



***Aindriú Ó hEithir***  
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The 2012 boys group are honoured to bring back the Aindriú Ó hEithir Hurling Blitz. It was first held in 2012 and ran for a number of years. Iain Ó hEithir, from our Senior Hurling & Football Teams and Dublin u20/Senior Hurler played in it over a number of years. Iain's brother Pádraic also plays for Ballinteer St Johns & coaches our Minor / Adult Camogie Teams. The Ó hEithir family are delighted to see The Aindriú Ó hEithir Hurling Blitz return.

We are inviting teams from Cork, Kildare, Wexford & Kilkenny There will be 8 teams in total including our 2012 boys teams! Over 130 players will participate! It will be a wonderful occasion for the Ó hEithir Family, our players, visiting teams and our club.



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**Ballinteer St. Johns GAA Club welcomes the u11  
Players, Mentors, Families and friends of,**

**Ballinteer St. Johns, Dublin  
Ballygarvan GAA Club, Cork  
Naas GAA Club, Kildare  
Mullinavat GAA Club, Kilkenny  
Rapparees GAA Club, Wexford  
Buffers Alley GAA Club, Wexford**

**to Marlay Park on 1st May 2023 to participate in the  
Aindriú Ó hEithir U11 Hurling Blitz 2023!**

**Tá faile Romhat!**



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**10.45am:  
Parade**

**11am-2pm:  
Games**

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## **Overview of the Day**

**This is an u11 Hurling Blitz**

**Players born in 2012 / 13 are eligible to play.**

**There will be 8 teams participating from across 6 clubs who will enjoy a series of games throughout the day! The emphasis will be on having lots of fun, lots of hurling, making friends and new connections and of course making memories!**

**We will open the blitz with a parade led by a Bag Piper at 10.45am**

**The teams will play games from 11am - 2pm! With refreshments afterwards!**

**Teas, coffee, cordial, sandwiches & refreshments will be provided at our Clubhouse throughout the day!**





# **Aindriú Ó hEithir** **U11 HURLING** **BLITZ**



## **Aindriú Ó hEithir** **Ballinteer St Johns Mentor & Friend**

Aindriú Ó hEithir was a Mentor for the 2001 hurling & football teams for a number of years. He had a particular love for the game of hurling. He played for a while as a child with Kilmacud Crokes but was introduced to Ballinteer St. Johns through his sons Pádraic & Iain who both still play & coach at Ballinteer St Johns. His other son, Colm is a great supporter of his brothers.

Aindriú was immensely proud of his sons and loved to watch them play; by his own admission though he “was never as good as them” when it came to playing GAA! As well as mentoring Aindriú and his wife Catherine, were also very generous benefactors of the club, sponsoring jerseys and tournaments.

Sadly, Aindriú lost his battle with Cancer in May 2012. He is greatly missed. In November 2012, the U11s hosted the first Aindriú Ó hEithir Hurling Tournament in his memory, with teams from Cork (Sliabh Rua), Clare (Ruan) and our neighbours Naomh Olafs. The lads did him proud ensuring the Aindriú Ó hEithir Cup stayed in Ballinteer for its first year. The 2001 group hosted the tournament up until Iain played u16.

His legacy will live through the fine young players he helped to develop and through his own sons. He was our mentor and our friend.



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## **Ballinteer St Johns**

Ballinteer St Johns was founded in 1982. Since then, it has grown into a vibrant community based GAA Club situated on the edge of Marlay Park in South Dublin. Its catchment area covers Ballinteer, Churchtown, Rathfarnham, Dundrum and beyond. Currently, Ballinteer St Johns has over 3,800 members and 1,000 families, covering girls, boys, mens and ladies Gaelic games. The Club has many representatives on a wide range of Dublin squads and continues to develop and grow.

Ballinteer St Johns has over 165 teams playing every week during the season throughout the county. The club's thriving Nursery section sees over 300 5-7 year olds get introduced to our games every weekend ensuring the future is bright for

Ballinteer St Johns. Our club pitches are in Marlay Park, Broadford, Nutgrove, Ballinteer Community School (All Weather Pitch) and Good Shepherd National School. These are perfectly positioned and visible in the heart of the community.

The club's main pitch in Marlay Park was recently upgraded to Championship grade and was reopened in Summer 2020. The clubhouse is the home of regular social & cultural events, and a buzz of activity!

Ballinteer St Johns are delighted to host the Aindriú Ó hEithir Hurling Blitz and to welcome our visiting teams to our Clubhouse and Marlay Park.



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## Failte

**Antóin Ó Conchúir**

**Cathaoirleach, Cumann Naomh Eoin Baile an tSaoir**

A chairde,

Is mór an ónóir domsa, mar chathaoirleach Cumann Naomh Eoin Bhaile an tSaoir sibh a fháiltiú chuig chomórtas iomána Aindriú Ó hEithir.

Fear den scoth ab ea Aindriú agus ba mhór an chailliúint don chlub, don phobal agus is mó a chlann é nuair a chailleadh é chomh hóg is a bhí sé. Maireann sé fós mar dea-shampla dár bhaill agus maor foirne. Bheadh sé thar a bheith bhróidiúil as an dul chun cinn atá déanta ag an gclub ach go háirithe ó thaobh na hiomána de. Níl aon ionadh ann go bhfuil mic Aindriú, Iain (a imríonn le imreoirí sinsir BSJ agus Ath Cliath) agus Pádraic (iomanaí idirmhéanach BSJ agus bainisteoir camógaíocht míonúir, a bhuaidh craobh an condáe anuraidh) i lár baill ann. Is léir gur rinne a mháthair Catherine sár-jab leis an bheirt acu. Ní bhuaileá le fir níos beasaí, díograiseach ná macánta.

Chuirimid fáilte faoi leith roimh na foirne a thaistil chugainn inniu ó Loch Garman, Cill Channaigh, Cill Dara agus mo chondae féin, Corcaigh. Is as condáe Chorcaí bhaintreach Aindriú, Catherine agus ní dhéanann na leads Iain agus Pádraic dearmad ar an gcuid sin dona dhúchais!

Táimid ag tnúth le cluichí breá, spóirtiúil, spleodracha i bPáirc Mharlai le linn an chomórtas agus bhuaileadh le sean-chairde agus chairde nua a dhéanamh. Failte roimh Baile an tSaoir



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## Welcome

**Anthony O'Connor**  
**Chairperson, Ballinteer St Johns**

A chairde,

It's a great honour for me to welcome you to the Aindriu Ó hEithir memorial blitz today.

Aindriú was a great clubman and his passing at such a young age was a huge loss to our club, our community and most of all his family. His legacy lives on though as a great example to our members and mentors. I know Aindriú would be extremely proud of the progress our club has made, especially on the hurling side. It's no surprise that Aindriús sons Iain (senior hurler for the club and Dublin this year) and Pádraic (intermediate hurler and manager of our county championship winning minor camogie team last year) are at the forefront of that. It is testament to the job their mother Catherine did with them. You couldn't meet two more polite, honest and hardworking men.

We extend a special welcome to the teams travelling from Kilkenny, Wexford, Kildare and my own county of Cork today. Aindrius widow Catherine is a Corkwoman and I know the two lads Iain and Pádraic will never forget that part of their heritage (nor would they be allowed to!).

We're looking forward to some great, sporting and exciting games in Marlay Park during the blitz and an opportunity to catch up with some old friends and make new ones. Welcome to Ballinteer!



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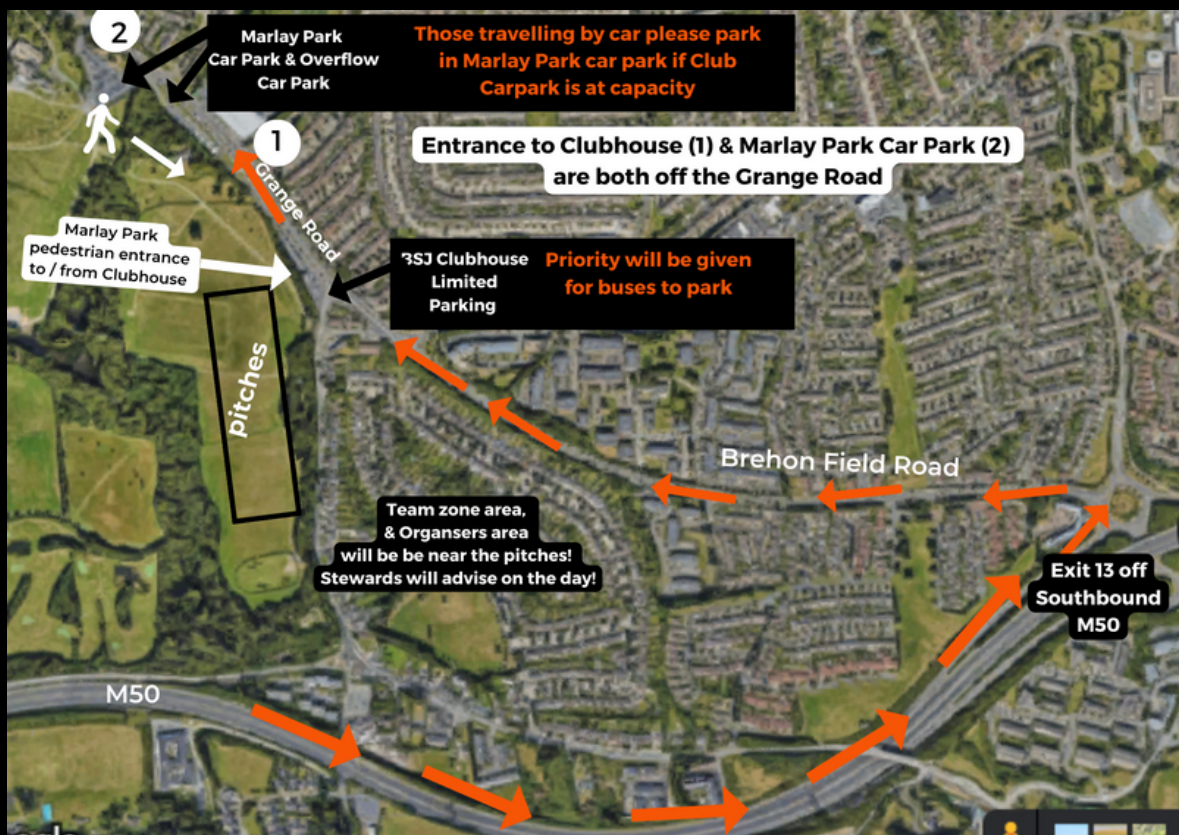
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#### Parking

The BSJ Clubhouse is located approximately 1.5km from junction 13 on the M50. The club's carpark is located in front of the clubhouse, As it may be busy with teams arriving at the same time and bus parking, we will have parking stewards there to guide you to either our clubhouse car park or Marlay Park carpark which is located approximately 400m from the Clubhouse. Please see the map below for parking locations. Any team representatives with gear or gazebos to carry are welcome to come to the Clubhouse carpark. Please do not park in LIDL as you may be clamped.

The Google Maps Link for Ballinteer St Johns Clubhouse is <https://goo.gl/maps/PnTZva7KFeLvppQ66>  
The Google Maps Link for Marlay Park carpark (<https://goo.gl/maps/ywfHyT97NcUij7Bk9>)



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#### Arrival & Team Set up

We will have stewards available to assist you when you arrive. We will have a Team Zone area near the pitches for you to set up. We will provide a table and bin bag for any rubbish. Please see the map below for details of the pitches where the games will be played and your Team Zone location. We suggest teams arrive at 10am to allow time for warm up and a quick briefing / FAQ, including details of the plan for the parade and to get your team zone area set up etc.

#### Stewards

Stewards will be available on the day to guide teams and supporters to designated team areas, pitches, car parking, toilets, medical assistance & refreshments. Our Club Stewards will be easily identified wearing high vis vests!

#### Dressing Rooms

Each team will be assigned a dressing room. We will show you where to go when you arrive. Please do not leave valuables such as phones in the dressing rooms.

#### Parade

We have booked a Piper to lead the parade to open the Tournament at Marlay Park and to add to the occasion for all our teams, mentors and families. **Please bring club flags if you can!**

#### Refreshments

Refreshments will be available for all from 10am until after the Finals in our Clubhouse. We invite all players, mentors and supporters to join us in the clubhouse for tea, coffee, sandwiches and bakes throughout the day.



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# Pitches & other Information



## Pitch Allocation

Teams will be based on pitches as outlined below.

Team zones will be beside/near each pitch.  
Stewards will guide teams to the locations on the day.

### Pitch 1 & 2

**Ballinteer St Johns 1**  
**Ballygarvan**  
**Naas 1**  
**Raparees**

### Pitch 3 & 4

**Ballinteer St Johns 2**  
**Naas 2**  
**Buffers Alley**  
**Mullinavat**



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# Our Visiting Teams

## Ballygarvan GAA, Cork

The Ballygarvan Club was there on the historic day that twenty-one clubs affiliated to the newly formed Gaelic Athletic Association; club delegates attended the inaugural meeting of the Cork County Board in December 1886, and a club senior fifteen were beaten by Tower Street in the first, contested Cork County Hurling final in 1888. A big day in the life of the club was the opening of Páirc Liam MacCarthaigh on Easter Sunday 1984, Centenary Year. A famous son, Liam MacCarthy would be very proud of his beloved Ballygarvan.

With a tradition like that, small wonder that the club is as vibrant as it is today competing in Hurling, Football, Camogie and LGFA at all ages from Fe6 to Fe18 and 10 adult teams across all codes. Our club players regularly represent Cork including All Ireland and All Star winners Ger Spillane in Football and Emer Dillion in Camogie and more recently Kevin Lyons and Piaras O Halloran winning All Minor and U20 hurling All Irelands.



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**Naas GAA**

Naas is one of the largest GAA clubs in Ireland, with over 80 teams competing in Football, Hurling, Camogie and Ladies Football. It is situated on the Sallins Road in the town. Naas is a rapidly growing town of 22,000 and the GAA club is an integral part of the community. Naas Juvenile Hurling is responsible for organising Hurling in the club from Nursery (U6) to U16. There are over 250 boys playing Hurling across these age groups. Naas compete in the Kildare Hurling Leagues, but also compete in the Dublin Leagues from U8-U12 and in the Kilkenny Leagues from U13-U17. This has significantly developed the young players within the club and we are very appreciative to the relevant County Boards for their ongoing support in developing Hurling within the club. Naas Juvenile Hurling would like to thank Ballinteer St Johns for the kind invitation to the Aindriú O h'Eithir tournament and are looking forward to a great day.



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## Buffers Alley, Wexford

The Buffers Alley club is one of the oldest in Co. Wexford, founded in the late 1870's and locate along the coast road between Gorey and Wexford Town.

Entering into the senior grade, for the second time in 1967, they quickly came to the top, been beaten by their greatest rivals the famous Rathnure. 1968 was to be Buffers Alley's year, when the success story really started as they went in as underdogs and made history on that memorable day in December against a very talented Harriers side. Winning 12 county senior titles in total, Buffers Alley won against Kinnity in the 1985 Leinster Club final and went all the way to the All-Ireland Final but was defeated by Kilruane-McDonaghs. Buffers Alley beat Shamrocks from Kilkenny in the 1988 Leinster Final. The crowning glory for Buffers Alley arrived on St. Patrick's Day in 1989 when they became the first and only Co. Wexford club to win the All-Ireland club championship with a well-deserved win over O'Donovan Rossa.

Buffers Alley camogie club is the joint second most successful in the history of the All-Ireland Senior Club Camogie Championship with a total of five victories in 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984. They won a further Leinster championship title in 1980

In recent times a huge volunteering effort from Buffers Alley's Kilmuckridge & Monamolin community and families has resulted in large strides in fundraising, facilities development and underage boys and girls Hurling, Camogie and Gaelic Football (with Ladies Gaelic Football teams commencing in 2023 !). The U19s boys premier hurling title win in 2022 followed U20s Div 1 title in 2021 and minor successes in the years before.

The name Buffers Alley is today well-known to hurling fans and sports fans across the country. There are of course numerous theories as to the story behind the name including one of many suggesting that it served as a meeting place for boxers known as buffers or that the cross roads was perhaps a 'buffer zone' between two old fighting factions or one version that it's an anglicised version of 'Bothar Tratha / Sea Road ... it has even been said that Buffers Alley is not a place, but is in fact a state of mind ;) The stories, speculation and folklore continues ...

One thing for certain is that the tradition and passion for Gaelic Games burns strong in the community as is very well represented on the Buffers Alley club crest.

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## Mullinavat GAA, Kilkenny

Mullinavat GAA Club was formed in 1887. Presently, Mullinavat compete at senior level in both hurling and football which resulted in the underage success of winning the Minor B and U21 B hurling championships in 1998 and 1999. This provided the core group of players who won the Intermediate hurling championships of 2001 and 2006. The club also won its first ever U21 A hurling championship in 2013 having lost the previous year's final and this group along with a number of more experienced players claimed the 2014 Intermediate hurling Championship.

The club won the Senior football Championship in 2007 and won back-to-back senior football titles for the first time in 2017 and 2018.

The Mullinavat crest symbolises the historical landmarks within the parish with Muileann an Bhata meaning 'the mill of the stick' as a mill once operated beside a stick bridge i.e., now the main bridge entering the village.



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## Rapparees GAA, Wexford

The Rapparees/Starlights club is based in Enniscorthy and was founded in 1972 following an amalgamation of St. Aidans and Shamrocks hurling clubs and the Starlights and Emmets gaelic football clubs. They won their most recent county senior hurling title in 2021 having previously won it in 1978.

Successful players for the club include Adrian Fenlon from the 1996 All Ireland winning team and current inter county players are Liam Ryan and Kevin Foley. The club fields teams at all age levels catering for all including Hurling and Football and LGFA

The club is currently undergoing an expansion with 2 new training pitches currently being developed.

We would like to thank Ballinteer St.Johns for the invite to this blitz and hope it's a very successful tournament and wish you every success for the future.



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**Thank you to our 2012 Parents**

Thank you to all the parents of our 2012 boys for all their support & encouragement, not just for this brilliant event but each week as we try our best to help the boys reach their full potential.

We hope that there will be many days and occasions ahead that we can all enjoy together!

**From the BSJ 2012 Boys Mentor Group**



**We would also like to thank**  
**Clr Michael Fleming**  
**for donating the burgers!**



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Thank you to our u11 player, Ryan Shaw's  
mum, Aoibhinn Stuart & Data Builders  
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Go raibh míle maith agat!



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Finally, a really big well done to all the boys from across the clubs who are taking part in the Aindriú Ó hEithir u11 Hurling Blitz!

We hope that they all enjoy their day and have great fun hurling in Marlay Park!



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