

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



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Message of Congratulations from the Chairman



GAA Camogie and Ladies Football Club CLG Baile Buadáin Naomh Éanna

Dear Members,

On behalf of the members and supporters of our club, I would like to express my deep appreciation to every member of our senior football panel of players and of course to the management team as well, for the brilliant and emphatic win in becoming All Ireland Senior Football Club Champions on St Patrick's Day in Croke Park. To achieve this victory was special, but to do so in the manner in which the team played was especially gratifying. Elsewhere in this special edition of the newsletter you can read the match reports and other comments about the game itself.

However I would like to concentrate in this letter to paying special tribute to all the members and friends of our club who contributed so much to all the organising of events and tasks leading up to the game itself.

First of all I would like to thank all our sponsors, of every section of our club, especially Dave Bobbett of H&K and Frank Basquel of Trubake for their generous overall support to the club and especially to the senior football squad.

As a club, on Thursday March 10th we sold the highest number of tickets ever recorded by any club in the history of this competition and yet despite the huge numbers who turned up to buy tickets there were no queues outside the clubhouse, which reflects the brilliant organisation that occurred by our staff and volunteers inside the hall. To all those involved in organising the coaches and buses (we had 35 in total!) a special thanks to you. To those who put up the flags, bunting and signage, all around the areas of Rathfarnham, Firhouse and Knocklyon which created a unique atmosphere I want to express my sincere thanks to them. My thanks for the mentors & parents of all our teams, especially the juvenile section who helped to capture the enthusiasm of all our juveniles and they certainly made their voices heard in Croke Park. Thanks to all those involved in staging the luncheon event in Croke Park, before the match, it was a unique experience enjoyed by over 500 people. My thanks also to all those involved in the selling of our club merchandise and the face painting activities, you too contributed so much to the atmosphere of the occasion. There were many demands on our communications teams, through the website and other forum and despite the constant and never ending updating of messages, they rose to the occasion.

I want to play a special tribute to all the volunteers who turned up in the club on Friday 18th to clear up the debris after the celebrations of the night before. This was a mammoth task. To the bar staff that put in such a long stint on St Patricks night, and those involved in the clean up afterwards a very special thanks for the demands placed on all of you.

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Finally as one member so accurately stated "In the last 5 weeks after our semi-final win, we managed to turn our club from just being a big one into a small one, where everyone made a contribution and we generated a true parish mentality"

Brendan Moran Cathaoirleach

Football News - Historic Win for Seniors !!!!!!!



Cometh the hour, cometh the team, our senior football team delivered the perfect performance on the biggest stage to capture their first All-Ireland Club success. The result looked after itself as they completely out-played Castlebar Mitchel's who were the bookies favourites and places Ballyboden Senior Footballers top of the pile. Congrats to all involved especially the Players and management. You richly deserve this success given your commitment, work ethic, heart and the skill demonstrated over the last 14 months in particular. You have made many friends along the road and the scenes witnessed both at Croke Park and back at the club that night will be difficult to replicate. We are all very proud of what you have achieved. And now in a couple of weeks you have to repeat it all over again!!!!! This puts Ballyboden football where we want to be at the cutting edge and hopefully we can go on to deliver further success. However, we also know that this victory will inspire other clubs to try even harder to repeat our success – and that will be a challenge for us. You are an inspiration for so many of our younger members. Enjoy the celebrations.

Next up the Minor B, playing at home, defeated Fingallians by a narrower margin of three points to secure their first points of the league campaign despite being down a number of players.

The Minor C team continued their great start to their league campaign with their third win over local rivals Crokes. This team is being coached by two legends of the club Aaron O'Reilly and Joey Marrinan. Kep up the good work everyone as it is proving beneficial and working well.

Again, 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 generous support.

Finally, to the team of club members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes from the Executive, Games Executive, the Football Committee, fellow committees, the Coaches, Club PRO and all members who assisted in the preparations for the All-Ireland, A BIG THANK YOU – winning the All-Ireland club final is a reward for everyone.

Come on the Boden!!!!

Ger Flaherty

Brilliant Boden maul Mitchels to claim maiden All Ireland By Shane O'Brien

Ballyboden St Enda's..... 2-14 Castlebar Mitchels...... 0-07

It is October 2nd 2015. Ballyboden St Enda's are playing Kilmacud Crokes in the second round of the Dublin Senior Football Championship. Most outside the club consider them to be long outsiders to win even this match, let alone the county championship. An All Ireland title is but a distant daydream. And yet five months down the road, Captain Darragh Nelson holds the Andy Merrigan cup aloft, following a perfect performance from his troops as they dispatched a much fancied Castlebar Mitchels of Mayo by 13 points in GAA headquarters. But the underdog tag has always sat well with Ballyboden, and they proved it with their blistering start. Colm Basquel and Andrew Kerin both raised green flags inside a sensational opening 15 minutes where the Dublin and Leinster champions raced clear of their Western opponents and never looked back. Mitchels simply could not live with Boden's searing pace in attack, matched with a defensive structure that has been the keystone of the club's championship run. The Mayo side were the more experienced of the two teams, having played in an All Ireland final just two years ago, but it was the Dublin side, who had never won a provincial championship prior to this season, that settled far quicker.

Ryan Basquel, starting his first game since suffering a broken jaw in November, put younger brother Colm through on goal and the 20 year old, showing composure far beyond his years, bent a pinpoint shot around the onrushing Rory Byrne with the outside of his boot. Manager Andy McEntee played up the importance of such an early goal, saying that "it was a double edge, it settled us and it probably unsettled them at the same time." Boden were by far the better team in the early stages, and corner back Bob Dwan stretched their lead when he curled over a beautiful point from just inside the 45. A fisted Michael Darragh Macauley point, and a wonderful score from Ryan Basquel off his left near the touchline stretched the lead even further, before Andrew Kerin compounded Castlebar's misery from the penalty spot. Aran Waters, filling in for Declan O'Mahoney in midfield, burst through on goal but was hauled unceremoniously to the ground by corner back Tom Cunniffe.

Referee Diarmuid Kirwan had no option but to give the penalty, and Kerin Duly dispatched the kick to the bottom left corner. It was St Vincent's all over again. Ballyboden had come in as big underdogs, and had completely blown their opposition away within 15 minutes. Their

forwards made intelligent runs and converted their chances brilliantly. At the other end Boden's defence withstood everything Mitchels threw at them, showing some amazing commitment in the process. In particular, Shane Clayton and Darragh Nelson made outstanding blocks that not only stopped scores but gave a lift to the huge 'Boden contingent in Croke Park. When Mitchels did eventually break through the 'Boden defence, they were rebuffed by the Paul Durcan, who brilliantly tipped Neil Lydon's shot onto the post. Neil Douglas did get Mitchels on the board from the resulting 45, but Boden responded with the next two scores. Firstly, Bob Dwan scored his second when he split the posts with the outside of his boot. Soon after, the excellent Stephen O'Connor got a deserved score when he played a one-two with Colm Basquel before curling over.

Mitchels responded with two quick points before the break, but an eight point lead at half time is a very healthy position indeed, and Boden rarely looked under threat in the opening period. Even still, at half time Boden fans worried that a fast Mitchels start to the second half could ignite the contest. But that start never materialised, and the Dublin side simply picked up where they left off. Not even the injury to 2013 Player of the Year Michael Darragh Macauley could halt Boden's momentum. As Andy McEntee pointed out afterwards, Robbie McDaid provided brilliant midfield cover in Macauley's absence. Corner back and Man of the Mach Bob Dwan got the Firhouse Road side rolling in the second half when he completed a hattrick of points after a missed goal chance was recycled back to him. Dual star Shane Durcan added another point within seconds following great work from Conal Keaney as Boden began to put the game beyond doubt. Their cause was helped by some very wayward Castlebar shooting as they racked up four wides in the five minutes following Durcan's point.

In the meantime, points from Keaney and Ryan Basquel put Boden 12 points clear with only 15 minutes to play. The Mayo champions clawed the deficit back to nine points with three successive points, but even then their players seemed to lack the belief to mount a comeback, and Boden merely widened the gap once more. In truth, they toyed with their opponents, holding possession for long periods and scoring some lovely points from play. When Andrew Kerin split the posts for his first point of the afternoon, Boden surpassed their highest score of the championship previously (2-10 against St Maurs). They had time to add three more points, including a beautiful score from Shane Durcan from a tight angle, before referee Kirwan called a halt to proceedings and signalled wild celebrations among players and fans alike.

Their journey had started on a sunny May evening against St Maurs in the first round of the Dublin Championship. And now, 10 months later, this group of players had realised the dream of every club player by claiming the biggest of them all. Over 7,000 fans got behind the Boden team in Croke Park today, something that reflects how strong the community of Ballyboden is, and how much they support their club. "To see how much this means to all of the community and the club and its members, it's phenomenal, it's what you dream of," Boden captain Darragh Nelson reflected following the St Patrick's Day triumph. From one to 15, Boden were outstanding today, but it is very much a squad game, and those who did not start today certainly played their part earlier in the championship. There were heroes all over the pitch today. Corner backs Bob Dwan and Shane Clayton were superb, and either could have been named man of the match. But to score three points from corner back is a truly remarkable statistic and Dwan fully deserved the award. The Boden defensive deserves real credit, however. Limiting such a talented Castlebar forward line to just seven points is quite

amazing. Especially given the fact that they had blown teams away on the road to Croke Park, scoring goals for fun.

On the other hand, Boden have only conceded two goals throughout their entire campaign, which is a simply unbelievable statistic to be able to boast. Manager Andy McEntee deserves huge credit, along with the players, for making them so impossibly hard to break down this year. At the other end, Boden's forwards were equally impressive. To score 1-14 from play is an unbelievable return in an All Ireland final. Their pace and incisive running made them impossible to deal with and Castlebar simply had no answer.

It was, in truth, the perfect performance. The perfect day. A day that will live long in the memory..

May it be the first of many perfect days.

BodenFile Photos

Facebook pics here













Football - Minor A Div 1 Football vs St Brigid's

Minor 'A' Football Division 1: St Brigid's 4-06, BBSE 4-11

Never a better lesson learned, that you need to you need to perform for the full 60 minutes. Boden started this game well and were winning their respective battles on the pitch. Playing good football they were opening up the Brigid's defense. Dunne was on fire, opened the scoring followed then by a Weldon point before he added another 1-03, Byrne added another before a lovely move from Byrne to Weldon, who then put S.Kennedy in on goal who dutifully obliged and converted. Defensively we were doing well with good work from K.Kennedy, Keller, Sweeney Ryan, Bobbett and Reddy, limiting Brigid's attempts on goal. Only four points conceded with just one of those from play.

HT St Brigid's 0-04, BBSE 2-06.

The second half was started with an opening point from St Brigid's Boden responded with two points (Murphy and Dunne) and fine point by Sweeney after a raid into the Brigid's half. Boden lost Madden to a black card and Holland to injury. Brigid's then broke through the middle to put the ball into the net. They saw a chance and repeatedly went down the middle and added two more goals. The pressure was now on, Boden responded with very welcome goal from Monaghan followed by another point from Weldon to give some breathing space. Another goal and a point brought the hosts back to within one score. However a fine point from Monahan followed by a converted free by Dunne created enough margin to see out the game and secure the win. From a point of having this game well in control, Boden let Brigid's back into the game and made it a tough battle for the last 15 mins. Shows that you need to play to the plan and as a team for the full 60 mins. However credit to them for stemming the tide to secure the win.

FT St Brigid's 4-06, BBSE 4-11

Team: Jack Kelly, Ciaran Ryan, Karl Reddy, Shane Bobbett, Keith Sweeney(0-01), Hugh Keller, Kieran Kennedy, James Holland, Dylan Walsh, Karl Weldon (0-2), James Madden, Cillian Byrne (0-01), Mikey Dunne (1-06 (3f)), John Murphy (1-0), Shane Kennedy (1-0), Eoghan Monahan (1-1), Ross McCormack, Sam Lally, Sean Choy O'Bhroin -Sean Choy O'Bhroin as a sub

Report - Brian Weldon.

New Football Chairman Appointed

Dear Members,

At the meeting of the Football Section Committee on Monday 21st March the Chairman Ger Flaherty announced that because of work and other commitments he is stepping down from the job with immmediate effect. The Vice Chairman Eoin Dunne is now taking on the role. Ger will continue to be available for support and advice.

The Committeee would like to thank Ger for the time, effort and commitment he has given to the job over the last few years which contributed greatly to the development of football in the club culminating in the winning of the All Ireland Club Football Final on St Patricks Day - what an achievement.

We wish Ger a well earned rest and Eoin every success in the role.

Padraig Cullinane

Important Reminder - Club Memberships now Due



Ballyboden St. Endas GAA Camogie and Ladies Football Club CLG Baile Buadáin Naomh Éanna

Dear Members,

After the historic win in Croke Park for our senior football team on St Patrick's Day, it is time to get our feet back on the ground and deal with one of the most important issues over the next few weeks, namely membership fees.

First of all I would like to thank all our members including the players who have already paid their 2016 membership fees. However as I write there is still a substantial number of members who have not yet renewed.

First of all dealing with the players from every section (other than the academy), I must emphasize that in accordance with very specific policies communicated already by our registrar Liam Carter, membership fees must be paid on or before 31st March 2016. I would ask the mentors involved with our teams to communicate this message to the players. Please note also that mentors of all teams are required to pay membership fees as well.

In the case of non-playing members, I would ask that you too give this task a priority. Only full members, who have paid their subscriptions for 2016, can attend our AGM which will now take place on Monday 18th April 2016.

Membership fees are the life-blood of our organisation. So I would be grateful if every member who still has not yet renewed their subscription to attend to this matter urgently. Please go to the membership instructions on our <u>website</u> or should you have any queries please email your questions to <u>registrar@bodengaa.ie</u>.

Brendan Moran Cathaoirleach

Hurling News - Win for Snr B Hurlers

BBSE 2 18 Raheny 1 11

Senior B hurlers get off the mark....Wordsworth reports Ballyboden Senior B hurlers travelled to the sylvan setting of St. Anne's Park on Sunday 20th March 2016 for their Division 2 second round match against Raheny.

In very calm conditions and a decent surface, Boden started well with a brace of points. There followed a few wides by the visitors who were dominating the opening exchanges largely due to the excellent Conor Robinson and the half-back pairing of Naoise Maguire and Keith McCarron. The radar was readjusted and there followed three points in quick succession by Paul Doherty (2) and Matty Weldon. At ten minutes, Raheny got off the mark with a pair of points from their half-forwards but Boden replied strongly with points from Robinson, Eoghan O'Neill and Austen Lynch to leave them ahead by six at the quarter. A lovely flowing move led to a fine goal by McDonagh shortly afterwards. It seemed Raheny could not get any kind of foothold in the match - most puckouts seemed to go Boden's way and these were the genesis of most Boden attacks. With five minutes to go, a key point occurred in the match. Goalkeeper Keith Robinson was alert in moving out to narrow the angle and save a goal-bound shot. The ball rebounded to a home forward who fired a second low and heading for the net. On the line appeared corner-back Rob Leddy to intervene and with composure collect the ball and sent it upfield. This ultimately led to a Boden point by Doherty and helped to consolidate Boden's grip on the game. Half-time score: Boden 1-10 to Raheny 1-3.

Raheny started well in the second half and shot the opening point from their accurate half-forward freetaker. Paul Doherty was in no mood for compromise however and promptly put over the next three Boden points. A further pair by Robinson left Boden nine ahead on the three-quarter hour mark. Jonathon O'Driscoll, Ronan Cleary and Morgan Ryan all made their presence felt upon entering the fray, the forwards with some clever touches and Cleary with some great interventions followed by clever clearances upfield. With Brendan Treacy orchestrating matters a little further outfield from his initial full-forward position, O'Driscoll broke free with about five minutes left to raise Boden's second green flag. A job well done against tough opposition and the final score Boden 2-18 to Raheny 1-11.

Next up is a visit to West Dublin to face St Patricks of Palmerstown on 9th April in the next round of Division 2 League.

Boden - Keith Robinson, Rob Leddy, Darragh O'Gorman, Eoin Small, Keith McCarron, Naoise Maguire, Adam Jermyn, Conor Robinson, Eoghan O'Neill, Paul Doherty, Matty

Weldon, Austen Lynch, Séan McDonnell, Brendan Treacy, Finnian McDonagh. Subs: Jonathon O'Driscoll, Morgan Ryan, Ronan Cleary.

Ballyboden Inter Hurlers 1 12 Commercials 1 11

Boden Just Hang on for the Slenderest Victory.... The Long Fella reports

With a final tally more reminiscent of a football match (oops!!!) Boden's Inters just held on for a hard earned league win over the Rathcoole based visitors to Ballycullen on Sunday morning. The match was perhaps most notable because of the domination of the defences. Bodens rearguard, ably led by Ruairi Kirwan, the experienced Darren Lennox and the bustling Des O'Sullivan, gave a fine opening half display. However this was matched by Commercials who kept Boden to a miserly two points for the entire second thirty.

The game opened in fine fashion for the Boden men and Oisin Cannon pointed neatly after good work by Andy Hand. Within a minute Aiden Dundon added to Boden's tally after Fionn Maguire was upended illegally. The Commercials response came via a well worked point from Gearoid Keogh. Boden's Gareth Crowley was the home side's next contributor with a fine effort. Hot on the heels of this came a good move started by 'Lenny' and finished by Eamonn Gorman. 4 to 1.

Commercials kept in touch with a long-range point before Dundon and his marker exchanged scores. Dundon again was sent to the free shot line, and Cannon put the 'jasberry ram' on this period of domination with a peach of a score, on the run without recourse to the catch. 7 to 3. The scoring sequence continued with Dundon (f), Visitors (f), and Gorman after a Cannon pass and Aaron Coffey, after O'Sullivan started a telling move.

The score of the game was a treasure, created by clever play on the wide outside. Eoin McKenna, who was part of a very busy midfield along with Niall Keegan, found three 'loose'players on the opposite wing. Crowley was first to pounce on to the ball and he flashed it to the net. Commercials finished the half the better with a 'ping-pong' of a point and a goal of their own creation from Eoin Power. Half time 1.10 to 1.6 for Boden.

The second half was a complete contrast to the opening thirty and the defensive skills of both sides were to the fore. Kirwan was always an able Spartan and dominated his home patch. Behind him Ronan Sharkey was a safe pair of hands in the Boden goals. At the opposite end Commercials were rock steady and gave little away. Boden only scored twice during the half, a line cut from Gorman and a monster point from Dundon. Commercials were on target from frees four times, and a fine outside strike from Leonard Crooks. The last few minutes were frantic and the visitors created a few decent opportunities for a share of the spoils. It came as a relief when the referee, Young Mick O'Flaherty called time on the joust.

The squad was; Ronan Sharkey, Andy Hand, Gareth Crowley, Alan McGrath, Niall Keegan, Aaron Coffey, Cian Kelly, Oisin Cannon, Rian Cannon, Eamonn Gorman, Darren Lennox, Aiden Dundon, Des O'Sullivan, Ruairi Kirwan, Fionn Maguire, Ronan Glynn, Rory Knight, Niall O'Neill

Result from AHL 4

• Na Fianna 1 19 BBSE 1 05

Coming Up

• Leinster Senior League V Buffer's Alley in Sancta Maria at 8.00pm on Wednesday

Easter Schools of Excellence

Easter School of Excellence 2016 Boys & Girls - U12, U13 & U14

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 downlod an application form

GAA Respect Exhibition Go Game at Half Time in the All Ireland Senior Club Championship Final



Ten U12 boys were lucky enough to be pick to represent Ballyboden St Enda's in the GAA Respect Exhibition Go Game at Half Time in the All Ireland Senior Club Championship Final in Croke Park last Thursday.

The lads really enjoyed the experience. The game which lasted 10 minutes ended with a

narrow win for Boden on the scoreline of Boden 2-2 Mitchels 1-1. The memories of the day will last a lifetime!

Representing Boden U12's were Darragh Brooks, Shane Flood, Matthew Gray, Leon Kennedy, Ciaran Kiely, Eoin Mac Phaidin, Michael Murphy, Evan Nugent, Stephen Pullan and Daniel Walsh.

Well Done lads. Might be the start of something bigger!!

The club would like to extend our condolences to one of our U12 football and hurling coaches Ray Rogers on the death of his Dad John who passed away on last Friday.

May His Gentle Soul Rest In Peace.









Clár Comortha Céad Bliain - Baile Buadáin Naomh Eanna.



Please see below a list of special activities that John Kirwan the Chairman of Clar Comortha Cead Bliain has published. It is a substantial list of activities associated with the celebration of the 100th anniversay of the Easter Rising. You should note these events in your diary.

Monday 21st March 2016.

Seisiún as Gaeilge.Beig oíche ceiliúradh cheoil, amhránaíocht agus fiíiocht san Club le Joe Johnston agus a cairde.

Tuesday 22nd March 2016.

Outing to the Abbey Theatre to see Sean O'Casey's play the Plough and the Stars. The bus is sold out. Contact Fintan Walsh 087 9047169 for travel arrangements.

Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

Ciorcal Cainte.

Bíonn an Ciorcal Cainte ar siúl gach oíche De Céadaoin, gach seachtain, óna naoi go dti a deich a clog. Bionn caint comhrá, cur is cuiteamh, craic is spórt againn sa ciorcal mar geall ar chursaí an tsaoil. Ta se oiriúnach do gach éinne is cuma cen leibhéal Gaeilge atá acu. Anois an tam agat iarracht a dhéanamh ar son na cuise.

Thursday 7th April 2016.

Special Event in the company of Diarmaid Ferriter.

Diarmaid Ferriter is Professor of Modern Irish History at UCD. He is an acclaimed historian and has written several books on the subject of Irish history. In 2015 he published his account of the revolutionary years of the early 20th century in "A Nation and Not a Rabble: The Irish Revolution 1913 – 1923'. Dr. Ferriter talks about the 1916 Rising in the Club at 9 pm.

Thursday 14th April, Friday 15th April and Saturday 16th April 2016. Boden Theatre Group.

The Boden Theatre Group will cast a cold eye on the events of Easter Week 1916 through drama, poetry and song at 8 o'clock each night.

Sunday 17th April 2016.

Ballyboden St. Endas Walk to Pearse Museum, start at 11.30.

Exploring local 1916 history and heritage on route. (There is an option for members, who do not wish to participate in the walk, to join in at St. Endas Park).

View inter club under 12 Gaelic Games in St. Endas Park.

Afterwards return to the Club and be entertained by local schools drama groups from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm.

Saturday 23rd April 2016.

Local Historical Society Events.

Rathfarnham Historical Society is staging a series of lectures in the Pádraig Pearse museum.

Saturday 23rd April 2016.

Ceili Mor – Comoradh an Ceid at 8.30.

Sunday 24th April 2016.

Rathfarnham Historical Society will recreate Pádraig Pearse's 1914 family day in St. Endas Park.

Monday 25th April 2016.

Seisiún with Joe Johnston and Friends.

An evening of music, song, poetry and story in keeping with 1916 theme. Note day and date -100 years after Rising.

Friday 6th May 2016.

Rathfarnham and other Volunteers and the Easter Rising.

Gerry Hogan recounts the details of volunteers from Rathfarnham and the surrounding area who marched to the GPO to take up duty on Easter Week. In the Club Hall at 8.30 pm.

Saturday 21st May 2016.

Luas Trip to see Historic Sites in Dublin City Centre.

Take the Luas to Abbey Street. Walk to Beresford Place beside Liberty Hall and meet guide Sean O'Gorman. Walk to GPO, Henry Street, Moore Street, Parnell Monument and the Garden of Remembrance. Back to the Luas and go to Collins Barracks, see the Asgard and visit Arbour Hill. Detailed talks on personalities and action spots on the way. Lunch optional at Collins Barracks. Costs involved; Luas Fare, Lunch and Guide.

Planting of a Commemorative Tree.

At the conclusion of our programme of events a suitable tree will be planted in Sancta Maria. **Commemoration Stone.**

A Granite Stone with a suitable inscription will be unveiled in Sancta Maria Park commemorating the 1916 Rising. The stone is now in place.

Handball Exhibition.

There will be a Handball Exhibition in the Ball Wall. Date to be announced.

A Commemorative Wood Carving.

A Commemorative Wood Carving, engraved with a suitable quote from Pádraig Pearse, will be placed on a wall in the Clubhouse. (Perhaps the motto of Scoil Eanna School: "courage in our hands, truth in our tongues and purity in our hearts" would be appropriate).

A Time Capsule.

Juvenile Members and members of our local schools will make their predictions as to what Ireland will be like in 2116 and these predictions will be unveiled in 100 years time.

Discussion Forum.

There will be a discussion forum, with various speakers discussing aspects of the 1916 Rising

and Commemorations. Date to be announced.

Local Gaelscoileanna.

Gaelic games will be organised between our local Gaelscoileanna during the year. Dáire Mac Phaidín is in charge.Players will be mixed and games will take place after Easter.

Aeridheach.

In association with Tallaght Arts/OPW our under 15 hurlers will participate in a "choregraphed" hurling match/practice ala 1914 St. Enda's School during week commencing 04/07/2016.

Full details of all events will be available on the Club's *website* and in Newsletters. Events organised by South Dublin County Council and the national programme are available on www.ireland.





Last Tuesday Ballyboden welcomed Kevin O'Riordan, a primary school teacher from Tipperary, to Sancta Maria to kick his point in his project Kick For Kolkata.

This project involved kicking a point in every club and county grounds in the country - all 1616 of them! The journey which Kevin began on August 29th, concluded 2 days later when he kicked over his final point on All-Ireland AIB Club Championship Finals day in Croke Park. Since 2009, Frobel College of Education in Dublin has worked in partnership with the Hope Foundation in Kolkata, formerly Calcutta. Every year 25-30 eager students with their lecturers travel to India's 'City of Joy' to engage in HOPE's education programmes. With an immense amount of knowledge, skills and resources, these students embark on what can only be described as a life-changing experience. O'Riordan, older brother of Sydney Swans player and former Tipperary U21 football captain Colin, took up his monumental "Kick For Kolkata" cause having volunteered with the HOPE Foundation in 2014.

It is his wish that each club would donate €50/£50 to help him reach his target of just under €100,000. Kevin's fundraising aims to support the education programme in Kolkata and ensure that vulnerable and underprivileged street and slum children will receive an education and the opportunity of creating a better future for themselves, their families and their communities

You can still donate to the initiative on https://www.gofundme.com/mgx2b8pm or donate €4 by texting Kick4Hope to 50300.

You can watch Kevin's journey on https://www.facebook.com/kickforkolkata or follow it on Twitter (@KickforKolkata)

Kevin is pictured receiving a cheque from Football Chairman Ger Flaherty after kicking his point earlier in the evening.

46th Annual General meeting of Ballyboden St.Endas

The 46th Annual General meeting of Ballyboden St. Endas Gaa, Camogie and Ladies Football Club will take place on Monday, April 18th 2016 at 8.30 p.m. in the club hall. All full members are cordially invited to attend this meeting, and are asked to attend promptly at 8.30pm so that a quorum would be formed and the meeting start on time. Full members are invited to nominate for election the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Children's Officer, Player's Representative and 2 other Executive Committee Members. These shall be elected by the Full Members present, entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting. The other 7 members of the Executive Committee shall be selected as representatives of the following Executive Sub-Committees, Games Development & Coaching, Adult Games, Juvenile Games, Social Activities, IT & Communication Structures, Club Development, Grounds Maintenance, by the elected members of the incoming Executive Committee. The elected and selected members shall meet the eligibility criteria set out in paragraph 8.2 of the Club Bye Laws and Rules. The written consent of nominees must accompany each nomination. Full members are also invited to propose motions for consideration at the AGM, in accordance with the club constitution. Nominations for election to the Executive Committee and motions for consideration by the AGM should be received by the club secretary not less than 21 days before the AGM i.e. by Monday 28th March. Motions may be sent by email to the Secretary at the email address secretary.ballybodenstendas.dublin@gaa.ie or addressed to the Club Secretary and posted or handed to the Club. Please note that nomination and motion forms will be available behind the Bar.

The annual club membership fee must be paid before the AGM in order for members to participate in the meeting. Please note that in order to reduce cost, the Executive Committee have decided not to print hardcopies of the Annual Report but to circulate it by email and to publish it on the Club website www.bodengaa.ie which will be available no later than 8th April.

Boden Gym Upgrade

Thanks for everyone's patience but the refurbishment of gym is finally underway. Just some detail underneath that everyone needs to be familiar with prior to work commencing.

The gym will close this evening (Mon 14th March) and re-open mid to late May. There will be new rules regarding gym access and usage when it reopens. These will be communicated to the relevant teams before it re-opens. There will be a temporary gym set up in the two home dressing rooms while the gym is being refurbished. This room will not be open for general use but certain teams will have restricted use of this temporary gym. Access will only be through the team manager or designated coach.

The two home dressing rooms will be out of use as dressing rooms until the gym project is completed, hopefully the inconvenience will be worthwhile and we will have a gym that everyone can be proud of.

Thank you for your co-operation

John Ryan, Chairman, Club Development Executive

Congrats - Baby Boy





•	Congrats to Brian and	d Caroline	Kirwan on	their latest	arrival -	Seán	Pádraia
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Aoife Beary Gala Musical Evening

MUSIC FOR AOIFE FEATURING THE BONNY MEN RHAPSODY MALE CHOIR PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR, TERENURE MIRIAM O'SULLIVAN & PHILIP SHIELDS VOCAL POINT KATHRYN CROWLEY (AUTHOR) **AOIFE BEARY,** BERKELEY SURVIVOR **SUNDAY APRIL 3RD - 7.30 PM** CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BALLYROAN, D14 TICKETS €20 / €10 STUDENTS



There was no winner of the Jackpot

Match First Three numbers - 6 winners €50 each

Joe Roche Templeroan Park, Eamon McKenna Orchardstown Park, Frank & Catherine Dooley Boden Park, Aoife Small Woodstown Road Eddie Bohan, Bohan Hyland & Assoc. Rathgar Ave Dermot Cook, Just Maths

Next Weeks Jackpot €2,000