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## Junior 'B' Footballers 'qualify' for Europe

THE Junior 'B' football team managed by Cormac O'Farrell is heading for Europe. The team has been invited to take part in a tournament in The Hague in the Netherlands on the weekend of February 16 to 18, 2007.

Cormac says "I believe Ballinteer St Johns will also be making the trip and it looks like there might be up to eight clubs taking part. We are really looking forward to it and already the idea has given a huge lift to the new season."

A number of fundraisers will take place early in the New Year to help defray the cost.

Will they be taking in some of the cultural highlights of the Netherlands? "No, we won't be going to Amsterdam" says Cormac. "What about strengthening Irish-Dutch ties?" "No, we won't be going to Amsterdam". Will they be looking into the innovative transport systems in the country? "For the third time - No, we won't be going to Amsterdam!!" says the manager.



*Sweet smile of success  
- Naoise Maguire of the  
Under-15 football  
championship  
winning team*

*Anne Griffin  
- player of the match  
in the dramatic senior  
camogie win*

## A Lotto Money!

THE Club Lotto will enter its 8th year in 2007 and by the time the last draw of the current round takes place in late March over €90,000 in prizes will have been paid out including twelve Manor House weekend breaks.

In all, over 300 winners will share in the prize fund. "That's nearly one in three people who are in the Lotto" says Committee Chairman, Kevin Geoghegan.

The current Lotto is projected to raise in the region of €55,000 for the club which is a phenomenal achievement. "The gain could be greater. There are still club members who do not support the draw and with other more traditional revenue earners like the Bar showing a decline, the Lotto is increasingly becoming even more important in terms of meeting the day-to-day expenses of the club" says Kevin.

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*Carmel Gilroy who scooped €8,000 in the Ballyboden St. Enda's Lotto seen here with Lotto chairman Kevin Geoghegan.*

**STOP PRESS:** Senior Camogie team to take on Dublin before *Evening Herald*/Dublin Bus Dubs Stars Hurling game on December 30 in Naomh Mearnóg.

- ❑ Former member Pat Herbert is the coach of the Toomevara team that won the Munster Club hurling title this year.
- ❑ The club provided two provincial captains this year. Colin Moran was captain of the Leinster winning football team and Gemma Fay had a provincial success with the Leinster ladies football team which was managed by club member Bill Daly.
- ❑ Did you know that Vincent Moran appears in the Barrys Tea TV ad – the one where the player thinks he is going to be dropped off the panel and ends up being made captain. Well Vinny is the guy in the dressing room with the Boden togs!
- ❑ Staying on a Moran theme – Orla Moran, first cousin of Vincent and daughter of Jim and Anne, niece of Kevin and Brendan, won an Under-12 camogie league runner-up medal and a winners medal from the Bray Emmets Mini All-Ireland in 2006.
- ❑ Did you know Donogh O'Farrell has played Senior, Intermediate, Junior 'A', 'B' and 'C' championship football for the club? Can anyone match that?

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## Focal ón gCathaoirleach

A WEEK is said to be a long time in politics. In GAA terms, a year most certainly is not a long time. It is difficult to comprehend that a year has passed since I penned my first Chairman's address for the Boden News. Much has happened in the meantime.

On the playing side, our senior Ladies Football team won their 7th senior county final and their 5th Leinster title. Unfortunately they were beaten in the All-Ireland semi-final and, with it, went their 3-in-a-row ambitions. In addition, the senior B Ladies Football team won their first County final. The senior Camogie team showed true grit and never say die attitude in winning their county final with a penalty scored by Ciara Lucey almost with the last puck of the game. They progressed directly to the Leinster final and were unlucky to be beaten by the eventual winners of the All-Ireland. There were also many underage successes to add to the senior successes of both codes.

The senior footballers had a good start to their championship. However, following a great contest with the favourites, Kilmacud Crokes, they went down by one point. The biggest disappointment of the year was undoubtedly the failure of the senior hurlers to win the senior hurling championship for the first time. It was definitely our best chance so far and I have to say that it was very hard to take this defeat. But there is light at the end of the tunnel. In the case of the hurlers there was a magnificent minor championship win with a large number of the players also holding All-Ireland Colleges medals. At the time of writing this, we are also in the Under 21 hurling final and I wish this team and their mentors the best of luck in the final.

A number of our juvenile teams were unlucky to be beaten in finals during the year. Top prize must go to our Under 15 football team for bringing the Juvenile championship to the Club for the first time ever – one of the two major trophies that had eluded the club so far (the other one is the senior hurling championship). Well done to all concerned.

I congratulate all the players who represented the Club proudly during the year on county teams and indeed those who also represented their province.

I said at the AGM that the Club has very attractive playing gear and it gives me great pride when I see teams properly togged out. Unfortunately, a few mavericks, who take no pride in the Club, continue to wear what they like, or should I say what their managers let them wear. This is totally unacceptable and is totally disrespectful of the Club and must be addressed by all mentors during the coming year.

Away from the playing fields, our finances are in reasonably good shape but we cannot become complacent. The AGM agreed an increase of €20 in the annual subscription for Full members in order to ensure that there is no slippage in this position. I trust that Full members will have no difficulties in this regard. This year, also, the Club decided to distinguish between Social and Full membership with the membership subscription for the former remaining at the 2006 level of €80. While the Club is all about what happens on the field, we value our Social members and we encourage more such members to join. Full members should not feel disadvantaged by the increase in the Full membership subscription. We, the Full members, enjoy all the benefits of Full membership including the right to be heard by the Executive Committee, the right to attend Annual and Special General Meetings where Club policy is formulated and last, but by no means least, we enjoy following our teams and watching them play. I appreciate that we are also the ones who do the voluntary work that keeps the Club alive and thriving. But if the Club was to fold tomorrow, who would miss it most? Yes, I thought so.

I have said at the various section AGMs that we should make no apology to players when we ask them to finance their ongoing needs during the year, whether that is by asking them to pay for referees fees or whatever. The players will benefit from the excellent facilities that the Club is in the process of providing without having to contribute one cent to their provision. As we know, those facilities are being provided by the proceeds of the sale of Oldcourt. Oldcourt was purchased 20 years ago and most of us who were around back then made our contribution to the fund raising efforts to pay for it. Current and future players will now benefit from the foresight of those who organised the purchase of that land. The proceeds of the sale must be used for capital purposes and must not be used for current spending.

Fundraising activities will continue in the coming year to help us meet our expenditure commitments. Kevin Geoghegan and his Lotto Committee have agreed to continue their hard work. The potential income from the Lotto is huge. It is therefore very disappointing that there is still a large number of members who are not members of the Lotto. To those members who are not in the Lotto, I would ask you to join, or rejoin if your membership has lapsed.

The other major contributor to the relatively healthy state of the finances last year was the income from the Punchestown Race Day. Not only was this a very successful day from a financial point of view, it was extremely successful, socially, also. John Archbold, and his Committee, will be starting their work again soon so if you can sell a table, or contribute in any other way, please contact John.

The bar has been a regular source of finance over many years. Recent changes in the driving laws, relating to consumption of drink, have resulted in a major change in the way people everywhere are now enjoying drink. Most pubs and clubs are adversely affected and we have not escaped. I would ask members to use our lounge when ever possible.

On the capital spending side, it is a great relief that considerable progress has been made in Sancta Maria in recent months. The all-weather synthetic/hockey pitch is up and running very successfully. The entrance road, the car park and the Prunty-type pitch are progressing well. We had hoped that the all-weather pitch in front of the house would be operational by now. However we must await the decision of the Planning Department of South Dublin County Council.

I would like to thank most sincerely South Dublin County Council for a grant of €25,000 for ongoing developments in the club.

In Ballycullen, we propose to reduce the size of the building to just four dressing rooms with toilets and showers etc, instead of the additional rooms that were originally proposed. This should reduce the cost of same. Because we propose to reduce the size of the building, we need to apply for planning permission again. We expect to start work on the skills wall before Christmas and finish it early in the new year.

The GAA Player Injury Scheme exists to assist, to a certain extent, players who may be unfortunate enough to suffer an injury while playing or training. It does not cover all costs and players could find themselves facing huge costs in respect of certain injuries, e.g. damage to teeth. To cover these costs, the Club introduced a Supplementary Player Injury Scheme a number of years ago. Only adult footballers and hurlers were covered. In recent years, the scheme has been extended to cover all players, male and female, including juveniles, once they commence to play competitively with the Club. For €50, for minor level upwards, and €20 for juveniles, all medical costs are covered. Despite the relatively low cost, and the huge benefits, a number of players each year, opt out of the Scheme, but still present themselves to the Club appointed physiotherapist seeking free treatment for injuries received. It is becoming administratively difficult to operate a voluntary Scheme and, accordingly, we have decided that the Scheme must now be compulsory for all players. The alternative is to scrap the Scheme. The Executive Committee has decided that there will be no increase in the Supplementary Player Injury Scheme subscription this year, but as stated, it will now be compulsory for all players to subscribe to the Scheme (other than nursery).

The Club is changing on many fronts and it is important that we embrace that change and develop in the right direction. This can only be done in a planned fashion. Accordingly, I have asked Terry O'Neill to head up a Committee to carry out a strategic review of the whole Club. This will include every aspect of our activities, our interaction with our community and, yes, it will look at whether there are any good grounds for moving to Sancta Maria or whether it is more appropriate that we stay where we are. This will be a major undertaking and Terry will be looking for volunteers to help him along the way. This is an opportunity for members to come forward and help out in whatever way they can. Just talk to Terry.

Each year the Club loses a few members to the next world in the natural order of things, eg old age. While this is a sad fact of life, we all accept that we cannot live forever. In the past year, the Club was hit particularly hard by the deaths of three young promising players, Cian Durkin, Glenn Keegan and Andrew Keegan, who were taken from us long before their times. And we cannot forget, Mary, the mother of Glenn and Andrew and Keith Gray who played with the Club up to Under 16. Their losses are felt deeply by the Club and one can only imagine how their families are coping with their losses. I hope their families found some comfort in the support offered by the Club, and its members, at their time of grief.

I wish all the incoming Committee members, managers, board delegates, players and general membership, the best of luck for the New Year. You would not be reading this Newsletter without the huge amount of time and effort put in to the role of PRO by Gerry O'Sullivan. Thanks Gerry.

Finally, I wish you all a relaxing and merry Christmas and I hope to see you in a confident and supportive mood in the New Year. The future is bright for the Club.

Le gach dea-ghuí le haghaidh na Nollag agus na h-athbhliana uaim féin agus ón gCoiste Feidhmeannach go léir agus go mbeireadh muid beo ag an am seo arís.

*Paddy Walsh*



Bill Daly received the Ladies Football "Hall of Fame Award" for 2006. Bill is seen here on a previous occasion with Geraldine Giles, President Cumann Peil Gael na mBan; Nuala Daly, Eileen Dunne (RTE) and John Hillery (Dublin County Chairman).



Dave Mellon and Paul Magahran met up with Sean Flynn while on the Niall Mellon Township Challenge in South Africa.

## A Lotto Money!

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That is not the only positive spin-off to the club. Kevin adds: "The Lotto also brings good news to people and provides good fun at the weekly draw which takes place on Monday nights in the clubhouse. A win creates a positive feeling towards the club with the added bonus of a welcome cash boost for the winner."

The 2007 Lotto will commence in April and there will be no gap between Lotto 7 and Lotto 8. Payment can be made in monthly direct debits of €12.70 or one payment of €150. Each week €2 ticket envelopes are also on sale.

Distance is no barrier to playing either as it is possible to play the Lotto online via [www.localotto.ie](http://www.localotto.ie).

The Lotto Committee is possibly the busiest in the club, meeting at least 52 times a year.

Contact General Manager Noel Sheridan 087 293 3829 or email [info@bodengaa.ie](mailto:info@bodengaa.ie).



John Flynn performs at the Noel Browne Cabaret show

# Club President Daithí Scolard recalls the 40th anniversary of the purchase of Páirc Uí Mhurchú

SOMETIME in early 1966, the phone rang in Daithí Scolard's house in Butterfield Park. On the other end of the line was one Ned Murphy, School Principal in Donore Avenue and an active member of the Rathfarnham Credit Union. The man from Liscarroll in County Cork informed Daithí "we're forming a club and you're on the committee."

Forty years later, Daithí, a founder of Rathfarnham St. Endas recalls "Ned had his eye on this plot of land on Firhouse Road. I was told I was on the committee – I wasn't asked. That was Ned's style. He was a born politician and a great man at pulling people together to do things."

The year was a significant one marking as it did the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Rising. "That was certainly an inspiration for me to assist in forming a GAA club in the area" says Daithí. "While Ned didn't mention specifically the '16 connection, it was clearly on his mind. We also had the possible use of Pearse's grounds at the Hermitage and so it all began to take shape in our minds that it was a worthwhile thing to do."

That phone call sparked a forty years association with gaelic games in the area for the Waterford City man who is currently the President of the club having served as board official, hurling committee member, Executive Committee, coach, team mentor and a multitude of other roles. Indeed appropriately – one sometimes sees Scholarstown road – where the club once had the use of pitches on what is now Templeroan Estate referred to as - "Scolardstown Road!". A misname? Maybe not!

Whatever the case, Daithí Scolard has made an immense contribution to the development of gaelic games in this part of Dublin.

The purchase of the site on Firhouse Road was a piece of inspired thinking by the likes of Ned Murphy and Stephen Riney. When the plot went up for sale, the idea took root that a club was needed to meet the needs of the growing young population in the area. Indeed a club had to be formed in order to buy the site.

A group came together that included the previously mentioned as well as Martin Lennon, Paddy Ring, Sean Purcell, Johnny Donoghue and others, most of whom shared a common characteris-

tic – they all had young families.

While expanding, the area was much different from what it is today. Daithí remembers "Myself and Niamhín and five boys moved from Clondalkin to Butterfield Park in August 1965. Butterfield Avenue was called Butterfield Lane before that and it really was a lane with hedges on both sides. The area where Rathfarnham Shopping Centre was the Golf Club and I remember a man called John Daly from Laois better known as "The Block" telling me that he played for

happened together.

Ned went to Martin O'Neill from Ferns who was a GAA trustee, (he refereed the 1947 All-Ireland football final in the Polo Grounds), and secured a guarantee of £1,000 (€1,270) from the GAA. The GAA never sought this grant back from us. We were also one of the first clubs in the country to get a loan from Croke Park and because of a Bank Strike in 1966, the money was paid over to Ned Murphy by Seán Ó Siocháin, General Secretary of the GAA in shoe



*Daithí and Niamhín Scolard at home in Orlagh Grove.*

the old Crokes club in a field around where Hallmark Cards is."

He adds "At the time I didn't know Ned Murphy that well. I knew his brother Paddy who worked in the Department of Defence much better. But clearly himself, Stephen Riney who was starting out in the property business, and others particularly at the Credit Union, had been thinking along the lines of forming a club for some time. When the site came up for sale, we had to move quickly. We were forming a club and preparing to buy the grounds at the same time. It all

happened together. Ned went to Martin O'Neill from Ferns who was a GAA trustee, (he refereed the 1947 All-Ireland football final in the Polo Grounds), and secured a guarantee of £1,000 (€1,270) from the GAA. The GAA never sought this grant back from us. We were also one of the first clubs in the country to get a loan from Croke Park and because of a Bank Strike in 1966, the money was paid over to Ned Murphy by Seán Ó Siocháin, General Secretary of the GAA in shoe

The site on Firhouse Road had been used as a Pitch and Putt club and accordingly was not fit for playing hurling or football immediately. "There was very little work on the site between 1966 and 1968. We had a few juvenile hurling and football teams and we played our games in Bushy Park. There was a small gate into the grounds on Firhouse Road

and a hut on the left with a corrugated roof with a main room and a further two small rooms. This was in the early years our dressing rooms by day and our meeting rooms by night. There was a concrete floor, one electric bulb with no shade and no heat."

Niamhín interjects "they also played cards to the early hours of the morning and rolled into bed like a block of ice and you can print that!"

Daithí adds "there was a table in a sectioned off room where we played '25' – so card playing in Ballyboden goes back a long time. A member at the time Johnny Griffin from Beaufort in Kerry (a brother of footballer Pat Griffin) was big into the cards and he used to organise a session on Good Friday. The idea of course was that with the pubs closed you could bring a few bottles!!"

Daithí and Niamhín were married in 1955 and have seven in family – Niall, Eoin, Ciaran, Colm, Fergal, Una and Niamh. Nearly all of whom have played hurling, football or camogie with the club.

The Waterford man arrived in Dublin in February 1948 to take up a position with the Department of Defence retiring in 1988. Prior to that he had spent a year as a Tax Officer in his native city. "My father was a grocers assistant and he used also bottle stout for a publican by the name of Mikey Norris. We lived at No. 4 Slieve Keale which means the 'narrow way' near the Sportsfield – we never called it Walsh Park. My father didn't have the slightest interest in gaelic games but I do remember him bringing me to Clonmel to a Munster Championship match in 1938 – the year

we won the Munster final. There were five in our family – three boys – I was the eldest, Thomas and John and sisters Mary and Elizabeth who died at eleven months from pneumonia."

Life was no bed of roses for the young Scolard. "My mother died when I was only 11 from TB which was the big killer in those days. She would only have been about 32-33 years. My father lost his job as times got bad due to the war and he had a choice of going to England or joining the Irish army who were recruiting at the time. He chose the army and with great help from our wider family we managed. He had a love of horses and so he was pleased to have been assigned to the Cavalry Unit."

The love of hurling and gaelic games in general was nurtured in school – in the famed Mount Sion academy. "I got a scholarship from the Corporation to attend Mount Sion where everything was taught through Irish. My love for the games comes from the school – it was the only existence down there in those days. I did my best to play but I wasn't good enough for the first 15 who had some superb players. But I enjoyed greatly the summer street leagues."

Daithí brought this love of hurling to the city and has been deeply immersed in the promotion of the game ever since.

It is not well known but in the 1970s not long after the formation of Ballyboden St. Endas that the club merged with Kilmacud Crokes to field a minor hurling team. "Yes, thanks to the efforts of the famed John Maher and Con Hogan (currently Tipperary's Central Council representative) we had to join

forces to field a minor team. I came up with the name of the team which was called Sliabh Rua which is the Irish name for the Three Rock Mountain."

Some years earlier Daithí invited the great Kilkenny hurler Eddie Keher who lived in Willow Bank at the time to meet the Ballyboden St Endas Under 13 and Under 14 hurling teams. Eddie not only turned up but brought the Liam McCarthy, Bob O'Keeffe (Leinster) and Oireachtas Cups with him. "I had a box camera and took the photos that hang in the club. That's me behind the camera!"

Daithí is also well known for his love of mountain climbing and has scaled peaks all over Ireland, England, Wales, Scotland, Italy, Swiss Alps, France, Pyrenees, Germany, North Africa as well as spending eight weeks in the Himalayas climbing to a height of 18,500 feet. His last trek was a three-weeks stint in the Andes.

Ballyboden St. Endas has been built and fashioned by people like Daithí Scolard. What has the club meant to him?

"The club has been a gift for me and my family. It has given me many happy times and I've made a huge network of friends thanks to the Club and the GAA. The grounds that were purchased forty years ago have given a focal point to Ballyboden St Endas and the link with the local area is now firmly established. The links with the schools are also something I am delighted to see. It began in my time with Coláiste Éanna, Ballyroan Boys school and continued with St. Mary's and has expanded greatly ever since."

Go mairfidh tú an chéad, Daithí.



Under-13 team 1969–70 with Eddie Keher and Leinster All-Ireland and Oireachtas trophies — Back: L. Doyle, M. Lynch, E. O'Malley, J. Mulhall, J. Farrelly, T. Noone, J. McHale, J. Mannion, N. Scolard. Front: L. Burke, F. Gregory, P. Cassidy, J. Cardiff, E. Scolard, J. Reville, M. White.

# Under-15 Football team captures elusive title



*Dublin Juvenile Football Champions 2006 – Back row, 1 to r: Tony Seery (mentor), Ciaran Byrne, Donncha McCabe, Sean Ó Sé, Ailbhe Mahon, Dylan Ryan, Eric Seery, Eoghan Moriarty, Sean Gilroy, James Kilduff (captain), Brian Morton, Conall Foynes, Robert Sheehan, Vincent Carney (Manager). Front row, 1 to r: Bob Sheehan (mentor), Shane Butler, Paul Gillen, Sean Madigan, Daniel McCarthy, Naoise Maguire, Graham Heavy, Ronan Murray, Ciaran Gibbons, Cormac Egan, Ian Carney, Darragh Banville, Brian Devlin, Stephen O'Connor. Missing mentor - Shay Devlin.*

WHAT is it that turns a mid-table 'A' team into Championship winners in one season? No doubt all Mentors and Players in our club would like to know the secret of this SUCCESS. Here is their story of 2006:-

In the first half of this season, the Under-15 'A' Footballers occupied mid-table without any great reason for Championship optimism, but leading up to the Summer we entertained Sylvester's at home in the League and were unlucky to only secure a draw while they were still unbeaten in the League at that stage, a position they maintained throughout the remainder of the League.

Clearly, this performance was a huge factor in the team's belief and subsequent Championship run after the Summer.

When the group stage of the draw was made we were paired with St Sylvester's, Crumlin and Naomh Barróg.

Our opening game was at home against Sylvester's on September 3 which was won by one point - 1-9 to 2-5.

Our next group match was away to Division 3 leaders Crumlin on September 17 - the team was starting to gain some momentum and easily accounted for a gallant Crumlin side 4-12 to 0-4.

This game proved to be another turning point of the season when Ciaran Gibbons, from the Under-14's moved into Goal with Brian Morton going up-

field to full-forward.

On the morning of October 1, we had gathered at Cherryfield to host Naomh Barróg who failed to field owing to some late injuries, this meant we now advanced as Group Winners to the Quarter-Final at Home to Lucan Sarsfields.

Thanks to excellent co-operation with the under-14 Hurling Management a key-player Naoise Maguire was released to play with us in the championship, and he played a significant part in the campaign. The quarter final game was played in Páirc Uí Mhurchú on October 22 - we managed to win on a score-line 3-9 to 1-4.

At this stage Club Coach Brian O'Regan was part of the 'Team' and he was to play a crucial part in our preparation for the remainder of our championship run.

The dream and momentum were beginning to grow at this stage and we advanced to a semi-final against Raheny in St Annes on November 5.

In what proved a very tense and sporting match we secured a late win with two injury points from forward Ian Carney on a score line of 2-10 to 2-8, our goals coming from Eoin Moriarty and Sean Gilroy.

Sylvester's, previous years All Ireland under-14 Féile champions awaited us in the Final.

We had finally reached a Juvenile final for this group of players for their first time in their Boden careers, in

most cases eight years of training and playing!

Sylvester's drew home advantage for the final.

As the match drew nearer the resolve of the panel grew day by day and the players left Boden on Sunday morning determined to do their best to make history as the first winners for the club of the Juvenile Championship.

There are many qualities required for success - skill, preparation, a bit of luck but above all heart and this team showed they has buckets of that commodity during a never to be forgotten final.

Playing into the breeze in the first half, centre forward Stephen O'Connor was involved in the early action. Three minutes into the game, his second effort for a point looked to be trailing wide when it fell to the feet of corner forward Cormac Egan who planted the ball to the corner of the net. Boden were a goal up.

Throughout the first half, Sylvester's fashioned some lightning fast moves from defence but time and again they floundered close to the Boden goal thanks to the tenacity and bravery of the Boden defence. Brian Devlin at wing back was superb in this half and Ailbhe Mahon, Robert Sheehan and full-back Conall Foynes threw themselves into every tackle.

It took the Malahide side all of 25 minutes to score from play although playing with a strong breeze and the

intensity of Boden pressure saw them kick six wides in this half.

While Boden failed to add to their opening goal until a further 16 minutes elapsed. This time it came from great defensive play by Ailbhe Mahon who set up Darragh Banville. The corner cleverly found Stephen O'Connor who pointed in style in the 19th minute.

Two minutes later brilliant high fielding from midfielder Eoin Moriarty gathered possession that eventually led to Ian Carney being fouled. Ian a reliable free taker duly converted into the breeze and stretched Boden's lead to 1-2 to 0-2.

Boden weren't finished and full-forward Brian Morton skimmed the bar for another great point and one sensed that the challengers were now setting down serious questions for their opponents.

'Keeper Ciaran Gibbons dealt superbly with a very dangerous ball that looked to be dipping under the bar almost on the half time whistle.

Trailing by two points at the interval, the home side attacked from the throw in and when right half forward Andrew Monks was grounded in the box inside the first minute, the referee had no



See how they've grown - at Under-9 in 2000 - Back row, l to r: Tony Seery, Joe Keating, Andrew Healy, Luke Carey, Eoin Moriarty, Sean O'Shea, Mark Fallon, Brian Norton, Conall Foynes, Cillian Moffat, Robert Sheehan, Eric Seery, Vincent Carney. Front row, l to r: Sean Gilroy, Brian Deolin, Cormac Egan, Ian Carney, James Keating, Gary Lawlor, Jordan Flynn, James Kilduff, Paul Kinsella.

hesitation in pointing to the spot.

However, Gary Sweeney's spot kick was six inches on the wrong side of the post and Boden breathed a huge sigh of relief. Sylvester's cause was further damaged a minute later when great work by wing-back Naoise Maguire set up Ian Carney for a further score from play.

From being potentially a point down, Boden were now three to the good and their confidence had received a huge boost.

Boden now began to take control of the game and following superb unanswered points by Brian Morton, Sean O'Shea (a 47m free) and Ian Carney, the side had gone 1-8 to 0-5 in front.

Naoise Maguire was outstanding in this spell and Captain James Kilduff dominated the centre back spot.

Up front Sean Gilroy was a constant threat. The home side knew they were in deep trouble but their hearts were raised momentarily in the 26th minute of the half, when Fionn Carney first-timed to the net.

The next raid would be crucial but after a spell of sustained pressure the brilliant Eoin Moriarty, Ailbhe Mahon and Conall Foynes were equal to the challenge.

Substitutes Daniel McCarthy and Donogh McCabe came on to play influential parts as Eoin Moriarty and Sean O'Shea kicked the final points to seal the club's first Juvenile football championship title.

**Team** - Ciaran Gibbons, Robert Sheehan, Conall Foynes, Ailbhe Mahon, Naoise Maguire, James Kilduff (Capt), Brian Devlin, Eoin Moriarty, Sean O'Shea, Ian Carney, Stephen O'Connor, Darragh Banville, Sean Gilroy, Brian Morton, Cormac Egan, Daniel McCarthy, Donogh McCabe, Eric Seery, Sean Madigan, Graham Heavy, Paul Gillen, Dillon Ryan, Ciaran Byrne, Ronan Murray, Shane Butler.

**Mentors** - Vincent Carney, Shay Devlin, Tony Seery, Bob Sheehan, Ger Mahon, Brian O'Regan (coach).

A word of mention to our superb support that travelled to Malahide on that historic day was truly special indeed.

The home-coming welcome in Boden will forever remain with the players and their families long after the memories of the game have dimmed.

A truly remarkable season for this dedicated panel, a number of whom have also taken part in the South Dublin regional development squad during this year.

**Vincent Carney**



Man of the Match Eoin Moriarty with Board Chair Bernie McLoughlin.



James Kilduff - captain of the Under-15 championship winning team

# *Senior Citizens Party* *– a golden day*

SUNDAY, December 11, 2005 was a day to remember. The fourth annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party had once again filled the clubhouse hall. Special guest artists Sonny Knowles, June Rodgers and local talent entertained the crowd well into the evening and many a song was sung.

An excellent dinner was prepared and served by our own 'Celebrity' chef Paddy Brady and his team.

This event is getting so popular we might have to raise the age limit (only jokin'). This year's event was held on 10 December and upwards of 160 people consisting of club members and senior citizens from the surrounding area attended.

On behalf of my team (Dan Browne and John Fair) I wish to thank all those who supported and helped to make this a wonderful day.



*Tommy Clinton* Jimmy Whan and John O'Neill



*Bill and Rita Conway*



*Santa and Claire Behan*



*Maura Coffey and Sonny Knowles*



*Jem and Maisie Burke*





**PLAYER PROFILE**

**Name:** Aisling Farrelly  
**Team:** Senior 'A' Ladies Football  
**Age:** 24  
**Height:** 5'4"

- Fave Food:** Mexican  
**Fave Music:** Declan O'Rourke, Damien Rice, Razorlight, Killers  
**Fave TV:** The Panel  
**Fave Book:** ?????  
**Favourite Grounds:** Birr  
**What has been your greatest moment in sport?**  
 Lifting the All Ireland with Karen Hopkins in '04  
**Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced?**  
 Carnacon and Cora Staunton  
**What are your hobbies?**  
 Swimming, cinema, going out  
**What are your vices?**  
 Vodka and orange  
**Nominate the laziest person you know?**  
 Charlie Kennedy  
**GAA Gripes?**  
 Camogie skirts, they are gross  
**Childhood heroes?**  
 MacGyver  
**Do you play any other sports?**  
 Try a bit of camogie from time to time  
**Do you have any superstitions before a match?**  
 Sitting in the same place in the dressing room in Boden  
**The highest point of your career to date?**  
 Captaining my school team Loreto in a final in Croke park  
**Biggest Disappointment:**  
 Missing a goal chance in the same final in Croke Park, then losing the game  
**Other players with a promising future:**  
 Paula McGrath, Sally Jones  
**Ways of improving GAA:**  
 Improve facilities for men and women  
**Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse:**  
 Story Minga  
**Pet Hates:**  
 Moany people, the smell of Sambuca  
**What advice would you give to young players?**  
 Enjoy it while it lasts!  
**How would you like to be remembered?**  
 Bit of craic, wasn't too serious, liked to drink the odd jager bombs  
**How do you think you will be remembered by?**  
 That weirdo who drunk too many jager bombs



**PLAYER PROFILE**

**Name:** Cathal Ryan  
**Team:** Senior 'A' Hurling team  
**Position:** Corner back  
**Age:** 29  
**Height:** 5'11"

- Fave Food:** Almost all breakfast cereals  
**Fave Music:** Bruce Springsteen – Seeger Sessions  
**Fave TV:** Scrubs, most sports programmes  
**Fave Book:** Roy Keane's autobiography  
**Favourite Grounds:**  
 Páirc Uí Mhurchú in Ballyboden, St Flannan's Park in Moneygall  
**What has been your greatest moment in sport?**  
 For pure joy, it has to be winning the U11 football league on Pat Walsh's team in 1988. We all got ice-cream afterwards!  
**Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced?** My mother!  
**What are your hobbies?** Reading, cinema, cycling  
**What are your vices?**  
 Guinness, particularly when it makes me think I can sing  
**Nominate the laziest person you know?**  
 My 6 month old niece Eabha Ryan - she thinks that just because she is small and cute, she never has to do anything, but I am on to her  
**GAA Gripes?**  
 Bad referees (although I know they have a very difficult job!)  
**Childhood heroes?**  
 My uncle John Gleeson, who played corner back for the All-Ireland winning Tipp team of '71  
**Do you play any other sports?**  
 Golf and soccer  
**Do you have any superstitions before a match?** None  
**The highest point of your career to date?**  
 Winning the first U21 hurling championship with the club in 1996  
**Biggest Disappointment"** The sequel to the Matrix  
**Other players with a promising future:**  
 Stephen O'Connor and Oisín Cannon (Boden U15 Hurlers)  
**Ways of improving GAA:**  
 Better scheduling of games to insure the club championships are run in the Summer time  
**Pet Hates:** Seamus, Eamonn and Phil Ryan  
**What advice would you give to young players?**  
 Work hard for your team, believe in yourself and enjoy playing  
**How would you like to be remembered?**  
 As a good team mate  
**How do you think you will be remembered?**  
 The guy with the stupid looking red Micro helmet

# Wedding Bodan Bells



*Junior Footballer Mark Magahran and Ladies Football secretary Caroline Glennon at Rathfarnham Church. From left: Gemma Carter, Danny Scully, Belinda Glennon-Dunne, Mark and Caroline, Paul Magahran, Terina Glennon, Mick Wilders.*



*Senior hurler Dermot Daly and Alison O'Donnell at their wedding reception in Kinnity Castle*



*Intermediate footballer Thomas O'Brien and Tracy Fleming at Dromoland Castle.*

**PLAYER PROFILE**



**Name:** Cormac Smyth  
**Team:** Senior Football team  
**Position:** 1-15. Changes every year.  
**Age:** 28

**Fave Food:**

Anything bar mushrooms.

**Fave Music:**

Everyone from Johnny Cash to Kings of Leon, and of course the 'Corsairs' - check them out [www.myspace.com/corsairsband](http://www.myspace.com/corsairsband)

**Fave TV:**

To my shame I was hooked by Lost...

**Fave Book:**

Last book was 'Kite Runner' which was pretty intense.

**Favourite Grounds:**

Parnell Park

**What has been your greatest moment in sport?**

Collecting the most lollypops on Knocklyon Sports day after being narrowly pipped in the egg and spoon race, summer 1983.

**Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced?**

Jack 'The Barrel Chest' Sheedy

**What are your hobbies?**

I'd like to say Guitar, piano, and some reading, but at the moment its work!

**What are your vices?**

Same as the rest of ye.

**Nominate the laziest person you know?**

Well the most laid back would be Gerry Byrne, except when it comes to his tie selection.

**GAA Gripes?**

So many, but I'll settle on the idea of Winter football. 5 points to 3 is not a game.

**Childhood heroes?**

Simon Geoghegan.

**Do you play any other sports?**

Used to play many, until Conor Hand set me straight!!!

**Do you have any superstitions before a match?**

Nope.

**The highest point of your career to date?**

Maybe getting picked to play in the Minor Final at left half back after having played in Goal up to the quarter final.

**Biggest Disappointment;**

Not having won the senior championship...yet.

**Players with a promising future;**

Cian Hiney and Michael McAuley.

**Ways of improving GAA;**

Where do you start? Lets keep it at well trained & well paid referees and officials, with retrospective video evidence used.

**Pet Hates;**

The politics in GAA, and the main goal not being on Winning Senior Championships.

**What advice would you give to young players?**

Play as many sports as possible as it will make you a better player.

**How would you like to be remembered?**

As 'the guy in the picture with the All Ireland Club trophy'

**How do you think you will be remembered?**

I'll answer this one at the end of the season.

**PLAYER PROFILE**



**Name:** Ciara Lucey  
**Team:** Senior A camogie team  
**Age:** 21 **Height:** 5'5"

**Fave Food:**

Pasta

**Fave Music:**

Jack Johnson

**Fave TV:**

CSI

**Fave Book:**

Not a big reader but favourite film is Remember the Titans

**Favourite Grounds:**

Páirc Uí Mhurchú & Birr Hurling pitch

**What has been your greatest moment in sport?**

I cant pick one!! The last 3 years have been brilliant so there are one or two. Winning back to back all Irelands with Dublin was unbelievable and to receive and all-star in 2005, winning the club championship this year was definitely one of the best moments ever.

**Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced?**

Ciara Gaynor – I didn't get a sniff of the ball, she was incredible.

**What are your hobbies?**

Don't have time for anything else except Camogie (well I've rejoined hockey for the winter so I suppose you could include that!)

**Nominate the laziest person you know?**

Me on a Sunday evening!

**GAA Gripes?**

That the All Ireland Junior Camogie Final was taken from Croke Park so the U21 hurling Final could be played. There's absolutely no reason why the 3 games shouldn't have been played on the same day.

**Childhood heroes? Dad**

**Do you play any other sports?**

Hockey for now but it will be all Camogie from February on.

**Do you have any superstitions before a match?**

Yes absolutely – Before every big game I watch the DVD remember the Titans, there are 2 songs (which im not gonna say) I always listen to on big match day – and I am quite fond of the fake tan. Sort of relaxes me and helps keep my mind off the game the night before!!

**The highest point of your career to date?**

All Irelands, allstar & Club championship

**Biggest Disappointment:**

Losing to Freshford on our home ground this year – for them to go on and win the All Ireland club title by 3 points was sickening.

**Other players with a promising future:**

There are a good few in our club its too hard to name one.

**Ways of improving GAA:**

I think it needs to start at club level. What would be bad with playing the county championship finals for Camogie and Hurling on the same day? With one as a curtain raiser to the other. It would definitely raise the profile of Camogie and it wouldn't have a negative effect on Hurling.

**Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse:**

Once you give 110% for as long as you can – you've done more than enough.

**Pet Hates:** None really

**What advice would you give to young players?**

Constantly do a little bit extra a day. A small difference each day makes a massive difference on match day.

**How would you like to be remembered?**

Last time I checked I'm alive and kicking – haven't thought about that.

**How do you think you will be remembered by?**

Again – Don't want to think about that just yet!!

# Senior Football Match Sponsorship a winner

An innovation that had a major impact on the promotion of Senior Football league games in 2006 was the introduction of match sponsors.

Thanks in large part to the efforts of a committee chaired by Donie Kerin with Tony Shields and Sean Dolan with a lot of support from team manager Dan O'Sullivan, a range of sponsors were signed up. Match sponsors had their name on the new fixtures notice board at the entrance to the club, as well as being featured on the club website.

The Football Section and the Senior team and management would like to sincerely thank the following for their support

- **Maplewood Developments**
- **Mr. George King, Retailer of Quality Meats, Barton Drive off Grange Road, Rathfarnham**
- **Champion Sports - Ireland's leading retailer of Sports Apparel**
- **Cement Roadstone, Dublin - Supplier of Quality Building Materials**

- **Buglers Bar, Ballyboden**
- **Kepack**
- **The Orchard Inn, Butterfield Avenue, Rathfarnham**
- **T McCann & Co., Builders Providers, Leonards Corner, South Circular Road**
- **GK Hire Ltd**
- **Club Energiser**
- **Mr. Michael Maher**
- **Club Energiser**
- **There were two further contributors who wished to remain anonymous**

In some cases the sponsorship came in the form of free use of equipment etc. We estimate the total value of the sponsorship to be in excess of €11,000. We would like to encourage where possible club members should support our sponsors products and services.



Dublin captain and Ballyboden St Endas star Colin Moran with match sponsor for the league game with Na Fianna, George King and Sean Fitzmaurice, Football Committee Chairman



Paschal Bugler (centre) and Buglers Pub in Ballyboden were among the sponsors with members of the senior squad

# PUNCHESTOWN

## *A Great Day at the Races*

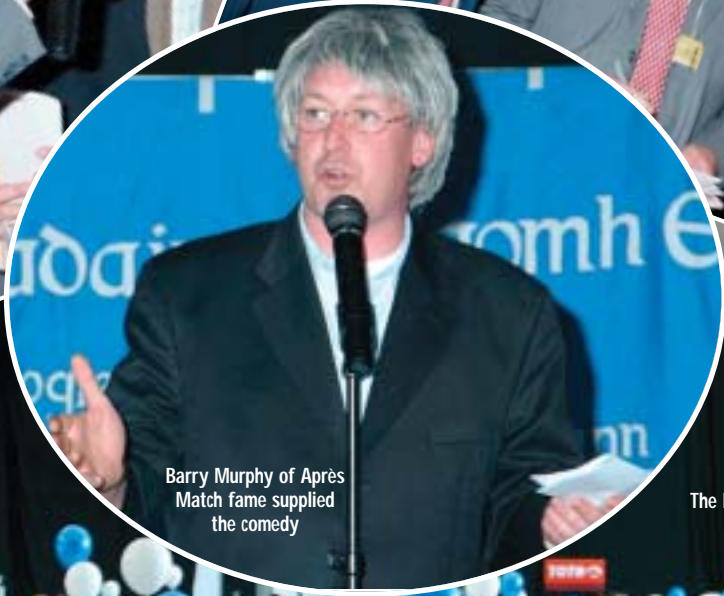


Some of John Archbold's hard working crew.

John Archbold (second from right) spearheaded a hugely successful Race Day during the National Hunt Festival for the Club. Guest MC was Micheal O Muircheartaigh and special guest was Niall Quinn along with a guest tipster.



Star hurlers and managers Michael Duignan and Jimmy Barry Murphy were also there to lend their support.



Barry Murphy of Après Match fame supplied the comedy



The Boden Bowl was overflowing



# BROTHERS PEARSE

## – *Caoga Blian ag fás*

"WE are the oldest club in continuous existence in our catchment area," proudly proclaims Mattie Moloney of the Brothers Pearse Athletics Club which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2006. The Bannerman should know – after all he has been chairman of the club which has close historic links with Ballyboden St Endas for 47 of those 50 years.

"Ballyboden St Endas has always been a good friend of Brothers Pearse and we are very grateful this year for the use of the club's premises for our awards night, our set dancing event and our 50th anniversary function when we had the President of AAI Michael Heery and the President of the Schools and Colleges Michael Hunt present."

But it isn't today or yesterday that those ties were forged. In the early 1950s – a football club bearing the name Brothers Pearse existed in Rathfarnham having been initially formed in 1917.

About 1951, Mattie Moloney, a UCD student living at 4 St Mary's Avenue near the Yellow House with his cousin Bridget Keane (Berkery from Ahane) and her husband Sgt. John Keane was watching a football match between Pearse's and St Mary's of Sandymount. The man from Killaloe had his hurley with him and this caught the attention of local man Dick Clinton, father of Tommy.

A brief conversation ensued and the upshot of it all was that Dick Clinton gathered together about 12 lads the following week and with Mattie Moloney installed as Captain, a hurling team was formed. Training took place in a field off Butterfield Avenue where Marian Road is now. "The field joined the field where Hallmark Cards is now and the top goal was about where the Roma café is today" remembers Mattie.

The field belonged to a Mrs. Weldon and for the next four years or so, the club played football, hurling and camogie until in 1955, the owner decided to sell the land for development. Brothers Pearse had to vacate. The club had a number of intercounty players on their "books" at the time including Tommy Casey of Limerick, who won a Munster senior medal in 1955, Mickey Kilmartin of Offaly and Mick Bohan of Clare. Others to don the Brothers Pearse colours were Ned Daly of Waterford – full forward against Dublin in the 1948 All-Ireland final and John McNeill, full back for Antrim against Cork in 1943 decider. That same year, the Dublin County Board introduced a cross-country race for GAA clubs and Brothers Pearse decided to enter the inaugural race. In order to be eligible to play, you had to play six matches and be registered.

However with no pitch, the club folded. The camogie team continued under Na Piar-saigh for a little while longer.

The introduction of the cross country race however had stimulated an interest in athletics and in 1956 at 4 St Mary's Avenue, Brothers Pearse AC was formed and affiliated to the NACA. The club took part in the running of the Oman Cup on New Years Day in 1957 and in 1960 took the decision to revive the Brothers Pearse Hurling.



*Mattie Moloney – Chairman and Coach at Brothers Pearse AC with the Dublin County Board Cross Country Cup for GAA clubs and a Brothers Pearse singlet*

The decision was well rewarded with successes in 1961, 1962 and 1963 Dublin County Board Cross Country Race. "It was probably a bit unfair as we were very strong in athletics," says Mattie. After that the Board did not continue the race and Mattie still has the cup. "I intend inviting the Dublin County Board to revive the race, maybe in Cherryfield with the support of Ballyboden St Endas and maybe we could win it again."

Since 2000, athletics in whole of Ireland has been united under the Athletics Association of Ireland (AAI) but prior to that members of the NACA were ineligible to compete in major international events like the Olympics, European and World Championships because they refused to limit their selection to the 26 counties. "We always said the day we can march behind the Irish flag and stand to the anthem, that's the day we will run for Ireland." That day came in 2000.

In 1966, the club was invited to take part in a special race from Rosmuc (Pearse's Cottage) in Galway to the GPO. "We were delighted to be asked to be one of seven teams – one club from each province and four from Dublin – to take part in this relay race. All of 170 miles to Kilmainham and then we headed for the GPO where we laid

a wreath at the Cuchullian monument. We had 10 runners and two subs and each ran 17 miles in two 8.5 miles legs. We finished 6th. The race started at 9.15 pm and we ran through the night finishing about 3 o'clock the next day in Kilmainham."

The decision to take part had consequences for hurling. "Because we had to train specifically and seriously for this race, we had to drop the hurling." So from 1966 to the present Brothers Pearse has been strictly an Athletics Club.

Initially the club had the use of a shed on the old Golf Course opposite the Garda Station in Rathfarnham and when Rathfarnham St Endas purchased the site on Firhouse Road in 1966, Brothers Pearse were invited to train on the grounds. This lasted for about six months.

Johnny Gahan, former Brothers Pearse hurler was now Grounds Secretary of the Leinster Branch of the Irish Hockey Union who had vast space adjoining the grounds at Firhouse Road and he encouraged Mattie to play hockey for Corinthians and he also offered Brothers Pearse AC a tenancy on the grounds which lasted from 1966 until 1987. "I took up his offer and from 1966 until 1987 we had the use of their pavilion – showers, changing rooms etc – and the grounds for



*Brothers Pearse Hurling and Athletic Club, winners of the Dublin GAA cross country championship at Phoenix Park, 1962 – Back row, from left: Joe Fleming, Jim Kearns, Patsy Glennon, Willie Glennon and Jim Hopkins. Front row, from left: Paddy Keane, Mattie Moloney, Dermot Coghlan and Jimmy Hughes.*

training. That lasted until the Leinster Branch of the Irish Hockey Union sold the land and we moved across the road to Cherryfield where we are today, Corinthians moved to St. Columba's College. Johnny Gahan also donated the first Athlete of the Year award to the club."

"We ran the All-Ireland NACA 10 miles race; the All-Ireland Juvenile Track and Field and the All-Ireland Juvenile Cross Country race on that site."

Mattie returned to the hurling field in 1972 when requested to play in the Millar Shield final after the Boden's regular centre back Liam Ryan was injured. The team which included the likes of Carthage Minnock, John Keating, Jim Mannion, Patsy Glennon, Sean Doherty beat Fingal and Mattie continued on until he was 47 years. His final game was on Brian Brennan's side in the club's Annual Sevens which used to be held in Scholarstown Road.

He continued to run up until 2004, and has enjoyed success in Rás na hEireann veterans race and the Dunboyne Road Race.

Mattie pays tribute to his wife Teresa who for the past 45 years has had to contend with his addiction to sport particularly hurling, athletics and hockey. Teresa Glennon is part of a family with a great Brothers Pearse/Ballyboden St Endas tradition with all six brothers being involved with one or other of the clubs over the years. Mattie and Teresa's son James competed with success in hurling, athletics, hockey and soccer and their niece Caroline Magahran (Glennon) is currently secretary of the Ladies Football Section.

The club is now back in senior ranks and is enjoying great success at present. They won 46 All-Ireland titles in 2005 and 31 in the current year. Pearse's can boast of four junior internationals – Gráinne Goggan (niece of Liam), Richard White, Rebecca Tyson and Ray Crotty. Paula and John Whyte, Paddy Conboy, Sean Moggan and many others continue to lend their support to the club.

The Boden/Pearses links remain strong with the current senior ladies footballers Orla Scolard, Claire Butterly, Natalia Hyland, Shauna Cannon and Suzanne Hughes (whose mother Deirdre Higgins was an All-Ireland champion), Oisín Cannon is

another champion athlete among those who have served both clubs.

In a half century of many high points, Mattie has one special memory. "The race

from Rosmuc in 1966 was very important. It meant for the first time we trained seriously for a race. It played a major role in establishing us as an athletics club from thereon."

## *Weekly Training Times and Venues*

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>
Tuesday	7–8pm	Sancta Maria College Cherryfield	Under-9–Under-14 Under-16 upwards
Wednesday	7–8pm	Hills near Rathfarnham Village	Juniors and Seniors
Thursday	7–8pm	St Colmcille Community School	Under-9–Under-14
	7–8pm	Sancta Maria College	Juniors and Seniors
Saturday	10am	Santry	Coaching for all events
Sunday	11–12am	Cherryfield and Belfield	

### COACHES

Under-9–Under-14	Kevin Barnwell John Healy Liam Cannon Grainne McCall Áine Kelly
Under-15–Senior	Mattie Moloney Ciaran Healy Dermot Dalton Sean Moggan Paula Whyte

**For information regarding membership for 2007,  
new members (senior and vets)  
please ring 086-1697679.**