



Happy Christmas everyone!



Banríon Gaels newsletter December 2024

Chairperson Note:

“As we get ready to celebrate Christmas, I want to say a big thank you to all our BRG players, coaches, admins, committee, and members for their huge commitment and dedication throughout 2024. Together, we’ve shown amazing resilience, team spirit, and had plenty of fun on and off the field, which is what makes our club such a special community.

This Christmas, we take time to remember those from our club & community who are sadly no longer with us, and our thoughts are with their families. We also take time to appreciate the friendships we’ve built and the good memories we’ve made this year, and we appreciate the importance of those.

I hope this festive season brings you plenty of joy, peace, fun, and a well-deserved chance to relax. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! “

Best Wishes
Margaret Garry,
Chairperson



Brief lookahead to 2025

Our new committee was elected at AGM, 17th Nov, and are now working behind the scenes on Club development and events for 2025.

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Some things to watch out for in early 2025

As always keep an eye on social media for the latest

- Winter League event for U14s upwards – watch social media
- Indoor activities for younger teams – keep an eye on social media
- PR-Og Programme 2025 - First webinars Jan for our three Minor students participating
- Registration Day planned for 22nd Feb 2025
- Updated website launch for improved communication for next year
- Coach the Coaches training – date to be confirmed (new coaches always welcome)
- Cumann to Camogie events for new members at start of next season
- Skills practice initiative to be repeated next year
- Fixtures calendar will be launched as soon as fixtures agreed at county

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txt or phone committee member.



Some highlights from 2024

- All Ireland Final weekend & National Blitz for U14 Laois squad



Camogie Association President Brian Molloy at our End of season Awards night.

All-Ireland Camogie Final weekend saw a National Blitz on Saturday, with an amazing 10 of our U14 players representing Laois on the U14 Development squad, plus parading at half time in Croke Park on the Sunday. In all, we had a great day out with more than 90 of our members travelling to Dublin. Cork were not the only winners that day! BRG were also announced as 1st place winners of the Camogie Associations *Design a banner* competition to commemorate 120 years of the association. This was a competition open to clubs all over Ireland, so was a great achievement to win. Well done to Karen McCourt and all her helpers in producing the banner, and to everyone who displayed it so proudly on the day.

- U16 team & U15 Feile Shield winners 2024!

Well done to our U15 team on winning the Feile Shield Final in Rathleague in May. We didn't let the rain stop us!! U16s also represented themselves very well in the league.



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- Annual Fundraiser Cycle in August



August 2024, 14 members & friends cycled 64kmin our 7th annual cycle fundraiser – this new “P2K” route saw the cyclists leave from Portarlinton GAA and cycle to Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Portlaoise, Stradbally, Vicarstown, taking in a stretch of the *blueway*, and ending in Killenard. Just over €4000 raised for the club – well done to all involved!

- Blitzes and Summer Practice Initiative for our U8s, U10s & U12s



Our U8s, U10s & U12s girls all played go-games rules this year, and participated in multiple blitzes across the season. U12 also played in the **festival of camogie** at the end of July. Well done to all the girls who worked hard during the season – most also participated in Summer Practice Initiative run by the coaches of younger group – this focus on skills improvement tailored to each child was evident and coaches saw a huge improvement. Well done to all the girls, and this initiative is something that we plan to repeat in 2025, with a focus on it from much earlier in the season next year ! Thanks to JP & Trish for kicking off that initiative.



- **U13 Update - league started in late August.**



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This U13 development league run this year gave the girls a great opportunity for more experience in competitive games. This learning experience will serve them well, especially any heading into the U14 league next year. Well done girls

- **Minor & Junior Update**



2024s Minor team competed in the Minor B Championship - they competed very well and lost out in the semi-finals to a very strong O'Moores side. BRG also fielded a junior team again with CRG this year.

We had minor representatives on Laois County team this year which is great achievement for the club

Some of our minors with their trophies received at end of Season Awards club



- **End of Season Awards Night**

This event was held in October 2024 to recognise achievements of girls all year and gather club community for a social evening. Great night of celebrations for all in the company of Brian Molloy & Paddy Dwyer



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- **Coach the coaches night**

A very successful and well attended training night was held in Port GAA for all our coaches on 8th April 24, facilitated by Shane Keegan, Games Development, Laois GAA. Something we plan to hold again this year as feedback was excellent.



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