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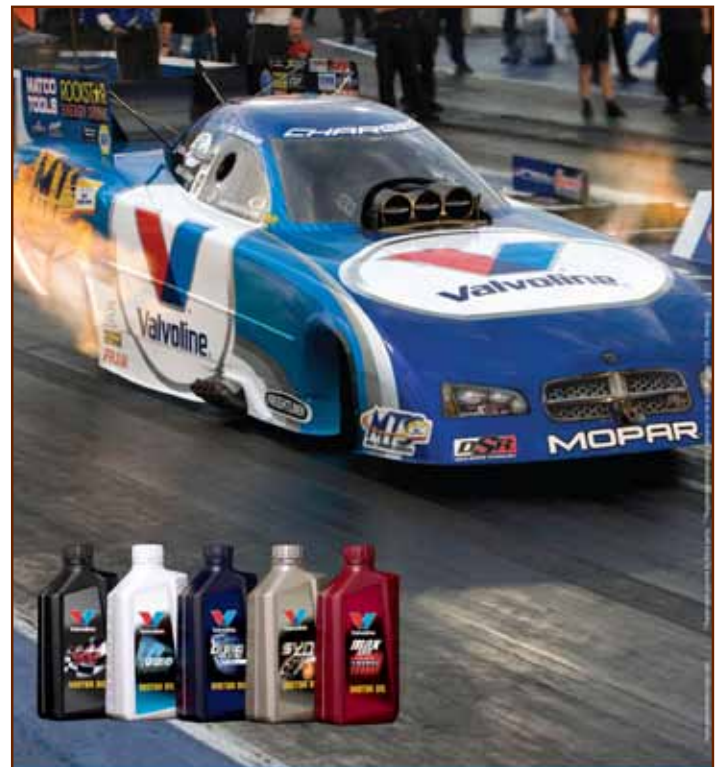
Boden man Michael Darragh Macauley named GPA/GAA Player of the Year

2013 has been a very successful year for Ballyboden St Enda's with accolades such as Senior Hurling Champions, Senior Camogie Champions, Minor Hurling Champions, both Dublin Féile na nGael Football and Hurling winners, All

Ireland Hurling Féile na nGael winners and our very own Rachel Ruddy winning Dublin Ladies Footballer of the Year plus much much more...

...For Ballyroan native Michael Darragh Macauley it has been a year to remember with impressive credentials such as winning his second All Ireland medal this year, Leinster Senior Winner, Division 1 League medal winner and to top it all off GPA/GAA Player of the Year. Roll on 2014!

Pictured left is Michael Darragh with his 2013 GAA GPA All-Star award during the Opel sponsored awards held in Croke Park.



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Focal ón gCathaoirleach

Games Summary

At the time of writing, the 2013 season has been a very successful year for the Club and the season is far from over! Our Senior A hurlers and our Minor A hurlers have completed a memorable double by winning the Dublin Hurling Championships in their respective categories. Our Senior hurlers also completed their season by winning the hurling league title. In the Leinster club championship campaign, we narrowly lost in the semi-final to the eventual champions Mount Leinster Rangers. We congratulate also our Senior A camogie team who secured the Dublin county championship title for the 4th year in a row after a thrilling win over a gallant St Vincent's team in the final.

What was especially pleasing was to see the number of young girls involved in the senior panel, which augers well for the future. Representing Dublin as the County champions, the team were beaten in the Leinster championship semi-final by St Ibars of Wexford by the narrowest of margins in a very exciting contest. Great credit must go to Richie Sweetnam and his management team for the success that this team has brought to the Club. Not to be outdone, the Senior B camogie team won the Shield competition and credit is also due to this team under the management of Robbie Lambert for this achievement.

Our Adult hurling teams won for the first time the Leinster League Division 1 & 3 titles. If that in itself was not enough, our hurlers also won the prestigious All Ireland 7's title defeating a strong Cuala side in the final. This was the first time in the 41 year history of this tournament that a Dublin team has won this title and it is with great pride that to say that Ballyboden St Enda's were that club. However the real "icing on the cake" came when our Senior A hurlers regained the County Championship defeating a gallant Lucan Sarsfields team in Parnell Park. To cap what was really an outstanding year, our Minor A hurlers won the minor title defeating Kilmacud Crokes by the narrowest of margins in a most exciting contest.

Our Minor B hurlers were beaten in the semi final of the B championship by a last minute goal, so it was been a great year for both minor teams. Our Senior B hurling team (champions in 2012) competed in the county B Championship Final against a highly rated Parnell's team and lost only when a controversial last minute goal was disallowed. I would like to express my thanks to both Johnny Kenny & Ciaran Maguire and their respective management teams and of course the minor management mentors, for making the 2013 season such an exciting and successful year. The Junior A team lost in the quarter final of the championship, but are in a good position to secure promotion from Division 4. The Junior C team lost in the semi final against St Vincent's.

Our senior football team under the guidance of Conor Deegan & his management team have had a successful season, where they reached the County championship semi-final before losing to St Vincent's (the eventual champions). In reaching the semi-final they beat Lucan Sarsfields and also the more fancied powerful opposition of Kilmacud Crokes and St Brigids. In addition, the team are in a strong position to make the knockout stages of the league campaign and it would be fair to say that the senior footballers have exceeded expectations as the season progressed. Through the strength & conditioning programs that Conor has introduced together with the spirit of the side, the outlook for this team in 2014 looks very bright.

The Intermediate team, lost in the quarter final to a very strong St Patrick's (Donabate) team and they have performed very well in the league campaign. The Junior A & B teams were beaten earlier in their respective championships, but continue to compete in their league divisions. Our minor A & B football teams, reached the semi-finals of their respective championships, providing the club with many exciting wins in their respective campaigns. Both of these teams have made massive progress this year and the outlook for the Club at adult football level in the coming years looks very promising.



Brendan Moran is congratulated by Terry O'Neill following his appointment

Our Senior A Ladies football team reached the semi final of this year's championship, where they were beaten by an exceptionally strong Fingallians side, who were the eventual county champions. Our Senior A Ladies team are developing however and no doubt, they will continue to improve in the coming years.

The Senior B Ladies team had a difficult year, but with young girls pushing for places, we are confident of further improvement in 2014. Our Senior Ladies team had 4 representatives in the Dublin panel that won the Leinster Championship and 5 on the Dublin Ladies minor team that also won the Leinster Championship.

Our U-21 teams are preparing for this year's championships in football & hurling, and hopefully we will make further progress as these competitions progress.

Our Juvenile teams have enjoyed success on the fields of play with pride of place going to the boys U-14 teams who won both the Dublin A Feile championships in football and hurling. The Feile hurling team went one better by winning the All Ireland title and the football team narrowly lost in the semi-final to the eventual winners.

Success at County Level

Apart from the success of all our adult playing teams at club level, the year 2013 has also been a huge success at county level with the 'Dubs' winning the All Ireland football championship as well as the league and Leinster titles. In addition our county hurling team rose to new heights by winning the Leinster title for the first time in 61 years and narrowly losing to Cork in the All Ireland semi final. It is with great pride, to say that the players of our Club have contributed in no small way towards achieving this success.

On the football side, we had Michael Darragh Macauley, Declan O'Mahony & Darragh Nelson all playing their part in the ultimate success of the footballers. In addition, it is with great pride to note that Michael Darragh, not only won his 2nd All Star, but was named Player of the Year by his peers. On the hurling side, the players from our club, on the county panel, included Conal Keaney, Gary Maguire, Simon Lambert, Shane Durkin, Niall McMorro, Conor McCormack, Paul Ryan & Stephen Hiney. These 8 players contributed a great deal in what was a memorable year for Dublin hurling and I would like at this time to wish Simon Lambert our best wishes in his recovery from a serious knee injury.

Challenges Ahead

The success on the field of play by our county teams has sparked a renewed and great interest in the GAA at county level and indeed throughout the entire country. We have all seen the dedication and fitness levels that are required by our county teams in order to achieve success. In many ways this degree of fitness & increasing skills levels are being replicated at club level too. I am pleased to say that Ballyboden St Enda's recognise this factor, which is why we must continue to support all our teams with new and improved facilities. In this regard the new ball wall facility in the Sancta Maria complex is an example of our continuing development. Already thanks to programs designed by our Director of Coaching Brian O'Regan and our Games Promotion Officer Paul McLoughlin, the ball wall is now being extensively used by various juvenile teams, implementing 'best in class' coaching sessions.

Focal ón gCathaoirleach continued...

However this is just the start. As I write the Club Executive are currently examining ways in which we can further improve our playing facilities. We recognise that with the continuing interest in our games at local level and with other clubs in Dublin doing similar improvement programs, that we must continue to invest & develop in our amenities. Critical to these improvements will be the funding plans that will be an integral part to secure these enhanced facilities and the Club Executive will in the near future announce and seek your support for these initiatives. As I said in my inaugural speech when you were kind enough to elect me as your Chairman, "that as a club, we must continue to grow or else we will decline". Like any other organization, whether in business or social enterprises, there can be no standing still.

Off the Field

As you know the clubhouse has recently been renovated and I do hope that the new improved facilities, especially to the hall, with the giant screen in place will add to the social fabric of the club. It is important that the clubhouse is viewed by members and visitors as a venue that people find attractive and welcoming. Without any doubt the single greatest source of strength in our club, is the volunteer culture that pervades at all levels in our organization. I have been amazed at the numerous examples of many of our members 'going the extra mile' in order to make an event happen successfully or make improvements to our facilities or provide friendly services. I know for certain that the efforts that you make, continues to act as a spur for me personally and I know for all members of the Executive as well.

In November our Musical & Drama group hosted in the clubhouse Sean O'Casey's masterpiece 'The Plough & the Stars' and with the bingo, card school, pool room & Ceile set dancing recommencing their activities, we hope that the social side of our club continues to improve. The Ballyboden golf society had another successful year and the Na Suíltóirí Buadaín (who had 30 members doing the Kimino walk this year) continues to grow from strength to strength.

We recently celebrated the fact that we had successfully concluded 52 consecutive weeks of the Club's newsletter. Great credit goes to Paddy Bates, Cathy Murray and the Club's PRO Sinead Ryan for keeping all members abreast with these developments. Improving our communications platforms is vital in keeping members informed of what is happening in the club. We intend also to introduce a new members' database system, which hopefully will be in operation from the beginning of 2014.

As part of this development it is intended to introduce a plastic membership card that can be used in the clubhouse to purchase goods & services from the bar. The integration of the old system with the new system, will test the patience of our hard working registration team, but as in the past, I am sure that they will meet the challenge.

As the year comes to a successful conclusion we would like to pay tribute to the families of all our deceased members who passed away during the year, especially to the family of Liam Delaney, our former Chairman. Liam in addition to his role as Chairman also served as Chairman of the Ladies section and also chaired the Musical & Drama society. Liam was a great clubman and gave so much of his life to the development of the Club. Ar dheis sé go raibh anim.

Finally I would like to pay tribute, to all our club sponsors who have supported the Club during the past 12 months. Their contribution is much appreciated and I would ask all our members to support our sponsors whenever the opportunity arises. In particular I would like to thank H&K International for kindly agreeing to become the overall club sponsor and most especially to our club member David Bobbett for providing the Club with a loan facility that will enable us to identify capital projects that will assist our Club in future years.

Brendan Moran

Quirky Boden Facts of 2013

Over 1,600 people attended a great night in the National Basketball Arena for our Battle of the Boden night last February.

Gerry O'Sullivan retired as Club PRO after 30 years – He is greatly missed!!

Ballyboden reclaimed the Cian Durkin Cup on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May this year for what has become the premier Juvenile Hurling Tournament in Dublin. The Cian Durkin Memorial U15 Hurling Tournament featured teams from Antrim, Cork, Wexford, Galway, Tipperary and Dublin this year.

The Senior A Camogie Team completed a 4-in-a-Row this year.

One of our Feile winning dual stars, Christian Tshibangu, was selected for one of the new An Post stamps! Christian is currently a pupil in St. Colmcilles.



Ballyboden St Enda's had eight members of the club team on the Dublin Senior Hurling team that won the Senior Leinster Hurling Final this year.

Rachel Ruddy won the Dublin Ladies Footballer Senior Player of the Year award for 2013.



Feeling Lucky...

What a year for Ballyboden St Enda's and in particular to one certain footballer who has risen through the Dublin ranks at an impressive speed. Back in 2010 I wrote a piece about Michael Darragh Macauley and the pressure he was under to replace Raheny native Ciaran Whelan in our Boden News – fast forward three years and the young Ballyboden St Enda's man has just won his second All Ireland Final, his second All Star Award and to top it all off GPA/GAA Player of the Year. I caught up with Michael Darragh recently to chat about the year and how his motto is – “if you believe you will achieve.”

Looking back at 2011, Michael Darragh Macauley was the new kid on the block on the Dublin squad. Winning his first All-Ireland Football medal was an “unbelievable “ feeling for him – celebrating with his family and friends and finally winning a title that thousands of people across the country look for. So, did Michael Darragh think 2013 could repeat the hype of 2011 “Winning is always on the cards. I've always aimed for the very top, if you don't believe you won't achieve so I always make plans, sometimes they don't work out, sometimes they do. Thankfully this was one of those years where almost everything went right”

The start of 2013 was a hard time for Michael Darragh – losing his father Michael last November puts a lot of things into perspective. Michael Macauley was known for his GAA knowledge and his GP services around the Ballyroan area. “After Dad passed I fell out of love with football at the start of the year, but just getting out with the lads and keeping very busy helped everything come along and I know well he was looking down on me this year with all the success”.

One point that has been noted this year is how well the Dublin players have gelled under the guidance of Jim Gavin “Yeah – at this stage we know each other really well which is half the battle when it comes to a team gelling together.”

The Dublin v Kerry game in Croke Park has been recorded as a brilliant and skillful game to both Dublin and Kerry crowds and to any GAA fanatic so how does Michael Darragh prepare himself for games. “I'm ok - in my eyes if I have done the work I don't get nervous but if I don't think I have trained to my full ability then the nerves start to kick in. Thankfully, I was fully prepared going into the All Ireland Final and I was focused on the job that I had to do which resulted in a victory so happy days!” What about superstitions? “Ha – I have loads of superstitions - I won't go into too much detail but I make sure my music collection is up to date and just get away from anyone that wants to talk GAA!!”

Winning an All-Ireland Final in Croke Park is every GAA players dream but winning a second All Star and Player of the Year Award is something that Michael Darragh never expected. “When the nomination came out I presumed Cluxton would get it he has been such a legend of the game for so long... I was in shock when I won it – I still am - but I'll take it!

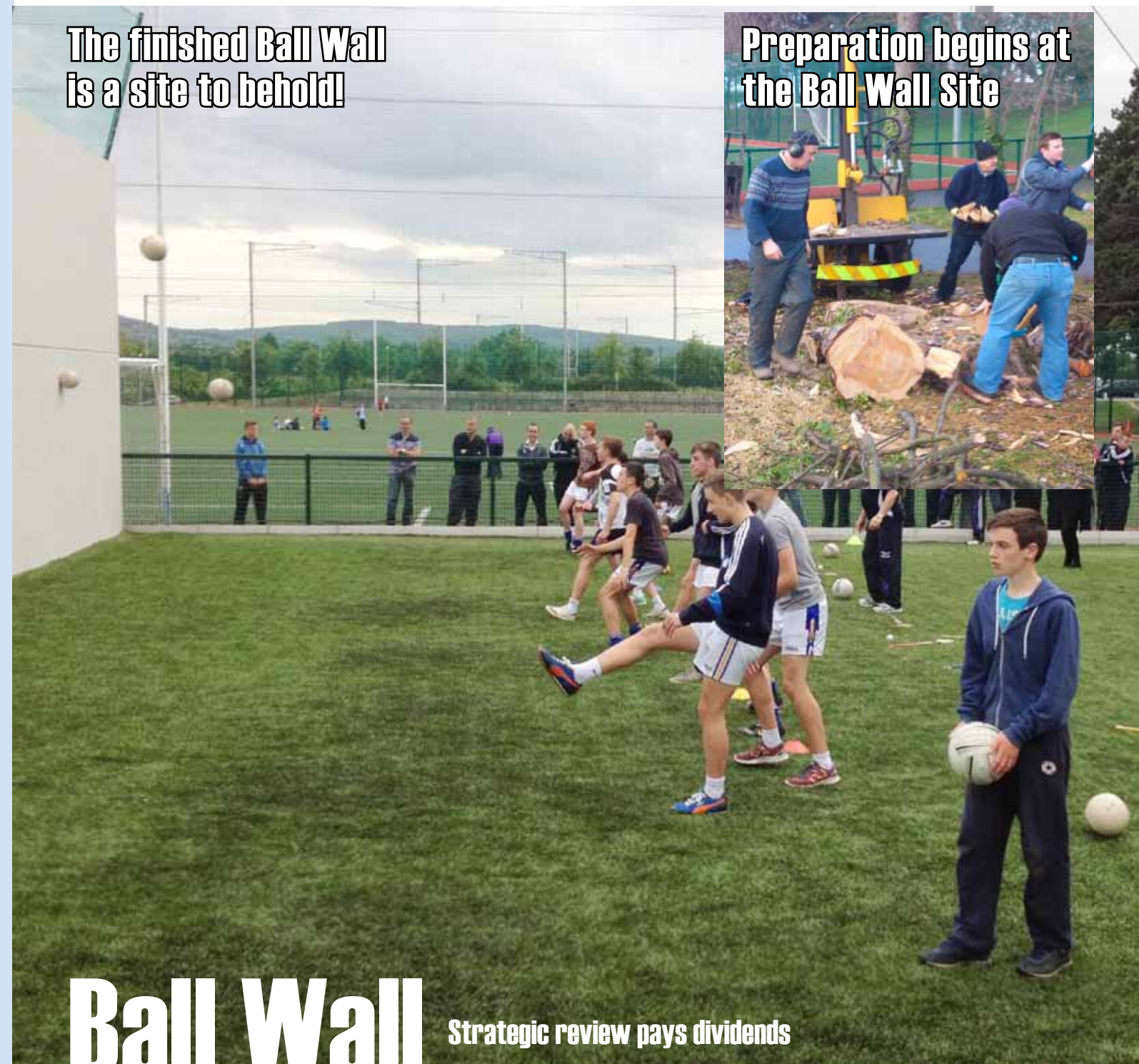
Looking at club level – we weren't as successful as previous years in the Dublin Senior Championship but club is where it all starts for every intercounty player. “We were unfortunate this year and put in two big performances previously. We were expecting to put in another performance and a win but it just never came. We missed a big opportunity this year but onwards and upwards.

So with juggling college, training, volunteering with charities like ILFA Ireland and Opt4life our Player of the Year is a busy man but it has to be done according to Michael Darragh – what's next for Micky D “Who knows – I might buy a lottery ticket – I'm feeling Lucky!”



The finished Ball Wall is a site to behold!

Preparation begins at the Ball Wall Site



Ball Wall Strategic review pays dividends

Following the Strategic Review in 2009, the requirement for suitable Skillswall was identified as key to further develop the skills of all our playing members. In particular the Juveniles would benefit most if wall sessions could be incorporated into training programme and continue usage during their own leisure time.

The development committee began researching the project in Mid 2012 to include visiting various clubs, understanding their experiences and how best we could fulfill all club requirements . Documented evidence of the benefits was presented to all sections:

- 50% increase in no. of touches in any given session.
- Kicking and striking with both left and right foot could be encouraged at young age in controlled environment.
- Improved hand to eye co-ordination benefiting kicking , catching, striking, high fielding and hand passing

- Better fundamental movement evident at earlier stage.

After much feedback on benefits, design specification, layout and location it was agreed to position Skillswall between both all weather surfaces in Sancta Maria grounds . The design incorporated a 21M straight wall with all weather surface and handball alley on tarmac surface. On conclusion of tender process elements of project was given to Evergreen Landscapes and other aspects overseen by club development committee.

The project was completed by July 2013 and its very encouraging to see active participation by all sections of the club. Its only in the years ahead that the club will ultimately benefit from this resource.

The development committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their active participation in Skillswall specification. Members believed in the project and indeed everyone can now be very proud of quality of finish.



Conal Keaney - Senior Hurler

Height: 6ft

Fav Film: *The Field*

Fave Food: *Any kind!*

Fave Book: *Tom Crean*

Favourite Grounds: *Croke Park*

What has been your greatest moment in sport: *Still waiting*

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced: *Robo - Never get away without some kind of injury!*

What are your hobbies: *Golf, Kayaking*

Nominate the laziest: *David "Tubs" Curtin, Paul "Big Unit" Ryan...*

GAA Gripes: *Club championships being held up year after year....Never an off season*

Childhood heroes: *Joe Cooney*
Do you play any other sports: *Not anymore!!*

Do you have any superstitions before a match: *Yeah, but changes all the time*

The highest point of your career to date: *Still waiting for this....*

Biggest Disappointment: *Not winning the All Ireland this year with Dublin*

Other players with a promising future: *Robo, Rochey*

Ways of improving GAA: *Playing Hurling at the right time of the year, Scrap the league and have a champions league championship format at inter county*

Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse: *Jesus, I'll do it!*
What advice would you give to young players: *No excuses for not practicing your skills every day*

How would you like to be remembered: *Captaining Club and County to All Ireland success*

How do you think you will be remembered: *The lad that fell of his motorbike!*



Cathal Hester - Minor C Footballer

Age: 17

Favourite Food: *Steak and chips*

Favourite Music: *Rock*

Favourite TV / Movie: *Scrubs / anchorman*

Favourite Book: *Little Women by Louisa May Alcott.*

Favourite Grounds: *Sancta Maria Astro*

Greatest moment in sport: *Winning minor championship 2012*

Toughest opponent: *Crokes*

What are your hobbies: *Reading, socialising*

What are your vices: *Chocolate biscuits*

Nominate the laziest: *Seamus O'Donoghue*

GAA Gripes: *Backs thinking their the Gooch*

Childhood heroes: *Will Ferrell*

Do you play any other sports: *Basketball*

Pre-match superstitions: *My own inspirational speeches*

High point of your career to date: *Climbing Kilimanjaro*

Biggest Disappointment: *Dislocating my knee (no Barca trip, out for 4 months)*



Rachel Ruddy - Ladies Senior Football

Name: *Rachel ruddy*

Age: 25

Club: *Ballyboden St Endas*

Position: *Midfield*

Fav Food: *Thai*

Fav music: *The National*

Fav Book: *Ross O'Carroll Kelly*

Most memorable sporting achievement: *Winning All Ireland with Dublin 2010*

Fav sporting idol: *Katie Taylor*
GAA gripe: *Winter Training*

Aim for next year: *Win All Ireland with Dublin, Win a Leinster with club Camogie*



Roisin Keaney - Senior Camogie

Age: *Early 30's*

Club: *Ballyboden St Enda's*

Position: *Full back*

Fav Food: *Shepherd's pie*

Childhood Sporting Hero: *Sonia O'Sullivan*

Fav Music: *I like a bit of anything listening to Kings of Leon at the moment*

Last Book you read: *Paul Carberry autobiography*

Twitter /Facebook: *Facebook*

What would you like to be remembered as: *As a player? God dont know maybe as a tough but fair player!*



Christian Tshibangu - Feile Hurler

Height: 5ft 10ins

Favourite Food: *Pepperoni Pizza*

Favourite TV: *The Walking Dead*

Favourite Book: *Holes*

Favourite Band: *Black Eyed Peas*

Favourite Song: *Superstar*

Best Moment in Sport: *Winning All-Ireland Div 1 Hurling Féile in Limerick and winning Herald Cup in Croke Park*

Hobbies: *Hurling, Gaelic Football, Soccer and Basketball*

GAA Gripe: *Bad Referee decisions*

Sport Hero: *Lionel Messi*

Favourite Hurler: *Pa Cronin*

Match Day Superstitions: *Lucky wristband*

Biggest Sporting Disappointment: *Losing in 2013 Div 1 All-Ireland Football Féile Semi-Final*

Other Players With Promising Sporting Future: *James Madden and Conor O'Donoghue, U14 hurlers*

Way to Improve GAA: *No Square Ball Rule*

Favourite Saying or Term: *Ah Ref....!!*

Pet Hates: *Monday Mornings*



Ross McGarry - Feile Footballer (captain fantastic)

Age: 14

Position: *Centre Forward*

Favourite Food: *Sunday roast dinner*

Favourite Sports person: *Steven Cluxton or Diarmaid Connolly*

Grows up: *Sports journalist or commentator*

Interesting fact: *He has played or subbed for 6 teams in Ballyboden this year!*



Evening Herald Senior A hurling champions 2012



Back row left to right

Naoise Maguire, Maurice Nagle, Dónal Butler, Peter Buckeridge, Stephen Hiney, Tim Sweeney, Dean Curran, David Curtin, Jamie Desmond, James Duffy, Conal Keaney, Simon Lambert, James Doody, Stephen Nagle, Stephen O'Connor.

Front row left to right

Gavin Corrigan, Paul Ryan, Conor McCormack, Niall McMorrow, Finn McGarry, Malachy Travers, Shane Durkin, Conor Robinson, Martin O'Sullivan, James Roche, Dave Sweeney, Emmet Carroll, Gary Maguire, Conor Dooley

Hurling Report - By Eamonn Treacy

The club fielded teams in the following grades this year:

Senior A – AHL 1, Senior A Championship and Leinster Senior League
Senior B – AHL 2, Senior B Championship and the Leinster Senior League
Junior A – AHL 4, Junior A Championship
Junior C – AHL 5, Junior C Championship
Under 21 – Championship
Minor A – Minor League Division 1 and Minor A Championship
Minor B – Minor League Division 2 and Minor C Championship
Minor C – Minor League Division 4

At time of writing, the season still has a long way to go! Our Senior hurlers have progressed to a county semi-final after beating last year's champions, Kilmacud Crokes, in a tight affair at a packed O' Toole Park. Both Minor teams are still going strongly with semi-final dates to be confirmed. The Under 21 Championship has yet to start and hopefully we can make up for the disappointment of last year.

Championship, as always, is our main focus but here have been other successes. We have topped the AHL1 table and await a final V O' Toole's. The year started on a bright note with a second Leinster Senior League title, beating Coolderry by a point in a great final in Portlaoise. This was a tremendous achievement when one considers that we lined out without only one of our county stars, Simon Lambert. Simon, sadly, had a serious injury in a challenge game which has ruled him out for the rest of the year. We wish him a speedy recovery and we can be assured that he will back in a BBSE and Dublin jersey next year.

Any All-Ireland title is not to be scoffed at. When you are the first Dublin team to win the Kilmacud All-Ireland Sevens, it is certainly worthy of note. Conal Keaney proudly accepted the trophy on the day. This wonderful achievement is, hopefully, a sign of more success to come. (Pictured below)

The Senior B team has led the way since the start of the new year, winning Division 3 of the Leinster League in Aughrim. It was our first trophy of the season. They overcame Avondale of Wicklow in sunny and picturesque Aughrim in the Leinster League final. The final score of 2-13 to 0-11 suggests an easy win but this was anything but easy. Seventeen wides from a wasteful Avondale did not help their plight but in fairness to Boden they did what they had to do and ran out with 8 points to spare in a keenly competitive game.



Victorious 7's Captain Conal Keaney raises the trophy high as Boden 7's became the first Dublin team to win the Kilmacud All-Ireland 7's



HURLING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Tomás Ó Reachtabhra
Secretary: Eamonn Treacy

Three games remain in the league and hopefully the team will do enough to retain AHL2 status. Parnells proved too strong for us in the Senior B final. Parnells were the better team on the day but Boden, coming from 7 points down, came very close to snatching a dramatic draw..... the refs whistle went just before the sliotar hit the back of the net. On another day, the score would have stood but there was no doubting the superiority of Parnells on the day.

The Junior A team had a heartbreaking loss to Kilmacud in the Semi-final of the Junior A championship. Hopefully, promotion to AHL3 will bring some consolation but some work still needs to be done.

The Junior C team fell to a very strong St. Vincent's team in the semi-final of their championship. Promotion to AHL 4 is still possible at this stage.

The Minor A team finished third in their league, narrowly losing out on a place in the League final. The Minor B team had a creditable run in their League. Both teams are still hopeful of success in the Championship. The Minor A team recovered from a first round loss to advance to the semi-final, and hopefully can go all the way. The Minor B team are unbeaten to date in their championship. The Minor C team played in Division 4 and performed admirably in their games.

Section Update

As we go to press, the hurling season has come to a sudden end for the Senior Hurlers after they exited the Leinster Club Championship to Mount Leinster Rangers. Although this was a suprising end to the team and club – the title of Dublin County Champions has a nice ring to it.

The Minor A team had a magnificent win in the County final over a fancied Kilmacud Crokes. The Minor B team fell narrowly to Skerries Harps in their semi-final and both Under 21 teams are still in the championship. The Junior A has qualified for play-offs and our Junior C's were promoted to AHL4 after a sensational win over Naomh Fionbarra.

Congratulations also to Conal Keaney who won the Dublin Bus Evening Herald DubStar Hurler of the Year Award!



The Minor A team who had a magnificent win in the County final over a fancied Kilmacud Crokes side.

Sponsorship

We welcomed The Grafton Lounge on board as proud sponsors of the Senior A team. Hopefully their confidence in us as a club will be repaid. Congratulations to The Grafton Lounge on winning an award at the recent Bar of the Year Awards.

Tallaght Sports Physio sponsored the Senior B hurlers and their assistance in providing physio services for our teams is greatly appreciated.

The Dubs

The success of our Dublin hurlers and the contribution of the Boden contingent must be applauded. A Leinster Championship medal is no mean feat and to be beaten in the All-Ireland semi-final was heartbreaking. To see so many Boden players on view in Croke Park was a real highlight of the year.

Representative Honours

We would like to congratulate players who represented Dublin in various grades:

Senior: Gary McGuire, Stephen Hiney, Shane Durkin, Simon Lambert, Paul Ryan, Conor McCormack, Niall McMorrow and Conal Keaney.

Under 21: Jamie Desmond and Conor Dooley

Minor: Colm O' Neill .

Míle Buíochas

Many thanks to all who assisted the hurling section in any way this year:

- Terry O' Neill, Brendan Moran and the Executive for their support in fostering hurling in the club
- Paddy Walshe and all the members of the Adult Games Committee
- Ciarán Maguire for his efficiency. His assistance with fixtures and training schedules was invaluable.
- Noel Sheridan for his general management of the club.
- Thanks to Ned Slattery and the bar staff who often go beyond the call of duty.
- Ken Giles and The Lotto Committee for their support
- Eithne McGarry for looking after the Injury Scheme for the section.
- Eithne McGarry and Linda O' Donnell for feeding the troops!!
- John Cummins for his wizardry in repairing hurleys.
- Vivian Ruddy and Dónal O' Regan for their assistance with pitches.
- Danny Griffin, our sponsorship manager, for his efforts in seeking sponsorship.
- To all managers and mentors. Sincere thanks for your time and hopefully you will have got as much enjoyment from hurling as the players.

Finally, to all who wore the BBSE jersey this year – míle buíochas for the thrills you give us. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will have added to the successes mentioned above.

Tollaiq faoi shéan agus atbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.



Under 21 A's who are still in the running for the championship



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The Senior A hurlers came through a tough test against O' Toole's to cap off a very successful year. The AHL1 trophy will now sit beside the Championship, Leinster League and Kilmacud Sevens trophies in the cabinet inside the front door of the club. This is undoubtedly the team's most successful year to date and Johnny Kenny was beaming with pride as the team was photographed with the impressive haul of trophies. At the time of print Ballyboden St Enda's Under 21 hurlers are in the Championship Semi Final after they beat St Vincent's while our Junior A hurlers lost out to Fingallians in the AHL4 promotion final by Fingallians .

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Clash of the Ash!



Féile Na nGael Winners

Ballyboden St Endas Senior A Champions 4-IN-A-ROW



Standing (L-R) Elaine Hickey, Jane Edwards, Doireann Mullany, Fiona Corcoran, Natalia Hyland, Laura Burns, Roisin Keaney, Susan Kennedy, Anne Griffin, Sharon Glynn, Dearbhla Brennan, Aoife O'Leary, Roisin Ryan, Aisling O'Leary, Rebeka Kamvar, Grace Walsh

Front (L-R): Síle Nic Coitir (Capt), Ciara Ruddy, Aoife O'Neill, Martha O'Donoghue, Orla Smith, Emer Lucey, Rachel Ruddy, Paula McGrath, Fiona Ni Shuilleabhain, Sarah Nagle, Zenouska Murphy, Denise McGrath, Daniell White and mascot Millie Larkin.

Camogie Review by Gerry White

2013 was another memorable year for the Camogie section.

The Senior A's once again take pride of place in winning the Championship for the 4th successive year, and this was also our 9th title since 1999. In the Group stage comfortable victories were secured over St Brigids, Erins Isle & Naomh Mearnog, and in a tight game in difficult conditions we just got the better of a youthful Lucan side. In the semi-final we were at home to Na Fianna. We started strongly and had a 9 point lead after 20 minutes which set the platform for a fine victory by 1-11 to 0-4.

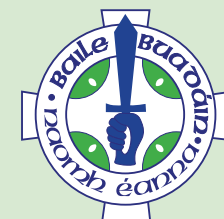
In the Final we were once again up against rivals St Vincents. After a nervous start the girls settled well, and with the aid of a stiff breeze 2 well taken goals by Denise McGrath & Anne Griffin before half time had Boden in control. Vincents played well in the second half and narrowed the deficit but the experienced Boden girls were to the fore in the last 10 minutes to secure the victory by 2-7 to 1-7.

All credit to the Captain Síle Nic Coitir and the girls, and to the management team of Richie Sweetnam, Phil Larkin, Nuala O'Sullivan & Bernard Curtis. We have home advantage against the Wexford champions in the Leinster semi-final on Sunday 20th October.

Fiona Corcoran was named the Player of the Final. Another notable point was that 10 of last years U16A team were part of the successful panel, and this added to the core group of experience players will hopefully bode well for the future.

Earlier in the year these young girls were integrated into the Senior set-up during the course of the League campaign, and this bore fruition with a victory in the Summer Cup.

The Senior 3's are in the Shield Final at time of going to press. The girls were very unfortunate in their final Championship group game away to Lucan when they were pipped by 1 point, lady luck deserted them on this occasion. They also came 4th in the League.



CAMOGIE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Gerry White

Vice Chairperson: Robbie Lambert

Secretary: Orla Mullany

The Senior B's won the Shield. A tense first half which Ballyboden dominated saw the score 0-8 to 1-1. The Boden ladies converted their superiority in the second half and ran out worthy winner 3-15 to 2-2. A fine finish to their season. Well done to all players, and special mention to Rob, Trish, Dolores & Gerry who have managed both the Senior 3's and Senior 6's this year."

At the beginning of the year a huge effort was made to revive our 3rd adult team. The mentors with the Senior 3 side (Rob Lambert, Trish Cantwell, Dolores Greene & Gerry Keane) were also in charge of this side, and they had a terrific year. They won the Senior 6 League in style, and were very unfortunate to be pipped by Whitehall Colmcilles in the Championship semi-final. A special mention here also for the many girls who due to the tight numbers, played twice a week on many occasions.

On the Juvenile front we fielded many teams from U9 to U16. The number of girls playing Camogie continues to grow, and for this we must pay tribute to the efforts of Brian, Paul and everybody associated with the Academy.

In the Championship the U16A, U15A & U14A's unfortunately all went down in their respective semi-finals. The U16B, U15B, U14B & U13's all got to their respective Shield finals.

On the Inter-County scene the following girls played with Dublin:

Anne Griffin played with the Dublin Seniors.

Denise McGrath played with Westmeath, and was named on the end of year '2013 Soaring Stars' team.

Fiona Ni Shuilleabhain played with the Dublin Juniors who won the All-Ireland.

Sarah Nagle, Aisling O'Leary, Doireann Mullany & Martha O'Donoghue were on the Dublin Minors who were Leinster winners.



The 10 girls from the 2012 Championship winning U16 team who were on the Senior A panel: (L-R) Doireann Mullany, Rebeka Kamvar, Grace Walsh, Jane Edwards, Danielle White, Zenouska Murphy, Aoife O'Neill, Sarah Nagle, Martha O' Donoghue and Aisling O'Leary.

U13 - U16 girls who played with Dublin:

Danielle White, Zenouska Murphy, Jane Edwards, Rebeka Kamvar & Grace Walsh were on the Dublin U16's who got to the All-Ireland semi-final.

Sarah Lambert, Laura Nagle, Jodie White & Kelli McLoughlin were with the Dublin U15 Development Squad.

Emer O'Leary, Cora Ryan, Aine O'Brien & Eve O'Donoghue were with the Dublin U14 Development Squad.

Aisling Gargan, Aoife Durkan & Eva Cunningham were with the Dublin U13 Development Squad.

We had a number of other notable occasions during the year:

On Saturday April 6th the U12 Camogie team enjoyed a great morning at the Camán to Croker event hosted by the Camogie Association in Croke Park. They were lucky enough to have 3 games against Trim, Birr and Cappagh of Kildare followed by a Tour of the stadium & Museum, a memorable day for all of our girls.

On the weekend 4th/5th May the U14A & U14B side competed in Feile. The U14B's had a very difficult draw and were unfortunate not to make the seim-final. The U14A's played at home and won all 3 group games, and had a fine win over Oliver Plunketts in the semi-final. In the Final they were short players through injury and they came up short against a very strong Good Counsel side. The girls had a great weekend.

On Monday May 6th we had the first Ballyboden St Endas U16 Camogie Invitation Tournament in splendid sunshine at Sancta Maria. The day proved a huge success, with Athenry from Galway, St Martins of Wexford and neighbours St Judes providing the opposition. In a great Final, St Martins pipped the home team by a single point

Friday 21st of June was the date for the annual Camogie Mini All-Ireland Blitz at the Club. This year we had 8 teams of 11-a-side in the Junior competition, with a further 8 teams of 9-a-side in the Senior competition. Great work in organising this day by James, Tony, Jean & Joan.

On Tuesday 23rd July in front of a fine crowd at Pairc Ui Murchu, the Boden Senior A girls took home the first silverware of 2013, beating Lucan Sarsfields by 1-11 to 0-4 in the Summer Cup Final. The 'Camogie Gathering 2013' - Friday July 26th & Saturday 27th. A mix of Boden Senior3, Senior 6 and U16 camogie players took

part in the Camogie Gathering event in July, together with visiting teams from Toronto,UK teams, Fullen Gaels, Croydon and Tara and,Dublin teams Na Fianna, Vincents and St Brigids. Fixtures started on Friday with all teams getting at least two matches in Croke Park. The games continued on Saturday at Na Fianna's grounds and an enjoyable weekend was had by all.

We must thank the following for their support and assistance throughout the year:

The Club Executive led by Chairman Brendan who continue to give us the platform which make success possible.

General Manager Noel Sheridan for all of his help and guidance. To our generous sponsors Knocklyon Parish, Rathfarnham & District Credit Union and Qualvecom, and to Danny Griffin for his work with our Sponsors.

To the Dublin Camogie Board for their work in ensuring that Camogie in Dublin goes from strength to strength. To all involved in the Camogie section in our Club in whatever capacity it may be, whether as mentor, first aid, coach, etc. A special mention for Orla Mullany & Catherine Nagle for their many hours of work throughout the year.

To our counterparts in the Ladies Football for their co-operation throughout the year.

To the many other people in the Club who's help is greatly appreciated, including Vivian and his Maintenance Committee, Ned and his Bar staff, all those involved with the fantastic Newsletter and others who I have neglected to mention, no offence intended!!

2013 was a great year for Camogie in our Club, here's hoping that 2014 bring us all good health and a bit of silverware!

5 of our girls (pictured right) were on the Dublin U16 team which won the All-Ireland title. Doireann Mullany, Aisling O'Leary, Martha O'Donoghue, Sarah Nagle, and Zenouska Murphy have had a year to remember!

Off the field Siobhan Garvey did a terrific job organising the Oliver Callan comedy night in the Harcourt Hotel. Catherine also ran disco's and bag-packs, and Danny Griffin once more brought in great funds via Sponsorship.

All in all, a fine year on the Camogie front, and we look forward to more of the same in 2013!



Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin holds the National League trophy following Dublin's league title win in the Junior League.



Camogie trophies this year included...



Fiona Corcoran is presented with her player of the final award by Mona Ní Shúilleabháin.



Captain Síle Ní Coitir proudly holds the Cup on high after victory in the County Final

UNDER 14 B CAMOGIE REPORT

Is fearr cairde ná ór ach bhí an t-ádh leis an bhfoireann fé 14 camógaíochta nuair a d'éirigh leo an t-ór a bhaint amach chomh maith ar an naoú lá déag de Dheireadh Fómhair.

The U14B camogie team capped off a great year by scooping the U14 Shield title. The girls came up against Na Fianna' second team in the final played in Thomas Davis. The girls had trained extremely hard for this which was clearly evident in the fantastic display they gave. Our mantra was focus, confidence and effort and the girls gave 100% to each of these. Leading by example in the middle of the field were Elizabeth Manning, Emily Byrne and Fiona Deane who dominated and fed some excellent ball into the forwards. Aoife O Connor was in unstoppable form and bagged herself goals a plenty!

Ar chúil bhí Sarah Leech do-chreidthe. One parent commented that her catches would have rivaled those in Croke Park.... especially when she was playing with a broken finger! Her defensive team of Sinead Cummins, Anna Shanley, Emma McDonald and Alex O'Connor made sure that Na Fianna could not break through to Helena Thompson who kept a clean sheet in goals. Orlagh Kinsella made good use of her steps by constantly breaking tackles and sending the ball up to Rebecca McGorry, Emiline Kennedy and Shona O'Sullivan; who made use of every slotar that came their way.

Seona Gannon worked tirelessly to win ball and ensured that Boden were always on top in this final. Up front Madeline Chivers was the first line of defense in this Boden team, which was key in many of the scores the girls got. Clara Jordan Smyth brought off some great blocks and tackles and showed complete belief in herself and her teammates. Cailíní fíochmhara atá ar an bhfoireann seo agus ní raibh dabht ar bith acu gurb iadsan an lucht a mbeadh an bua acu ar an lá. Sarah Meeghan made a telling contribution when it was needed by blocking and hooking when Na Fianna tried to break down the Boden defense. Even in the dying minutes of the match Boden ensured that they would have a clean sheet in this final.

The girls deserve hugh praise for the effort they put in and a great sign for the future of camogie in Ballyboden is that even they had just played a match they were all out on Páirc Uí Mhurchú afterwards pucking around. Níl aon ní níos fearr ná sin a fheiceáil nuair is traenálaí thú!

Final score:

Ballyboden St Endas 8-4 - Na Fianna 0-0

Many thanks to all the support from family and friends who cheered the girls on when they deservedly brought home the U14 shield.

U14 Shield Winners:

Anna Shanley, Sarah Meeghan, Sarah Leech, Emma McDonald, Alex O Connor, Aoife O Connor, Fiona Deane, Shona O Sullivan, Rebecca McGorry, Emily Byrne, Orlagh Kinsella, Sinead Cummins, Emiline Kennedy, Madeline Chivers, Seona Gannon, Helena Thompson, Eva Coughlan, Elizabeth Manning, Clara Jordan Smyth.

Management team:

Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin
Maria Gannon
Bernie Kinsella
Gordon Chivers





Roisin Keaney - Looking to the future



GAA players in Ireland start off playing Hurling/ Camogie or football at a young age and that's when Camogie star Roisin Keaney started her love for the game...

Growing up in Knocklyon and next door to Ballyboden St Enda's - Roisin was always going to be involved in some sort of sport.

"My earliest memory playing camogie is playing out on the green in Idrone with Conal, Dad and a few of the other lads on the road. They were some of the

toughest games I've ever played in. I always remember being sturdy with the lads so they wouldn't think I was a weak little girl!"

GAA is a popular sport in the Keaney household - with her parents Mary & Sylvie both into GAA there wasn't really another option when it came to sport. "We used to puck the sliotar outside on the field and when I started in Ballyboden St Enda's there was training during the week and then at weekends. I started out camogie when I was nine years old with Tess Stynes and Olive Maguire and as they say, the rest is history."

Roisin has won many league games, championships and tournaments throughout her career but when I asked her what her highlight of her career was she has no hesitation "Winning the Leinster final in 2008 was a great day. It was extra special that I was captain but the way we won the game was brilliant and we all showed great teamwork.

Scoring a late goal in last few minutes is something we'll all remember and of course to anyone who was supporting us they won't forget the weather. It was a horrible day but the win made it that little bit better"

Roisin is a new mum herself and hopes that little Aoibheann will enjoy sport as much as she does. Growing up playing camogie - Roisin has made many friends especially in the club "A lot of us have been playing together for years. Some of us have come up together right from U13 and in fairness that's a little while ago! When u play that long together it definitely has benefits - you know how each person plays and I suppose that has helped in our success. Our success wouldn't have come so easy without our manager throughout the years

Aoibhinn was born in 2012 which meant Roisin had to take a break from Camogie. Most people wouldn't mind missing the odd training session but not Roisin. "It was weird not being involved or training for a year. Camogie is a big part of my life not only to keep fit but great social aspect. I missed the "craic" with all the girls and when I came back from maternity leave it was harder than ever regarding the fitness

2013 has been a great year for Roisin and Ballyboden St Enda's Camogie Team. Beating St Vincent's in the County Final was a great day - I think because I was absent from the team for the year I appreciated the win more. I had been struggling with an injury coming into the Championship and I had started to doubt whether I would have a roll to play or not. This year's win was brilliant - it has definitely been one of my favourite camogie memories and to be playing with a great team and management adds to the success.

So as the 2103 GAA season closes - what are Roisin's plans for the New Year? God - I haven't thought about next year at all to be honest - I've just finished training for this year but I know that I will definitely continue Camogie for as long as I can!! Let's hope all the injuries stay away!

A Few Thank You's!



Ned Slattery

For anyone that frequents in the Clubhouse in Ballyboden St Enda's - there is one face that is always familiar and friendly - Mr Ned Slattery. Ned will be stepping down from his involvement with the Ballyboden Golf Committee after many years.

He would like to thanks everyone involved throughout the years and don't worry he will still be playing in all the tournaments and outings within the club.



Danny Griffin

Congratulations to Danny griffin and all club members who have offered advertisement over the last 21 years.. Without these companies the club wouldn't be where it is today... Our longest advertiser and well known friend to the club is Fergus Reid from Valvoline motor oils who has been helping the club with sponsorship for the last 21 years.

H&K International have also agreed to come on board kindly agreeing to become the overall club sponsor for all adult teams in the Club. The Grafton Lounge also sponsored our Senior Hurling Team this year. Thanks again to all involved.



Club Social Activity

2013 is a very busy year on the social scene at the club-house. The regular weekly events continue to attract a dedicated following.

The monthly SET DANCING on the first Saturday of each month is enjoying a fine year and the committee is planning for increased numbers following the re-painting of the hall. Friday night Card players continue to support the weekly event and are always looking for new members.

The BINGO is on every Tuesday night and some big jackpots have been paid out over the year. Again the committee are looking for new players, so if you fancy a your chances, please come along for the evening and make new friends.

Ballyboden St Enda's Pool room is busy most nights and competitions are held during the year to increase membership.

Monday is Lotto Night and the committee is always looking for support. Please take your chances when you are in the club-house. Saturday mornings are proving very popular at the club-house with tea and coffee along with freshly baked scones as the attraction, no need to stand in the elements when the service is available in comfort.

The Golf Society is as usual having a fine year, and the weather has behaved itself for a change. Word is about that our Club Chairman is showing some neat touches around the greens.

The Active Retired Association is having a more rewarding year, with increased numbers attending all events. Well done to the organisers for the success, may it continue into 2014. The Christmas events are already upon us, so please watch out for them.

Our Walkers are out every week and also have "away" events. Please check the web-site for the programme.

Congratulations to our Theatre Group with their production of THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS by O'CASEY this November. During the year this very active group entertain us with comedy as well as one-act shows.

The club GALA is now an annual event and is very well supported. The success of our teams is the big "driver" for this showcase as well as this Years Battle of the Boden Fundraising event - which was a huge success - Congrats to Tony Hasset and his fundraising team. Ballyboden St Enda's Golf Outing is also a great success every year and this year was no difference thanks to Liam Deane and his fundraising team.

One of the busiest times of the year was the period around the All Ireland Finals, when visitor numbers went into the several hundreds and the bar enjoyed a bumper turnover. Many thanks to our staff and some club members who "dug deep" to give the service to our members. The music nights were a great success and even attracted a few recording stars.

The annual LA NA GCLUB was held again in the Spring and on a glorious day. One of the best attended events of the year!

This is just a snapshot of a great year for the club house, and looking forward to a busier year in 2014.



Pool and Darts Report



Don O'Neill in action

2013 was a very active year for the Pool and Darts section with individual and team competitions taking place throughout the year. While the Darts section is only starting to resurrect itself the Pool section is in full flow.

The annual club championship saw 64 entrants and was eventually was won by Roger Healey after a thrilling final against Don O'Neill which took place in the bar in front of a large audience.

The second competition saw Ballyboden St. Endas enter two teams into the 'Glenville Cup'.

Both teams fared well with the B team, under the captaincy of Roger Healey, being beaten in the semi-final by the A team under the captaincy of Hugh Cummins. The A team were unfortunately beaten in the deciding frame in the final against the Badminton Club. Ballyboden did however come out triumphant in the annual inter club competition hosted by Templeogue United.

The notices for this year's club championship will soon be posted in the club and we look forward to a similar number of entrants this year.

Our thanks to Ned and his staff for all their support and assistance during the past year and wish him well in his retirement.

We look forward to seeing more members enjoying the game and the craic in the pool room during the coming year.

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Pool and Darts Committee

On the inter-club scene, Ballyboden entered two competitions. The first which features 8 clubs from the immediate area, on a league basis, saw Ballyboden St. Endas narrowly beaten into second place by Whitehall Badminton Club.



Na Siúltóirí Buadáin

Siúltóirí Buadáin, Boden's walking club is a very active and important entity of Ballyboden St Endas' GAA Club.

Our growing membership bring together a wonderful group of people, who, at their core, have a strength in footstep that carries the Ballyboden name proudly through the ascents and descents of the mountains of Ireland and along the tracks and trails of the forests and woodlands that overlook the playing fields of our club.

2013 has been a remarkable year for us. Bloomsday...we shed our walking gear, donned period costume and took a step back in time, 16th June 1904 in fact. Readings from Joyce's Ulysses, a glass or two of Beaujolais and some Gorgonzola, brought us truly into the characters of Leopold and Molly for the day.

The spirit of The Gathering did not pass us. We gathered and scattered walkers from Marley up to Fairy Castle and from Ballyboden along the banks of the Dodder to Grand Canal Basin. A great day spent in splendid sunshine.

The highlight of our year was The Camino de Santiago de Compostella. Our pilgrim journey along The Napoleon Route, began in the beautiful French town of St Jean Pied du Port and brought us through The Pyrenees to Logrono, a distance of 179km, over 7 days. The Camino was for us a pilgrimage we embarked on together, each on our own personal journey.

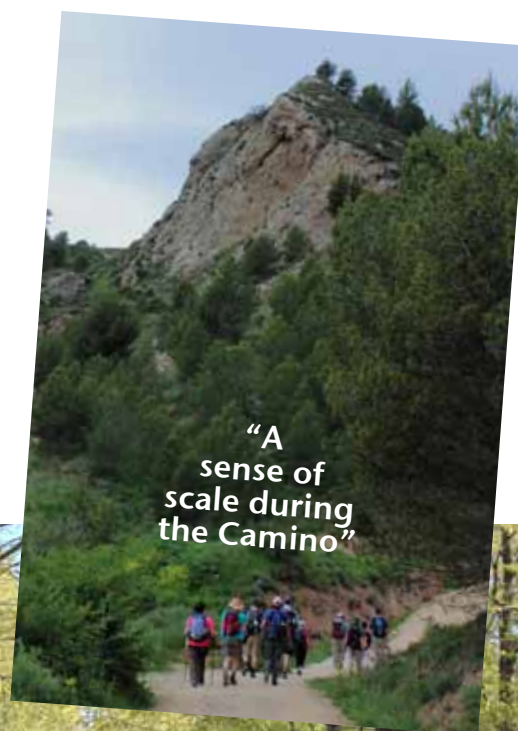
Basque Villages, golden fields of rapeseed, colourful hedgerows of wild flowers, farmer's lanes, churches, coffee shops, streams and rivers was the Camino. It was also, the people we met, the stories we shared, the candles we lit, the bread we broke and the songs we sang. A truly wonderful experience.

Na Siúltóirí welcome newcomers and we invite all interested to 'Come take a Step'

Come take a step
A little step
See what you'll discover
The local trails
The distant hills
What beauty you'll discover

Come take a step
A Bigger step
Climb the mighty massifs
Absorb the views
The vistas grand
Gifts from God forever

Come take a step
A mighty step
Trek the tracks and trails
Take time to share
To chat and care
New friendships formed to treasure.

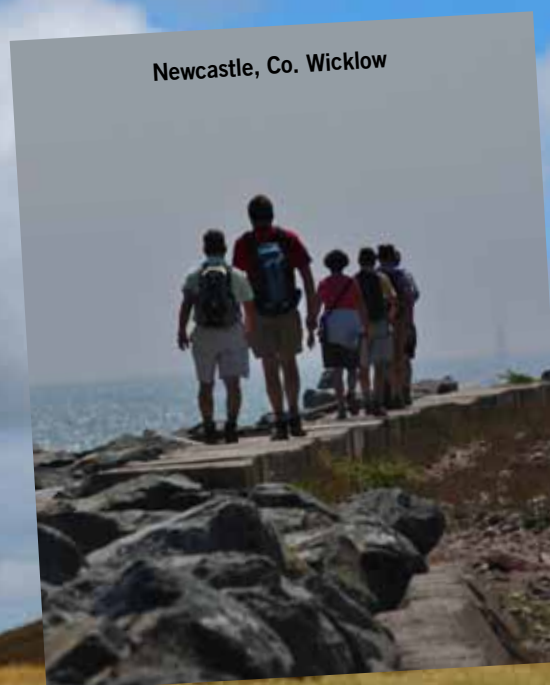


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Newcastle, Co. Wicklow



Still looking fresh after completing 176km of the Camino!

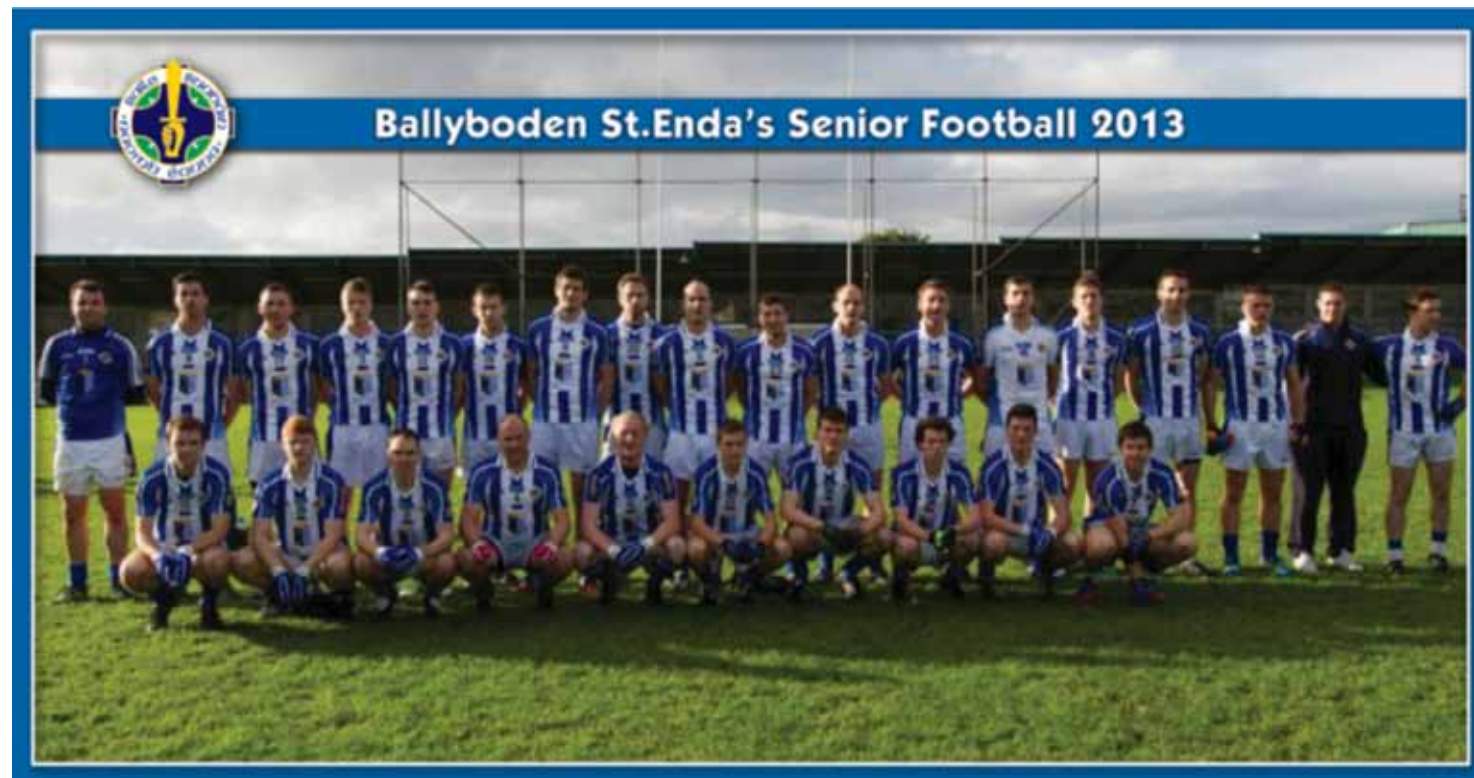


"On the Galtees"



Football Report 2013

Senior Football report - 2013 by Neil Buckingham



2013 began with training on the 6th of January in Oldcourt with Senior and Intermediate panellists joining forces. Training went well for the most part with the sole objective of getting bodies into some sort of shape and the minds focused. Both the league and the Championship were extremely competitive this year.

In the league we sought victory over Ballymun Kickhams, Lucan Sarsfields and Parnell's. Unfortunately it was not all plain sailing and we lost a few important games against O'Tooles and St Brigids and a controversial game against Maura's. So as the GAA season comes to a close our Senior A's lost their Semi Final Replay in the league against St Sylvesters which drew a close to their season.

The Championship

2013 wasn't a successful year for our Senior Footballers in the Championship. We kickstarted our championship season in early May against Lucan. This game showed the strength of the team which resulted in victory in extra time. Next up was Kilmacud Crokes in O'Toole Park winning by three points.

St Brigids were the next opposition and our younger players showed their true colours that night when we won the game by five points. Our season came to an end when we lost out to St Vincent's who eventually won the Dublin Championship and have since won the Leinster Club Championship Final. Onwards and upwards for 2014

The lads now move on to 2014 with Joe Mernagh, Brian Kilduff, and Andy Banville progressing to the adult football and we wish them good luck in their new teams.

They will do very well and will be a great asset to Junior football. The rest of the team will be involved with the Minor A and Minor B of 2014.

Our panel was as follows: Andrew Boyd Lyons, Oisín O'Duill, Joe Mernagh, Cillian Donohoe, Ronan Dooley, Alan McGrath, Brian Kirwan, Daragh Maguire, Andy Banville, Rossa Lynch, Ciaran O'Brien, Garreth Crowley, Niall Hestor, Harry Coffey, Rian Cannon, Eamon Gorman, Liam O'Flaherty, David Miley, Sean Brennan, Daragh Langan, Barry Downey, Rory Knight, James O'Connor, James Holland, Mark Dolan and Keith Doherty.

Minor B Football by Liam Deane

Having three minor teams in the club was a great achievement but took a lot of hard work from our volunteer coaches/mentors and parents to succeed. On one occasion we had three league wins on a Sunday morning in March and repeated something similar in September with three championships wins all played at the same time in three different venues, and coincidentally all three teams scored 5 goals in there respected matches that day.

Our first league game was in St Margaret's where we were defeated by one point. This was a great result and really focused the lads on the campaign ahead. We eventually finished in third place.

Championship began in September - we had a brilliant campaign getting to the semi final were we came up against a very strong Raheny 1st team that ended our dreams.

Minor C Football by Brendan Gillespie

In 2010 three Ballyboden U14 teams reached the final of the Feile na nGael Football competition in Dublin. In succeeding years, the same cohort of players, ably assisted by players from the age group immediately behind them, enabled the club field three teams at U15 and U16 level. However, this is the first time in the club's history that Ballyboden has fielded three minor teams in competitive fixtures.

A very special thanks to Trubake who sponsored tops for the Senior Footballers.



FOOTBALL COMMITTEE
Chairman: Dan O'Sullivan
Vice Chairman: Peter Shovlin
Secretary: Mick Garvey



The Minor C team competed in Division 5 (South) in the League and finished mid-table in a division which included strong 'B' teams from Kilmacud Croke's, St. Brigid's, Lucan Sarsfield's and Ballinteer St. John's, as well as St. Damian's, a team composed of good footballers from St. James's Gaels and Robert Emmet's.

The team also reached the quarter finals in the 'D' Championship, having recorded impressive victories over Lucan Sarsfields and O'Dwyers of Balbriggan in the group stages. However, we lost out to a physically stronger Cuala B side in the quarter final.

Thanks to the magnificent group of players whose commitment and effort was exemplary. Most of these players have at least another year at Minor level and we wish them every success next year.

But for team captain Cathal Hester, Donal Mc Carthy, Seamus Donohue, Padraig O Driscoll and Thomas McCabe it's time to move on to adult football.

Best of Luck in the future lads

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So as the GAA season comes to a close our Senior A's unfortunately lost their Semi Final Replay in the league against St Sylvesters which drew a close to their season. Onwards and upwards for 2014.

Under 21 Football Team Update

At the time of print our U21 footballers began their Championship against a much fancied Kilmacud Crokes side, Crokes took control early on and were 6 points up at one stage before Boden found their rhythm coming out eventual winners after extra time. Next up were Lucan away in what was a one sided affair (5-20 to 1-09) with the Boden lads showing their class to set up a semi-final tie against local rivals Balinteer St. Johns. The lads delivered another great performance coming out on top by 4-13 to 1-04. They now face Na Fianna in the final.

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Junior C Report



Hope Springs Eternal

The Junior C football team came under new management in 2013 with former greats at this level John White and Paddy Carr stepping in along with washed up hurler Fergal O'Neill taking the reins. Having acquired a new sponsor in Daltec Solutions and secured the main pitch for the majority of home games confidence was high going into the new season.

A blistering start to the league increased the momentum around the panel. Solid performances against Ballyfermot, Lucan, and Balinteer put Boden top of the league where they would stay for most of the season. A mixture of youth and craftiness in defence build this platform. Wily old stagers Martin O'Donnell, and Mick McDonald, in the full back line was ably supported by young guns Shane O'Keefe, Conal Foynes, Michael Dunne, Michael Basquel, Brian Fitzgerald, Alex Murphy and Donal Sheehan. The half back line was built around speed with Ciaran Murphy, Kane O'Doherty, Eoin Fitzmaurice, Liam McNamara, Dean O'Donnell, and holding player Paul Naughton dominating most games played.

The Championship

The championship lead to disappointment at the first hurdle with a slender one-point loss to Kilmacud Crokes. As is sometimes the case a championship ends the commitment for the season but not with this group who continued to arrive at training in big numbers well up until the end of September.

However the season was to end on a disappointing note with two consecutive one-point defeats after high drama in both games to leading contenders Ballyboden Wanderers and St Kevin Killians.



Boden Junior Footballer Paul Nugent

2013 was another hugely successful year for Ballyboden's Summer Camp. The Summer Camp as always offers the youth of the area, the opportunity to get out and enjoy themselves in an affordable & safe environment.

This year the fine weather brought out over 900 children who participated in the Camp and the U12-U15 School of Excellence.

The summer camp also had its biggest week in 10 years with over 280 children attending on one of the weeks!!

Ballyboden Summer Camp continues to be not only the biggest and most successful Summer Camp in Dublin, but also the biggest in the country!

A huge thanks has to go to Eoin O' Riordan of Leahy & Co. Accountants and Jack Nolan of Cruinn Diagnostics for their sponsorship towards the Summer Camp, and of course to all the parents and children who helped make the camp so successful.



Summer Camp Coach Katie Murphy with her group of 5yr olds!

Coach Sarah Nagle and kids enjoying the sunshine!

Coach Conor Robinson and some of his Summer Camp group!



Breaking the tackle



Boden Summer Camp "On Tour" at Tayto Park



We hope to see you all again in 2014!



Ladies Football Review 2013

Ballyboden Ladies Football section continues to grow every year. In 2013 we have 556 girls registered to play, making us one of the biggest Ladies Clubs in Dublin. The springboard of these large numbers is mostly due to the Saturday morning Academies which comprises currently of another 150 girls. In total there was 28 teams fielded from Under 9 to Senior Level this year. This amount of teams requires the commitment and support of a large number of mentors of which we are so lucky to have in abundance.

Every year we are well represented at County Level and this year was no exception. At Senior Level Rachel Ruddy, Natalia Hyland and Ciara Ruddy wore the Blue Jersey with pride and were victorious in winning the Leinster title back in July. Rachel was also Dublin Senior Player of the year 2013, a great accolade. However Dublin bowed out to Cork in the quarter final of the Championship. At Minor Level Aoife O'Brien, Maria McGrath, Doireann Mullaney, and Katie Murphy did Boden proud as their team won the Leinster Minor title and drew with Galway in the All Ireland Final. However in a very dramatic and thrilling replay Galway beat them in the dying minutes of extra time. Ciara Ann Carroll and Zenouska Murphy were part of the Dublin under 16 Panel in 2014.

At Juvenile level back in April the U14 Féile always brings the competitive edge out in this age group. We had three teams who competed admirably and had a great weekend out in Naomh Mearnog. Boden's third reached the final on the Sunday and after a great run in the competition eventually went down to Na Fianna. Another highlight from the Juvenile Ladies section was the Football Tournament that was held on the Ladies All Ireland weekend in late September.



Ladies Minor Football Report

2013 was a transition year for the Ballyboden minor ladies team. Out of a squad of 24 girls, only 2 girls were 18 year olds: the rest were a mixture of 16 and 17 year olds.

This was most noticable when playing against the stronger teams. Nonetheless the inherent skill and competitiveness of the girls saw them winning 6 out of 7 league games to finish runners up to the unbeaten Kilmacud.

The championship finished when the girls lost out to the combined team from Fingallians/St Margarets.

However the biggest achievement of this group of girls is that even when the championship was over, we had an average of 19 girls training every week.

When this is considered alongside the fact that there are at least 40 u16 girls moving up to minor for the 2014 season, then the future is indeed very bright for minor ladies football in Ballyboden!

Just before we went to print – our Ballyboden St Enda's Minor team went on to win the Shield Final with a score of 2-13 to 2-12.

Almost 300 girls took part in this competitive Inter Club Blitz. This was the first time that this was run and its success has now ensured that it will be annual event.

Presently the Juvenile Championship is rounding down to the ultimate finals. Over the last few months all teams competing in this had put in extra training sessions and some challenge matches to sharpen up their fitness for this end of the season's competition. At time of print we have 5 teams competing in the Finals next weekend. Well done to all the Management teams who have done so well to get this far and best of luck to all teams in the finals.

On the Senior front Ballyboden had two teams competing in League, Cup and Championship in Division 1 and Division 3. Our Senior A team competed well in the League and finished 2nd. In the championship they were beaten at Semi Stage by Fingallians who went on to win the County title. This Senior team saw the introduction of Minors and some U16's coming through to rebuild this team which is going through a period of transition. With the introduction of key players like Simone Reilly and Doireann Mullaney to name but a few the future for this team looks very promising.

Our Senior B team had a good run in the league and finished 3rd. However due to Exam time and player availability, the Championship run for this group was not as successful as they would have wished. Well done to Dave Ryan and Declan O'Reilly managers of these two groups for all the work and commitment put in throughout the year. Well done to all involved.

U16A Div 1 Ladies Football 2013

The league started with an emphatic win against St. Margaret's who were left shell shocked as Boden players excelled in all sectors. More wins followed against Na Fianna and St. Bridget's. Next up Kilmacud Crokes came to Cherryfield and this Boden team played exceptional football to secure a valuable victory. This was followed by a one point win over O'Tooles. This was very gratifying, as we were down by 8 points at half time. Our come back was a real proof of character. We won all but our last league game, which was against Templeogue this year and as a result we sat at the top of the table. Overall, in 2013 the achievements were very positive, winning the division 1 league and getting to the championship final (against who else but Crokes) is not a bad year's work.

Under 14 A Girls Report

The Feile competition saw us reach the semi final stages with some good wins in very challenging weather conditions. In the Championship campaign the Boden girls went toe to toe with the best and secured themselves a well deserved place in the Championship County Final. If passion is determined by how you spend your time and energy then this group of girls have displayed a passion second to none. From the blustery cold rain and sleet showers of the winter through the hot energy sapping evening of the summer they have relished their training sessions and like sponges have soaked up the learning each session has brought. Their hunger is inspiring.



LADIES FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Michael Gillen

Secretary: Mary Hyland

U16a Div1 Ladies team



Back row: Danielle White, Karen Cooney, Ciara Dunne, Claire Madden, Laura Basquel, Aine Duffy, Maire O'Meara, Úna McGinn, Grace Walsh, Hannah Hyland, Kellie McLoughlin, Ellen Nolan. **Front row:** Hannah Hyland, Mairead McWalter, Jodie White, Amy Byrne, Leah Murphy, Niamh Simmons, Zenouska Murphy, Claire Kirwan, Emily Flanagan. Missing from photo Rebecca Kamvar.



Doireann Mullaney, Katie Murphy, Aoife O'Brien and Maria McGrath the four Boden girls who were on the Dublin Minor team 2013



Minor Team who won Shield Final 2013



Under 14 A Football Team



Winning Under 13 / Under 14 Team in Football Blitz



Clodagh McCahey who carried out the match ball for the All Ireland Final

All-Ireland Derry Football Féile 2013

The use of the words 'Football Féile' is often associated with a collection of matches. Not true. The experience of the players, families and management team far surpassed any mere set of games played in quick succession.

Friday Morning: The journey to Derry was far from straightforward with a number of parents getting lost in Ulster and even managing to take the scenic route around Lough Neagh! On arriving in Derry at lunch time on Friday we were welcomed with open arms by our host club, Kilrea. Tea, sandwiches and a group photo on the home pitch followed by a keenly contested football match played in great spirits. Final score: Ballyboden 4-9 Kilrea 2-7. Lunch with our new friends allowed us to gain an insight into the importance of Gaelic games in the local community and more importantly gave the players an opportunity to get know each other.

Friday 5.00pm: No time to rest as we made the long journey in to the historical team parade through the packed streets of Derry. Two hours on a bus with no air-conditioning can test even the most enthusiastic group but Joey kept the spirits high down the back of the bus! 5,000 boys and girls taking part in 268 matches! 13 overseas entries as well as representatives from each of the 32 counties of Ireland! 150 teams marching from Celtic Park with flags and banners, smiling and waving to the thousands of supporters lining the streets. The parade through the Bog Side in the shadow of painted murals of Free Derry and Bobby Sands were a reminder of the power of change as GAA teams from all over Ireland and the world came together to celebrate this wonderful festival of football.

Friday, 11.00 pm: A seriously late arrival back to Kilrea and the host families was accompanied with clear instructions to the players to get an early night. The players responded with smirks and mischievous nods. All part of the Féile experience!

Saturday 9.00am: The players arrived looking the worse for wear – early morning fries, late nights, too many cups of tea etc. Straight into the game against Colerain and with ten minutes to go we were still trailing! We just managed to get over the line with our eyes firmly set on the battle against the Tyrone.



Saturday 2.00pm: All day we had listened to stories about this unbeatable Tyrone side with their full forward already amassing a score of around 4-10 from two matches. Unbeatable! With the support of the local Kilrea community and the Ballyboden supporters we had other plans. Final score: Ballyboden 4-9, Dunmore 2-7. Karl Reddy kept the 'un-playable' full-forward scoreless from play! A master class in skill, determination and a never say die attitude from a special group of players.

Saturday 3.30pm: Straight on to Ballinascreen to a packed stadium for the semi-final against an excellent Clare-Galway side. A contest where we could not find our feet and could not match the intensity of the Tyrone game. Clare-Galway proved themselves worthy winners by a score of 2-3 to 1-2 and were the overall Derry Football Féile champions the following day. In the dressing room we were met with completely devastated and heartbroken players learning how to deal with lows of sport as well as the highs. Journey over... or so we thought!

Saturday 8.00pm: Barbeque at our host club, banter between our players and the Kilrea players, great food and great company throughout the evening. From squares of jelly, to outstanding football, from road rage to magical left foot points on the turn against Tyrone, from leading the parade in Derry, to incredible host families, from Bernie and Celine's breakfast, to special memories that the players will have for the rest of their lives; the real special and unforgettable essence of what Féile is truly about.

Ross McGarry



Thoughts of a Returning Champion

I'm in the back of the car, heading out of Limerick. Air conditioning is on; it's still too hot, like last summer when we were in Spain. Far too hot for hurling! The sweat was pouring into my eyes underneath my helmet. Made it harder to see the target properly when I was taking frees earlier in the final.

My little sister tries to lie across my lap. I push her off, it's just too sweaty and she's making it worse. Another argument starts. Dad is angry and shouts to be quiet and to stop picking on Ava. It's always me that gets blamed, but she usually starts all the trouble. He apologises to the man he's been talking to on speaker phone.

He's being interviewed by a journalist from a newspaper about the Féile. If they'd shut up, maybe I could catch some sleep. Can't remember when I felt so wrecked. Five tough hurling matches over three days on top of four matches in the football Féile last weekend in Derry. Can't wait for home, and my own bed.

Karl's dad overtakes us. They have a Ballyboden flag flying from each of the back windows of their car. We have no flag. We lost ours when I opened the window leaving the Club on Friday. Dad went spare! It's probably lying somewhere on Firhouse Road still. Not a great start to my weekend, but he's probably forgiven me after the five points I got in the semi. We might have no flag, but the lovely Christy Ring Trophy is on the back seat. We're the new All-Ireland Féile na nGael champions heading home in convoy. I wonder if we're nearly there, but probably better not to ask.

Dad is talking about our victory. He says we showed immense character, spirit, will and determination to come through such a massive challenge and that all the teams we played, Ahane, Monaleen, Inagh/Kilnamona, Abbeyside and Douglas, had excellent hurlers, but what set us apart was better balance in our overall squad. Or something like that.....!

He should say how well our defence played. I'm adding up in my head all the scores we let in over the five games. Only 2 goals and 17 points in total. If I add up the points, divide by 5. No, too tired for sums, but it doesn't seem like a lot against the best U14 hurling teams in the country.

I'm not really used to hearing him talk fancy like this. I suppose he goes on like that in work. On Saturday he had to make a speech at our host club, Ahane. I thought, oh God, please don't embarrass us...and please, please, don't try to be funny! He linked this visit to us being in Westmeath when Ahane won their Féile title in 2004.

My older brother Matt played for Boden then and lost to a brilliant Ahane team. He mentioned me and said I watched that game from my buggy and here I am nine years later with my own team taking on Ahane. I could see women looking at me and going "aw". I looked at the ground and wished it might open and swallow me up.



We hit Dublin. A Garda car meets us near the Club and escorts us the last bit of the way, stopping the traffic to let us all through. Everyone is beeping their car horns and waving their flags. This is mad stuff. There must be couple hundred people waiting in the car park. Dad says that Dublin won the Leinster Hurling Championship earlier and that eight Ballyboden players were involved, so it's one of the biggest days for the Club in years. He says, everyone is waiting to see us and probably hoping Bob O'Keeffe might show up too. I have no idea who Bob O'Keeffe is!

We make our way inside through the cheering and clapping crowd. Even the important Club people are around; the ones with reserved parking spaces, slapping us on the back and stuff. One of them said he coached the Boden team that last won Féile, 21 years ago. It's more packed inside and we're funnelled to the stage area. Not more speeches...oh no! I turn to Conor and whisper, "you know, I don't think that we get what a big deal this is".

Paul and Ben Kelly, Ballyboden St. Enda's, U14A Hurling

Dublin Féile na nGael – Division 1 - 18th/19th May 2013				
Lucan Sarsfields	1:02	vs	3:05	Ballyboden St. Enda's
Naomh Mearnóg	0:05	vs	1:10	Ballyboden St. Enda's
St. Vincent's	1:03	vs	2:06	Ballyboden St. Enda's
Na Fianna	2:03	vs	2:06	Ballyboden St. Enda's
Lucan Sarsfields	1:04	vs	1:09	Ballyboden St. Enda's

All-Ireland Féile na nGael – Division 1 - 5th/7th July 2013 – Co. Limerick				
Ahane, Limerick	0:04	vs	4:11	Ballyboden St. Enda's
Monaleen, Limerick	1:03	vs	5:08	Ballyboden St. Enda's
Inagh/Kilnamona, Clare	1:03	vs	1:07	Ballyboden St. Enda's
Abbeyside, Waterford	0:03	vs	2:12	Ballyboden St. Enda's
Douglas, Cork	0:04	vs	4:02	Ballyboden St. Enda's

JUVENILE

Round-Up

2013 has been a very successful year for Ballyboden St Endas in its juvenile ranks. Between the boys and girls section we have over 1000 children registered with the club this season. Such numbers demand huge commitment from coaches, mentors and parents alike and on behalf of the club I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who give up their time on a voluntary basis to assist in the development of our players at juvenile level.

U9 Hurling

Numbers were consistently strong with +60 boys fielding in games and training each week. One of the highlights of the year was the Croke Park Play & Stay experience in April where 20 boys were given the opportunity to play a match in Croke Park.

The Feile Iomana in June was a huge success with the Group holding 2 tournaments running at the same time in order to maximise participation. 36 boys competed very well against strong opposition. Boden won the "Rathfarnham" tournament and were narrowly beaten in the "Knocklyon" tournament final.

The juvenile section were particularly pleased with the addition of the ball wall in Sancta Maria and we are pleased to report that it has already been put to good use by both the football and hurling codes. We would encourage all coaches to continue to utilise this excellent facility which will be of huge benefit to tuning the players skills, especially in the winter months.

U10 Hurling:

This year up to 74 players are regularly competing in Hurling & Football Go Games & Blitz throughout the year. We have competed strongly against all teams in our groups and the level of skills shown during matches is testament to the work and effort by all mentors during training.

U10 Football:

This year up to 74 players are regularly competing in Hurling & Football Go Games & Blitz throughout the year. A 15 player panel competed in Feile Iomana this year and the Ballyboden St Endas team retained the title for the second year in a row with strong competition from St Judes, Naas & Sean Tracey Armagh.



U11 Football

Under 11 Hurling & Football:

Our u11's have had a great year playing 11 aside in both codes. We have participated in tournaments at Kilmacud Crokes in both Football and Hurling, St Martins Wexford Hurling, Templeogue Synge Street in Football and hosted our own Feile Iomana which was a great success with teams from Dicksboro, Naas, Sixmilebridge and ourselves competing. We were narrowly beaten by Dicksboro in the final.

Thanks to all the clubs who extended invites to us throughout the year. We have fielded 5 football teams and 4 hurling teams in our last year in Go Games.



U11's with Jasper (Team mascot)

U13 Hurling

U-13A Hurlers

After a couple of promising early season challenges 2013's league season began with an away fixture against St Vincents – a real test of winter progress since we had been well beaten there in the last league fixture of the U12 year. The strong belief among the mentors that real progress had been made proved justified, with a committed performance from all the boys. In a tough game Boden won out by eight points. Through hard work, skill and the support of parents our season continued to yield many successes.

As I write, second place in Division One has been secured with one match remaining – a significant improvement on last year.

U13 B Hurling

A great year for Ballyboden Under 13 B hurlers ended in mid October. Over the year the boys fought hard, showed great unity and importantly improved their hurling skills. They qualified for the top six playoff which was no mean feat in itself as many of the clubs in the division were those with just the one team.



U13 Football:

The highlight of the year was our trip to Kerry where Ballyboden St. Endas under 13 footballers won the Austin Stacks Lea Strand Tournament Shield final 2013 following victories over Dingle, Na Gaeil Tralee, Dr Crokes Killarney (Semi Final) and Athlone (Final). A great week end was held by parents, players and mentors (Derek Ward, Sean Mc Ginn, Ciaran Farrell, Sean O'Neill, Conleth O'Reilly) in Tralee hosted by John Mitchels GFC. The boys played great football and were a credit to themselves, their parents and Ballyboden St Endas.

TOURNAMENT PANEL: Conor Lowe, David Ward, Luke McDwyer, Dillon Dunleavy, Kevin Desmond, Jack Daly, Jack O'Sullivan, John McGinn, Enda Cashman, Ruairi McMathuana, Shane Mc Call, Aidan Garvey, Mark Walsh, Joe Mc Grath, Conor Woods, Sam Woulfe, Adam Farrell, Ciaran O'Neill, Jacques Dalton, Matthew Nolan, Luke Grady, Ciaran O'Reilly, Killian Kirwan, Ben Kelly, Adam Carrigan.



U14 Hurling

2013 has proved to be a year of incredible hurling achievement for our U14A squad. We competed with full commitment and endeavour in our Division 1 league to finish in 3rd place. However, it was the summer Féile na nGael events where our best performances and results occurred.

Our Dublin Féile was hosted by Naomh Mearnóg. Three group stage wins led to a difficult semi-final vs pre-tournament favourites Na Fianna. Boden came out on top of a thrilling match, having delivered their best ever performance. The final in Parnell Park was another classic with our lads digging deep into energy reserves to finally wear down a strong Lucan side and came out winners by five points.

The honour of representing Dublin in the All-Ireland round of Féile na nGael in Limerick came on the weekend after our U14A footballers competed so well in the equivalent Féile Peil event in Derry. For 15 of our players this meant that they faced dual All-Ireland events on consecutive weekends. A massive challenge for any sportsperson, at any level, in any code!

To add to a brilliant summer, our victorious squad were invited to Croke Park on All-Ireland Hurling Semi-Final Day and were presented to a huge crowd of Dubs and Cork supporters. If there were any Douglas fans in Croker that day, it's likely that they joined in the applause, as we made our lap of honour.

Photo of our two All-Ireland Hurling Feile winning captains Michael Phelan and Ross McCormack (Below). Michael was captain of the 1992 winning team. He is now living in Canada. He was home on holidays and gave an inspirational speech to the 2013 team before they took to the field in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick to defeat Douglas, Cork to bridge a 21 year gap. This photo was taken immediately after Ross McCormack accepted the trophy on behalf of the 2013 team.

U14B Hurling

The B team played in Div 3 with all 1st teams and had to battle hard all year. Without challenging for honours progress was made on both individual and team level. Having lost a few players to the 1st team at the outset it took time for the team to settle and it was only during the Feile that the spirit and fight really showed through. On a fine summers day in Huntstown and after a titanic battle Erin's Isle won out with a dramatic late point. A disappointing end but a great journey nevertheless.



U15 Hurling:

U15 Hurling saw our boys continue to develop in a highly competitive age group. In the ten team Division 1 group the lads finished a very credible second place when all of the group games were completed.

The league semi final saw the boys suffer a narrow defeat to an outstanding Na Fianna outfit after a great game in Mobhi Road. There was disappointment also when the team were beaten after extra time against St Vincents in a championship encounter.

Highlight of the season for the group would have to be the Cian Durklin tournament which was played over the May bank Holiday weekend.

(Full report on page 33)



U15 Football:

U15A&B Football

Our A team finished second in Division 1, and were narrowly pipped by an outstanding St Brigids side in Championship this year in a game of the highest quality from both sides.

Our B team competed in Division 5, and again, despite missing a number of players from recent seasons have acquitted themselves with tremendous pride all season and their end of season form has been very impressive with some fine showings in the league and a narrow defeat to Scoil Ui Chonnail in the Championship.

U16 Hurling:

U16A Hurlers:

Having secured promotion back into Division 1 and winning the U15 B Championship last year, this year's U16 team set out their stall at the start of the year with a clear objective of finishing in the top 4 of Division 1 and giving the Championship a good rattle. Preparations went well with Brian O'Regan taking the lads through their paces with some strength & conditioning work during the winter and a rally of pre-league challenge matches.

The year got off to a good start with wins over Cuala, Lucan, Naomh Mearnóg and Vincents and some tight matches with Judes and na Fianna. Championship however was not to be for us in 2013. Having come back from a 4 point deficit at half time we were 2 points ahead going into injury time in our quarter final against Vincents.

U16 Football:

U16A

These boys have shown tremendous fighting spirit all year in an extremely competitive Division 1 group. They bounced back well from their Championship semi final defeat to Ballymun, and have developed into a fine group of players who will go on to represent the club well at minor grade next season.

U15c football

Thanks to a panel of 23 dedicated lads every match has been fulfilled. Competing in division 6 has been challenging when we came up against clubs who only had one team at this age level. However when competing against B and C teams from other clubs the lads have been competitive and had a good run before and after the summer winning 4 games on the bounce.

We secured some vital support before the summer from Peter and Kerrie Lawler (parents of Matthew), when their company CES (Commercial Engineering Solutions) Ltd sponsored a new set of jerseys for the team. Many thanks to Peter and Kerrie for their wonderful gesture.

We took our eye off the ball and conceded 1-2 in those final extra minutes and left Páirc Uí Mhurchú on the losing end of an intriguing tie. The lads are well prepared for the step up to minor next year and very much relish the thought of upping their game again in 2014.

U16B

Our 16 B hurling team have also performed admirably, especially as a large part of their squad is made up with players from the U 15 age group. A top half of the table finish was achieved by the team, which was a commendable effort.

U16B

The Under 16B football team have had a great year to date, we have 26 active boys on the panel who regularly attend training and games. We lost out narrowly to Clanna Gael in the championship, they went on to win it out. We won the shield and also a tournament in St Peters Ballyboughal.



BALLYBODEN ST ENDAS SCHOOLS REPORT 2013

As always Ballyboden St Endas are very appreciative of the huge contribution our Primary & Secondary School's make to the club, and their extremely important support can never be underestimated. The important relationships between Ballyboden and its 9 Primary and 5 Secondary schools are vital to the success of the club and we would like once again to thank them for their continued support.



Above - Transition Year Coaches from Knocklyon Community School taking part in Ballyboden's TY Programme, with students from St Colmcilles JNS.

Below - 1st – 4th Class girls taking part in the Yearly School Blitzes in Ballyboden, with teachers, coaches and the referees on the day.



Cian Durkin Tournament 2013

Always the highlight of the U15's season and this year was no exception. The Cian Durkin tournament which was played over the May bank Holiday weekend saw weather that was outstanding, and the standard of hurling was excellent also.

Visiting teams arrived from Mallow (Cork), St. Martins (Wexford), Cushendall (Antrim), Mullinahone (Tipperary) and Kilconeiron(Galway).

After a super days hurling the Ballyboden team emerged victorious with an excellent performance to defeat St. Martins in the final.



Cilian Byrne receiving the Cian Durkin trophy



U15 Hurling Mentors – Conor McCormack, Jamie Desmond and Tommy McGrath look tense on the sideline.



Art Society Annual Art Exhibition

Well done to Katie Daly and all the club members who took part in the 4th annual art exhibition at the weekend, it was a great success and helping raise funds for Aware.

Pictured Dypna Smyth, Neil Brennan, Katie and Rebecca Daly, Conor Sheehan and Treasan Magahran.



The Academy

Building the Future

2013 was and continues to be another exciting year for Ballyboden St Endas Academy, with Blitzes, Fun Days, Visits from Club & County Players, and of course practice every Saturday morning in Páirc Uí Mhurchú, St Endas Park (Hermitage) & Knocklyon Park (Ballycullen) for hundreds of boys & girls in the area.

This year the very generous sponsorship of the Academy by TJ O'MAHONY has been a huge help and has made a big difference it trying to meet the many demands the academy brings with it. Huge enthusiasm has been shown by players and coaches alike throughout the year and their hard work helps to make our academy one of the biggest and best run in the country.

It is a great introduction to the club for our 6, 7 & 8 year olds, and somewhere they can learn the skills of Gaelic Games in a fun and safe environment.

Huge thanks to our Head Coordinators & Coaches, and we would like to wish all of the kids, coaches, and parents a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

- Pictured above is a group photo of our 2012/2013 Academy Players & Coaches that shows how much the Academy continues to grow.



Many thanks to T J O' Mahony who launched new sponsorship of the Academy this year which was a huge help for 2013.



EASTER Schools of Excellence



This April Ballyboden St Endas held its first ever Easter School of Excellence for club players on the U12-U15 teams.

It was a huge success (weather aside!!), and provided a great opportunity for the players to develop and improve certain parts of their game, and was overseen by Club Coaches Brian O'Regan & Paul McLoughlin.

With separate weeks for Football/Ladies Football & Hurling/ Camogie over 140 players attended, and this is a credit to those players' willingness and desire to progress in their playing careers.

Paul & Brian were assisted by 10 of our current young coaches all of whom have vast experience and are active coaches with teams in the club.

A huge thanks to all the team mentors who promoted it so well and to the players that attended. Hoping for some better weather for next year!!

- Pictured below are the Football / Ladies Football Participants and Coaches at this year's Easter School of Excellence!!



Night of the Champions



Pictured with Ballyboden St Enda's Cathaoirleach Brendan Moran are Dublin stars Declan O'Mahony, Michael Darragh Macauley and Dara Nelson



Adding a touch of glamour to the proceeding were Boden Ladies on the Dublin Panel Sarah O'Brien, Ciara Ruddy and Natalia Hyland.

A large crowd of Boden supporters turned out to greet "Sam" and the players.



A phenomenal success - the first White Collar Boxing Fundraising Event for the Club which saw over 40 "boxers" partake in the event held in the National Basketball Arena, Tallaght last February. Irish Olympic gold medalist Micheal Carruth ensured all our "boxers" were in fighting fit shape.

A big thank you to all who were involved in organising and running the event and of course to the Boden faithful who ensured the evening was extremely well supported.



Charlene Mc Kenna, Rachel Ruddy, Sile Nic Coitir, Edel Drury, Aisling Farrelly, Orla Smith and Triona Sweetman pose ringside.



Stalwart security Boden-style for the evening



Boxers receive last minute instructions from the bout ref



Conor Sheehan and Eamonn Tracey get into the spirit of the evening



Gavin Duff, Gerard Keating, Darragh O' Gorman, Sean Cantwell, Dermot Manley, Philip Larkin. Front row - Declan Keating, David Keville, Peter Buckeridge, Shane Hogan, Mark O' Sullivan, Jamie Desmond



Simon Lambert - reflections on 2013

For anyone that has any interest in hurling and especially in Ballyboden St Enda's they will surely recognise the name – Simon Lambert.

Simon has been playing with Ballyboden St Enda's from a young age and has always loved the sport. "I've been involved with Ballyboden St Enda's since I was five years old so it's the only sport I really know. Growing up with the club has been great fun – I've made friends from when I was in nursery in Ballyboden and still good friends with everyone now."

2013 has been a mixed year of emotions for Simon. "It's been a mixed bag alright – winning Leinster with Dublin was obviously brilliant and winning the Dublin Hurling Championship with the lads was great but suffering an injury ahead of the club championship wasn't ideal ...

Looking back at Dublin's participation in the All Ireland Hurling Championship – winning the Leinster Hurling Final was obviously a big highlight. From a fan's point of view it looked like the Dublin hurlers had that little bit of extra confidence going into the Championship " You always have to be confident going into Championship any year but I suppose after winning the league this year, that gave us a massive boost pre championship. The team and management were working well together and that's boosted everyone's confidence."



Another highlight of the hurling year was the victory over Kilkenny. There were grown men and women crying in the stands in Portlaoise overjoyed with the win "We probably didn't have the greatest start drawing with Wexford and could have easily lost the game but we gathered momentum week after week which was a huge plus. I feel that when games come thick and fast and they have huge intensity they beat training games any day. We felt at half time the first day out against Kilkenny we really had a chance and thankfully after the drawn game we overcame them. It was a great feeling and this gave us huge confidence to continue playing at our best"



For any hurling fan – the Leinster and Munster Finals are always prominent in the GAA fixture list and in recent years the Leinster Final has become a little bit more competitive – so what was it like for Simon when he finally got to lift Bob O'Keefe - "It was an unbelievable feeling. We had won a couple of leagues and Walsh cups during the years and this was a massive step to winning the Leinster Final. I suppose people thought the team had been on the road for a few years, having been beaten in two Leinster finals was our chance was gone but we as a group knew we had it in us. To see the supporters in Croke Park and on the Hill cheering us on was something I'll never forget."

Unfortunately some team has to loose and after the historical win in the Leinster Final – Dublin faced Cork in the All Ireland Hurling Semi Finals but sadly the day didn't plan out as expected "It was a tough defeat to take. We had just come off our best day yet, had a few weeks to prepare ourselves for this day on all aspects of our game, training had been unreal, and players were fresh & ready for a huge challenge. We put an awful lot in and just came up short was hard to take. On the day they were just that bit better than us simple as. We will be back though that's for sure"

So as Dublin bowed out of the 2013 All Ireland Hurling Championship - it was head down and sights were set on the club championship. With Ballyboden St Enda's one of the top hurling clubs in Dublin it was time to get back into the thick of it but timing was all wrong for Simon as he suffered an injury that finished his season " I suppose it wasn't ideal what happened. I hadn't played much as I'd like to have during the year with Dublin and was looking forward to a great club campaign."

These things happen in sport and I suppose the most important thing is how to respond from it. I'm four months post op now and rehab going very well so far. I'm lucky (If that's the word) to get advice from Conal and Stephen Hiney as they went through very similar injuries so it's handy to bounce ideas off them and ask them about different things with the injury. People always ask how long it'll take but I don't want to put time limits on it, it's an injury that just takes time to come back from so I'll take it stage by stage".



So as Simon was out of action with the Senior Hurlers – it was time for him to get involved with the backroom set up which resulted in the Senior Hurlers beating Lucan Sarsfields in a very tough County Final "God – I wouldn't say I was helping the management – more wrecking their heads!.. Ahead of the county final against Lucan Sarsfields we were under no illusions before the game."

They beat us in groups stages last year to put us out so I suppose the incentive was there to beat them and also the fact we wanted to regain the Dublin Championship title.. We've had plenty of battles with them over the years especially from underage which has continued into senior ranks." So was it difficult for Simon not to take part in a big victory like the county final "Yeah its tough going."

Missing matches, watching the lads train - it's hard standing on the sideline knowing you're not going to play. This year we have won the 7's in Kilmacud Crokes and the Dublin Championship, it's hard to believe you can't have any input on the field of play. To be fair the lads they keep me involved some way or another whether it's having a small word here and there or collecting slotars etc. I've taken a bit of abuse over wearing this Maor Caman bib so I may leave that in the dressing room, not something you want to get use to!"

So has the GAA season comes to an end so does Ballyboden St Enda's after a surprising and sudden exit against Mount Leinster Rangers in the Leinster Club Championship what does the future hold for Mr Lambert and what does Ballyboden St Enda's mean to him? "

Club means everything to me. I grew up with a lot of the lads I still play with now. I also grew up watching the likes of Gary Maguire, Stephen Hiney, David Curtin Conal – for me to play with them now is brilliant. You can't beat the feeling of winning finals with the lads you hang around with. That's what the club is about.

For the next year through - the plan for rehab is to move into Sancta Maria for the next 9 months!!!! Hopefully after that I will be back to semi normal and to reunite with Dalo and the lads on the Dublin squad and hopefully we can go one step further for the 2014 Championship !





The Club Lotto - WINNERS IN 2013



Jackpot winner Declan Murphy who won the top prize of €10,000.00 in the lotto this October is presented with his prize cheque by Brendan Moran and Sean Flynn.

We encourage all members, ex-members and the local community to play the Ballyboden St. Endas fundraising lotto. We also hope that we can all work together to promote this lotto and help get back in touch with all friends of the Club, who may now be living all over Ireland and the world. Your continued support is much appreciated and we wish you good luck in future draws.



Clarinda Noonan is presented with her Lotto prize cheque by President Sean Flynn



Gearoid O'Shúilleabháin is presented with his Lotto prize cheque by President Sean Flynn



JACKPOT WINNERS

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Boden Theatre Group

By Carol Fitzmaurice

2012/ 2013 proved another successful year for The Boden Theatre Group.

Laughter in the Lounge 4 took place in November 2012 and as always, brought plenty of laughs to the club bar with new sketches and familiar characters from Declan O'Brien and Cormac O'Farrell. The climax of this year's comedy was the recreation of the school nativity play. The old adage that you should never work with children or animals was never truer during this sketch, as the cast played their 5 years old selves in the form of angels, snotty nosed children and life sized animals! Naturally everything descended into organised chaos and completely captured the pandemonium experienced each Christmas during the annual school play.



Cormac O'Farrell and Ross Whelan prepare for "Laughter in the lounge 4"

After Laughter in the Lounge, the group immediately began preparing for the spring production. This was to prove a great challenge to the group. Instead of choosing another Irish classic, we opted to stretch ourselves and take on an American play called "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder.

The play was set in a small fictional town in America and told the story of suburban America at the turn of the 20th century. While nothing extraordinary happened during the course of the 3 acts, it was nonetheless a remarkable play which made you think about how we take a lot of things for granted in our short lives. It challenged the actors and the audience to consider that what we think of as banal and boring moments in day to day life, are in fact extraordinary and to be cherished. It was a challenge to bring to life an American classic, but through hard work and excellent direction from Joe Kearney, the group certainly did it justice.



The late Liam Delaney



Some cast members during rehearsals for "The Plough and the Stars"

The autumn usually brings Laughter in the Lounge. However, being a year of challenges and changes for the group, we opted to go for a second large production before the end of the year. We choose a play that has long being on the to-do list for the group. It was Sean O'Casey's Irish classic "The Plough and The Stars". Our director, Joe Kearney had been eager to stage this production with the group and luckily we were able to secure the rights after The Abbey finished an 18 month run with it in Ireland and the UK.

It was a return to form for the group, tackling Irish classics filled with strong characters and themes. With the anniversary of the 1916 rising less than 3 years away, it was an apt time to stage this play and to take time to think about the struggles faced by, not only by the soldiers during the struggle for independence, but the ordinary people who were involved and affected by the rising.

In October, the group were very saddened to hear of the passing of Liam Delaney, a long standing member and supporter of the club's drama group. Liam was an active member of the group for many years and was involved in a number of our early productions including the play "All in Favour Say No". Once he retired from the stage, he continued to show his support for the group by attending rehearsals as well as the plays themselves. Ar dheis de go raibh anam.

During the summer, Fiona Connolly got a new job as a teaching principal in Monaghan and has since moved back to Cavan to take up her post. A fantastic opportunity for one of our youngest members and most accomplished actresses. Her talents in acting and directing will be greatly missed. In July, Carol Fitzmaurice married Alan Malone. Life on stage and her personal life were closely linked for 3 months of the year. As she prepared for her own wedding in July, she was rehearsing to be a bride in "Our Town". Thankfully she didn't have any of the pre wedding jitters experienced by her character in the play!

As always, each production takes an immense amount of work and rehearsals. Sketches and plays couldn't possibly happen without the dedication of the actors onstage and the team backstage, who construct the set, put the props in place, sell and take tickets at the door and work on lighting and sound.

Thank you to everyone involved year. The group would also like to thank Ballyroan Boys School and Scoil Treasa for providing invaluable rehearsal space throughout the year.

And finally, without an audience, there is no show. So we would like to sincerely thank everyone who came to see any of our productions this year. We hope to see you again next year!

Check out Boden Theatre Group on Facebook.



coaching and games EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Coaching & Games Executive had a busy year in 2013. Under the Chairmanship of Terry O'Neill the group oversaw many projects during the year.

One of the biggest projects was running our first ever club Coaching Conference back in early February. There were three excellent key note presenters at the Conference. Brian Cuthbert, Pat Gilroy and George O'Connor. Over 200 club mentors attended the conference.

Also during the year there were many coach education courses and workshops. These included a football/hurling wall ball workshop with Eamonn Ryan as well as 2 Foundation Award Courses and an Award One Football/Ladies Football Course.

An Athletic Development group Chaired by Eugene Duffy was set up towards the end of the year with the aim of screening juvenile players and providing them with a flexibility/mobility injury prevention programme.

A new exciting initiative set up by the Coaching Executive is "Coaching the Boden Way" and is currently being rolled out with all of the under 8 teams.



Coaching Conference 2013



Foundation Course March 2013



Foundation Course October 2013



Award One Participants from March 2013

Communications Section By Paddy Bates

At the time of going to print we are in the process of implementing a new 3rd party Club Database. We hope to have the initial rollout of this new database by the end of the year. Members will start receiving their new cards in advance of us "going live" with the new system. In time the new membership card will also be in use in the bar and also at selected club locations as a means of access control. We will be in touch with more details closer to the roll-out date.

Our weekly newsletter has continued to prosper over the last year. A huge thanks to the newsletter editor Cathy Murray for her excellent work each Monday evening so that the newsletter is sent each Tuesday morning. If you don't currently receive the email, you can sign up on the website, or alternatively email newsletter@bodengaa.ie.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to the website and newsletter over the course of the last year. In particular I'd like to mention our weekly contributors for special praise - Neil Buckingham (Football), Mary Hyland (Ladies Football), Eamonn Treacy (Hurling), Gerry White (Camogie), Gerry O'Sullivan, Sinead Ryan and Brian O'Regan.

Also many thanks to Mark Magahran and Kevin Maguire (photographs) and John Galvin (videos) for the visual record of so many club events. Without the hard work from so many people gathering results, match reports, designing match posters and recording the event through photographs and videos, the website and newsletter would not be able to stay up-to-date.

The increase in importance of social media for GAA Clubs continues apace. In the last year the number of "likes" our facebook page has increased from 1,000 to 1,400. However the growth in twitter followers has been the big success this year. Our twitter "followers" have gone from 650 to over 1,600. Twitter has become a great source for match tracking of live score updates of GAA matches.

We have covered live score updates of our club games in the last few months for a few senior football and hurling matches and plan to expand to increase the number of games that we have live score updates over the course of the year.



John Ryan - 24 hours of Happy



The Boden "Nuala's"



Many hands make light work



Conal in the wars

Boden Babies



Luke O'Regan, son of Brian (Oggy) and Joanne O'Regan



Josh Masterson - Son of Fiona Hughes (Camogie) and Martin Masterson (Football Coaching)



Alannah Kirk - Daughter of Ciara (Lucy) and Graham Kirk



Zoe daughter of Conal Keaney and Jenna Coyne



Congratulations to Junior hurler David Kirwan and Aisling McCabe who were married in Las Vegas at the week-end.



Congratulations and very best wishes to Junior Hurling Star, Brian Cummins and his wife, Eimear McHugh, who were married on 26th September at Tinure Church, Co. Louth



Big congratulations to former Senior football star Conor Dolan and Danielle McGarry who married recently in Castle Durrus.



Congratulations to Colin Moran and Sinead Mullany and best wishes for the future after their wedding last Saturday.



Caroline & Cillian Blake married 29th Nov in Ballyliffen Lodge in Co Donegal



Carol Fitzmaurice married Alan Malone in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Firkhouse on 6th July 2013

BODEN Wedding Bells

Together we can make a difference



U-16 FOOTBALLERS

Pizza Hut took up the Sponsorship for the U-16 Footballers this season. Pictured are Denis Mc Gowan and staff, Pizza Hut with U-16 mentors and players.



MINOR A HURLERS

Rathfarnham Dry Cleaning Company sponsors Minor A Hurlers. Pictured are Donal Butler, Ray Mc Kenna (Manager), Grainne and Enda Nolan The Dry Cleaning Company, Danny Griffin sponsorship manager and James Roche.



SENIOR HURLERS

Pictured at the launch of a new sponsorship of the Senior hurlers by the Grafton Lounge were Noel Anderson manager of the Grafton Lounge, some of his staff with Brendan Moran and members of the senior team.



ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH, KNOCKLYON SPONSORS OF THE SENIOR A CAMOGIE TEAM

Many thanks to Fr. Jimmy Murray Knocklyon PP on the renewal of the Senior Camogie sponsorship for 2013.



RATHFARNHAM AND DISTRICT CREDIT UNION

Mant thanks to the Credit Union who sponsored the Minor A Footballers and the Senior Camogie team.



SUMMER CAMP SPONSOR

Many thanks to Eoin O' Riordain from Leahy & Co Chartered Accountants in Rathfarnham for their continued sponsorship of the Summercamp

Gala Evening 2013



Brian and Joanne O'Regan



Three Amigos - Colin Durkin, Johnny Kenny and Peter McEvoy



John and Catherine Cummins



John Kirwan makes a presentation to Gearoid O'Shúilleabháin



Liam Deane and Ken Giles



Tim Sweeney, Johnny Kenny and Tomas O'Reachtabhra



Lá na gClub

5th May 2013





The BODEN *News* *Extra*

Extended Football Report

INTERMEDIATE TEAM

The 2013 season for the Intermediate football team saw substantial change in terms of mentors and squad players from the previous year. The management would like to thank and acknowledge the work done by the previous management team of Jim Keane, Eugene Duffy and Frank Brooks. The success of their involvement resulted in 7 of the squad of 2012 being elevated to Senior status for 2013.

The remaining members of the 2012 squad provided a strong foundation on which to build. The transition of some of the 2012 Junior & Minor players to this level was the focus for the mentors at the start of the year. Initially the squad trained as a joint group with the Senior Squad and this proved to be a significant benefit once competitions commenced. Our thanks to Conor Deegan and his co-mentors for facilitating this.

Our first games were in the Loving Cup and we recorded 3 wins out of 5 games. This start gave us a great boost at the beginning of the league campaign winning 5 and drawing 1 of our first 6 matches. During this period the team also registered a win in the first round of the championship against Crumlin.

Our first setback came in an away league game against a strong Naomh Barrog side, the ultimate winners of the Div 3 league. As we entered the summer holiday season the shortage of players available to both the Senior and Intermediate teams took its toll. We lost the next 3 matches by narrow margins but still retained an outside chance of making the play offs. However winning 2 out of the final 4 games was not enough and the team finished a respectable 8th.

Given that we had a significant number of younger players competing at this level for the first time it was overall a very encouraging year. The prospects of pushing on and improving for 2014 look encouraging.

In the championship the team were awarded a walkover in the 2nd Clann Mhuire. This did little to help our preparation for the quarter final against St Patrick's, Donabate, our Div 2 opponents. In a game where we were given no chance by the 'pundits' the match hung in the balance until around the 50 minute mark when St Patrick's got a fortunate goal which proved to be the catalyst for their eventual win.

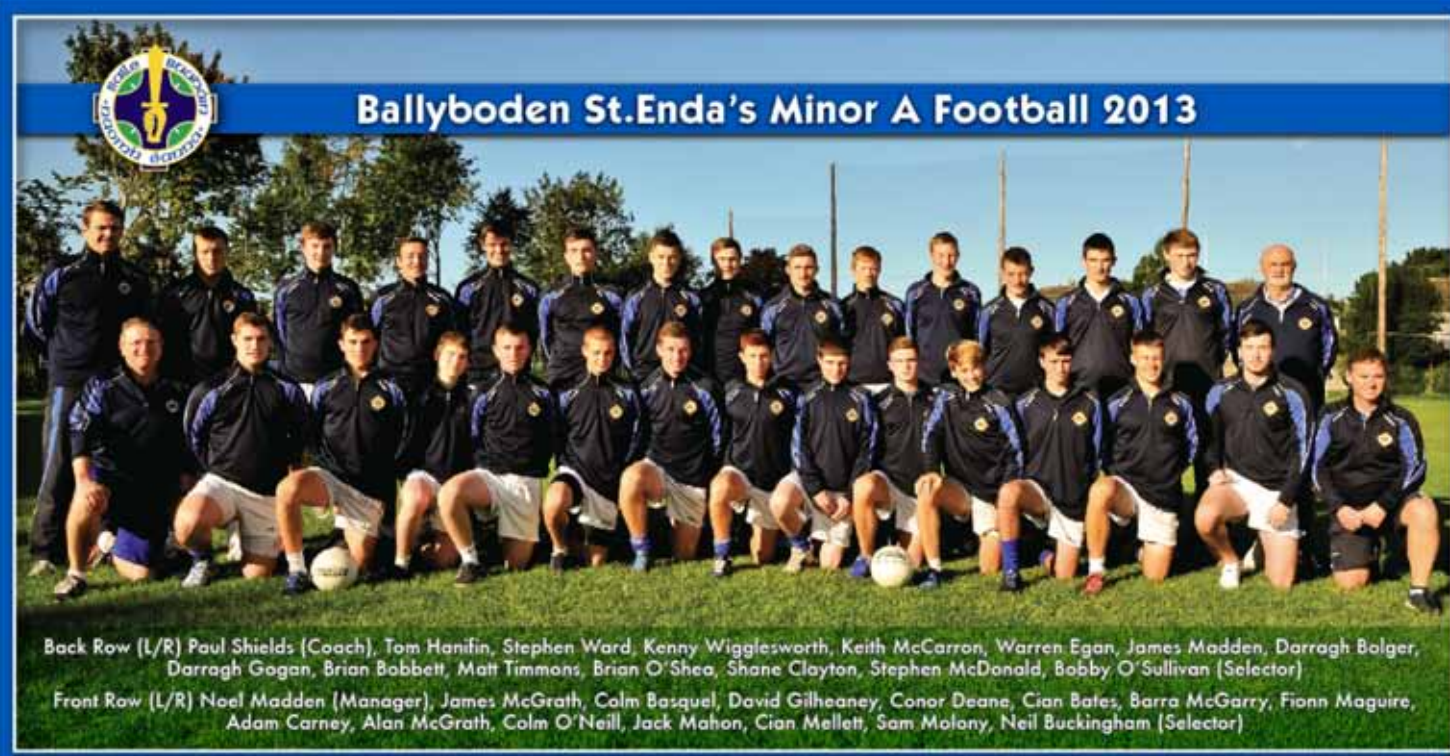
This was a fine performance by Boden against a team that had already achieved promotion to Div 1 of the AFL.

We also arranged a number of friendly matches over the year. The main aim was to provide players with regular matches, assist integration of the panel, and from a mentors' perspective to develop the new team dynamic and a style of play suited to the abilities of the squad.

The Year Ahead / Proposals

We hope to build on the results of the current year with the continuing development of the younger members of the squad and a more focused commitment from next season's squad members. The difference between winning or not are marginal at this level – evidenced by the fact that of the 4 teams that made the playoffs we won against 2, drew against a 3rd, losing only to Sylvesters by 1 point in the other.

Minor A Football report - 2013 by Noel Madden and Neil Buckingham



Summary of Activity for the year

After initial challenges against Kilmacud and Cuala and clocking up 7-33 in the 2 games, it was clear there was some serious talent to be harnessed with 2012 U16 players joining forces with 2nd year Minor A & Minor B players.

A decision was made to run with 3 Minor teams as the numbers were very good. From the start the Mentors wanted to have a clear and open communication line with the squad and decided to set up a private Facebook page which all the panel joined. The system has served us well and is something the lads took to easily. We post up team announcements, motivational videos and other team/club related items to aid team morale. We would highly recommend this to any club team as an invaluable communication tool.

The year began with high hopes as we initially had 9 players (Sam Molony, Tom Hanifin, Colm Basquel, Darragh Gogan, Cian Bates, Warren Egan, Shane Clayton, James Madden & Stephen McDonald) represented on the Dublin Minor Panel. We engaged the services of a strength and conditioning coach from early January. Each player was individually assessed and given a specific set of exercises to work on, to improve their areas of weakness. Coupled with that, group exercise sessions were held in the club hall and after a couple of weeks the group moved up to the gym in Sancta Maria. This early season work has stood to the team throughout the year, not alone in terms of conditioning but also helping to foster a good team spirit and work ethic within the group.

The Minor A team was positioned in Div.1 of the League and our first game was a high scoring victory over Cuala. Our intention was to compete seriously for the League and out of the remaining 8 games we won 6 and lost 2. One of those defeats was to Nh.Mearnog where we had to play without our Dublin Minors due to the 7 day ruling on Dublin players availability.

I'd like to express our deep dissatisfaction with a situation where the team of players and mentors were penalised for supplying players to the County team, the net result of which denied us a place in the League final.

Going forward, common sense needs to prevail and flexibility with the rescheduling of league games in exceptional circumstances needs to be addressed, otherwise it diminishes the value of league participation. To finish on a positive note, the team had a scoring average of 22 points per game in the League.

The Dublin Minors defeat in the semi-final of the Leinster Championship meant we could finally have an opportunity to properly prepare for the upcoming Championship having being without the county players for the majority of our training sessions. We were drawn in a favourable group containing Ballymun Kickhams, Thomas Davis and St. Judes.

Our opening round-robin match saw us beat a young Ballymun side by 0-15 to 1-07. Our second game was a fairly comfortable victory over Thomas Davis by 5-16 to 0-07. Our third game was against local rivals St. Judes who put up a spirited performance in defeat in losing 0-15 to 0-10.

3 wins in 3 games meant we finished top of the group. The quarter final was a titanic tussle against a superb Na Fianna side containing several County Minors and it went down to the wire both in normal time and extra time with Boden coming from behind to snatch victory with a goal in the dying minutes.

The semi-final against Cuala was a dogged affair with Cuala coming out on top 1-8 to 0-9. In truth the team had an 'off day' and were very disappointed with the result in a game that was there for the taking. However the character of this team is unquestionable and it is hoped that many players will feature in the future success of the club and will look back on the semi final defeat as a learning experience.



Boden Dublin Minors 2013

An unprecedented 7 footballers represented the club on the Dublin Minor Panel in 2013. Needless to say we are extremely proud of the lads and of course coach Mark Fee.



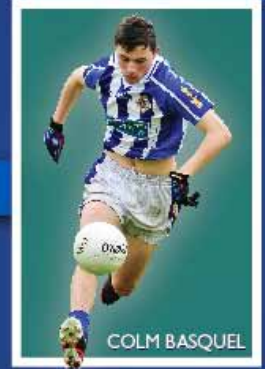
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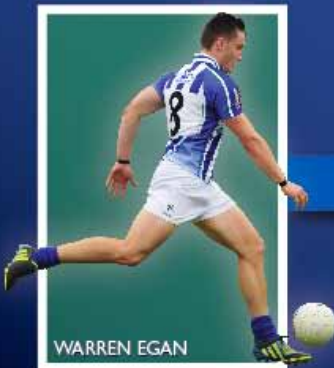
TOM HANIFIN



SAM MOLONY



COLM BASQUEL



WARREN EGAN



SHANE CLAYTON



JAMES MADDEN



DARRAGH GOGAN

County Representation and Honours

Represented on Dublin Minor football squad were:

Darragh Gogan, Colmie Basquel, Shane Clayton, James Madden, Warren Egan, Tom Hanifin, Sam Molony

Also represented on the Dublin U16 Football Panel were:

Barra McGarry, Liam Stafford and Jack Mahon.

Acknowledge and Thanks

The amount of work required to run a Minor A team is enormous and the effort put in by my fellow Mentors has been nothing short of phenomenal. I would like to thank them for all their hard work throughout the year. Their dedication to the team has been faultless and despite some challenging times during the year stayed positive and focused on the task in hand. We would also wish to place on record our thanks to the following:

The players, themselves, for their commitment in matches and training throughout the season.

Liam Deane and Brian Gillespie and the Mentors and players of the Minor B's and C's for their co-operation and courtesy since the start of the season.

Brendan Ryan and Declan O'Brien and the mentors of the Minor A and B hurling teams for their help in managing the welfare of the dual players.

Martin Murphy and the Mentors of the U16 Football team for their co-operation.

Danny Griffin, for securing sponsorship for the team.

Alan McAuley and Rita Cullen of Rathfarnham & District Credit Union, for its valued sponsorship.

David Bobbett for his generous sponsorship of the team.

Noel Sheridan and Ciarán Maguire, for their work on the allocation of pitches during the year.

Ger Flaherty and the football committee for their support.

Conor Doolan for his assistance with the players' injury claims.

Ned Slattery and the rest of the Bar Staff for their help, courtesy and patience during the year.

Donie Kerins for his representations to the CCC.

The parents of the players for their assistance on match days and capturing some wonderful moments on camera.

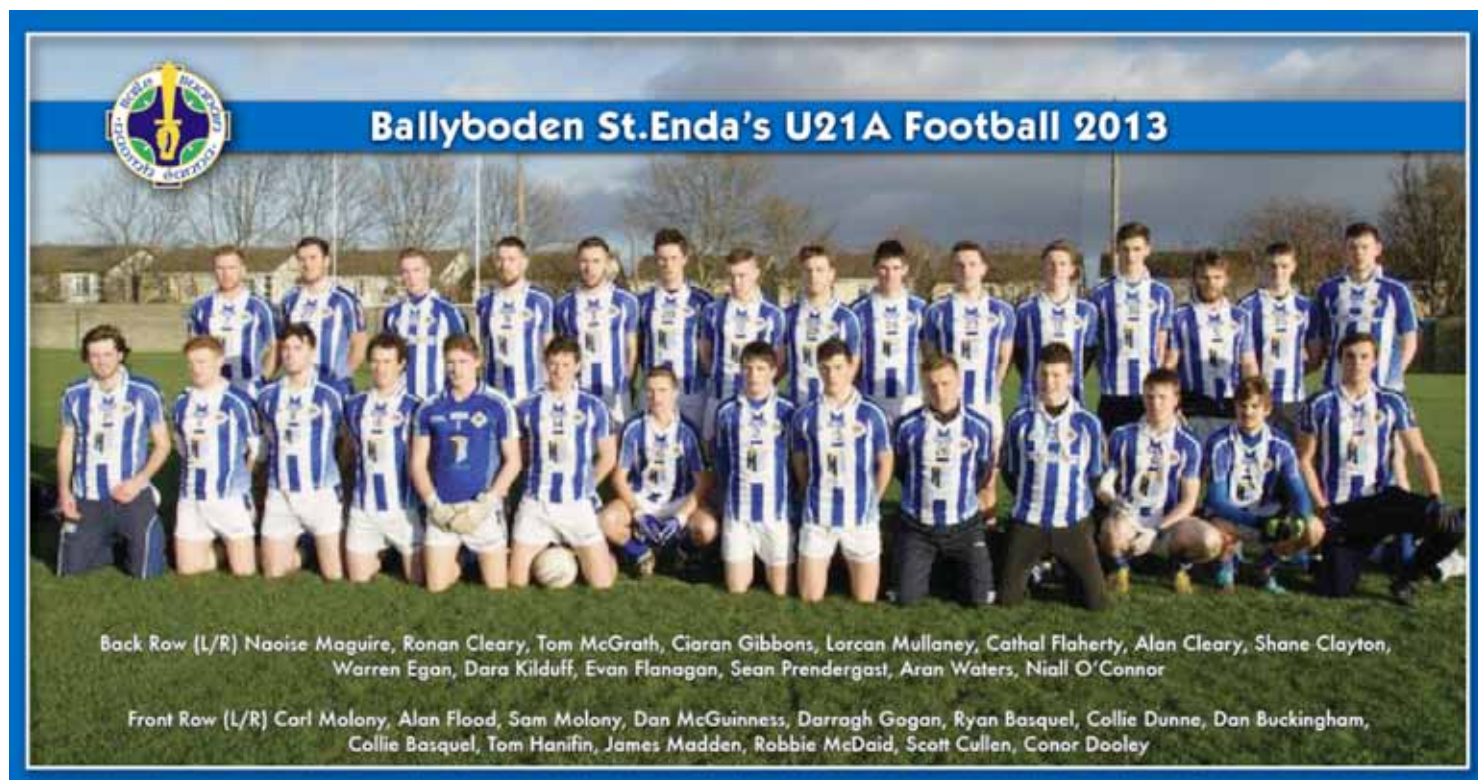
Roddy McConnell and his associates in Tallaght physio.

And special thanks to Niamh Buckingham & Helen Madden for keeping the jerseys spotless!

Mentors:

Noel Madden, Neil Buckingham, Paul Shields, Bobby O'Sullivan.

U21 Report 2013



Our U21 footballers began their Championship against a much fancied Kilmacud Crokes side at home in PUM, Crokes took control early on and were 6 points up at one stage before Boden found their rhythm coming out eventual winners after extra time.

Next up were Lucan away in what was a one sided affair (5-20 to 1-09) with the Boden lads showing their class to set up a semi-final tie against local rivals Balinteer St.Johns. The lads delivered another great performance coming out on top by 4-13 to 1-04.

Championship Final report 15/12/13

There was huge disappointment in the U21 Championship Final on Sunday as we lost out to Na Fianna who delivered a sucker punch injury time goal to win the match.

We played against a very strong wind in the first half and within minutes had lost Sam Molony and Ciaran Gibbons to injury, a big blow to be sure, but the lads bravely battled on and went in at half time only 4 points down (06-02).

With the wind at our backs in the second half we started to dominate the play and began to claw back the lead with substitute Carl Molony raising the green flag with a well taken goal.

The game was nip and tuck now with both sides registering points and both keepers making telling saves. We finally got our noses in front with a Ryan Basquel free and with time running out look to hang on for the last few moments. Injury time beckoned and the game was paused with the excellent Dan Buckingham receiving treatment for a knock.



However, the resulting kick-out saw us fail to secure possession and Na Fianna broke through to snatch a goal to break Boden hearts.

Great credit to the players, mentors and supporters who gave their all on the day.