



**Ballyboden St. Endas**  
GAA Camogie and Ladies Football Club  
CLG Baile Buadain Naomh Eanna



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## Football Update



No official Adult football fixtures last weekend but we did see an unusual 'fixture' played in Colmcilles Astro pitch between a well presented group of Icelandic tourists in a claret and blue ensemble and a rag tag group of Ballyboden members and friends. [Dubbed an unofficial 'International friendly'](#) there was national pride at stake here and our friends from Reykjavik presented the home team with a bottle of 100% proof spirit and in return we gave reluctantly gave them our half time jaffa cakes! They seemed a little bemused by this, we hoped they weren't used to only McVities, because our 'gift' was SuperValu's own brand! We felt sure we won the pre-match mind games tussle.

The game kicked off and both sides assessed each other cautiously in between huge gasps of air as we realised we might have to run for another 29 mins or so (30mins a half). The visitors took advantage of the wind at their backs and created a few decent chances but crucially failed to convert any. Boden slowly got into their stride and a pattern began to emerge, mostly that Mark Magahran was basically trying to occupy every position on the pitch! After a few attacks Boden broke the deadlock when a sliderule pass from Brian McKenna found Neil Buckingham on the edge of the box who turned and curled in from the outside of the boot beyond the despairing dive of the keeper, there is no truth in the rumour that it was a lucky toe-poke! Fellow striker Brendan Young grabbed our second with a screamer from 2 yards after the keeper spilled a cross, cue lots of Nordic cursing.... The half ended 2-0 to Boden or should we say B(ODIN)!

Second half saw the introduction of Ger 'chopper' Flaherty who somehow managed to upset our visitors within moments of coming on though he claims he 'did nothing ref'! An attempt was made to restrict the marauding Magahran by placing him at right back but it was utterly fruitless as it was clearly evident that he is a free spirit. Greg Dixon came out of defence to show the strikers how to score and helped himself to a hat-trick and was duly substituted for being too good. At this stage the referee started to feel sorry for the away team and announced that it was next goal the winner and we tried our best to let them score but to no avail and time was up ending the contest 5-0 to Boden.

The award for the most Icelandic looking beard was a dead heat between Ray McKenna and Brendan Young with Greg Dixon a distant third. A great day was finished off with a pint in the club and a wonderful Six Nations Championship win for Ireland. Thanks to all the lads who turned up to play.

Conor, Mark, Neil, Brendan, Ger, Ray, Darragh, Wally, Stephen, Greg, Tadgh, Mick, Feargal, Brian & Pearce.

### **Fixtures 23/3/14.**

This Sunday sees our Seniors travel to newly crowned All-Ireland Club Champions St.Vincents in Pairc Na Uinsionn at 10.30am. The Inters and Junior A teams also face the same opposition and our Junior B's face Parnells. See poster below for full details and always check the website for any changes.

### **Junior B's v South Africa Gaels**

Elsewhere in the newsletter former Junior footballer Greg Heraty will bring his South African Gaels team to Ballyboden for an historic match against the Junior B's on Tuesday 25th March. Please support this unique occasion – see below for details.

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### **This Week's AFL Fixtures**



## ADULT FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES

**Sunday 23/03/2014**

AFL Div.1	Seniors V St.Vincents	10.30am	Pairc Na Uinsionn
AFL Div.3	Inters V St.Vincents	10.30am	Sancta Maria Prunty
AFL Div.5	Junior A V St.Vincents	12.00pm	Pairc Uí Mhurchú
AFL Div.9	Junior B V Parnells	14.30pm	Pairc Uí Mhurchú

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADULT FOOTBALL TEAMS**

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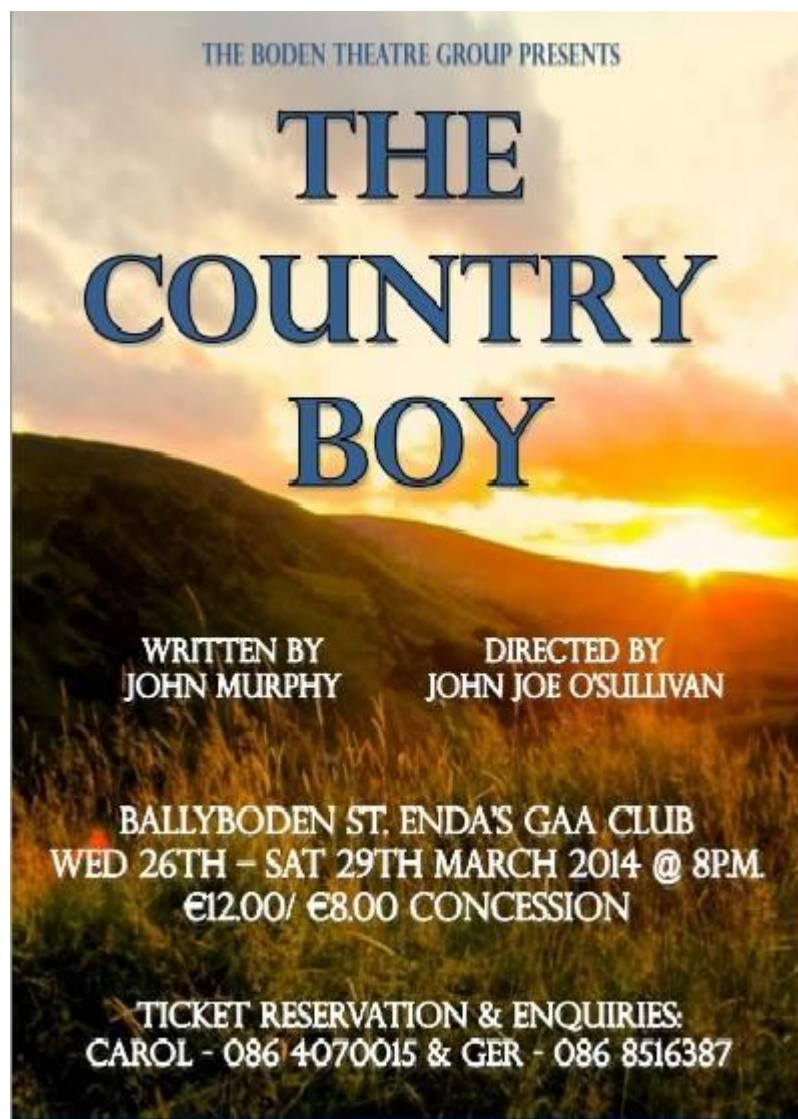
### 2014 Membership Now Due

2014 memberships are now due for payment. You can pay online by clicking below. Many thanks to those members who have already paid their memberships. The registration committee would be very grateful if those who are paying by cheque through the envelopes ensure that all details on the envelope are completed.

[http://www.bodengaa.ie/home/club\\_membership.493.html](http://www.bodengaa.ie/home/club_membership.493.html)

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### Boden Theatre Group present "The Country Boy"



There's just over a week to go before the curtains go up on John Murphy's "The Country Boy". Final preparations are taking place as are the last few rehearsals with all hands on deck to make this another memorable performance from the Boden Theatre Group. Make sure you call and make your ticket reservations with Ger: 086 8516387 or Carol: 086 4070015. Wednesday 26th - Saturday 29th March 2014 @ 8p.m..

This is a funny, emotional and touching play which tells the story of emigration, love, rural farm life and the struggle against stubborn Irish ways and the prospect of a very different life on American shores. It is the first three act play which Joe Joe O'Sullivan has directed and it is sure to be another wonderful night's theatre by the Boden Theatre Group. **So make sure you reserve your tickets early by calling Carol: 086 4070015 or Ger: 086 851 6387. Tickets €12.00/ €8.00 concession.**

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**Hurling Update - Upcoming Fixtures**



It was a quiet week on the home front for the hurlers with St. Patrick's Day festivities taking centre stage.

Simon Lambert was the focus of an article in the Irish Independent last week. He spoke candidly about the pain of injury and the long road to recovery. Well done Simon and we look forward to seeing you back in action for club and county in the near future. [Click here to read.](#)



### Upcoming Fixtures:

- Minor A V Na Fianna in Mobhi Road on 23rd March at 11.00am.
- Minor B V Na Fianna in St. Vincent's School on 23rd March at 11.00am
- Sen A V St. Vincent's in PUM on 30th March at 10.30am.
- Sen B V Parnells in Chanel College on 30th March at 10.30am
- Junior A V St. Jude's in Tymon Park on 30th March at 10.30am
- Junior B V Trinity Gaels in Ballycullen on 30th March at 10.30am

Please check the website for any changes to dates, times and venues

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## Colleges success for Boden Hurlers

**Ballyboden hurlers featured strongly in landing national Colleges titles.**

*IT Tallaght won the Fergal Maher Cup on 1st March as part of the Queens University Belfast Hurling weekend. Having had a close win in the quarter-final against Marino FE, the South Dublin team had a three point winning margin against GMIT Letterfrack in the semi-final on 28th February. The team showed great fighting spirit in this match, coming from ten points down at half time. In the final, they faced Cork Colleges of Further Education in what turned out to be an epic battle. In contrast to the semi-final, they led by nine points at half-time. A great Cork Colleges FE second-half sent the decider into extra time.*

Tallaght IT held their nerve, helped in no small way by the Boden contingent of [Conor Dooley](#), [Alan O'Connor](#), [Finn McDonagh](#) (scorer of 4 points) and [Jonathon O'Driscoll](#) who bagged a brace of points. Final score was IT Tallaght 0-28 to Cork Colleges FE 2-20. *Well done to the lads and to [Martin McKenna](#), manager of the team, a brother of Ray, coach of the Boden Senior B hurlers in 2014.*

University College Dublin entered a team in the very competitive Freshers Hurling Championship. A four point quarter-final win over a strong DIT team in a windy Chanel College on 13th February sent the team into a semi-final against Mary Immaculate College Limerick. This match was played on neutral ground in Ballykelly on 27th February and UCD had the edge in a very close match by a single point 2-13 to 1-15. It was the first of two Leinster/Limerick semi-finals, Carlow IT prevailing against UL in the other semi-final. UCD knew the challenge that faced them as the strong Carlow IT team had not been beaten in

League or Championship throughout the college year. The final was set for Hawkfield, Newbridge on 5th March.

On another windy afternoon, UCD played against the elements in the first half and went into the break a couple of points down. A strong second half, including a point from Boden player, *James Roche*, saw the Dublin team prevail on a scoreline of 0-15 to 0-12. This was a strong UCD team that featured current Dublin senior players, *Colm Cronin & Cian O'Callaghan*. It was the first time since 2002 that UCD had won the Freshers title, *a team that featured Boden and Dublin star, Stephen Hiney. Well done to James, Colm Crowley (manager) and all the team on a fine win.*

**Photos :**

IT Tallaght – photo from Sancta Maria :

Back Row : Finn McDonagh (4th from left); Alan O'Connor (8th from left); Jonathon O'Driscoll (2nd from right). Front Row : Conor Dooley (5th from right).

UCD : James Roche (middle row on the left).



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## "Strictly Boden" DVD Night... Friday March 21st [THIS FRIDAY]

The long awaited "Strictly Boden" DVD night will take place next [Friday March 21st at 9:00pm](#) in the clubhouse. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome so come down to the club for a great night and relive the great moments of City West on February 28th. [Any queries please email Grainne Nolan \(gcnolan@hotmail.com\)](mailto:gcnolan@hotmail.com) or [events@bodengaa.ie](mailto:events@bodengaa.ie).

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## BBSE Welcome the South African Gael's



## Ballyboden St. Enda's Welcome the South African Gaels



Witness this historic contest as the South African Gaels  
play our Junior B footballers on their inaugural Irish tour.  
Please support what's sure to be a memorable occasion.

**Tuesday 25th March - Sancta Maria @ 8pm**

In 2012 one Ballyboden St Enda's footballer left the shores of Dublin to move to South Africa but it wasn't before long that he decided to join South African Gaels where his experience from Ballyboden St Enda's shone... This weekend he has returned to Dublin to showcase his new football team.

**Greg Heraty** is a well-known face in football and basketball terms in Dublin and especially Ballyboden St Enda's - having played midfield for Ballyboden's Junior B team and winning a championship in 2012 there was only one thing on his eyes when he moved to South Africa and that was to play sport... Greg is now the captain of South African Gaels and he will join the Gaels on his trip home to Ireland.

The SA Gaels will create history this year by embarking on a tour of both Ireland and Dubai from March 21st to March 30th 2014. The inaugural tour of Ireland will see the SA Gaels hosted by no less than the legendary Brian Mullins at St Vincent's and then by the Ulster GAA and finally by Greg's home team Ballyboden St Enda's. The team will tour Croke Park – GAA theatre of dreams, they will attend specially arranged training sessions and get to see the home of Gaelic sports first hand



Thereafter the team will be well prepared to defend their Social League title in Dubai, while the senior team will take on the might of the B-Competition. **It will be the first time that the free running, high energy South Africa style will be on display in Ireland and there is no doubt that it will be a cracker of an event!!!**

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## U16A hurlers - Get off to a winning start

**The U16A hurlers got their 2014 league campaign off to a great start against St Vincents on a sunny Saturday afternoon in Marino.**

Boden won the toss and opted to play with a stiff breeze in the first half racking up 3-8 to 0-3 with goals from *Cillian Byrne and Aidan Mellett, and Aaron Coffey* proving deadly from close range with his free taking.

The 2nd half was always going to be a strong test as Vins fought hard, with the aid of the breeze, to recover lost ground and outscored Boden 2-7 to 1-2. Boden fought hard and remained resolute despite the Vins challenge and were aided by great performances off the bench from *Sean Gorman, Ciaran Crowley and Sean O Byrne*.

**In the end Boden ran out worthy winners with a final scoreline of 4-10 to 2-10.**



[For more photos click here.](#)

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## Congratulations to David Kirwan

Congratulations to David Kirwan manager of St. Joseph's Secondary School Camogie Team who won the Junior C Post Primary All Ireland Championship Final last week.

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## U9 Football - A busy weekend !



Over 80 boys have signed up for U9s football for 2013 - 2014, and Ballyboden St Enda's has entered 7 teams in CCC1, their first year in Go Games competition. The boys have been divided up into seven teams, each team has been named after a different county.

The boys of the Wicklow, Limerick, Meath, Kilkenny, Monaghan, Donegal and Galway groups have all acquitted themselves with great pride and tenacity so far in their matches against Clan na Gael, Westmanstown, Cuala, Lucan, Crumlin, Naomh Olaf, Round Tower, Geraldines, and Good Counsel.

Training has been very well attended, and coaches and mentors are now working to the "Coaching the Boden Way" games-based model, with lots of great skills being translated into play by the boys at the weekend matches.

**Well done to all the '05 Boys, your coaches are proud of you.**

### **BBSE U9 Go Games Team Limerick v Crumlin, Pearse Park, Crumlin.**

It was a thrilling match with both teams committed to the game. Ballyboden St Enda's started well and they were getting good skill points, but Crumlin came back with some good scores. Ballyboden started the second half well and it stood to them. The whole team played well.

### **BBSE U9 Go Games Team Wicklow v Crumlin, Pearse Park, Crumlin**

Boden started well but against the wind and a strong Crumlin side saw Boden trail at half time 1:4 to 1: 2The second half with the wind at their backs and some outstanding passing play gave BBSE team Wicklow a well deserved draw.

*Well done lads the new training system is showing great results already*

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Wicklow Team



BBSE U9 Go Games Team Limerick v  
Crumlin Pearse Park, Crumlin.

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## Academy News

### Saturday mornings

**Tea/coffee and freshly made scones are available at the clubhouse every Saturday while the Academy is on.**

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## Profile - Carol Fitzmaurice

One of the stars of the upcoming Boden Theatre Group play answers our questions.

**Name :** Carol Fitzmaurice

**Age:** 33

**Fav Food:** My mum's roast potatoes - amazing!  
There is always a fight for the last one!

**Fav Film:** Dallas Buyers Club - a newbie but an instant classic with amazing performances in my opinion.

**Last Book you read:** The Orphan Masters' Son

**Last play you went to:** Confusion Boats - it was a masterclass in the art of the one man show

**Who do you play in the upcoming play:** Eileen Tierney, a nice young lady from the west of Ireland looking for love!

**Who is the funniest actor in Ballyboden St Enda's:** Even though he didn't quite score me a perfect 10 at the Strictly Boden Experience, I would have to award that to Declan O'Brien!



He has written some amazing material for our Laughter In The Lounge productions and never fails to make us laugh especially when attempting a cockney accent!

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## Boden Golf Society

For our Calander of events for 2014 please click below:



[http://www.bodengaa.ie/news/boden\\_golf\\_society\\_2014.13.3887.html](http://www.bodengaa.ie/news/boden_golf_society_2014.13.3887.html)

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## Na Siúltóirí Buadáin

For our full walking schedule please click below:



[http://www.bodengaa.ie/news/na\\_si%C3%BAlt%C3%B3ir%C3%AD\\_buad%C3%A1in\\_march\\_to\\_june\\_schedule.13.4199.html](http://www.bodengaa.ie/news/na_si%C3%BAlt%C3%B3ir%C3%AD_buad%C3%A1in_march_to_june_schedule.13.4199.html)

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## Social Update



## Mon

Monday night Set Dancing in the Clubhouse at 8.30pm - all welcome.



## Tues

Bingo takes place every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp. The admission in €10 which is for 10 games. The cost of the jackpot game is €2.00. Please bring along your friends.



## Fri

Cards playing takes place every Friday night at 9.pm. New players always welcome!

