

## BALDOYLE CENTRE REPORT 2025

### Mary Dinan

Baldoyle Badminton Centre very much felt the loss of Mary Dinan in 2024. Mary was such an icon and so involved in Baldoyle some might even say it was her second home. Many hours of Mary's time were spent in the hall from the early days of turning a warehouse into the great Badminton Hall we call Baldoyle. Mary was always at every event there; she had her sports shop where everyone dropped in for a chat and often some coaching advice. Mary saw great potential in many people and would encourage them to participate in clubs, leinster executive or indeed in Baldoyle. Mary always believed that no matter how small a part you contributed to Badminton the reward back was twofold.

During July 2024 with the Leinster Executive, we in Baldoyle had the great honor of dedicating Court 1 to Mary Dinan for her long and outstanding contribution to Leinster Branch and the many people she coached. Mary will always be remembered here in Baldoyle, as Mary was Baldoyle. We would like to thank Gay, Elizabeth, Bernard, Mark and Paul for Mary's many hours to all of us here in Baldoyle. She will never be forgotten.

Rest in Peace and Thank you.

Resident Clubs: There are currently 6 Senior Clubs

1. Raheny
2. KADCA Senior
3. Hotshots
4. Baldoyle District
5. South Dublin
6. Smith Nirvana

There are 3 Junior Clubs

1. KADCA
2. Phoenix
3. Fingal Cell (Training)

2024 saw a lot of necessary works carried out in the hall.

It is so hard to quantify the work that has been completed.

We saw the replacement of the existing gutters, which was a big undertaking.

The heating was repaired, but we have been advised that due to its age and obsolete parts consideration should be given to upgrade the heating in the Main Hall.

All the old outside metal doors have now been replaced.

Thankfully there are not as many abandoned cars in our car park. However, we should still consider the introduction of parking fees for non-badminton members who use the car park during the day.

Our Reception Hall area got a long-awaited makeover with a new carpet, painting, door handles, signage and noticeboards.

We hope to see the appointment of a Part-time Administrator in the coming weeks.

#### Grant Works:

Hopefully work will commence on the new floor in July, we have received a grant for the new covering. Unfortunately, the original floor (40 years) was discovered to have severe damage underneath and will now also have to be replaced.

The hall will also see works being carried out to the lighting system, a new gym, new water fountains and some Reception Works.

The Baldoyle Badminton Centre would like to express our gratitude to the following people

Our Bar committee members: Tom, Mick, Christina, Greg, Patricia, John, Georgina, Elizabeth, all volunteers in the bar.

The staff: Muriel, Mary, Jack, Stephen, Lucy, Adam, Pavel.

The Leinster Executive for all their assistance throughout the year.

Baldoyle Badminton Centre Management committee.

April 2025.

