



**Ballyboden St. Endas**  
**GAA Camogie and Ladies Football Club**  
**CLG Baile Buadain Naomh Eanna**



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**All-Ireland Club final - 1 more day to the big one!**



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# All-Ireland Club Final

**Your Club...Your Community Needs YOU**



**Ballyboden St. Enda's**



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**Castlebar Mitchels**

**Páirc an Chrócaigh, Lá Fhéile Pádraig,  
17th March @4pm**

**Special discounted tickets  
available in the Club on  
Thursday 10th March from 5 - 8pm**

**Supporters buses going, see  
[www.bodengaa.ie](http://www.bodengaa.ie)  
for details**

**#TheToughest**





Any Ballyboden St.Endas members or fans who live outside Ireland and can't make it home for the match they can access it on **GAAGO** at <https://gaago.rte.ie/fixture/PL16-FCLUBF/> the official international streaming service for the GAA.

The coverage will include the live game and pre and post match analysis from TG4. **GAAGO** is only for use outside of Ireland.

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### **AIB GAA Boden Video - Big Club, even bigger heart!**



Ballyboden St. Enda's - #TheToughest

A big Club with an even bigger heart! Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA did it the hard way and made it all the way to the All Ireland Final on St.Patricks Day! #TheToughest

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAE8cw74cDY>

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### **Boden Face Painting in AID of Aidlink for Match Day**



Students from 4th and 5th Year in Beaufort College in Rathfarnham will be available for Face Painting before the buses leave for Croke Park on Thursday. They are fundraising for their trip to Uganda with Aidlink in June.

**All DONATIONS will go to this great cause.**

Provisional Times are 11am and 1.30pm - get there early to avoid delay.

## Need more Boden gear for the match?

**Well we've got you covered.... the O'Neills shop will be open on Wednesday 16th from 16.30-18.30hrs.**

## Football News - AFL Match Reports



Another competitive weekend for football. Despite preparations in advance of the All-Ireland final, the Inter team put up a brave battle against Ballymun in their division 3 encounter. Despite a number of missing players, they went into the last quarter of the game level but eventually ran out of steam and lost 3-15 to 2-10.

The Junior A team continue their encouraging start drawing with one of the favourite teams in their division. The game ebbed and flowed with the result in the balance right up to the final whistle. The final score was 1-12 each with both teams having chances to secure full points. However, the team have proven themselves to be resilient and will no doubt learn from this experience. And so we went into the afternoon looking for a victory and our Junior B team didn't disappoint. They had their shooting boots on and put their opposition, St. Brendan's under pressure right from the off. The result gave the team the confidence boost they needed and hopefully they will keep this momentum going on top of the pre-season work undertaken.

Before, I go on to the Biggest game in our footballing history, can I remind all our players of the importance of paying their membership on time with the deadline fast approaching (31st March 2016). We don't want to be wasting time chasing this basic requirement.

And so Our Senior Footballers (Dublin & Leinster Champions) take on the Mayo and Connaught champions Castlebar Mitchels in the AIB All-Ireland Football final 2016. What an occasion it promises to be if the ticket sales night is anything to go by. I know you will all join me in wishing Andy, Noel, Finnian, Paul, Shane, Eugene, John, Sean, Darragh and all the panel of players every good wish in them for All- Ireland success. We acknowledge all your organisation, work, commitment, skill and the knowledge that they have left no stone unturned. Everyone is right behind you. What a successful year for many of the players from U21 c/ship success 13months ago, to Senior county & Leinster success, to Intercounty league, Leinster and All Ireland success and finally, to Sigerson success. Not bad for a small parish!!!



**A special mention to our sponsors, especially our main sponsor H&K and secondary sponsor Trubake, who have supported us all the way on our journey. And to all our other sponsors, we thank you for your support along the way.**

Finally, to the team of club members who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes from the Executive, the Football Committee, the Coaches, Club PRO and all members who have assisted in the preparations for the All-Ireland - this is also your day, enjoy the occasion, and thank you for all your support to date. Without you, this simply would not be possible. It has been a great team effort and I would encourage everyone to make one last push. Come on the Boden!!!!

### **AFL 5 Junior A 1-12 V 1-12 Na Fianna**

Junior A vs Na Fianna - Pictured above

Sunday, 13th March 2016

Result: 1-12 to 1-12

In good conditions for a change in Ballycullen, Ballyboden Junior A footballers played out an exciting draw against Na Fianna. An outstanding defense, with Fionn Maguire, Cian Murray and Dean O'Donnell to the fore, set the foundation for the home team's performance. The game itself ebbed and flowed throughout with Na Fianna getting off to the better start scoring the first 2 points. Two scores, one from Damien Kenny and the other, a 45' from Evan Flanagan, brought the home team back into the game. Na Fianna then scored 3 points without reply until Damien Kenny and Ruairi Kirwin both took well taken points. The teams then exchanged goals with Ballyboden conceding first only to bounce back with excellent work from Cian Murray and Evan Flanagan getting the ball into Liam Flaherty who blasted the ball to the net.

The second half was equally as competitive and entertaining. With Damien Kenny in great form from frees and both Ruairi Kirwin and Liam Flaherty scoring goods points, it looked like Boden would edge it but two long range points from the Na Fianna centre half forward brought them back on equal terms to the end of the game.

Best wishes to Dean O'Donnell, his wife and their beautiful daughter Lily whom are returning to the US from all the Junior A squad and mentors.

### **AFL 9 Junior B 5-12 V 0-08 St.Brendans**

Junior B vs St. Brendans

Sunday, 13th March 2016

Result: 5-12 to 0-08

The JB's got their season back on track today in a fine display of football against a spirited St Brendans. From the moment the team met there was a steely determination that this was going to be our day. The warm up was intense, the team were fully focused on the job in hand. From the start Boden were on the front foot, James McTiernan collected the ball and gave a pinpoint pass into Laurence Murphy who sent the ball over for a well taken point. Boden's back line were out in front winning ball after ball, soaking up the early pressure from Brendans. Young Murphy had the bit between his teeth and expertly dispatched a fine goal after some great passing up the field. Rory Knight got in on the act with a goal and a point before the half time whistle. With more scores from young Colum Reade and Bradley, Boden were 3-8 to 0-5 up at half time.

Fran Cooney was excellent in the half forward line and worked his socks off for his team mates. Some quick handpassing up the field led to Cooney's goal after he rounded the Brendans defence and rifled the ball low into the corner of the net. The subs had a role to play too weighing in on the scorline. Donal McCarthy kicked over two points and Gearoid Healy smashed the ball into the roof of the net. The final whistle brought an end to an excellent performance from the entire panel. With Kevin Cronin standing out in defence, it's shaping up to be an interesting season for the JB's. A huge thanks to the entire panel. ***Report by Martin O'Donnell.***

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## Hurling News - Minor Hurlers in Action

### Weekend Results

- **Leinster Senior League - Senior Hurlers beaten by Camross (2 11 to 1 12)**
- **Minor A hurlers maintain winning ways....[click here for report](#)**
- **Minor B hurlers fall to Faughs (2 06 to 2 11)**
- **Minor C hurlers pipped by Pat's (0 11 to 2 06)**

Boden's Minor A Hurlers stay on full points, two wins from two. A fruitful second half, built on the back of good application and teamwork, preserved Boden's 100 percent record in the Minor A Hurling League at a pleasantly warm Firhouse Road on Sunday at noon. The home side gave themselves plenty of close-out opportunities after dominating the middle third of the field over the thirty minutes. The visitors will ponder on the reasons for their own second thirty after they gave as good as they got for the opening half. The result has Boden on four league points and well set up for the season ahead.

Lucan opened the brighter and in Emmett Allen they had a match winner from placed balls and general play. He showed why the Dublin selectors have him in their sights for county honours; he is currently in the under 17 development squad. Aaron Coffey opened Boden's account after good work by Aiden Mellett, but Allen was the name on most spectator's lips after three strikes in a row. Cillian Byrne got onto some good ball and each time he found Ciaran Ryan who evaded strong defending to find the target. 3 to 3. Allen again pointed after some sloppy defending on Boden's forty, but the response was swift, Coffey winning a



‘nothing’ ball on the wing before finding Mikey Dunne free for a strike to the onion-sack. Within a minute Dunne found the tallest man on the park Eoin Monahan, free and with only two defenders and the goalkeeper to beat! He was unceremoniously downed to the turf and the resultant penalty was slightly miss-hit for a point. This sequence of play was the trigger for Lucan to show their best side, Allen and Ciaran Dowling bagging a series of points and creating a couple of goal chances to boot. Boden kept in touch through Mellett and Conor Barton, full of confidence after last season’s heroics and his side’s capture of the Minor B Championship. Half time had it 1.7 to 11 in favour of the visitors.

The second half was Boden’s, from the shot stopping of goalkeeper Conor O’Donoghue, through the central spine of Luke Corcoran, Byrne, Michael O’Brien and Barton and up to the towering figure of Monahan, the overall performance was well ahead of the Lucan boys. Coffey showed neat touches with a tasty point and a well placed shot for a goal, after Barton had done the hard work. Ryan and Barton added further to Lucan’s pain before Byrne found the rangy number 11, a third goal for Boden. The gap was now eight points and the cushion allowed Boden some comfort over the remaining minutes. Lucan went after goals and tried to find Allen in space. They got their just reward with a late consolation three pointer, Eoin Lombard the finisher after persistent attacking on the Boden 13 metre line. Boden will be mindful of the bigger challenges ahead but somewhat happy with the workrate across the numbers.

*BODEN lined out with Conor O’Donoghue, Karl Weldon, Luke Corcoran, Thomas Glynn, Karl Reddy, Cillian Byrne, James Holland, Michael O’Brien, Sean Choy, O’Byrne, Mikey Dunne, Conor Barton, Aiden Mellett, Aaron Coffey, Eoin Monahan, Ciaran Ryan, James Madden, Tommy Deane, Ben Kelly.*

### Coming Up

- **AHL 2 – Raheny V BBSE in St. Anne’s Park on Sunday at 10.30am.**
- **AHL3 – BBSE V Commercials in Ballycullen on Sunday at 10.30am**
- **AHL4 – Na Fianna V BBSE in st. Mobhi Road on Sunday at 10.30am**

### Best of Luck

Very best of luck to our Senior Footballers on St. Patrick’s Day. We are proud of your achievements to date and look forward to a great day in Croke. Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh agus táimid ag súil le bua mór don chlub ar an ar an ócáid speisialta seo.



Aidan Mellett



Luke Corcoran



Cillian Byrne



James Madden



Minor C Team V St Pats - Eoin Featherstone

Minor C Team V St Pats - Martin Ryan

## Ladies Football - U/9 ladies start their Boden journey in a historic week for club

### U/9 ladies start their Boden journey in a historic week for club

U9 Girls Send Best Wishes to our Senior Footballers From their Very First Go Games!! Best wishes to our senior footballers on St Patrick's Day from the U9 Girls, who had their first ever Go Games matches at home in Sancta Maria and away to Lucan last Sunday. After all the preparations, training and new kit, the big day finally dawned as our U9 Girls took on Foxrock at home and Lucan Sarsfields at 12th Lock, with great turnouts in both

venues The girls were clearly geared up for competition and warm up routines were quickly replaced by the throw in and finally we were in competition.

Playing against teams with a full year of Go Games already completed was always going to be a big ask of our girls, but what we lacked in experience, we more than made up with heart and determination, as every ball was contested and every inch of ground covered. And the girls quickly got used to their task, and soon, structure, team play and positioning discipline began to emerge as the girls knuckled down to the task in hand, and produced very creditable first game performances across the board, to the delight of their coaches and the mums and dads present.

*Well done to all our girls – a really impressive start! Best wishes from all of us to our senior footballers this Thursday!*

*Well done to all our girls – a really impressive start!*

*Best of Luck from all of us to our Senior Footballers tomorrow!*

*Boden Abu*

*For more photos, [click here](#)*

### **U/10's invited to Kilmacud Ladies section 20th anniversary blitz**

On Sunday 13 March, in honour of Kilmacud crokes ladies football celebrating its 20th birthday this year, Kilmacud hosted a half day blitz extending their invite to clubs from neighbouring counties. The blitz took place in St Benildus secondary school's all weather facilities. Two of our under 10 girls teams took part.

Ballyboden played 5 matches each against teams inc Lucan, Edenderry, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Dromintee. Both of our teams showed great skill, taking their scores well sometimes against strong winds. A day to remember for everyone. Again the girls did Ballyboden proud.

### **U/13 Division 1 start league with win**

In their first league match at U/13 our Division 1 girls enjoyed a cracking win over close neighbours Ballinteer winning 8-10 to 5-04

### **Great wins for all four Under 16 teams**

Well done to all girls and coaches involved with the U/16's as we secured 100% success over the weekend defeating Scoil Ui Chonaill, Ballinteer, Bray Emmets and Clontarf respectively

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U9 Go Games



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U13 Div 1 Team



U10 Blitz



U10 Blitz

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## Camogie News - Season begins with a 4th Team added

**The Camogie season began with games in the new Cup competitions prior to the League games which commence in early April. Some expected early season rustiness was clear for all to see, and no doubt performances will improve in the coming weeks. Many congratulations to the mentors & players on our newly formed 4th Adult Camogie team on their first outing.**

**Everybody involved in the Camogie section would like to wish the Senior Footballers the best of luck on St Patricks Day**

**Senior Division 3 Cup: Kilmacud Crokes 6-9 Ballyboden St Endas B 2-5**

After a great finish to 2015 by winning the Division 3 Championship against the same opposition, this was always going to be a difficult first outing for the B's. We have many changes in personnel from last years panel including the addition of 5 girls from last years U16A side.

Crokes made their physical supremacy count in many areas and picked off some fine scores. The Boden girls struggled for scores in the first half, but Darina Ryan showed great accuracy from placed balls as she put over 4 points in the first half. During the course of the first half Eadainn Walsh made a welcome return to Camogie after a 4 year sabbatical, and she grew stronger as the game progressed.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the first, with the near full strength Crokes side eager to set down a marker for the year ahead. The Boden girls kept going throughout the second half with fine goals from Amy Holmes & Eve O' Donoghue, and another point from Darina. A few late goal scoring chances went astray that would have put a closer look to the final score. A special mention to the 4 girls who doubled up after playing earlier for the A's, and also to Ciara O' Neill who performed very well in goal, despite being over-worked!

*Team: Ciara O' Neill, Sarah Lambert, Laura Burns, Roisin Walsh, Rebeka Kamvar, Eve O' Donoghue, Darina Ryan, Aoife O' Brien, Ciara Barnes, Cora Ryan, Eimear Butler, Aine O' Brien, Ciara Scallan, Amy Holmes, Orla Tevlin, Claire Kirwan, Eadainn Walsh*

### [Under 16B v Ballinteer St. John's Saturday 12th March.](#)

The under 16B's headed to Marley Park on Saturday afternoon for one of their favourite fixtures of the year. Ballinteer always play well on their home turf and this game was no exception. Boden started well and would have been well satisfied with their opening 15 minutes had they converted more of their possession to scores but alas they didn't and when Ballinteer found their rhythm they tagged on 2 -2 in quick succession. A single goal from Laura Mullen left the halftime score at 2 – 2 to 1 – 0 in St. John's favour.

A revitalised Boden played with some style in the second half – amazing what a few packets of Edel Tevlin's Jaffa Cakes can do. Alana McGarry struck two great points and Hannah Tevlin found the net with a rocket. Disappointing to lose (on a final score of 3-2 to 2-2) but a great effort from a team just finding its feet.

### [Under 15 v Lucan Sunday 13th March.](#)

Sunday morning saw our 15's play old rivals Lucan in a hum-dinger of a match. This was a lively, physical encounter with some outstanding individual performances. There were some tired legs as many of the squad had played a tough under 16 game on Saturday and ultimately that may have cost us. A final score of 3-1 to Lucan's 2-6 showed a 2 point loss but that's only half the story. Elaine Whelan dominated midfield for the opening 30, ably assisted by Muireann Delaney. Sinead Hussey was everywhere, and Hannah Tevlin covered more ground than you could imagine. Beth O'Neill discovered her old form as she put the ball on her stick and took flight consistently through the second half. Leah Fagan was unlucky not to find the net with her first touch since returning to play. Blathnaid Slater was outstanding until her early retirement due to a clash of heads – we wish her a quick recovery (good news is that her new helmet is still ok !!) Robyn Flynn took three superb catches and cleared her lines each time. Deirdre Murray's change of career to a forward almost paid dividends and she was a constant threat up front. Caoimhe Lynne made several crucial saves and her puck outs were consistently accurate. While this was a squad effort man of the match performance should probably go to Emily Sharkey. Tasked with keeping a very strong Lucan hurler quiet she did exactly that. Emily rarely got a chance to shine herself but blocked, flicked, tackled, and generally harassed her player out of the game. Highlight of the game was Sinead Hussey's well directed 45 which rattled the back of the Lucan net – some score. Some sore tired bodies wandered back to the club at full time. A good morning out.

### [Under 13A v Skerries Harps Sunday 13th March](#)

It was an early start for the U-13 camogie players, mentors and supporters as we gathered on Firhouse Road on Sunday morning for the lengthy trip to Skerries Harps. The fact that it was a glorious spring morning made the journey fly by.

We played on a pitch called the Ballast Pit which is a spectacular amphitheatre with sides so high that only the top of the goalposts could be seen from the road.

Boden lined out with the assistance of three U-12 players due to a few of our girls being unavailable and they acquitted themselves very well against bigger, stronger opposition.

In a match in which we were always in front on the scoreboard, the Boden ladies hung on for a 1 point victory in our first ever competitive camogie match on a scoreline of 3-0 to 1-5. Fair play to Skerries Harps who provided such stiff opposition in an excellent game which was enjoyed by everyone present.



Well done to the Ballyboden girls for showing skill, determination and great effort. Thanks again to Eoin Read and his three U-12 girls, Sadie, Clodagh and Caoimhe for helping out on the day. Thanks to Jean Gargan for her superb organisation skills and to Diarmuid and Ger for the help on the sideline. Thanks to the many parents and supporters who made the long trip to North County Dublin.

Finally, thanks to the referee who was excellent at explaining to the girls why he made his decisions and to the Skerries mentors for the warm welcome and kind words afterwards. A good start to what will hopefully be long camogie careers in the blue and white jerseys for this great bunch of girls.

### [Under 14 v Kilmacud Crokes Saturday 12th March](#)

[Some great pix from U14's defeat to League Leaders Kilmacud Crokes at the weekend](#)



Under 16B Team



Under 14 Team



Under 14 Team in action





Under 13A Team

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## Easter Schools of Excellence

**Hurling / Camogie - March 21st & 22nd in Sancta Maria (All Weather)**

**Football / Ladies Football - Mar 23rd & 24th in Sancta Maria (All Weather)**

**The School of Excellence will run on Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs from 10.45am to 2.30pm each day. Strictly for players playing on the U12, U13, & U14 teams in the club...born in 2004, 2003, & 2002**

Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) to download an application form

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**U12 Footballers selected for GAA Respect Exhibition Go Game at Half Time**



Wishing the U12 footballers selected to play their Castlebar Mitchels counterparts at half time in the All Ireland Senior Club Championship Final the Best of Luck on Thursday. A thrilling opportunity for the lads.

*The following players are representing Boden, Darragh Brooks, Shane Flood, Matthew Gray, Leon Kennedy, Ciaran Kiely, Eoin Mac Phaidin, Michael Murphy, Evan Nugent, Stephen Pullan and Daniel Walsh.*

We look forward to seeing you play on the day lads.

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**Hurley Holders win 1st prize in Senior Category Sth Dublin Student Enterprise**





Congratulations to Ballyboden hurlers Daniel O' Riordan, Ciaran Cashman and Ben Kelly, and to Nicky Tannem, on winning 1st Place in the Senior Category Award for their Hurley Holders product. The boys are representing their school Colaiste Eanna, Ballyroan.

The selection was made at the recent County Final when the ITT campus in Tallaght buzzed with commercial endeavour as 14 schools from South Dublin competed at the regional finals. 57 businesses representing nearly 200 student entrepreneurs across the 3 categories showcased their enterprising acumen in the areas of Health & fitness, sport, technology, beauty, crafts and textiles.

A total of 28 awards worth more than €4500 were presented across the 3 categories to the winning projects while 1st place winners in each category will represent South Dublin in Croke Park.

Excitement is building for the student entrepreneurs from Rathfarnham, who won the coveted honour of representing the county in this category at the Student Enterprise Awards National Final in Croke Park on April 20th.

Over 300 finalists from all over the country will set-up enterprise exhibition displays before taking part in a series of judging interviews at the National Finals in April. As well as gaining substantial business experience, there is an impressive prize-fund on offer for the young entrepreneurs.

We wish the lads the Best of Luck in the National Finals

For more details, [see here](#)

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## U12 Hurlers travelled to Ballygunner Gaa

Our U12 Hurlers also travelled to Ballygunner Gaa on Sunday where they enjoyed the Ballygunner indoor hurling arena after a fantastic challenge game and some great hospitality. It was onwards then to Walsh Park for the big game, Dublin vs Waterford where the lads had a bird's eye view from behind the goal.



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## U10 Boys Hurling Team On Tour





Early on Sunday morning while most of Dublin remained asleep, two teams of U10 boys and coaches quietly headed south on the M9. Not since 1171 AD when our nearest neighbours landed an invasion fleet on the shores of Waterford has such a determined group of boys ventured deep into the Deise county. Destination Ballygunner GAA, home to one of the strongest hurling clubs at all levels in County Waterford, if not in Munster.

The hurling on display was fast, physical, tough, frenetic at times and played at a level of intensity unfamiliar to our boys. However, after a slow start they quickly adapted to the pace, and although scores were hard to come by, they battled on to grind out some of the best goals and points seen on the day. The Ballygunner boys were a highly skilled and well trained outfit and showed our boys the standard of hurling that we are working towards. Having played two matches each, all the boys were exhausted at the final whistle but happy knowing they had made their club and county proud of their efforts.

Afterwards, the BBSE lads showed that they were more than a match for the opposition when it came to attacking the trays of sandwiches, buns, chocolates and other assorted refreshments laid on by the host club. All of the boys, coaches, parents and travelling fans deeply appreciated the wonderful hospitality and friendship shown by the Ballygunner club. We hope to reciprocate their welcome and kindness in the near future.

Onwards to Walsh Park for the big game, Dublin vs Waterford, where the locals hadn't lost in almost two years. The signs were ominous after four minutes with Waterford taking an early lead through three unanswered points.

However, the sight of so many Ballyboden jerseys among a partisan crowd of over six thousand must have inspired the Dubs to settle down and find their rhythm. Dublin were magnificent in victory against a highly fancied Waterford team unbeaten in their previous ten matches, and provided a master class in point scoring from far out. This served as a valuable lesson for our U10 boys on the necessity to work continuously on the basic skills.



The weary travellers hit the road back to Dublin in the late afternoon but quickly re-energized after refueling in the Burger King outlet at Paulstown. Smiling faces all around from a tour that witnessed fantastic hurling and created lasting memories. Let this be the first of many!

For more photos, [see here](#)



## 1916 - The World of Yesterday



Writing in 1942, the Austrian novelist Stefan Zweig commented “If today, thinking over it calmly, we wonder why Europe went to war in 1914, there is not one sensible reason to be found, nor even any real occasion for the war.”

Son of well-to-do Jewish parents, Zweig was enjoying a “summer more luscious, more beautiful..” than had been experienced for some years in the spa town of Baden near Vienna when news broke of the assassination of His Imperial Highness Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie in Sarajevo, capital of modern day Bosnia-Herzegovina. In his work “The World of Yesterday”, Zweig wrote “The unexpected news passed from mouth to mouth. But to be honest, there was no special shock or dismay to be seen on the faces of the crowd, for the heir to the throne had not by any means been popular.....Two hours later there was no sign of real grief to be seen. People were talking and laughing, later that evening musicians performed in the cafes again.”

Although the assassination took place in Bosnia, neighbouring Serbia was accused of

collusion and the Austria-Hungary authorities issued a series of ultimata to that Government. All were met by the Serbian Government except one – they refused to allow an Austrian commission of enquiry on their territory. Thus on 28 July, 37 days after the assassination in Sarejovo, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia and because of a global network of power alliances – the theatre of activity engulfed the continent involving by the end of 1918, thirty-three countries with a combined population of 1.8bn or 80% of total world population at the time. The invasion of Belgium by Germany, allies of Austria-Hungary, brought Britain and Ireland into the conflict which would involve 65m troops, destroy three empires, lead to 20m military and civilian deaths and 21m wounded. The devastating impact of new technology in terms of machine guns, aircraft, armoured vehicles and chemical warfare brought a scale of destruction never before experienced in war.

For those who grew up in the Ireland of the 20th century, little was known about or spoken of the Irish who fought and fell in Flanders Fields and elsewhere. Yet 50,000 Irish men died serving in British and other armies out of 200,000 who participated. In “acclaimed” histories of Ireland in the 20th century including “Ireland since the Famine by FSL Lyons”, “The Course of Irish History edited by TW Moody” and the “Modernisation of Irish Society by Joseph Lee” – there is not a word of these enormous casualties.

The centenary of the Easter Rising has raised much interesting debate and analysis with at least one noted politician saying the insurgents introduced “militarism” to the Irish Question. But militarism was very much in vogue across the continent of Europe and it didn’t emanate from Ireland. Prior to World War I, it was rare to find any country that had a “Department of Defence” they all fell under the nomenclature of “Ministries of War”. What message does that send? What were 200,000 Irish men doing in Belgium and France?

The war was to be the source of a deep split within the Irish Volunteers which had been formed in 1913 as a counter move to the setting up of the UVF.

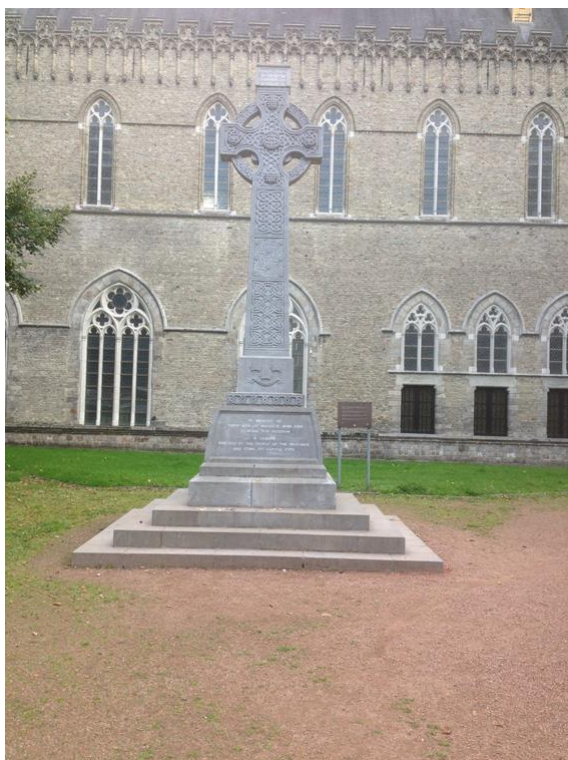
In a landmark speech in Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow, the leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party John Redmond called on volunteers to

‘The interests of Ireland—of the whole of Ireland—are at stake in this war. This war is undertaken in the defence of the highest principles of religion and morality and right, and it would be a disgrace for ever to our country and a reproach to her manhood and a denial of the lessons of her history if young Ireland confined their efforts to remaining at home to defend the shores of Ireland from an unlikely invasion, and to shrinking from the duty of proving on the field of battle that gallantry and courage which has distinguished our race all through its history. I say to you, therefore, your duty is twofold. I am glad to see such magnificent material for soldiers around me, and I say to you: “Go on drilling and make yourself efficient for the Work, and then account yourselves as men, not only for Ireland itself, but wherever the fighting line extends, in defence of right, of freedom, and religion in this war”’.

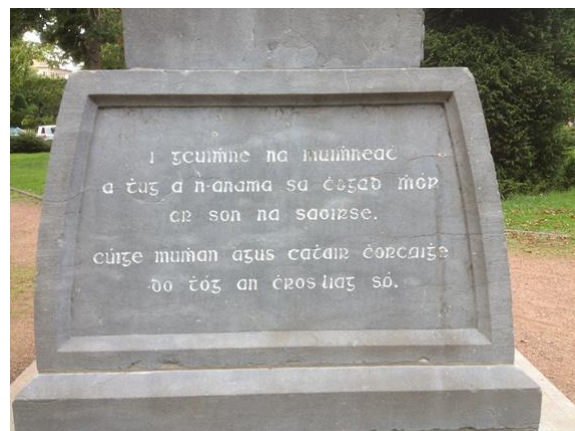
In the region of 80% of the Volunteer Force rallied to Redmond’s call.

Thankfully today, there is much more awareness and much more material available on the Irish who fought in WW1. Recent writings and documentaries like that of David Davin Power "Gallipoli: Ireland's Forgotten Heroes" have brought a balance to the story of the period.

Did you know? In 1998, President Mary McAleese unveiled an Irish Round Tower memorial to the soldiers of the island of Ireland who died, were wounded or are missing from World War I at Messines near Ieper (Ypres) in Belgium. The tower is partially built from stone from a former British Army Barracks in Tipperary and from a Workhouse near Mullingar. The design has a unique aspect that allows the sun to light the interior only on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the anniversary of the armistice that ended the war.



**A Celtic Cross commemorates the fallen members of the Royal Munster Fusiliers in the town centre of Ieper (Ypres) in Belgium**



**An engraving in Old Irish on the Cross states "I gcuimhne na Muimhneach a thug a n-anama sa Chogadh mhór an son na saoirse. Cúige Mumhan agus Cathair Chorcaighe do thóg an chros liag seo. In memory of the Munsters who gave their lives for freedom in the Great War. The province of Munster and the City of Cork erected this stone cross."**

## **Coaching - Goals for Challenge 2020**

While this is an exciting and important week for our club it is a good time to reflect on our Strategic Report 2020. In particular the Coaching & Games Section:

### **13.4 – Goals for Challenge 2020**

- Games participation – the club will seek to ensure that, regardless of ability level, all players who wish to play with the Club will have the opportunity to play on a team appropriate to their skill level, obtain coaching of the highest quality and will have an



adequate games program on an annual basis.

- Step up team achievements – each adult team across the four codes will set defined goals and seek to secure success / progress at least two steps beyond that already achieved. Our senior A teams goals in Challenge 2020 should include All Ireland success.

Last weekend for the first time in the clubs history the camogie section fielded four adult teams, this on the same week that the clubs senior A men's football team play in an All-Ireland Club Final is testament to the above goals that the club is catering for players of all levels of ability.

It is important for all players coming out of the juvenile section that they have a team to play on that is appropriate to their playing ability and that these teams are always striving for improvement. That improvement can be league promotion or contesting All-Ireland club finals.

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## Kick for Kolkata

Kevin O'Riordan who is kicking a point in every one of the 1,616 clubs in Ireland is arriving in Ballyboden St. Endas last night . [See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lq4k5M1jxc&app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lq4k5M1jxc&app=desktop)

He will be kicking his final point in Croker on Thursday. Kevin, brother of Tipp and Sydney Stars Colin O'Riordan, is raising money for the Hope Foundation in Kolkata. It'd be good if we could give him a Big Boden Welcome.

Text "kick4hope" to 50300 to donate €4 or <http://gofundme.com/mgx2b8pm>

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## Upcoming Bar Entertainment



# St Patrick's Day

**BIG MATCH ENTERTAINMENT@BODEN**

## **Sat 12th March**

From 10pm.. "Jake " on stage

## **Wed 16th March**

From 9pm.. Join us for a special night of "Up For The Match" with "RTE" Presenter Darren Frehill getting the expert views & opinions on the Big match from a panel of special guests and celebrities .. Music, Song, & comedy included.

## **St Patricks Day**

From 6pm..**MADNESS IN THE MARQUEE**

Post Match entertainment

Music, Dancing, Singing, Eating, Stories, Crying, Laughter, Drinking, Hugging, Talking...And a whole lot of LOVIN!

Fast Food Outlets on Site



## **Fri 18th**

From 9pm Replay of Match on the Big Screen

## **Sat 19th**

From 10 pm..Live music in Bar with "Anthony Walker"

## **Mon 21st**

From 9pm...A Special night of the "Boden Trad Session" with Joe Johnston & Friends

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**Good Luck Boden From The Grafton Lounge**

# All the best to BALLYBODEN ST ENDA'S on March 17th.

We are welcoming fans before  
and after the game!



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[thegrafftonlounge.ie](http://thegrafftonlounge.ie)



## Ciorcal Cainte - Ag baint sult as oíche “Abair Amhrán”

Mar chuid de Chomóradh an Chéid bhí oíche “Abair Amhrán” sa chlub i mBaile Uí Bhuadáin Dé Ceadaoin seo caite an 9ú Márta. Comhgháirdeachas do Sheán ba é a mhol “Abair Amhrán” – le tacaíocht na gcantóirí faoi thionlacan ábalta Joe Johnston – cé eile ?

Bhí an-oíche go deo againn. Ó Chill Aodán go dtí an Poc ar Buille: ó Níl na Lá go dtí Sean Dún nGall: ó Chúnlá go Beidh Aonach Amárach. Na deirfiúracha Hogan, Cáit is Rós ag canadh go binn.

Amhrán breá ón Iodáil in onóir cuairt a bhfoireann rugbaí le John Ó Cearúil. Amhrán ó Albain is Beir Mí Ó ó Peter is Eileen agus iad ag aithris Óró Sé do Bheatha Abhaile le Pádraig Uasal Mac Piarais. Ó Deirdre Hannah is Sinéad, ó na beirt Johns go dtí ár sean chara Fiontán le Trasna na dTonnta go dtí Seán Ó Duibhir an Ghleanna. Ó Phriosún Chluain Meala



go hOileán Dhún an Óir is mórán mórán eile a mba liosta iad a lua idir mhná agus fir, óg is aosta. Bhí an-chraic againn go deo, filíocht ceol is rince – go mbeirimíd beo ar an am seo arís!

Baile Buadáin Naomh Éanna Abú.

*Bí ann Lá 'Le Pádraig.*

Tomás Ó Reachtabhra



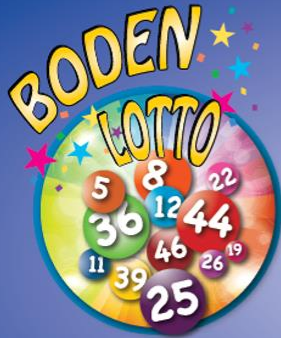
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## Important Notice: Club Membership Now Due

Club Membership is now due and can be paid online. Please click on our [membership page](#) to pay. Please see this importance letter from Club Chairperson, [Brendan Moran](#), on the changes to payment of club membership from 2015 onwards. Email reminder of usernames was sent out on January 16th - please check spam folders if you haven't received it.

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## Lotto Results - 13th March



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# Lotto Results

## Jackpot €1,000

Draw Date 13/03/16

Numbers



**There was no winner of the Jackpot**

**Match 1st Three**

- **Attracta Garvey, Aranleigh Dell, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14**
- **John Leane, Killakee Walk, Firhouse**

**Next Weeks Jackpot €1,500**