



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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So, where are you living now and what are you up to?

I'm currently living in Cambridge while my girlfriend is studying here, and I'm up and down to London quite a bit to keep an eye on fellow Eire Og alumni James Kelly.

When did you play for the club and which teams were you on?

I played hurling and football from around 2000 (Under 10s) until about 2015 I think.

What were the highlights of your time playing with the club?

There are quite a few but winning two minor football championships sticks out.

Is there a particular match that stands out in your memory?

It has to be Emmett Bollards last minute equaliser in the first minor final we played. We didn't really do ourselves justice at all on the day and he got us out of jail with a screamer of a goal. In 2nd place it's probably Sean Ryders point in the semi final against Blessington in the same year, where we were heavy underdogs but played well and topped it off with a massive score to win by a point.

What mentors stand out who had a big impact on you?

I've had many but Ronan Sweeney and Barry O Reilly for football and Bren Cuddihy for Hurling. Three great examples of men to aspire to when growing up.

Any funny or amusing story from your time with the club?

There are too many. Watching Redlad (Sean Horan) do the worm, or Billy Cudd drink a pint upside down both stand out. Once during a fairly intense fitness session on the south beach, I was off to the side puking and overheard John Wynne tell my younger brother to go over and help me - once he'd finished puking himself. Unsurprisingly, we were the only two.

Favourite teammate?

Again quite a few. Playing in the backs alongside Karl Manahan growing up made things pretty easy. Hurling was only really starting when I came along so I got to play with the best of the best: Chester (Stephen Kelly), Bill Cuddihy, Leon Browne, Peter Keane and Buster (Kristin Flynn) And I have to mention Pheilam Byrne (RIP), who was the focal point of every decent hurling team underage.

Have you played or been involved in Gaelic games at all since leaving the club?

Yes, regrettably. I've togged out for Cambridge Parnells several times at this point in the Hertfordshire championship and the only positive is that nobody knows me over here so they think I was always this terrible.

Any possibility of returning to Greystones and maybe evening wearing the jersey or getting involved in some capacity again?

Dr. Bren Cuddihy is in the habit of withholding medical prescriptions from me unless I agree to **play** junior hurling when I'm back. So, yes.