



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



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## Club Development Program



There was a great turnout to the Club Development Program last night where Chairman Ciaran Maguire eloquently delivered a presentation of "Our Past - Our Present - Our Future". He outlined the foresight of our predecessors in helping put the club where it is today while also stressing the need for us to keep growing by harnessing the wonderful talent that already exists throughout the club. We, as a club, set our standards high, and to maintain our great facilities and to meet the needs of a growing club requires planning, hard work, dedication

and of course funding and he urged all members to contribute to the club lotto so we can continue to provide Gaelic Games and much much more for our community.

You can sign up for the lotto on this link. <https://ballyboden.club/>

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## **Seniors beat Na Fianna to make it two from two**

Sunday, 25th March 2018

Result: 3-16 to 0-11 Report by Shane O'Brien

Ballyboden's senior footballers made it two wins from two in the league thanks to a 14-point demolition of Na Fianna at Pairc Ui Murchu on Sunday morning. Second half goals from James Madden, Sam Molony and Warren Egan sent Boden on their way to a handsome win that they thoroughly deserved. Featuring a handful of last year's under 21 side, a youthful Boden were no match for their Northside rivals for the majority of Sunday's encounter as manager Anthony Rainbow continues to enjoy a dream start to life in his new role. The home side were far quicker out of the blocks and raced into a three-point lead after only four minutes through well taken points from Ryan Basquel, Collie Dunne and Ross McGarry. Na Fianna did stem the tide with a free after seven minutes, but that was quickly cancelled out by a Ryan Basquel free. Neither team would score again for 10 minutes following Basquel's free as defences firmly got on top and a goal continued to separate the sides until Ross McGarry fired over following a superb long-range pass from Basquel. Ciaran Kennedy and Ross McGarry both saw decent chances for goal well saved in a half that Boden dominated in terms of both possession and territory. James Madden and Collie Dunne further extended Boden's lead, but two Na Fianna frees coupled with their first score from play in the 28th minute, meant that only a score separated the teams going in at the break.

Na Fianna had the ball over the bar within ten seconds of the restart, and for a split second it looked as though Boden would be made to pay for a lack of conviction in the first half, but that would be as good as it got for the Northsiders. Boden had the ball in the back of the net within a minute of that point; James Madden slamming home the loose ball after Ryan Basquel's shot was well saved by the Na Fianna netminder. Boden dominated the restarts at both ends all morning, and that dominance bore fruit when Aran Waters soared to claim the next kick-out and curl over a lovely score from distance, extending Boden's lead to six in the process. The sides then twice traded scores before Boden hit their opponents with another sucker punch. For the second time in 10 minutes Boden hit a quickfire 1-01 to put the game even further out of reach, this time in the form of a Ross McGarry point, followed almost immediately by Sam Molony's goal.

Again, Boden's dominance of the restart was pivotal. An uncontested claim in the middle of the field provided the platform and left Ross McGarry in acres of space on the 45. McGarry, showing an awareness and selflessness belying his years, slipped Molony in rather than kick an easy point and the full forward did rest, beating one defender before slamming the ball into the back of the net from close range. The second goal saw Boden's lead stretch to 10 points and Na Fianna's challenge wilted badly thereafter. Basquel and Darren O'Reilly extended the lead even further, before Warren Egan poked the ball into the net at the second attempt, after his initial effort had been well saved. With nothing but pride to play for, Na

Fianna outscored Boden by two points to one in the remaining five minutes but their race was run and Boden saw out an impressive 14-point victory.

Two games played in this years league now for Boden, and two hugely impressive wins against Ballymun and Na Fianna. With more players to come back into the fold, and more time for this current crop to gel, they have laid down an ominous marker before the start of the Dublin Championship next month.

Squad: Aran Waters, Bob Dwan, Brian Bobbet, Cathal Flaherty, Cian Murray, Colm Dunne, Conor Dooley, Darragh Gogan, Darragh Nelson, Darren O'Reilly, Declan O'Mahony, James Holland, James Madden, Kieran Kennedy, Ross McGarry, Ryan Basquel, Sam Molony, Sean Gibbons, Stephen O' Connor, Tom Hanifin, Warren Egan

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## **Intermediate footballers claim first win vs Sylvester's**

Sunday, 25th March 2018

Result: 2-09 to 1-09 Report by Neil Brennan

Ballybodens first win in the league came at the expense of a strong and well drilled home who just could not match the visitors greater work rate and scoring power. Indeed were it not for some wayward shooting by the visitors this game could have been over earlier than the referees final whistle. The home side started brightly and notched a fine individual score before Boden open up their account with a well take score from O Donoghue. Monaghan added a nicely taken score from a free from distance before Murphy and the ever industrious Walsh added to their tally. Boden were motoring well at this stage when disaster struck. A poorly struck pass across their own goal allowed a Sylvesters forward to pounce and although he failed to gather the ball, the referee indicated that he had been impeded in the attempt and duly pointed to the spot. There was little that McNamee could do as the ball whistle passed him on its way to the top left hand corner. Parity restored for the home side.

Walsh added a firth point just before the break and on the whistle Sylvesters tipped over the equalizer to leave the scores at 1-02 to 0-05 at the break.

Boden looked the stronger at the start of the 2nd period but it was the home side who notched the first two scores and the visitors looked in trouble. But as the half wore on Boden upped the ante. Carolan advanced from wing back to notch a quality score before Bates levelled matters. Back came the home side to take the lead before Walsh added his third and O Donoghue added his second to put Boden one up heading in to the last ten minutes. The home side threw caution to the wind and went all out for the equalizer. Boden held firm and with a giant of a performance from Heavey and his young defence, Boden held the home side off. In a lightning counter attack the ball was move swiftly down field through 7 sets of hands before the elusive Bates rocketed the leather to the net. The build up to this score was a joy to watch. Strong running, good pass selection, unselfish hard work and a great finish from an ace sharp shooter. The home side lifted the pace of their attack again and were it not for a magnificent save from the very alert McNamee, Bodens lead would have been down to the minimum.

Sylvesters notched a final score from a 45, to put the goal between them but Boden never looked like conceding at the end.

There were some stand out performances, but Boden had no weaknesses in their team. Great cohesion and an undeniable work rate saw them put together some delightful scores.

Their defence, marshalled by the excellent Heavy was strong throughout with the two Maguires and McGrath who had a great hour. In the half back line Cullen was teak tough at centre back with Carolan adding go forward momentum all the time especially as the game wore on. In the middle Flaherty and O Donoghue were at their best. Up front Monaghan was an ideal target man alongside Dunne who worked his passage well. In Walsh, Boden had a prize attacker as his shooting was solid throughout and his movement and causing problems for the home defence. O Reilly at centre forward led the charge and set up a lot of the attacks. Bates was his usual self, running tirelessly and taking his scores when they presented themselves. Burke, Keller and Kilduff all made telling contributions when introduced as legs began to tire and this strength in dept pushed the visitors over the line.

Boden: M McNamee, F McGuire, G Heavey, T McGrath, N Maguire, S Cullen, O Carolan (0-01), L Donoghue (0-02), L O Flaherty, C Bates (1-01), E O Reilly, J Murphy (0-01), D Walsh (0-03), E Monaghan (0-01) M Dunne (0-01)

Subs; H Keller for E O Reilly 48 mins, T Bourke for N Maguire 51 mins, D Kilduff for E Monaghan 54 mins, N Maguire for S Cullen (injured) 56 mins.

Subs not used J Kane

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## Junior As beaten by Ballymun

Sunday, 25th March 2018

Result: 1-08 to 0-16 Report by Donal Monaghan and Martin Murphy

Bhí an ghrian ag taitneamh go láidir sa spéir agus an dhá fhoireann ag dul chun páirce. Faraor, níorbh fhada go raibh an ghrian ag dul faoi ar an scórchlár Bhuadáin.

Boden took to the field against an experienced looking Ballymun outfit on Sunday. After climbing lampposts and looking in ditches we managed to put together what looked on paper to be a solid team. In fact it transpired to be so. From the off Ballymun seized the upper hand and started to put some scores on the board. In the middle Leechy and Mono were feeling the heat. At the back Rory, Michael and Ryan were putting up more resistance than King Canute holding back the tide. Boden's many forays up the pitch were not bearing fruit and a good number of shots for points unfortunately ended up in the keeper's hands. Despite these mini set backs we managed to notch 4 points before the break compared to 8 for our opponents. By this stage Mono had been called ashore and Fionnan had entered the fray to shore up a ragged middle. Our full forward line of Cian, Donal McCarthy and Shane had



battled manfully to convert the crumbs into scores . Of note in the first half were points by Cian off the left and Sam carving through the centre.

The second half saw the introduction of James McTiernan and the versatile Allen Kennedy along with some reorganisation around the middle. After an exchange of points we managed to get a run on them and get it back to a margin of 2. At this stage the half back line of Sean, Kev and Keith were not letting anything past them. Some great running and support play from Lar, Sam and Karl engineered our mini revival. Inside James was proving to be a handful. Unfortunately a couple of counterattacks up the pitch by Kickhams resulted in scores that eventually established a 7 point margin. The reintroduction of Mono for Cian who had run his socks off began to cause difficulties for our opponent's defence. Almost immediately after a fine point by Mono he hit a shot off the crossbar that was turned home by James. Alas, it was too little too late.

All in all an encouraging performance where we managed to regroup and play some good football. Rory and Sean certainly turned back the years with inspirational displays. Stee was solid in goal and varied his kick-outs well. It was great to see Fionnan out of hibernation and his work-rate contributed to our revival. A special word for the 8 lads in the central area of the pitch. There was incessant running, heavy physical contests and a lot of football played in this part of the pitch. Kev and Leechie were warriors. Karl, Sam and Keith kept supporting each other and trying to make runs forward, while Lar picked up a lot of dirty ball to initiate our attacks. Despite being among the elder statesmen Sean Mulligan covered a lot of ground and remained composed under pressure. (One doesn't have to be old to qualify as an elder statesman on this team).

Fógra: many thanks to club stalwart Martin O'Donnell for coming up trumps at the last minute with some players. Go raibh míle maith agat . Also to Shane Kennedy who answered a late request- maith thú.

Fógra eile: with championship coming up we need to see more lads at training. I would appeal to the executive to impose a ban on foreign travel!!!

Squad: Stephen McGrath, Ryan Bradshaw, Michael Dunne, Rory Jordan, Keith Sweeney. Kevin Cronin (captain), Sean Mulligan, Eoghan Monahan, David Leech, Sam Lally, Karl Weldon, Laurence Murphy, Cian Lynch, Donal McCarthy, Shane Kennedy, Allen Kennedy, Fionnán Keogh, James McTiernan

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## **Minor A League-Boden and Crokes Share the spoils**

[BBSE 0 14 Kilmacud Crokes 1 11](#)  
[Spring has sprung - The Shepherd Reports](#)

On a beautiful spring morning Kilmacud Crokes welcomed our Minor A hurlers to Silverpark. Happy faces greeted us and the Stillorgan side provided dressing rooms and quality warm up space in order for us to prepare for what was a good game of hurling. There was a sizeable crowd on both sidelines to cheer on the young lads and one can feel the attention on this group of players increase as they gain momentum as the year moves on.

The match itself was a tight affair and the nip and tuck was a delight to the supporters who were served up as tight a match as one could hope for. Indeed such was the tight nature of the contest that the first to feel the wrath of the referee and to see the line were two umpires who just couldn't agree. Our backs left nothing after them and great credit is due to the full back line of Joe Mc Grath, Cillian Wall and Ciarán Mc Donnell. The first half saw the teams exchange point for point with Kevin Desmond, Seán O'Donnell, Ruairí Mac Mathúna, Feargal Ryan and Pearse Christie scoring for Boden. The half back line of Mac Mathúna, Kirwan and Dunleavy were outstanding in their domination in the opening thirty minutes. Despite the Boden supporters and this mathematically challenged reporter guessing otherwise the Ref put it at 0-6 to 1-3 at the break. The Kilmacud goal was a tasty one that 'keeper Jack Lambert could do little about, but the lads in blue and white were happy to be still in it after 30 minutes. A much-needed break was necessary and the chaps took on water and oxygen (a far cry from a draw on a fag and a slug from a bottle that was the staple of minor hurlers in years gone by!).

The second half was a step up in effort from both sides. The midfield pairing of Kenny and Christie made for a formidable engine room for the Firhouse Road outfit. After some pulling and dragging 'Boden were reduced to fourteen men but our lads were not to be deterred and if anything increased their determination and drive as five backs worked tirelessly to contain a fiery Crokes set of forwards. Second half scoring saw Ciarán O'Reilly bagging a brace, with Desmond and Christie getting themselves on the scoreboard again. Feargal Ryan was solid as a rock on the frees sending four over the black spot. Both Peter Gannon and Luke McDwyer laboured intensely with Peter making way for Cian Corcoran when he was spent. Enda Cashman came on for Seán O'Donnell who poured everything he had into the game after rising from his sick-bed. The final score had the two sets of young hurlers tied again BBSE 0-14 KC 1-11. The lads headed off to Croker with a pep in their step with nothing to do for the next two weeks but to practice some catching (particularly high dropping balls). Maith sibh ar fad!

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**Hurling Championship Coming soon!**



## ***HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS***

·April 7<sup>th</sup> – Senior A V Craobh Chiaráin in O’ Toole Park at 5.45pm

·April 7<sup>th</sup> – Senior B V Thomas Davis in Sancta Maria at 6.00pm

·April 7<sup>th</sup> – Junior A V St. Finian’s in Ballycullen at 6.00pm

·April 8<sup>th</sup> – Junior C V Erin’s Isle in Finglas at 11.00am

***Please support – Bígí Linn***

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### **Boden’s Camogie Senior 2’s Come Up Short**

Our Senior 2 Camogie team got their season up and running last Thursday night under flood lights in Ringsend against a well balanced Clanna Gael team . With a host of girls making their debut in Adult Camogie, Declan O’ Brien’s charges gave a very good account of themselves in the first Cup game of the season before eventually going down on a scoreline of 3-4 to 0-5.

Clanna Gael made the better start with two quick goals as our girls adjusted to the quicker tempo. However, Ballyboden soon settled, ably led by the experienced trio of Mary Hyland, Ciara Lambert at the back and trojan work by Aoife O’Brien at midfield. Tigerish defending by Nicola McCarthy , Saoirse Fitzgerald, Derbhla De Frein and Saoirse Hassett kept further Clanna Gael scores to a premium. Our half forwards of Lauren Bentley and Aisling McCullough came more into the game as the half progressed as they battled against Clanna Gael’s strongest line.

Behind by 2-4 to 0-2 at halftime, Ballyboden were the dominant force in the second half led by Ciara Barnes and Aine O’Brien. A point blank save from goalie, Sarah Mulvey , was the catalyst for increased effort and commitment throughout the field and Ballyboden came close to goals on a number of occasions with the Clanna Gael goalie denying fine efforts from Hannah Conway , Chloe Murphy and Muireann Delaney. A couple of fine points by the



skilful Elizabeth Manning reduced the deficit but notwithstanding the efforts of Hannah Tevlin, Roisin McKeon and Aoife Murphy, Clanna Gael held firm for a deserved victory.

All in all, a great effort on the night from a young team and with a couple of experienced players to come back, the team will be looking to overturn this result when the sides meet again in the first round of the league on 5th April.

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### Senior B ladies Challenge match



Our Senior B Ladies made use of the clocks going back and the extra hour of daylight in the day on Sunday by inviting Ballybougall Ladies to a challenge match in Cherryfield. For more photos, see [here](#)

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### Minor C Ladies football record big win

What a sunny spring day heading over to St Anne's park to play against Clontarf. The girls started off slow but soon got into their first game of the season. The fitness training by Paul Hall was paying off. The girls played brilliantly. They showed a great display of all their skills. There was Sarah in goal who worked along side the defenders Saoirse, Maeve, Roisin, Molly, Grace and Sheena. Our midfielders Alison and Georgina were passing great ball to the forwards Rachel, Clodagh, Hannah, Katie, Ellen, Caoimhe and Emily. Emily who alone scored 4 goals. Colm Bolger was delighted with the girls as they listened to his instructions at the half time talk and as always supplying the oranges. All were delighted with the final score 6.6 to 1.5

## U14 Hurlers travel to Wexford



On Sunday morning, the Under 14 Hurlers travelled to Buffers Alley in Wexford for a challenge game.

The game was a curtain raiser to a Leinster Senior League Division 1 game between Buffers Alley and Coolderry which ended in a draw.

Conditions were perfect for the 12.00 noon throw in. Buffers Alley had reached the last 4 of the 2017 All Ireland Division 1 Féile Championship and with many of their players still eligible, a tough challenge was expected by the Boden boys.

Boden got off to a flying start with a nicely flicked goal from corner forward Sean O'Shea. This was followed by a well worked point from Keelin Smith but the home side rallied and tagged on three points including two from play.

Both defences were in general on top. The Boden half back line of Ciaran Kiely, Scott McDonald and Jim Kennedy was particularly impressive.

Sean O'Shea added another point and Darragh Brooks raised a second green flag mid-way through the first half. This was to be Boden's last score of the half as the Buffers Alley excellent midfield pairing took control of the game. With the score line at 2-02 to 0-05, Buffers Alley were awarded a penalty. The result was a point and Boden were lucky to break with a two point advantage.

The second half was again a very even affair with both sides registering some well taken points. The Boden forwards were applying far more pressure and Oisín Byrne operating at right half forward capitalised with two fantastic scores. Darragh Brooks who had switched into full forward scored a crucial third goal following an excellent run and pass by Keelin Smith. In another well worked move, Stephen Pullan was unlikely to find his goal effort hit the upright.

The final score from two very evenly matched teams was Buffers Alley 0-10 Ballyboden 3-06.

Ballyboden Panel: Jack Hutchinson, Andrew McGough, Barry McGuire, Evan Nugent, Ciaran Kiely, Scott McDonald, Jim Kennedy, Oisín Murray, Leon Kennedy, Oisín Byrne, Darragh Brooks, Sam Doyle, Sean O'Shea, John Farrington, Keelin Smith, Stephen Pullan, Tom McGrenery, Sean Wall, Fionn Keating McDermott, Mark McSharry.

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## U10 Hurling Update





Some of our U10 Hurlers travelled to St Anne's Park last a Saturday to take on Naomh Barrog.

A great day was had by all and the lads put the shoulder to the wheel and played great. Well done boys!

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**U10 Hurling update continued**





Meanwhile some other U10's stayed south side when they travelled to St Marks of Tallaght.

It is evident the boys are growing in confidence all the time, the bravery, the hooking and blocking was a pleasure to watch on Saturday.

For more photos see [here](#)

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### U15 Football League Division 4-Big Win for Boden





## St Peregrines 3–7 Ballyboden 3-21

Ballyboden headed for Hartstown on Sunday morning with only 15 players to play Peregrines in the league. Both teams went into this game having lost 1 league game each, so a close encounter was expected.

The game opened with Peregrines dominating the first 10 minutes and scoring the first 2 points without reply. However, Boden soon came to terms with the opposition's strong running game and really took control and led 0-3 to 2-9 at half time.

Boden continued to get the better of their opponents in the second half with outstanding performances from 1 to 15 and ran out comfortable winners finishing with an impressive score of 3-21 with all scores bar 2 points coming from play.

Team: Ryan Skelly, Tom White, Conor Barnes, Lorcan O'Keeffe, Adam O'Hare (0-2), Matthew Ormsby, Patrick McWalter, Evan Welsh (0-1), Daniel Lynch (0-1), Conor Casey (0-8), Luke Bentley (0-3), Harry Duff (1-0), Cian Kelly (0-2), Michael Hanrahan (1-3) and Niall Moore (1-1).

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## U13 Football Grading League Division 14

Our U13D's were kept busy playing the last 2 grading matches at the weekend.

On Saturday they played Fingallians in Santa Maria. This was a closely contested game with both sides playing good football. Fingallians were the stronger side and in the end this stood to them and they won.

On Sunday morning the boys headed north side again travelling to Beann Eanair to play a back match.

Boden were slow to start and Beann Eanair were getting easy scores. Boden did come into the game and played some neat passes and were unlucky not to get scores. Eanair were in the lead at half-time.

Boden started the second-half and with good play and we got good scores but Eanair were the better side and saw the game out.

This has been a tough division with some tough matches and the boys can be proud of the massive improvement that they have made and the never give up attitude.

The mentors await to see what the league brings and look forward to seeing future competitive matches

Well done to all the boys.

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## U16C Ladies Football



Our U16C Ladies had a great start to their Football League campaign last Sunday when they had a very comprehensive win over Beann Eadair in Cherryfield on Sunday.

Well done girls and continued success

Photos by [Cliona Mellett](#).

For more photos, see [here](#)

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## Under 9 Girls kick off their first ever Go Games



After two years in the Academy and six months of intense training, the Under 9 Girls were well prepared for their first ever Go Games. On a bright and sunny spring Sunday morning, six teams lined out to play football against 3 teams from Lucan Sarsfields (home) and 3 teams from Ballinteer St John's. All the girls put in a fantastic effort in front of a large group of enthusiastic supporters.

The girls did themselves, their parents, coaches and club proud. Most of all, they had great fun and all look forward to their next Go Games after the Easter break.

Well done girls!

Thanks to [Eamonn Gormley](#) and [Kevin Mulrooney](#) for the photos. For more photos click [here](#)

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**Congrats to Daire Walsh**





Congratulations to former Senior footballer Daire Walsh and his bride Kathy who were married on Saturday 24th March.

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### Easter at BBSE

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**BALLYBODEN ST. ENDA'S**  
**Easter Sunday Fun Day**  
**3pm-Easter Egg Hunt**  
**(Prebook essential on 0879978365)**

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## CaogaBliain ag Fás.....Information Meeting Friday 16/02/2018



Tomás O'Reachtabhra opened the meeting welcoming all present, introducing the 50th Anniversary Committee, thanking John Galvin for the wonderful slide show of photographs, old and new of club members and events and outlining the agenda for the evening. Tomás invited club chairman Ciarán Maguire to address the meeting.

### **Ciarán Maguire – Club chairman**

Ciarán opened his address paying tribute to our founding members, quoting Isaac Newton 'if I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants' He spoke of the growth of the club recognising the work of our founders 'through the toil of their arms', progressing to the present day, a club with 3,000 members, 400 volunteers, a pool of 10 Primary schools and a budget of €800,000 annually.

It is very important he said, to recognise the high standards set by our founders, the same high standards our members continue to set today, the quality of their work and the contribution they make to the social calendar of the club.

Ciarán told the meeting that he invited John Kirwan to form a committee to steer the 50th Celebrations and has great confidence in his leadership.

The objective of the 50th celebrations, he said, was to encompass all club members and encourage their input to the events and celebrations surrounding the anniversary.

Tomás thanked Ciarán for his address and extended a special welcome to our club President Kevin Griffin and his wife Dolores. Paddy Walsh was invited to address the meeting.

Paddy Walsh - Archive

Paddy opened his address by reading the minutes of a general meeting of Ballyboden St Endas held on the 18/09/1969.

He said that he heard Paul McGinley, a Ryder Cup Captain, in an interview, speaking of how being a team player and a member of Ballyboden St Endas, impacted positively on his success in his golfing career. This interview, Paddy said, stirred in him the importance of documenting the history of our club and the idea of creating a club archive.

He appealed for photographs and material from club members to enable him to build up the archive. He said that oral history would form a very important part and interviewing and chatting with members, recalling memories of times and events in the club would add greatly to his archive project.

The purchase of specialised equipment has and will enable the capture of valuable memories. Space will be allocated to him to store relating photographs, documents and material and a tight control will apply when the archive opens to club members for viewing.

Tomás complimented Paddy on his professional approach and said that his archive studies have given him the tools necessary to chart and create a club archive.

Tomás then invited Gerry O'Sullivan to address the meeting.

Gerry O'Sullivan – Club history book

Gerry said that the club history he is writing would reflect on the lead into, and on the past 50 years from the club's foundation to becoming, as it is today the largest GAA Club in the world.

This project is a work in progress and that he has been working on it over the past number of years. The history he said will document the threads and characteristics that created the merger of 3 clubs, Ballyboden Wanderers, St Endas and St Josephs to become Ballyboden St Endas GAA Club.

He aims to highlight in the book, the strong tradition of expansion, our sense of good organisation and our very high standards, all of which are very well recognised throughout the wider GAA Family. He assured that selections would be fair and said that he will need assistance from club members. Members can forward appropriate information to [stendas@gmail.com](mailto:stendas@gmail.com)

Tomás complimented Gerry on his preparation for the meeting and on his fine speaking skills.

Liam Deane – Gala night

Liam Deane addressing the meeting said that the events of the year will come to a close with a Gala Celebration on the 29/11/2019 in City West. He said a subcommittee has been formed to organise the event. The committee members are Emer Kennedy Gannon, Ken Giles, Sinead Ryan, Grainne Nolan and Liam Deane.

Tomás thanked Liam for his contribution and his work. The meeting was then opened to the floor inviting ideas and suggestions as to how best we mark the club's 50 years.

An excellent contribution of chat and anecdotes from many speakers from the floor ensued, and added greatly to the meeting.

Many of the suggestions and ideas from the members will be considered in the programme of events for 2019.

[John Kirwan – 50th Anniversary Committee Chairman](#)

John said he was delighted with the turn out at the meeting and with the messages he received from those who could not attend. He spoke that his earnest wish was that our seniors will bring Dublin championship titles to the club in 2019. He said that the 50th anniversary should

be the motivation to strive to achieve that aim.

John also spoke of his wish to have a county handball representative in the Dublin County Championship in 2019 and acknowledged the support of Brian O'Regan, Paul McLoughlin and Brendan Ryan and Emmet Pullen for the sport within the club.

He said that all events in 2019 will be branded as 50th anniversary events.

John concluded by stating the purpose of the meeting was to invite club members to air their ideas and suggestions for consideration on how best to celebrate the anniversary.

John closed the meeting thanking all for coming and for their input to the meeting and concluded by reiterating that "on the shoulders of giants" puts all into perspective.

#### Committee:

John Kirwan Chairman, Gerry O'Sullivan Vice Chairman – Club History, Thérèse Keville Secretary, Pat Conway, Jim Humphreys, Emer Kennedy Gannon, Liam Deane – Celebratory Function ( Ken Giles, Grainne Nolan, Helen Duignan, Emer Kennedy Gannon, Sinead Ryan), Paddy Walsh – Archives ( Eamonn Treacy, Jim Humphreys, Pat Walsh), Sean O'Connor (Executive Sponsor), Tomás O'Reachtabhra.

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