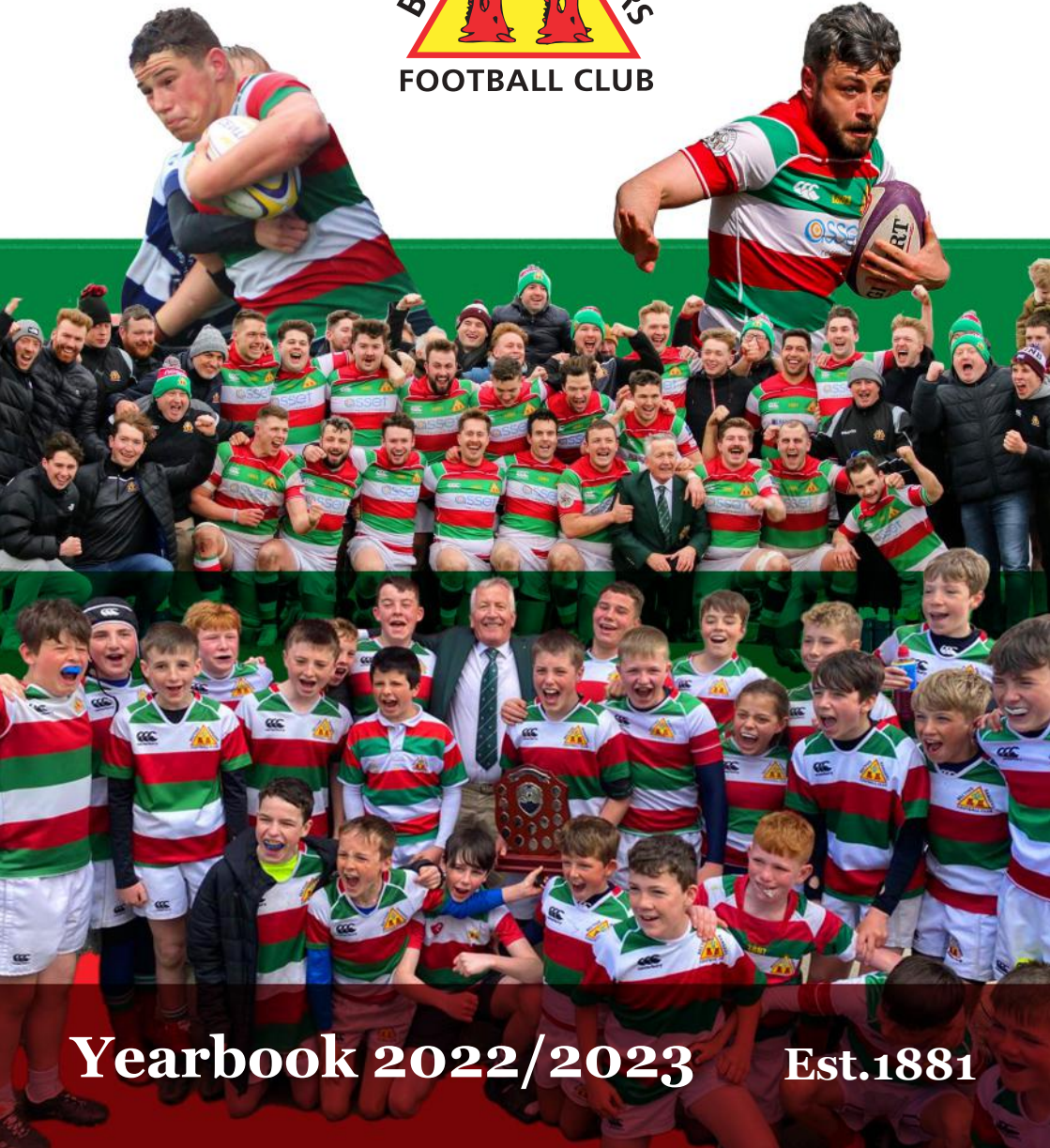


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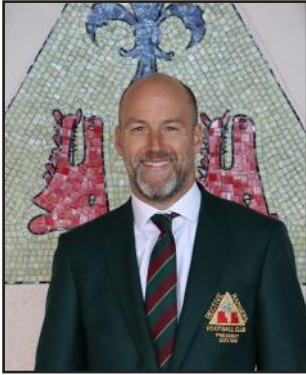
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BECTIVE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David O'Donnell
Club President 2022/2023

It is a privilege to be the President of Bective Rangers FC for the season 2022/23.



I want to welcome you to our Club in Donnybrook, whether you are a member, past member, parent, supporter or visitor.

Our history stretches back to 1881 when we played our first game in the Phoenix Park. As we now enter our 141st season of 2022/23, the Club is proud of the contribution that it has made to Irish rugby both on and off the field.

I want to express gratitude to all of those volunteers (including members of the executive, trustees, coaches, managers and those without any designated role at all) who made an enormous contribution to the day to day running and the strategic direction of the Club over the last few years. Without your support the Club would simply not function or exist in the way that it does.

Looking to the future, volunteerism is key to our survival and the weight of the Club can no longer rest on the shoulders of a few. We must build structures and spread the load, so we have a solid foundation for the next hundred and forty-one seasons. If you feel that you can contribute even a small amount of time to the Club every week or month, please do get in touch with any member of the Executive Committee.

We are planning for "The Future of Bective" through our new strategic initiative. We want to hear everyone's voice and opinions on the type of club that you would like Bective to be and how we can make Bective a better club for everyone. During the course of the season, we will be reaching out through various events such as the Seeding Event, the First Fruits and the Harvest to gather all of the ideas emanating from the wider Bective community, creating a vision for the Club, devising a plan to implement that vision and starting to execute that plan. Like any plan it will naturally change and evolve over the coming years.

All sports clubs are like a mini business, they

have expenditure and need income. Our sponsors and financial donors play an enormous role in the financial wellbeing of the Club. We are extremely grateful for your support in whatever form, from being a corporate sponsor, to sponsoring events such as our golf, publications like our Yearbook or projects like the maintenance of our infrastructure, to supporting initiatives like the Club Lotto. We say a big thank you for your support and also to all of our members for their subscriptions.

We enjoyed great success on the field last year with our First XV winning the Leinster Division 1A League and narrowly missing out on AIL promotion, our Second XV winning the Leinster 1A 2nd's League and our under U13's winning the Leinster U13's League. We look forward to building on that success this season.

We wish our Head Coach Bernard Jackman, our Club Captain Colin Jackson, our managers, coaches, physios, kit managers, players at every level, from Senior, Junior, Under 20's, Vets, Youths and Minis, every success for the upcoming season.

We invite our members, supporters and the wider Bective community to come see our matches both home and away at all levels. Your support means a lot to the players and the vibrancy of the Club. We also invite you to drop into the Club for a coffee or tea or something stronger and you will be made welcome by our Clubhouse Manager, Mark O'Brien and his team. If you are thinking of hosting any events, social or business, Mark will be delighted to look after you.

A big thank you to our immediate past president Michael Flood for all his hard work, guidance and energy over the last two years.

I look forward to seeing you during the course of the season at a match or one of our events whether it be the golf, a stroll with the Ramblers or one of our lunches.



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IRFU PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**John Robinson,
President, IRFU.**

It is my privilege to write to you in the capacity of President of the Irish Rugby Football Union for the upcoming season, 2022/23.

It was a remarkable achievement to have completed the 2021/22 season so successfully given the challenges clubs faced as we emerged from the restrictions placed on us by the COVID-19 pandemic. That success was due to all the hard work by everyone involved in clubs, and your contribution is very much appreciated. This meant that the vast majority of games were played, and finals were held, including the Energia All Ireland League finals for women and men, which provided much needed days of celebration.

This new season brings much promise and new opportunities. It seems that the worst of the pandemic is behind us, and we can look forward, with some optimism, to a more normal season for 2022/23, which will be another busy year for all.

Challenges remain, and we have seen in some areas, for instance, in the case of adult players and volunteers, where numbers returning to some clubs has not yet fully recovered. We are all working incredibly hard to encourage people back and to bring new people into our game. I know our clubs provide an open invitation and a warm welcome to everyone, and we need to continue to do everything we can to attract more boys, girls, women and men, into our game.

I hope that 2022/23 can be a season where rugby values will be celebrated. The core values and pillars of our game which are respect, inclusivity, integrity, fun and excellence must be protected and promoted by all. We should be rightly proud of these values, which are

respected well beyond the rugby community. Inappropriate and disrespectful comments or behaviours on and off the field of play, especially towards match officials, have no place in our sport.

I know that the start of any season is a busy time in clubs, and I hope that the use of technology and new systems, can alleviate some of the time commitment required. However, while technology helped us through the pandemic, I believe there is nothing like getting back into a room with people talking to each other. I know that clubs really missed this part of normal life, and it will be great to see a normal atmosphere restored to clubhouses from the start of the season.

I look forward to visiting many of our clubs and schools in the year ahead and meeting as many people as possible involved in our wonderful game.

For now, I wish your Club all the very best for the season ahead. I hope that all your teams at all levels have a successful season and that all the members of your Club thoroughly enjoy the year.



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**Wishing Bective Rangers FC the
Best of Luck for the 2022/23 Season.**



LEINSTER RUGBY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Debbie Carty
President, Leinster Rugby 2022/23

As President of Leinster Rugby, I am delighted to have the opportunity to pen a few words for your yearbook for this, the 2022/23 season.

I would like to start by congratulating David O'Donnell on his appointment as President. I would like to wish him, along with your Club Chairperson Jack McEvoy an enjoyable and rewarding season after what has been a difficult two years for us all.

To your Director of Rugby Bernard Jackman and Club Captain Colin Jackson and all your players, every success for what lies ahead. The club successfully won Leinster League Div. 1A and the Eddie Egan Cup last year captained by Oisín Lennon, with the league coming down to the last game of the season and was won by the narrowest of possible margins with Monkstown FC coming in second.

Despite tremendous work done by players and coaches, unfortunately promotion to AIL was denied to you in the play-offs when you met Instonians RFC in the final; an extremely tight game 25-21 hosted by Dundalk RFC. The aim, I know for you this season, will be to rise back up and win the Leinster league and the Round Robin competition and return to the AIL where you have competed since its inception in 1990 and I wish you all well in the competition. It should also be noted that Bective 2nd XV went totally unbeaten in their season last year and also won their league.

I know there are great plans ahead for Bective, planning to field four men's

teams and an U20's side, the club are also fielding a Youth's U18's team this season and I wish you well with all these teams. A section close to my heart after being a Mini Co-ordinator is the Mini's Section and I am told that Bective has a thriving Mini's Section under Richie Maybury's management. It is worth noting that Leinster and Ireland players, Dan Sheehan, Rory O'Loughlin, Ronan Kelleher and Johnny Sexton, first held a rugby ball with Bective Mini's and I am sure you will continue on with many more.

Another key initiative within your club is the Strategic Review Group that you have set up to look at the needs of the club in the years ahead. Following a successful Sports Capital Programme grant application supported by both the IRFU and Leinster Branch, I am told that work will begin soon on much needed repairs to the clubhouse.

Club rugby is primarily about the players, and I would appeal to all players in your club to continue playing for as long as possible, but when you do give up playing please think about the army of volunteers your club needs to function on a daily basis. Having been a volunteer of my own club for over 20 years now I cannot stress enough how rewarding volunteering can be either on the Rugby side, the Admin side and even the Refereeing side.



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So when you decide to retire from playing, get in touch with your committee about giving a few hours a week back to your club. I can assure you that you will still continue to have the sense of fun, community and camaraderie that you had as a player. In fact, I'll go so far as to say you'll probably enjoy it more because there isn't a training session or match 'the day after'. I applaud all of your volunteers and ask you to keep up the good work.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't mention two of your finest volunteers in Bective Rangers; Michael McGrail, a great servant of your club and the Leinster Management Committee. We in the Branch would struggle without his knowledge, expertise and guidance. Michael is our Honorary Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Standing Committee and I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge his continued input, dedication and hard work. Also, a nod to Fergus Flanagan, another great servant to Leinster on the Rugby and Senior Clubs committees and many other sub-committees and I would like to congratulate him on his appointment as Chair of Leinster's U20 Working Party. I look forward to working with them again this year.

It is a huge honour for me as the first Female President of Leinster to be able to address the clubs this season, but I do come with a bit of a mandate in that I am trying to get more women involved in volunteering and running of Club Committees. We are a huge asset to a club and I would encourage your members to take in one of the Roadshows I will be running throughout the season on my own pathway from the 'Club Kitchen to the Presidency' but also to show clubs how to recruit, encourage and mentor more women into your committees.

I will be spending a lot of time in your area, with visits to Energia Park, Bective Rangers and Old Wesley. I've never seen a situation similar to yours in the Province and it is a credit to you all that you are great neighbours. There is a great working relationship between Leinster Branch and the two clubs by way of the Consultative Committee, that I have had the honour of

working with over the last year. The way all three of you work together on pitch usage and events making sure everything runs smoothly is admirable and the relationship you have is something other sports and shared sports grounds should aspire to.

The season ahead will be challenging for Leinster Senior team, as we strive for the elusive fifth star in the EPCR and to take back the URC cup that were denied to us last year but I have no doubt that Leo and his squad are up for the challenge and we look forward to the season ahead. With Autumn Internationals, a Six Nations and a World Cup, it will be a busy rugby season but I know you will join me in wishing Leo and the Squad every success. I look forward to meeting many Bective members supporting the team, be it in Energia Park, the RDS Arena, the Aviva Stadium and beyond.

There will be various Leinster representative teams featuring in Energia Park during the season, why not attend, when possible, and take the opportunity to support your own club by doing so?

Finally, I look forward to visiting and availing of the wonderful reception and friendship which is always extended to visitors to your clubhouse by the members, and I would like to wish all in Bective Rangers a great season.

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Yours in rugby,

Debbie Carty,
President, Leinster Rugby, 2022/2023



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OUR CORE VALUES

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That we are caretakers of the traditions, history and values of a great club, but it's future is in our hands.

That the Sunday Under 8 is the future Clubman or International.

To welcome all to Bective, friend or adversary for a lunch-time or a life-time.

To recognise that we love rugby for the unique game it is in the modern era. A competitive duel with your opposite number, a bonding with team-mates yet a total unquestioning respect for match and competition officials.

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Leinster League Division 1A

Ashbourne	Boyne	Kilkenny	Seapoint
Bective Rangers	Gorey	Monkstown	Suttonians

Date	Time	Home		Away	Venue
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September 2022

Sat 17th	15:00	Boyne	v	Suttonians	Shamrock Lodge
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Sat 17th	15:00	Monkstown	v	Bective Rangers	Sydney Parade
Sat 17th	15:00	Seapoint	v	Gorey	Kilbogget Park Killiney
Sat 24th	15:00	Ashbourne	v	Seapoint	Milltown House
Sat 24th	15:00	Bective Rangers	v	Boyne	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Sat 24th	15:00	Gorey	v	Monkstown	Clonattin
Sat 24th	15:00	Suttonians	v	Kilkenny	John J McDowell Memorial Grounds

October 2022

Sat 1st	15:00	Ashbourne	v	Suttonians	Milltown House
Sat 1st	15:00	Boyne	v	Gorey	Shamrock Lodge
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November 2022

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March 2023

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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

COLIN JACKSON

It is a massive honour and privilege to be named as Club Captain of Bective Rangers for the 2022/23 season.

Five years ago, I was warmly welcomed to this club that I have grown to love, and I now look forward to leading this extremely talented group of players for the upcoming season.

The past season was a major success for the club: we welcomed a host of new players to Bective, with a number of players making their senior and seconds' debuts for the club; we had 200 Mini's getting a taste for rugby at Donnybrook each weekend; the U13's won their league and narrowly lost the cup final; the thirds had a very successful campaign; the seconds team, led by club stalwart Sean Geraghty, were untouchable, going undefeated in all competitions; and the senior team won the Leinster Junior League, the first piece of silverware for the Bective first team in over 60 years. While we did not achieve our ultimate goal of gaining promotion to the All, it is nonetheless important to recognise the achievements of the past year and give credit to the individuals involved.

The sign greeting you when you arrive in Donnybrook calling on players to join "Bernard Jackman's Team" does not do Bernard justice. The club has taken massive steps forward under Bernard's stewardship, from the free-flowing rugby style to the focus on creating an inclusive club with a great culture.

The past season has been the most enjoyable team environment I have ever been involved in and this is evidenced by the consistently strong numbers at training. It is important that we continue to build on the momentum from last year and hit the ground running from the start of the season.

I would like to thank all involved in the senior team this year; Bernard Jackman, Head Coach, Hein Havenga, Forwards/Defence Coach, Shane Dunne, Team Manager and Keelan McKenna, Physio. A special thanks to David

Kirk, Backs Coach, for his contribution to the club as he leaves the coaching ticket. I also want to thank Ben Kealy and Manuel Alonso for their work in building a strong seconds' team, Gavin Walsh for his continued work with the thirds and Richie Maybury for his work with the Mini's and to all members of the club involved at every level, from Mini's through to Senior, thank you for your hard work, support and dedication to the club.

In every club, there are several people without whom, the club would not operate. None more so than kitman, Steve Rattigan, whose dedication saw him take the bus from Navan to Donnybrook for months to assist with training and matches. Special thanks also to Rory Finnegan for helping with the kit, to Mark O'Brien, Sharon Byrne and the other bar staff for providing great post-match entertainment and hydration, to the club Executive and to everyone that puts work in behind the scenes.

To outgoing President Michael Flood, your passion permeates throughout Bective and your rousing post-match speeches were a great morale boost. I would like to congratulate incoming President David O'Donnell and wish him every success as Club President.

We welcome new players to the club this season and bid a number of players adieu. Most notably, to departing Captain Oisín Lennon, a warrior on the pitch and a great friend off it, I wish you well in retirement. Finally, a special thanks to my family, friends and girlfriend/no.1 Bective supporter Aishling, for your continued support.

As we look to the season ahead, I have full faith in this talented group of players and coaches to bring Bective back to its rightful place in the All Ireland League.

Best wishes,

Colin Jackson

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DIRECTOR OF RUGBY MESSAGE BERNARD JACKMAN

It's great to be back in Bective and in the middle of another push for a Leinster League double and chasing promotion back to the All Ireland League.

We fell at the final hurdle up in Dundalk last season against a very strong Instonians side and there are lessons to be learned and improvements made and we are all excited to put those into action.

Our success last season was built on an incredible bunch of players who enjoyed each other's company, were committed to representing Bective Rangers to the best of their ability and had the talent to play some great rugby. The way the players and the supporters spent time together in the clubhouse after wins and losses was a throwback to the days when club rugby was special in Ireland and having lost its way for a while, I firmly believe that the club game is back and Bective can play a big role in that.

We have a new Captain this season in Colin Jackson who has been an outstanding leader without the title for a number of years. We are very lucky to have him and I know he will have the support of the whole club. To the players from last season who have gone away travelling I would like to thank you for all you have given and I look forward to seeing you back on the pitch or in the clubhouse in Donnybrook in the future.

We have a lot of new faces this summer to help us try and be successful and in true Bective tradition there is a lot of diversity in terms of backgrounds. In France the Club President used to say to me that for good mayonnaise you need good ingredients and I believe that the players we have, combined with the

new recruits are great ingredients in terms of playing standards, but most importantly, good men.

To support the team on the pitch we have Louis Magee junior coming back as an assistant coach who is a great boost and we have Eoghan McKeever as our Head of Strength and Conditioning. Danie Poolman will take on the role of the backs coach and Hein Havenga is staying in charge of the defence and contact area. Ratts is once again the Kit Manager and Ben Kealy and Manuel Alonso will be the team managers.

The task ahead is far from straight forward as we saw last year but the hunger and desire are there. Now we have to put it into place on Saturday afternoons. We look forward to representing you and the club proudly and getting to meet you all in the clubhouse after the games.

Yours in Rugby

Bernard Jackman





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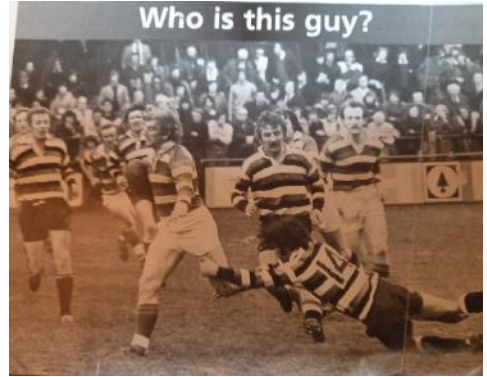
JACKIE O' DRISCOLL

Over the last two decades the rugby landscape in Ireland has changed dramatically. Our four provincial teams have long been fully professional and are oceans apart from the clubs, whence their players once came to form the teams that competed in the annual interprovincial joust.

Today's senior clubs compete in the All Ireland League where teams from all provinces are jumbled together in five divisions. Many former junior clubs now enjoy senior status in the AIL while a number of senior clubs with established pedigree find themselves reduced to junior status.

It is through ambition and hard work that clubs like Naas, Navan, Clonmel, Sligo, Armagh and others have reached new heights and have taught us that history and heritage count for little on the playing field. Those who chased the oval ball around muddy fields before professionalism were usually one-club men.

Moving clubs was rare, leaving the tribe often neither forgotten nor forgiven. The exception was university players and those whose ability allowed them transfer from a junior club to a senior club with the blessing of their peers. Bective Rangers benefited hugely from those in the latter category as quality players from junior club Greystones made their way to the competitive and successful senior club in Donnybrook. One of the first to lead the way was Maurice Mortell in the early 1950s. A true stalwart of the club, he was capped nine times and served as captain and president as well as in many other roles throughout his long and continuing association with the club. Many followed in his footsteps in those early years such as Kevin Doyle, Jim Doyle, Jack Doyle and Joe Molloy. Later additions in the late 1960s and 1970s included Seán Fitzpatrick, Eddie O' Byrne, Joe Nolan, Kieran Murphy, Paul Mc Elroy, Danny Parkinson, Eugene O' Neill, Tom O' Connor and Jimmy O' Driscoll, but the most illustrious of this group



Jackie O' Driscoll in full flight

was the flamboyant, blond-haired speedster Jackie O' Driscoll.

Most were products of Presentation College Bray, the Greystones nursery. Jackie joined Bective in 1969 and invigorated a strong team that went on to contest two Senior League finals and one Senior Cup final between then and 1974. When Greystones were promoted to senior status in 1975 Jackie and others returned to help establish their old club among the elite. He was captain in the club's second season as a senior team, the first being the international Paul Mc Naughton, and they thrilled Leinster with their scintillating brand of open rugby. The 1973/1974 Bective team was one of the finest that ever took the field for the Rangers. It was captained by Al Moroney, an Irish international and contained Leinster players Louis Magee and Cormac O' Carroll and England Under 23 international John Raphael. They beat a fancied Wanderers team in the cup semi-final but lost the final to a very strong St Mary's side. The coach was Eibhear Mc Carvill, who promoted open attacking play, well suited to Jackie and the talented backline. It was centenary year 1982 before the club again contested a senior cup final, on that occasion brilliantly coached by Al Moroney and captained by Louis Magee. Again, facing strong favourites Wanderers in the final, the day

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appeared to belong to the Rangers only to be denied by a late try to level the scores. The replay did not go our way and a superb centenary season just failed to secure the embellishment of the senior cup. Silverware is often regarded as the only measure of success, but its absence does not diminish the status of the great players such as Jackie, whose legacy as a one of the greatest Rangers is assured.



The Joyce Connection

The link between the great author James Joyce and Bective was first revealed during the club's 75th anniversary dinner in 1956 by WG (Billy) Fallon, a schoolmate of Joyce and club president in 1921-22.

Joyce was familiar with the club where other school pals, Eugene and Richard Sheehy were members and Bective was the most prominent of a small number of clubs in the city in the early 20th century. Bective players are named in the three major works of the master, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, (*James Magee and Paddy Rath*) *Ulysses* (the Bective rugby fullback) and *Finnegans Wake* (the Collopy). Billy Fallon was not to know that this connection would be enhanced some years later when Jackie O'Driscoll signed up. Jackie was christened John Stanislaus after his great grandfather John Stanislaus Joyce, father of James whose sister Eileen was



Jackie's grandmother. The Joyce family biography is a fascinating one and since the publication of *Ulysses* one hundred years ago in 1922, every

detail of the author's life has been investigated, interrogated, interpreted, examined, exposed, excoriated and exalted.

James Joyce

James Joyce was born in 1882, the eldest of ten children, four boys and six girls. Eileen was the sixth child and was born in Martello Terrace on the seafront in Bray in 1899, a short distance from O'Driscoll's pub, a warm and welcoming hostelry owned and run by Jackie. Eileen grew up in various homes in Dublin after the family left Bray shortly after her birth. Her father, John Stanislaus, a native of Cork was a wealthy man at time of his marriage to May Murray from Terenure in 1880. As an only son he had inherited six properties in Cork city and secured a well-paid and pensionable job as a tax collector for the Collector General's office in Dublin Castle. Unfortunately for his family he was also a man-about-town who liked nothing more than a few whiskies in the company of friends whom he would entertain with his wit, his mimicry and his fine tenor voice.

Through constant accumulation of debt, bad investments and excessive drinking he had lost both his job and his properties by the age of forty-four. When his wife May died in 1903 the family lost direction and descended into penury, left in the care of an irresponsible father with little means to support them and even less inclination. By then James Joyce had begun to display his promise as a writer, but believed that he could only flourish in exile and left Ireland with Nora Barnacle in Oct 1904 to take up a teaching post in Trieste, Italy. He had started his collection of short stories, *Dubliners*, before he left and completed them abroad. In 1909 he made a return trip to Dublin and when he returned to Trieste he brought his sister Eileen with him, for her a relief from the drudgery and poverty of Dublin and for her father, one less daughter to care for. Eileen had a fine singing voice, as had James and received some training in Trieste where she worked initially as a domestic for a wealthy family. She was confident and adaptable and quickly settled in Trieste and learned Italian. In 1914 she met a Czech bank employee Frantisek Schaurek and they married in 1915. They spent the war years in Prague returning to settle in Trieste where Frank resumed his job. The couple had three children, Bozena, Eleonora and Tito.

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Jackie's grandmother Eileen on the right with Sylvia Beach who first published Ulysses in Paris in 1922.

James Joyce spent the war in Zurich with Nora and their two children Georgio and Lucia and following a brief return to Trieste, they moved to Paris in 1920. James was then established in the literary world with the publication of *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* and *Dubliners* and had begun to write his masterpiece *Ulysses*. Eileen remained in Trieste and might have lived out her life there with her family but for the sudden death of her husband in 1926. She returned to Ireland and settled with her children in Bray having secured a job in the Irish Hospitals Trust where she worked until retirement. One interesting visitor they welcomed in the summer of 1935 was the daughter of James Joyce, Lucia. She was brought to Ireland from Paris by Eileen at James' request in the hope that a visit to her father's homeland would help to arrest the onslaught of schizophrenia that was beginning to take hold. She was 28 at the time, older than the Schaurek girls and made quite an impression with her Paris fashion and her erratic behaviour. Her stay in Bray was short and troublesome, ending with recuperation in a nursing home in Dublin before returning to Paris.

In 1936 she was admitted to psychiatric care, a cause of huge trauma and regret for her father in particular. When the Joyce family were forced to flee Paris for Zurich in late 1940 following the German invasion, they were unable to take Lucia with them. James Joyce died suddenly in Jan 1941, and his wife Nora lived on in Zurich until her death in 1952. Lucia remained in care in France until her mother died and was then transferred to St Mary's Hospital in Northampton where she died in 1982. The final years of

James Joyces' life were filled with distress and anguish caused principally by his daughter's illness, his fame as one of the great modernist writers proving no bulwark against profound familial emotions.

Among the personal family mementos in Jackie's possession is a short letter from Lucia to his father Dick, written in the 1930s and it is most probable that they met during her time in Bray in 1935. Richard O' Driscoll was an architect who designed the pub now owned by Jackie for Aiden Bailey, who has the distinction of being capped for Ireland while a schoolboy in Pres Bray in the 1934. Dick met Jackie's mother Eleonora Schaurek, a strikingly beautiful woman, in Bray where they married and lived rearing three sons, Richard, Jimmy and John (Jackie). Their grandmother Eileen was very much part of their lives and though the family was aware of their close connection with the towering figure of James Joyce, they were not dominated by it and enjoyed a normal happy childhood.

Jackie protects the memory of the Joyce family without seeking to commercialize it. His pub in Bray, displays photos and memorabilia which acknowledge his heritage in a respectful and understated way.

There is no doubt that James Joyce would be pleased that his grandnephew lives and works within sight of his childhood home at 2 Martello Terrace, and that he graced the playing fields of Bective Rangers, which in turn finds a place in his literature.



Jackie in his pub in Bray

J.J. O'REILLY



WINNERS

1XV - 2XV - U13



JOE MCAVIN'S FAVOURITE BECTIVE MEMORIES

Joe McAvin joined Bective in 1955 so this year he is 67 years a member, which is a great achievement. Joe was a winger on the 1st & 2nds teams; however, he was kept off the Leinster Senior Cup Team of 1962 due to the presence of Sean Parker and Dermot Rooney.

Here are some of Joe's favourite memories of his time in Bective:

Wintergreen

I pulled a muscle in my leg learning to ski in the U.S. My brother seeing the limp said "rub this ointment before going to bed. Two weeks later I was in Donnybrook playing St. Mary's. The last two in the dressing room, "Wa" Byrne and myself. Rubbing my "Wintergreen" into my leg (it had not arrived into Ireland yet) and the "Wa" putting a new lace into his boot enquired about it as he had a similar injury. The captain roared

"hurry up, the Ref is on the pitch".

I left the ointment with the "Wa". About ten minutes into the match the "Wa" came over, very aggressive, saying

"my genitals are on fire, what was in that tube?".

He simply squeezed more than an ample supply, rubbed it in and then went to the toilet. The instructions clearly stated after use, "wash your hands".

Anxiety

The real meaning was the sound of the letter box. I pounded down the stairs, grabbed the card, my future week was decided in the sentence

"you have been selected for 1st XV".

It could also mean:

- You are a happy go lucky star with such talent!

- Some of those selectors never even played football!

- You never got a card this week but are not worried!

One week I got selected on the 2nd XV, but the captain of the 1st XV rang me and said

"would you please come up on Sunday for the match against Galwegians in case somebody does not show or gets delayed".

Remember, there were no subs in those days. I arrived, left my bag in the Bective dressing room and went into the stand with pals from the 2nd XV. One of the pals suddenly said

"there's Billy the bag man in front of the pavilion and he is looking for someone".

I lit another fag. Suddenly Billy was down on the side line.

"Joe you're wanted hurry, hurry".

Like any athlete I was in the pavilion in seconds, into the Bective dressing room and I got my bag. The captain said

"well done Joe you will easily adjust from wing to wing forward".

What is he talking about I thought as he grabbed my arm and led me into the Galwegians dressing room? It was so strange

putting on their jersey, but worse was to come! I was playing against my own 1st XV and worst still, the Bective out half was Irish international Gerry Hardy - so he was my man to tackle? It was so hard to play against your pals, except once I had to go "down on the ball" to stop a forward rush by the Bective pack.

Often at social events/functions "know alls" would say to me

"Bective they would eat you".

As the Bective pack trampled over me, I did not get a chance to say "Hi" to the Wa, Rigger, Wigs, Cos - they said nothing except they left their mark. Joe "go down on the ball" No thanks!

The Call

Jerry Hardy: "Joe could you play a match on Wednesday in the country?"

"Sure" I said, "must go, will ring you".

I noticed much laughter from a few groups - "oh playing Wednesday Joe, against who?"

"You are playing for Cashel XV against Wolfhounds" - my pint went flat.

It took hours to get Hardy's business number.

"Sorry, thanks but no thanks, your name is on the programme, will pick you up at 9am".

I did not sleep. The Wolfhounds were touring Ireland. At the ground we were asking everyone who was on the Wolfhounds Team?

I was marking Pete Dawkins and he had been voted Player of the year in the U.S. Football League, went to Oxford and won his "blues" there against Cambridge. A "Yank" at Oxford, he could throw the line out ball halfway across the field. A piper played the National Anthem while I said a

rosary and heavenly inspired, I made the rugby move of my "fantastic career". I ran to our other winger from Cork Con and explained I had a problem playing left wing so would he mind moving -

"of course, no bother" he said.

Just like U.S. football, Pete Hawkins ran at him and it was lovely to watch. I marked Reid Smith from Trinity College Dublin.

Distraction

Remember when the winger threw in the line-out ball, then "they" decided the hooker would be better. But as you see, one of his forwards, whispers to him who to throw it to for every line out. Nobody ever whispered to me - well once (I think it was the "Wa"),

"have a look at the girl in the 3rd row of the stand!"

Soccer Star

I was in the Hospital Trust Ltd. They were short on players for the soccer squad so of course I agreed as I had learnt it in the Phoenix Park. We were in the Leinster 2nd Division. Our coach was Billy Behan who was a scout for Manchester United. After five matches, I was totally fed up and decided to confront Billy. Every match he had me in different positions. Billy roared with laughter -

"no, no you are particularly good",

"oh transfer?"

"You know I am with Man United? I have an eye on certain players. I always put you marking them. Your Bective training is great, you are very good at running into people and I am interested at the reaction."

Sorry Bective no transfer fee!



RICHIE MAYBURY

MINI'S RUGBY REVIEW

2021/22

Our Mini's Section from U6 to U13 continues to grow and we had over 200 registered players playing in Donnybrook this season.

The players, parents and visiting teams really appreciate the fantastic facilities and playing conditions provided by the club through the two all-weather pitches which continue to be a big draw for consideration when choosing a mini's rugby programme in the area and bar facilities (for tea and coffee!) provided by Mark on Sunday mornings. Visiting teams were very impressed with the playing surface and we were able to maintain an active programme of matches and blitzes even through the winter months when many clubs had to cancel events.

The coaching system is improving at mini's level and great thanks go to all the head coaches and assistant coaches at each of the age groups. There are approximately 44 parents involved in the coaching scene, many of whom are former senior/junior players and the volunteer ethos is essential to maintaining a successful mini's programme. Therefore, the continued support from the club in relation to pitch availability, clubhouse facilities on Sunday mornings and hopefully more mid-week slots for the older groups from U11's/U12's and U13's will be critical in the coming years. Many clubs are now running 2 training sessions per week particularly with the older age groups. I think it is imperative that we start to prioritise rugby in our club to ensure the mini section can grow and prosper year on year.

This season, as with most seasons in the past we say goodbye to our U13 group of players, most of whom have had over 7 years association with the club. The season was hugely successful for the U13 squad. Considering that this was their first taste of 15 a side rugby to win a league and be piped with a final kick in the Cup must be recognised as one of the most successful U13

teams ever. In fact we had players from 17 different schools playing in this group, so that must be a record in itself. A huge thank you must go out to Marcus Kennedy, the Head Coach of the U13 along with all the other coaches involved.

Having watched all the other age grades and having spoken to coaches, there is no doubt in my mind that there is some great coaching going on in the Bective mini section. Many coaches have told me that when they play some of the perceived higher rated clubs in the Metro region, Bective often come out on top and are often more technically astute than their counterparts. This coupled with our overarching ethos of having fun and always ensuring that a mini member comes back the following week, sees us in good stead for the 2022/2023 season.

All the head coaches of each age grade must be given a massive thank you for their hard work and time given during the 2021/2022 season – Tom Sheehy (U6/U7), Robert Murphy (U8), Paul Hatton (U9), Richie Maybury (U10), Liam Fenton (U11), Niall O'Doherty (U12) and Marcus Kennedy (U13).

The season finished on Sunday 1 May with our end of season day which was hugely successful. There was a real community spirit in the club that day with players, parents and family members coming down to enjoy the day. This was further enhanced by our special guests Dan Sheehan (ex Bective Mini) and Dan Leavy who came down to give out medals, they were so accommodating and could not have done enough for all the kids signing jerseys and balls. There was also a BBQ run for the event manned by 2 coaches wives Liz Hatton and Aoife Maybury who managed to churn out over 350 burgers and 150 sausages. This was all done with the support of Mark and Sharon in the bar, they are a formidable team who will always help in any way they can.

A special mention must go out to our Club President Michael Flood and his wife Audrey who were great supporters of the mini section, in fact Michael went above and beyond that day to come and support event.

2022/23 Season

Our target is to grow the mini section but that is incumbent on the mini section getting its fair share of space at the weekends but also during the week. While we do online campaigns for new members we rely heavily on word of mouth and the positive experiences current players are

getting in the club. We particularly need players at U6/7 level as this age group is where we can establish a relationship and gain further members through positive experience.

We ask all members to encourage sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, friends, cousins and their classmates to come down and enjoy the Bective experience with our fantastic facilities.

Richie Maybury







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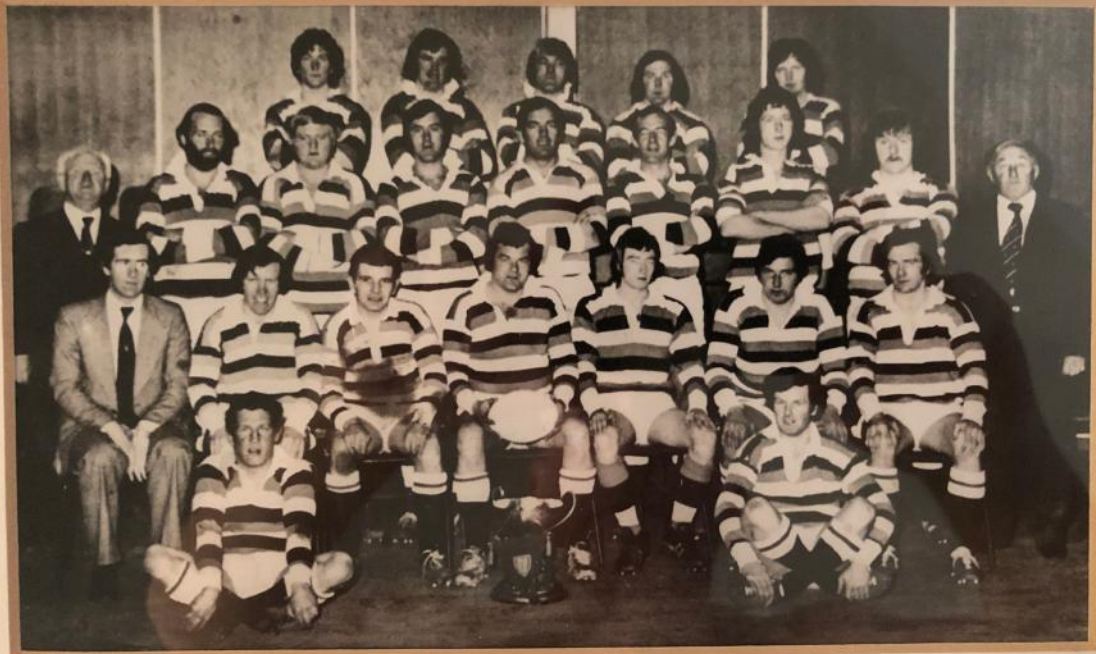
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WAY BACK WHEN 1976 - A BECTIVE MEMORY

As the song goes 'Can it be that it was all so simple then'



Left to Right: Michael Flood, Noel Murphy, Sean Hanraty, Johnny O'Hagan, Peter Hogarty
Middle Row: Danny Parkinson Snr. (Mgr.), Pat Freeman, Dave Brady, Greg Barry, Brian O'Hallrahan, Dermot Jordon, Declan Shalloe, Paul Feeney. Front Row: Michael McGrail (Hon Sec), Gerry Culleton, Stan Parkinson, Joe Nolan (Capt.), Sean Nixon, Bill Alwell, Sean Galvin, Kevin Doyle (President). Seated: Brian Conway, Eugene O'Neill.

The Leinster rugby club scene in the 1970's was huge with most senior clubs fielding 8 teams, training nights even had staggered slots, incredible when you think that there were no floodlights.

The Senior Cup Final that year was won by Trinity beating Blackrock after a replay in front of a massive crowd in Lansdowne Road. Indeed that was the format back then, after the Belvedere 7's the Senior Cup final was typically the last match of the season every player hung up their boots at the start of May, went away and rugby commenced again in September.

All the club finals took place each evening at 6.00pm in Donnybrook in the week before the Senior Cup and these finals attracted large crowds and the Leinster branch charged an admission fee in.

So it came to pass that the legendary Joe Nolan was going for an incredible feat at the time, captaining for a 3rd time in a row, 3 Leinster Branch 3rds Cups, having won previously in 1974 and 1975. The team met in the Burlington Hotel a few hours before the match with Joe finishing his team talk with

"Hey baby Its Showtime". Some team talk.

Our opponents in the final were Greystones and another incredible aspect to the game was that the Presidents of both clubs were brothers, Kevin and Jim Doyle, also their nephew played on the day for Greystones. Indeed Joe himself was a past member of Greystones too. With a great mix of youth and experience Bective prevailed with top players to name but a few , in the pack Greg Barry , Declan Shalloe, Brian (The Body) O'Hallrahan, backs Johnny O'Hagan, Peter Hogarty and brilliant half backs Brian (Muscles) Conway and Eugene O'Neill steering Bective home.

The winner's dressing room was supplied with a couple of cases of the best Champagne and I recall drinking a 'Black Velvet' for the first and only time.

Notable that 5 players (including myself) from the team have become Presidents of our club. Hopefully we won't be the last. Sadly time has caught up and we have lost not only Joe, but also a few more of our dear players from the team. God bless them all.

Wonderful memories.

Michael Flood



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It's a great honour to be asked to write a short piece on behalf of Bective Tennis for the Bective Rangers 2022/2023 Yearbook.



Although not quite as old as Bective Rangers, Bective Tennis Club is one of the longest established tennis clubs in Dublin and has been situated in the heart of Donnybrook for over 100 years. Originally part of Bective Rangers FC, Bective Tennis celebrated its centenary year in 2021. We had great plans to mark our 100th year – unfortunately, Covid put paid to all planned centenary events and celebrations. Rumour has it that even greater things are planned for our 200th anniversary, subject to no global pandemics in 2121!

Over the course of our 100 years, our members have included many notable tennis players, such as Joe Hackett and Jim Buckley who both represented Ireland in the Davis Cup and in other international competitions. One of the highlights for Bective Tennis came in 1986. For two days Bective Tennis was at the centre of Irish tennis as the club had the honour of entertaining a myriad of world stars for the second annual GOAL charity tennis match. This event featured leading tennis players of the day including Mats Wilander, Pat Cash, Stefan Edberg and Tim Mayotte. Through the efforts of these stars, along with Matt Doyle, John O'Shea and the Bective and GOAL committees, £60,000 was raised for the charity.

The club has seen many changes since its inception with seven grass courts in 1921. As a result of Hurricane Charley in 1986, the tennis courts were resurfaced and new floodlights were installed which allow for play throughout the year and on darker evenings. Every cloud has a silver lining! In the last number of years padel was introduced into the club which has proved very popular with old and new members.

Currently we have five all-weather tennis courts and one all-weather padel court. When the Dodder works are completed, the club will get land returned which will allow for further upgrades to our tennis and padel offerings.

Today, Bective Tennis is an energetic club, placing great emphasis on enjoying the game of tennis, but also encouraging a very sociable atmosphere amongst our members and friends. A number of our current members have been part of the club for over 50 years and are still playing to a high standard. We have a very full tennis calendar with American tournaments being run throughout the season and team tennis events taking place in autumn and spring. Club handicap and championship competitions run during the summer months with the finals day at the end of the summer season.

The club participates in competitive tennis events every year. Our men's and ladies teams compete in the Dublin Lawn Tennis Club (DLTC) leagues where matches are played against other tennis clubs in the greater Dublin and surrounding areas over the year. We're very proud of the pennants that we've won at all levels of the DLTC leagues and we look forward to adding a few more to our collection.

Bective Tennis has continued to grow membership numbers over the last few years, helped by the development of our junior and family tennis sections and the introduction of padel into the club. Our members come from many walks of life and play to all standards, and new members are always welcome. Similar to Bective Rangers, we remain a not-for-profit sports club, managed and run by our hard-working volunteers and members.

Finally, I'd like to thank the President of Bective Rangers, the members of the Executive Committee and Valerie Stein for asking Bective Tennis to be part of the 2022/2023 Yearbook. On behalf of Bective Tennis, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our friends in Bective Rangers every success both on and off the field in the seasons ahead, and we hope that you achieve your ambitions of promotion and a return to AIL in the not-too-distant future.

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Cormac O'Shea,
President Bective Tennis 2022/23

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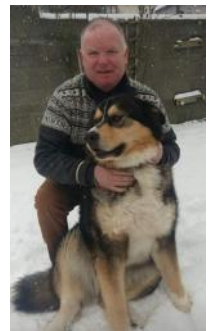
At the heart of every successful club is someone who helps keep the wheels turning and the lights on and Mark O'Brien is that person in Bective.

February 2023 is Mark's 10th anniversary as the Club Manager in Bective. It's hard to believe that it's already been 10 years so we wanted to stop and mark this occasion by thanking Mark for his service to date and giving a little insight into the man himself.

Mark is local to Donnybrook having been born and raised there. He moved out of the area when he met Joan, his lovely wife and they moved to Kimmage. Mark and Joan have been married for the past 34 years and they are devoted parents to three grown up children – Tara, Sarah-Jordan and Adam. The other important member of the O'Brien family is their adorable dog Kovu, a Bernese Mountain Dog Husky mix. Prior to becoming the Bective Club Manager, Mark worked for 34 years in Long's Pub (now Arthur Maynes) in Donnybrook so he

didn't have too far to travel when he began his new job in Bective. Mark was already familiar with the club and knew many of the members so the transition was very smooth.

What Mark loves about his job is the people! He has built fantastic relationships with the members and beyond over the years and he has gathered a great group of people together to work with him in the bar.



Mark and his team always ensure that everyone who enters the clubhouse gets a warm welcome, has an enjoyable experience and come away from Bective with a smile on their face. He also enjoys all the slagging (particularly from the Dollies) that goes hand in hand with being part of the club.



While Mark is very passionate about his work, his other passion is music. His favourite artist is Christy Moore (who he has seen live over 200 times as part of Planxty, Moving Hearts and as a solo artist) and his favourite band is Blondie (although he's only seen them 6 times). He's also a lover of films and going to the cinema.

Mark has welcomed many prominent visitors to the club over the last 10 years including President Michael D. Higgins and Mary Black - where else would you get to meet such a mix of people?

Thank you Mark for all you do for the club. Here's to the next 10 years and an early happy birthday for your "big" birthday next year.



MUSIC NIGHT AT THE CLUB DUBLIN MALE VOICE CHOIR



Passers-by on the Donnybrook Road on 24th May last would have been compelled to pause, drawn in by the sweet and mellow tones of the Dublin Male Voice Choir (DMVC).

The choir performed in the Bective pavilion and delighted a large and appreciative audience at an end of season concert.

The music programme was varied with a mixture of operatic, sacred and popular music supported by soloists from the choir who thrilled the attendance with a rousing rendition of *If I Were a Rich Man* (Conor Twomey) and a superbly-performed Pearl Fishers duet by Conor and Myles O' Brien.

This was the second occasion the DMVC performed in Bective and judging by the enthusiastic reception, it will not be the last. President Michael Flood and his wife Audrey were among the many club members who attended the concert.



There is a strong Bective representation in the choir in the persons of JJ O' Reilly, Jack McEvoy, Declan Lawler, Pat Mc Keown and Jim Dwyer, all of whom stayed on in the bar among choir members and Rangers as the singing continued with voice boxes well lubricated by Mark and his staff.

New members are always welcome, especially Bective men who can prove that there is more to a Ranger than rugby.

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My affiliation to Bective stretches back to U10's so it was a no brainer when the opportunity came for me to re-join my home club. Having played with Bective Mini's from a young age, I have nothing but fond memories of my time there.

We were lucky enough to attend the Heineken Cup Final in 2006 - to watch Munster win, followed by a tour to Belgium in 2007, which included an unforgettable visit to Walibi Theme Park, both of which are memories I look back on and will continue to look back on for the rest of my life. Many of today's "Alickadoos" were involved in coaching our Mini's team and it is great to see so many of them still involved today. From a rugby perspective, Bective was an integral part in my development prior to playing in St. Michael's College. It gave me the platform to get a head start on some of my classmates at such a young age. I went on to play for St.

Michael's at all levels followed by UCD under 20's as well as representing their first XV at AIL level.

Before the opportunity came to re-join Bective, I must admit I was very close to hanging up the boots, however, I am delighted to say that Bective has given me a new lease of life and I really look forward to the season ahead where hopefully we can go one better than last year. We have a great group of players and coaches this year which makes the environment really appealing both on and off the pitch.

Naturally people move on from Mini's, many start playing for schools or maybe other sports. However, it is important to never forget your roots and return to the club at some stage, in any capacity, to help bring Bective back!

Matthew Gilсэнan



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BECTIVE GOLF UPDATE

Barniville Cup and Annual Golf Outing – 6th May 2022

This was our 22nd visit to Woodbrook Golf Club and again as with previous years, the weather was very kind to us. The committee is grateful to Sean Parker and Willie O'Connor, who instigated the move to Woodbrook all those years ago and for ensuring that we have always obtained a prime date in the calendar. The numbers attending this year were up with 70 golfers and a similar number for the dinner and craic.

Johnny Behan was crowned club champion and winner of the Barniville Cup and went on to captain the Lorcan Sherlock competition. It was a very enjoyable day out, no prizes for the Bective Team but a respectable result all the same.

Next year's event takes place on Friday 5th May 2023 again in Woodbrook.



Left to right: Peter Magee, Keelan McKenna, Michael Shalloe & Brian Shalloe



Left to right: Paddy O'Brien, Michael Flood & Mark Jones

Bective Golf Society

A big thank you to Mark Jones and his team of the Bective Golf Society who have organised some great outings this year including The Castle and Woodenbridge. Thank you also to all those who sponsored prizes and tee boxes. Our aim is to get 3 to 4 outings per year during the rugby off-season. If you would like to join the society and/or propose a location for one of the outings, please get in touch with Mark Jones or Michael Shalloe via the Golf Society page on the website.

Looking forward to more great golf days during the 2022/2023 season!

Michael Shalloe

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Annual Dinner 2021/2022

Due to Covid concerns the Annual Dinner was held on 8 April rather than the normal February outing, but the re-arranged date did not detract in any way from the attendance or the atmosphere.

A capacity attendance of 177 enjoyed a wonderful evening in the clubhouse including the legendary Bill Mulcahy and two members of the last Bective team to win the Leinster Senior Cup in 1962, Seán Parker and Dermot Rooney.



L to R: Michael Flood, Audrey Flood & Willie Anderson. Willie presented Michael with a picture called "Crossing the Line", which shows him facing down the haka as captain of the Ireland Team when they played against the All Blacks in Lansdowne Road in 1989.

President Michael Flood delivered a memorable speech in which he paid tribute to all the club members and officials for their support during an excellent season, which saw the senior and second teams win their respective League divisions.

Mick highlighted the strong Co. Carlow connections manifest on the night in the presence of Carlow natives, IRFU President Des Kavanagh, our Director of Rugby and coach Bernard Jackman, our Club Director Declan Lawler and not least Mick's wife



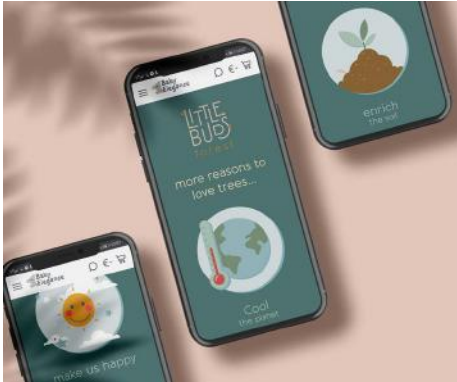
Audrey whom Mick first met in the Old Wesley clubhouse and managed to entice to the superior end of the Donnybrook ground.

Des Kavanagh also gave an excellent speech and the dinner was rounded off by guest speaker Willie Anderson who delighted the attendance with a wide-ranging address covering his eventful rugby career, politics, religion, identity, the joys of playing and the priceless legacy of rugby friendships, all of which he infused with wit and wisdom.

The annual club dinner, individually hosted and in turn attended by the Leinster Club Presidents is a well-established practice and even though repeated beef dinners washed down with generous quantities of (free) wine and beer can take a toll on ageing presidential bodies, judging by the Bective 2021/22 version, it is a tradition well worth preserving.

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Walk on the Wild Side

Mick O'Loughlin

Wherever determination and skilful play might have taken Mick O'Loughlin on a rugby pitch, off it, both creatively and socially, Mick was a man assuredly of the leftfield.

In whatever jumper he was in, he was invariably found making astute or playfully mischievous observations while regularly pulling uniquely humorous one-liners out of nowhere.

To say that Mick was "well got" or "popular" in Bective would be an understatement.

Bective was an integral part of Mick's way of life and he was totally committed to the club's better interests. He was respected for his broad knowledge and thoughtful inputs on a wide range of topics. The passionate and infectious energy and the drive he possessed on the pitch or as a team manager, office holder or ordinary member, brought many around to his "Bective first" way of thinking.

Mick wholly believed that the club amounted to much more than the sum of its members. While both on and off the park, he saw Bective as a force for good and as a net positive contributor to the betterment of life in Dublin and its good people that he also loved and championed.

A man's man to the core, a patrician of "the Senate" and notable contributor at the "Ciss"-onian Institute talking shop, plus founder of the distinctly less sober "Dolly Dimplers" travellers extraordinaire, he was steeped in Bective and made a great number of friends who greatly miss his wit, humour and perspective now gone from their midst.



The yellow beech floors of the clubhouse, the darker boards of Ciss Maddens, of Longs and the grey pavements in between were the well-worn plains where words were bandied, matches dissected and lessons learnt. Also, where minds were put to working out a way to give a boost to a player or to a team or simply to express friendship and find the craic in the simplest of things.

Each conversation presented the opportunity for the well-oiled wheels of Mick's lively mind to whirr on the lateral approach to any given subject and to spontaneously lob in an inspired, unexpected sidewinder of a comment, that given his playfulness with words, would generate smiles all round. He would often feel obliged to stifle an embedded grin in his ever permanent 5 o'clock shadow before bursting through with a snort as he couldn't contain his own enjoyment of the quip.

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Mick was undoubtedly a force for good and an exemplary proactive member of Bective who sought only to give to his club but wherever he saw the opportunity to give a lift genuinely and generously to any needy fellow traveller it was within his gift to assist.

In 2011 around the first anniversary of the time of his passing and in seeking to keep Mick's positive "can do" and team spirit alive, family and friends from both inside and outside the walls of Bective, have gathered and continue to gather, on either the last Sunday in January or the first in February, pending the rugby calendars, to talk and remember by walking from Bective along the Dodder up to the Dublin mountains and over the top to finish at Johnny Fox's pub in Glencullen.

This journey, christened from the outset as the "Walk on the Wild Side", was appropriately named in recognition of Ireland's most notable rendition of the Lou Reed song. If you were ever fortunate enough to witness it being sung by Mick, it was most brilliantly and animatedly performed in hunchback mode with Mick serenading a brown beer bottle microphone, while stepping across the tops of tables butted together in Bective's bar for the purpose. The stuff of true legend. The "Billy Bunters" couldn't get enough. It was sufficiently significant an occasion to make mention of it in the social columns of the Sunday papers. Even Lou Reed would have been obliged to defer.

Initiated by Pat McKeown and Robert Cuddy, the walk is now an annual event. In 2020 it was completed before Covid struck and in 2021, on the Tenth Anniversary of its inauguration, it was completed somewhat later in the year on a most beautiful sunny day in June and ended up with numerous non walkers joining the party on the terrace at the back of Arthur Maynes.

Names too many to mention but all the stalwart Bective reliables as you might imagine and many more besides, have been present over the years on either the walk or in gathering in Donnybrook to toast Mick and to give voice, once again murderously, to a blast of "Walk on the Wild Side" as the cats disappear over the back wall. Beware the "doot de doot de doot doot de doot doot de doot de doot". However, in performing

the "Ireland's Not Got Talent" version of the song we inversely proportionately heap praise and render unto Mick that which is Micks and Micks alone. Lou Reed...exit stage left.

It must be said that it took an embarrassing number of years to work out that it might be a good idea to start at the top of the hill in Glencullen instead of the bottom of the hill at Bective. So, in the latter years we were all greatly pleased to welcome the company of gravity, your only man, as a much-appreciated newcomer to the walk.

It would be dangerous to second guess the lively mind, but if Mick was to overhear himself being referred to as "leftfield" he would likely have subjectively processed it along the lines of how, in some way he was "left in the field" or something similar. Either way, now that Mick has left the field, he is undoubtedly and unequivocally well remembered and well regarded as an outstanding member of Bective and an outstanding individual in his own right.

If you would like to go for a walk, talk or venture a day in the spirit of friendship and maybe discuss what's good or not so good in life or Bective or the world (be assured the walk accommodates all types from dogs to dodgy) or just keep to yourself and go with flow, then **get yourself to the car park at Johnny Fox's Pub in Glencullen for departure at 9.00am sharp on Sunday the 29 January 2023 and join-in on the next Walk on the Wild Side, you'll be more than welcome.**

Michael B. Doyle



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We have 5 team leaders (some or all) will be available on the day to guide you on your Rambling journey. The Team Leads are: Robert Cuddy, Pat McKeown, Emmet Sheridan, John Byrne and Michael B Doyle.

All walkers/ramblers must register prior to the walks to give us a view on numbers attending and registration is via Club website on the Ramblers page www.bectiverangers.com/ramblers-walking-society



Left to Right: Emmet Sheridan & Pat McKeown

March 2022

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#2 Donnybrook to Poolbeg Lighthouse

What a beautiful day we had – fantastic weather and a first time for Valerie to visit the Poolbeg Lighthouse. Coffee break was difficult cause it was Robert’s birthday and he wanted pints!

April 2022

#3 Glendalough



This has been the highlight to date - Glendalough/Miners Road loop, 12.5km approx. This outing has a little bit of climbing but well worth the effort as the view from the top is breathtaking!

But we need to have as many Bective Ramblers as possible, so come along please and also your ideas are most welcome – who knows where we might ramble – maybe the full Camino Way!

Maybe a visit by the Rambling Rangers to Santiago de Compostela might be the catalyst for the return from the wilderness to the promised land – A.I.L. promotion!

Pat McKeown



Left to Right: Robert Cuddy, Helen McKeown, Emmett Sheridan



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Ladies Lunch 2022

The highly anticipated return of the Annual Ladies' Lunch took place in the clubhouse on Saturday 2 April 2022 with 90 fabulous ladies in attendance. It was a fantastic day that was enjoyed by all.

This year the lunch was in aid of "Climb with Charlie", which represented the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House and the sum raised for these truly deserving causes was an incredible €5,040.



The event kicked off with a prosecco reception which was very kindly sponsored by Club President Michael Flood and his lovely wife Audrey. Our guests were warmly welcomed by Audrey, and Siobhán Ní Mhathúna was our wonderful MC for the afternoon. We also had a beautiful Spanish version of grace before lunch from Marisa Guerrero, Honorary Treasurer.



The lunch was delicious with the catering by Vinny Hanlon and his great waiting staff. There was a lovely gift for everyone of Lir Chocolates which were very generously sponsored by Siobhán Ní Mhathúna and Fergus Flanagan. Mark O'Brien together with Sharon and the rest of the bar staff did a superb job as usual ensuring everyone was looked after.

A bumper raffle was held on the day with amazing prizes donated by an array of Bective supporters including a hamper of Dr Hauschka products,



beautiful prints from Tara O'Brien Illustrator, a pair of tickets to a PRO14 match from the Leinster Branch, earrings from Rocks Jewellers, a voucher from Peter Mark, a piece from Barnardo Furriers, McGuirk Golf vouchers, to be name but a few. We also had prizes from many local businesses including Dorian Restaurant, Donnybrook Bikes, Arthur Maynes Pub, O'Brien's Fine Wine, Skin by Olga, Roly's Bistro, Mink and Spar Donnybrook. A huge "thank you" to all of these Bective supporters.

The music during lunch was provided by the amazing "Stolen Chicken" who got everyone in the mood with their gypsy jazz numbers. This was followed by a DJ (organised by Gavin Walsh) who did a great job of keeping the floor busy all night.

There was a fantastic mix of members, friends, local business women and our neighbours from the Bective Tennis Club. The day provided the perfect opportunity for long awaited post pandemic reunions and meeting new people.

In the early evening the players and supporters returned from Navan RFC after a convincing win over Connemara Blacks RFC in the Round

Robin AIL Playoffs Semi-Final – a match that was keenly watched by a number of the Bective ladies before the lunch began.

The event was a huge success, raising money for two very worthwhile charities while providing a most enjoyable day in the clubhouse. An enormous “thank you” to everyone who came along on the day and supported this event.

Finally, thanks to the organising committee of Audrey Flood, Siobhán Ní Mhathúna, Julie Lawler, Marisa Guerrero, Mark O’Brien and Valerie Stein.

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Cheltenham Gold Cup Afternoon of Racing

What an incredible afternoon we had in the Clubhouse on Friday, 18 March for coverage of the Cheltenham Gold Cup Race Day.

A large crowd turned up to enjoy the afternoons racing with multiple tv's and screens set up in the bar, President's bar and in the main hall by our ever-helpful manager, Mark O'Brien.

With an entry fee of €20, everyone was entitled to and availed of not only a bite to eat prepared by Vinnie Hanlon Catering, but also a free pint of their choosing as well as a free €5 bet.

A bookmaker was on hand representing the Pat Toolan Bookmaker Group throughout the afternoon accepting all types of bets including Sharon's "Lucky 15" which regrettably for her was not that lucky on the day. However, the afternoon turned out to be one disaster after another for our on-site bookie with all 7 races being won by Irish trained winners much to the delight of all present who by and large cleaned up with the very favourable results.

The days racing kicked off with the well supported favourite, Vauban at 6/4, romping home in the opening Triumph Hurdle for trainer Willie Mullins and jockey Paul Townend, cheered on by practically everyone present, especially John Comer, giving a great start to the days punting and enjoyment. Next up was another Mullins and Townend winner, State Man at 11/4 followed in the third race by yet another winner from the Mullins's yard called The Nice Guy at 18/1. Unfortunately, the more fancied Mullins runner here was Minella Cocooner owned by our very own David Bobbett who had to settle for the runner up spot on this occasion.

Next up was the main event of the day and probably the week for that matter, with the Gold Cup attracting 11 of the very best steeplechasers from here and the UK. What an incredible jockey Rachael Blackmore is, riding the favourite A Plus Tard at odds of 3/1 to win with a bit to spare, thereby reversing last year's one two with Minella Indo with both horses trained by Henry de Bromhead at his Knockeen, Co Waterford stables.

The third home here, Protektorat, is partly owned by Sir Alex Ferguson.

At this stage our bookie friend was looking a little pale and stressed and his afternoon was not going to get any better. The 5th and 6th races were very close-run contests with that man Mullins again being successful with the winners, Billaway at 13/8, superbly ridden by the trainer's son Patrick and then, Elimay at 9/4 under jockey Mark Walsh bringing up a remarkable 5 timer for the Mullins team.

The final race was a very competitive handicap and it capped a first ever clean sweep of all 7 Irish trained winners at Cheltenham when Banbridge trained by Joseph O'Brien won the finale at 12/1 much to the delight of our president Michael Flood (don't tell Audrey) and his drinking buddies who took whatever cash the 'poor' bookie had left.

While it was a very costly exercise for Pat Toolan Bookmakers they have committed to providing a representative again next year in the hope of recouping some of their considerable losses, we will just have to wait and see.

Many thanks to Emmett Sheridan for organising a great crowd to come down from his local. I'm sure the pub owner was wondering where his thirsty clients had got to on the day. Also, a huge thank you to Fergus Flanagan for all his help in organising the event and for arranging the printing of the classy posters and entry tickets.

While I was very much in the minority of the few losing punters on the day (nothing new there), I think everyone that turned up and supported the club thoroughly enjoyed the club's hospitality and their afternoon's racing entertainment.

So, we look forward to seeing you and all your friends again this time next year and as a former three time Champion Hurdle winner's name springs to mind - 'See You Then'.

Billy O'Brien

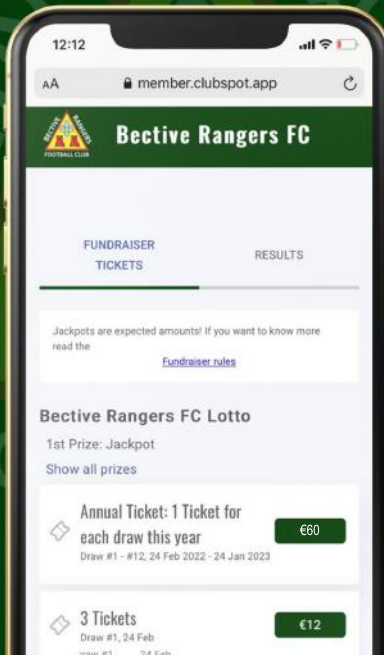
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