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IRISLEABHAR BAILE BUADÁIN NAOMH ÉANNA
Nollaig 2012

Johnny Kenny steps into hurling top job

For the first time in the club's history, a senior side will be managed by four men all of whom began their own playing careers at the nurseries in the Hermitage and Firhouse Road with the likes of Denis Kelleher and Marius Martin. Wearing the Senior A hurling Bainisteoir's bib will be Jonathan "Johnny" Kenny backed up by Club Director of Coaching Brian O'Regan, former senior player Davy Kane and holder of 5 senior championship medals Darragh Spain.

It's been a great year for Johnny Kenny as he led the Senior B team to the club's first Championship at this level. *"I stepped down at the end of that campaign and I had it in my mind to take a rest. The Senior A job always interested me and when Liam (Hogan) retired I said maybe the opportunity wouldn't come around again for a while. So I put my name in. I love being involved in the game and although I still play a bit of junior, the chance to do a bit for the club is important and helping to improve players gives me great enjoyment. I have a great team with me. Brian will be the Chief Coach and Trainer and is an important link with the previous team. He's very professional in everything he does. I grew up playing with Davy, he's my best friend and I trust his judgment. Darragh is a great warrior with 5 championship medals, great experience and another link to the five in a row teams."*

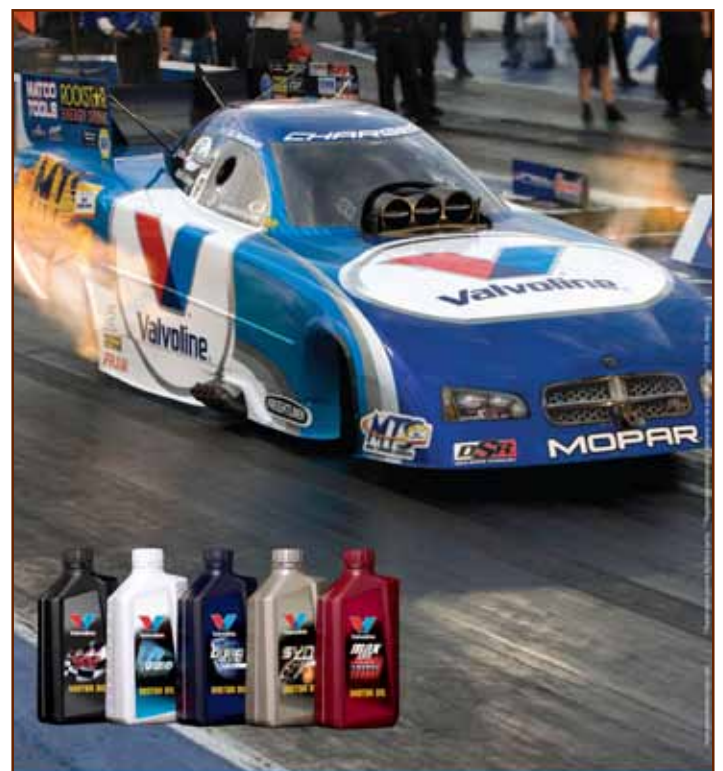
Members who can cast their minds back to the time Boden had the use of a playing field in Scholarstown Road where the Boden Park estate now stands will vividly remember an ever present Jonathan Kenny of 9 or 10 years of age – hurley in hand in the company of his father Martin. The Kennys have a proud link with the establishment of the game in the club as the first adult teams featured Martin Snr, his brother Paddy, the Kearys and a number of others who had migrated from the St Colombas Club in Crumlin to form the nucleus of the sides that went on to win the first Junior (1973) and Intermediate (1974) championships for the club.

Johnny made his own senior debut at 16 years of age against Loughrea on a St Patrick's week-end trip with the club. *"I was playing corner-forward and I was getting a bit of grief from the corner-back until John Hayes came over and had a word with him!!!! John would have been one of the many people in the club I have looked up to – the likes of Mick Glynn, John Cummins, Brian Kelleher, the Ó Riordáins, John Ryan, Paudi Ó Neill, David Sweeney and many more."*

He won a number of Boland Cups and Leagues as well as a Junior Championship in 1988 but his greatest honour was captaining the senior team in the 1990s. His predecessor Liam Hogan will be pleased to know that when defining his hurling philosophy he travels to the midland county of Offaly. *"I went down to watch Oulart and Kilcormac in the recent Leinster club semi final. I love the way the Offaly lads play the game. They make it so simple. Good low ball into the forwards, straight forward and direct. Nobody taking too much out of the ball. Make it as easy as possible for the forwards. That doesn't mean you don't have to work, that's hugely important, but I played in the backs for a while and there's nothing worse than seeing the ball coming in low to the forward and he cleaning up. If it's coming in high the back always has a chance – you can even half foul the forward!"*

Despite his promotion to the top position, Johnny will not be handing over his "most important job" of managing his son Darragh's Under 10 team. Johnny and his wife Stephanie (from Killala) also have a daughter Shona who has just started at the camogie nursery.

Coming in on the back of an historic "Five in a Row", what are his ambitions? *"I suppose we'll have to win Six in a Row, he jokes. But seriously our main target will be focusing on getting out of our group in the championship in 2013 and into the knockout stages. We have lots of young players and it's time for some of them to step up."* Training started in Oldcourt on 18 December. Not for them the comfort of the all-weather in Sancta Maria. *"Shure we might even turn off the lights in Oldcourt and play away in the dark!!!"* he adds.



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Focal ón gCathaoirleach

Our Games

Spoiled with success at Senior A level in all four codes in recent years, our expectations are high at the start of every year and the start of 2012 was no different. This year it fell to the Senior A Camogie team to keep up the tradition, winning the County Senior A Championship for the third year in a row before going down to All Ireland Club Champions, Oulart the Ballagh from Wexford in the Leinster Final.

It was a disappointing year for our Senior A hurlers as they relinquished their County Championship crown after five great years of success. The Senior Footballers gave cause for hope with a good championship run before going down to Kilmacud Crokes after a replay. A little more confidence from the players in their own ability and the result could easily have been different. Our Senior A Ladies Footballers are in rebuilding mode after a decade laden with success but it should not be too long before they return with silverware to the Club.

Liam O'Dwyer and Liam Hogan stand down from their roles of Senior Football and Senior Hurling Manager respectively and we thank them and their management teams for their work over the last number of years. They will both be able to look back with pride on their achievements, notably our Senior Football Championship success in 2009 and the hurlers recovering from a devastating loss in the 2006 County final to win an historic five in a row.

The strength in depth of any Club is demonstrated when teams other than Senior A win championships and the Championship success of the Senior B hurlers and the Junior B footballers were greeted with great celebrations in the Club. Our U21 hurlers won the delayed 2011 Championship with a thrilling win over Kilmacud Crokes at the start of the year.

Our juvenile sections continue to thrive and their achievements together with those of all of our teams and those who represented the Club at intercounty level are covered in the Games Sections reviews of the year. Well done to all of our players and mentors. Our thanks also to the teachers in our local schools for their continued efforts in promoting Gaelic Games.

Off the Field

Fantastic work continues to be carried out by a huge number of volunteers so that Gaelic Games continue to thrive in Ballyboden St. Endas. I am indebted to the support I have received during the year from my fellow Executive members, all of our Games and other Committee members, Club volunteers and Club Staff. Their efforts on behalf of the Club are very much appreciated. Many thanks also to our many sponsors whose generosity helps to keep the Club afloat.

Our Games Sections Committees are critical to the smooth running of the Club. Four of our great Club stalwarts, Dan O'Sullivan, Football Chairman, Fintian Hyland, Ladies Football Chairman, Pat McGrath, Ladies Football Vice Chairman, and Juvenile Boys Chairman, Gerry Mahon have stepped down from their roles. Their contributions over the last number of years have been immense and their efforts are very much appreciated. Best of luck to incoming Football Chairman, Ger Flaherty, Ladies Football Chairman, Michael Gillen, Ladies Football Vice Chairperson, Mary Hyland and Juvenile Boys Chairman, Andrew Coffey.

What other Club in Ireland has such a wide range of Cultural and Social activities? Much of the credit for this must go to Mary Cleary, Chairperson of our Cultural and Social Executive whose enthusiasm and energy has been the driving force of many of these activities over the last number of years. Mary is taking a break from her role on the Club Executive but will no doubt continue to play an active role in the Club. Conor Sheehan joins the Club Executive as Chairman of Cultural and Social Executive and will bring a wealth of experience to the job.

I would also like to pay particular tribute to Denis Kelleher for his work on the Registration Committee during the year. The manner in which he quietly but meticulously performs his role captures perfectly the essence of volunteerism in the GAA.

Thanks once more to Gerry O'Sullivan and his team for another edition of Boden News. It is only in years to come that we will fully appreciate the role which Boden News will play in chronicling the activities of Ballyboden St. Endas through the years. Gerry is stepping down from his role as Club PRO after more than 30 years but will no doubt continue to be actively involved in Club affairs. Mile Buíochas Gerry.



Terry O'Neill

Looking Forward

It is now three years since we launched our Strategic Review, **Challenge 2020**. Many of the recommendations in the report in relation to the Clubs Governance structure have been implemented and are working effectively. The primary focus from now on will be ensuring all of the Games related recommendations are implemented.

In 2012, the Club Executive set itself two key goals, **(1) Enhancing Club Communications and (2) Embedding a Coaching Culture in the Club**. I am delighted that much progress has been made in these two areas. The weekly Club newsletter has been well received and is now read by more than 1000 Club Members and supporters. Our thanks is due to Paddy Bates, Chairman of our Communications Executive for his work on the set up of the Newsletter, to Newsletter Editor, Cathy Murray and to all of the contributors. The continued success of the Newsletter is dependent on members contributing regularly to it. It is the responsibility of every Games and Social Section in the Club to ensure that their area is adequately covered.

During the year, a new Coaching and Games Development Executive was established under the Chairmanship of Brendan Moran and working closely with our new Director of Coaching, Brian O'Regan and Club Games Promotion Officer, Paul McLoughlin. Developing and nurturing high quality Coaches in the Club is critical to our future success and every effort will be made to ensure that this happens. Much progress has been made already including work on implementing the recommendations of the **Pathway to Adult** report produced by a group of players under the Chairmanship of Conor Dolan. As part of the Coaching initiative, the Club will host its own Coaching Conference for Club Coaches and Mentors on **Saturday, 9 February 2013**.

The Coaching and Games Executive has identified that a Skills Wall in Sancta Maria is critical in the drive to enhancing the skills development of our players in all four codes. Thanks to the dedicated work of the Club's Development Executive under the Chairmanship of John Ryan, this flagship project is now ready to commence but will only be completed where Club members and in particular, our Adult Players actively support the fundraising drive.

Thanks to the foresight of many dedicated Club members, our players have benefited greatly from the facilities put at their disposal over the last number of years and now is the time for them to be seen to support the next generation of players in the Club.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise do lucht Bhaile Buadáin Naomh Éanna.

Terry O'Neill

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AG FEACHAINT SIAR

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN RINEY

A vital link to the foundation of the club

by Gerry O'Sullivan

The passing of Stephen Riney, club vice-president, removes one of the vital links to the formation of Ballyboden St Endas GAA Club – one of the largest units of the Association in the world. To most members of the current club the name will not resonate but without the inspiration, vision and indeed bravery of people like Stephen Riney, the club might never have got off the ground.

In late 1965, Stephen Riney who had a keen interest in property, spotted an advertisement in the Irish Times announcing the sale of a piece of land on Firhouse Road. The idea of forming a GAA club in the rapidly expanding area around Rathfarnham had been gathering currency but little concrete action had taken place. Stephen saw the opportunity and he contacted his great friend Ned Murphy from Liscarroll in Co. Cork, a teacher in Donore Avenue Primary School. Together they hatched a plan to purchase the land for a new GAA club for the area. The “decision” to buy the land preceded the formation of the club but they felt that this was too good an opportunity to allow pass.

On 12 January 1966, Rathfarnham St Endas was formed with Stephen as a member of the first Committee. The meeting elected the following:

President	- John O'Donoghue
Vice President	- Albert Prosser
Chairman	- Eamonn Murphy
Vice Chairman	- Martin Lennon
Treasurer	- Sean O'Keane
Secretary	- Brod Foy

Committee:

P Ó Murchú, Jim Whan, Des Taaffe, D O'Gorman, O. Prosser, Breandán MacLúa, Lar Ward, P. O'Leary, Fintan Walsh, Paddy Corrigan, Michael Dowling, S. O'Reilly, Paddy Ring, Stephen Riney, T. McCabe, M. Daly, S. Tobin, T. O'Kelly

Delegate to Co Board	- Michael Daly
Hurling	- Michael Daly, D Coakley, Ben Fitzsimons
Football	- Patrick O'Leary, Martin Lennon, John Glennon, Thomas Leonard
Grounds Committee	- Paddy Corrigan, R. Ward, Martin Lennon, Ben Fitzsimons, Thomas McCabe

The early apostles didn't dally and at the Seventh meeting held in the Fountain House, Rathfarnham on 2 March 1966, it was noted

“Our club representatives “S Riney, J O'Donoghue, B. Mac Lua reported that they had negotiated the purchase of gaelic grounds at Firhouse Rd, Templeogue. The sum agreed was £4000. Solicitors for both parties were undertaking to finalise details. Bank credit with the assistance of the county board had been arranged. A new General Meeting was called for 25 March with a view to launching the new club.”



At the time club funds amounted to £22 7 shillings and 6 pence.

By June 1966, the deal was closed and Stephen along with Eamon Ó Murchú (Ned Murphy after whom Páirc Uí Mhurchú is named); John O'Donoghue (a native of Edenderry and one-time owner of the Orchard. His grandniece Martha captained the U16 camogie team to championship success this year); and Brendan MacLúa (a journalist who went on to found and edit the Irish Post newspaper in London) were appointed Trustees of the grounds.

Stephen founded Orchard Real Estate Alliance around 1968 and was also a Joint-Founder of the Rathfarnham & District Credit Union – another passion he shared with Ned Murphy. He was an active Community Representative in many areas including the Butterfield & District Residents Association, and being a Local Councillor, one of his proudest achievements was being part of the group which secured Rathfarnham Castle & Grounds for the entire Rathfarnham & South Dublin Area.

Like his fellow members in Rathfarnham St Endas, the promotion of the Irish Language and Culture was one of his priorities in life and he helped initiate Irish Speaking Classes in Rathfarnham from the 1960's.

His family remember him as “a true Dub, initially from Charlemont Street, then Meadowbrook, Dundrum. He played football and hurling and was very proud of his children and grandchildren, many of whom played for Ballyboden St Endas, and some who played for the Dublin Minors and Under 21's.

“Many Thanks for the opportunity to put in such an article about our father, whom we all loved dearly. Go raibh maith agat. Pat, Kevin and Diarmaid.”

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Peter McEvoy - Senior Hurler

Occupation - Engineer

Honours won - Senior B, Junior B, Under 21, Minor, Under 16 County Hurling Championships

Fav food - Ribeye Steak

Fav Book - Hurling, The Revolution Years.

Fav Grounds - Oldcourt in the height of Summer.

Earliest playing memory - meeting Nicky English back in the Scoil Treasa days.

Greatest achievement - Captaining the Senior B's to a County Final in 2012.

Biggest Disappointment - Coming up short in previous years.

Hobbies - all sports.

GAA Gripe - Playing club Championship games in October.

Heroes (GAA) - Paul Flynn (Waterford)

Heroes (Non GAA) - Roy Keane

Best advice received - Never pull out of a tackle

Ambitions 2013 - Retain the Senior B Championship.

Who will win All-Ireland senior title in 2013

Hurling - Cork

Football - Donegal



Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin - Senior Camogie

Occupation: Primary School Teacher

Honours won:

Intercounty - Leinster at U18 and National League at Junior

Club - Camogie : All-Ireland Féile na nGael, numerous underage leagues and championships and championship/ shield/ league/ cup titles at Senior level.

Ladies Football - Senior A league and Senior B Championship

Fav food: Chicken Fajitas and anything spicy

Fav music: Royseven

Fav Book: The Help

Fav Grounds: Donoughmore-Ashbourne

Earliest playing memory - U11 league final being in goals....the swamp that was the goal mouth.

Greatest achievement - winning titles has been great but definitely coaching has been my greatest achievement to date.

I have been coaching teams non-stop since I was 13 years of age and it's fantastic to see so many girls go up the ranks, some to Senior A and also being involved in running and coaching intercounty teams for the last few years.

Biggest Disappointment - dislocating my shoulder two weeks before National League Final this year and being injured for five months!

Biggest influences - my parents without a doubt even if I'm still known as Mona and Gerry's daughter, and Adrian always keeps me thinking straight.

Hobbies - cinema, socialising and the odd trip to Wexford!

Gripe - judging a book by its cover...height doesn't equal skill.

Heroes (GAA) - The Offaly hurling team of the 90's, in particular the Dooley Brothers and Johnny Pilkington.

Heroes (Non GAA) - Sonia O Sullivan

Superstitions - I always give myself an objective or two before a training session or a match.

Fav saying - well not a fav but apparently I say it all the time - 'come on girls we're well able!'

Best advice received - perfect practice makes perfect from Enda McNulty.

Ambitions 2013 - to have an injury-free year and to win the All-Ireland with Dublin and a championship with Boden.

Which animal best describes you - well this was the easiest question of them all (!) a monkey...they are small and always on the go!

Who will win All-Ireland senior title in 2013

Hurling - ABK - anyone but Kilkenny!!!!!!

Football - Donegal.

Camogie - hard to see past Wexford.

Ladies football - Cork.



Club Golf continues to grow

The golf society concluded its twelfth year in 2012. The society has become an important social part for many members of the club and has grown in support in the past decade. In 2012 membership was over 40 and large numbers of golfers participated in all the outings this year with Captain Donie Kerin at the helm.

John Malone used all his years of experience to capture Donie Kerin's captain's prize, beating a field of over 40 golfers on the day to win Donie's beautiful once-off handmade trophy. Overall golfer of the year award went to the ever-consistent Donie Kerin. Well done to Donie on his outstanding golf throughout the year. Congratulations to all the winners in the seven outings in the past year.



The 2012 Golf Classic was held at the Edmondstown Golf Club

Natalia Hyland - Senior Ladies Football

Occupation -student

Fav music- Bit of everything really

Heroes (GAA) Louise Kelly , Colm Mcfadden

Honours won –

Fav Book- Havent read a book since the Leaving Cert

Heroes (Non GAA) Mum

Club

U16 and Minor Championship, 5 Senior Club Football Championship's, 4 Leinster Senior Football Championship's, 1 All Ireland Senior Club Football
U16 , 3 Dublin Senior Camogie Championships , 1 Leinster Camogie Championship

Fav Grounds- Páirc Uí Mhurchú

Superstitions – No major ones , Scrambled egg on morning of game

Earliest playing memory-Down at the nursery with Barry Coll

Best advice received – Try not to always take the game too serious , Enjoy it while you can!

Greatest achievement – Winning Senior All Ireland Club with Boden 2005 and All Ireland with Dublin 2010

Ambitions 2013 : Bring home cups in both football and camogie For Boden

County

U14, U16 , Minor and Senior Football All Ireland's with Dublin
3 Leinster Senior Football with Dublin

Biggest Disappointment – Losing Leinster Football Final to Timahoe 2010

Which animal best describes you : Memory of a gold fish , height of giraffe

Biggest influences - My family

Who will win All-Ireland senior title in 2013

Fav food – Mum's homemade lasagna with chips

GAA Gripe : Having Club Leinster and All Ireland's in wet winter months

Hurling -Galway
Football- Dublin/Donegal
Camogie- Wexford
Ladies football- Dublin

Mark McCabe - Senior Football

Occupation: Mechanical Engineer

Biggest Influences:

Favourite term of abuse or sayings: Light Weight!

Honours won:

St. Marys, Cumann na mBunscol Junior Hurling 1998. DIT, All Ireland Fresher League and Championship 2008

David McCabe (Younger Brother). He was told he would never play again at 14 after badly breaking his leg and was back in a little over a year. An inspiration during my recovery from both cruciate tears.

Best advice received: Measure twice, cut once.

Favourite food: Anything Wagamamas/ Saba related

Hobbies: Fulltime fantasy manager and watching any sport

Ambitions 2013: Not to tear a cruciate (seriously). Build on last year and put Ballyboden in a position to challenge for another Dublin Championship

Favourite Music: Arctic Monkeys

GAA Gripe: Still being an amateur sport

Which animal best describes you: Bear

Favourite Grounds: Breffni Park, Cavan

Heros (GAA): Larry Reilly, Ja Fallon

Who will win All-Ireland senior title 2013:

Earliest Playing Memory: My dad bringing me training for the first time to St. Endas Park.

Heros (Non GAA): Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, SBW, Joe DeFranco, Adrian Peterson

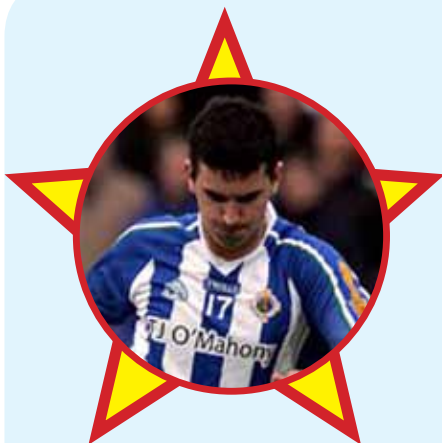
Hurling: Limerick
Football: Kerry

Greatest Achievement: Being selected to do the club player profile and playing in this year's championship after a long time out with injury.

Superstitions: Last out of the dressing room, red t-shirt underneath jersey, not tying boots until on pitch and spooning it up.

Camogie: Cork
Ladies Football: Dublin

Biggest Disappointment: Being injured for the 2009 Dublin Championship when we won.



Well done to The Eden House who won the second annual match between the two societies this June in Newlands G.C. Captain Donie Kerin would like to thank President of the society Terry O'Neill, Pat McGrath, Sean Jennings, Ned Slattery and all the committee members and for all their work throughout the year.

The society would like to thank all the sponsors of the society this year. Donie would like to wish 2013 Captain John Malone 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 the 2013 Captain John Malone.

Finally the committee would like to thank all the golfers who participated this year and wish them all a Happy Christmas and pleasurable year's golf in 2013.

By Sean Jennings

Evening Herald Senior B hurling champions 2012



Back row left to right

Thomás McGrath, Oisín Cannon, Eoin Small, Eoghan O'Neill, Eoghan O'Neill, Colin Durkin, Joe Johnston, Jamie Desmond, Jamie Desmond, Finn Mc Garry, Finian Mc Donagh, Peter McEvoy, Éanna Walsh, Niall Ryan, Adam Jermyn, Ronan Cleary, Darragh O'Gorman, James Duffy and Maurice Nagle.

Front row left to right

Niall O'Neill, Darren Lennox, Naoise Maguire, Naoise Green, Gavin Corrigan, Conor Dooley, Declan Keating, Paul Doherty, Brian Mc Carthy, Conor Robinson, Martin Kenny, Brendan Treacy and Michael Griffin.

Hurling Report – By Eamonn Treacy

The club fielded teams in the following grades this year:

Senior A – AHL 1, Senior A Championship
 Senior B – AHL 2, Senior B Championship
 Junior A – AHL 4, Junior A Championship and the Corn Fogarty
 Junior C – AHL 6, Junior C Championship and Doyle Cup
 Under 21 – Championship (2012 and 2011)
 Minor A – Minor League Division 1 and Minor A Championship
 Minor B – Minor League Division 2 and Minor B Championship

Teams representing BBSE played over 100 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 Senior A team started the year with a huge expectation of a 6th title in a row. We had been drawn in a group of 4 with games to be played between the 28th April and May 24th. Few would have bet that this four week period would define our season. We started with a good win over Vincents but this proved to be our only win. Defeats at the hands of Lucan and Cuala left us in the unusual position of spectators for the remainder of the championship. It could be argued that the involvement of so many players with Dublin had a detrimental effect on preparations. This is not a criticism of our players but rather a reminder that our players are not superhuman. It should never be forgotten that this team has rewritten the record books and it is unlikely that we will see 5 in a row equalled again. Most players would be happy to win one Senior Championship Medal, but most of this group have 5 and who would bet against them adding to the total?

The Senior A League title was won in October. As has become the norm, we played many of our League games without our County players but did enough to be there at the end and we beat Craobh on their own pitch to win a 6th AHL 1 title. One Championship exit in 7 years can hardly be described as the end of an era. However, Liam Hogan's decision not to seek selection for the coming year can surely be described as momentous. Liam has left big boots to fill and the new manager, whoever he or she will be, will enter a dressing room which has been used to top class coaching and management.

The Senior B team brought a first Sen B title to the club. Anyone who was in O'Toole Park on the day will know what it meant to Johnny Kenny and his players. The only disappointment was that we were not allowed participate in Leinster. This honour was passed on to our beaten finalists, St. Oliver Plunkett Eoghan Ruadh.



Dublin Under 21 Champions 2011 (Played in 2012)

Back Row l to r: E. Small, O. Cannon, J. Breen, S. Keane, A. Jerymn, N. Ryan, R. Cleary, F. Furey, A. O'Connor, S. Jordan, J. Roche, D. Curran, F. McDonagh, J. Desmond, D. Coffey, S. O'Connor.

The Junior A team were beaten in the Quarter final by Na Fianna. 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 were beaten in the Championship Semi final by a very good O'Tooles team, a team which contained many ex-senior players. They were also beaten in the League final by St. Oliver Plunkett Eoghan Ruadh. A just reward for the year was promotion to AHL 5 next year. Sincere thanks to the players who stepped up to the mark when getting a manager for the team proved difficult.

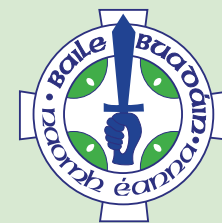
The Minor A team were unlucky not to reach the League final. They also came very close in the James Stephen's tournament, being beaten in the final by the hosts. At time of writing, they have reached the Championship final and will play Na Fianna in early 2013.

One cannot be but amused when one considers the team played their last league match on May 20th. Their next competitive outing in Dublin was on October 7th. In effect they played no game in the summer months. James Roche was our only representative on the Dublin Minor team and we congratulate him on his Leinster medal and on his performance in the All Ireland final where they were beaten by Tipperary.

The Minor B hurlers always faced a difficult task by playing in Division 2. They performed admirably and management agree that much was learned in the process. They failed to qualify for the knock-out stages of championship.

The Under 21 team started off the year with a second championship title win in two years with fantastic win over Kilmacud Crokes in extra time in O'Toole Park. Captain, Dean Curran, described the win as "savagely". We reached the final again in 2012 with high hopes, after wins over Kilmacud Crokes and Lucan Sarsfields, but a spirited St. Jude's team proved too strong on the day.

Congratulations to all players who represented Dublin in various grades. The successes of the previous year were not matched, the highlight of the year being the Leinster Minor Championship.



HURLING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Tomás Ó Reachtabhra

Vice Chairman: Eithne McGarry

Secretary: Eamonn Treacy

Front Row l to r: C. Moffat, C. Robinson, N. Maguire, R. Sharkey, B. McCarthy, E. O'Neill, N. McMorow, G. Corrigan, D. Creighton, P. Doherty, A. Hand, I. Kenny, E. Crowley, C. Dooley.

Representative Honours:

- **Dublin Senior:** Gary McGuire, Stephen Hiney, Conal Keaney, David Curtin, Shane Durkin, Simon Lambert, Paul Ryan, Conor McCormack, Niall McMorro, Dean Curran and Finn McGarry
- **Dublin Under 21:** Stephen O' Connor, Naoise Maguire, Cillian Moffat, Brian McCarthy and Niall Ryan
- **Dublin Minor Team 2012:** James Roche
- **Dublin Minor Squad for 2013:** Kenneth Wigglesworth, Keith Robinson, Colm O'Neill, Tom Hanafin and Cathal Bergin
- **Dublin South Colleges 2011/12:** Ben McEntee, James Roche, Paul Doherty, Naoise Green, Kenneth Wigglesworth, Jamie Desmond, Tom Hanafin, Cathal Bergin, Fionn Maguire, Tommy McGrath
- **Dublin South Colleges 2012/13:** Kenneth Wigglesworth, Keith Robinson, Tom Hanafin, Cathal Bergin, Fionn Maguire, James Roche, Ben McEntee

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 in the club
- 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 and his 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 and Paddy Bates for their assistance with the website.
- John Cummins for his wizardry in repairing hurleys.
- Linda O'Donnell for procuring sponsorship for our Sen A home games.
- Danny Griffin for his efforts in seeking sponsorship.
- Donie Kerin for his advice and guidance
- Club referees, Dave Conway, Philip Larkin and Declan Keating.
- Paddy Brady and his catering staff.

Minor A's set sights on Championship with victory over Kilmakud Crokes

The Minor A hurling team started the League campaign with a good win over Lucan in February. A slip against St Vincents proved crucial in this very competitive division as Boden subsequently won four and drew one of their remaining matches. 11 points from 14, beating and drawing with the two league finalists was not enough and so, for the first time in this team's history they finished outside of the top two.

A special note at this point, to many of the players who participated in the 2011 Division One final on 6th March 2012. On a fine evening, they made history by beating Kilmacud Crokes on a scoreline of 3-15 to 3-7 and so added the Division 1 title to their magnificent victory in the Division 2 league in July 2011. This double was acknowledged in the club on the 4th May with a medal presentation and social evening.

Always a big weekend for the minor team is the annual Paddy Mullen Tournament in the James Stephens club. This year the lads made the final after a stirring win over the holders Blackrock of Cork after extra time in the semi-final. Unfortunately, the day's exertions meant beating James Stephens was a step too far and Boden lost to the hosts in the final.

During the summer, many of the minors played with Junior and Senior teams and always made their presence felt. We also have a few representatives on the U21 team hoping to retain their title this year.

- Roddy McConnell and his staff
- 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.
- Declan O'Brien, our Quizmaster.
- To all managers, mentor and backroom staff..... only those who have ever been involved themselves realise how much work goes into management.
- Finally, to the players for the enjoyment they gave us throughout the year.

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Nollaig faoi sheán agus athbhliain faoi mhaise dár gcairde go léir



Senior A Hurling Captain Shane Durkin is presented with the Senior 1 League Trophy 2012 by Andy Kettle, Chair of the Dublin County Board.



A special word to James Roche (above) at this point. As Boden's only representative on the minor team, James was part of Dublin's great year that won the Leinster title in July. The team lost the All Ireland to a strong Tipperary team after a replay on 30th September, with James putting in a solid display scoring a couple of well-taken points.

Congratulations also to players that were selected on representative sides, particularly the Dublin South Schools team that are currently playing in the Leinster League. A special mention for Kenneth Wigglesworth, Keith Robinson, Colm O'Neill, Tom Hanafin and Cathal Bergin, who have all been chosen on the 2013 Dublin Minor squad in recent weeks. Best of luck in the light blue lads!

Mentors: Ray McKenna, Ciarán Maguire, John Keegan, Mick Ryan & Joe Roche.

Ballyboden St Endas Minor A & B League Winners 2011



Liam Hogan - Seven years of plenty

As you are well aware, Liam Hogan announced his retirement from Senior A management in November. I, like most others, did not see this coming and it took some time for the news to sink in. He has managed the team for the past 7 years and previous to that served at juvenile and Minor levels.

Nobody could have foreseen 7 years ago what was to develop and what would be achieved. He built a team of selectors and support staff around him and planned each campaign carefully and meticulously. His passion and knowledge of hurling drove him and all around him relentlessly to success.

Our Club had a crop of the best hurlers in the County – “the harvest of many hands” and Liam moulded them into the finest, most successful Dublin Senior Club team of all time.

We are indebted to you for the enormous passion, time, expertise and energy that you have given and for the quiet pride and satisfaction that you, your team and our hurlers have given to all of us over the five golden years. This era in the club's hurling history will be spoken of with pride for generations to come.

Thank you Liam, thanks to our hurlers and the team of men who gave so much and achieved so much under your stewardship.

Guidhim rath Dé ar Liam agus Katie. Gabhainn buíochas duit Liam agus go n-éirí leat sna toadhcháí, As Tomás Ó Criomhthain wrote in an t-Oiléanach.

“Ni bheidh do leithéid ann arís”.

Tomás Ó Reachtabhra



Ballyboden St Endas OZO Senior A Champions 3-IN-A-ROW



Standing (L-R): Amy Ryan, Maria McGrath, Joanne O’Sullivan, Karen Murphy, Doireann Mullany, Martha O’Donoghue, Laura Burns, Natalia Hyland, Eimear Kelly, Fiona Ní Chorcoráin, Rachel Ruddy, Denise McGrath, Jane Nolan, Anne Griffin, Fiona Hughes, Sinead Treacy;

Front (L-R): Paula McGrath, Ciara Ruddy, Aoife Tobin, Sarah Nagle, Emer Lucey, Orla Smith, Ciara Lucey, Elaine Hickey, Dearbhla Brennan, Aisling O’Leary, Sile nic Coitir (Capt.)

Camogie Review by Gerry White

2012 was an eventful and very successful year on the Camogie front. The major change at committee level was that Secretary Mona O' Sullivan had stepped down after many years of great service to the Club, our loss was Dublin's gain. Orla Mullany was our incoming Secretary and she has done a terrific job. This year we fielded 20 teams, but disappointingly we only fielded two teams at Adult level.

Our Senior A side has pride of place after their magnificent Championship win to make it 3-in-a-row. The League campaign was slightly inconsistent compared with last year, with players unavailable at different times for a variety of reasons. Come Championship time, a below strength team put in a great performance in the first game away to Raheny to record a fine win.

This game was significant in that it also marked the Senior debuts of four U16 girls, Sarah Nagle, Martha O'Donoghue, Doireann Mullany & Aisling O'Leary. This was followed by a win over N Jude. Next up was a terrific game away to Na Fianna, and with the scores level with 10 minutes remaining, the Boden girls pulled away to win by 4 points. After a victory over Naomh Mearnóg, it was old foes Erins Isle in the semi-final at home. In front of a fine crowd, Boden never looked in danger and advanced to the Final for a meeting with St Vincents.

On a fine Sunday in October, there a fine crowd a Naomh Peregrines for the Final. A slow start saw St Vincents get the early scores. A fine score from Sarah Nagle, followed by a '2-pointer' sideline from Ann Griffin saw Boden go in more satisfied at half-time. The second half saw a huge increase in performance from the Boden girls, and they ran out comfortable winners in the end by 1-11 to 1-5. Great credit to Captain Sile and the players, and to the management team of Richie Sweetnam, John Ryan, Nuala O'Sullivan and Bernard Curtis. Sile also received the Player of the Match Award.

The Senior B's had a large turnover of players throughout the year and their League campaign was also inconsistent. They stepped up to the mark in the Championship, and two magnificent performance against Lucan saw them advance to the semi-final for a home game against Kilmacud Crokes. In front of a large crowd at Sancta Maria, the Boden girls dominated the game for long periods, but couldn't put the scores on the board, and were just pipped for what would have been a deserved place in the Final.

It was a fine year all round, with 28 players in total getting game time.

On the Juvenile front it was a terrific year. A decision was taken at the start of the year to enter U16A & U16B teams, and this proved successful. The U16B's got to the Shield Final and scored a late goal to take the honours, a great achievement with all 17 players eligible for U16 again next year.

A couple of hours later the U16A's matched them with a late surge to defeat a fancied Lucan Sarsfields side in the Championship Final. Great celebrations followed in the Club for both sides.

The U14A's also had a memorable year, winning the Dublin Féile for our first time in 12 years. Against a favoured Lucan Sarsfields team the Boden girls beat them both in the Group stage and once again in the Final in front of a fine crowd in Parnell Park. In the All-Ireland Féile, the girls again did magnificently in reaching the semi-final where they were pipped by eventual winners Newport Ballinahinch. We made history by becoming the first Camogie Club ever to field 2 team in the National Féile.

A great weekend was had by both of our U14 panels, and their visitors from Mayo and Derry. Marie Moffat did a fabulous job co-ordinating the entire weekend. The U14B's also reached the Shield Final and had a fine year.

The U13B's also reached their Shield Final. We fielded teams down as far as U9, and all teams represented the Club well throughout the year.

Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin (pictured above with Camogie Association President Aileen Lawlor) was a winner of a National League Medal with the Dublin Junior team.



CAMOGIE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Gerry White

Vice Chairperson: Robbie Lambert

Secretary: Orla Mullany



Anne Griffin receives her special achievement award for being the first adult player to score "a 2 pointer" sideline cut from Denis Murphy, Dublin Senior Manager, assisted by Aileen Lawlor.

Sile Nic Coitir, player of the match in the Senior 1 Championship Final receives the Maura Brady Cup from Aileen Lawlor, watched by Dublin Vice Chair Pat Martin.

Boden's Dublin Five!

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

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

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



Dublin U16 Championship Winners 2012



Back Row: Grace Walsh, Ciara Dunne, Jane Edwards, Aisling O'Leary, Julianne Glynn, Alison Lowe, Rachel White, Sophie McMahon, Jill McNair, Aine Duffy, Emma Grey

Front Row: Aisling Moffat, Sarah Nagle, Rebeka Kamvar, Iseult Kelleher, Aoife O'Shea, Katie Murphy, Martha O'Donoghue (Capt), Danielle White, Doireann Mullany, Zenouska Murphy, Aoife O'Neill, Jodie White, Laura Nagle



Dublin Féile Na nGael Champions 2012



U16B Shield Winners Panel: Aisling Dolan, Aoife Barnes, Jane Doyle, Aoife Murphy, Sinead Drumm, Maire O'Meara, Emily Flanagan, Hannah Hyland, Caoimhe Prendergast, Laura Basquel, Eimear Sexton, Rebecca Maher, Karen Jones, Mairead McWalter, Fiona Cooke, Sarah Brophy, Hannah Conway, Shauna Dempsey, Claire Madden, Mary Ruth Healy.

Tribute to Ciaran Maher RIP

It was with great sadness that we heard of the untimely passing of one of the great former club footballers, Ciaran Maher. Ciaran was more commonly known to us all as 'Dessie'. He played football with the Club from underage all the way through to Senior and is famously known for being part of the 12-man Dublin team that defeated Galway in the 1983 All-Ireland final. Ciaran was also a part of the Ballyboden St Enda's Senior team that won Division 4 in 1983.

Ballyboden has produced many high fielding midfielders over the years and Ciaran was certainly one of these players. He was a larger than life character, with a massive frame and had a huge physical presence on the pitch. He was one man you didn't want to run into as Mick Moriarty found out to his cost one Sunday playing up in the Phoenix park – Mick's head collided with Ciaran's hip resulting in Mick fracturing his skull and having to wear a helmet everytime he took to the field after that incident.

We also fondly remember the two Maher's (Ciaran and Mick) arriving to matches by motor bike, the bike laden down with both of them – an intimidating sight and one we probably could have exploited to our advantage.

Ciaran emigrated to Boston shortly after the 1983 All Ireland Final and quickly settled there. He was soon to become involved with Shannon Blues GFC where he won several senior championships. He was always very welcoming to visitors from home and many a good night was had. However, he returned home frequently, visiting the club and catching up with his old team mates.



Ciaran Maher (right) with his brother Mick in the Clubhouse at a function the club hosted in 2008 to mark the 25th Anniversary of the 1983 All-Ireland win

The Orchard was a local haunt of his and I was reminded of the time the owners – the Lavins – had introduced a ban on earrings. However, when Ciaran presented himself at the doors of the Orchard one Christmas, earring and all, they quickly had to re-think their policy. How could you refuse the man and his big grin! We last saw Ciaran in September 2008 when he returned to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Dublin winning the All-Ireland Football title. The Club marked the occasion with a presentation to Ciaran and a wonderful night was had by all with some of his former Dublin team mates also present on the night.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Sandy, his sons Ethan and Jacob, his mother Una. We also sympathise with his sister Denise, his brothers Gerry and Donal and in particular to his brother Mick.

Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

By Ger Flaherty

Club eZine a big hit

In October we started a weekly club newsletter email. The brainchild of Chairman, Terry O'Neill, to better inform members of what was going on in the club, and also to add extra promotion to upcoming games. We were able to locate approximately 2,000 email addresses to whom the email goes each week.

If you don't currently receive the email, you can sign up on the website, or alternatively email newsletter@bodengaa.ie. I would especially like to thank the work of the newsletter editor, Cathy Murray. Cathy, a parent of juvenile players in the club, has done an exceptional job every Monday evening editing all the various contributions since answering our plea for an editor on Facebook!

Many thanks to those who have contributed Sinead Ryan, Terry O'Neill, Gerry O'Sullivan, Eamonn Treacy, Gerry White, Mary Hyland, Therese Keville, Conor Sheehan, Carol Fitzmaurice, Gerry Mahon, Kevin Maguire and Brian O'Regan.

Also, to all those who emailed in photos and match reports. Apologies if I have forgotten anyone. We are always on the lookout for new contributors, so please email newsletter@bodengaa.ie if you are interested in becoming involved.

As a volunteer group, we rely hugely on all members and supporters to send us on information. Like the Boden News the newsletters not only inform members of what's going on in the club but also become a great historical archive to look back on in years to come.

Social Media - We have continued to add to our social media this year. We have just surpassed the 1,000 fans on facebook and 650 twitter followers. Twitter has really become a great source of information on GAA matches. Dave O'Donoghue, a parent of one of our underage players, has launched a new smartphone app called "share the score", that allows people "tweet" live scores from matches. We would encourage supporters at matches to use this service and include "@bodengaa" so we can re-tweet scores coming in from around the grounds next year.

By Paddy Bates, Chair of Communications Executive.

Na Siúltóirí Buadáin

Lao Tza, the Chinese Philosopher wrote and I quote...
'The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step'.

Na Siúltóirí Buadáin took that first step, have journeyed a thousand miles and trekked many more over the highways and byways of our beautiful country. Since our formation, we have travelled to all four corners of Ireland and enjoyed the mountainous tracks and forest trails of Dublin, Wicklow, Kerry, Mayo, Donegal, Down and all places in between. 2012 has been a great year for Na Siúltóirí. It has been a year filled with many wonderful highlights and memories.

Sliabh Liag in Donegal rates high in the highlight list. Our host, Donegal man and Ballyboden St Endas' Clubman Séan Cannon and the Sliabh Liag Walkers took us under their wing on the May bank Holiday weekend. They guided us on our amazing climb on Sliabh Liag Mountain and took great pride as we marvelled at the beauty of the sheer ruggedness of the Sliabh Liag Cliffs, the highest and finest Marine Cliffs in Western Europe.

Donegal is a county of immense beauty and its hills and coastline are truly spectacular. The Glenhead Loop in Glencolmcille is stunning, its isolation is intriguing. We spent a wonderful afternoon on the loop and were happy to rest within the walls of the deserted village of Glenlough, after a long and difficult trek. The Village is a stark reminder of hardship and isolation that the peoples of these shores encountered in times past. On a sad note, Prionnsías O'Byrne, a leader to us on Sliabh Liag passed away a few short months after our visit to Donegal. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Our trips to the Galtees rate high. Tipperary might not have won any All Stars in 2012 but Na Siúltóirí award the Galtees Mountains a Gold Star. A memorable moment for us on our first trip there, was the look on the face of Gerry O'Sullivan as he walked through a guard of honour to catch a glimpse of his home parish of Kilbehenny from the summit of the Galtee Mór.

Tá a lán scéalta le insint faoinár n'deiread seachtaine i Kerry, ach tá sé níos fearr iad a fhágail gan rá. Our walks though were terrific. The weather, somewhat unsettled, did not deter our spirits as we trekked through the Kerry Hills on the Sean Bóthar from Killarney to Kenmare and undertook Torc Mountain to help rekindle our spirits after falling foul to the hospitality of the various taverns around Kenmare and some chasers in Jackie Healy Rea's in Kilgarvan. Sheila and Mai you certainly pulled out all the stops to make us welcome in your home county. Thank you.

Na Siúltóirí are embarking on pilgrim ways in 2013. We intend to climb the Holy Mountain, Croagh Patrick, in Spring and plans are very advanced for our pilgrim journey along the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in May. Of the many miles in the many counties we trekked in 2012, our own Dublin/Wicklow hills take pride of place. They are our hills, they overlook our homes, are visible from our windows and have our footprints firmly planted on their slopes.



“Walking near Lough Dan”

Lacken

It is not a race to the top of the mountain. It never is. It is the pace you set and the step you take that gets you there.

The changing landscape on every mountain determines the climb. Some paths are gentle and take little effort, other paths are difficult and testing. All paths lead to the top.

To climb the mountain, you take the first step, you choose the path. You climb for yourself, but never alone. Alone it is difficult.

You need the helping hand to cross the mountain stream, to scramble the gullies, traverse the slopes and scale the ridges. A trusted leader instils a belief and confidence that carries you through your climb, the speed he takes sets the pace you climb.

A sweeper lies behind, the more difficult the climb the bigger his shoulders. The sweeper gently guides your slow heavy steps as you trudge the steep incline, and controls your quick short steps down the sheer decline. The leader and the sweeper together ensure the safety of your footstep.

On the mountain you carry your own personal challenges. Many thoughts, spiritual and other cross your mind. At the toughest moments you search deep into your soul.

You reflect on the joys in your life, those who inspire you, advise you and care about you.

You think of loved ones, those still with you, those watching from above.

You find solace in the beauty around you, and in the anticipation of your first step on the summit.

On top you see the whole picture, absorb the magnificent beauty, breathe the pure air.

On top, you forget the trudge to get there, the bog hole you fell into, the rock you slipped on.

On top you realise all the happiness and growth is in the climbing, and climbing the mountain is an image of the world you live in, the life you live and the need of enlightened and courageous leadership.

On top you pray, a simple prayer 'Thank You God I Made It'.

Words by Thérèse Keville

Photos by Eamonn O'Sullivan



“Over the hill”

Ballyboden St. Endas Junior C Football Championship 2012



Back Row: Ger Flaherty, Gerry Blake, Ian Lynch, Niall O'Connor, Dara Shovlin, Paul Ryan, Damien Dillon , David Curtin, John Spain, Stephen Coughlan, Tom Weafer, Paul Nugent (captain), Rory Jordan, Tom Connors, Mossie Nagle.

Front row: Alan Kennedy, Shane Doolan, Gearoid Brady, James Mc Ternan, Jason Long, Patrick Patton, Tiernan O'Rourke, Ciaran Doyle, Alex Murphy, Colm Gibbons

A Mixed Football Year by Neil Brennan

The football season in 2012 was very much a mixed bag. There were some great success stories and some failure, but we did bring home a championship crown and not many clubs can do that. Here is a brief tour of the teams.

DIVISION 1

The Senior Footballers contested the league up to the last few games before their challenge petered out. In the Championship they eventually lost out to old foes Kilmacud Crokes after a replay.

In general you could pretty much sum up their season in one word, injuries. The team had to play large parts of the season with larger parts of the team in the workshop for repairs. It was a particularly frustration time for Liam O'Dwyer and his selectors. Losing Declan O'Mahony at the throw in against Kilmacud in the championship pretty much summed up their luck. In a way maybe it was not a bad thing. Many young squad players got a lot of game time and a lot of them shone when they were needed most. Maybe a good rest and with a full squad back, they will have a better season next year.

Without doubt there is some great talent there in the squad and some very exciting minors coming through the ranks, coupled to a very strong performance from a very "young" under 21 side this year, the future is very definitely bright for the senior team. Liam O'Dwyer is stepping down as team manager this year and he leaves with the highest achievement in winning a senior championship. Our thanks to Liam and his team of mentors for all their hard work.

DIVISION 3

The Intermediate side had a tough year. They fielded good sides in a tough division. Many clubs in this division are represented by their first team and this will always play a significant part in the outcome. In most of the games the Inters did very well. A number of draws and a number of defeats by small margins probably told its own story. The Inters still retain their Div 3 status and that in itself augers well for this team. There are a lot of very good players in this side. Jim Keane is stepping down as Manager of the Intermediate footballers this year. Our thanks to Jim and his mentors for all their efforts in their time managing this team

Junior B celebrations from left: Stephen Coughlan, Tom Connors, Capt. Paul Nugent with Board Chair Andy Kettle and John Spain with Dara Shovlin.



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

DIVISION 6

John Mulligan and his selectors had an excellent year in this division and barely missed out to get in the play-offs. Having won the championships with basically the same side, the junior A side looked well able to deal with most of the opposition that they had to play. They ran up some great scores and many of that team would not look out of place in the next division or two if they can get promoted. Being short a few absentees in crucial games didn't help their cause however and this must have been very frustrating for the management team. However they had a good squad and they did manage to finish high in the table.

One sour note however was the terrible injury suffered by Joey Marrain in a league game. Without doubt the injury inflicted on him was deliberate and while there was an extensive investigation, the perpetrator has escaped punishment. The club feel very aggrieved over this as the player suffered a bad injury keeping him out of work for a long time and out of football for the rest of the season. John Mulligan is staying on as manager for the coming season with his mentors. We look forward to another exciting year in 2013

DIVISION 8

Championship winners, what else can be said about this team. With a new management team in place this team looked as if the meant business from the start. They got a cracking squad together and motored on from there. Unlucky to miss out on promotion in the league they set their sights firmly on winning the championship.

They ran up some big scores and looked a formidable side.



A Mixed Football Year (continued...)

Conor Morris and his management team had a strong side and they didn't get it wrong. They trained hard, played hard and won well. Training was well attended and games were won with something to spare. But their championship success was the crowning glory. Ballyboden has many league titles, but the ones they want to win are the big championship games. Congratulation to the Junior B Team.

DIV 10's

Cormac O'Farrell's team had an excellent season winning most of their league games. Playing in an all southside league, it helped to maintain numbers and a focus that was difficult in previous years. Finishing in a prominent place in the league for our fourth team is an outstanding success.

Cormac is stepping down as manager to take up a career on the stage, after a long number of years at the head of the management team and the club really appreciate all his efforts in managing this team and showing exceptional dedication to the cause over the past few years.



MINOR A

The minor A championship came unstuck in a very difficult game against Vincents away at Páirc Naomh Uinsinn by a single point. After losing last years decider to Castleknock, it was hoped to go one better this year.

This however is a very difficult competition to win as there are many quality sides out there that will make winning very difficult.

This game was as tense as I ever came across and at no time was there ever likely to be more than a point between the sides and in the end that's how it was. For Boden though it was the wrong side.

But the team was very well prepared and there was no disgrace in loosing out to a strong well trained, fit Vincent's side away from home.

MINOR B

The minor B team are in the County Final at time of going to press and look the likely winners of this competition. Beating Olafs on their own home turf in the semi final they looked a strong, sharp, fit outfit with some excellent players throughout the field.

Opening with a well worked goal opportunity that was thwarted by an excellent save from their goalkeeper, Boden kept the pressure on and were rewarded with another opportunity which they took and were on their way.

They never looked back and had an excellent second half performance, particularly the opening five minutes when they established and good lead. The league form was patchy and the team won a couple of difficult games well.

UNDER 21A/B

The Under 21A's had a very good campaign, but made their exit at the hands of a very strong Na Fianna outfit who scored an excellent 16 points in Páirc Uí Mhurchú to end Bodens interest in the competition. This was an young Under 21 side with 12 of the side available for selection next year.

The Under 21B's had a torrid time and made their way out of the competition to Whitehall Colmcille first team by a wide margin. Again this team was very young and next year looks more promising.

Pictured left at Minor League (2011) Presentation are: Denis Molony, Robbie McDaid, Aran Waters and Seamus O'Flaherty.

Michael Darragh Macauley scoring the first of his 3 goals for the 2011 All-Stars against the 2012 All-Stars in Gaelic Park New York. (Pic - Sportsfile.com)





5 Year Old Summer Camp Kids

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 highly regarded School of Excellence for U12-U15 players saw huge numbers in attendance, with nearly 1000 children participating.

During the course of the summer over 60 young coaches from the club, all club members, worked at the camp.



Ellen Kinsella with Summer Camp Group

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 sponsorship towards the Summer Camp, and to all the parents and children who helped make the camp so successful.

*We hope to see you
all again in 2013!*



Cillian Moffat & Sarah O'Brien with Summer Camp group

Jim Stynes - the Bodenman who became an Australian Legend.

by Sean Flynn, Club President

I was elected Chairman of the Juvenile Committee in Ballyboden St Endas in 1974. At that time we were on the bottom rung of the ladder of Dublin football.

Competitive fare in terms of juvenile leagues began then at under 11. We decided to introduce Saturday morning coaching from Under 8 to better prepare for the challenges that lay ahead. Our climb off the bottom started with our Under 11 team in 1976. Many of that team went on to play for our senior team and a few are still active in the club.

Playing at midfield was a tall lad called Jim Stynes. It was an area that caused a great deal of trouble to our opponents in the following years. We beat Kilmacud Crokes in the league that year and after the game the secretary of their club shook my hand and said "congratulations, you have arrived!"

Their success continued through their juvenile years culminating in our first underage championship in any code when we beat St Vincents in a replay in the Under 16 football championship final in 1981.

In their first year in the minor championship we drew St Vincents at home in the first round. At that time they were deservedly the leading club in Dublin. We beat them. After the game I spoke to their manager and he was devastated. He said he would have to attend a meeting on Tuesday night to explain the defeat. Jim Stynes had a big say in the result of those games.

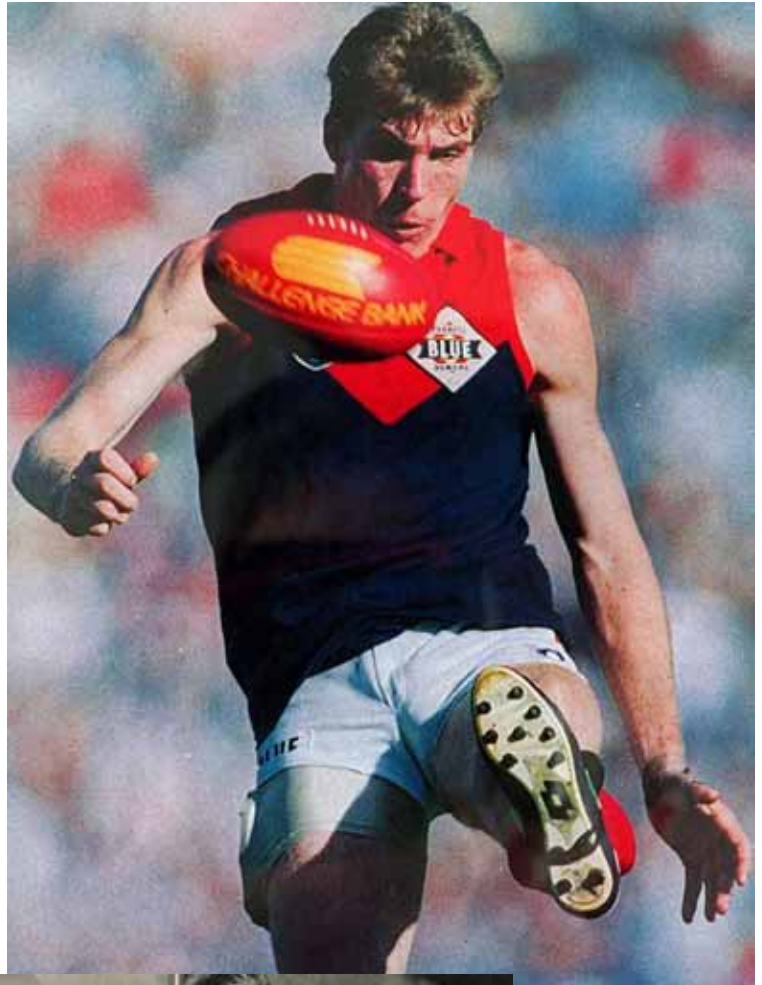
He had taken his first steps to fame and glory in Ballyboden St Endas. His presence at midfield had such an influence on our games. It wasn't only his height. It was also his physical strength, his energy and his determination. His departure to Australia was a huge loss to our club and to Dublin football.

I discovered he was such an icon in Australia when my wife and I went there in the mid 1990s. When Jim heard we were in Melbourne, he contacted us and invited us to dinner at his house. He arranged to collect us from the bar of our hotel. When Jim entered the bar, the barman got so excited I thought he would blow a fuse. "Is that James Stynes?" he shouted. "Who knows James Stynes?" I do, I said. "Could I have his autograph?" Needless to say, he obliged.

When I read and hear of the outpouring of tributes from so many famous people throughout the world, I feel honoured to have witnessed Jim's first steps to fame and to have enjoyed his friendship in later life. May God give him a special seat in heaven.

As honorary President of our club, I offer our sincerest sympathy to his wife and children; to his father and mother Brian and Tess and his brothers and sisters.

There will never be his like again.



Jim Stynes with Ben Molloy, Kevin Griffin and Austin Stack prior to his departure for Australia



Jim Stynes with former juvenile coach Jimmy Whan



Brian senior, Matisse Stynes, Sharon Stynes, Tiernan Stynes, Tess Stynes, Sam Stynes, Brian Jnr. and Family Friend at the dedication of a tree to Jim's memory in Sancta Maria.



Don McLardy President Melbourne football Club presents John O'Neill Trustee, Ballyboden St. Endas with a Melbourne Jersey



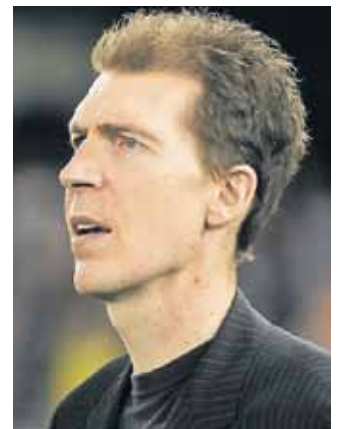
Brendan Young, Brian Stynes Jnr., Ger Flaherty, Sharon Stynes, Don McLardy, Sam Stynes, Ben Molloy and Bernard Flynn, former Meath footballer

Joseph Macauley, Ger Flaherty, Niall Kilduff, Brian Stafford, Tony Shields, Ciaran Farrell, Paul Magahran, Dave Mellon, Michael Darragh Macauley, Treasan Magahran, friends, Aussie film crew, Brendan Young, Aussie film crew, Mark Magahran during the filming of an Australian documentary piece on Jim Stynes.



Big Jim

We met in Grafton Street one Christmas eve
Ronnie Delaney Olympic hero of Melbourne '56
Said you were a super hero
But to your friends you were just Big Jim



The late Jim Stynes

You were brave and strong on the fields
Of dreams, of your home land and your adopted land,
Winning the highest honours of the games you played.

You understood pain and loneliness
You give hope to those, who lost their self belief
by your courage and strength
of sharing your own pain.

I remember that day in Grafton Street
You smiled and shook our hands.
May your family be blessed with strength and courage to bear?
Their terrible loss

Goodbye Big Jim you died with dignity and grace

By Tony Shields

Ladies Football Review By Mary Hyland



LADIES FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Finnian Hyland
Vice Chairperson: John O'Toole
Secretary: Mary Hyland



Joanne O'Sullivan, Natalia Hyland, Rachel Ruddy, Ciara Ruddy, Gráinne O'Malley and Gemma Fay members of Dublin's Leinster Championship winning team.

Our Jewel in the crown for 2012 is Katie Murphy who won Leinster Under 16 Player of the Year. A great achievement for a super young girl with an exciting playing career ahead of her. She is pictured below with her award and Club President Bill Daly.



As 2012 draws to a close the Ladies Football Section is enjoying a well earned rest from a very busy year. This year the Club fielded 30 Ladies Football teams from under 9 up to Senior level. Over 500 girls wore the Ballyboden jersey while over 120 attended the three Academies. Just back in mid October we had 8 Juvenile teams in County Finals on the one weekend. The excitement, anticipation and good will that was present that weekend for winners and losers alike was amazing.

Back in April the highlight of the spring season was the Féile. For the first time Ballyboden had three teams competing at three different levels. The convenience of having all Féile teams playing at the one venue in Naomh Mearnógs/Sylvesters made for a festival weekend of Football. The under 14B team reached the Final and gave a fine display of football in Parnell Park on the Sunday only to be beaten narrowly by Parnells.

Our Senior teams did not have the same success as other years with both teams been knocked out of Championship rather prematurely. However they competed admirably in Cup and League, with the Senior B team going on to win the Cup.

The Club was well represented by Ballyboden Girls at County Level.
Under 14 County Players: Beth Molloy, Ellen Nolan, Hannah Hyland, Claire Kirwan, Holly O'Connor, Karen Cooney, Ben Molloy - Selector on Dublin Under 14.

Under 16: Danielle Aylmer, Katie Murphy, Doirrean Mullany and Fearghal Brennan – Manager Dublin U16.

Minor: Claire King, Aoife O'Brien, Maria McGrath

Senior A Dublin Team: Gráinne O'Malley, Gemma Fay, Joanne O'Sullivan, Natalia Hyland, Ciara and Rachel Ruddy. Ciara was also on the All Ireland winning Dublin B team.

Fundraising was always on the Agenda and in November just gone, we ran a Race Night as the main fundraising event of the year. A strong committee headed by Tom Finnegan and Finnian Hyland put a huge amount of work into this project and their combined efforts made this project a huge success. Great appreciation goes to the many Race Sponsor, all the businesses who placed ads in the brochure, the people who filled up the Race Cards and who came out on the night to support the event on the night.

At our recent AGM Finnian Hyland stepped down as Chairman of the Ladies Football Section. Well done to Finnian for all his hardwork and dedication to the Ladies Section over the past number of years. Best wishes also to Pat McGrath who also is taking a break from the Ladies Section.

Pat knowledge and assistance to the Ladies Football section will be greatly missed. Best of luck to the new committee and Michael Gillen who has stepped up as Chairman for 2013. As 2013 approaches we can only look forward to another exciting year ahead and aspire to fill the cabinet with more silverware.

Minor Shield Winners



Girls Academy 2012

The Girls Academy continues to be a vibrant part of the Juvenile Section. The three venues have good numbers coming from the different locations within the Ballyboden catchment area. Presently we have 109, 2006/2005 girls plus another 45, 2004 girls, a total of 154 paid up Academy members. The 45, 2004 girls will move from the Academy structure in the new year and will commence the Faoi Naoi league and A Camogie Under 9 in the March.

Currently this group of girls are now all training together in Sancta Maria on Saturday mornings and are being coached by a great group of mentors which include Cathal O'Toole, Eoin Reid, Dave Melia, Fergal McDonald, Donagh O'Farrell, Ken Regan, Eugene Farrelly. Best of luck to this group of girls and mentors as they leave the Academy



Hannah and Natalia Hyland who both played for Dublin this year, pictured before the Leinster Senior Final in July.

U14B Dublin Féile Finalists



U14B Panel pictured above with Mentors Colm O'Brien, Tom Ball, Dave Mellon and Liam McNevin

JUVENILE

Round-Up

Compiled by Gerry Mahon,
Pat Drohan and Peter Wall



**U9 Féile
winners
over Naas**

U9 Boys Hurling & Football:

Overall we have had a very successful first year competing in the Go Games. We entered 6 teams in Hurling & Football with 88 players overall, the majority competing in both codes. Performances in the scheduled Blitz Competitions throughout the year has been very high. The hurlers won the Féile Iomána in June, which was held in Páirc Uí Mhurchú against Cuala, Naas & Ballinteer St. Johns.

The footballers won the O'Toole's U9 football competition in July 2012 (first Southside to do so!), and finished as runners up on two occasions in the Cup Competition and two time winners in the Shield Competition in Kilmacud in May and September 2012.

Players also took part in St Patrick's Open Day sponsored by Opel in September during which they enjoyed the training offered by Colm "Gooch" Cooper, Joe Canning and Jackie Tyrell.

Mentors: Graham Donne, Pat Keane & Niall Sudway (On behalf of U9 Mentors)

U10 Football and Hurling:

We maintained the ethos of the club in keeping all our teams (Football 7) and (Hurling 5) as full mixed ability and balanced. While we have seen some great games we have increasingly come across clubs who stream heavily. We currently have 77 players registered of which 75 participate in Football and 53 participate in Hurling.

We hosted the U10 Féile Iomána at the club over the June Bank Holiday Weekend. Teams from Naas, Cuala and Kilmacud Crokes were in attendance. Our teams performed well and took the honours beating Naas in a very close final. We also hosted Ballincollig GAA in Sancta Maria on the morning of the National League Hurling match between Dublin and Cork.

This was a huge success and the Ballincollig lads went off to Croke Park after being fed and watered by the army of volunteers who made it a memorable day.

Tony Hassett (On behalf of U10 Mentors)

Under 11 Football



We had approximately 70 players and 5 teams this year, three of whom won their respective leagues.

Mentors: Ben Molloy, Jack Nolan, Derek Kane, Conor Farrelly, Paul Kirwan, Michael O'Sullivan, Micheal Donohoe, Eamonn Phillips, Brian McKenna, Brendan Ryan and Peter Wall (co-ordinating)

Under 11 Hurling had four teams.

We had approximately 44 players and 4 teams with one team winning its league and another coming second. We spent the month of July playing hurling in Tipperary, Kilkenny and Wexford.

Mentors: Brendan Ryan, Martin Gilligan, Brian McKenna, Brian Kelleher, John Lambert, Noel McCullagh, Daire Mac Pháidín, Michael O'Sullivan and Peter Wall (co-ordinating)

U12 Hurling

U-12A's had a good year in a very competitive Division 1. Early wins against Ballinteer and Cuala gave the team a solid base and the significant improvement was noticeable. The team also played in a number of challenges and tournaments, both in Dublin and further afield. These included our own tournament on the June Bank Holiday, one in Naas and two Tournaments in Kilkenny against top class opposition from clubs all over the country.



U12 Football

We had 4 teams this year and entered them into Div 1, Div 2, Div 3 and Div 5 leagues. Delighted to say we won the Div 1, Div 3 and Div 5 titles and the Div 2 team ended up mid table.

Ciaran Farrell (on behalf of U12 Football)

U12 South Dublin Division 1 Football League Champions

Back Row LtoR: **Rúairí McMathúna, Luke McDwyer, Jack O'Sullivan, Luke Grady, Conor Lowe, Enda Cashman, Ben Kelly, Kevin Desmond.**
 Front Row: LtoR: **Ciaran O'Reilly, David Ward, Matthew Nolan, Dylan Dunleavey, Adam Carrigan, John Mc Ginn, Jack Daly. Missing from pic are; Mark Walsh, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Killian Kirwan.**
 Mentors: **Derek Ward, Sean McGinn, Conleth O'Reilly.**

U13 Football

We fielded 3 teams, our B and C Teams Competed very well in their Leagues. Our A Team also competed very well in the League and were victorious in winning the Shield in the highly competitive Austin Stacks Tournament in Tralee in September.

U13 Hurling

We also fielded 3 teams, our B and C teams also competed very well in their Leagues. Our A Team finished a very creditable 2nd just 1 point behind the eventual winners.



Under 13 footballers Shield Winners at Austin Stacks Tralee

U14 Football

At U14 football we fielded 3 teams, our C team competed very well in their league often against other clubs B teams and smaller clubs 1st teams. Our 14 B team finished 2nd in their league and had a brilliant run in Féile Peil when they were beaten in the Final by Cú Chulainn's from Lusk.

Our 14A's finished 3rd in their league in a highly competitive Féile Peil losing out to eventual winner's St. Brigids who won the National Féile as well as the League.



U14B Back row from left to right: Robert Byrne, Conor Fallon, Eoin Ward, Gavin Morrell, Fionnan Keogh, Luke Corcoran, Jamie Kavanagh, Ross McClelland, Fergus Balfe, Luke Bolger, Karl Green, David Emanuel, Sean Gorman.

Front row left to right: DJ Ennis, Conor Whelan, Darragh Lawlor, Barry O'Donnell, Conor Smith, Donal O'Reilly, Cian O'Sullivan, Liam Worthington, Robert Keegan, Cathal O'Toole.

U14 Hurling

At U14 hurling we fielded 2 teams, our B team had a very good season and finished runners up in their League. Our 14A hurling team finished 4th in Division 1 and were also unlucky as they came up against the eventual All Ireland Winners in Féile Na nGael St. Brigids.

The highlight of the year for this Group was the hosting of the National Féile group stages. We hosted teams from Waterford and Wexford and the parade from Croke Park to O'Connell Street was memorable.



nollaig shona duit

U15 Football

At U15 Football we fielded 2 Teams, our B Team were in a very strong Division. They finished as runners up in the Shield Competition. Our 15A Team finished 2nd in Division 1, and won the A shield final against Cuala.

U15 Hurling

At U15 hurling we also fielded 2 teams, our B team finished off their season in style by winning their Shield competition. Our 15A hurling team had a fantastic year by finishing 2nd in Division 2 and gaining promotion back to Div 1, whilst going on to win the B Championship against Lucan Sarsfields.

U16 Football

At U16 football we fielded 3 teams, our C team competed very strongly in both League and Championship. Our B team finished their League by competing in the Top 4 Run Off and overall had a good campaign. Our A team finished 2nd in the League, which went to the last day of the season where they just came up short against a very strong Na Fianna outfit who also proved too strong in the Championship Final.

U16 Hurling

At U16 hurling we fielded 1 team were they finished off their League very strongly, and in the Championship Semi Final gave a fantastic performance against the eventual winners Na Fianna.



Dublin stars of the future



John Murphy, Tommy Deane, Aidan Mellett.
Front Luke Corcoran, Cilian Byrne, Aaron Coffey.



Dublin Inter County U16 'Gerry Reilly' Memorial
Tournament Winners 2012; Stephen Ward, Colm Basquel,
Shane Clayton and Warren Egan.



Cian Durkin Tournament 2012

Ryan McCambridge (Rúairí Óg, Antrim) Captain of the winning team in the 2012 Cian Durkin Tournament with Simon Lambert, Cian's parents Paul and Tara and Shane Durkin.



Noel Basquel, Eamon Ryan, Stephen Ward, Cian Bates, Warren Egan, James Madden, Darragh Bolger, Shane Clayton, Jack Wolfe, Tom Hanifin, Derek Ward
Fionn Maguire, Alan McGrath, Colm Basquel, David Gilheany, Adam Carney, Brian Bobbet

This group of under 16's and 17's from Boden were coached by Eamon Ryan (Cork Ladies All Ireland football Manager) in Croke Park as part of the All Ireland coaching seminar in January 2012.

The School around the Corner...

Corn Herald Winners

St Colmcille's Senior National School took their Herald Cup Championship titles total to 5 when they added the 2012 title.

Corn na nGearaltach final Winners

St. Mary's BNS, Rathfarnham won the Corn na nGearaltach final in Croke Park on Tuesday 27th November 2012. The team, coached by Don O' Neill and Robert Corish, played and won nine matches on the Road to Croker, scoring 3.17 in their quarter- final and 8.5 in their semi.

The final itself was a much closer affair on a tight pitch. This time the team relied on their excellent defence to see off Scoil Mhuire, Lucan 0.13 to 1.5. It was a fabulous day for the players, their families, the school and the 350 schoolmates who loaded onto 7 buses to cheer on their heroes.

St Mary's BNS (pictured to the right)

Team: Charlie Harpur, Ross McInnes, Jack Lambert, Cian Corcoran, Matthew Treanor, Matthew Nolan, Aidan Garvey (0.1), Cillian Kirwan, Tom Coghlan, Enda Cashman(0.4), John McGinn(0.3), Joe McGrath (0.1), Shane Flynn (0.1), Conor Lowe (0.4), Gerard McGirr, Ciarán O'Neill, Tom Cadell, Craig Walshe, Matthew Price, Tommy Smyth, Kevin McCarrick, Hugh Carrigan.



The Academy Building the Future



2006 Academy Boys



2004 Academy Girls



2005 Academy Boys



2005/2006 Páirc Uí Mhurchú Girls



Hermitage & Ballycullen Girls Pic



Schools of Excellence



Dublin and Boden football star Michael Darragh Macauley shows his skills at the small ball game at the 2012 Schools of Excellence



Schools of Excellence with Brian O'Regan, Conor McCormack, Dearbhla Brennan and Michael Darragh Macauley



Participants and mentors take a photo break during the School of Excellence program in 2012

2012 Gala Celebration Dinner CityWest Hotel



Simon Lambert is presented with an award by Club Vice Chair Jody Moran



Rachel Ruddy accepts her award presented by Michael Darragh Macauley



Liam Deane, Ken Giles and MC for the evening Ann Cassin



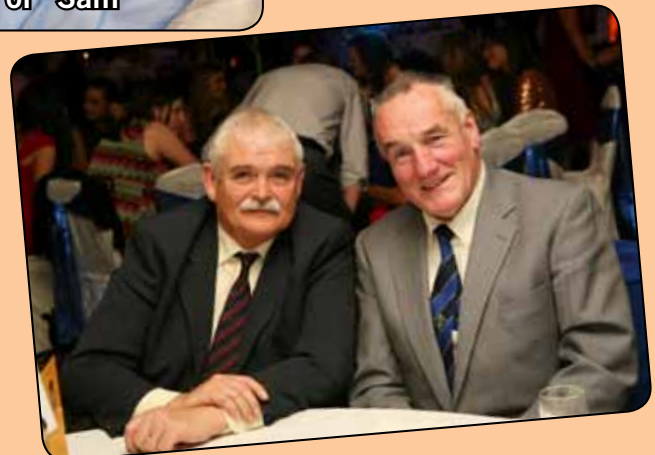
Boden Buddies - Donal Monahan, Brian Stafford and Mick Higgins



Silverware on display in the company of "Sam"

Glamour and style at the Gala Dinner

Andy Kettle and Fintan Walsh enjoying the evening.



Anseo is Ansiud



All Stars night at the Convention Centre
Michael Darragh Macauley and Rosie Cooney



Sean Gael award recipient Michael Baldwin (Right) with Board President Jimmy Gray



Setanta Sports brought a camera crew in Sancta Maria in 2012 to film the Boden footballers taking part in the Setanta '45 challenge. Players involved were Cian Hore, Damien Dillon, Dara Shovlin, Ryan Basquel, Patsy O'Connell, Alan Flood, Donna Mc Cabe, Andrew Brennan, Paddy Healy, Emmet Carroll, Colm Leane, Collie Dunne, Andy Kerin, Seamus Keane, Stephen Moran and Ger Flaherty.



At the launch with Michael Carruth were (standing) John Small, Ciara Lucey, Tony Hassett and Sorcha Farrelly. Kneeling Noelle Comyn and Orla Smith.



There has been a phenomenal response from the adult section in the club for participation in the first White Collar Boxing Fundraising Event for the Club. Over 40 "boxers" have signed up for the event which will take place in the National Basketball Arena, Tallaght on Friday the 22nd of February.

Ahead of that the participants will receive 8 weeks training from Irish Olympic gold medalist Micheal Carruth starting in the 1st week of January. All proceeds raised from this event will go to the club and boxers are asked to raise a minimum of €300 to participate.

David Curtin - Dublin and Boden Hurling Legend

After 11 years in the Dublin jersey, David Curtin has retired from inter-county fare. In his time, David served his county with distinction winning National League Division 1 and 2 medals and having the honour of captaining Dublin. David has already won 5 Dublin SHC medals – one as captain as well as a number of other distinctions. He has now undertaken a new challenge and David has been telling Sinéad Ryan about this new target he has set for 2013.

If you are a Dublin Hurling fan, a Boden supporter, a parent or child around the South Dublin area well then you will definitely recognise David Curtin. On the pitch – he sports a yellow helmet and will be the player that always gets stuck in, while outside his hurling cv he is a teacher in St Colmcille's National School in Knocklyon.

Growing up, David wasn't as lucky as other children when it came to health – although he had the gift of hurling, he was born with a condition that has been a major challenge to his sporting life. *"I was diagnosed with haemophilia factor V111 deficiency when I was born. My mother was a carrier so there was a 50/50 chance of me getting haemophilia."* Throughout his childhood David spent a lot of time in hospital with various bleeds and injuries, this didn't stop the Knocklyon man playing sport however. *"I started playing sport from a young age. I loved all sports but I suppose my love of hurling started when I went to St Colmcille's School in Knocklyon. From there I joined Ballyboden St Endas and I have been hurling ever since."*

For all hurling fans reading this – you know that hurling is a contact sport. If you look back at the Championship this year there are many players who look like they have been through the wars at the end of the game.

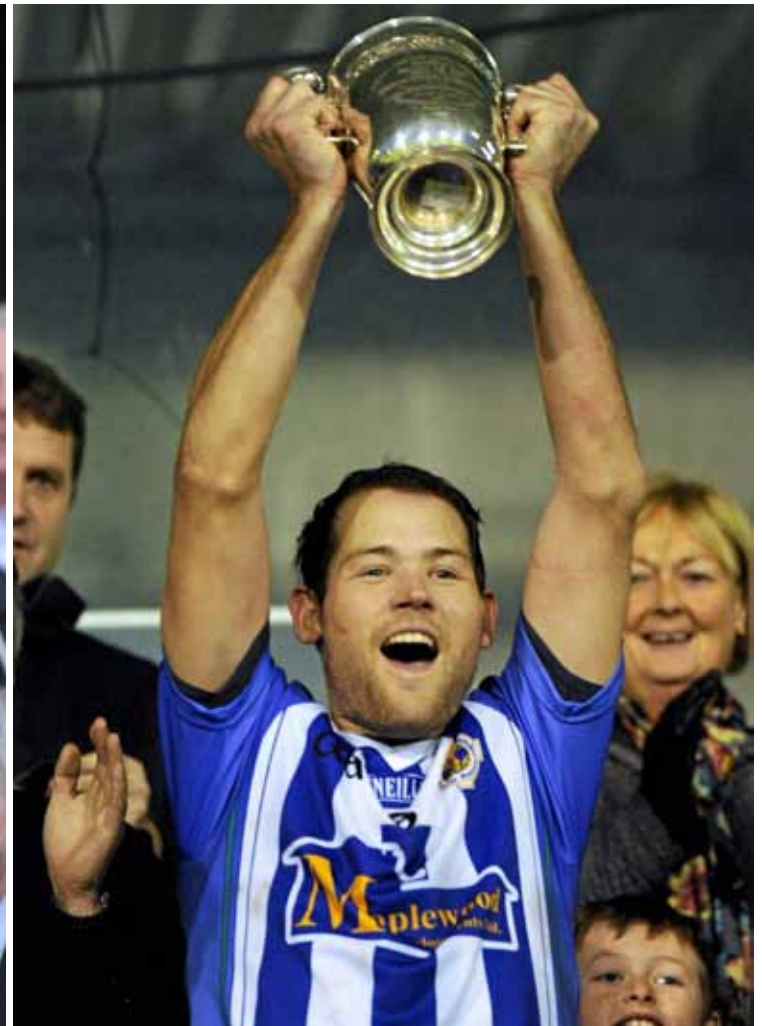
This didn't stop David from playing the sport he loved though – *"In hindsight hurling being such a contact sport was not an ideal choice for a haemophiliac to play but I got the love of the game from my dad and despite setback after setback it never crossed my mind to give it up."*

Curtin has many honours under his belt – his county debut in 2001, member of the Ballyboden St Enda's team that won the "5 in a row" in which he captained the team to the victory and member of the winning Dublin team that won the League Final in 2011 by beating Kilkenny. *"The highlight of my career overall was winning our first county title in 2007. I broke my arm a few weeks before final but managed to get a few minutes of action!! It was great to see what it meant to everyone in the club."*

Throughout Curtin's career he had a lot of setbacks; injuries would creep up from the smallest of knocks. *"A lot of my injuries would be bleeds into the muscles and this took weeks and weeks of physio and rehab to get back on track. An average dead leg might take somebody less than 2 weeks to overcome whereas I had to accept that I may be on crutches for a spell and look at an average recovery period of 6/8 weeks due to the internal bleeding"*.

This year, David decided to hang up the boots with the county – after 11 years on the panel he has not only done the county proud but also his club. Curtin will continue with Ballyboden St Enda's in 2013 but that's not all he has on his agenda.... No – Curtin is no man for resting so he has decided to organise a cycling event in aid of the Irish Haemophilia Society. *"I decided that I needed to keep up my fitness and what better way to do it but by cycling and in my eyes what better charity to do it for but for the Irish Haemophilia Society- they have helped both myself and my family for years and without them I wouldn't have had the life I have had."*





The cycle consists of organising a group to cycle from Malin to Mizen head on the June bank holiday next year. Among the cyclists so far are some of the Ballyboden lads Brian O'Regan and Martin Kenny. Dublin hurler Shane Ryan will also be cycling and former Kilkenny hurlers Cha Fitzpatrick and David Herity are also helping us out but they are looking for more people to get involved in the cycle."

Now, don't worry if you are not a cyclist and you still want to get involved – there are many fundraisers coming up in the New Year. "We have decided to team up with "Cycle for Life" a charity cycle which was set up by Cormac Ryan former Dublin minor hurler in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation, CRY Charity and the Cormac McAnallen Trust. We are holding a "White Collar Boxing" event in The "Wright Venue" in Swords on the 2nd of February. "

If people "like" the facebook page they can follow all news of the upcoming boxing event along with our training and events leading up to the cycle.

Follow us on facebook - The Malin to Mizen Challenge - charity cycle for the IHS. Follow us on twitter- @malintomizen

The proposed stops are

- Day 1 - Malin Head to Sligo
- Day 2 - Sligo to Gort (outside Galway)
- Day 3 - Gort to Killarney
- Day 4 - Killarney to Mizen Head.

So for most hurlers when they hang up the jersey and their boots they might take a break but not for David Curtin... At the end of the day it's all for a good cause so for everyone out there that's looking to keep fit in the New Year – what better way but to start cycling!

By Sinéad Ryan

**All-Ireland Kilmacud Crokes U16 "7's"
Champions 1995**

**Back Row from left
Gerry O'Sullivan (Asst. Manager),
Damien Dillon, Declan Maguire (RIP),
James Kelly, Gareth Ebbs,
David Curtin, Andrew Cranley,
Eamonn O'Sullivan (Manager)**

**Front row Joe Lalor, Fergal O'Neill,
Barry Condron, Paul Meehan (Captain)**



ART SOCIETY

By Dympna Smyth



“Dublin Hurlers”
by David Sweeney.

Raffle Prize in aid
of the Friends of
St Lukes won by
Dolores Griffin”

The Art Society would like to thank all those who helped make our recent Exhibition such a success. Anthony Daly took time out to come and ‘DRAW’ the winning tickets for the raffle. Congratulations to all those who won especially Dolores Griffin who won David Sweeney’s Dublin painting.

Thanks to the Photographers – we look forward to seeing their work soon. Na Siúltóirí Buadáin put up a fantastic display of their photographs and hopefully they will continue to exhibit in future exhibitions.

Thanks to all the artists who took part and gave generously of their time and paintings. We would like to thank Katie Daly and Terry O’Neill (Chair) and also Dympna Smyth who worked tirelessly to make the Exhibition such a success.

We had great help from Donal Ryan and we really appreciated his assistance. Thanks also to Mr. Edward Slattery (Ned to his best pals) €2000.00 Euro was donated to St. Lukes as a result of the three days. And of course thanks to Ballyboden for without the use of the Hall this would not have been feasible.



Fundraising Events raise over €4,500 for The Friends of St Luke’s Hospital. The Art Altruism Exhibition and a concert organised by Donal Moody raised a very substantial sum for the work of St Luke’s Hospital. At the presentation of the cheque were L to R – Dympna Smyth, Neil Brennan, Deirdre Hughes, Friends of St Luke’s, Conor Sheehan, Donal Moody.



Special guest at the Art Altruism Exhibition was Anthony Daly, Dublin Senior Hurling Boss (2nd from left), with Donal Moody, Dolores Griffin, Katie Daly, Kevin Griffin and Terry O’Neill, Club Chairman.

Boden Theatre Group By Geraldine Reynolds

2012 was a very busy year for Boden Theatre Group. They kicked off in January when they went "on tour" all over Firhouse, (well to the Community Centre) where they performed "Laughter in the Lounge." January also saw the start of rehearsals for their Spring production, The Hostage, by Brendan Behan. Directed again by Joe Kearney, it ran over 4 nights in March to packed houses.

In June members of the group performed Saipan Summer, written and directed by our own Declan O'Brien. It was a huge success and brought many memories and resurrected old arguments! The performance raised money for a Kenyan Charity.

After a short summer break rehearsals got under way for their one acts in October. The group performed O'Casey's "Bedtime Story" and "The Hall of Healing". It gave a chance for 2 members of the group, Fiona Connolly and John Joe O'Sullivan, to try out their directing skills. Joining the group on the two nights, Parnassus Arts Group gave a hilarious performance of "Thirst".

The curtain had barely come down when rehearsals started for "Laughter in the Lounge 4." This ran for two nights 30th November and 1st December. It drew great crowds and everyone enjoyed their night of free entertainment. Thanks to the talents of Declan O'Brien and Cormac O'Farrell. Preparations are now underway for our 2013 Spring Production which will run from 20th to 24th of March.

No rest for the Wicked! Keep an eye on the website for details and follow the group on Facebook. The group is lucky to have so much talent at its disposal. Acting, singing, directing, writing, stage building to name but a few. As well as entertaining, the group bring big crowds into the club and also help charities through the year.

They get great co-operation from club management and bar staff and are very grateful for this. So here's to 2013, do join us during the year for our productions your support is greatly appreciated.

Check out Boden Theatre Group on Facebook.



Rehearsals for "Laughter in the Lounge."



Cast of "The Hostage"



Saipan Summer

HO, HO, HO! A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL...

175 kids and their families attended on the day- a huge thanks to everyone who helped make it a great day for all the kids- especially all the background crew.

Special thanks to Dublin Fire Brigade who transported Santa safely to the club house much to the delight of lots of very excited kids!

Entertainment on the day was provided by the always excellent Genie Mackers and Pirate and music was very kindly provided by DJs Donal and Andrew.

Darragh and Shona Kenny visiting Santa, Mrs Claus and Sophie elf in the club house.



Setanta Sudway and Liadhan Farrell visit Santa, Mrs Claus and Sophie elf in Ballyboden St Enda's GAA Club.



A special mention has to be given to all the excellent elves who played a huge part in making the day as successful as it was. But most of all Santa and his team would like to say a big thank you to all the boys and girls

for being so polite and well behaved on the day, he is looking forward to seeing you all again very soon!! Keep up the good behaviour and nice manners - you never know when his helpers will be watching !!

By Annemarie Sudway



Boden Babies



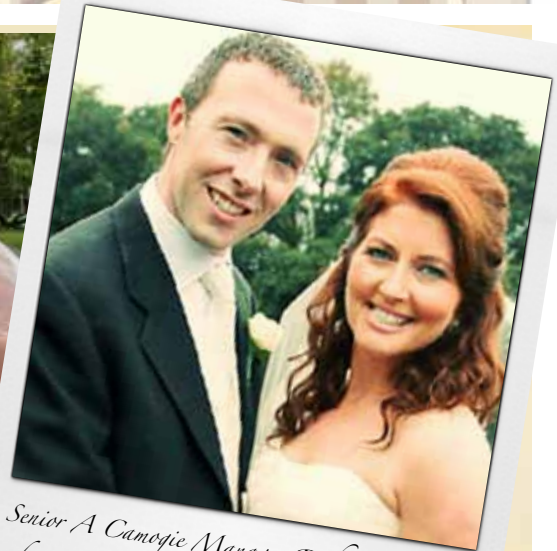
Irlanda Carolina Kirwan, daughter of John (former hurler) and Lupita Kirwan, now resident in Mexico.



Kevin Walsh (U16 football mentor) and Anmarie Madden who were married in Ballycastle, Mayo on 6th July 2012.



Senior Camogie player Ciara Lucey and St Mairs footballer Graham Kirk on their wedding day.



Senior A Camogie Manager Richie Sweetman and senior camogie player Triona Ni Reachtabhain

BODEN Wedding Bells



Brian O'Regan, Director of Coaching and senior camogie footballer Joanne O'Sullivan



Senior hurler James Duffy and Anita O'Boyle on their wedding day



Senior Footballer Andrew Kerin and Lynn O'Rourke who were married in Dubrovnik

The Club Lotto - 200 WINNERS IN 2012

Ken Giles (Chair)

Notwithstanding the difficult economic times we are currently experiencing, thanks to the ongoing support of all our members last year was a very successful year with lotto proceeds making a significant contribution to the running costs of the club. In addition, over the 52 weeks in excess to 200 supporters won a prize. There were 6 jackpot winners over the year sharing a massive payout of €37,000. They were Nicola Hayes (€7,500), Betty Scully, Monica McClennand & Mark Wims (€4,333 each), John Small (€10,000) & Brendan Sheehan (€6,500). In total over €60,000 was distributed by way of winning numbers and subscribers draws.

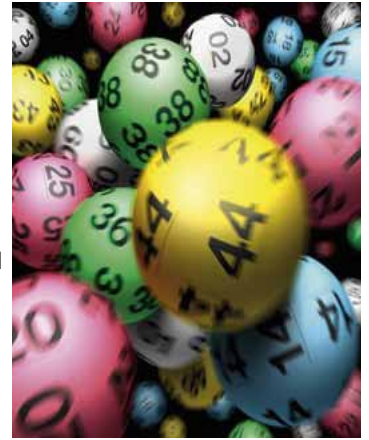
This year we have bigger challenges. In addition to maintaining the contribution to the running costs of the club we are also tasked with raising additional funds to help the building of a skills wall in Sancta Maria This will be another fantastic facility which all teams young and old will benefit from. To help us achieve this years targets, there has been a number of changes to the lotto which we hope will make it that bit more attractive to existing supporters but more importantly new supporters. Based on feedback from last year, and in line with the drop of yearly subscribers, we have reduced the numbers back to 26. Also, we have introduced an additional special monthly subscribers draw for those supporters who have signed up for the year. We hope this will make our lotto more attractive and encourage all those who have yet to join to sign up.

To help promote the sale of weekly tickets, another initiative we have commenced is to secure the buy in from ALL teams whereby each player agrees to sell 10 weekly envelopes 3 times a year. It is critical that we get the buy in from all teams as the proceeds from these incremental sales will help offset the loss of revenue resulting from natural ending of key sponsorship within the club. If anyone has any ideas on this or you would like to get more active and get involved in the lotto then please feel free to come down any Monday night (except Bank Holidays). You would be more than welcome.

Finally we would like to thank all those who have supported us over the years and who continue to support us. Please remember that it is only through the ongoing support of our fundraising initiatives that a club of our size can be run successfully and the facilities that we need be provided. Thank You.

Lotto Committee

Fiona Kelly, Grainne Nolan, Sarah Russell, Linda Treacey, Sean Flynn, Diarmud MacMathúna, Joe Mc Call, Donal Scully, Peter Wall, Ken Giles



JACKPOT WINNERS

John Small was a lotto jackpot winner in 2012 seen here with Ken Giles, his wife Geraldine and Sean Flynn



JACKPOT WINNERS

Fiona Kelly presents Betty Scully, Sean Flynn presents Monica McClennand & Grainne Nolan presents Mark Wims with their Lotto prize cheques.

Together we can make a difference

In 1992, Danny Griffin began his involvement with sponsorship at the club and set about organising pitch signs. Since then the job has expanded to cover all aspects of club activities. This year is Danny's 21st as a member of the Executive Committee.



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

From left (standing) John Ryan, Gerry White, Dearbhla Brennan, Fr. Jimmy Murray O. Carm., PP, Orla Mullany, Richie Sweetnam, Danny Griffin Front Anne Griffin and Síle ní Coitir.



INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL SPONSORSHIP

Ballyboden St. Endas Intermediate football sponsorship by Roddy McConnell Physiotherapist. At the launch were Dave Ryan, Jim Keane, Roddy McConnell, Seamus Keane, Danny Griffin sponsorship manager, Colin Leane



CRUINN DIAGNOSTICS Ltd.

Jack Nolan (second left) of Cruinn Diagnostics helps launch the 2012 Summer Camp with assistance from Ciarán Maguire, Brian O'Regan and Danny Griffin and some smiling young members.



RATHFARNHAM CREDIT UNION (RCU) SPONSORSHIP OF SENIOR B CAMOGIE TEAM

Standing: Trish Cantwell, Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin, Gerry White, Jody Moran, Robbie Lambert, Mary Hyland, Sorcha Farrelly. L-R: Seated: Rita Cullen (RCU), Al Mc Cauley (RCU), Danny Griffin, (sponsorship manager)



MINOR A HURLING

The Dry Cleaning Company, Rathfarnham has been helping the Minor A hurling team stay spic and span. At the sponsorship launch were Enda Nolan (Dry Cleaning Company), Ray McKenna, Eoin McKenna, Gráinne Nolan, Danny Griffin

Together we can make a difference

Appreciation to other sponsors -
Valvoline (Fergus Reid bought the first pitch
sign 21 years ago and has annually sponsored
the club ever since),
Paddy Brady.



RATHFARNHAM & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION

L-R : Jody Moran Vice-Chairman, Al Mc Cauley (Rathfarnham Credit Union)
Mark Fee, Rita Cullen (Rathfarnham Credit Union), Ger Flaherty, Danny
Griffin (Sponsorship Manager), Dan Buckingham, Jimmy Walsh.
Front Row : Dan Buckingham, Fionn Maguire



LEAHY AND CO – SUMMER CAMP SPONSORS

Standing Michael Darragh Macauley, Brian O'Regan, Eoin O'Riordan and
Paul McLoughlin with some happy young Summer Camp participants

Sideline Cuttings

- Bill Daly was appointed Club President in 2012 as successor to Liam Coffey.
- John Kirwan was appointed Club Trustee in 2012 replacing Liam Coffey. John has served the club in a myriad of capacities including Senior, Intermediate and Junior hurler; Club Chairman, Treasurer, Chair of Hurling Committee, Board Delegate; Senior Hurling manager; Senior Camogie Manager, Juvenile Mentor. Chair of first Dublin All-Ireland Féile na nGael Committee.
- Gerry O'Sullivan and daughters Fiona and Róisín were referees at the All-Ireland Féile na nGael Finals. Fiona was a sideline official for the All-Ireland Division 1 final.
- Irene Kirwan has won three football championships in a row with Brussels GAA Club. As she said herself "Who'd have thought?"
- Andrew Brennan (Football) and David Curtin (Hurling) finished the grueling Gaelforce West Challenge in Westport after a punishing 80km run/kayak/cycle/run over some of the west of Ireland's toughest terrain including a run up Croagh Patrick and back down to finish in Westport. Curtin's time of 4 hours 37 minutes put him in the top 8% of finishers, a most remarkable feat of human effort.
- Liam Deane and his team held a very successful Golf Classic in 2012 in Edmondstown Golf Club.
- Ken Cline hung on to win the first Boden Sportsprophet League. He picked up the €500 first prize, Mary O' Toole (€250) just 1 point behind, with Rory McMahon (€100) in third place just a further 2 points back. Boden came a respectable 7th in the overall Club League. A big Thank You to the 114 people who took part, we'll be back again with the 2013 League in the New Year.
- The headline in the first Boden News (June 1993) was "Under 16s do the Treble" celebrating championships successes in football (Pat Walsh, Jim Cremin and John Clarke), Hurling (Gerry Maher, Paudie O'Neill, Malachy Daly) and camogie (Donal Regan, Catherine Feeney).
- Gemma Fay captained the Dublin Senior Ladies football team in 2012.
- The club extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Paul Cusack who died in 2012. Paul was mentioned in the first issue of the Boden News in June 1993 as a member of the U11 football league winning team (mentors Paul Carroll, Peter Rogers and Tony Morgan). Among his teammates were current players Conal Keaney, Brian Cummins and Gary Maguire.



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Senior A Camogie champions 2012

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