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Poc Fada – June 30th



BBSE POC FADA 2018 June 30th

Hurling Section Fundraiser

Teams of 4 in Cherryfield
Juvenile Poc Fada as Curtain Raiser

•VIP Prize in Conjunction with event

■Raffle tickets €5 – available from all Hurlers



Poc Fada – June 30th

Last year was our very first Poc Fada fundraiser and was a huge success. This year the big day is planned for 30 th June and we again appeal to ALL hurlers to become involved in this very exciting fundraiser with opportunity to get to know playing colleagues across all senior teams. If you haven't received your ticket allocation as of

yet, please contact John Small 0872203585 or email johnsmall252@gmail.com

The 'Big Prize': 2x All Ireland tickets, Overnight stay in Dublin Hotel with meal included and, of course, transport by Helicopter to the Big game. All for $\notin 5$, fantastic value!!!

We are also introducing a Juvenile Poc Fada this year, over a reduced course and this is

already proving to be a very popular initiative between the Adult Hurling and Juvenile Hurling section.

Last year's inaugural competition was won by a team captained by Mattie O' Sullivan who gave an emotional speech to a packed club house after the event. It is rumoured that he has been seen training in Cherryfield and that "back to back" titles is the ambition. It has never been done before, apparently!

The day itself will have a somewhat competitive edge but plenty of FUN in the process. It will be driven by many, many volunteers in the spirit of togetherness and comradery. Last year we had a fantastic craic that night in club and, for sure, this year

will be no different where everyone will be welcome for the 'Big Draw' and enjoy the evening's festivities.

To be successful on the pitch, we must be successful off the pitch. Let us all come together to drive this and for sure will help all of us achieve our desired goals in 2018.

Intermediate footballers claim important league win

Division 3 League

St Marks 2-08 Ballyboden St Endas 3-08

In a season that has been blighted by absentees', injuries, unavailability, forging studies and a myriad of other reasons Ballybodens Division 3 Intermediate team has had to endure a succession of hammer blows that would have sunk every other team without a trace. But somehow the difficulties that have beset this team has in a way galvanised them to produce some incredible performances and last evening in McGee Park was an outstanding example of their guts and determination.

Up by five points at the break it didn't look good for the visitors as a gale force wind blew in to the dressing room goals and only a massive miracle was going to save Boden. With only two subs to call on, it didn't look good for the visitors. Boden started brightly and tapped over three on the trot before the industrious O Reilly was hauled down inside the box and the referee duly pointed to the spot. O Hara took responsibility and coolly rolled the leather in to the corner of the net. Marks replied with two well taken scores before Boden notched another two, one an absolute beauty from the sideline from Mikey Dunne. Boden had at least two other gilt edge chances for goals but elected to take points and keep the scoreboard moving. The half time whistle came too soon for Boden as they had enjoyed what could be described as a mini gael. Now the pressure was on.

The second period was going to be tough for Boden. The instructions at half time was to apply maximum pressure at every opportunity and close down the opposition. Boden quickly got in to the game and enjoyed a 10 minute spell of keeping ball and forcing Marks back. However there was no great end product from this and in an instant the game changed. Boden lost handy possession about 40 out and were punished when Marks goaled.

Boden didn't panic, got forward a few minutes later and were rewarded with a fine Cian Bates goal after excellent work right throughout the field. Boden had their tails up and notched another score to put them four up heading in to the last ten minutes.

In fairness to the home side they pressed hard and were rewarded by a goal that could only have come through the elements as the driving wind and rain sent the long ball directly to the Boden net.

Game on...again.

Boden won a couple of very hard fought possessions around this time and then started to

build pressure on the home defence. Boden were patient and recycled the ball and waited. And waited. Eventually the opportunity came and a small space opened up and that man again, Cian Bates came like an express train through the middle to bury the leather in the Marks net. Game over.

This was a victory for tenacity, bravery and above all team work, especially against the wind. Who were the heroes?

Absolutely everyone. No exceptions. Both substitutions made a massive impact and those who started left everything on the pitch.

Tremendous effort away from home and an important two points



Junior Bs edge out Garda in close affair

The one thing that you are guaranteed when you visit Westmanstown to play Garda, is a hard game. Never an easy side to play against, indeed we have been on the losing side far too often for my liking on our visits here. But there is a growing confidence in this Boden panel, a dogged determination to roll up our sleeves and win ugly when we have to. Challenges were hard from both sides, with some excellent football on display. Boden were behind on three occasions but we held our nerve to come away with a one point win.

This nip and tuck encounter got under way on the stroke of 7.30. After a long lay off due to injury, it was great to have Dermot Manley back on the field of play at wingback. He brings a calmness back there and has a great awareness about him. His timing in the challenge was vital today, no silly frees needed here. Our full back line led by James McTiernan were giving their all. One of our minors, Adam Ryan, was in the game of his life. The corner forward he was marking was trying almost the tricks in the book but Adam was having none of it. Alex Murphy is an infectious player and after he collected a great ball in from Vinnie, he rounded his man and sent the ball over to get us on our way. Vinnie is another player coming back from injury and he is vital to our attack play. He has an amazing eye for a pass

and can split any defence with that boot of his. He got on the score sheet himself after some great off the shoulder play out of the backs found the advancing Vinnie and he calmly split the posts. Cormac Smyth is another vital cog in the wheel for us. His constant running at the Garda defence was creating all sorts of openings for us. Neil Lynch was a player who fed of this when Cormac looped a ball over the advancing Garda defence and Neil Lynch tagged on another point.

We weren't having it all our own way however. We weren't picking up the runners and our defence were under enormous pressure at times. Brian Fitzgerald collected a loose ball at the back and immediately set about working the ball out. A quick handpass was given to Donal Mccarthy, who in turn offloaded to Manus Coughlan. The Garda wingforward was on it like a rash and executed a perfectly timed challenge, no complaints this end. Manus went down but thankfully he was just severely winded. No quarter is given at this level but he took it well. Management felt it was best to give him a rest just as precaution. Ian Clarke came on , Donal was moved to wing-back and Ian settled in at centre-half. The JBs were under the cosh and found ourselves behind at half time to a scoreline of 1-5 to 0-9.

Tracey had the oranges ready, everyone just take a breather. Get the fluids on board, not a word. Now the time for talking. Our forwards were not working hard enough to pick up their runners. As I said, it's bloody hard enough when it's 6v 6 at the back but when it's 6v8, 6v9 what feckn chance do they have?? It's a simple process, stick with your man. If it's not your man, pick him up anyway. Don't panic, we can pull this back.

The message was heeded, to a man. The Garda space was closed down, they didn't have that freedom anymore. Cormac set about testing their defence by sending in low balls for Neil who was now gaining a foothold in the scoring zone. He was drawing the foul and Vinnie was capitalising. Expertly setting himself up, he helped himself to three frees in this half. Alan McQuaid was under the breaking ball and some neat one twos with Niall Bradley were causing all sorts of problems for the opposition.

Adam Farrells quick kickouts were now vital to us, helping to launch the ball into the Garda half-forward line. The game was at level pegging by now with about five minutes left. Dermot took a short kickout from Adam and passed to Clarke who found Donal who in turn found Bradley out on the right wing. Just as he was about to release the ball to Neil, he was fouled just outside the fourteen yard area. Up steps Vinnie, two minutes on the clock, this to win it. With great composure, he sent the ball over the blue spot. But still time for high drama. Garda won the resulting kickout and launched a high ball to their corner forward. Michael Stout had come on for the injured Adam Ryan. Rather than jump in, this young man stood his man up. The Garda player let a shot go, a draw would of been so cruel after all the lads hard work. Somehow Michael got a hand to the ball, deflecting the ball to a Boden teammate. A brilliant block by Michael. Thankfully the referee blew his whistle for full time.

This pushes us up nicely up the league, we have to build on this now. We have Naomh Fionnbarra next at home, our fortress. These men are a credit to the club and can stand tall after another never say die performance. Thanks again to the minors for coming out and helping us over the line. Go raibh maith agaibh. JBs Abu.

Report by; Martin O Donnell.

Congrats



Congratulations to former dual player Alan Carter and his bride Nicola Boohig on their recent wedding in Cork.

Hurling News



Weekend Results

- AHL 1 BBSE 1 22 St. Brigid's 0 16
- AHL 3 BBSE 5 09 Castleknock 0 09
- AHL 4 BBSE 0 18 St. Maurs 3 17
- AHL 6 BBSE 4 14 Castleknock 4 13

Boden Fluency too much for St. Brigids - The Long Fella Reports

AHL 1 - BBSE 1 22 St. Brigids 0 16

A windy Saturday evening at HQ was the setting for round 6 of AHL 1, the meeting of St. Brigids and Ballyboden. The change of weather to our more usual summer temperature was among the discourse on the rail, but this was surely a secondary discussion choice to the more important issue on the minds of the assembled Boden supporters, namely Castlewardengate. Members were looking for an update on the 'case of the missing shoes', and any progress on the resolution of same. At Friday night's presentation of prizes for the golf outing at Castlewarden G.C., the members were briefed on the details, how Nedzers shoes vanished from the locker room, only to be replaced with a much inferior pair, scuffed and unhandsome. The matter is now the subject of an enquiry and a substantial insurance claim by the dispossessed.

The match itself was very much a case of two halves, caused by the influence of a strong wind blowing into Curtin's back door at Cremorne. Boden opened up with a flurry of scores from Collie O'Neill, Paul Doherty, Dean Curran and Niall Ryan. However the contribution of Doherty was particularly notable from his free-taking and an assortment of stylish points from the middle third of the field. Others to impress were James Madden and Shane Durkin who not alone dominated the Boden defensive line, but also raided into forward positions to create and score fine points. Brigids had their stars too with Luke Purtill, Darragh Plunkett and Brian Moran standing out. Dublin star Paul Winters also impressed for the visitors and gave a master class in free-taking. Late in the half David O'Connor stepped up to the plate with a series of assists and his own scoring contribution. Half time score was 0.15 to 0.06 for the home side.

The second thirty was a totally different story, in that Brigids now had the wind at their backs and Dublin goalman Alan Nolan began to land his puckouts on Boden's twenty. Their scores came quickly and Winters showed his class with a sequence of scored frees, as well as a few decent contributions from play. The Boden lead eventually reached just four with twelve minutes left on the clock. The home side now managed to stop the rot and add further good scores to their tally. Doherty was the main contributor, but Ryan and Eoin O'Neill notched two quality scores to stretch the gap to a reasonably safe margin of six. This opened the door for the score of the evening, a goal of real class, finished by Ryan, but with the assistance of four team colleagues. Winters kept plugging on with his quality frees, but he and his front line found their way blocked from goal by a stubborn and durable Boden rearguard. The game finished with Brigids raiding again, only to find tight lines in their way, backed up by the safe custodianship of goalman Conor O'Donoghue.

Squad : Conor O'Donoghue, James Madden, Luke Corcoran, David O'Connor, David Curtin, Shane Durkin, Dean Curran, Stephen O'Connor, Finn McGarry, Paul Doherty, Aiden Mellett, Niall Ryan, Collie O'Neill, Eoin O'Neill, James Roche, Conor McCormack, Simon Lambert, Naoise Maguire,

Senior Bs have too much for Castleknock

BBSE 5 - 9 Castleknock 0 - 9.

The Ballyboden Senior B Hurling Team, maintained their fine league form with a very comprehensive win against a talented Castleknock side. The game was played in Sancta Maria on Saturday 16th June.

Ballyboden opted to play in the 1st half against a strong wind and thanks to resolute defending by the entire back division, they limited the scoring opportunities for the visiting Castleknock team. While all 6 defenders played very well, our centre back Chris Lambert was truly outstanding. While scoring chances in the 1st half were few, the forwards and in particular Emmet Carroll took their chances really well and by the time the match concluded, Emmet had outdone "Ronaldo" and got 4 goals in total for our team.

Because of holiday time and exam time, we relied heavily on obtaining 4 Junior A players for this game and all 4 made a significant contribution to the team's success. The result of this game means that BBSE are leading the AHL Division 3 league with 6 wins out of 6 matches played.

Scorers for Ballyboden were

4 - 0
1 - 0
0 - 5
0 - 2
0 - 1
0 - 1.

Junior D Championship – 3rd Policeman Has His Say

St Joseph's OCB 3 16 BBSE 1 13

Fickle as the Irish weather is the Third Policeman. Only last week he insisted he wanted nothing to do with lost matches. This week he reports on the Junior D hurling championship loss to St Joseph's O Connell Boys.

Over breakfast on Friday morning The Third policeman tried to describe the previous night's hurling match to his colleagues; soccer heads mostly, in terms they would understand. He wanted them to know the beauty of what had unfolded before his eyes and the heroic nature of the team.

A team of legends and apprentices. Imagine a Phoenix Park Sunday league team with a retired George Best up front playing alongside his son, a slightly past his best Roy Keane in the middle, Chopper Harris in defense and Cuchulain in goal. It could never happen cried the soccer heads, who'd pay their wages, where'd the money come from and who's Cuchulain? Hurlers do it for no money, explained the Third Policeman. The do it for the love of the game, for their club, for tradition for glory.

The Junior D hurlers gave a good account of themselves, representing the values of their club with honour and distinction. A point up at half time but beaten in the end by the better team. Stand out players; George Best's son at corner forward and his buddy from Cork at corner back.

And oh yes...Cuchulain was a hurler.

Upcoming Fixtures

• Saturday, 23rd June – Junior A Championship V St. Maurs in Ballycullen at 6.30pm

• Sunday, 24rd June – Junior B Championship V Civil Service Hurling Club in Islandbridge at 11.00am

• Sunday, 24rd June – Junior D Championship V Naomh Mearnóg in Ballycullen at 3.00pm

• Sunday, 24th June - Minor A League - BBSE V Balinteer St. John's in Marlay Park at 11.00

• Sunday, 24th June - Minor A League - BBSE V Ros Lusca in Lusk at 11.00

• Monday, 25th June – Senior B Championship V Na Fianna in Mobhi Road at 7.30pm

Poc Fada 2018

With less than two weeks to go to the Poc Fada, excitement is building! The new course is a closely guarded secret but it will be a test of skill and tactical awareness. The rough in Cherryfield is more trying than Shinnecock Hills so great care will be needed in making the way around the course!! The main event will be in the afternoon, beginning at 2.00pm and starting times for the teams will be confirmed later this week. The Juvenile event takes place at 10.30am.

Later that evening, the draw for the All Ireland tickets (including Helicopter trip, Hotel Accommodation and a meal for two) will take place in the club house. It promises to be a great evening in the clubhouse. Ticket sales for the raffle are going really well and great credit is due to all who have assisted in this regard. If you still have not got your ticket, ask any of the players or committee members.

Image courtesy of John Kirwan.

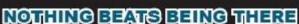
Win a VIP All Ireland Final Day Out!



VIP ALL IRELAND FINAL DAY OUT HELICOPTER TRIP TO CROKE PARK TWO STAND TICKETS FOR HURLING OR FOOTBALL OVERNIGHT STAY WITH MEAL FOR TWO







Add a titleU12 football boys compete in the Naas GAA Darragh Herbert Memorial Tournament

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Two teams representing the U12 boys travelled to Naas on Sunday morning to participate in the Darragh Herbert Memorial Tournament. Darragh was a member of the current Naas U12 team having graduated through the ranks from the football and hurling nursery. Darragh tragically passed away in January 2018 having fought a brave battle against cancer. This event is a fitting tribute to his memory and the thoughts of all present were with his family. The tournament commenced with a minute silence where all boys showed their respect to the bravery of young Darragh, greatly missed by all of his Naas companions who played in Sunday's competition.

Sixteen teams participated in the tournament representing some of the best known clubs in the country, including Austin Stacks of Kerry, Nemo Rangers of Cork, St Loman's of Westmeath, Naas, and not forgetting the mighty Ballyboden St Endas of Dublin. Four separate competitions were run side by side, two for the cup and two for the shield. Matches were played in a round robin format with the ranked teams in each competition playing off in respective finals. The competition was hard and unforgiving and our boys played their part in very exciting games. The standard of play was exceptionally high and when the dust had

settled our cup team finished third in their group and the shield team came out second having lost only one match against a very strong team representing Castlemitchells of Kildare.

After a break to refuel with sausages and chips, the boys came out firing on all cylinders and won both their respective final play-off matches. The shield play-off final went down to the wire with our boys under intense pressure against St Sylvesters with scores level in the final minute. But the BBSE boys showed great character and dug deep to find an inner reserve of strength, which also silenced all the doubts of the management team! In a dramatic finale they counter attacked and slotted over a beautiful point to win the day. The final whistle brought a mixture of joy and relief for the boys and coaches. They did themselves proud and received great applause from the large crowd of spectators. Well done Ballyboden.

The U12 boys and coaches would like to extend their thanks to Naas GAA for running a fantastic tournament. We wish it all success into the future. We also appreciate the efforts of those who provided all the catering to keep us well sustained during the long day. Congratulations to Austin Stacks and Castlemitchells for winning the respective cup and shield finals.

Thanks to Eamonn Gormley for photographs. For more click here.



The U11 hurlers bus trip to Ballincollig

It was an early start for the 2007 hurlers on Saturday June 16th as 45 of the boys headed to the Annual U 11 "Joe Delaney Cup" in Ballincollig GAA club. Despite the 7.00 am meeting time at Pairc Ui Mhurchu and the dull Dublin weather, spirits were high as we boarded the bus and completed the first of twelve headcounts !!! Then near disaster ...as Coach Boland struggled to get the bus DVD player to work the boys were becoming restless..... the Coaches were mightily relieved to hear the familiar Stars Wars music coming through on the bus sound system.

The sun was beginning to shine as we crossed into Tipperary and our first rest stop in Cashel where we all got a chance to stretch the legs. But it was a quick turnaround and straight back onto the M8 for Cork.

The excitement really began to build as we crossed under the Jack Lynch tunnel and the chanting from the rear of the bus which had begun at Mitchelstown was becomingjust a tadINTOLERABLE. The plan was to despatch Coach Keary to calm matters but sometimes..... plans just don't work......he quickly joined in and synchronised the singing, chanting and clappingshowing himself as a definite candidate for the next Broadway challenge. The sight of the Ballincollig GAA club was especially welcome to the now tone deaf Coaches.

First up to greet us was the Boden advance party ...local men Tom & Rory O Donoghue who had journeyed down the previous nightwas that a green Ballincollig jersey under Tom's un-crested blue hoodie......surely not? But there was no time for inquiry as we had a quick photo opportunity at the bus and it was straight onto the warm up and the matches.

The first games for the boys, were three games against the famed Na Piarsaigh of Limerick. Boden fared very well in this round with two very close games and I think were somewhat unlucky to lose one game by a point and draw another.

Next up for the Boden lads were games against our hosts Ballincollig. Ailin Roch Geraghty, who was very impressive in both games thus far, picked up a shoulder injury in this game which put him out of the blitz. Great praise must go to the players on Ailin's team, who really rallied in the second half and narrowed the gap to the minimum. Then, it was a quick lunch in the club house, followed by our last round of games, where Boden played James Stephens of Kilkenny who proved to be tough opponents for our lads.

After the medal presentation and goody bags, then it was back on the bus with usual headcount procedure to be observed. We headed for Kilcoran Lodge in Cahir for dinner and a short but well needed rest.

After the medal presentation and goody bags, then it was back on the bus with usual headcount procedure to be observed. We headed for Kilcoran Lodge in Cahir for dinner and a short but well needed rest. As we entered the car park, we noticed the large number of cars, the freshly cut flowers, the balloons...these were hardly for the 2007 boys ? Reality dawned ... there a weddingwere we really going to crash some Bride and Grooms big day out..... A quick meeting of Coaches and security arrangements were upgraded the secret service aka the 2007 Coaches quickly moved the boys to the dining area this place hasn't seen such security since the days of Ronald Reagan's visit...

The journey home seemed really quick - Coach Boland had organised a quiz which kept everyone very engaged and there was frantic work completed by Coaches Durkin, Pluck, Hayes and Casey who were still correcting the quiz as we sped down the M50.

This was a great event for our boys and gave them a great experience of top class hurling but this is more than just a hurling tournament - it is an opportunity for the boys to spend time together away from the games and create a bond. All of the boys had a great time. The boys are always impeccably behaved and on Saturday it was no different, they are a great credit to their families and to the Club.

Thanks to all the Coaches who made the trip and also to our Bus Provider, Collins Travel who provided a first class service.

Many thanks to Pat Norris for the photos. For more photos, see here



Our U11 Hurlers finish the season on a high note

The U 11's hurlers finished their Go Games on a high note with some superb performances in Deerpark against close rivals Kilmacud.

The boys in purple and gold have proved tough opposition over the last number of seasons but the Boden lads, despite numerical disadvantage, were brave and played some great hurling and recorded fine victories on a sun drenched morning. Boden Abú 84th Annual Friendship Games between Dublin Cumann na mBunscol and Antrim



The Boden 2006 boys were well represented in both the football and hurling teams at the Annual Dublin V Antrim schoolboys which were held last Friday at St Patricks Drumcondra. The boys all contributed to great wins for both teams.

Ballyboden had seven representatives on the hurling team with Damian Gibbons captaining the football team.

The Boden boys representing Dublin were Michael Kennedy, Ryan O Neill, Alex Dunne, Adam Edge, Darragh Ormsby, Tiernan Kennedy, Alex Dunne, Darragh Durkin and Damian Gibbons and are pictured below.

St Mary's BNS, Grange Road, Rathfarnham Herald Cup Winners 2018!



Cumann Na mBunscol 80th Year

6th June 2018

'You hurled like a man...You played the game'

And they did...from the second the clock started ticking to the final whistle the boys from St. Mary's Senior A Hurling team gave everything they had.

Wednesday 6th June, Croke Park St Marys against St Patrick's BNS, Hollypark was a battle between two evenly matched teams who had come up against each other many times before at school and club and each had the measure of the other...this game would be won on the finest of margins and that was exactly how it played out. Hollypark are fierce opponents and the schools' rivalry is intense.

For our boys there was much more at stake...having won the Division 1 football title earlier in the school year there was a chance to repeat history... a chance for The Double! And to go

down in St. Mary's history as the second ever winners of a back to back football and hurling cup title. #divisiononedouble!

The boys from Rathfarnham had a strong start and a goal from Michael Kennedy had them 1-1 to 0-1 up after 5 minutes. St. Mary's were ahead by 4 points at half time after further goals from Rian Meaney and Tiernan Kennedy on a scoreline of 3-3 to 1-5.

Hollypark rallied at the start of the second half and cut the arrears to one quickly after the restart. Hollypark were on top for much of the second period, but the boys in the blue and yellow dug in and kept their nerve. Two excellent points from Séan Keary and a goal from Dylan Timbs kept them in touch. Ciaran Murphy made some brilliant saves in the goal, and the backs battled excellently led by the excellent Daragh Smyth at full back.

The final 10 minutes were agony for St. Mary's supporters as it looked like it wasn't to be, but with seconds remaining, trailing by two points, hardworking midfielder David Quinlivan delivered a high ball into the square where Timbs rose highest to catch the ball before burying it to the back of the Hollypark net. Hollypark hurled excellently throughout but St. Mary's hard work and 'never say die' attitude was the difference in the end.

Captain Evan Moynihan lifted the Herald Cup in front of the Cusack Stand to cap a tremendous year for St. Mary's where they captured both Division One football and hurling crowns.

Having not lost a game in 11 competitive football and hurling matches this year these players deserve every accolade attributed to them. They are among the brightest and best of Dublin primary schools players and the pride of St. Mary's.

St Mary's BNS 5-06 Hollypark 3-11

Last Pre-Summer Camogie Outings for our U11 Girls



All 4 U11 camogie teams took to the field on Sunday for final Go Games camogie fixtures before the summer break. Both fixtures were away, with 2 teams playing against Faughs at Tymon, and 2 teams lining out against Naomh Brigid at Russell Park.

The girls have been training very hard at their weekly sessions at Ballycullen, with a very noticeable improvement in the skills of camogie - many are obviously practicing at home and at school as well as with the club. The improvement was certainly on show on Sunday, with more and more of our girls willing to take the ball on themselves, with rising the ball and striking from the hand much more in evidence than it was at the beginning of the

year. Meantime, the defensive aspects of their game has also improved, with the girls of Brigids and Faughs finding their every move relentlessly blocked or tackled on Sunday. These were performances of grit and ferocity, but also of fun - all the girls quite clearly enjoyed playing in the games

Next up of course is the big festival of camogie on Friday June 29th – where all girls from Under 9's to Under 14's come together for a mini All Ireland of matches. This is a great family evening out and there will be the usual barbeque and ice cream vans available for the evening, so we want as many of our U11's to play!

Well done to all the girls, and remember to pick up the hurl every day during the break!!!



Under 11 Team 3

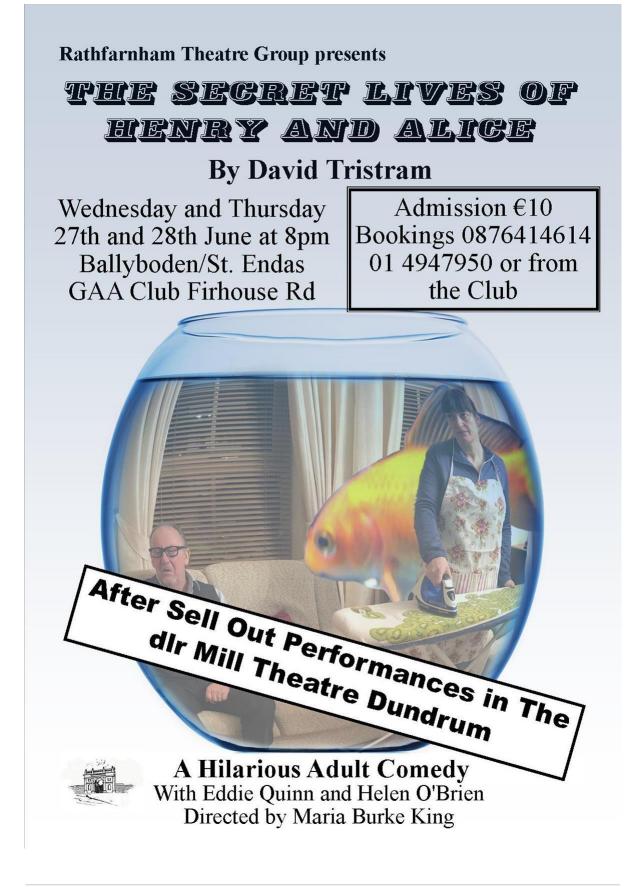


Under 11 Team 2



Our Under 10 camogie team continued their season with a game against Clontarf over the weekend.

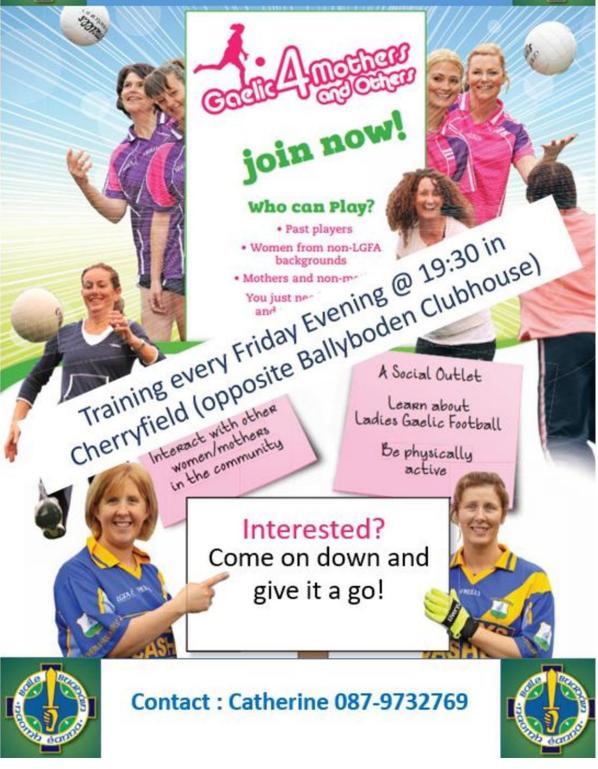
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