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All-Ireland Glory, Allianz League Success, Double All Stars, Five in a Row... ..all in all a Great Boden Year



All-Stars Michael Darragh Macauley and Gary Maguire flanking Allianz League Champions Stephen Hiney and Dublin Hurling Captain John McCaffrey.

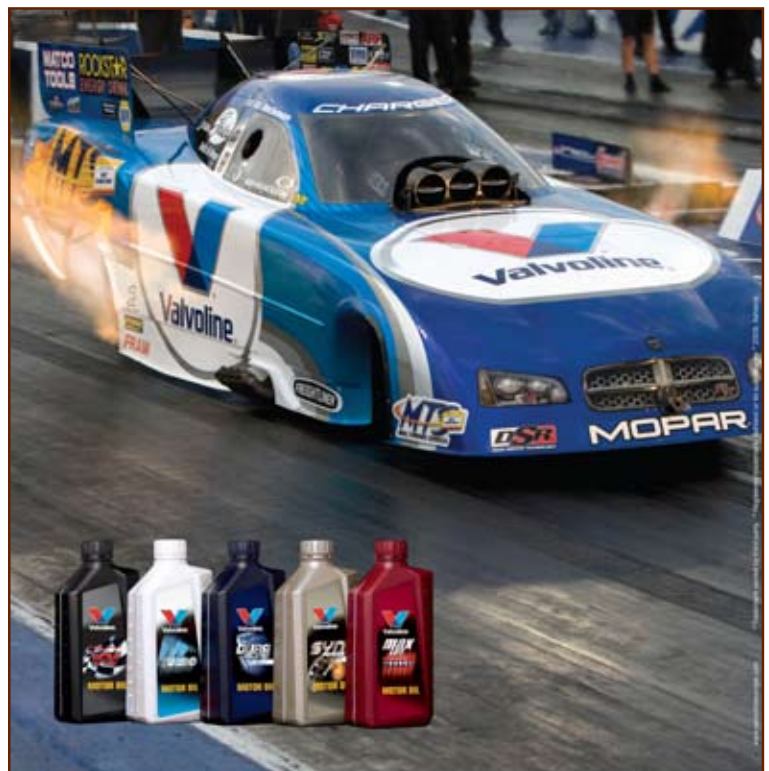
Benchmark years form part of the jargon of economists and others but its a useful term in describing the 2011 season as far as Ballyboden St Endas is concerned. On a glorious May Day in Croke Park, the Dublin hurlers grabbed the headlines with a wonderful win over Kilkenny in the Allianz League final. Boden players led the way. Stephen Hiney forgot momentarily about his injury that had denied him a place on the field to share with John McCaffrey the honour of accepting the cup. Celebrating the moment were Gary Maguire, Shane Durkin, Conal Keaney, Conor McCormack, Simon Lambert, Paul Ryan, David Curtin and Finn McGarry.

Move forward to September and replay those final moments as Stephen Cluxton's left boot points the way to the return of Sam Maguire to the county. But don't forget the towering performance at midfield of Michael Darragh Macauley and the support of squad member Darragh Nelson.

Back on home turf, the senior hurlers kept up their winning ways with fifth senior title on the trot equalling a record last set in 1929. A magnificent achievement for manager Liam Hogan and selectors John Kirwan, Brian Kelleher, Brian O'Regan and Damien Young. The team is now ranked as among the greats who have won the Dublin championship.

Topping it all off was the wonderful news that Gary Maguire and Michael Darragh were named GAA GPA All Stars (pictured above).

In 42 years Ballyboden St Endas has come a long way. Senior titles in all codes – 24 in Senior A , Club All-Irelands in Ladies football, Féile titles in all sports, All Stars....not bad going. Comhghairdeas do gach éinne. Lean ar aghaidh leis an obair!



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Focal ón gCathaoirleach

It's that time of year again when we reflect on 2011 Club activity. It has been another great year for the Club. The year started on a high note in January with our Minor A footballers and U21 hurlers winning their delayed 2010 championships. Our Club Gala in March provided an opportunity for Club members to celebrate these and our other 2010 achievements.

The revival of Dublin hurling continued with a memorable Allianz Hurling League final win against Kilkenny. It was great to see Stephen Hiney lift the cup with 9 Ballyboden players winning medals. There was a carnival atmosphere in the Club on the May Bank Holiday Monday as the players club visit coincided with the Cian Durkin U15 Hurling tournament.

In May, our U16 footballers captured the County Championship. U16 and Minor are critical ages for the development of players and wins at these ages augur well for Adult Football. We were in dispute with the County Board in June over their refusal to recognise the Club's right to have its County players available to it for both hurling and football Club championships. This was an important principle for the Club and a lot of energy was expended by officials in pursuing the case successfully to the Dispute Resolution Authority and the Leinster Council. In fairness to our mentors, they are entitled to know at the start of a season what players are available to them and willing to play.

Our Adult teams contested Senior Championship finals in hurling, camogie and ladies football. Our Ladies footballers fell to a more experienced Na Fianna team but with so many young players gaining experience this year, the future looks very bright. Our Senior footballers, hit hard by injuries, blooded many young players and had a good championship run before falling to St Brigids. The camogie team brought home our seventh senior championship and went to a Leinster final before falling for a second year in a row to a very talented Oulart the Ballagh team from Wexford. Our hurlers completed a historic 5 in a row, a fabulous achievement particularly when one bears in mind that we had never won the title before 2007. Hopes were high that we could make the breakthrough in Leinster but after a hard earned win over Clonkill of Westmeath and with games coming thick and fast, Coolderry of Offaly had too much guile for us on the day. As regards Leinster, we are now probably in a similar situation where for a long number of years before winning our first County hurling title, the Club always had an expectancy that we should win it in any given year. We have a way to go before winning Leinster and while I have no doubt that a win will come, it may be when we least expect it. In the meantime, I think supporters need to be realistic with expectations and take the pressure off the team.

Two junior football teams contested County finals with our Junior A's having a great win and Junior B's losing out after a replay. It was a bumper year for our Minors which reflects great credit on the players and their mentors from Academy up. Although not winning, contesting two County A finals in football and hurling (2 years in a row) is no mean achievement. Our Minor A Ladies footballers completed 4 in a row and played fantastic football to come through against a fine St Margarets team. Our Minor B footballers and Minor B Camogie team had great Championship wins with a notable feature being both teams playing their finals at the same time on parallel pitches in Clonsilla. We had representatives on each of the Dublin Minor Football, Hurling and Ladies Football teams that won Leinster titles, with Robbie McDaid captaining the minor football team. We were also well represented on the Dublin U21 hurling Leinster championship winning team.

Our Academy and juvenile teams continue to thrive with our ladies footballers taking the limelight this year contesting no less than 9 finals including winning at U15 and U16. Keeping a B team up and running is invariably a tough and difficult job. It is normally dependent on the enthusiasm of one or two mentors and often with little parental support. Our particular appreciation goes to all those mentors who look after these teams. A highlight during the year was the Shield win by the U16B hurlers, a team that Brendan Ryan through his enthusiasm has almost single-handedly kept in place over the years. We are grateful for the continued support we get from our local schools in promoting our games. Coláiste Éanna overcame Knocklyon Community School in the Dublin Senior A Colleges hurling final played in Sancta Maria with Ballyboden players forming the backbone of both teams. Well done to both schools.

September was a highlight with Sam returning to the Capital and Michael Darragh Macauley playing a starring role. Darragh Nelson was also on the panel. Hugh numbers welcomed the cup and players to the Club on a night of great celebration. Sam has also done a tour of local schools. Our pre All Ireland golf Classic was a tremendous success from a golfing, financial and social perspective.



Terry O'Neill

All Star night was a historic night for Ballyboden St Endas with Gary Maguire becoming our first hurling All Star and Michael Darragh Macauley following in the footsteps of Seán Doherty and Brian Stynes with a Football All Star.

Ballyboden now has a wide range of Cultural and Social activities to cater for all tastes including Drama, Art, Golf, Walking, Céilithe, Cards, Senior Citizens and Pool. Eve of All Ireland nights and St Patrick's Day events were a great success. All of these activities play a very important role in the life of the Club. Laughter in the Lounge and our Harolds Cross Dogs night were other notable successes. The Annual Mass for deceased members was held in the Club in November and the quiet preparation by a small number of people has ensured that the tradition continues of remembering our deceased members.

The Club Executive and other committees have continued to work tirelessly in running the Club. A Club EGM in October approved the introduction of a family membership. Ballyboden is fortunate with the number of parents of juveniles who provide support. However, we need to continue to encourage parents of juveniles to play an active role in the Club.

During the year we worked with Knocklyon United and South Dublin County Council to arrange a swap of our pitch in Elkwood in return for a pitch in Cherryfield. Our thanks goes to everyone involved in this initiative. The introduction by the Maintenance Executive of "Meitheal Oibre" whereby Club members come together to help with tidying of Club Grounds is a great initiative which I would ask everyone to support. We also now have a formal rota of members in place who take responsibility on a nightly basis for checking that our dressing rooms in Ballycullen and our facilities in Sancta Maria are locked. Defibrillators have now been mounted in Sancta Maria and Ballycullen. Vandals cause damage to our facilities on a regular basis, sometimes because gates or doors have not been closed. The Club facilities belong to our members and it is up to everyone from juvenile up to respect them.

Three of our long serving administrators have recently taken a break from their roles. Mona O'Sullivan as Camogie Secretary, Peter Shovlin as Football Vice Chairman and Pádraig Cullinane as Chairman of the Lotto Committee. Our thanks goes to all three for their work over a long period of time. We also thank our former groundsman, PJ Donohue and barman, Peter Fitzpatrick for their contribution over the years and wish them the best for the future. Our various sponsors have also been very supportive during the year.

We look forward to 2012 with renewed enthusiasm and to continued success on the playing fields. Two initiatives are currently underway to assist us in this regard. Conor Dolan is chairing a group of players reviewing "Pathway to Adult" to see how best to bring through our Minor players to Adult. Our Coaching and Games Development Executive is reviewing how best to provide further ongoing coaching support to mentors.

Be mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le gach uile duine a thug tacaíocht dom i rith na bliana. Tá an tádh orainn go bhfuil an méid sin daoine sásta obair a dhéanamh ar son an Chlub. Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise do lucht Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna.

Terry O'Neill

Ger Reynolds

*Involvement in the club: Funding of the Bar
How long you are with the club: 10 + years,
(joined at 18)*

*Best GAA Memory as a whole: Kilkeny not
winning the 5 in a Row*

*Best Ballyboden GAA Memory: Boden
winning the 5 in a row*

*What you like most about Ballyboden St
Enda's : The Bar*

Fave Food: Dublin Coddle

Fave Music: Country and Western

Fave TV: Strictly come Dancing

Fave Book: Boden News

What are your vices? Too many to mention

*Nominate the laziest person you know in the
club: Gerry O Sullivan*

GAA Gripes? No sign of a woman president

Childhood heroes? Donny Osmond

Do you play any other sports? Rugby

*Players with a promising future in Ballyboden
St Enda's; Dean Curran and Mary Hyland*

*Ways of improving GAA; Take all the positions
of responsibility away from the men*

*Favourite Personal Saying or term of
abuse; As I said before I am not in the habit
of repeating myself*

*Pet Hates; Putting Jerseys in the washing
machine and they come out in the wrong
order.*

*What advice would you give to young
players? Give full commitment to your club
and keep away from any team managed by
Noel Basquel (there isn't too many)*

Mona O'Sullivan

*Club Involvement in the club: Camogie
Secretary for 11 years. Mentor/Coach for
more years than I want to remember!*

*How long you are with the club: 20++ years
Best GAA Memory as a whole: Offaly winning
first Hurling All Ireland*

*Best Ballyboden Memory: 1999 when Senior
Camogie team won the clubs first Camogie
Senior County Title and the U14 team won All
Ireland Féile Na nGael*

*What you like most about Ballyboden St
Endas; All the friends I have made over the
years*

Fave Food: Beef Curry

Fave Music: Lisa Hannigan

Fave TV: Criminal Minds

*Fave Book: Life, Death & Hurling by Michael
Duignan*

What are your vices? Ice Cream

*Nominate the laziest person you know in the
club: Be afraid to say, they know where I live.*

*GAA Gripes? Teams pulling out of
Competitions at last minute*

*Players with a promising future in Ballyboden
St Endas; Doireann Mullany and Sarah Nagle*

*Ways of improving GAA; More respect for
Referees and match officials*

*Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse;
another meeting!*

*Pet Hates; we need a man to train the
camogie team!*

*What advice would you give to young
players? Keep practicing, your day will come.*

Katie Daly

*Involvement in the club: Chairperson of Art
Society, all round supporter of club activities,
unofficial part of backroom staff for Senior
Hurlers!*

*How long you are with the club: Approximately
6-7 years*

*Best GAA Memory as a whole: Watching Joe
Dooley take frees. Distinctive memory of Offaly
fans' sit-down protest at 1998 All Ireland
Hurling Semi Final.*

*Best Ballyboden GAA Memory: 2007 County
Final Win*

*What you like most about Ballyboden St
Enda's? Neddie and Noel and the helpful staff!
Also the way we all try to support each other as
much as possible.*

*Fave Food: Olives, Hazelnuts, Candy Floss
(Candy floss probably isn't classed as a food!)*

*Fave Music: 80s punk and at the moment Red
Hot Chili Peppers*

Fave TV: Eastenders, Come Dine with me.

*Fave Book: Room by Emma Donoghue also
love all books by Jilly Cooper*

*What are your vices? Sugar, Pepsi Max and
that's all I can mention!*

*Nominate the laziest person you know in the
club: One can't say!*

*GAA Gripes? Hurling is supposed to be a
Summer sport. Referees refereeing hurling
matches when they have never played hurling!*

*Childhood heroes? Muhammad Ali, the
character of Purdy in The New Avengers, Miss
Piggy (yes the muppet) and most importantly
my Mother who worked for the community and
was not afraid to speak her mind.*

*Do you play any other sports? Tai bo,
Badminton, Speed walking,*

*Players with a promising future in Ballyboden
St Enda's: James Doody and Lauren Falconer
and Conor McCormack and loads more - Thank
God!*

*Ways of improving GAA: Less rules, less
institutionalized, more opportunities for people
who 'think outside the box'! Less Talk more
Action.*

*Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse.
'Don't take life too seriously'. The term of
abuse I use involves blood and gore so cant
really be published.*

*Pet Hates: People talking to me during an
important match. Condescension. Noisy airline
passengers!*

*What advice would you give to young players?
Dedicate yourself to your sport now, enjoy it
but also give 100%, you should always be able
to look back and be sure that you gave it your
best performance. Also keep trying, anything is
possible if you really want it.*

Evening Herald Senior A hurling champions 2011

Ballyboden St Endas A record equalling 5th in a row



Back L to R: Stephen O'Connor, Éanna Walsh, John Breen, Peter Buckeridge, David O'Connor, Brendan Treacy, Simon Lambert, Conor McCormack, Stephen Nolan, Dean Curran, Tim Sweeney, Stephen Nagle, Paul Ryan, David Curtin, Dave Sweeney

Front L to R: Darragh Spain, Niall Ryan, James Doody, Gary Maguire, Malachy Travers, Martin O'Sullivan, Shane Durkin, Matthew Weldon, Finn McGarry, Niall McMorrow, Emmet Carroll, Michael Griffin.

Five in a row – 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 Corn Uí Laochra

Junior A – AHL 4, Junior A Championship and the Corn Fogarty

Junior C – AHL 6, Junior C Championship and Doyle Cup

Under 21 – Championship (2010 and 2011)

Minor A – Minor League Division 1 and Minor A Championship

Minor B – Minor League Division 2 and Minor C Championship

Teams representing BBSE played nearly 120 games, excluding challenge matches. It is worth noting that the standard of sportsmanship was exemplary and the club can be proud of its players.

The year started on a bright note with the 2010 Under 21 Championship coming back to the club after the disappointment of the previous year. Wins over Craobh Chiaráin, Na Fianna, Kilmacud Crokes and St. Jude's brought the title back to the club for the 8th time.

The Senior A team won their 5th Championship in a Row. This is obviously a first for the club. However, it puts the club in the history books equalling a record which has been in place since 1929 when Garda won their 5 in a Row. (Garda followed on from Commercial's 5 in a row in 1899) The Championship started in April but the format was changed to knockout in September when it became clear the league system would not produce a winner in time for the Leinster Club Championship. The results in Dublin show that this was probably the most comprehensive win of the five. The fact that it was achieved without two of our star players shows the strength of depth in the squad. In the Leinster Championship, we had a narrow win over a very good Clonkill team. In the Leinster semi-final, Coolderry were somewhat flattered by a six point margin - we did have our chances on the day. It could be argued that the lack of competitive games in Dublin this year did not help our efforts in Leinster when we came up against top class opposition?

The Senior team could not match the success of the previous year in the Leinster League where we lost all three games. The team sheets for these games show no resemblance to our Championship team but the experience gained by those who played cannot be underestimated. The team finished third in AHL Division one, failing narrowly to reach the final. The Senior A year had started with a one point loss to Craobh Chiaráin in the 2010 League final.



Minor Division 2 Hurling League Winners 2011

Back Row l to r: Ray McKenna (manager), Ronan McGee, Jonathon O'Driscoll, Kenneth Wigglesworth, Morgan Ryan, Darragh Bolger, Conor Maher, Chris Lambert, David Neylon, Conor Bolger, Tommy Doyle, Eoin Giles.

Front Row l to r: Fionn Maguire, Conor O'Riordan, James Roche, Eoin McKenna, Evan Flanagan, Niall Keegan, Keith Robinson, Conor McHugh (captain), Andrew Hughes.



HURLING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Tomás Ó Reachtabhra

Vice Chairman: Eithne McGarry

Secretary: Eamonn Treacy

The Senior B team had a fine campaign and were beaten in the Championship Semi by eventual winners Naomh Fionnbarra. It was a heart breaking defeat under lights in Parnell Park. A final appearance was stolen from us in the last few moments of extra time. A mid table finish in AHL Division 2 ensures our Senior Status for 2012. We are in the final of Corn Uí Laochra - we qualified for the final in July and are still awaiting news of our opposition.

The Junior A team were beaten in the semi-final by a Good Counsel. Good Counsel dominated the game but we nearly caught them in the dying moments. A mid table position ensures Junior A status in the AHL 4. A highlight of the year was the large number of minors who lined out with the team and this augurs well for the future.

The Junior C team had a heartbreaking defeat in the Championship Quarter final. We were winning by six going into injury time and were caught at the death as the referee somehow found six minutes extra to play. Seamus Vaughan deserved better luck after his years in charge of this team. Junior C status is safe for another year and, with a large pool of players available to this team, the future is bright.

For the Minor A team, it was a repeat of last year as we were beaten by Kilmacud Crokes in the Minor A final. We now await a League final against the same opposition. There was some success as we won the shield in the James Stephen's Tournament.

Minor B were narrowly pipped for a Semi-final place in the Minor B Championship. They had a fantastic win in the Minor B League final over a fancied Round Towers in July. This achievement is noteworthy as they were the only B team in the League. They also won the Dermot Byrne Cup on Good Friday in the annual Kevin's Tournament

Our minor players were also involved at college level and featured with Coláiste Éanna, Scoil Colmcille, Templeogue College and Terenure College. Ten of our players have gone on to play with South Dublin Colleges. The 2011 Under 21 Championship is in progress. We have had a Quarter final win over Ballinteer but will have to wait until 2012 for a semi-final battle with Kilmacud Crokes.

We would like to congratulate players who represented Dublin in various grades. There was much to be proud of this year.



Minor A Championship Runners-up 2011

Back Row l to r: Eoghan O'Neill, Alan Cleary, Jamie Desmond, Adam Jermyn, Conor Maher, Lorcan Mullaney, Brian McCarthy, Alan Flood, Donal Butler, Conor Dooley, Andy Mahon, Kenneth Wigglesworth, Micheál Ó Dúill.

Front Row l to r: Paul Doherty, Ben McEntee, Naoise Green, Tommy McGrath, Niall Keegan, James Roche, Conor Robinson, Gavin Corrigan, Conor McHugh, Conor Bolger.

Pride of place must go to our first hurling All Star, Gary Maguire. We also had a huge part to play in the following successes:

- National League Champions
- Leinster Under 21 Champions
- Leinster Minor Champions

Representative Honours

- **Senior:** Gary McGuire, Stephen Hiney, Conal Keaney, David Curtin, Shane Durkin, Simon Lambert, Paul Ryan, Conor McCormack, and Finn McGarry
- **Under 21:** Niall McMorrow, Stephen O'Connor, Dean Curran, Cillian Moffet.
- **Minor:** Jamie Desmond, Brian McCarthy and Conor Dooley.
- **Dublin Colleges:** Tommy McGrath, Paul Doherty, Jamie Desmond, Tom Hanafin, Fionn Maguire, James Roche. Ben McEntee, Kenneth Wigglesworth, Naoise Green, Cathal Bergin. Míle Buíochas

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

Terry O'Neill and the Executive for their support in fostering hurling.
Paddy Walsh, Chairman of the Adult Games Committee, and the other member of the Committee for their support.
Ciarán Maguire for his efficiency. His assistance with fixtures and training schedules was invaluable.
Noel Sheridan for his general management of the club.
Ned Slattery for his politeness in all dealings. Thanks to Ned and the bar staff who often go beyond the call of duty.
Eithne McGarry for looking after the Injury Scheme for the section. We also thank Eithne for organising ladies to make sandwiches after games. Their assistance should not be taken for granted.
Gerry O'Sullivan for his assistance with match programmes and the website.
Dónal Ryan, Frances Sharkey and Mick Fletcher for their assistance with the gate at home League games
John Cummins for his wizardry in repairing hurleys.

- Danny Griffin, our sponsorship manager, for his efforts in seeking sponsorship.
- Richard Condon for the Dog Night, and all who bought tickets in these difficult times.

- Dan O'Sullivan and the Football section for our joint fund raising initiatives.
- Club Coaches, Brian and Paul, for their amazing willingness to assist teams.
- The various committees in the club who contribute to and support our efforts – Finance, Lotto, Maintenance, Games Development and Coaching, Club Development, Ethics, and Social and Cultural Activities.
- Dónal Regan for having pitches looking so well on match days.
- To all managers and mentors. Without these, we have no club.

Finally, to all who wore the BBSE jersey this year – míle buíochas so much excitement and entertainment during the year. To our players and their mentors we owe a huge debt of gratitude.

We are so lucky that we can look forward to it all again in the New Year.

Our Sponsors

Thanks to all who sponsored the hurling section this year. In particular, we would like to thank Danny Griffin for all in his assistance.

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Martin Kenny receives his Sean Gael award from Andy Kettle (left) Dublin County Board Chair. Joe Phillips was also honoured but was unable to be present.

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The School around the Corner... By Joe Roche

Senior Hurling 'A' Final 2011

Coláiste Éanna took the Senior Hurling 'A' title in a windy Sancta Maria on 30th November in a 'local derby' against St Colmcille's. With Boden players dominating the ranks of both squads, it was sure to be a well-contested match. As it turned out the elements were a key feature on the day and both sides played better against the very strong wind.

An evenly-matched first quarter was followed in the second quarter by a couple of goals for Coláiste Éanna from Jamie Desmond (penalty) and James Madden. This was matched by a Colmcille's goal from Ross Cullen to leave it 2-6 to 1-6 at the break.

Coláiste Éanna were quick off the mark in the second half and their greater firepower yielded four goals and put the title out of reach of the Knocklyon side. Key players for Colmcille's were Paul Doherty, Conor McHugh and Niall Keegan who did well in the middle third of the field.

Senior Hurling 'B' Final 2011

Terenure College lined out in the Dublin Schools Senior 'B' Hurling Championship Final on Tuesday afternoon 15th November 2011 in a sunny O'Toole Park against St Mac Dara's CC.

After a slow start by both teams on heavy ground, St Mac Dara's were first off the mark with a brace of points. A superb save after ten minutes by Terenure goalkeeper Evan McDonnell gave his team a great lift. James Roche then goaled for Terenure after latching on to a fine delivery from Kenneth Wigglesworth. Further points were traded and this left the half-time score Terenure 1-02 to St Mac Dara's 0-04.

The second half again was well-contested with Ben McEntee featuring strongly in the middle of the field. After twelve minutes, Terenure upped the game and when a long shot from Thomas Walsh found the net followed, two minutes later when Terenure had a third goal when substitute Eoin Haddock fired in a low shot from a narrow angle.

Great defence, featuring Owen Wigglesworth & Gareth Crowley, held Mac Dara's at bay until right at the end when they eventually found that elusive goal right on the sixty-minute mark. It gave the Templeogue lads a huge lift and when they pointed after three minutes of injury time, there was no time for Terenure to recover. Final score Terenure College 3-05 to St Mac Dara's 1-12.

Unlucky in the final, Terenure must be congratulated on a superb campaign that saw great skill, fighting spirit and tactical awareness displayed on many occasions. The highlight was the semi-final win against Scoil Chaitríona, the holders, on the way to the final.



Aidan Dundun agus Gearóid Ó Súilleabháin le Hector Ó hEochagáin ar clár TG4 Ceist GAA.



Coláiste Éanna

Back Row l to r: Eoin McKenna, Keith Robinson, Eamonn Gorman, Eoin Giles, Alan Flood, Chris Lambert, Ciaran O'Shea, Tommy McGrath, Evan Flanagan, Darragh O'Shea, Jamie Desmond, Jonathon O'Driscoll, Joseph Johnston.

Front Row l to r: Eanna O'Toole, Ronan Dooley, James Hamm, Colm Basquel, Fionn Maguire, Alan McGrath, James Madden, Jack McDonnell, Conor O'Riordan.



St Colmcille's Community School

Back Row l to r: David Neylon, Ronan McGee, Darragh Bolger, David Mahon, Paul Doherty, Conor Bolger, Keith McCarron, Darragh Gogan, Andy Mahon, Conor McHugh.

Front Row l to r: Darragh Maguire, Fergal Murray, Rian Cannon, Sean McMahon, Niall Keegan, Ross Cullen, Conor Deane, Cathal Bergin, Michael O'Flaherty.



Terenure College

Boden players in team photo :

Back Row l to r: Kenneth Wigglesworth [5th player from right], Evan McDonnell [3rd player from right]

Front Row l to r: Garrett Crowley [1st player from left], Owen Wigglesworth [6th player from left], Ben McEntee [5th player from right], James Roche [2nd player from right].

Ballyboden St Endas OZO Senior A Champions



Front left to right: Mairead Luttrell, Karen Murphy, Laura Burns, Maria McGrath, Orlagh O'Shea, Paula McGrath, Joanne O'Sullivan, Emer Lucey, Sarah Crosbie, Amy Ryan, Ciara Ruddy, Sile Nic Coitir.

Back left to right: Anne Griffin, Sheena Garvey, Jane Nolan, Fiona Hughes, Aisling Keane, Fiona Ní Chorcóráin, Elaine Hickey, Orla Smith, Róisín Keaney, Natalia Hyland, Aoife O'Leary, Darrelle Dolan, Caira Lucey, Gráinne Ní Chorcóran, Sinead Treacy, Dearbhla Brennan, Susan Kennedy.

Camogie Review by Mona O'Sullivan

After 11 years in the "hot" seat as Secretary of the Camogie Section, I've decided to retire to the back benches. I took over as secretary in 2001 after spending a few years as juvenile secretary. Donal Regan assured me that there was very little involved in the job! Prior to this and during this time I was also involved coaching teams up to Senior B level. Coaching is definitely a less stressful job than secretary!

I have enjoyed my time as Secretary and the success of the all club teams throughout those years. I have always viewed a year as successful if we fielded teams in all the competitions entered at the start of the year. One of the personnel highlights during this time was that the team Anne Scallan and I were involved with won the All Ireland Féile na nGael title in 1999. This team also made a clean sweep of titles that year by winning the Dublin Championship, Féile and League. It is good to see that a few players from this team are still playing with the club today Ciara Lucey, Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin, Jenny Sinnott, Mary Hyland and four others who are playing with clubs in Ireland and abroad.

One statistic sums up the camogie effort in the club as outlined by Gerry White, Chairman of the Camogie Section at the 2011 General Meeting that the club had over 500 girls playing the game. It is a phenomenal number and a credit to those volunteers who make it happen.

Senior A Team

Coaches: *Richie Sweetnam, John Ryan, Nuala O'Sullivan and Bernard Curtis*

Back to back titles are hard things to come by in any sport be it team or individual. Thankfully this year the Senior A's were able to achieve this by retaining the Maura Brady Trophy in a tough game against Raheny in Parnell Park. The girls also kept their hands on the Summer Cup and came runners up in the league. The year culminated in an appearance in the Leinster final, (after a semi final victory over the Offaly Champions), where the girls lost for the second year in a row to Oulart the Ballagh from Wexford.

Senior B Team

Coaches: *Dolores Greene, Trish Cantwell, Jimmy Galavan*

A progressive year for this team winning the Summer Cup with a great victory over Portobello in the Phoenix Park, pipped by a point in the Senior B Shield final against Ballinteer St Johns and a one point exit from the championship at the hands of Portobello.



CAMOGIE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: *Gerry White*

Vice Chairperson: *Mick Glynn*

Secretary: *Mona Uí Shúilleabháin*

Minor Team

Coaches: *Robert Lambert, Philip Larkin, Trish Cantwell*

A cracking minor B championship win over Skerries Harps on a 4-9 to 3-8 scoreline was the obvious highlight.

U16 Team Report

Coaches: *Rob Lambert, Orla Mullany, Philip Larkin, Marie Moffat, Deirdre O'Dwyer*

A combination team of U16s and U15s ended up finishing 3rd in the League and a narrow championship exit at the semi finals stage to St Vincents.

U14A TEAM

Coaches: *Breda Kamvar, Malachy Dunne, Gerry White*

The U14A's had a good year, performing strongly throughout the year. Narrow defeats to the likes of Lucan Sarsfields, Naomh Jude and St Oliver Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh provided some hard luck in the league but the team was still a Top 4 finisher. Lucan edged them in the championship semi final.

Grace, Rebeka, Danielle, Zenouska, Jane & Sophie all represented Dublin U14's throughout the year.

U14B TEAM

Coaches: *Sinéad Murphy, Tom Sexton, Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin*

The U14B team were pipped by a point in the Féile semi final and unfortunately in a thrilling championship final a solitary point denied them again in the championship final against Ballinteer St Johns.

U13A Team

Coaches: *Catherine Nagle, Edel Tevlin, Terry O'Neill & Gerry White*

A good start in the league with a fine win over St Vincents was an early season highlight and the start of a six match unbeaten run. But once again Lucan Sarsfields proved they were slightly the better team on this occasion who also denied the side in the championship semi final.



Senior B Summer Cup winning camogie team - Front L-R: Ciara Donovan, Eadaoin Walsh, Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin, Orlagh O'Shea, Mary Hyland, Sarah Dowling, Clíodhna MacNamara, Karen Murphy. Back L-R: Triona Ní Reachtabhra, Siorcha Farrelly, Aisling Keane, Róisín Walsh, Grace Maher, Aisling Hayes, Jenny Sinnott, Fiona Ryan, Emma Doyle, Aoife Cantwell.



Minor B Championship Winners

Back Row: Phil Larkin, Aoife Cantwell, Aoife Lambert, Orlaith Keane, Dianaimh Greene, Emma Doyle, Amy Ryan, Lauren Falconer, Sheena Garvey, Derbhla de Fréin, Rachel Walsh, Aly Doyle, Robert Lambert, Trish Cantwell.

Front Row: Orla Mullaney, Ciara Lambert, Fiona Ryan, Maria McGrath, Sarah Nagle, Doireann Mullaney, Catherine "Figo" McDonald, Danielle White, Aisling Moffat.

U13B Team

Coaches: Shelly Regan, Tony McKeown, Ellen Conroy, Ultan Heneghan.

A resurgent team finished the season on a high. Three wins from the final three matches left Boden in 4th place in the league.

U12 Red Team

Coaches: Barry Murray, Gordan Chivers, Trish Holland

2011 was a really exciting year for the U12 Red Team. The girls had some great games where in most cases there was little to separate Ballyboden from the various opposition teams. The girls continued to grow and develop their skill levels throughout the league.

U12 Blue Team

Coaches: Martin Bourke, Annemarie Higgins, George O'Shea, Maria Ward

The year 2011 was a very productive year for the blue team. They were a great group to train.



U14 C Championship Runners Up

Back Row: Tom Sexton, Cliona Giblin, Sinéad Drumm, Emily Flanagan, Sarah Lambert, Anna Bruce, Aoife Barnes, Eimear Sexton, Karen Jones, Aoife Murphy, Sinéad Murphy

Front Row: Orla Tevlin, Rebecca Meagher, Caoimhe Prendergast, Mary Ruth Healy, Clodagh Robinson, Alisha O'Keeffe, Sarah Brophy, Alanna Nugent.

U11 TEAM

Coaches: Jean Gargan, Martin Hamm

The year kicked off to a good start for the U11 camogie team with great wins in the Cluster Blitz. The Mini-League proved to be more challenging but the team kept up their spirits and achieved a few well deserved wins.

U10 Teams

Coaches: Adeline Coffey, James Murray, Ger Delaney, Róisín Walsh, Dearbhla Brennan, Aoife O'Leary

This year we competed in the new cluster blitz system which worked well for us. The girls have worked hard over the season and have steadily improved their skills.

U9 Teams

Coaches: Tony Sweeney, Sharon White, Ciarán McCaughan

The Under 9s began playing Quick Touch GO GAMES cluster blitzes on 27th March against Cuala. While the girls were still training with their three academies, they continued to play these blitzes up until June. In September 2011 the girls had graduated, the panel of over 40 girls began training on Friday evenings at Sancta Maria.

Boden girls came face to face in the first Inter-state camogie championships in Australia. Meabh, Gemma and Aisling were playing with the state of Victoria and Ciara and Aoife New South Wales.



L to R: Meabh Gaynor, Aoife Tobin, Gemma Reynolds, Ciara Scallan & Aisling Hayes



Irene Kirwan (Captain) with parents Iris and John (Team Manager) in Gaelic Park, New York after victory with the Belgium team



Members of the Junior Camogie team (2010) paid tribute to retiring mentors Pádraig Ó Duibhir and Tricia Higgins for their services to the club.

Dublin's Allianz Hurling Heroes were welcome visitors to the Cian Durkin Cup Day.

Surrounding the cup are: Conor McCormack, Shane Durkin, Maurice O'Brien (Faughs), Finn McGarry, Gary Maguire, David Curtin, Simon Lambert, Paul Ryan, Shane Ryan (Naomh Mearnóg), Stephen Hiney and Conal Keaney.



Boden's Magnificent 9 Play key role in Historic Dublin Hurling Win



TJ Vaughan tries the Cup for size with the help of his dad, Seamus



Shane Durkin with some of his admirers



The goal that wasn't... Conor McCormack pursued by JJ Delaney (Sportsfile.com)

Na Siúltóirí



**The Leitrim Way...
...Brigid and Anne**



On Bray Head's Summit



**Sean and Frank had pre-booked the
night's accommodation on Seefin**

Ballyboden St Endas can be proud of its place within the realms of the GAA. As a club we have contributed much to the GAA family and our members are respected in every county in Ireland, and indeed in every continent of the world. The club is renowned for its success in Hurling, Football, Camogie and Ladies Football. It can boast of a fine Drama Group who entertain with productions that would merit a place, on any stage, anywhere. And the newest arrival in the club, Conor Sheehan's Na Siúltóirí Buadáin, has progressed from baby steps in February to scaling the highest peaks in the four provinces of Ireland.

Our progression over the past nine months has been truly remarkable and little did we think or believe that from the very first footstep the group took in February, we have scaled the highest peaks in Dublin and Wicklow, and have brought our colours to fly high in Ulster, Munster, Leinster and Connaught.

Our flat walks have taken us to Greystones, Bray and Howth and we have trekked through the beautiful forests and woodlands that overlook the playing fields and catchment area of our club.

Not only have we scaled the heights, but we have walked with the ghosts of James Joyce's 'Leopold Bloom', and John McGahern's 'Moiré' and recalled through literature, wonderful passages from the pens of these great authors.

We welcome all who wish to walk the highways and byways with us. We guarantee you will experience hail, rain and snow, lots of sunshine and fresh air and most of all some cracking good walks with a great bunch of people.

***"Thérèse Keville and
Frank O'Connor plant
the Boden colours on
top of Djouce"***



Photos: Sean Cannon, Gerry O'Sullivan, Thérèse Keville

Carrantuohill

Carrantuohill is amazing, a beast in the heart of the MacGillycuddy Reeks, the highest peak in Ireland, and set within the magnificent and majestic mountains of Kerry. Carrantuohill is beautiful, daunting and difficult. It is black, bleak and rugged. Its isolation and intrigue draws people in their multitudes to scale its heights.

It is heaven and hell.... It has Hag's Teeth, The Devil's Ladder, The Howling Ridge, The Hags Glen, Brother O'Shea's Gully, The Heavenly Gates. Kerry has Carrantuohill and Carrantuohill has it all. We came from Ballyboden St Endas, Na Siúltóirí Buadáin, to take on this Mighty Giant, and we did.

We trekked, climbed, traversed, scrambled and scaled its gullies, cols, slopes and ridges. Sheer determination, courage and grit drove us, and excitement and adrenalin carried us through the final ascent. Our path took us from Cronin's Yard through the Hag's Glen, up O'Shea's Gully to the Summit. Conor, our trusted leader, instilled in us the belief and confidence that carried us through the day and Paddy our friend from Blarney, ensured the safety of our footsteps.

We celebrated our ascent with a rousing rendition of 'Molly Malone' in honour of Sam Maguire and our Dublin Heroes. We raised the blue and navy in the name of Dublin, Michael Darragh Macauley and our club Ballyboden St Endas. The Flag is flying high, in the Kingdom of Kerry.

On top, our bodies welcomed much needed sustenance, and respite for our weary legs. Our cameras recorded our elation.

We parked that elation on the Summit as we turned into the mist, to face a very difficult descent. Intense focus and concentration was necessary for a safe return to base. Every step and footing was carefully manoeuvred, and we dared not risk a glance at the sheer drop of the cliffs below us. We did pause as we passed through 'The Heavenly Gates', to view and absorb the vista of the day, the deep blue mountain lakes of Lough Gouragh (the Lake of the Goat) and Lough Callee (Hag's Lake), a little bit of heaven within the heart of the Hag's Glen.

After five and a half hours on the mountain, our arrival at Cronin's Yard, realised for us, a huge sense of achievement, and an awareness of the strength and courage we had within us, to brave the elements and difficulties of our climb on Carrantuohill.

What a day with a fantastic group of people. What an experience we shared together. What a mountain we climbed. Kerry, we salute you, so aptly called 'The Kingdom'. You truly do own the King of the Massifs, Carrantuohill.

Words by Thérèse Keville



A Productive Football Year by Neil Brennan

Ballyboden St Endas, footballers had one of their most productive years in 2011. In a difficult year for all Dublin clubs, brought about by the Dublin senior footballers contesting and winning the Sam Maguire, Boden had to be patient. The year started out in typical fashion, full of hope. By mid season it was clear that all teams were going well and the hope got a little bit stronger. By September it was clear that all teams were in with a chance of silverware.

The Seniors

The seniors were badly hampered this year with a succession of, season ending injuries. It was incredibly frustrating for the management team to have half the first choice players out injured. I doubt if we have had a season so difficult. But out of this devastation came a lot of opportunities for those given the chance to wear the coveted senior jersey. Some of the lesser lights shone brightly and the new season will offer a great deal of optimism for the new management team. The young players like Devlin, Darren O'Reilly, and Sean Gibbons had a great influence on how the season turned out.

There were some great victories and some wonderful games. Who will forget Mark Fitzgerald and his tour de force against Trinity Gaels on that lovely summer evening, with his two magnificent points. Or Andrew Brennan's last gasp match winning goal against our near neighbours St Judes, or that fantastic win away to a star studded Plunketts team on the Navan Road. We will not forget that important championship game against St Marys of Saggart in the most difficult of circumstances. Defeat on that faithful day was simply not an option for the team. The seniors ended their season in the top third of the table despite all their difficulties and it says a multitude about Liam O'Dwyer and his management team.

The Inters

The Intermediate team so often the forgotten men of the club came out of their shell and had a wonderful season, coming up short of promotion to Senior level. Jim Keane's men got off to a good start and kept their foot on the pedal all the way. Being the second team in the club they were always going to have to deal with some club's first team. But they coped well and in one of the final games toppled the league leaders who were going for their eleventh straight victory. The Inters had some class players who would trouble any team and right through the season were never out fought in any department.

There were some lads who will make the leap from this grade to the Senior panel next year and will have no trouble adjusting to their new status. Boden lost out by a single point to Kilmacud in a top four playoff.

Collie Lean had another wonderful season in goals, while Mark Fitzgerald was in with a shout for "player of the season" this year. Niall Clarke, back from shearing sheep in Oz, took a while to get back in to the swing, but once he shook of the rustiness, he was back to his old self. Paul Manley and Aidan Dundon along with Seamus Keane were magnificent all year. One of the highlights for me was Seamus Keane's free taking. Maurice Fitz himself would have been proud of some of the scores. In the forwards David Ryan was converted to the attack and showed how adaptable he is, while Owens, Kevin O'Reilly and the magnificent Paddy Healy had a great season.

The Junior A's

The Junior A's had their best year in a long and sometimes difficult residence in Division 6. But this year, all that changed. They cemented their position in the league and won the championship in style. Who will forget that wonderful day at headquarters as Arron O'Reilly lifted the cup to celebrate the winning of the Junior B Championship.

Justified wild celebrations broke out in the club. The club's bar takings rose magnificently as well. This was a just reward for a season that was grounded in hard work and commitment. John Mulligan and his backroom staff left no stone unturned, in their preparation to lift the "Holy Grail". In "Murphy" this year, they had one of the most outstanding free takers in the game at this level, his placed balls from distance were fantastic all year as was his all round contribution. Andy Gardiner showed all his experience and nerve to put in a fantastic season. Craig Curtis at centre back who was most unfortunate to miss out in the great championship win, was rock solid. Gavin O'Gara and Naoise Maguire in the midfield kept up a steady supply and never wavered. Damien Kenny prodded and coaxed his attack all season. In Paddy O'Connell and Finbarr Kiely, Ballyboden, had a cutting edge that no opposition could cope with. All the inside forward line needed was a good supply of ball and they got it.



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



Junior A's win Junior B Championship

Back Row: Sean Mulligan, Ciaran Maguire, Dara Shovlin, Niall Wallace, Gavin O'Gara, Finbarr Kiely, Sean O'Shea, Graham Heavey, Ciaran Byrne, Gavin Sadlier, Andy Gardiner, Ronnie O'Donoghue, Colm Reid, Gordon Naughton, Scott Cullen.

Front Row: Graham Ward, Craig Curtis, Eoin Nevin, Ger Flaherty, John Fleming, Joey Marrinan, Paddy O'Connor, Conor McAteer, Aaron O'Reilly (Capt.), Damien Kenny, Emmet Carroll, Eoghan Crowley and Niall Murphy.

Minor A League Winners



Junior B's

Dan O'Sullivan's Junior B's had a fantastic season. Reaching the championship decider and bringing a very talented Parnells side to a replay, speaks volumes about their season. They had some outstanding games. For this author, the semi final against Raheny was a classic. Raheny were more experienced, but Boden were more committed and in the remaining few minutes pulled away to win a classic championship encounter. They had some classy players that would grace many teams in the leagues above them. Tiernan O'Rourke at centre forward, Patten the goal machine and Maurice Nagle in the engine room stood out as did Rory Jordan, Nugent and Dollard. Kennedy was sound in between the sticks while Conor Doolan jr., Twomey and Ruddy also put in a great year. The entire panel were magnificent and Dan and Tom Dollard can be proud of their achievements during the year.

Junior C's

The Junior C's led by Cormac O'Farrell had a peculiar season. It was over in mid August as they had fulfilled all their fixtures. I suspect not many were called off because of Dublin's run in the championship. They had a good extended run in the Championship which ended in a magnificent game against Wanderers away, losing by a very narrow margin in extra time. It was a gripper of a game with the lead changing hands many times, each team fought for the upper hand, won it and lost it again. This was a titanic struggle. An epic. It is such a pity many of the club faithful missed out on it.

The game away to a certain Northside club was one of the highlights of the season. For many reasons, one of which will go down in folklore. Half way through the second half, the opposition full forward took exception to something his OWN midfielder said to him so he knocked him out cold. He was promptly sent off by the startled referee for this pugilistic effort. There were some really notable performances during the year.

Don Carolan continues to defy all the reasons as to why he should hang up his aging boots. His answer is that his boots are aging while he still remains as fit as ever. Shane O'Toole had a great campaign alongside the influential Cathal Regan. John White put in another great year at the coal face once again and was instrumental in a many of the teams victories. But surely the man of the season must be Paddy Carr, the little goal machine, who plundered many a defence all year and ran up an impressive tally of green flags. We could do with more vocal and committed support. Sometimes it can make the difference between a one point loss and a one point win. So make it one of your New Year resolutions, to be there.

Minor Football

If the adult football section had a good year, then the minor footballers had a fantastic one. Getting to the ultimate game of the season is what it is all about and both minor teams did that this year. The A's lost out in the final to a powerful Castlenock side, while the minor B's went all the way beating Craobh Chiaráin's in the final. And to add to the greatness of the occasion, did it by playing the final in the opposition's home venue. Both teams had top class players sprinkled throughout the side. Minor football can be a bit deceiving. Players are always developing through this period in their lives, and a player at the end of the season, can be completely different at the end of it. You could see these players developing as the season went on. By the end they were more confident, bigger stronger and fitter.

The future looks very bright for Ballyboden as quite a high number of these players look well able to make the step up to adult football, given the chance in the next few years. They are strong, committed and very skilful. Both teams had very committed coaching staff which has been the rock solid foundation of Ballyboden teams and without which the club would struggle to compete in all leagues.



Minor E Championship Winners

Ballyboden Minor B Team which defeated Craobh Chiaráin on the scoreline 1-11 to 0-7 to win the 2011 Dublin Minor Championship Group E.

Back Row: Vivian McCusker, Jimmy Walsh (mentors), Conor McHugh, Darragh Hyland, James McGrath, Ryan Gillian (Captain), Alex Murphy, Neil Lynch, Michael Dunne, Darragh Bowes, Cathal Regan, Kevin Callan, Darragh Bermingham, Dara Walsh, David Gillian, Conor Maher, Brian Byrne (mentor).

Front Row: Kevin Brophy, David Gilheany, Andrew Hughes, Alan McGrath, Cian Murphy, James Roche, Darragh McCusker, David McCabe, Gavan Quirke, Cian Bates, Niall Keegan, James Madden.

Ladies Football Review By Ryan Casey & Pat McGrath

Girls Academy

At the moment there are 181 members in the girls Academy, ages 6-10 between the three venues – Páirc Uí Mhurchú, Hermitage and Ballycullen. This is a remarkable increase since back in Nov 2007 when we only had approx 61 registered. Thanks to Mary Hyland and Brien and Paul for their continued great efforts in the Academy. U10's. The 2001 group are enthusiastic with many players of great potential evident. The numbers attending training and matches have been maintained and even increased throughout the year.



Paul McLoughlin speaking to the Saturday Academy in Sancta Maria

U 11's

We did well on both fronts with the B team getting promoted to Div3. The Div 1 team did well finished 2nd (to Foxrock also).

U 12's

We achieved our highest number Games played as well as our best ever tally in the respective championships. In all competitions, we have played 63 Matches.

U 13A's

The girls worked extremely hard throughout the year. They commenced the league in early March and finished runners up to Foxrock Cabinteely having scored a fantastic 34 goals and 66 points while conceding 20 goals and 55 points. We lost the Championship final by a narrow margin to Fox/Cab.



U12 Shield winning squad: Eve O'Donoghue, Cora Ryan, Jenny Flaherty, Aoife Barton, Chloe Stapleton, Eimear O'Leary, Louise O'Connor, Christine McGinn, Amy Young, Kate Kavanagh, Sarah Cleary, Aine O'Brien, Rachel O'Donoghue, Alicia Kinsella, Jessica McGrane, Elisa Corcoran, Emily Byrne, Avril Flood, Amy Cunningham, Katie Farrell, Sarah Buckingham, Hannah Christie

U 13B's

Having come runners up in Div. 3 League, we were promoted to Div2 Championship. Beaten by Na Fianna in the semi-final, the girls have done themselves proud this year.

U 13C's

This has been a great year for this U13C team as they have shown that participating in playing, building team spirit and in particular, having fun is of greater value and more important to them than winning.

U 14's

We won the League in convincing style losing only 1 game to Foxrock/cab. In April we took part in the Dublin Féile we reached the final losing by 1 point to Kilmacud.

U 14B's

All the panel get game time of at least half an hour during every game, so no substitute is off the pitch for more than 30 minutes. This of course means that at times we did not have our 'strongest' team on the pitch, but the development and enjoyment of the girls always remained the priority. The fact that we still have a panel of 19 girls and they were all in good spirits after the Shield Final, despite losing, is something we consider important.

U 14C's

The highlight of the year was without doubt the Féile. This was held in Naomh Méarnóg and was a very enjoyable day for all the players and parents/guardians who travelled. Although there was no victory in sight during the day, we are sure the players and the parents/guardians will have great memories of the day

U 15's

We won all of our pool games against Foxrock Cabinteely (9-16 to 1-5), O'Dwyers (1-10 to 1-5) and Kilmacud Crokes (3-10 to 1-3). We played Templeogue Synge St. in the semi-final and despite being down by 4pts midway through the 2nd half, we prevailed on a score of 3-8 to 1-8. In the final we again played O'Dwyers and beat them on a score of 3-11 to 0-5.



LADIES FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Fintian Hyland

Vice Chairperson: John O'Toole

Secretary: Mary Hyland

U 16's

The team succeeded in blending the talents of both U16 and U15 girls into a very strong panel, which played well as a unit and went through the year unbeaten, culminating in a Championship Final victory over Castleknock to make it a League and Championship Double.

Minor: 4 in a row

Mentors: Derek Ward, Sean Crowley, Declan O'Reilly

Before the summer they won all their league games beating Kilmacud Crokes, Cuala, St. Brigids and Na Fianna. Following the break the minor girls had minor championship victories over Cuala, Kilmacud Crokes and drew with Ballinteer St. Johns in the group stages. They went on to beat Na Fianna in the semi-final and St. Margaret's (4-14 to 2-9) in the County Final in Newcastle.

Senior B's

The team played 16 games in Division 3 – seven League, six Cup and three Championship. Liam Walsh trained and managed the team. Congratulations to the nine players on our team who won Dublin Minor A Championship medals recently.

Senior A's

The 2011 season was always going to be a challenging season for the Ballyboden St Enda's Ladies due to a number of retirements and emigration severely depleting the number of senior level experienced girls available. However due to the club's underage structures the 2011 season should be reflected upon with mild satisfaction when you consider the number of young girls who obtained a substantial amount of game time at senior level in the league and championship.



Boden Girls with cup after winning Leinster Minor A title 2011 with Dublin
L to R: Alice Gillen, Elaine McGrath, Jenny Ward, Claire King, Ciara Ruddy.

League:

After a disastrous start (loss to St Brigid's at home) in the league we managed to turn results around to remain completely in contention until Na Fianna ended our chances of winning the competition when they defeated us at home.

Championship:

As we were struggling early season in the league & cup competitions, our main focus did become the championship, where we managed to defeat Na Fianna, St Brigid's & Fingallians in the league element to the championship. This gave us a semi final pairing versus Clanna Gael, a game which was easily won & gave us a final versus Na Fianna. On county final night, Na Fianna were easily the better team on the night and ran out comfortable winners.

4 in a Row - Minor Winners of Dublin Championships and 2011 League Winners



Meave Scully, Doireann Mullaney, Grainne Archbold, Sarah Burna, Nicole Basquel, Anna Stafford, Alice Gillen, Ciara Ruddy, Elaine McGrath, Sarah O'Brien, Jenny Ward, Maria McGrath, Emer Duffy, Aoife O'Brien. *Front L to R:* Michelle Clancy, Tracy Kennedy, Cathy O'Neill, Sinead Crowley, Claire King, Michelle O'Reilly, Megan Carney, Niamh McMahon, Cliona O'Sullivan, Orlaith Keane.

U12 B Squad



Paul Manning, Sadbh Medlar, Jade Campbell, Elizabeth Manning, Shona O'Sullivan, Ciara Barnes, Aisling McCullagh, Dearbhla O'Brien, Caroline Marshall, Fiona Deane, Alyn Deane. *Front Row:* Grainne Batelle, Hannah Christie, Emma McGarry, Hannah King, Isobel Kerins, Ciara Leavy.

U12 C Squad



Katie O'Reilly, Aoife Durkin, James Brooks, Aoife Dwyer, Anna Shanley, Laura Mae Kilkenny, Roisin Brooks, Orla Kinsella, Roisin Doherty, Aoife Gogan, Dearbhla Treacy, Jim Dwyer. *Front Row:* Genevieve Connolly, Katelyn Larkin, Kate Hutchinson, Sarah Leach, Sarah Mehigan, Ann Dalton, Sorcha Duggan.

AG FEACHAINT SIAR



LOOKING BACK TO 100 YEARS AGO IN BALLYBODEN SUCCESS FOR MINORS 1912

The Minor Championships were restored in 1912 and the decision was greatly appreciated by Ballyboden Wanderers who won the League and reached the Final of the Championship. The late Eugene "Odie" Nolan takes up the story "in the Championship we beat Erin's Hope (St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra), Fintan Lalors (Harold's Cross), Round Tower (Clondalkin) and the other teams in order to reach the final against Emeralds.

They were a club from Seville Place who eventually split into O'Tooles and Dublin St. Mary's. The County Final was played in Jones' Road before an attendance of about 2,000. We lost the game by three points but we won the League which was run on an all-county basis".

Quite an achievement for a club that was only two years old.

Extract from the History of Ballyboden St Endas (a work in progress!!)

Mick Brophy remembered

Mick Brophy was born in Portlaoise and sadly died on 29/9/2011. He was involved in running football and Hurling teams for Ballyboden St Endas for years from Under 9 to Under 14 years with great success.

He was also involved in the Dublin Juvenile Football league at Committee level and as a Referee. He was particularly proud of the fact that he got the B teams playing in the All Ireland Féile for the first time.

He loved the GAA and supported the Dubs wherever they played and was delighted with their success this year winning the all Ireland and bringing Sam home to Dublin.

Sincere condolence to Bernie and his family.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

The Club would also like to extend its condolence to all members and friends who suffered bereavement during the year.



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Top 50 by Seán Cannon

(Will you be the winner of the mystery prize?)

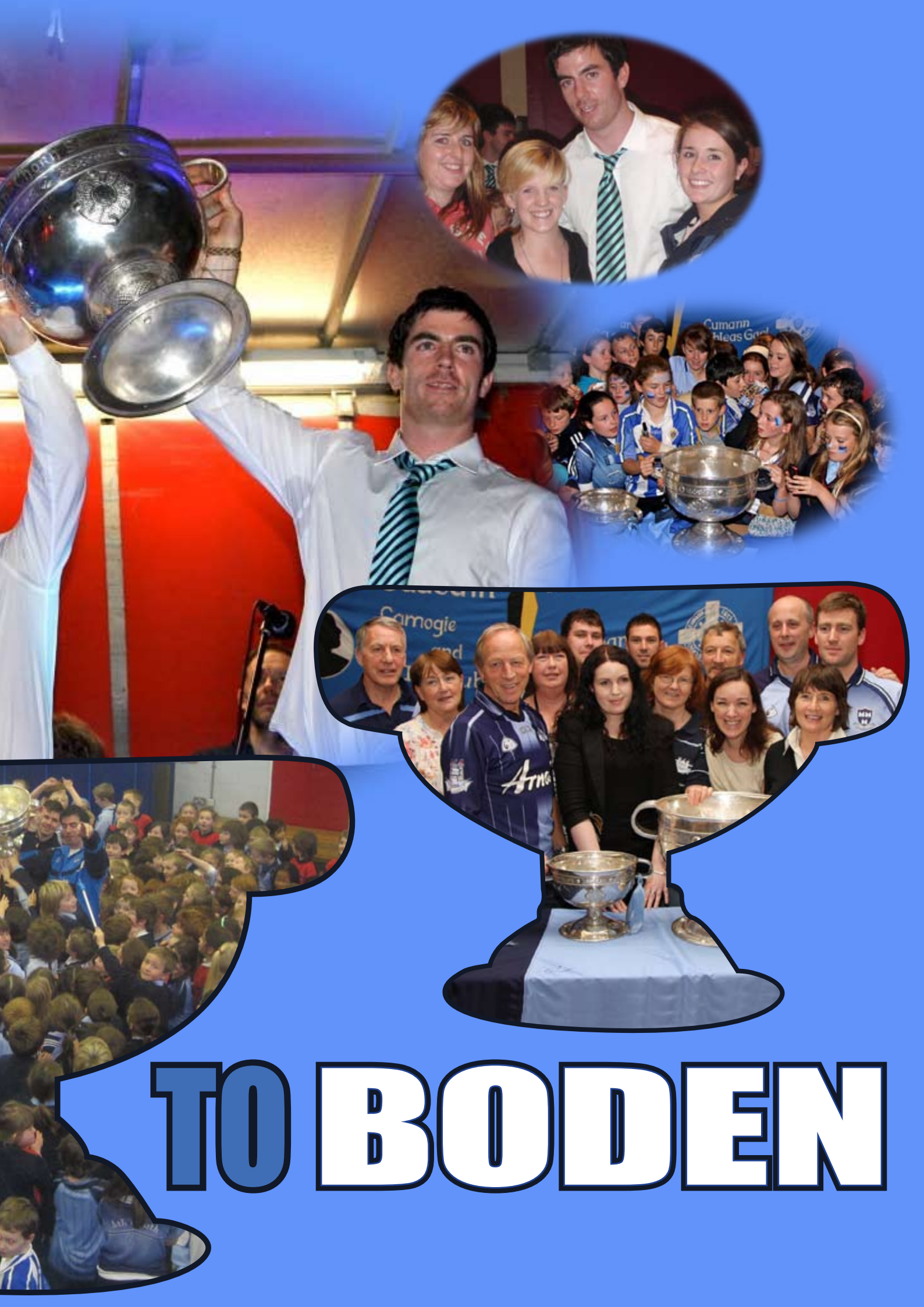
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- 01 Who scored first score for Dublin v Armagh in league 5/1/2011.
- 02 What was the score in 1995 SFC final and who did Ballyboden beat.
- 03 Prior to 2008 name the two Dublin brothers to play International Rules.
- 04 Name the Mayo player who transferred to Armagh in 2011.
- 05 Name the Galway brothers who have won hurling All Stars.
- 06 How many All Stars did Brian Cody won.
- 07 In 2002 a statue of Sam Maguire was erected in the centre of which Cork town.
- 08 Name the only three brothers to win All Stars in the same year.
- 09 Name the first Donegal man to win an All Ireland senior football medal.
- 10 In 1992, one Donegal player never kicked a ball in the 1992 All-Ireland final, name him.
- 11 Who captained Dublin to the 2007 Leinster Football Final.
- 12 Name the father and son who won All Ireland senior football medals in 1963 and 1995 with Dublin.
- 13 Name three brothers who are part of the 2011 Dublin Football squad.
- 14 Who scored the first point in Semple Stadium in the Allianz League match Kilkenny v Tipp on 12/01/2011.
- 15 Who got Allianz man of the match Dublin v Tipp in hurling league 19/02/2011.
- 16 Who won this year's Sigerson Cup 5/03/2011.
- 17 Name the parish Taoiseach Enda Kenny is from.
- 18 Name the TD in Government at present with five All Ireland football medals.
- 19 Where is Prestbury Park.
- 20 Who won 2011 Tommy Moore Cup.
- 21 Who was 2011 Grand Marshal in St Patrick's Day parade in Dublin.
- 22 Name the captain who forgot to bring home the Sam Maguire cup the following morning and what year.
- 23 Who won 2011 Andy Merrigan cup.
- 24 Who won 2011 MacRory cup.
- 25 Name 3 Ballyboden girls with 10 Dublin SFC medals.
- 26 Who won 2011 Flood cup.
- 27 Name the referee who was involved in the four games saga Dublin/Meath in 1991.
- 28 Name Rory McElroy's golf club in Co. Down.
- 29 When did Dublin last beat Kilkenny in the league prior to the Allianz League final 2011 and what was the score in 2011 Leinster Hurling Final.
- 30 Who scored Dublin's first point in Leinster SF final 2011.
- 31 Who was top scorer in this year's Leinster SF final.
- 32 What year did our Taoiseach's father win an All Ireland S F C medal.
- 33 Who won 2011 Michael Murphy cup 27/07/2011.
- 34 Who won 2011 Camogie Poc Fada.
- 35 Who won 2011 Irish Press cup.
- 36 Who won the cic fada in men's event in Bray Emmets 10/09/11.
- 37 Who scored Dublin's 1st point in this year's All Ireland Football Final.
- 38 Who was the winner of the Puma Golden Boot senior prize.
- 39 Who had the honour of scoring the first point on live TV when Teilifís Éireann covered the Railway Cup Final between Leinster v Munster in football.
- 40 How many All Ireland medals have Pat, Mick and Tom Spillane between them.
- 41 Who is the oldest manager of the 16 teams at Euro 2012.
- 42 Where is the highest cliff in Europe.
- 43 In which world city would you find the Golden Gate Bridge.
- 44 What is the national drink of Russia.
- 45 What Disney film features the song Under the Sea.
- 46 Name Victoria /David Beckham's 4 children.
- 47 What is the fastest land mammal.
- 48 How is it possible to tell the age of a tree.
- 49 Who is the youngest member in Dáil Éireann.
- 50 In what year was the first Live coverage of GAA matches by RTÉ.

Entries to info@bodengaa.ie by Friday 13 January 2012 or drop them in a sealed envelope in the Box behind the Bar. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by lottery.
Draw to take place on Monday 16 January 2012 if needed.



SAM RETURNS



TO BODDEN

JUVENILE

Round-Up

Compiled by Gerry Mahon



U16 A Championship Winners

L to R Back: Harry Wallace, Cian Bates, Sam Molony, Andrew Banville, Darragh Bolger, James McGrath, Warren Egan, Tom Hanifin (Capt.), Corey McClelland, Alex Fullarton, Jack McCarren, Stephen McDonald, Keith Robinson *Front Row:* Shane Clayton, Stephen Ward, Donal Kelly, David Gilheany, Brian O'Shea, Ken Wigglesworth, Darragh Gogan, Colm O'Neill, James Madden, Fionn Maguire, Colm Basquel, Alan McGrath. *Mentors:* Noel Madden, Mark Fee, Paddy Brady.

U16

The highlight of the juvenile year was the success of the U16 footballers who won the coveted 16A Championship in a pulsating Final against Na Fianna in Parnell Park. They also finished in the top 4 in their League.

On the Hurling side the U16A team was beaten by a very strong Cuala side in the Championship Final and they were runners up in their league while the U16B team captured the Shield.

U15A

The footballers were runners up to an extremely talented and strong Na Fianna team in the league and were the only team to beat Na Fianna since 2009 and force them into a league play off. Our 15 Hurlers finished a very creditable 2nd in a highly competitive league and reached the Semi Final of the Championship.

U14

The 14B Hurlers won Div 5 Féile while our 14 A Football team finished 3rd in the League and are the top Southside Club in a very Strong League. The 13 Footballers got to Semi Final stage of the Lee Strand Tournament in Tralee and our Hurlers finished a creditable 3rd in their league.

Once again we look forward in anticipation to next year entering over 60 Teams between CCC1 and CCC2 .

U7 Hurling/football Blitz

Cuala GAA Club invited Boden and St Judes to participate in a hurling and football blitz at Hyde Park today (Sat 19th November). 30 boys from the Hermitage and Ballycullen 2004 Academy groups made their club debuts and were well rewarded with competitive action, popcorn and water at the end courtesy of our well organised hosts.



**Ballyboden St Enda's A
Féile na nGael 2011**

I am proud to say our academies in Hermitage, Ballycullen, and in our Clubhouse go from strength to strength under the professional guidance of Brian O'Regan and Paul McLoughlin, without whom this would not be possible.

Also a big thank you to our vibrant and dedicated Juvenile Committee for all their hard work over the last year. May I wish all the Juvenile Mentors, Parents and supporters of our Juvenile Section a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2012.

Ballyboden St Enda's A Féile Peil na nÓg 2011



Back Row (L-R) D McDonnell, M Murphy, L Stafford, J Mahon, N Hester, J McDonnell, B McGarry, R Leddy, R Knight, R Kirwan, R McGrath, P McCormack, J Holland, B Stafford, G Mahon, P Kirwan.
Front Row (L-R) E Kelly, S McDonnell, N Benson, J Murphy, C O'Dea, O Tobin, C Murray, L Murphy, C Kennedy, C Kelly, H Keller, E Monaghan.

U14 B Hurling Féile na nGael Winners



Back (L to R) Mick Garry (Manager), Cian O'Gorman, Brendan Moran, Eoin Whelan, Ruari Kirwin, Cillian O'Riordan, Sean Durkin, Joe Flanagan, Mikey Delaney, Darragh Leavey, Ciarán Garry, Darragh Masterson, Colm O'Connor (Manager)
Front (L to R) James O'Connor, Cillian Greene, James Holland, Eoin Cashman, Luke O'Donoghue, Ruadhan Fanning, Mikey Dunne, Kevin O'Flaherty, Niall Cregan, Jamie Kavanagh.



Shaking Hands after their debut Under 7 Blitz with Cuala.



Victorious Under 9 Shield winning team at the Round Tower Summerfest with mentors Jim Dwyer and Paul Manning.



Shane Durkin shows the National Hurling League trophy to Luke Corcoran, Eoin Monahan and Aaron Coffey (U13's) who are eagerly looking forward to the All-Ireland Féile na nGael which will be held in Dublin in 2012.



Lee Strand Contenders - Boden U13 footballers who travelled to Tralee in September 2011 and played in the Lee Strand tournament. They progressed to the semi-finals where they were beaten after extra-time by the eventual winners. The John Mitchels club were superb hosts.



U16 player Tom Hanafin clears the ball watched by Owen Wigglesworth



The extended Durkin family with the Dr. Croke Cup at the Cian Durkin Cup day.



Michael Griffin, top prize winner from the "Night at the dogs" pictured with Dan O'Sullivan and Tomás Ó Reachtabhra.

Summer Camp 2011



Summer Camp goes from strength to strength

Ballyboden St Endas continues to be delighted with the ongoing success of our Summer Camp. The Summer Camp as always offered the youth of the area the opportunity to get out and enjoy themselves in an affordable & safe environment.

This year our Summer Camp for 5-12 yr olds & our continually developing School of Excellence for U12-U15 players, saw our biggest numbers in attendance for many years, with over 1000 children participating.

During the course of the summer over 60 young coaches from the club, all club members, worked at the camp. The camp is as always a great way for

young boys and girls to learn how to play Gaelic Games in our club for the first time. It is also a great way for boys and girls who are already playing with the club to improve their skills over the summer.

A huge thanks has to go to Jack Nolan of Cruinn Diagnostics and Eoin O'Riordan of Leahy & Co. Accountants for their continued sponsorship towards the Summer Camp.

A big thanks also to all the parents and children who helped make the camp so successful.



Mark Fee gets ready to blow the whistle on a Summer Camp Blitz mini game



CRUINN DIAGNOSTICS Ltd.

Jack Nolan, Cruinn Diagnostics (2nd from right) Summer Camp Sponsor pictured with Brian O'Regan, Terry O'Neill and Danny Griffin and Summer Camp participants



LEAHY AND CO.

Leahy and Co, Chartered Accountants were Summer Camp Sponsors again in 2010 - at the launch were centre Eoin O'Riordan (Leahy and Co) and some of the participants

The Academy

Building the Future



2011 was another exciting year for Ballyboden St Endas Academy, with Blitzes, Fun Days, Visits from Club & County Players, and of course training every Saturday morning in Páirc Uí Mhurchú, St Endas Park Hermitage (Above) & Knocklyon Park Ballycullen (Below) for hundreds of boys & girls in the area.

The Academy continues to be one of the biggest in the country, building on the success of our club & county.

It also down to the great work put in by all our coaches & head coordinators who help out every Saturday morning. The academy is a great introduction to the club for our 6, 7 & 8 yr olds, and somewhere they can learn the skills of Gaelic Games in a fun and safe environment.

We would like to wish all of the kids, coaches, and parents a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from Paul & Brian.



COACHING CORNER

By Brian O'Regan and Paul McLoughlin



Participants for Novembers Foundation Level Coaching Course



Olympic Gold Medalist Michael Curruth puts the under 14 footballers and hurlers through there paces in Drimnagh Boxing Club.



The coaches who completed the Award One Child Football course which was ran in the club in January and February.



Coaches Joan Shields, Eoin Mc Kenna and Cormac Finn discuss tactics during the Foundation Course which was held in February.

Schools of Excellence

Conal Keaney, Ballyboden and Dublin Senior Hurler paid a visit to the Hurling School of Excellence.

Also in the picture are School of Excellence coaches Stephen O'Connor, Brian McCarthy, Brian O'Regan and Mathew Weldon



Ballyboden and Dublin Senior Hurler Conal Keaney also paid a visit to the Camogie School of Excellence.

Pictured with the camogie players are School of Excellence coaches Dean Curran and Mathew Weldon



Gala Celebration Dinner CityWest Hotel



Winner of championship football medals in 1995 and 2011 - Ger Flaherty and wife Adrienne



Special award to U-21 Dublin Hurling captain Finn McGarry by Joanne O'Sullivan



Senior A camogie manager Richie Sweetnam and Triona ní Reachtabhra



Boden Buddies - Paul Magahran, Donagh O'Farrell and Martin Murphy



Sorcha Farrelly, Eamonn Ryan Cork Ladies Football Manager, Gemma Fay and Joanne O'Sullivan - all 3 girls have won 10 Dublin SFC medals

Ladies Football Board Secretary Eugene Egan and Declan O'Reilly

Communications Committee Chair Paddy Bates and wife Ailish





Once again the event was very well supported

Special award to Dublin Ladies football All Ireland winners 2010 presented by Michael Darragh Macauley to Gemma Fay, Aisling Farrelly, Vivian Ruddy (on behalf of daughter Rachel) Natalia Hyland and Noelle Coymn.



Derek and Colette Ward

Special Guests with Terry O'Neill, Club Chair (centre), Eamonn O'Shea, former Tipperary All-Ireland Trainer, Eamonn Ryan, Cork Senior Ladies Football manager, Denis Murphy, Dublin Senior Camogie manager, Andy Kettle, Dublin County GAA Board Chair



Eamonn Treacy, Nuala O'Sullivan, Rosie Treacy, Tomás Ó Reachtabhra and Máirín Uí Reachtabhra



Special award to U-21 Dublin footballer (2010) Darragh Nelson by Gary Maguire

Niamh Ní Fheargail and Róisín Walsh



Active Retired Group by Fintan Walsh (aka Marco Polo)

Secretary Kay Murray marshalled her troops, fifty-three souls in all, in serried ranks onto the bus, and our platoon headed northwards. It was the 10th of May 2011, and there was a feeling of expectation and a hint of adventure in the air. We crossed the Boyne near the site of the Battle, which we visited last year, and a bit beyond Dundalk, a victualling and ablutions halt was called before pressing on to the city of Belfast.

We were engaged on our way by our very cheery and knowledgeable guide, Maisie, who would keep us informed of interesting features of our trip. "Has anybody travelled to any interesting places betimes?", queried Maisie over the Tannoy. There were numerous replies. Jordan! Karachi! Senegal! Lourdes! (five times)! Kabul! Jamaica! Mogadishu! Transylvania! The Grand Canyon! Yalta!, and the like. "But has anyone been to deepest Belfast before?"

There was a long silence before some old trooper towards the back piped up "I was at the Gilroy-Cauldwell fight with me father in the King's Hall in October 1963". Not much else seemed to be forthcoming to add to this engaging piece of history. So on we pressed towards that great city's environs, and soon we were seeing a succession of the sights and places we'd been hearing about for so many years – The City Hall, Ormeau Road, Victoria Square, Divis Flats, Tiger Bay, Donegal Square, Andersonstown, The Short Strand – venues that had featured so often on our nine o'clock news.

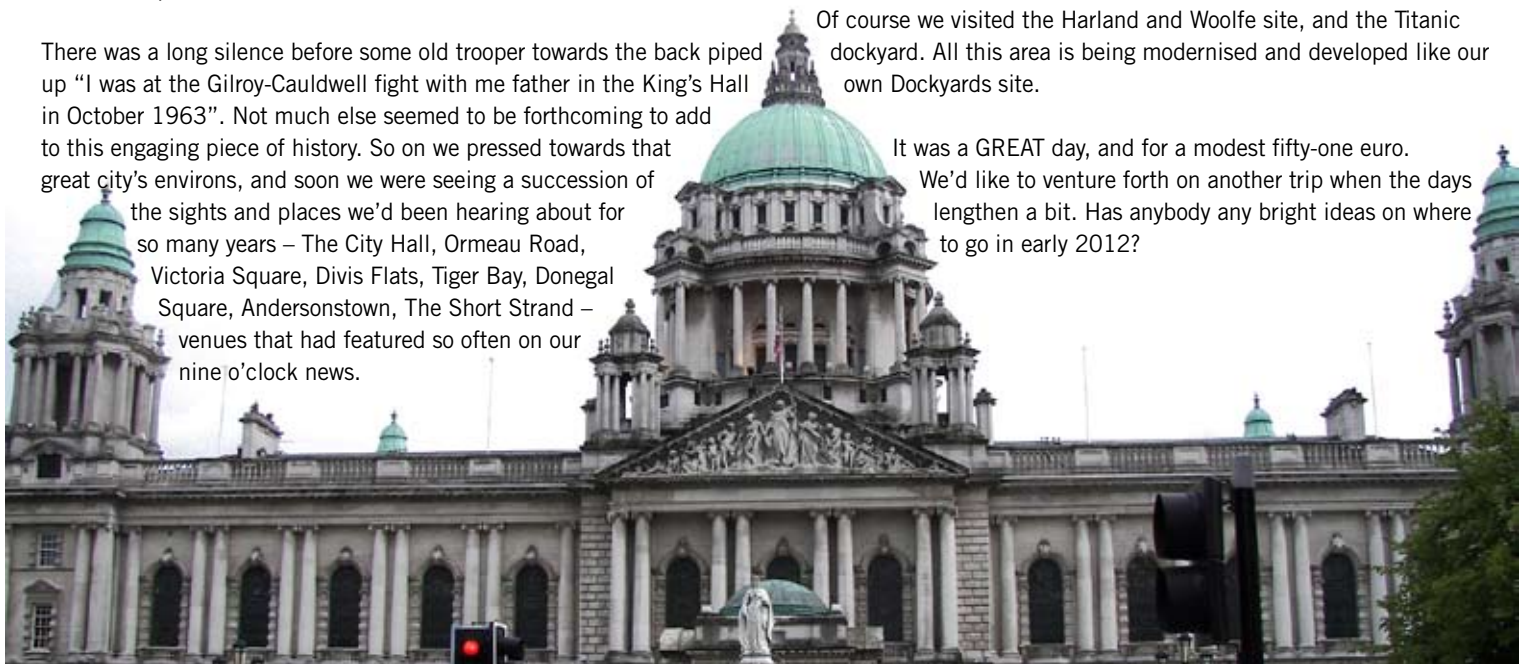
But the highlights of the trip were in the heartlands of the real folk of Belfast – the Shankill and the Falls. Both areas were bunged up right beside each other. In parts it was like a film set, with walls emblazoned with King Billy, Long Kesh, Hearts of Oak, Lullibolero, H Block, True Blues, True Greens, Kalashnikovs, Tiochfaidh ar l , No Surrender, and some interesting views on the Pope and somewhere called the Free State. One thing sure – you never had any doubt as to which enclave you were in at any time.

We passed Bombay St, Cupar St. and Crimea Road – names that reverberated down the years with grim tales. One half-expected to see Lenny Murphy and his Shankill playmates sidling around some corner, a la Mack the Knife, on their way to some ghoulish diversion.

Of course we visited the Harland and Woolfe site, and the Titanic dockyard. All this area is being modernised and developed like our own Dockyards site.

It was a GREAT day, and for a modest fifty-one euro.

We'd like to venture forth on another trip when the days lengthen a bit. Has anybody any bright ideas on where to go in early 2012?



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Social and Cultural Report by Mary Cleary

We have had a very successful and active social side to the club once again this year. The various sections have all worked extremely hard to provide entertainment and enjoyment for club members and visitors alike. We are fortunate that we are a very successful club on the playing field and this calls for regular celebrations!

The year started off with our second Gala Ball in City West where we had so many stars receiving medals and being feted for their club and county achievements. The organising committee deserves huge credit for putting on a magnificent night, and it was wonderful to see all ages enjoying themselves in celebration. Once again we made St. Patrick's Day a special day for members with music in the club throughout the evening. We are fortunate to have some very talented traditional young musicians in the club and they very generously gave of their time to entertain members on our national day. The night continued with the adults in a sing song which was hugely enjoyable.

The Drama Group was next up with their annual Spring Production. This year's offering was John B Keane's "Big Maggie" and it played to packed houses over four nights. The group has a very loyal and avid fan base which is growing every year so next year's production is eagerly awaited! In November, the group put on its by now annual Laughter in the Lounge, directed once again by Declan O'Brien, and this too played to huge crowds,

Throughout the year the Golf Society held their monthly outings from April to October, the Pool Group continues to attract a loyal and dedicated following, and had a very successful tournament in November; the monthly Ceilí is still going strong on the first Saturday of the month; Cards are played on Friday nights and the group would love to attract more players to this timeless and hugely popular activity. Music is played regularly in the lounge by various musicians including Pat Garrett who continues to draw a big following on the last Saturday of the month.

It is hoped to reintroduce the Trad Session on Wednesday nights so this is a call to any musician who would like to play with friends and fellow musicians. The club is open to you so please come along! We celebrated the eve of both All-Irelands with music and fun in the club in September. The football eve was particularly popular as we were celebrating all weekend!

A hugely successful Golf Classic was held and the day finished in the club with music and prizegiving. Saturday evening once again had our younger musicians entertaining a huge crowd and the night continued with the singing which was in anticipation of a Dub win on the Sunday!

We weren't disappointed and a large and colourful crowd watched the All Ireland in the club on Sunday to see the Dublin Team lift the Sam Maguire cup with

our own Michael Darragh Macauley playing a starring role. The visit of Sam to the club a few weeks later was one of the biggest nights we have had yet and we look forward to many more! Our own successes on the playing field at all levels are also very popular occasions and draw big crowds to the clubhouse and this contributes enormously to the family atmosphere the club is famous for.

The Art Society held their annual Art Altruism Exhibition in the club at the end of November. This was in aid of Aware and was a very successful and rewarding weekend with many sales made and much needed funds raised and donated to this worthy cause.

The Active Retirement Group meet regularly and provide many outings and activities for their members all of whom have a long association with the club. Once again they held their annual Christmas Party for the Senior Citizens and it was a great day of music, song, dancing, good food and many memories relived.

There are many other events in the club which provide entertainment and enjoyment to members and their families. In January Bingo will start on 10th and will continue on Tuesday nights. It promises to be great fun and who knows you might come away with some money in your pocket!

Suggestions for new activities are always welcome, so if you think you can contribute in any way please contact the club through the bar staff or Mary Cleary at 086 601 4600.

We have a great club and we intend to continue to keep it an inclusive and welcoming one for all our members and their families. Everyone can play a part so don't be shy! Get involved. Your contribution is welcome and could make all the difference to others.



Mary Cleary, Chair Social and Culture Committee with Dublin football star Bernard Brogan

Golf Society – ten years in the making by Sean Jennings

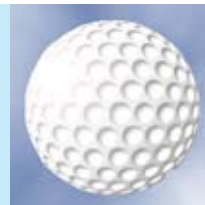
The golf society concluded its tenth year in 2011. The society has become an important social part for many members of the club and has grown in support in the past decade.

In 2011, membership was over 40 and large numbers of golfers participated in all the outings this year. Owen Sweeney who used his local knowledge of Beechpark G.C. to beat off a field of 50 on the day won Captain Sean Jennings's Prize with a superb score of 42 points.

Overall golfer of the year award went to the ever-consistent Dave Coffey. Well done to Dave on his outstanding golf throughout the year. Congratulations to all the winners in the six outings in the past year. Well done to the society on beating The Eden House in the first ever annual match between the societies this September in Newlands G.C.

O'Neill, Pat McGrath, Niall Kelly, Donie Kerin and all the committee members and for all their work throughout the year. Sean would also like to congratulate Ned Slattery. Ned has been ever present in his role as secretary and treasurer over the past 10 years. The society would like to thank all the sponsors of the society this year.

Sean would like to wish 2012 Captain Donie Kerin all the best in the coming year. The 2012 schedule will be announced in February and the first outing will be in April anybody interested in joining the society speak to Ned or Sean behind the bar or to 2012 Captain Donie Kerin. Finally the committee would like to thank all golfers who participated this year and wish them all a Happy Christmas and pleasurable year's golf in 2012.



Senior Citizens Christmas Party



Santa leads the chorus for a round of "Jingle Bells" at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.



Special guest performer Sonny Knowles.



Peg Farrell and Teresa Glennon enjoying the festivities



Three ex-chairmen Sean Flynn, Kevin Griffin and John O'Neill

Bridge Group



Bridge playing in session in the main hall.



Jim Fogarty (Centre) organiser of the first Bridge Night in the club with Tommy Clinton and Dan Browne.

Boden Theatre Group By Geraldine Reynolds

2011 has seen another successful year for Boden Theatre group. Our Spring production John B Keane's "Big Maggie" was performed over four nights in March to full houses. It was a thought provoking yet entertaining production, directed by Joe Kearney to his usual high standards. As well as very talented actors the group are all involved in everything from stage building, costumes, publicity and stage management.

There is great commitment and effort put in by all. After a short Summer break preparations started in September for the Laughter in the Lounge which was performed over two weekends in November in the bar and once again drew huge crowds. Directed, produced, written and acted by the one and only Declan O'Brien, a legend in his own mind. We had a debut sketch from Cormac O'Farrell and are hoping for more in the future.



The Boden "Big Maggie" cast.

Rehearsals are now in full swing for next Spring's production which will be Brendan Behan's "The Hostage". It will take place in March 2012 in the club hall. Look out for signs and posters in the area and join us on Facebook. We get great co-operation from the club and the bar staff both for rehearsals and productions and we are very grateful for this. So hopefully we will see you all in March, support your club drama group.



Check out Boden Theatre Group on Facebook.



Sinead Clancy and Teresa Harford transacting tripe!



"FOUR!" Mary Cleary, Sinead Clancy and Fiona Connolly get to grips with their golf swings.



Her Majesty Queen Geraldine Reynolds with husband Prince Cormac O'Farrell and their subjects, Sean Fitzmaurice, John Joe O'Sullivan and Brendan Timbs

ART SOCIETY

By Katie Daly



Conor Sheehan and Grandson Donnacha critique the works on display.

Another year another couple of new amateur artists to join Ballyboden St. Endas Art Society.

The society has now got another two new members in Tom Dollard and Noreen O'Farrell.

This year the society held its annual Art Altruism 4 art exhibition in aid of AWARE.

Thanks to all of the club members and locals who support this worthy event.

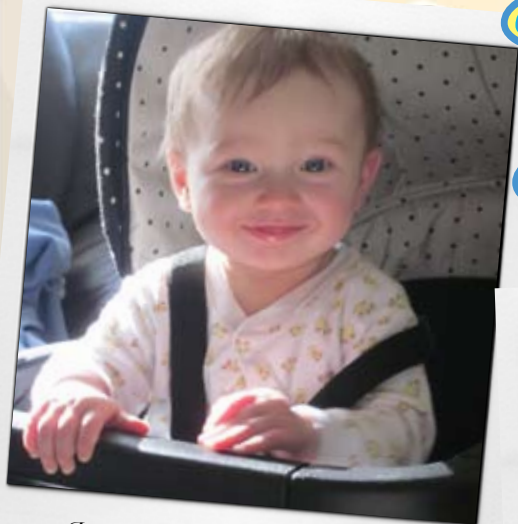
The Society hopes to hold their annual children's art competition in the New Year- watch out for more information on the club website.



At the "Art Altruism 4 Exhibition" were Terry O'Neill, Club Chair, Mary Kennedy RTÉ, Special Guest, Katie Daly, Fidelma Casey, AWARE and Deputy Mayor South Dublin Pamela Kearns.



Boden Babies



James O'Neill son of Junior hurler Kieran and wife Catherine



Rossa Sweeney, son of senior hurler Tim and former camogie player Ann Hogan.



Junior hurler Joe Lalor and wife Lorraine with baby Hannah



Baby Jack Buckeridge, son of David and wife Joanne

Rossa was born on 11/11/11 and the hurley was a gift from former Dublin Hurler Kevin Flynn and came with the message "Tell him to go easy on O'Toole's"



Jessica Saoirse Kirwan, daughter of Brian and Caroline, born Monday 11th July

BODEN Wedding Bells



Fiona Hughes (Senior Camogie player) and Martin Masterson were married in St Anne's Church, Bohernabreena.



Junior hurler Damien Dillon and Sinead Burke on their wedding day in 2011



The Club Lotto - A vital fundraiser

The Lotto continues to be a vital source of funding for the club. The success of the LOTTO is essential to fund the substantial expenditure the club incurs on playing/ coaching activities and facilities.

Everyone associated with the club is therefore urged to participate in the LOTTO. By doing so you are making a very important contribution to the continuing development and success of the Club. The main route for doing this is by way of annual/monthly subscription (brochure available in clubhouse).

If it is not possible to make such a commitment, you can contribute through the weekly envelopes which are available in the clubhouse or by playing online (www.bodengaa.ie or www.localotto.ie).

Out of the 48 LOTTO draws held to date in 2011 there were over 280 prize winners. Of these there were 5 winners of the Jackpot with prize money ranging from €5,000 to €10,000. You too can be a winner of the Jackpot – just make sure that you are in the weekly draw.

Micheál Cooney and wife Phil with Sean Flynn and Padraig Cullinane



JACKPOT WINNERS

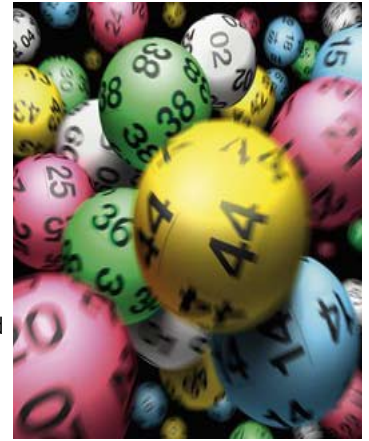
Gavin Duff (centre above) - Lotto Jackpot winner with Padraig Cullinane, Lotto Chair and Sean Flynn, Club President.



Grainne Bates and husband Neville Dunne receiving their prize from Club Chair Terry O'Neill.



Diarmuid MacMathúna - Lotto Winner



Anseo i



All Ireland Camogie Finals Club Twinning with Naomh



Paddy Bates (Chair Comm Committee) accepts the award for the best Club website in Leinster from Provincial Chair Sheamus Howlin



Emma Doyle (Capt.) Minor B Championship Camogie Winners with Board Vice Chair Brendan Cooper



"We're walking in the snow..." Glassnamucky



Barra McGarry, Jack Mahon and Liam Stafford Dublin U13 Development Squad

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Bríd of Carlow and Buffers Alley of Wexford



Still Life by
David Sweeney for
the 2011 Art Altruism Exhibition



Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin (3rd Left) was linesperson at the Gael Linn Interprovincial Final 2011 in Naomh Jude. Referee Karl O'Brien



Kilanerin of Wexford who visited during the Summer months



Shona Gannon, U12 camogie played in Croke Park, 2011

Together we can make a difference

Danny Griffin has been in charge of sponsorship at the club and Executive Committee Member for 20 years. He has raised an average of €8000 per year in support for the club. Well done Danny.



RATHFARNHAM & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION

Minor A Football sponsor from Left: Sean O'Connor, Conor Doolan, Dan O'Sullivan, Denis Molony, Rita Cullen (RCU), Alan McAuley (RCU), Seamus O'Flaherty, Danny Griffin, Neil Buckingham and Paul Waters. Front row: Aaron Waters, Robbie McDaid and Carl Molony.



SUDWAY & COMPANY

Niall Sudway (centre), Sudway & Company Ltd. Chartered Surveyors, Senior B Hurling sponsors flanked by Robert Lambert and Gary Cullen (holding Darragh Kenny), with from left: Joseph Moran, David Kane, Peter McEvoy, Jonny Kenny and Danny Griffin.



CRUINN DIAGNOSTICS Ltd.

Jack Nolan, Cruinn Diagnostics (2nd from right) Summer Camp Sponsor pictured with Brian O'Regan, Terry O'Neill and Danny Griffin and Summer Camp participants



DES FLEURY, Financial Consultant

Des Fleury, Financial Consultant (centre) is the sponsor of the Club's Sponsorship Brochure seen here with Donagh O'Farrell, Danny Griffin, Terry O'Neill and Ciarán Maguire.



LIFE GOALS Financial Services

Paul Cullen (centre), Life Goals Financial Services, Senior B Hurling sponsors flanked by Ciaran Twomey and Eithne McGarry, with from left: Danny Griffin, Robert Lambert, David Kane, Jonny Kenny, Gary Cullen, Simon Daly, Tomás Ó Reachtabhra.

Together we can make a difference

Appreciation to other sponsors -
Valvoline (Fergus Reid bought the first pitch sign 20 years ago and has annually sponsored the club ever since),
Tallaght Physiotherapy, Sign and Print, Paddy Brady,
Maplewood Developments, Firhouse Steel
and Mathematics Grinds, Spawell.



TIMBERTROVE

At the Senior A Hurling sponsorship launch were from left: John Kirwan, Tomás Ó Reachtabhra, Peter Buckeridge, Liam Hogan, Shirley and Henry O'Kelly, Timbertrrove, Marty O'Sullivan, Brendan Treacy, Danny Griffin and Joseph Moran.



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH, KNOCKLYON

Senior A camogie team received support from St. Colmcille's Parish, Knocklyon - at the presentation were Richie Sweetnam, Gerry White, Ciara Lucey, Terry O'Neill, Fr. Jimmy Murray P.P., John Ryan, Elaine Hickey, Danny Griffin with Nuala O'Sullivan and Anne Griffin (seated).



ELLIS PHARMACY

Pictured at the sponsorship launch are Danny Griffin, Joe Young Junior Hurling manager, Donnacha Moore, Louise and Mark Ellis, Dean Curran, Niall McMorow, John Small U-21 Hurling manager, Alan Ryan U-21 selector, Mattie O'Sullivan and Thomas Cronin.



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Alan McAuley (RCU) and Rita Cullen (RCU), making a presentation of a set of Jerseys to the U14 A Hurling team including mentors, Alyn Deane, Fiona Kelly and Ultan MacMathúna.

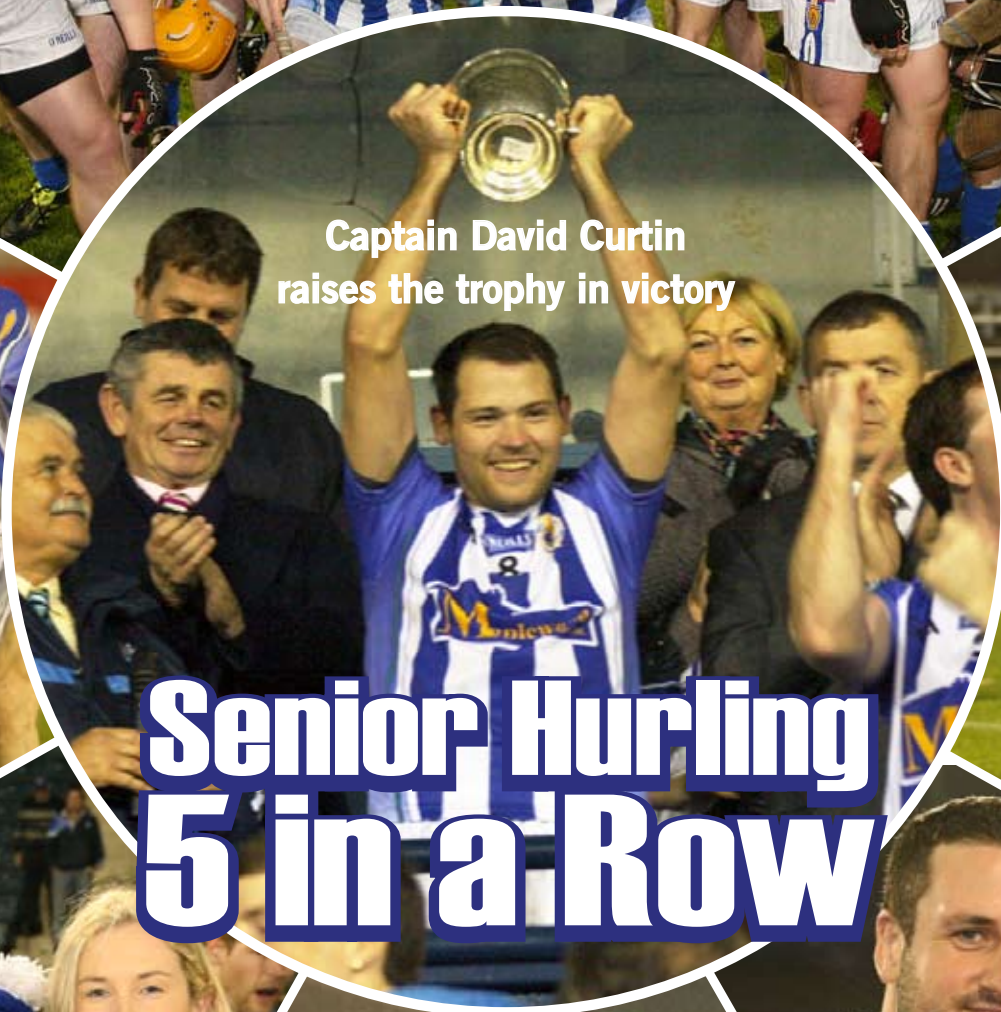


H&K International

David Bobbett of H&K International making a presentation of a set of Jerseys to the U14 B Féile Football team.



Captain David Curtin
raises the trophy in victory



Senior Hurling 5 in a Row

