



# Emmet Bhré CLG

Bray Emmets GAA Club

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# YEAR BOOK 2018



*“United we stand, Divided we fall.”*

# Chairman's Address



It is great to be able to look back on another year of achievements on and off the pitch. The club continues to grow with over 1100 members playing 4 sports in competitions in Dublin and Wicklow as well as in Leinster.

This only happens with the year-round effort of players, coaches' parents and club officials.

There are several highlights for the club during the year, one being the awarding of the Presidents Medal to Club president Jackie Napier for services to Hurling.

Other highlights were the Sports Lunch hosted by former player Dara O Briain which saw 400 guests enjoy a great afternoon of entertainment and raise considerable funds for the Club.

On the field the club is now fielding the largest numbers of teams ever, the growth is particularly evident at juvenile level with huge numbers of boys and girls leaving the academy every year into competitions in Dublin and Wicklow.

Bray Emmets continue to provide large number of players to Wicklow county teams at Senior and Juvenile level. I would like to thank all those players for the efforts while representing Wicklow and wish them well for the upcoming season.

The Clubs Games Development Officer Willie Braine and his increasing band of helpers continue to achieve incredible results in promoting GAA in the schools in Bray with many notable achievements being achieved now by Bray schools in county competitions as a result of the work from Willie his teams and by the Teachers of Bray.

Bray Emmets has some of the best facilities of any club in Ireland,

I would like to thank the Development committee for the work in maintaining the grounds and their continued work to constantly improve the facilities.

The Development committee are currently working on a project to extend the floodlighting to additional pitches thus enabling more teams to be facilitated for greater parts of the year.

The greater number of Bray Teams needs to be planned for as we grow and grow.

Bray Emmets is so lucky to have so many people that give of their time to make the club the success that it is, it is difficult to call out certain groups for the risk of potentially forgetting somebody.

I would like to thank the Group that run the shop and take care of catering for all the club events.

Grainne Roddy and her extensive team of helpers for the café every Saturday, Leann Plunket and her team for the much-loved juvenile discos.

I want to thank the Management committee for their hard work and all other members that have supported and assisted me in my first year of Chairman.

Finally, I want to thank all the members for their part in making Bray Emmets a great club and wish them well in 2019.

***Paul Cunningham***

# 2018 Management Committee



Jackie Napier  
Uachtaráin



Paul Cunningham  
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Liam McGraynor  
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## GAA President's Awards 2018 - Jackie Napier

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Aogán Ó Fearghail, Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, presented his 2018 Leinster Presidents Award to our Club President, Jack Napier at a Banquet in the Croke Park Hotel. These awards are organised and presented on an annual basis to honour those who go above and beyond the call of duty in their commitment and dedication to their chosen field within the wider GAA family. Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Aogán Ó Fearghail said: "This event is one of the highlights in the diary of an Uachtarán because it is a special opportunity to shine a light on some of the outstanding people whose selfless dedication to our Games has made our Association the thriving entity that it is today. It was certainly a proud night for Jackie and his family. It was also a privilege for a number of our club members to be present on the night to join in the celebration. Jackie has been instrumental in the promotion of the GAA in Bray and Wicklow over 60 years and in particular his beloved game of hurling. In 2014 those efforts were rewarded with the Wicklow Senior Hurling Championship coming back to Bray Emmets after a hiatus of 59 years. He has held many positions at club level including secretary and chairman, as well as positions on the Wicklow County Board. He has also been the Wicklow Leinster and Central Council delegate and he also served on National Committees. Jackie was also a referee and a selector on numerous Bray Emmets and county hurling teams. *His passion and enthusiasm are an example to all*



# International Sports Lunch 2018

Did you miss our International Sports Lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> September? Well if you did, you are the poorer for it. This really was a day to remember in the long history of Bray Emmets club and followed on other great social events such as the Strictly and the Oscars. We were treated to some great comedy and wit, insight and information from Dara O'Briain, Nicky English and Charlie Swan. How lucky are we to be able to get such international stars for a Bray Emmet's event?

There was a great crowd of over 400 people at the event in the Ballsbridge Hotel who had an excellent lunch and were then entertained by our guests who totally gripped the attention of all in the room for some two hours. Dara began in his typical way by speaking directly to the crowd and regaling all with his unique take on his time as a Bray Emmets player with many humorous episodes from many Wicklow grounds which captured the emotions of these games and with which so many could associate. This was followed by insider's entertaining and informative view of many sports particularly Hurling and Horse Racing from Nicky and Charlie which was very cleverly guided by Dara. There was unanimous agreement that this was top-class entertainment and all enjoyed every minute of it.

Thank you to all our sponsors and supporters who helped in no small way to make this such a wonderful event. A special thank you to Justin Carty who was not only a major sponsor but also was instrumental in bringing our top line stars to the event.

Thank you to all the organisers, particularly Gary Prunty & Paul Cunningham, who put in such hard work which was justified royally.

By the way, if you did miss out on the event, don't worry as you can get ready for next year as this is a must repeat event.



# Senior Football

## Summary:

Despite the senior men footballers definitely making progress from the previous season in 2018 there was still some disappointment as there was not as much progress as the panel and management would have wanted at the start of the year. We added to the squad in January with some fantastic young lads coming through from Charlie Rochford's minor team and also an import for the 2018 from Tyrone made a young impact on the team. In total we had seven players make their Senior debuts this year, which we hopefully pays dividend in the coming years. We also had 13 dual players in our football squad this year which may give people some context of how important the club's dual player policy introduced at the start of the year is to ensure the welfare of these players.

The team started well in the league but after finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the league they ended up getting relegated to division 1a after a round robin play-off series, by a single score. The championship journey ended in early September with some disappointment as we did not progress out of the group by finishing mid table.

## League:

The footballers started their league campaign with a disappointing defeat to Dunlavin at home but we then followed up with a great win away in Kiltegan on a crisp Sunday morning. The Kiltegan match produced one of the memorable highlights of the year when 17 year Ciaran McKay put one of Kiltegan's long time players over the side-line with a perfectly timed shoulder.

The lads then won the next two games against Blessington and then Hollywood to put them joint top of the table at the time. Unfortunately, Bray finished on the losing side against St Pats, Baltinglass and Rathnew, all by a few points after leading a various point in each matches. This meant that they finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 8<sup>th</sup> in the league and faced a regulation play off with the teams that finished 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

In the playoff the Emmets got their revenge against Dunlavin in the first game but once again came unstuck against Baltinglass in the second match. It came down to a home game against Kiltegan at home in order stay in Division 1, but in a game where we never behind and should have been out of sight, we conceded a goal with two minutes to go from 20 yards to leave the game level. The next two minutes summarised the season as a whole quite well, we worked a great team point which involved over half the team but then we were unable to prevent Kiltegan working the ball down the pitch to win a soft free, which they dually converted with the last kick of the game. For the first time since 2003, Bray will be playing in the league's second tier in 2019. (Well that is dependant in Wicklow keeping the structure of Division 1 and 1a again for next season).



# Senior Football

## **Championship:**

But our first match again Kiltegan went downhill quickly in the second half and we suffered our worst defeat of the year. The lads bounced back against local rivals Eire Og in Newtown in the best supported match of the year and we won by three points. The key match of the year was against Hollywood where both teams knew that a win would put them in a very strong position to get out of the group. However, a disappointing start to both halves of the match ended up being the lads undoing and with a 3 point defeat we knew that we would have to be "at the county champions in the next match. The lads put a solid 40 minutes against Rathnew but the experience from the "Village" saw them pull away in the last third and the squad knew that the last match again Avondale would decide you would face a regulation battle. Thankfully with the panel of 28 lads on the first weekend September toting out, we just did enough to get a draw out of the game we should have won.

## **Dual Player Policy:**

The club published the Dual player policy after being coordinated by the Adult Games Officer at the start of 2018 following a motion submitted by the Senior Football management last November. We immediately came into some difficulty particularly with the Dublin senior and U18 Dublin league fixtures as they clashed with the Wicklow League football fixtures. However, after some mediation by the club management we overcame these issues and the remainder of the year worked well from the managements point of view. The Wicklow championship worked fairly well, with lads playing alternative weeks but at the start of August, the dual players had three championship matches in nine days which was in the middle of ten games in ten weeks.

## **Sponsorship:**

We were delighted to get a new set of jerseys sponsored by Metec Consulting Engineers who are located here in Bray. We also receive a generous donation from PRL which helped with the player's nutritional intake throughout the year.

Adult football management: Brian O'Keeffe, Tony Denver, Sean O'Neil, Niall Mullins, Gerry Morgan and Donal O'Connor



# Senior Hurling

The senior hurling season got off to a winning start with an away Dublin league match v St Vincents on the Malahide Road on 25<sup>th</sup> February. This result marked a positive beginning for the new manager, Glynn's, Paul Carley, with Bray running out 1:19 to 3:06 winners. A home game v St Judes on 11<sup>th</sup> March quickly brought the competitive nature of Division 4 to the forefront as Bray suffered a 2:14 to 0:14 loss in Emmet Park.

During the early Dublin league season, the senior hurlers also competed in the Leinster Division 2 hurling league. The first round of games saw Bray comprehensively beat a fellow Dublin division 4 side in Ballyboden St Endas, by 3:20 to 0:07. The second round pitched Bray against a more robust Naas side who pushed the home team all the way with Bray eventually prevailing by a score line of 3:13 to 2:12. This was a hard fought and physical match which served as a good early season cobweb duster. A third-round game v Galmoy of Kilkenny failed to materialise with the Kilkenny outfit unable to field a team – the result of which pitched Bray v Belmont of Offaly in the quarter final. The game was played in Bray on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The Belmont team had competed particularly well in the Offaly championship in the previous year, so the expectations were limited for the Bray hurlers. However, a much-changed team from previous matches with two U18 players starting pushed Belmont all the way, but ultimately coming up short to a three-point loss.

The Dublin league recommenced with an away game to St Marks in Tallaght on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Bray took what would ultimately become their best win of the season on this bank holiday Saturday with a score line of 4:17 to 2:12. This win was unexpected as St Marks had an unbeaten start to their season and were some people's favourites for automatic promotion. A much-anticipated local derby v our near neighbours, Cuala, saw Bray go down disappointingly by a goal on a score line of 1:13 to 2:13. Cuala and St Marks would go on to contest the second-place promotion play off behind St Maurs. Our next journey was to Balbriggan for a midweek game v St Maurs on 30<sup>th</sup> May. The north county Dublin hurlers were an impressive and ultimately worthy winner of division 4. There multipronged running game was no match for the Bray players and was much assisted in playing the game on a very thigh astro turf pitch following the long journey from Bray to Balbriggan. As they say "use all conditions to your own advantage". The final score was 1:25 to 1:16. A string of victories followed against firstly, Kilmacud 1:19 to 2:13, St Finians 5:23 to 0:12, Faughs 2:27 to 2:06. An away draw to Na Fianna on a score line of 1:13 to 0:16 would prove very costly as Bray would end the season one point outside the play-offs. The remaining games saw Bray record wins against St Brigids, 2:14 to 2:11 and Ballyboden 2:26 to 0:11.

Bray did not compete in the Wicklow hurling league, so our first taste of home county action was against Kiltegan in the championship in Aughrim on 9<sup>th</sup> July. The game was somewhat of a stop start affair where Bray eventually prevailed on a score line of 3:17 to 2:11. The second round of the league phase of the championship saw Bray play at home to Eire Og on 28<sup>th</sup> July. Bray recorded their biggest win of the championship on a scorline of 2:24 to 1:10. The first real test of the championship came in Kilcoole on 7<sup>th</sup> August when Bray faced their old rival Glenealy on this midweek fixture. The Bray team got off to a great start and looked for long parts of the game to be comfortable and in control. However, some complacency and drop off in work rate allowed Glenealy to come back into the game in the third quarter and take control. As much as Bray tried, even drawing level with 5 minutes to go, a lack of discipline resulted in Glenealy taking the game on a scorline of 1:15 to 1:13. A much need bounce back was gained with a hard-fought victory over St Patricks in Arklow on 18<sup>th</sup> August. Bray competed toe to toe with the Wicklow town men for long periods of the match running out eventual winner on a score line of 2:14 to 1:12. This win was followed on 1<sup>st</sup> September by a wake-up call as a much-changed team went down 1:09 to 1:12 against an improving Carnew side. Given the changes enforced on the Bray team there were ample opportunities to win the match but the battling qualities of Carnew and some indiscipline from Bray saw the game run out of our reach.

# Senior Hurling

The senior hurling semi-final was played in Aughrim on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Expectations based on the preparations leading up to the game were high. All first team starting players except one, were available for selection. The opposition were no other than our last round conquerors, Carnew Emmets. Bray started the game intelligently moved the ball at pace and made two clear cut goal chances but failed to capitalise on the opportunities. As the game swung towards half time Carnew began to dictate its pace and ultimately got themselves in a position where their self-belief and greater hunger foretold the outcome of the game. The final score of the match was Carnew Emmets 0:16, Bray Emmets 0:14.

To conclude, the year was a mixed bag for the senior hurlers. Missed opportunities in the Dublin league, Leinster league and Wicklow Championship will be seen by many outside the team to be the story of the season. However, the influx of several younger players this year with the expectation of more to follow next year and in the future has been a success. The numbers at training throughout the year have been strong. Its very important that whatever decisions are made as to the immediate future of the squad and its management team are the right ones which serve both the team and the club in the years to come.



## Senior Panel:

Ben Mc Cormack, Ben Kearney, Cathal O Dulachain, Christy Moorehouse, Conor Mc Nally, Conor Doherty, Daire Henderson, Daire Maloney, Eoin Mc Cormack, James Anders, Jim Doyle, Joe Phelan, John Henderson, Liam Kenny, Luke Maloney, Luke O Reilly, Mac Dara O Midheach, Marc Lennon, Mick Walsh, Peter Kiely, Peter O Reilly, Ronan Mc Mahon, Ronan O Brien, Sean Maloney, Shane Anders, Shane Slattery, Tom Cash, Cian O Byrne, Ronan Cunningham, Liam Benville, Paul Cunningham. Manager Paul Carley.

# Senior Ladies Football



I would like to thank the management committee of the club, especially Paul Cunningham and Liam McGraynor, for their continued support throughout the year.

Also, a special thanks to our generous sponsors Metec, Sherry Fitzgerald and Lidl. Paul Ryan has worked extremely hard to organise sponsorship for the ladies section, with multiple age levels benefitting from his great work.

This year is the first year that Bray Emmets Ladies competed at both Senior and Junior levels. We progressed well across the season getting to the final in both Senior and Junior league competitions (the Junior final is yet to be played against Baltinglas).

Both teams reached Senior A Championship semi-final and Junior B semi-final respectively.

We have suffered several injuries during the season to important senior players and relied on players from the U16 squad. These young ladies were great additions to the squad and should be very proud of themselves in their performances at adult level.

We look forward to the return of all of our recovering players next season and the addition of the U16 players into our growing panel. It is very exciting to be able to run two teams at adult level and to build two strong squads of talented footballers.

Congratulations to our Wicklow County Ladies Aoife Gillen and Alanna Conroy who were both instrumental in the County's Senior Ladies success in 2018. Also, at Wicklow minor level to Emily Deveney, Jane Butler and Laura Butler. As always, they all did themselves, their families and their club proud.

Well done to our Senior and Junior captains Aoife Gillen and Molly Fitzgerald who always lead by example.

I would like to thank the Senior Ladies management team, Paul Ryan (Junior Manager), Mr Dave Barry and Anne Longmore, who all continue to work endlessly for Ladies football. A special word of thanks to Anne who is an unsung hero for the Ladies football section from Juvenile up to Senior ages. To Dave and Paul, a big thank you for all the advice and coaching expertise throughout the year.

It has been a pleasure to work with all the ladies throughout the year and we look forward to working together next year to progress this young squad further, to be more competitive and challenging to win every competition.

John Butler

# Senior Camogie



Missing from photo Allannah,Eve,Shauna,Carla,laura,emma ,eleanor and roisin.

After our success of 2017, this year was going to be very hard. Our year started on the 23rd of January and finished up on the 6th of September. In between there was 61 sessions including games.

We played 11 games in Dublin from the start of March to the end of May. We had a very good campaign in Dublin winning 8 of our 11 games and just missing out on promotion.

In Wicklow this was our first year in Senior Camogie after an absence of 44 years. Our squads average age is 17 so we are very inexperienced at this level. In the league we had 4 games and we won two of these.

The championship was a different story where we suffered a number of defeats but never gave up working and competing in each of the games. The Wicklow championship is held in August when we had a large number of girls on holidays this put us under severe pressure.

The year as a whole was good with girls making steady progress. As a group we need to look at our preparation for the Wicklow Championship, if we are going to reach our potential in this grade.

The commitment was good from the majority of girls, we also had 5 girls doing their Leaving Cert.

Next year there is a good group coming up from the U16 grade and this will help add competition to the group.

# Minor Ladies Football



This year we welcomed over 20 players from the Under 16's to minor squad to play in Wicklow minor autumn championship.

It was encouraging to see the talent of the younger players playing at this level this season. The benefits of mixing training and having competitive challenges with the minor panel have improved confidence and skill levels of all the players. These players have made a significant impact to minor squad and I can see them competing for places on the senior squad next season.

Well done to the minor team captain Molly Fitzgerald who has one of the highest attendance this year while completing her leaving cert, and has lead by example to her team mates both on and off the pitch throughout the year.

Molly, Eimear Martin and Jane Butler will now move on to the adult football and we wish them the best of luck next year as they will be exceptional additions to adult squads.

Due to the time constrains between the summer holidays, Under 16 and Junior championship it was difficult to get the full squad together but regardless the panel of players who have shown outstanding dedication to training, preparation and matches we look forward to working with you all next season.

I would like to thank Brian O Keffe and Tomás O Midheach (U.16 Mentors) for their support through the year.

The club management committee and chairperson Paul Cunningham for their commitment and support to ladies section.

A special thanks to Anne Longmore LGFA chairperson for her hard work in the ladies section. Also, Dave Barry and John Butler for their dedication and support given throughout the year.

Thanks and congratulations to the parents and especially the players.

**Paul Ryan**

# Junior Hurling



We started the year with a friendly at home to eire og. it was an easy win as we had 20 players but eire og struggled to field a team so we gave them some of our players.

This would be the way the junior season would go with clubs struggling to field teams due to the rule change to the grading of players and the stupid U17 rule.

Our first league match was on the the 2nd of may at home to glenealy,IT was a cracking match which we narrowly lost 2:9 to 2:11.

As the month went on and we got to train with the seniors on the pitch the team improved and we went on to win 5 and lose 3 games which would see us in the league final V avondale

But at the time of writing this we do not know the outcome as avondale cant field a " JUNIOR "team .

THE championship was to follow much the same with clubs not being able to field teams with 9 walk overs given. with avondale ,kilcoole and kiltegan (intermediate teams) not able to play junior championship and st pats withdrawing their was only 5 teams in the championship. we won 4 and gave carnew a walkover as we knew we would be in the semi final v glenealy .

The s/f was played on the 15th of august in glenealy which we had a very good win beating them 0:5 to 4:12.

We played barndarrig in the final on the 22 of august in newcastle , Having played them twice already and having 2 very easy wins we were confident going into the game .

WE had a number of withdrawals leading up to the match and losing 9 players to senior plus 2 pulling out on the day we were under pressure but still fielded a strong team.

Unfortunately we just never turned up on the day and were out played by the better team on the day losing 2:15 to 2:5

Going forward the grading of players needs to go back to the way it was and the club need to encourage minor players to play junior hurling as a pathway to senior.

IN all 39 players palyed junior with 9 going on to play senior. Out of 14 games we played 10 got 3 w/o gave 1 w/o W 6 L 4

I would like to thank Seamus Phelan, Paul Hunt and jackie Napier for all their help and advice over the year, finally i would like to say a big thank you on behalf of all the players to John anders for all his help over the last few years it was very much appreciated .

# Junior Football



The junior team is the club's reserve or second adult team and provides an opportunity to play football on a regular basis. It provides a bridge from underage level to adult football and an avenue for some players to progress onto senior level. In all nine players were elevated to senior status this year. Another advantage of junior level is that the majority of games are played on Thursday evenings and in the league usually involves very little travelling as teams are generally from the north east of Wicklow. The team is made up of a good blend of youth and experience and new players are made to feel very welcome. The commitment shown by the players was excellent, traveling direct from work or college and on a couple of occasions players arrived straight from the airport having been abroad to play for Bray. The team were very competitive in the league again this year and finished in third place in their division with good wins over AGB, Ashford and Rathnew in particular and only lost on two occasions when we were very understrength.

The junior championship usually starts after the first rounds of the senior championship have taken place and consequently a number of players were ineligible to play for the junior team. This meant a bit of rebuilding and rearrangement and a few players dusted off their boots and answered the call to play for the team. We finished runners up in our group and went into a three-way playoff to see who would progress. After a tough game Bray beat Carnew by two points in Balinakill to progress to a quarter-final. The quarter final was against Kiltegan who had a sizable and vocal support. It was end to end, enthralling, backs to the wall stuff at times but Bray won again by two points. Unfortunately, our run ended against Avoca in the semi-final which was played in Wicklow town unusually and uniquely the only game played in the county at 6.30pm on a Thursday evening which was very inconvenient for the Bray players. While we defended well, our wayward shooting meant that we were always chasing the game and Avoca ran out clear winners by the final whistle. Nonetheless the team went one step further having only reached the quarter final last year so next year hopefully they can do one better and contest the final in 2019.

Players and Mentors: Pdraig Bell, Dylan Terry, Darragh Rochford, Ben Kearney, Matt Thompson, Cian Lohan, Peter Quinlan, Ciaran MacKay, David Haughton, Andrew Conway, Stephen Carton, Tadhg Dornan, Fin Greene, Con Green, Dara Higgins, Sid Hunt, Tony Jackson, Cian Lafferty, Sean Liddy, Marc Lyon, John McCarthy, Cormac Martin, John O'Keeffe, Ross Masterson (c), Tom Molloy, Liam Morgan, Ciaran O'Connor, Oisín O hAinnaidh, Donnchadh O' Mideach, MacDara O' Mideach, Jamie Queeney, Andrew Reynolds, Mark Robinson, Brendan Snow, Nicky Sweeney, Aaron Walsh, Tony Denver, Niall Mullen, Brian O'Keeffe, Gerry Morgan, Donal O'Connor, Sean O'Neill

# Juvenile Report

I would like to start off by saying well done and thank you to all of our wonderful, enthusiastic & dedicated coaches and mentors, we have seen our club grow year on year and this is all down to those who put in the many hours of their free time to encourage and promote our young children into an active and GAA lifestyle. Our key aim is to make sure that we cater for all boys and girls to let them all participate in our games and to make sure FUN is our main objective.

We believe that once our children are making new friends, enjoying the activities and participating in our games that we can help them on the road to a successful future both on and off the pitch and hopefully get them away from TV and Xbox for a while is an added bonus.

There are too many people involved in our club from our very youngest at u4 right the way up to u17 to mention but all are a credit to both themselves and club and would like to thank each and everyone for their commitment and dedication for the roles they are playing in developing these young kids.

A special word of thanks has to be made to our very own Willie Braine for without Willie's guidance and expertise we would not be growing both our numbers within the club but also the new talented coaches and mentors he helps on a daily basis, which in return will provide our kids a better coaching experience. Willie goes above and beyond his role within the club and has really made huge strides in our schools around the Bray area and we are a very lucky club to have him with us. We need to look at getting some extra help for Willie moving forward as we are growing he is still only 1 man and cannot keep going without assistance. So, from all at the club Willie many thanks for all you have done for us and continue to do for us we really appreciate everything.

As you will see in the reports attached and apologies to those who did not make the deadline for this print addition, that we have an abundance of talented youngsters coming up through the ranks, the future is very bright for Bray Emmets and we wish all the very best for the year ahead. We will be working with all codes to insure that we provide our kids with safe enjoyable training and that we get our kids meaningful games to insure all children enjoy and participate in our games and will continue to do this into adulthood.

I started back with the club in 2008 when I was handed a whistle to look after the academy back then which had I think a total of 25 kids, today's academy has over 250 kids attending on a regular basis which is unbelievable so we must be doing something right.

For the future of the club we do need to get new people involved and I would urge everyone to give a little time back to not just the club but to your kids, I have seen it over the year's kids love having their parents/guardians help out either in training or just support on the side-line at matches.

If you are not interested in helping with the coaching side of things we would love for you to get involved in some other part of YOUR club, from helping Grainne out with the coffee shop, Juvenile discos, Promotion of our club, paper work, Fundraising which every team in the club must do as to provide the kids with clean safe and top-class facilities at a very affordable rate. There are lots of ways to help out the club and everyone can help we need help in all areas of the club so please don't be shy. We want to build our Bray Emmets community stronger than what it is already and would love to hear suggestions on how to do this so do come forward and share your ideas.

Looking forward to a busy and successful 2019

Gary Prunty

# Under 17 Boy's Football.



Our team competed in the "B" league/championship in 2018.

We played our first game at home against Pearse Gaels on the 16<sup>th</sup> March and played our last game, the "B" semi-final against Blessington in Ballinakill on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Between those two fixtures, we played a total of only seven other games. So we only played a total of nine competitive football games in the 2018.

In the league section we won five of our seven games which left us in third place but the semi- final pairings saw us play the top team Blessington in a semi-final which was a little surprising. We played very well in the first half and were unlucky to be a few points behind at half time. We were well in the game all through the second half but couldn't make up the half time deficit. In the end Blessington probably deserved to advance to the final. A number of the panel will now move up to adult football while total of 15 of the players that played in some games during the year will be playing under 17 in 2019. We would encourage the players moving up to adult football to continue playing football with our club and the players that will be playing under 17 next year to give your full commitment to the management team. If you give that commitment you will have a successful year. We thank all the players and their parents for your support during the year.

The team that lined out in the semi-final was 1.Finn Treacy, 2 Conor Murphy, 3 Jack Treacy, 4 Philip Jacob, 5 Tadgh Mc Carthy, 6 Rory Whealan, 7 Jamie Ryan, 8 Sam Kearney, 9 Mark Cullen, 10 David Martin, 11 David Maloney, 12 Conor Hardiman, 13 Evan Kelly, 14 Gavin Rochford, 15 Sean Mc Donagh, 16 Brian Nesbitt, 17 Tim Harrington. Other players that played during the year were, Michael Timmons, Oisín Hayde, Sean Mc Donald, Zac Collins, Rory Mulcahy, Rory Lambe, Eoin Fitzsimons, Stephen Reynolds, Cathal Doran

Liam Mc Graynor, Willie Braine, Gary Prunty, Niall Mc Carthy.

# U17 Hurling Boys



2018 saw us playing U-16 in Dublin, and Minor (U-17) in Wicklow. We knew from the start that this was going to be a tough year. Following a very successful campaign in Dublin in 2017, we found ourselves promoted to division 3. While in Wicklow we realized that our players would be at the younger of the 2-year age group, and we would be relying heavily on the few 2001 players to carry us through. Nevertheless the lads were prepared to give it their best.

Unfortunately, we didn't get off to a great start in Dublin, as our first match away to Whitehall, was awarded as a walk-over to the home team after we had spent over 90 minutes in traffic on the M50. The next couple of games were tough and we suffered some heavy defeats. But, as the season progressed, these young men showed their determination and courage, winning 2 of their last four matches ensuring we avoided relegation and only lost the last game by 1 point to St Sylvester's who finished third in the group.

The Wicklow matches got off to a very late start in the year as the fixtures had to be redrawn following the amalgamation of Glenealy and St Pats; a move that meant that Bray Emmets would be the only Club team in the league. The later start also meant that we were asked to field during the holiday season. Now we had more than just age to contend with! While our opponents had their choice of players, we were pushed at times to field a full team. This campaign would therefore be a whole squad effort; everyone had to stand up and be counted. Often without any substitutes to relieve tired or injured players. Yet, despite some difficult games these great players repeatedly showed that they were not finished. When things got tough, they rose to the challenge. When things got dirty, they rose above it, playing pure hurling and never once letting themselves or their team-mates down. It is one thing to turn up for training and matches when all is going well, but it is quite another to keep coming back time and time again, despite the odds being stacked against you and things not going your way. And that is exactly what this team of dedicated young men did. And when they finally saw it through to the end, their efforts were rewarded by winning the C Championship against a strong Luke O'Tooles team.

We are all so very proud of this group of young men who did themselves, their families and their club proud. This is what it should all be about. There is something special watching these lads play from the heart. No moaning, no bickering, no excuses, just honest and hard hurling, from each and every player. And as for us coaches and mentors, we are privileged to have been with them on their journey, sharing their experiences and we look forward to doing it all again next season.

# U16 Camogie



U16 Camogie had a good year in 2018 with 20 girls training and fielding regularly. We competed well in Dublin Division 3 and in the Wicklow League. We had an excellent championship that culminated in a loss in the semi-final. The opening round robin ended with 3 teams on equal points resulting in a three way play off. As a result, we played six championship matches and this proved to be a great way of keeping the girls focused through the autumn. The girls have been together for 8 years and have been great to train and field for matches. They have been to two Féiles and won an U16 championship in 2017. They now move up to adult Camogie.

Bainisteoir : Tomás Ó Midheach, Larry Smierciak and Brian Lambe

# U15 Football Boys



The boys u15 football team Entered division 2 football this year and played only 9 league games in which they won 6 of.

The championship was a wash out for this very talented and dedicated bunch of lads as we were given a walk over in the first and 3rd round of the competition and a bye in the 2nd round which meant they walked straight into a county final? Having not played any matches in 6 weeks.

The lads played An Tochar in the Championship final and were playing well up until half time in which the scores were level, the second half some of our lads ran out of steam and a few early scores from An Tochar dropped the lads heads and An Tochar went on to win the match.

This group of you lads who most of whom have been with the club for the last 10 years deserved more games from us as they are a great bunch of players both on and off the pitch.

The team will now be split again where half will move onwards to under 17s and the other half will have another year at u15s.

I do hope that we can keep this team together moving forward as i know that they have the skills to really do well and would love to see alot of these lads on our senior panel in the years to come.

Many thanks to the parents who drove these lads to training and matches and washed jerseys all year. Many thanks also to coaches and mentors of the team. Charlie Rochford, Caomhin MacMaolin, Mike Roddy, Gary Prunty.

# U15 Hurling Boys



**Philosophy:** Although this is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that a majority of this team has played together the main aim of this year, as previously, has been the development of hurlers who enjoy playing together and who enjoy each others company. To this end we tried in as far as possible to afford as many players as possible as much game time as possible. In addition we trained twice a week, after football training for 30-40 mins and separately for 1 hour 15 mins. This second day had to move around to suit game days. Wicklow games generally were played on Wednesdays but Dublin Games were played on Sundays and Thursdays.

## Wicklow Hurling

The team played 6 league games and 4 Championship ones. They reached the semi-final were they lost by 4 points to a Glenealy team supplemented by stronger St Pats players who didn't field a team. The standard is very mixed in Wicklow with one standout team. Bray are the only standalone team which bodes well for the clubs future development. It almost goes without saying that were it not for the Dublin league this schedule would not be sufficient to develop hurlers.

## Dublin Hurling

The team finished runner up in their division losing in a playoff final as they had finished tied top at the end of the normal league schedule. They played 14 league matches winning 12 losing 1 and drawing 1. Interestingly they managed to win many of their matches by 5 points or less which is a great illustration of their tenacity. This will be challenged next year because they have won promotion to a higher division.

In addition we played 3 friendly matches.

The major challenge has been the accommodating of other sports with soccer and rugby providing a significant drain on the lads time and energies. In the year ahead this will be further impacted upon by the fact that a majority of the lads are in their Junior Cert year.

# Under 13's Girls football



The girls competed in the Dublin U13s Dublin league. They had a wonderful run from day one, going unbeaten for most of the league but unfortunately a couple of losses towards the end of the league saw the girls finish in 3rd spot. They came up against some very strong teams in this league and we were delighted to see some really strong team performances throughout the league.

Overall:

Throughout the past season the squad has continued to gel as a group, helped by a number of social events this year – including our Christmas ice-skating trip to Dundrum. The parents continue to be motivated & have supported the girls and the coaches well through the year. A number of the parents are coming together to organise the upcoming fundraising Ladies Lunch coming up in December.

We are very proud of the girls this year – competing so well in their Dublin leagues while also supporting the Under 14s throughout their league and championship runs. Their continued dedication to training sessions, attending matches and to the team and club overall has been obvious throughout the year - there is no doubt they can continue to improve next year.





# Under 14's Girls



This year's U14 squad consisted of a mixture of 2004-born girls and (mainly) 2003-born girls who also competed at U13 in Dublin while playing U14 in Wicklow. The squad had a very enjoyable year and the overall assessment is one of very good progress by all the players involved.

We started the year in a winning way with some victories over Dublin opposition in pre-season challenge matches. An early season highlight was reaching the final of Wicklow "A" Football Feile, before losing to a very impressive Tinahely team. In the Camogie Feile, we lost out narrowly to the eventual winners Knockananna in the group stages. As group runners-up we qualified for a play-off for a place in the All-Ireland Feile but despite a very brave performance on the night, we lost to Aughrim/Annacurra.

Despite our requests and despite most of the squad being U13, we were still placed in Div 1 in Wicklow for both football and camogie. In football we were competitive against all but the top 2 teams (who were very strong) and really competitive in Camogie. Credit is due especially to the Wicklow Juvenile Camogie fixtures committee for ensuring that we got loads of competitive game time this year. As the season progressed, we got better and better.

While the football championship was very disappointing (we couldn't field due to holidays in our first round-robin match), the Camogie championship was highlight and heartbreak rolled into one. We came second in our group, with the victory away to Arklow being a major highlight, having lost narrowly away to eventual winners Aughrim /Annacurra in a hugely enjoyable game in Aughrim. As group 2 runners-up we qualified to meet the winners of Group 1, the previously unbeaten Knockananna, in the semi-final in Ballinakill. In a truly epic contest, we came up just short after an exceptionally courageous and passionate display. Despite being 4 points down at half time and playing into a gale in the second half, we came agonisingly close to victory and the one-point margin of defeat did not do justice to our performance against much bigger opposition. The tears and emotion at the final whistle bore testimony to how much it meant to the players and all involved but nothing can take from the pride we (parents and mentors) felt for the players and their performance.

We finished the season with some excellent football victories against Dublin opposition again and our final Camogie match was a narrow defeat to Cuala U14s, who are a Dublin Division 1 side. These end of season camogie and football games served to highlight how much all our players had improved during the season and they can all look forward to next season with great confidence. Special thanks to Paul Sweeney and Anne Carroll for help during the camogie season, especially at the Feile, and to U12 Girls management for making players available when we struggled to field during the summer.

Thanks to all the parents for their continued support, patience and transport! Most of all, thanks to the players for their hard work, enthusiasm and continued participation throughout the season.

Eugene, Ian, Neal and Tony

## **2018 U14 Squad:**

Alannah Harrington ,Jasmine Kennedy, Alex McNeill, Ellen O'Doherty, Kayleigh Broderick, Aoife O'Grady, Erica Brierton, Aoife Canavan, Abigail Carroll, Aoihe Traynor, Aimee McGlashan, Ailbhe Whittle, Anna Craig, Annie Redmond, Amy Cassidy, April Harty, Arrianna Zellar , Clodagh O'Keefe, Emma Brandon, Eimear Hardiman, Emma Nesbitt, Laura Doyle, Martha Lackey, Katrina Smith, Roisin Ni Conchobhair, Rosa Lordan, Sienna Guilfoyle, Holly Barry, Sibeal Quigley , Cara Mahony (U12) , Emily Ryan (U12), Tara Maher (U12), Grace Redmond (U12), Ella Cummins (U12), Kimberley Kennedy (U12)

# Under 13's Girls camogie



The girls competed in the Dublin U13's Camogie league this year and despite coming up against some excellent teams on the road, they were delighted to win their league. The girls confidence and hurling skills took another great step up this year and continuing to work on their speed and fitness has definitely paid off - they can be a super team to watch.

This group of girls has also been busy as also playing with the U14s camogie team throughout the year and we hope this experience will stand to them. Getting to the Wicklow Championship A semifinals was a great achievement for this bunch of girls. The match itself was such a passionate one – losing to the county champions Knockanana – showed belief, confidence and skill but also the many tears at the loss showed their heart and pride for their Jersey and club.

Trainers and parents alike are very proud of this group and are excited for the step up next year.

# U13 Football Boys



The club entered 2 Football teams (made up of boys from 2005 and 2006) in the Wicklow League in Division 1 and Division 3 in U13 age grade League and Championship. Both teams displayed excellent work rate , skills and talent and competed very well during the League games. The primary success for the year was in winning the Div 1 A shield final in Ballinakill in a very close contest with St Nicks.

The weekly training sessions taking place every Tues evening are well attended and we have seen a good improvement in players skills and ability. John Butler has provided brilliant input and brought a real freshness and enthusiasm to the training sessions as he challenged the boys to improve their core skills and fitness. The boys also benefited from the excellent strength and conditioning sessions held in the early part of the season under the tutelage of Willie Braine. We also had 6 of the 2005 boys attend a number of the sessions hosted by the Wicklow U13 Garden County Academy.

Coaches: Mossie Kelly, John Broderick , John Butler , Dan Laffan , Conor Hayes.

Panel (2005): Ross Hayde, Conall Butler , Ciaran Kelly, Andrew Murphy , James Healy, Fionn Laffan Moran , Euan Gallagher, Jamie Cunnane, Sean Kenny, Emmet O' Malley, Luke Doyle Finn Redmond , Alex Horan , Robbie Murphy ,Cian Byrne , Harry Pierce , Robert Evans , Joshua Butler , Kyle Plunkett, Luca Duggan , Cillian Ryder , Jack Byrne , Luke Allen, Dylan McDermott

Panel (2006): Alkan Dal, Tadhg Treacy, Lee Williams, Conor Broderick, Liam Egan, Eanna Hayes, Jack Cooper, Tristan Doherty, Oisin Denver, Pascal Duggan, Austin Harty, Sam Goggin, Donnacha Macmaolain, Greg Healy, Joshua Mahon, Finn Morrissey, Leon O' Connor, Max Delahunty, Charlie Patterson.

# U13 Hurling Boys



The U13 hurlers had a reasonable year winning the Wicklow 'C' championship in extra time.

Most of the Dublin Hurling League (Division 4) games were reasonably competitive. However, we have a very small panel and struggled to field over the summer period as players were on holiday etc. We are grateful to the U11 players who supported us during the year allowing us to field a team.

We have a committed core of players who regularly attend training and games, they are a great bunch of lads and very enjoyable to mentor.

We are hoping coaching sessions with the senior hurlers will continue as the players really enjoy a new voice training them.

Neil Redmond, John Broderick, Conor Hayes and Anne Healy

# U11 Girls Football



We had a super year which was greatly helped by the numbers we had turning up to training and matches every week. We started the year with 22 but lost a couple during the year and then had two new girls join so we are back to 22 again. The Sunday morning time slot suited everyone so we had a lot of matches in Dublin this year. Less so in Wicklow as we were only able to put up one U12 team in football but several of our girls stepped up when they were short of numbers and did a great job for Lisa's team.

Although still under the Go-Games format we have started to play matches on a larger pitch with a bigger team, which initially the girls found a big change but in the last few months they have really taken to it and the team play has been getting better and better each week. They are starting to specialise in their field positions too, although we've still to find a specialist goalie. We even seemed to have sorted out our slow starts to matches so are no longer having to chase the game.

Team: Aine Hayde, Aisling O'Keefe, Anna Ní Chonchubhaire, Caoimhe Laffan, Ciara Lambe, Isabel Finnegan, Isabelle Lynch, Kate Butler, Kate Slattery, Katie Curran, Kimberly Kennedy, Laoise O'Driscoll, Leonie Guilfoyle, Lily Neilson, Melanie Lawlor, Mia Byrne, Niamh Canavan, Orla Fitzsimons, Rosa Lackey, Ruby Hannon, Sophie Lawlor, Teagan Cronin, Zoe Hannon.

Mentors: Alan Kennedy, Anita Slattery & Mary Hayde

# U11 Football Boys

The 2008 football group played in their first competitive league this year competing in div 3 in Wicklow. In all they played 15 games in the league winning 12 out of 15 and they won the league with a game to spare by beating Blessington in September who came second.

Two of the 15 games they lost were only by 1 score so overall a strong season.

The 2008s also played in their first invitational tournament in Fingalians GAA during the summer and did exceptionally well winning all 3 group games and the quarter final and were narrowly beaten in the semi final by Glenswilly of Donegal.

They also played in a similar tournament the following week in Newbridge and managed to get to the quarter finals where they were very unlucky not to get to the semi final.

Overall 2018 was a great year which saw their skill levels increase dramatically and their closeness as a team tighten and this was down to plenty competitive matches and regular training sessions in all conditions whether it was the Beast from the East, Storm Ophelia or the Heat wave in July.

The success of this team is also down to all the coaching staff, mentors, volunteers and parents who make it all happen.



Back row :Odhran Bell,John Pierce,Conor Heffernan,Mark McHugh,Cillian O'Shea,Dan Walsh, Ben Carthy,Oliver Noonan,Sean Denver,Daniel Gaskin,Liam Dooley, Odhran Macmaoliarn, Joseph Byrne

Front row: Lorcan O'Neill,Sean Traynor, Sean Craig,John McCarthy, Charlie Cloake,Daire Holmes, Jack O'Hare,Zac Naughton, Niall Eglinton ,Conor Kearney,Ben Donnelly.

Missing from photo :Brodie McNeill, Conor O Sullivan ,Adam Murphy Jack O'Rourke ,Eli Denver.  
Coaches at back : Adrian Craig,John McCarthy,Rob Heffernan,Phil O'Neill, Garry Byrne, Enda McHugh,Pete McNeill (MIA).

# U10 Hurling Boys



The boys from 2008 had another bumper year with many excellent performances. The lads were in the Dublin League this year and have contested 14 games through-out the season starting back in Feb. They have been competitive in most games they played and competed with great skill and determination.

During the Dublin league break in the summer we played 4 friendly games against Wicklow opposition.

We also played Cuala U10 in a curtain raiser to their Senior League match against Bray on a beautiful summers evening in Emmet Park. The kids were delighted to see their Bray hero's taking on the All Ireland champions.

Later in the summer a good crowd of the lads attended the All - Ireland Hurling Semi Final between Galway and Clare in Croke Park. What a thriller that was, with the game going into extra time.

A great day was had during an U10 Dublin League Tournament in Kevins Hurling Club in Dolphins Barn, The lads gave some great performances.

They continue to develop their skills in their training every Thursday night under lights on the 3G and look to be enjoying it.

The numbers remain the same around the 23 boys and towards the end of the season we have had two new additions who are trying their hand at hurling.

# U10 Football & Camogie



The Under 10 Girls played in the Wicklow Ladies Football and Camogie leagues over the year. Training was held every Monday evening which was well attended with games for the most part on Saturdays. Training focused on skills development in a fun environment.

## Camogie

The group as a whole were very strong for Wicklow at their age group with a lot of facile wins throughout the season, a special mention must be made for Arklow Rocks who were the only team to actually challenge the group in terms of competitive games. While not yet agreed it is hoped that this age group will be part-taking in Dublin at under 11 next year which hopefully will develop this talented group.

## Ladies Football:

The football group had a very good season, with more access to games than the camogie. For the most part we were in a position to enter two equal strength teams in blitzes and they were more than capable of holding their own. While the team is not big physically we are blessed with a group of skilful and determined girls who always tried to use the skills they learned at training with their hand passing and kick passing game improving significantly as the year went on. There were some great battles against St Pat's, AGB and Blessington to name but a few, throughout the summer. Again, it is hoped that this group will be in a position to play in Dublin next year at under 11.

Overall this group of players have been improving as the year went on with each player contributing in training and in games. From a coaching point of view, this is very important from a player's development and will stand to them as they get older and will help the club retain players.

While it is very important that players are training with the group, players will only improve when they are in a position to show what they have learned in training by having the opportunity to take part in games. It is therefore very important that players make themselves available for games. We as a coaching group must also ensure that players (and indeed their parents) are not been over-burdened by being asked to too many games throughout the season.

Special thanks to the parents who helped out on match days, provided lifts to games, bought the coaches coffee, did first aid, dried some tears (and that was only for the coaches!!). The group has seen a lot of Wicklow and has been to exotic places like Kicoole, Roundwood and Coolkenno when the Satnav broke down!

We would like to thank all the players for their commitment and application throughout the year, they keep all the coaches on their toes!! We hope that they have enjoyed the season and will continue their improvement into 2019.



# U9 Football & Hurling Boys



This year the U9 boys competed in the Wicklow Football and Hurling Go Games and in the Dublin Hurling league. With 2 nights a week training it made for a very busy but worthwhile season. Individually and collectively as a team the boys have made brilliant progress throughout the year which resulted in some great games. The team had a day to remember in September when we hosted and won our big football tournament in Bray Emmets.

2009 Coaches

# Under 9's Camogie & Hurling



The girls competed in the Dublin U9 League in both Camogie and Football. They have had a huge number of games in both leagues and the girls played brilliantly in both codes.

The coaches are extremely proud of the group with great team performances every weekend and great dedication to training on Monday and Friday nights. We were delighted to welcome a number of great new players during the season. Any 2009 born girls looking to join a great bunch of players are welcome to any of our training sessions.

The team are developing really great skills and having fun at the same time. The girls have great support from their parents and we wish to acknowledge the parents help in developing such an awesome group of players. A special word of thanks to Willie Braine for his coaching expertise and Peter Ahearne who helped with the group during the year. The coaches look forward to great years ahead with this team.

# U7 Football & Hurling



It was a big year for the U7's as they started participation in the Go Games. While the game mainly took place in Wicklow we also managed to fit in games with Teams from Dublin. In total the u7's played around 20 Go Games in both Hurling and Football. The kids showed real commitment and came together as a team where we often filled 7 teams especially for home games. We must also mention the support and commitment shown by the parents which was just phenomenal. We look forwards to their continued support ferrying the kids around the county in the years to come.

The Easter break saw some of the U7's have the honour of playing in the "Go Games Play and Stay" in Croke Park. This was another fabulous and memorable day for all involved and an amazing opportunity for the children to get a chance to play on the "hallowed ground". Hopefully many will return to play there again in the years to come

In one of our last outings of the season we combined with the u8's to attend an intercounty blitz in Newbridge, Co Kildare. We played against clubs from all corners of the country and with the players presented with medals at the end it made for a memorable day. Whilst the u7's were playing teams in the year above, it also outlined the continued work that needs to be done over the coming years with the array of talent that was on show.

# Academy Report

This has been a great yet busy year which has seen the academy grow from strength to strength. In total around 250 kids born between 2011 and 2014 currently enjoy the fun activities and training that the academy has to offer.

We have taken part in some great occasions throughout the year from family fun days, Christmas parties to meeting “Sam Maguire”.

The academy was responsible this year for organising the clubs participation in the St Patricks day parade. The club won the award for “Best Sports Club” which was presented to us in the Chamber of Commerce in the Town Hall. The award is currently on display in the clubhouse alongside the many other accolades won by the club throughout the years.

Parent participation is an integral and invaluable part of the academy. Their participation has grown this year, with more parents getting involved in attending courses, coaching and lending a hand where needed.

Special mention also goes to Willie Braine and Dave Barry. Their endless work in the schools and throughout the academy has increased our numbers as well as putting the appropriate structures in place.

Lastly, a massive shout out and thanks to all the coaches. Their dedication and commitment is second to none, and with the kids they make the academy the success that it is.



# Academy Report

This year has welcomed some amazing parents who have really stepped up and taken on a coaching role to help bring our kids to the next level of training. The commitment, planning and enthusiasm has been fantastic and our kids are going to excel under such mentors....and there is always room for more help!!!

In such a short space of time since September the kids have just grown so much in confidence and ability with the skills stations and I think most parents can agree that when it comes to those matches at the end of training that some real grit and determination is already showing on the pitches.

Well done to all involved...on and up



# CHILD WELFARE AND SAFEGUARDING 2018

Young people will spend some of the most enjoyable days of their lives playing our games and socializing with their friends in each of our Associations. Whether attending or playing GAA matches, playing Ladies Football or Camogie, or participating in other activities, they will do so during some of the most important developmental years of their lives. Our role and our responsibility are to ensure that they benefit from and participate in our Gaelic Games in a safe and enjoyable environment where our Games are conducted in a spirit of fair play with everyone who works on our behalf emphasizing respect, equality, safety and non-discrimination in all aspects of our work with children and young people. Each member of our Associations has a responsibility to accept and implement this Code as it directs us in such work. Breaches of the Code may be enquired into and if required sanctions may be applied in accordance with other provisions of the Code.



Dermot o Brien (D.L.P Bray Emmets). Frances Stephenson (Wicklow GAA Children's Officer and Chairperson of the "National Child Welfare and Protection Committee")  
Gearoid o Maolmicheal (National GAA Children's Officer) Joe Barnes – (Children's Officer Bray Emmets)

We have made great strides in making our club fully compliant with the aforementioned legislation and regulations. It is a legal requirement that all our coaches are Garda vetted, have attended child safeguarding training and hold the age appropriate coaching qualification.

I wish to thank all "BRAY EMMETTS "club coaches/mentors who have participated in "Child Safeguarding "courses and "Garda Vetting "procedures throughout the year. Foundation level coaching workshops are planned for the coming months. Our club is increasing its numbers in our juvenile section and we as adults have a responsibility to allow them play games in a safe and secure environment.

Thank you to Willie Braine (G.D.O) for his professional assistance, his knowledge, his courtesy and his outstanding tutoring and coaching skills.

Thank you to Frances Stephenson for her invaluable support and guidance and knowledge throughout the year.

*JOE BARNES*



### Wicklow Minor Success

Leah Carroll, Nicole Ryan, Sara Davis and Eleanor Carroll Hayes- 4 Bray Emmets girls who played on the Wicklow County Minor Team in 2018 and won the Strike For Glory All Ireland competition.

The Bray girls played an integral role in the success of the team with Leah at Midfield, Sara in Goals and Nicole and Eleanor playing in Forwards.

They beat a very strong Mayo team in the final to earn this success.

### Wicklow Senior Poc Fada Champion,

Sara Davis represented the Club in this years Senior Puc Fada held on the Sugarloaf and won and went on to represent Wicklow in the Leinster competition finishing just 3 shots of the winner. Well done Sara!

### Wicklow U16 All Ireland success,

Well done to Roisin Murphy, Emma Doyle and Saoirse Canavan who were part of the Wicklow U16 All Ireland "Pathway to Success" competition.

### Inter Provincial Games

Well done to Sara Davis and Leah Carroll who played for the Leinster U17 Camogie team in the Interprovincial games in DCU at the weekend.

Leinster got to the Final after wins over Ulster and Connaught but were beaten by Munster in the Final. The Bray girls played there part Sara in goal in all games and Leah outfield in a Leinster team populated by Kilkenny girls. A great honour and achievement!

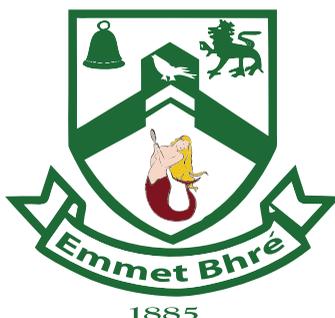
## Feile 1983, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary June 2018 in our Clubhouse

We had a presentation night to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of winning our first All-Ireland boy's Feile football title of in 1993. The event was organised by Ian Gourley with the support of our executive committee. Ian contacted all twenty-three players that were on the panel, who are now living all over the world. This team was managed by our late President Tom Walsh, assisted by Ian. Tom's daughters Ciara and Emer were present on the night. A number of players could not be present for various reasons but the players who did attend enjoyed a good night. Presentations were made to the players and Ian, Ciara and Emer.



Panel: Daragh Keogh (Capt), Niall Byrne, David Doran, Eoin Finnegan, Robbie Mc Namee, Oisin O' Hannaidh, Daragh Sweeney, Gavin Cahill, Tony Denver, Paul Kane, Daniel Doyle, Brian Mythem, Brian Quinn, Aidan Tinsley, Alex Gourley, Liam Quinn, Jeff Morrissey, Aidan Kelly, Barry Flynn, Dan Bohan, Colm Devitt, Ronnie O' Brien, Philip Mc Kay.

# Bray Emmets Healthy Club



We are one of three clubs in Wicklow to be chosen by the GAA Health and Well-being department in Croke Park. Some great work is taking place with many of our club members coming up with initiatives to enhance our Healthy Club status. In the Spring we had very impressive high-profile speakers deliver seminars including in January when John Lonergan spoke to a packed clubhouse on Raising your Child in Ireland today – How to positively influence young people. In March there was an equally big turnout for Dr Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children and Dr Yvonne Quinn, Snr Clinical Psychologist HSE who shared their wisdom on Positive Mental Health & Resilience in Teenagers.

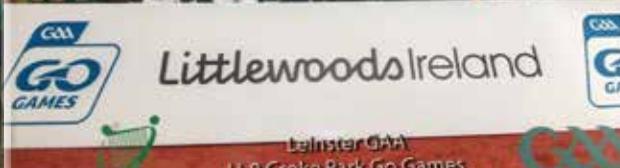
We also saw strong community links with the hosting of the Coffee morning in aid of Purple house and the bag pack for Wicklow Dementia Support. CPR Training took place in January and BE FIT (Bray Emmets Fun in Training) continued with the great commitment of Linda Wogan and her team of class leaders.

Joe Barnes, Clare Dornan and Frances Stephenson attend the Healthy Club Forums in Croke Park. Clare is the Healthy Club tutor for Wicklow GAA and Frances, together with the club management, has prepared a Critical Incident Policy. Hopefully we will not need to use it but it is good practice to have one in place.

A reminder that the GAA and the Samaritans came together about six years ago to give additional support to GAA members. The partnership aims to encourage people who are going through a difficult time to seek help with everything from depression, relationship and family issues to loneliness, physical and mental health issues, abuse, financial worries and much more. The free phone number for the Samaritans is **116 123** and is available around the clock.

And of course, the highlight of week for many parents and mentors is the Bray Emmets Coffee shop Healthy Options Breakfast throughout the year under the leadership of Master chef Grainne Roddy. Thank you, Grainne for helping keep our hearts healthy!

Finally, in partnership with the HSE and Wicklow Partnership, talks were initiated during the year for us as a club to consider becoming a smoke free club to help strengthen the impact our club can have on the health and wellbeing of our members and the wider community.



# Family Fun Day



## East coast coffee morning in aid of Purple house



# Bray Emmets Summer Camp 2018

Bray Emmets Summer Camps were very successful. Not alone were there over 350 participants at the three Summer Camps but it was the new Summer Camp tops that caught everyone's attention. It was great to see our own Summer Camp tops being worn around the town and was great advertiment for the camp and the club. It was mentioned many times the standard of the coaches at the Summer Camps and we are proud that they were our own Bray Emmets players that set the high standard.

We also ran a pilot scheme in conjunction with Croke Park for promotion and integration into Cul Camps to our friends from Newtown Primary School and it proved a huge success and we can be very proud of our players and the integration and dignity they showed.

We put a big emphasis on skill development and tested our players over the weeks and tested again after practise and 1. The kids loved being tested and 2, there was an improvement in retesting so we ask all coaches to test the players before Christmas in six hurling/camogie and six football skills and retest again in February and this will empower the players to practise and let all coaches know where we are on the Player Pathway model for all our players.



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