixed year in 2018. They had a change of management, which required a settling in period with the Mentors getting to know the lads, their strengths and their best positions. A game of note was a hard-fought match v Templeogue Synge Street in Cherryfield in February where Templeogue scored a last minute goal to break hearts winning by one point. Templeogue went on to eventually win the Division so with that result and some other narrow and unlucky losses during the season, heart can take taken that they were not that far off the mark and remained competitive all year. Another game of note was in October when a previous defeat to Kilmacud Crokes, the only other 'C' team, in Dublin U15 was reversed. There were a lot of encouraging signs throughout the team with every lad improving as the season went on and a very good team spirit, which bodes well for the upcoming U16 season.

U16 A Boys Football

The U16A team trained and played with a total panel of 28 lads throughout the league. Winning six games and losing three meant that they finished fourth in a very competitive competition. The panel was reduced to 21 for the Championship. Finishing second after the group stages meant an away fixture in the quarter final. Unfortunately, they went out by the narrowest of margins after a very physical and competitive game. Overall it was a very successful season with lads going into minor football with a well developed technical skill. The mentors wish the lads well next year.

U16 B Boys Football

The team played in Division 4, a highly competitive league, and the lads competed well with steady performances. They reached the Semi Final in 'C' Championship but, alas, fell to the eventual winners, a very strong Parnells outfit who play in Division 3. It has been a pleasure for the mentors to have helped this great bunch of lads to this stage of their playing careers and convey best wishes to the boys as they move to Minor in 2019.

U16 C Boys Football

After winning the Division 6 Shield last year, the move to Division 5 was always going to be a tall order, coupled with some of the lads playing with the B team. There were a lot of one team clubs in the division so unfortunately the lads lost all bar one game however the lads turned up and played each match, never wavering in commitment. With a panel of 20 restored for the 'D' Championship, the team were more competitive reaching the Championship semi-final losing out to eventual winners Castleknock C. 16/18 players attended training nearly every week which shows just how committed these lads were. Having started as a 'D' team in Division 9 only a couple of years ago and finishing up their Juvenile careers in Division 5 in the league is a remarkable achievement and all credit must go to this honest hard working bunch of lads. Good Luck to all the lads at Minor level.



U10 Boys Hurling

Fielding six teams, our U10 hurlers had some super performances this year in Go Games. The skills level and attitude of the boys has been superb, earning many compliments from other clubs. In May, Feile was hosted in Cherryfield with the boys being pipped as overall winners by Ballinteer St. Johns. During the year the lads got to know the Senior hurlers a little better playing exhibition games at half time intervals in league matches. Many also travelled to support the team in their Senior Championship run. Helmets, hurls and jerseys were covered with many autographs! Another highlight of the year was a trip to Tramore Gaa where the lads topped the Tournament. This was followed by a trip to Tramore Strand for some well deserved surfing.



U11 Boys Hurling

65 boys played in six Go Games teams and attendance at training was excellent. In addition to Go Games and friendlies, the boys played a number of blitzes both home and away. Maynooth in April where the boys lost narrowly to Athenry in the final, Na Fianna McNulty Tournament in May where the lads successfully defended both the Cup and the Shield, Feile in June with some 200 from four clubs and all of our U11's, Cork's Ballincollig in June with 45 players and 12 mentors making the trip (the hurling was tough with hard matches against James Stephens, Na Piarasigh, Limerick and Ballincollig) Celbridge in June when the boys lost the semi-final narrowly to Westmeath's Raharney, Emo Blitz in October where the Boden boys prevailed and Halloween hurling in October with a home mini blitz with three visiting clubs and Boden fielding four teams. The boys have worked hard this year and their hurling skills have really developed.



U12 Boys Hurling - Division 9 League Runners Up

The Group fielded teams in Division 1, 4, 7 and 9 and a total of 108 games were played. Division 1 team finished mid table with several very close games in this experimental year. Division 2 team competed very well against 6 first teams from other clubs with notable wins over Crokes 2 and other first teams. Division 7 team did very well winning four of their seven games – only losing to first teams from other clubs. Division 9 team came second in their division winning a second place play off against Thomas Davis second team. This team had some fantastic performances all year. All four teams entered Boden's Annual Feile Iomana with a total of twelve teams competing. Two teams entered the Summer Camaint. One of the highlights of the year were the four trips to Parnell Park supporting the Senior Hurlers.



U13 Boys Hurling - PJ Troy Division 1 Winners

Good grading campaigns from all teams saw our U13's in Divisions 1, 3 which meant promotions for all. The Division 1 team finished mid-table in their first Division 1 season. Our Division 3 team found themselves in a strong division where all other teams were 'A' teams. Almost every game in this division was a true battle, and the lads proved themselves finishing in the top half of the table with several players strongly laying claim to Division 1 squad places. Our Division 5 lads found promotion a challenge. The lads approached each game with great optimism and spirit, with everyone wearing 'An Claidheamh Soluis' with pride on every outing. Apart from the leagues, the boys won two landmark competitions: the PJ Troy Cup at Whitehall Colmcilles in June and William Phelan Challenge v Ballygunner at home in October, with a trip to Thomastown in Kilkenny in-between.

A number of lads also proudly represented Ballyboden at the Guinness World Record Hurling Training event under the lights in Croke Park in September. Many of the boys have also enjoyed supporting our Senior Hurlers throughout their Dublin & Leinster campaigns.



U14 Boys Hurling

The priority for 2018 was to maintain three teams and ensuring maximum game time for all players at a level where they could stretch themselves. The approach was to split the group into two streamed training panels. Players from Group 1 would play primarily in Divisions 1 and 4 and players from Group 2 in Divisions 4 and 5. Three teams competed in Feile and Boden hosted Division 1 to great success in PUM and Cherryfield. A number of off the field fundraising and social events took place throughout the year, including an end of season trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre. Many players took part in the Hurling Poc Fada with Sean Wall on the winning team. Several lads lined out with U15 teams during the year. 43 players have committed to next year and age appropriate strength and conditioning training starts in January under the supervision of the Club's coaching staff and Senior Hurler Naoise Maguire will join the lads in a coaching capacity.

U14A: 28 players fielded in Division 1 with a total of thirty-one games played, including eight challenge games and a trip to the Ballygalget Tournament, Ards Peninsula Co Down. The team's quality was shown in several games notably in the narrow victory in Féile over the dominant U14 Lucan Sarsfields and against All Ireland Champions, Turloughmore.

U14B: Our second team competed well in Division 4 even though they had 7 'A' teams in their division and winning seven out of thirteen matches made them the highest ranked second team in Dublin. All members of the team have developing well with some hurlers pushing for inclusion in the Division 1 panel and players were given the opportunity to play and excel at the higher level.

U14C: Division 5 was always going to present a challenge. The only ranked 'C' team in this age category in Dublin and in Ireland, the squad achieved results against one 'A' team and each of the 'B' teams. The objective was to continue improving and developing all players and be competitive in all games. This was certainly achieved by year end with the lads coming third in the division and ranking ahead of thirteen 'A' & 'B' Teams. A fantastic achievement for all concerned.

U15 A Boys Hurling

Championship 'A' Shield Winners & Div 1 League Runners Up
 The 2018 season started with a stop / start due to poor weather conditions. Darragh Spain assisted again with Paudie O'Neill taking the team for six training sessions. After winning the league in 2017, it was going to be a challenge continuing with the same level of intensity and so the season started slowly. With the summer looming, training stepped up and the team started to respond and got back to winning ways. Following a strong end to the season the lads came through a three way play off against St Vincents and County Champions Na Fianna to claim runners up spot in the league. Facing into their first Championship, the team ended up in a tough group with three out of the four top Division 1 teams. The opening match against Na Fianna which was always going to be a tough challenge and, unfortunately, Na Fianna prevailed and went on to win the 'A' Championship. Drawn against Kilmacud in the 'A' Shield, the lads progressed to the final, beating St Judes to claim the title.

U15 B Boys Hurling - Division 5 League Winners

The start to Division 5 was delayed by inclement weather. Once underway, fourteen league games were played with the lads winning twelve, losing one and drawing one. The League final was played against Bray Emmets on Senior County Hurling Final day, a great day with the boys claiming the title and it was made really special as the U15A hurlers travelled by bus to lend support. Rotation of players from the 'A' team over the Summer was needed in order to fulfil all fixtures. A consequence of this was that all the U15's came together as one group as opposed to 'A's and 'B's and this was very evident with the support at the final. Thanks is also due to the U14's for also providing players throughout the year. In the 'C' Championship, the team were beaten by Naomh Fionnbarras in the opening round and were unlucky to then come up short by 2 points against St. Sylvesters in the Shield. Both opposing teams were first teams from their respective clubs which is always a challenge.



U16 A Boys Hurling

Division 1 League Winners
Championship 'A' Shield Winners

2018 was the year the U16A's retained the Division One title and were victorious in the Championship Shield with a really powerful performance against St Oliver Plunkett ER in the shield final. With nine league games played, the lads secured the league title before the Summer break with a game in hand. More importantly the team really enjoyed themselves this year, the lads flourished and grew into a fine hurling team, a credit to the club and to their families. The boys move to Minor in 2019 and will contribute handsomely to Ballyboden's adult teams in the future. The mentors wish them the best of luck.



U16 B Boys Hurling

Championship 'C' Shield Winners
Division 4 League Runners Up

Our U16B's had a fantastic year, the highlight being winning the 'C' Shield under lights in Blakestown when the lads prevailed against a tough Castleknock side. It was a great team effort by all in tough November weather conditions. The boys were unlucky to lose the league playoff to Clanna Gael Fontenoy to finish runners up in Division 4. A huge thanks must be given to the U15 hurlers who came out to bolster the numbers week in, week out. The boys showed great character and togetherness all year and the mentors wish them good luck as they step up to Minor next year.



U13 Footballers finish their Season with Paul Mannion Training Session

Our U13 footballers had a huge treat in store for their final training of the year. Mum Sonia McCarthy was a winner of a Teamer/John West competition, the prize being a specially arranged training session with Dubs Star Paul Mannion. The session on PUM consisted of modules developed by U13 football head coach Brendan Young with Paul visiting every module in turn, taking the lead and intervening in the play to offer the lads insights and tips on the aspects of the game being covered. Afterwards, he brought all the boys together and took them through his ABC of free taking, breaking it down into component parts and showing the lads the aspects he focuses on when taking each kick. Finally, Paul led the boys in their post session warm down – explaining the difference between warming up and down, and why these activities are so important before and after every training session and game. It was a great session, and Paul had the lads thoroughly engaged throughout.



Boden Theatre Group



2018 was another great year for the Boden Theatre Group. We had two very successful productions this year. Both plays brought in over 1,000 people to the club to see "It's Real McCoy" and "Rumours". The numbers attending are testament to the quality of the group and wonderful support we get from the club and community.

In March our spring production was "It's The Real McCoy" by Tommy Marren. Sean Fitzmaurice made his directorial debut and did a fine job. It had all the ingredients for a great comedy with the grumpy Madege Molly, her lovesick daughter, a mysterious curate and two nosey neighbours trying their best to get to the bottom of what was going on in the Molloy household. This hugely successful comedy was easily one of the funniest productions the group has performed to date and it was a sell out every night!

In November the group performed Neil Simon's hilarious farce "Rumours". "Rumours" is a madcap farce that follows cover-ups, deceptions, mistaken identities and laughs at a wedding anniversary dinner party. This was one of the most challenging productions to date as we had never tackled a farcical play before. But true to the group's quality and under the expert direction of Joe Kearney, it ended up being one of the most polished performances the group has produced.



The set too, was the most accomplished to date and that has to do with the excellent work of Eugene Kenny and his team who constructed a wonderful set.



Outside of those two plays, there has been a small group working quietly in the background writing a new play to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club next year. The group is being led by Mick Keville and working with him are Declan O'Brien, Ger Reynolds, Pat Egan and Cormac O'Farrell. This group were responsible for the 1916 show and Christmas Unwrapped variety show so this new one is sure to be just as good. The 50th anniversary show will be performed in November 2019.



Also lined up for 2019 is our spring production of Irish playwright Bernard Farrells comedy "I Do Not Like Thee Dr. Fell". It will be directed by John Joe O'Sullivan and pre-production has already begun. So we look forward to seeing you all in 2019 and thank you the audience, the club and community for your continued and loyal support of our group.



Carol Fitzmaurice



Schools Report

Ballyboden St Endas' excellent relationship with our local primary & secondary schools continues to go from strength to strength! 2018 was another great year which included Schools Coaching, Primary School Blitzes, Transition Year Programmes and much more.

Our School Blitz's are an exciting day out for the boys and girls with 600+ 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.

The School visits from our Ballyboden Senior Hurling Champions, Dublin stars Colly Basquel, Michael Darragh MacAuley & Jim Gavin with Sam Maguire and from our All Ireland Ladies Football Champions Emily

Flanagan & Sorcha Farrelly from the Dublin Ladies Football were amazing events during the year!!

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

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

Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan



Once again Ballyboden St Enda's Easter School of Excellence took place in 2018 over the Easter Holidays for players from our U12-U14 teams

It turned out to be our biggest every School of Excellence, with over 180 boys and girls from our Camogie, Hurling, Ladies Football, & Football teams taking part over the course of the 4 days

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



Paul McLoughlin & Brian O'Regan



Adult Camogie

2018 saw mixed fortunes throughout the age groups in the Camogie section. The senior teams had good performances along the way across the 3 teams but just the Division 1 shield to show for all of their efforts. The Minors on the other hand finished the season in style by winning the

A Championship while the U16's narrowly missed out on their own Championship final.

2018 was a year of transition for the section as the teams from U14 down transitioned over to the Juvenile girls section and with the high numbers of talented girls coming

though at these age groups, the future looks bright. There was also transition at Senior Level with Richie Sweetnam moving on from the management position that he had held so successfully for a number of years which included 5 Championship victories in succession from 2010 to 2014.

Senior 1

2018 began with all players from all panels training together up on the All Weather and what a great sight to see so many players training together. After a month of work together panels split and work began in earnest. The Senior 1 panel were in the gym collectively each Thursday which continued throughout the season, and the started Leinster League with games against Oulart De Ballagh and St. Cillians of Offaly (twice). To play these quality oppositions was a great experience.

The snow arrived and broke the training continuity but we eventually got back on track and the league began with a home game against Na Fianna....a tough 1 point loss followed but the big bonus of 5 girls making their Senior debut outweighed the loss. The league continued with some tight losses and some solid wins with a mid-table finish the outcome after 6 matches. Throughout the league the group were extremely lucky to have a trainer of the calibre of Paudie O' Neill at training and matches. There were positives from the league campaign, there was satisfaction that the new players coming through were showing good promise in their first year and that those players in their 2nd and 3rd years were stepping forward to lead.



After the summer and after some challenge matches the Championship began with a solid victory against Skerries but this was unfortunately followed by a bad day at the office against St. Vincents. This led to a winner takes all game v St. Judes. The loss of Doireann Mullany pre game, a top scoring forward, wasn't ideal and then a harsh sending off inside ten minutes of the game gave the team an uphill task but the players worked as hard as they could and all the players that were introduced did likewise. This loss meant we were in the shield.

The shield semi-final was against Ballinteer and we had a solid win, and a final against Skerries Harps followed. The team played very well and laid the foundations for the win with outstanding points in the first half. It seemed the more games the players had together the better they played. Not the title that the group aspired for this year but the emergence of players was the winner this year. 7 girls got game time in the league and 4 played in the championship.

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At this stage the panel has a very good blend with new and more experienced players alike and we are in a good position going forward.

Senior 2

2018 was a tough season of our Senior B team. We played 6 league games winning only one game against Clanna Gael. In the Senior 3 cup we suffered defeats in all three games. Championship began on 30th September against Castleknock. We contested well but did not capitalise on our scoring opportunities and conceded goals that decided the outcome. Next up was Nh.Padraig and again it was a good contest, but goals cost us again. Our third game was against a weakened Lucan side that fought gallantly to the end on a reduced panel that were kept scoreless. Thomas Davis was the deciding game that was abandoned in the second half to due to the referee getting injured. The game was refixed but we lost out by 2 points. Many of the teams we played were first teams and that gives them an advantage. The core panel worked extremely hard in training and contested each game with determination and a never say die attitude. We were assisted in our league and championship games with players from the A panel.



Senior 3

The Senior C camogie panel was made up mostly of girls from last years U16 teams who sheepishly arrived at the first training session not knowing what to expect. They needn't have worried! After a couple weeks of training together with the larger group, then with the senior B squad they were ready for the league. First up was Eire Óg with one of the girls commenting that "we are playing against real proper women!" The team took the final parting message to enjoy themselves and started the season with a well-deserved win. They finished a respectable third in the division and only lost their final match against the Na Gael Óga (the run-away winners of the league)

The team reconvened in the summer training with the B squad to prepare for the junior 4 championship. This was always going to be a difficult task with a couple of the stalwarts promoted to play with the senior B team. However once again the team acquitted themselves magnificently and finished the round robin in third place. Following a great semi-final win over St Pats the team played a shield final against Na Fianna in a match which showed all the best characteristics of this team. It took a goal in the second half of extra time to finally decide the match in favour of Na Fianna, but they did Ballyboden proud in how they battled to the bitter end.



Minor

This year 8 teams contested the Minor A championship, divided into 2 groups of four. Our first game was at home in PUM on 4th November against St Judes, this was a hotly contested physical battle that the girls controlled from start to finish with almost all of their scores coming from play, finishing with a 3-17 to 1-5. Next up was Na Fianna away which was a tougher test as Na Fianna imposed their presence on our



girls and went into the break ahead by 2 points. However our girls got the dream start to the second half with a goal from our captain Aisling Gargan. Then with scores exchanged between the sides, we managed to knock in a further two goals and came away with a victory, 3-4 to 1-7. The final game in the group away to Castleknock saw the girls control the game right to the end. Again the exhibition of score taking from play is something the team can be very proud of but the ability to get the scores comes from the strong defence. We finished the game with a 3-13 to 0-9 scoreline setting us up for a semi-final against neighbours Ballinteer St Johns. We had home advantage in PUM and this was a heated battle in the first half, both sides swapping scores and each side getting a goal in the dying minutes of the first half, level at 2-4 apiece at half time. The second half briefly started in the same heat of battle and then the girls took control and again with some great scores from play finished out winners on a scoreline of 3-12 to 2-6.

Our final was set for Sunday 9th December against favourites Kilmacud Crokes who were dominant in all their games so far. That being said the Boden ladies were up for the task and after a tight first half with the score 2-5 to 1-5, they upped their game to take the contest by 5-8 to 1-11 and collected the Championship trophy!

Under 16's

The year started with three sessions pre-Christmas to get to know the 2002 and 2003 girls. Numbers dictated that it was only possible to field a single team, so the league campaign was used to merge the squad, get to know the players and their best positions. Playing Division 1 was a big step up for a large portion of the squad but the whole panel improved greatly for the experience. The girls were competitive throughout the league and players were given as much game time as possible between league and challenge games. The championship was always the main target for this group. All the ground work in the early part of the year to build friendships, morale and team play really came to the fore when most needed. Our championship started with an away win over Fianna before securing a semi-final place with a win against Faughs in Pairc Uí Mhurcu. Playing on the main pitch, with the scoreboard on and a decent crowd was a fabulous occasion for the team. Next up Lucan, where our girls rose to the challenge and threw everything into the game. We came back from a 7pt deficit in the 2nd half to level the game with a few minutes to go. Two late frees did not go our way and losing by a couple of points was a hard one to take. But massive confidence was taken from the game in knowing the girls can compete with the very best.

That left us with a semi-final against Crokes where our girls put in their best performance of the year, scoring 2-12 and being the better team for much of the game but somehow losing out to a couple of late goals. Huge pride, emotion and tears on the day. It's times like this where as mentors you have stand back and admire how a bunch of young individuals that were pulled together ten months earlier can combine as a team and throw their heart and soul into occasions like this.



Finally - A few words on Richie Sweetnam

As the season ended, Richie Sweetnam and his management team stepped down after a number of great years at the helm. Under Richie's stewardship, the Senior Camogie team enjoyed a period of unprecedented success, winning 5 Dublin Championships in a row from 2010 to 2014. They also won numerous Senior League and Cup titles. In more recent years, with a number of high profile players retiring, the task has turned to rebuilding where he has been integrating many young players into the senior setup and as a result, he leaves behind a young and enthusiastic panel for his successor.

Thanks go from Richie to all the mentors who have helped him through the years including the most recent team of Peter Lucey, Orla Smith, Bernard Curtis and Catherine Nagle. He also thanks his wife Triona, the unsung hero of his success with the camogie section for putting up with him harping on about different things over the long seasons and heading out the door to matches and training 3 times a week.

We wish Richie many more years of success with the Club with whichever team which will be fortunate to inherit his talents

Ronan Feely



Martha O'Donoghue feature

Sinéad O'Dea

When asking players and management what they like the most about Ballyboden St Enda's- the general consensus is the community spirit even though we have over 3,500 members. One player also recalled that Ballyboden St Enda's is a country club in Dublin so by the sounds of things we have the best of both worlds. The club participates in all codes- Senior Hurling & Football, Ladies Football and Camogie as well as it's social side- Drama, Bingo, Trad Sessions, Dancing.. the list goes on...

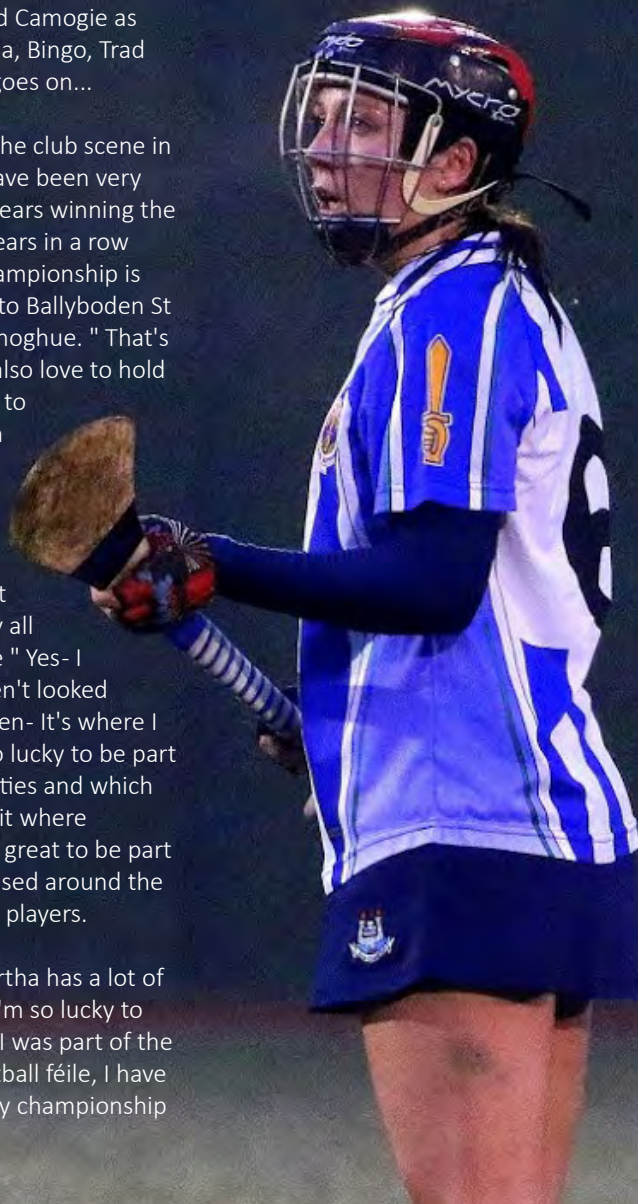
medals too but I think my greatest achievement, that still means so much to me, is winning the U16 Camogie county championship. We had never won a county title under age, we had always lost by a point or two to Lucan, but that year we beat them by one point. It was a great feeling & I'll always remember the relief and happiness when the final whistle went!"

Martha is also a member of the Dublin Camogie team who were knocked out against Galway in the Championship. "Although it didn't go our way on the day- that game was the highlight for me with Dublin. It was a fantastic experience to walk out onto the pitch and be part of something massive. We got to play in Pairc Uí Chaoimh, televised live. Although next time... We would like a victory!"

Camogie is a major part of the club scene in Ballyboden St Enda's. We have been very successful throughout the years winning the Senior Championship five years in a row from 2010. Winning the Championship is the aim for 2019 according to Ballyboden St Enda's player Martha O' Donoghue. " That's the plan alright- we would also love to hold onto our current squad and to encourage more girls to join and continue to make Camogie grow in Ballyboden.

Like most of our players that developed in the club- they all started off playing underage " Yes- I started underage and I haven't looked back - I love playing for Boden- It's where I made by best friends, I'm so lucky to be part of a club with fantastic facilities and which has a warm community spirit where everyone gets involved. It's great to be part of a club that is well recognised around the country and is loyal to all its players.

At the young age of 22- Martha has a lot of accolades under her belt " I'm so lucky to have had so much success- I was part of the winning U14 All Ireland football féile, I have three Senior camogie county championship



Martha is a perfect example of women taking part in the 20 x20 campaign "Although our camogie games weren't a sell out, it was great to see our games televised. The 20x20 campaign is a fantastic initiative. Its about time women in sport are getting the recognition they deserve. We train as hard and work as hard as men in sport. The increased viewing of women's sport is only the first step. We saw first hand this summer how exciting women's sport can be with the women's Irish hockey team getting to the world cup final. Onwards and Upwards I say!"

So as the nursing student sets her sights on the season ahead, Martha encourages any young girls to try a sport whether it is camogie, football, athletics etc." I would definitely encourage girls to take up a sport, look at me, I was eight when I joined the club and it's been positive for me on a personal and competitive level!"



Súiltóirí Buadáin

Another very active and exciting year for Súiltóirí Buadáin in 2018. The year saw some new members joining and the group continues to go from strength to strength. The Saturday morning walk throughout the year continues to be very popular and, during the summer in particular, we can often have as many as 35 meeting at the clubhouse at 9am and heading off for a walk of up to 5 hours in the Dublin or Wicklow mountains. Each Saturday there is also the additional option of a shorter and less taxing walk of 2 to 3 hours. Our hill walks take us all over the Dublin and Wicklow mountains. Some of our walks during the year included Djouce, Tibbradden, Trooperstown, the Spinc, Sorrell and Black Hill, Glencree, Aughavanagh, Hollywood, the Kilbride Circuit, Tinnahilly, Lough Dan, Lugnaquilla, the Howth Head Loop, Camaderry to name just a few. Every few weeks we also have a Walk for All where we do flatter walks where everyone can join in and particularly those whose knees may no longer stand up that well to the challenges of the mountains. Some of our featured Walks for All 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 produced many other fantastic highlights. We had a wonderful walking weekend away in Carlingford and a great day trip to the Cuilcagh Mountain Boardwalk in Fermanagh followed by a visit to the Marble Arch caves. The highlight of the year was once again our away trip and this year we travelled to Nerja in southern Spain to enjoy the fabulous walking in the area. These trips have become very popular with both our regular, and not so regular walkers and recent years has also seen an increase in the number of spouses taking the trip. A total of 49 travelled this year from October 17th to 24th and while we had a couple of days of rain this did not stop the group enjoying some stunning and challenging walks. All of our hiking trips and transport arrangements were organised in advance by John Keogh Guided Tours and 2 hikes were selected each day to match the different abilities of our group. Everything was organised in a very professional way with each hike being led by John (or his brother Graham) with an assistant guide also provided on each hike. Our hikes ranged from 3 hours (on the easier hikes) to up to 7 hours on the moderate to difficult hikes. Highlights included the 10 peaks hike with spectacular views of Nerja, the hike from Nerja to Frigiliana, the 3 villages hike



in the Sierra Nevada, the hike to the Hidden Village and a hike through the Canyon of Blood. The guides always made sure the pace of the hikes matched the abilities of our group and they made the hikes very enjoyable with lots of information on the many places of interest along the way. We had a wonderful hotel (Hotel Villa Flamenca) located near the centre of the town, only a short walk to both the Balcon de Europa and Buriana beach. During the week we had the opportunity to visit the Maro caves and the beautiful old town of Frigiliana. The warm weather in the evenings were ideal for an after-dinner stroll into the old town of Nerja for a drink and, for some, the opportunity to show off their Flamenco dancing skills. As in previous years the food provided by the hotel was top class and the organizing group once again delivered a great value trip. Some other highlights of the year included 12 Súiltóirí completing a 26 kilometre moonlight challenge and raising over €1300 in the process for the Glen of Imaal Mountain Rescue Team. A large number of our walkers also participated in the Darkness into Light walk in aid of Pieta House and an intrepid group did a stint on the Camino de Santiago during the year covering the stages between Burgos and Leon.

We finished 2018 with a well-attended Christmas party in the Yellow House and with our traditional Dodder walk on 22nd December from the clubhouse to the Grand Canal Dock.

Over the years the group have built up a great camaraderie and continue to be a great support to each other. We would like to wish speedy recoveries to a number of our walkers who have been ill during the year and we look forward to seeing them back with us in 2019.

At the end of the year our thoughts now turn to our away trip for 2019. A lot of research has already gone into various options across Europe but, while nothing has been finalized, Croatia leads the way as the likely venue.

We would like to thank the club chairman Ciaran Maguire for his support during the year and also 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 during 2019 can try it out by meeting at 9am at the clubhouse any Saturday morning— just remember to bring sturdy boots, the right clothes for the weather and a good supply of water and snacks.

Shay Devlin



Adult Football

Senior Football

Our football season for this year has been one of mixed success. Our Senior football team under Anthony Rainbow made it to the League Final and the lost out in the championship to the eventual and worthy winners and Leinster Finalists Kilmacud Crokes. They had a great league campaign and fielded strong teams on nearly every occasion.



Intermediate Football

Our Intermediate team under Neil Brennan, Wally Durkin and Shane Brooks struggled all through the season and narrowly avoided the drop with a brilliant team performance to Garda in a play-off. This season has been especially tough as the bulk of the squad were away for the summer. This team is very young, but they have a very strong nucleus of quality players who will no doubt succeed in the coming season. They did perform well in the championship loosing out narrowly to Ballymun away in the quarter final stage, again without the majority of their stronger players.



Junior A Football

Our Junior A Team under Donal Monaghan and Martin Murphy also had a tough year, finishing in the bottom half of the division and losing all their round robin games in the championship. This team had to cope with the majority of last years very successful team going up to join the Intermediate team. This led to a very young inexperienced team having to take on a difficult task which proved a big step for them.

Junior B Football

The Junior B team had another magnificent season and gained promotion for the second successive year. They also lost out narrowly in the championship. Martin O' Donnell and his staff have done a super job with this team and can be proud of their promotion. Their season was built on solid teamwork and a blend of seasoned campaigners with youthful vigour. Their ability to get strong teams out for every important game was a feature of their season.



Minor A Football

Our Minor A Team reached the Minor Championship Final under the guidance of Liam Carter and his backroom team. After a pulsating 59 minutes we thought we had the Trophy in our grasp only to be denied by a spectacular goal to deny us a much deserved win This has been one of the highlights of our season. A magnificent job done by a super management team and a super bunch of lads who provided us with great season to look back on. These young men have a great future ahead of them in football.



Minor C Football

Our Minor C Team under Peter Hanrahan also had a very strong season. Once again Peter has almost single handedly kept the flag flying for a group of lads who would not have had football this year.



Our U20 Dublin Footballers
Kieran Kennedy,
James Madden
James Holland
Ross McGarry

Junior C Football

Our Junior C Team once again battled away manfully under Donal Griffins control and while their weekend games were always well contested their mid-week teams were too understaffed to make them competitive a lot of the time. However the soldiered on and finished out the season strongly.



Michael-Darragh & Collie
celebrate Dublin's
13th NFL title

Well done lads!

The overall view is positive and our AGM this year brought a new management group to the fore, with a new dynamic vision for football in the club. Already the future is bright as our under age structure is strong, vibrant and successful. We look forward to 2019 and further success.

Neil Brennan

Minor B Football - Championship Winners

Minor D Championship Final BBSE 2-17 St Pauls 3-8

This team has worked extremely hard all year to get to this final point and with some of the team playing what would be their last hour of minor football they weren't going to leave anything behind.

It was the Northside amalgamation who started the better. Slowly but surely, 'Boden got a few points on the board to draw level at 3 points apiece, before Sean Flaherty struck from 21 yards out to raise the green flag. By half time, 'Boden were 3 ahead but under no illusion that the 2nd half was going to require a huge effort if the title was to be ours.

The second half was about 'Boden dominance with scores from Patrick Molloy, Aidan Garvey and the energetic Adam Kelleher. This team believes in making life interesting however and gifted St. Pauls a goal, the generosity of which would make Santa himself blush! This gave them some hope and they pushed on only to be met by the Ballyboden hard border. Some last ditch defending by Dare Lynch and an immense catch from Jack Lambert showing how defending should be done.

When the ref finally blew the whistle, there was no doubt about who the better team was. A sense of both relief and delight was present among the 'Boden players. One would have to feel sorry for the County Board Representatives who missed an enthralling contest and never showed up with a cup!!!

Despite this, our lads can call themselves Champions. It has been a fantastic year for these lads. Those of them that are gong on to Adult football, we wish them the very best. Every one of them has the makings of a very good footballer who will serve 'Boden well in to the future.

For those that are minor again next year – we'll see ye all in January on the Hills of Ballycullen.

Players win matches but some credit must go the management team of Tony 'Work lads work' Duffy, Cormac 'Did I tell you the one?' O'Farrell, Ray 'They're fierce big sliotars' McKenna and Statman Karl 'What's the score?' Woods.

Also thanks to Linda for First Aid. 'Boden abu!!



James Madden - A young Lion ready to roar

Sinéad O’Dea

In the summer of last year, rumours were circulating in the Dublin Football scene that Boden's James Madden had signed for the Brisbane Lions in the AFL.

Hailing from Knocklyon, 19 year old James Madden has always been interested in sports- he played football and hurling from a young age in Ballyboden St Enda's and this continued into his school years. It wasn't only GAA that James enjoyed- he was a member of the local Brothers Pearse Athletic Club and represented Dublin in the National Community Games. " Sport whether we played it or not had a big influence in our house- I joined Ballyboden St Enda's when I was six and haven't looked back. Playing in Ballyboden St Enda's was great growing up - one of my great memories was playing " Snatch the Bacon" on Saturday mornings on Pairc Ui Mhurchú with the lads & I'm still friends with them to this day."

James' football career grew stronger and stronger, his power, pace and physicality marking him out as a future star for club and county and it wasn't long before he was starring for the Dublin Minors in 2016 & 2017 and also the Under 20's in 2018. " I love playing football so when the offer came up to play for Dublin it was like a dream come true"



The opportunity to play AFL was somewhat of a surprise in some ways but with the Late Jim Stynes' legendary status in Ballyboden St Enda's, James always had an interest in AFL... " Growing up , Jim's name was mentioned fairly regularly in the club and at home but I never thought I would get the opportunity to play AFL, never mind moving to Australia. I was approached by a few AFL contacts and then invited to the AFL UCD Dublin Combine in December 2017. I did well in the testing and set a new record in the 20m sprint- I guess my old athletic days served me well!. I was then invited with three others to participate in a one week training camp in Florida and before I knew it I had signed a two year contract with Brisbane Lions Football Club.



I had started college in DCU so I currently have a deferral there ."

So is James missing Ireland, Dublin and of course Ballyboden St Enda's? "Of course I am- I miss Ireland a lot but it's so busy over there with training and learning about Australia and Brisbane.. The hardest part was adjusting to the hot weather conditions but the club have a great group of players and staff that look after me. Training is very tough but we get good recovery time which helps a lot".

Looking ahead to 2019- what are James' hopes? "For the moment the plan is to keep improving on my AFL skills. The two years will fly by so I just want to enjoy Brisbane and take each day as it comes. Being home for Christmas was brilliant- I got to see all my family friends and dog & of course check in with everyone in the club!"

James is always keeping an eye on the club matches and any events that are happening but for now his GAA boots are put aside and AFL is taking priority.

Best of luck James from all in Ballyboden St. Enda's.





Family Day

The clubs annual Family Fun Day was held on Sunday the 6th of May. With Fun events such as Live Music performances, Inflatable Games, Magicians, Balloon Artists, Exhibition Matches, BBQ, the Dog Show and much much more, it proved to be an amazing day out for young and old alike, with the sun shining from start to finish!!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this day a huge success and we look forward to hosting it again in 2019.



On May 18th 2018 over 1,000 supporters attend the Bi Annual signature fundraising event in City West Hotel. A super night was had by all and the standard of the production was exceptional.

Over 70 club members, their families and friends participated in the event presenting excerpts from well known Broadway shows including Grease, Mama Mia, All Shook up, Blues Brothers, Motown, Hairspray and Jersey Boys. Team Hairspray (Captained by Ciara Healy) came out winners on the night but also had a number of the other teams close on their heels.

Members and non members from all sections in the club both playing and non playing stepped up and took on the role of captains and assumed the responsibility for putting together the teams, leading the sponsorship and also arranging support

from local businesses securing content for our programme.

A huge thank you to Tommy Keogh (Jersey Boys), Ciara Healy (Hairspray), Siobhan Cummins (Blues Brothers), Cathy Lane (Motown), Barbara Mahon (Mama Mia), Danny O'Connell (All Shook Up) and Ashley Nolan (Grease) for acting as our captains. Producing this event would have been impossible without your dedication and commitment..

A big thanks also to the committee consisting of Emer Kennedy, Helen McGrath, Grainne Nolan, Gerry Nolan and Peter Wall who once again kept the ship sailing in the right direction.

Ken Giles
Fundraising & Sponsorship Executive





BLUE HATS, RED HATS & BOBBLE HATS!





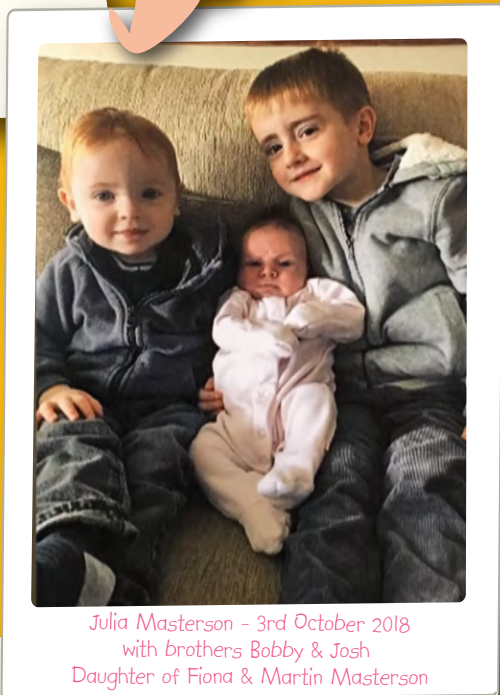
Boden babies



Jamie (L) & Conor (R) Power
Sons of club members Louise & James Power



Max Caulfield - 17th August 2018
Son of club members Emma & Chris Caulfield



Julia Masterson - 3rd October 2018
with brothers Bobby & Josh
Daughter of Fiona & Martin Masterson



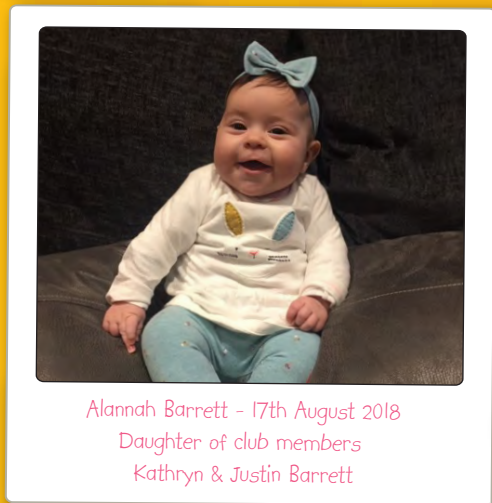
Sara O'Mahony - 27th May 2018
Daughter of Declan & Jessica O'Mahony



Darragh O'Regan - 3rd July 2018
with his brothers Oisín & Luke
Son of Joanne and Brian O'Regan



Fionn O'Gara - 15th November 2018
Son of Gav & Niamh O'Gara



Alannah Barrett - 17th August 2018
Daughter of club members
Kathryn & Justin Barrett



Boden Wedding bells



*Michael Griffin & Grace Kelly
24th August 2018
Clifden, Co. Galway*



*Daire Walsh and his bride Kathy
24th March 2018
Moyvalley, Co. Kildare*



*Daragh Shoolin & Michelle Young
17th November 2018
Farnham Estate, Cavan*



*Gonal & Jenna Keaney
7th September 2018
Albufeira, Portugal*



*Simon & Grace Lambert
3rd August 2018
Finakilly House, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow*



*Alan Carter and Nicola Boothig
8th June 2018
Clonakilty, Co. Cork*



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