



2023



Clubs

Blessington

Carnew Emmets

Donard The Glen





It's been a very busy and most enjoyable year with these girls. Great commitment, hard work & respect shown throughout the year!!! We travelled out to Tinahealy with a very young team to take part in their Annual 7's, it was a fantastic day and the girls would of gained lots experience!!!

We entered the Portmarnick 7's which was great craic, we reached the semi final coming up against some very strong teams from all over Ireland!!!

Our girls trained so well and had themselves well prepared in every way we could of asked and had some super, high scoring performances in the league, all our hard work paid off with a brilliant result making us LEAGUE CHAMPION 🏆!!!!

Unfortunately we lost some of our very important girls along the way due to travels and injuries, I'm sure they'll be back in no time 😊

We've now come into championship season, the girls put so much time and effort and had themselves physically and mentally set for this. It was a very exciting time with some ups & downs, we got to the Final against Tinahealy, the girls were outstanding, only a kick away from getting over the line, unfortunately we lost on a very small score difference.

We have a very young team, the girls would of gained a wealth of experience and we really look forward to next year to finish our job

Blessington Adult Ladies 2nd and 3rd teams.

Blessington 2 and 3rd teams trained together throughout the year starting out in the Gym on the 5th of December putting in 76 training sessions, 23 adult games and 6 minor games. The girls





Blessington Ladies Intermediate

started with a squad number of 27 players this grew to 44 girls being involved by the end of the year a lot of girls joining up after college and leaving cert and over the summer. A really good mix of girls from 17 to parents some playing for fun, some for social element and some to compete and develop. Games started in March with some of the girls playing in the Minor No county players competition with 13 girls involved in county were unavailable but 22 girls got to experience minor in early year competition. This was quickly followed by the Div 3 and 4 leagues with finishing 3rd from 4 in division 3 and 4th from 8 in division 4. We were able to field 2 teams for Junior and Intermediate Championship and finally 3 games in the Minor Championship.

On the pitch there were some wins, some losses for every game regardless of the results the girls worked hard and improved throughout the year, every player regardless of the strength of the opposition worked hard to the final whistle.

Off the pitch there were some enjoyable days with a spay



day in Bray, a few pizza meals in Avon, a climb up black hill and a really enjoyable Bingo night that raised €900 for some new kit.

The team got great support from the U16 squad. Saidbh Keenan from the senior team was a huge support playing in 8 games. Congratulations to Becky Doran and Paige McDonnald who got called up to the senior team.

There was huge improvement in skills and fitness from so many players, for the coaches it was a hugely enjoyable year



and great to have had the chance to work with such a great group of girls. Hopefully sticks with it next year

Team would like to thank Jess Brennan and Róisín Ellis for doing physio and the ladies committee for all the support through the year particularly Nessa Quinlan.

Junior Team

Amanda Lynch, Laura Noonan, Abbie O'Riordan, Alannah Phibbs, Aoife Kinsella, Aoife Richardson, Asia Duggan, Ava Jordan Dempsey, Ciara Tracey, Clodagh Hynes, Ellie McKeever, Georgia Mae Keeley, Grace Quigley, Hannah Byrne, Hope Walsh, Jane Johnston, Kaitlin Elliott, Meabh Murphey, Michaela Garvey, Nicole Walsh, Sheana Curren, Lisa Mulalley

Intermediate Team

Leah Quigley (CPTN), Rebecca Doran (CPTN), Betty Murray, Caoimhe Kinsella, Clara Keane, Eilis Reid, Emma Carpenter, Emma Stynes, Isabelle Halligan, Kate Loughman, Moya Richardson, Paige McDonald, Róisín Doyle, Sadhbh Cotter, Saoirse O'Toole, Seina O'Neill, Sophie O'Driscoll, Siadh Keenan

Coaches:

Dave Doyle, Jay McCarthy, Sinead Johnston, Sean Dempsey, Kevin Dooley, Paul Quinlan



U14 Girls

Our u14 girls had a good year, going from strength to strength. We had 60+ girls fielding 3 teams in divisions 1,2 and 3. It was a full year of football playing teams from all over the county. Our blue and white both made it through to the semifinal of the championship, in divisions 1 and 2, this was a good achievement as it was the first year to play in a championship. The girls really enjoyed themselves this

year and are looking forward to next year. With these numbers of girls coming through the future is bright for Blessington ladies.

U12 Girls

Our U12 girls had a brilliant season. Their progress is remarkable. We set out this year with the intention of



Minor B Girls

promoting inclusion, ensuring fun remained central to everything we do. Whilst developing skills, instilling confidence and preparing the team for plenty more years of football. This team are a credit to our club. Their positive attitude and supportive nature, their hard work and their own determination to do their best has resulted in an amazingly strong group. We had over 40 players playing consistently throughout the season, playing 30 matches in total, in two divisions. Coaches couldn't be prouder of this group of girls. Well done to each and every one of them.

Coaches: Dave Greville, Róisín O'Brien, Avril Fagan, Noel Kinsella and Noel Fahy.

Minor B Girls

Minor competition started early this year with

Minor Ladies started the year in the minor no county cup competition in early March, With 13 girls involved in county squads unavailable it was great to be able to field a squad of 22 players. The competition was short 3 games V,Bray, AnTochar and Carnew, with 13 co players unavailable it gave others the opportunity to get plenty of game time and prepare for the year ahead. The squad included.

Clara Keane, Kaitlin Elliott, Emily O'Reilly, Aoibheann Bailey, Olivia Quigley, Aimee Hill, Sophie O'Driscoll, Abbie O'Riordan, Jane Johnston, Aoife Kinsella, Eilis Reid, Emma Carpenter, Alannah Phibbs, Ciara Tracey, Michaela Garvey, Georgia Mae Keeley, Asia Duggan, Roisin Doyle, Bree Healy, Lucy Gahan, Willow Pope, Emma Stynes.

Coaches and mentors Ann Doyle, , Dave Doyle, Sean Dempsey, Meabh Murphey, Sarah Peppars, Shauna Byrne Kevin Dooley

Minor B championship:

Its a credit to work and players in the club that the club was



Minor B Girls



Under 14 Girls



Under 12 Girls

able to field 2 minor team in the championship the A team had 26 players and the B team had 22 players giving experience and game time to over 48 players. With all but 2 players still eligible to play minor next year and a good number able to play for the next 2/3 years this young team got good championship exposure which will stand to them in the coming year playing games V Clara, AnTochar and Vallemount. The girls put in hard work at training while the results didn't go our way the girls showed great heart, determination, team spirit and workrate. Training sessions were enjoyable hard working with a good atmosphere. Looking forward to seeing the girls build on this for next year.

Minor B squad

Alannah Phibbs, Aoife Kinsella, Bree Healy, Ciara Treacy, Emily O'Rourke, Emma Carpenter, Georgia Mae Keeley, Jane Johnson, Katelyn Elliott, Katie Quinlan, Mlchaela Garvey, Olivia Quigley, Robyn Knowles, Sheana Curran Barr, Willow Pope, Mollie Courtney, Sophie O'Driscoll, Asia Duggan, Orladh Murphey, Eimear Doyle, Lucy Flannigan, Maria Grassick Guenther, Julie Allen.

Coaches and mentors Ann Doyle, Paul Quinlin, Dave Doyle, Sean Dempsey, Kevin Dooley.

3 in a Row Minor Champions

Once again our Minors had a strong championship campaign with comprehensive wins throughout.

AGB being our opponents in the final on 26th November in Aughrim.

AGB got off to the perfect start scoring a goal from the throw in which unsettled us as we uncharacteristically made hard work of the first half with some poor basic errors and decision making. A physical encounter throughout and after some mistakes our girls grew into the game just like we knew they would and with the impressive efforts of our turnovers won and the pressure we applied we began to play patient composed football to go in at halftime leading 1-6 to 1-2.

The break was needed and the regrouping at HT was the key to turning this performance around and it began from the second throw in with Emily-Rose tenaciously taking the breaking ball to filter the ball fantastically through the forwards for a super team score. AGB were awarded a penalty early in the second half, Anna Carlyon pulled off the saves of all saves diving pin perfect to the ball on her right. Spectacular moment with the girls knowing this was the game changer, we powered on from that and never looked back, continuously widening the gap and converting

some excellent scores.

All our girls stood up when it counted and this is a trait they never fail to convict. A team of pure class.

Result: Blesso 4-12 AGB 3-04

Team: Anna Carlyon , Elaine O'Dwyer (Captain), Orlaith Ní Ghallchobhair , Ava Jordan Dempsey , Erin McMahon, Emily-Rose O'Toole 0-1, Niamh Brennan , Leila Shannon (Vice Captain), Aoife Cullen, Aibhe King 0-2, Sadhbh Fisher 0-3, Aoibheann Bailey 0-1, Paige McDonald 1-1, Robyn Brennan 2-3, Ciara O'Neill 0-1, Cria Cullen, Clara Keane 1-0, Abbie O'Riordan, Roisin Doyle, Sadhbh Keenan, Eilis Reid, Aisling Brennan, Emma Styne.

We are proud more than words can say of everything this team has achieved. One hell of a trophy cabinet:

🏆 9 A Championship Titles (U12-Minor)

🏆 2 Feiles & 1 National Feile

🏆 5 Division 1 Leagues (U12-U16)

Thanks so much to the parents who have been an incredible support throughout our journey.

The end of an incredible juvenile journey for this squad together



Under 12 Girls



3 in a Row Minor Champions

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We are delighted to be playing football at the top level in division 1 for our juvenile teams and each team certainly strived for success. They made great efforts in division 1 and played their hearts out at every match. One thing is to be said – they never stop and never give up!

Under 14

Our U14s made history winning the A League and A championship – a feat that has not been seen in Carnew for many years! These girls are a huge credit to their club, parents, team and management. Well done to all involved! We couldn't be more prouder if we tried!

Under 16

Our U16s reached the Shield A final to be beaten by a very stong Eire Óg team. The resilience they showed all year and to play in division 1 was fantastic for these girls, who are the future of our club. A force to be reckoned with we are sure in the next year of football.

Minor

Well done to our Minor footballers who reached the A Semi-final. They were unfortunate but fought to the bitter end, as they always do.

Intermediate

We were heartbroken for our Intermediates who lost out in the final against a strong Baltinglass team! We are very proud of the commitment these girls have shown this year

and we are hoping to take it to the final for 2024 and bring home that well deserved cup!

The progression of this club is only getting better and with the development of our underage teams, Carnew is now seen as a force to be reckoned with.

Thank you to our sponsors – Centra, Caterboss, Enviroleak, Kennys, Candy's, Altura and anyone who has supported us this year.

Our underage teams have had a great year so thank you to all of the coaches, parents and committee for their help with these teams. We hope we will have you all again for the next season.

A special mention must go to our two u14 county players Karen O'Brien and Colleen Gregan who massively contributed to the All-Ireland U14 Bronze Final win!

Well done to all our other county players who represent our club in various grades.

Our thoughts and sympathies go to those who have lost loved ones this year.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.





Our U14 Girls League and Championship Double Winners





Our County Ladies





Gaelic 4 Mothers and Others

Donard/Glen now have a very successful Gaelic 4 Mothers and Others team and 2023 was a great season. The team put in a huge effort this year with plenty of training sessions. On the playing front they had some great games and participated in a couple of blitzes. Alongside that, there was plenty of fun throughout the season which is what this initiative is all about. The success of this team and the fun had is down to those who turn up each week and the coaches and mentors making it all happen. The group are already looking forward to more of the same in 2024 and will be on the lookout for even more players to come and join the ranks.



Donard The Glen Gaelic 4 Mothers and Others

