



2023



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2023 saw the start of LGFA in Aughrim. We have almost fifty young girls playing football from the U10 age group down - it is wonderful to see so many girls participating in Gaelic games and we are delighted as a club to be able to facilitate LGFA in our village.

Our U10 and U8 teams participated in the Go Games blitz's this year. All games were extremely competitive and the girls' skills have come on immensely during the year. For 2024 we look forward to fielding our first U12 team along with the existing U10 and U8 teams.

We were lucky to have the support of so many local businesses to sponsor our girls' teams. A big thanks goes to Arklow/Aughrim Credit Union for sponsoring jerseys for all teams. Thanks to Aughrim Cabs (Johnathon Stapleton) and Shamrock Construction (Derek Kavanagh) for sponsoring t-shirts and to Darren Mooney of Mooney Tiling for sponsoring LGFA flags and bunting.

We are lucky to have a wonderful group of coaches and parents involved in our new set-up and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for our newly formed club.

On the adult side, we established a G4MO's team in October. We have over 50 "mothers and others" local ladies joined up. Weekly training sessions are a laugh a minute and we look forward to lining out in our first blitz over the Christmas season. A special thanks to our coaches Derek Kavanagh, John Keenan and Darren Mooney. A big thank you also to our sponsors Woodfab, who have sponsored a jersey for each player.





What a great year for our LGFA section. A decision to regrade to Intermediate level was taken at the start of the year, to enable our young players transition to adult football. The transition was quicker than most people had expected. The girls comfortably qualified from their group. In a titanic semi final battle with Annacurra the team required a last minute free to go to extra time where our girls ran out easy winners to qualify for a final against Carnew Emmets in Bray. The final was a closely fought battle, however, a late goal proved crucial and 1-08 from Captain Ella Parke secured a great win. We were also able to field a Junior team in the Championship. This was a very young team who did well qualify to meet Barndarrig in the Junior B final, however Barndarrig possessed too much experience and won through after extra time. The Minor girls also picked up a County title in late November beating Kilcoole on a winters night to win the Minor B Championship final.

The Gaelic4Mothers&Others group went from strength to strength during 2023 with a lot of firsts for the ladies and their 3 great coaches. They played their first match away to Monasterevin in April for many of the team their first ever gaelic match. They then went onto play many challenge games and compete in many blitzes and also hosted their own one. The highlight of the season was when they were chosen to participate in the National Blitz in Portmarnock. They joined 138 teams from all over Ireland on the day and thoroughly enjoyed a great fun day.

Both the u8 and u10 girls started training in early Spring. Both teams participated in a monthly blitz throughout the season and improving their skills with every game. They both took part in our annual Joe McHugh and James Byrne cup which this year due to bad weather took place under the lights which the children all loved and was very well attended by the children and their families.

The u12 girls grew their numbers during the year which was great to see with some girls returning and also new girls joining. The girls grew competitive as the season progressed which was great to see as before they make the move up to u14 next year and competitive leagues and championships. The girls played challenge matches and also took part in the annual tournament in Tinryland.

Our u14 girls trained from early in the year the girls won 5 of their 7 league games. Unfortunately they were beaten by 3 point by Carnew to win the league. The girls went into the Shield competition in the Championship. They played Bray in the semi final and it was a nail biting game and finish with our girls scoring a goal in they dying minutes of the game to see them win the game by a point. Another great and

exciting game was in store for the large support the girls got in the Shield final in Dunlavin when they faced An Tóchar. The girls were down by 8 points with 10 minutes to go in normal time and put in a great shift to pull it back level and bring the game to extra time. Great fitness levels and spirit seen the girls kick on and win the game. A lot of the u14 girls also played in the Feile competition during the summer where they topped their group but lost out at the semi final stage.

The u16 girls competed in both league division 1 and the B Championship. Prior to the league the girls played some challenge matches. They then played 9 competitive league games. In the Championship the girls had great wins over Rathnew, Ashford and Bray Emmets and they topped the group giving our girls home advantage v An Tóchar in the semi final. The girls out in a terrific performance to get to the County Final. The girls once again faced Bray Emmets in the final, the girls gave their performance of the year in the second half of the final and went onto win the u16 B Championship.

We were very proud to see Harry Kavanagh and Lily Monahan both win the Wicklow Cumann na MBunscol Skills competitions. For winning both got to play in Croke Park at half time, Harry during the All Ireland semi final between Derry and Kerry. Lily played on All Ireland Final day between Dublin and Kerry. An unforgettable experience for both children and their families.

We were delighted to see our clubman Stephen Fagan ref the Senior Football final replay in Aughrim and Brian Foley take charge of the Senior Ladies Final in Bray this year.

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The Barndarrig Junior Ladies team had a brilliant season. Starting the league in Mar23 against Kilcoole on a rainy night. The league ran till late May with new players joining the panel following from the Bring a Friend to Training evening. And a training plan in place with the Championship in mind.

The league was followed by a mini championship which our ladies came out on top to claim the trophy. The competition whet down to the last game with our ladies winning on the better points margin over our nearest rivals Rathnew.

The highlight of the 2023 season was without doubt the winning of the Junior Championship for the first time. An excellent win over Bray and Ashford with the only loss to Rathnew away. The final was an epic encounter against Baltinglass on a sunny day in Laragh. The game was keenly contested from the start with two well coached teams. After normal time the game ended in a draw. Extra time was needed and Barndarrig came out on top by 2 points. Jubilant scenes followed as Team Captain Amanda Hollingsworth was presented with the cup on a great day for everyone involved with the club. Celebrations lasted long into the night.



Barndarrig Ladies Junior Champions 2023



Barndarrig Girls 2023