
BRIDE ROVERS GAA CLUB
AGM 2011

*5th December 2011
At Pairc Na Bríde.*



AGENDA

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A Cháirde Gael,

Welcome to the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Fanaithe Na Bride.

It is my privilege to report on the activities of Cumann Luathchleas Gael Fanaithe Na Bride, to the members here present tonight.

Highlights of 2011

2011 proved to be another busy year for Bride Rovers both on & off the playing field.

Ladies Football

Pride of place must go to our very successful Ladies Football team who gained Senior Status in winning the Cork County Intermediate Football Championship v Naomh Aban. The ladies who provided us supporters with many great days out in recent times went on to add the Munster title.

Hurling Wall

Completion of the Hurling Wall & Astro-Turf area was also a major achievement. On behalf of the club we thank most sincerely the men who spent countless hours working on this project, none more so than the Chairman himself. The cost of the project was approx. €100,000 but would have being a lot more only for the FREE labour that was given my many. The Official Opening was a great occasion for the club in September.

I must also mention the significant contribution by the Rathcormac Parish Council towards the development, without their very kind donation this project would not have happened.

Inter-County Stars

The number of inter-county players in the club is growing every year with the club being represented on underage teams, ladies teams & senior teams. Well done to Grace Kearney & Eleanor Ahern on their success with Cork Senior Ladies Football team in defeating Monaghan to win the All-Ireland.

Ger Lane - Vice Chairman Cork County Board

Ger Lane who has served as PRO to Cork County Board for the past 3 years is to be the new Vice-Chairman of Cork County Board. His experience as Chairman of East Cork Board for many years makes him a suitable candidate for the job. Ger has done fantastic work in his 3 years as PRO whereby through the website and newsletters he has opened the communication channels bewteen clubs and the county board. We wish Ger the very best as Vice-Chairman.

Scrap Collection

The scrap collection raised almost €12,000 which will go towards the cost of the development.

Hurling Championships

The senior hurlers gave us many days out this year and for the 6th consecutive year reached the quarter-final stage of the Senior Hurling Championship before going down to CIT. The Junior Hurlers put up a brave performance against Sars in Watergrasshill in the championship. They did go on to win Div 2 Hurling League defeating St. Ita's in the final.

Underage Success

Congrats to our U14 Hurlers on winning a County title & the U16's on winning Eastern Region Final.

Senior Hurling

League:

As the table below shows our form in the league was not great. Bride Rovers won only 2 games against Cloyne & St.Finbarrs, drew 3 games & lost 9.

League table for Red FM Senior Hurling League

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points For	Points Against	Points Diff	Points
Newtownshandrum	12	11	0	1	224	181	43	23
Sarsfields	14	9	4	1	320	256	64	19
Ballymartle	14	9	4	1	279	263	16	19
Midleton	15	8	6	1	291	264	27	17
Erins Own	15	7	6	2	271	265	6	16
Na Piarsaigh	14	7	6	1	235	240	-5	15
Douglas	15	7	7	1	286	302	-16	15
Glen Rovers	14	6	7	1	279	257	22	13
Blackrock	15	5	7	3	249	254	-5	13
Carrigtwohill	11	5	4	2	216	200	16	12
Ballinhassig	14	5	7	2	246	273	-27	12
Killeagh	14	6	6	1	221	245	-24	11
Cloyne	14	5	8	0	189	206	-17	10
St Finbarrs	14	4	9	1	236	269	-33	9
Bishopstown	15	3	9	3	225	262	-37	9
Bride Rovers	14	2	9	3	189	219	-30	7

Championship:

In the first round this year we were drawn against Na Piarsaigh. This was played in Watergrasshill on June 3rd. Na Piarsaigh were quick to start and after ten minutes raced into a 1-02 to no score lead. Barry Johnson had our first point in the 13th minute but we added just a further two in the half to leave us 1-08 to 0-03 behind at the break. We played much better in the second half and a Sean Ryan goal brought us right back into contention. Just three points separated the sides with 15mins to go, 1-10 to 1-07. We failed to keep up the momentum and were outscored by 6 points to 3 in the last quarter and so lost by 1-16 to 1-10.

In round 2 we played Erins Own in Riverstown. A first minute goal from Kieran Collins and a pointed free from Barry Johnson gave us a great start. All over the pitch we got quickly into our stride and dominated the game. Our defence was superb and Barry and Jason dictated the pace at midfield. Our forwards moved well and with Jerome(free) Colm O Keeffe (0 2) and Michael Collins adding to Barry total of 4 points we gave Erins Own little chance to settle.

Coming up to half time we were well worth our 1 8 to 0 6 lead. That was in the 30th minute but in injury time Erins Own hit over three points from play to cut our lead to just two points.

By the 14th minute of the second half Erins Own had levelled but after Pdraig Murphy was fouled Barry Johnson restored our lead 1 11 to 0 13. The next ten minutes saw no scores. Unfortunately for us we scored just one more point, a free from Barry Johnson. In the last five minutes Erins Own added on five points and then a goal to leave them winners by a margin of six points, 1 18 to 1 12.

Third Round v Bishopstown and what a contest. The game finished level after 60 minutes and a further 20minutes of extra-time could not separate the sides.

A fantastic last 5 minutes in normal time by the Rovers where they showed a lot of character to score 4

points to draw the game. The equalising score coming from the impressive Sean Ryan.

With extra time to be played the lights came on in Riverstown. The Rovers continued their scoring streak at the start of extra time with 4 points from Michael Collins, Jason Mannix (2) & Barry Johnson to lead by 4 points but a Bishopstown goal against the run of play and a pointed free had the sides level again. The Rovers responded with points from Sean Ryan & Barry Johnson to lead by 2 points at half time of extra time. Into the second half & the only 2 scores came from Bishopstown in the form of 2 points to level matters again. The final score was 2-15 to 1-18.

In the replay v Bishopstown we produced a fine display of hurling in the second half when it mattered most scoring two goals which helped the Rovers to a five point replay win. The win has a two-fold reward, we were back in the 2011 Senior Hurling Championship and also ensured Senior Status for the Club in the 2012 season. Final Score was 2-10 to 0-11.

Round 4 v Blackrock and all roads lead to Pairc Ui Chaoimh. It was a slow start and as it seemed as no side wanted to open the scoring. We had two early wides to Blackrock's one before the city side had their first white flag in the sixth minute. They had two further points before Daniel Dooley had our first in the 15th minute. Blackrock went to four a minute later before Michael Collins notched our second score. Barry Johnson pointed a free but Blackrock had their best period in the game between the 17th and 25th minutes- stretching their lead to 0 8 to 0 3. We needed a goal and Barry went for it with a semi-penalty but Alan Long saved. Heading for half time there was a noticeable tightening up in our defence as both full and half back lines came into the game in a big way. A long ball in from Barry Johnson was finished to the net by Dan Dooley. David Burke scored a super point to leave us just one point adrift - 1 4 to 0 8 at the break. We started the second half in mighty style, Sean Ryan scored a point, match level 1 5 to 0 8. Then Daniel Dooley had his second goal to put us three clear. Blackrock struck back with a goal of their own. A point from David Burke restored our lead but the city side levelled at 2 7 to 1 10 with 42 minutes gone. The game was in the melting pot at this stage. Michael Collins pointed but once again the Rockies levelled. Heading into the last ten minutes we hit two bad wides before Barry put us ahead from a 65. When Colm O Keeffe headed for goal he was fouled and Barry put us two ahead. From a free David Cashman narrowed the deficit to just a solitary point. Blackrock came looking for an equalising point but in a breakaway Daniel Dooley put us two ahead. We were entering stoppage time and with a two point lead the Rockies threw everything into attack seeking a match-winning goal. Our defence held firm and two minutes into added time Ken Healy blew the final whistle. Final Score Bride Rovers 2 11 Blackrock 1 12.

It was heartbreak in the quarter-final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh as we lost to CIT in the Co SHC. In our sixth match of the campaign we lost by a margin of just three points 2 10 to 1 16.

We got a first minute goal and led by two points entering the last quarter. CIT got six points to our one in the last fifteen. Playing against the wind in the first half we were level at half time. A win still looked on until the late scoring burst for CIT which we simply could not match.

A goal from Michael Collins from the throw in gave us the perfect start. The score had only gone up on the board when the students had a green flag at the other end and our brilliant start was gone. At the interval it was 1 8 each. Though CIT had the first point we quickly went ahead. The sliotar hit the upright from a Barry Johnson free but Michael Collins was on hand for his second goal to give us a two point lead. CIT got one back but when Brian was fouled Barry restored our two point advantage 2 9 to 1 10. Unfortunately we didn't score again until a goal attempt from a free by Dinny Fitzgerald flew over the bar late on when CIT were gone four ahead. In the last few minutes we tried for an equalizing goal but failed.

Junior Hurling

League

In the JHL2, Bride Rovers won 6 games, drew 1 & lost 1.
See below the final league table & results.

	Team	Played	Cancelled	Lost	Drew	Won	Points
1	Bride Rovers	8	0	1	1	6	13
2	St Itas	8	0	0	3	5	13
3	Cloyne	8	0	1	2	5	12
4	Killeagh	8	0	4	1	3	7
5	Dungourney	8	0	3	3	2	7
6	Youghal	8	0	5	0	3	6
7	Carraig na bhFear	8	0	5	0	3	6
8	Sarsfields	8	0	5	0	3	6
9	Midleton	8	0	6	2	0	2
10		0	0	0	0	0	0

League Final v St.Ita's

Bride Rovers contested the East Cork Junior Hurling League Division 2 v St. Itas. Brian Murphy from the Carrig Club threw in the sliotar just before half twelve. Gavin O Flynn and James Murphy at mid-field were quickly involved and a fast ball into the forward line saw Pa O Driscoll open the scoring with a nice point. St. Itas had a strong wind to their backs and with Cork u21 Hurling Panelist Seamus Harnedy in scoring form the Gortroe side came into the game strongly. In a five minute spell Harnedy scored four points, one from a 65, two from frees and one from play to leave his side leading by 0 4 to 0 1. A piece of quick thinking in our forward division changed the game around in the twinkling of an eye! We were awarded a free about twenty five yards out. Pat Cotter stepped up to the sliotar as if to tap it over , but instead he deftly passed it to the in running Richie Cahill -bang, goal and the sides were level. It was a great move and gave the team a massive boost. From the puck out the sliotar went to Jim O Connor then to Mike Hogan and on to Pat Cotter who raised another white flag. Those two scores got our lads going really well. With Fergus Collins, Joe Delaney and Tomas Kearney defending superbly and Walshie lording it at centre back with Jim and Barry well on top in the wings we built up a good lead. Firstly Terry Broderick hit a super point reminiscent of a point he scored in the 1992 Co. Minor Hurling League final v Killavullen in Ballygiblin on the frosty day. A huge puck out from Gavin Quill was added to by the other Gavin and Owen Murphy won possession and rounded his man to score a super goal. A minute later Owen added a point and we were up by 2 4 to 5 points with 25 minutes gone. St. Itas scored two points to leave us ahead by a margin of three points, 2 4 to 0 7 at the break. We had the wind to help us in the second half but the wind alone never won anything for anyone. We started the second half in flying style. With our midfield and half back line really dominant our forwards got plenty ball and boy did they use it! Firstly Richie Cahill got his second goal. Then Terry scored 1 2 in three minutes. All these scores came after great passing movements started out-field. Within five minutes of the restart we were ahead by 4 6 to 0 7. Two more points from Terry and one from Richie were answered by two points for Itas to leave it 4 9 to 0 9. Then following an eighty

metre run Gavin O Flynn hit over a sweet point. Awarded a twenty metre free the St. Itas goalie made no mistake in rising the green flag, 4 10 to 1 9. Alan O Keeffe and Stephen Pratt came on and were immediately prominent. From near the sideline Pat Cotter put over a free. St. Itas hit over two points before the last score of the game. Alan O Keeffe passed the sliotar to Owen, he sent it to Terry and Pat Cotter took the final pass and made our tally 4 12. The final whistle went and for the first time since 1993 we had won this Title.

Team: Gavin Quill, Fergus Collins, Joe Delaney, Tomas Kearney, Barry Collins, Pat Walsh, Jim O'Connor, Gavin O'Flynn, James Murphy, Patrick O'Driscoll, Terry Broderick, Pat Cotter, Owen Murphy, Richard Cahill, Michael Hogan.

Subs: Alan O'Keeffe(Captain) for Michael Hogan and Stephen Pratt for Tomas Kearney.

Rest of Panel: Frank Hogan, Ryan O'Connor, Sean O'Brien, Nevin O'Regan, John O'Dowd, Daniel Lane, Brian Lahive, Adrian Buckley.

Scorers: Richard Cahill 2-1, Terry Broderick 1-5, Owen Murphy 1-1, Pat Cotter 0-3, Patrick O'Driscoll 0-1, Gavin O'Flynn 0-1.

This was a great win as a Club's second team is always chopping and changing during the year. Bearing in mind that we used twenty three players at Senior Level winning this league is no mean achievement. There was great blend of youth and experience in the team.

County League v Harbour Rovers

Our Junior Hurling team travelled to Ballyhooley on Sunday last to take on the Glanworth hurling team Harbour Rovers in the County JHL. Harbour Rovers started well but it was not until the tenth minute that they had their first score, a point from a free. Two similar scores followed before Richie Cahill opened our account with a good point. As the rain came down conditions for hurling became difficult. Both defences were on top and scores were hard to come by. Richie had another point in the 20th minute to leave it 0 5 to 0 2 in favour of Harbour Rovers. A great point from Alan O Keeffe just before the break left it 0 5 to 0 3 in favour of the North Cork side.

Harbour Rovers got on top and went further ahead with 4 points to lead by 0 9 to 0 3. Then the game changed. A great long distance free from Gavin Quill was finished to the net by Terry Broderick. From the puckout Owen Murphy sent over a super point and now there was only three points in it with four minutes left. We attacked again but didn't score. Harbour Rovers got the sliotar up-field and sent over an insurance point to win by a margin of four points 0 11 to 1 4.

Junior Hurling League Div 3

In JHL Div 3 Bride Rovers played 8 games, winning 3, see table below.

	Team	Played	Cancelled	Lost	Drew	Won	Points
1	Killeagh (2)	8	0	0	0	8	16
2	Erins Own	8	0	3	0	5	10
3	Castlelyons	8	0	3	1	4	9
4	St Catherines	8	0	4	0	4	8
5	Carrigtwohill	7	0	3	0	4	8
6	Watergrasshill	7	0	3	1	3	7
7	Bride Rovers	8	0	5	0	3	6
8	Castlemartyr	8	0	6	0	2	4
9	Lisgoold	8	0	7	0	1	2

Junior A Hurling Championship

In the first round of the East Cork Junior A Hurling Championship we played Cloyne in Cobh. We dominated the game until the last ten minutes when Cloyne came from 6 points down to level the scores. We were well in control of the match and were ahead by 2-11 to 1-8. Cloyne got through for a goal and then hit over three points in a row to tie the scores at 2-11 each.

In their replay with Cloyne in Carrigtwohill we were behind by 2-11 to 2-8 with 7 minutes left. In that time we added a goal and three points and then held out amidst fierce pressure to win.

We started the game well with three Daniel Dooley points before Cloyne got a brace in reply. With Donal Ryan, Alan O Keeffe and Owen Murphy winning good ball we were well on top and led 0-4 to 0-2 after fifteen minutes - Owen scoring our fourth point. Then Cloyne got a goal and a point to go ahead by 1-03 to 0-04. Points from Terry and Daniel Dooley tied the scores in the 20th minute. Cloyne had two further points before Gavin Quill hit the net with a semi penalty shot to put us 1-6 to 1-5 ahead. Cloyne went ahead with three unanswered points to leave us two points in arrears 1-8 to 1-6 at half time. A goal by Richie Cahill had the Rovers in front 2-07 to 1-08. Cloyne scored 1-2 to go 2-10 to 2-7 ahead. A Daniel Dooley free and a point from team captain Alan O Keeffe brought us to within a point 2-11 to 2-10. A draw looked likely until Daniel Dooley rattled the net to put us two points up - a dangerous lead. Owen Murphy put us three ahead as the game went into injury time. Final Score 3-11 to 2-11.

Next up was Sarsfields this game was played in Watergrasshill. Sarsfields entered the game as hot favourites. Sars started well but Points from Terry and Donal -two apiece to leave us just 0-6 to 0-4 behind -four of the Sars points coming from frees. In the second quarter we were outscored by 3-5 to just two points, our scores coming from Donal; and Alan O Keeffe. That left us in arrears by 3-11 to 0-6 at half time. It looked an impossible task at half time with Sars ahead and so it proved. A point from a free by Owen Murphy was followed by a goal from Richie Cahill and we were back in the game big-time. With Joe Delaney, Pat Walsh and Gavin O Flynn thundering into the contest the second half turned out to be a rip roaring contest. A second goal from a free by Gavin Quill and a succession of points from Owen Murphy and Stephen Walsh brought the margin down to five points with five minutes to go. Sars held out for 3-15 to 2-12 victory. It was a great effort from our lads.

Junior C Hurling Championship

Our third hurling team played Russell Rovers in the East Cork Junior C Hurling Championship in Dún gourney. The Rovers were playing well in the opening half and points from Pat Cotter, John O'Dowd & Stephen Pratt had the Rovers in front 0-8 to 0-5 approaching half time. However Russell Rovers grabbed an equalising goal to level matters at the interval.

Russell Rovers continued as they had finished the first half and stormed into a 8 point lead, 2-11 to 0-9. However the Rovers response was fantastic, eight unanswered points had the sides level with a minute to go, 2-11 to 0-17. Rovers points coming Stephen O'Leary, Pa O'Driscoll, a brace from John O'Dowd and Pat Cotter also got in on the act, Pat was to finish the game with 8 points, 4 of which were from placed balls. But in that last minute Russell rovers were awarded 2 frees which they duly converted to win on a scoreline of 2-13 to 0-17.

Junior Football

League:

Bride Rovers played 7 League games, winning 3 and losing 4.

	Team	Played	Cancelled	Lost	Drew	Won	Points
1	Glenbower Rovers	8	0	0	0	8	16
2	Carraig na bhFear	9	0	2	0	7	14
3	Lisgoold	9	0	3	0	6	12
4	Erins Own	9	0	3	0	6	12
5	Midleton	8	0	3	0	5	10
6	Bride Rovers	7	0	4	0	3	6
7	Fr. O'Neills	9	0	6	0	3	6
8	Glanmire	8	0	6	0	2	4
9	Carrigtwohill	8	0	6	0	2	4
10	Ballinacurra	9	0	9	0	0	0

Championship:

Bride Rovers had to play Dungourney in a Prelim. round in the JAFC in Lisgoold on St. Patrick's Day. After a very close game the Rovers were defeated 2-10 to 1-12. As a result the Rovers had to play Carrigtwohill in the first round proper a week later.

For the second time this season our Junior A Grade Football team suffered a one point defeat in the Championship. At Watergrasshill we lost out to Carrigtwohill on a 2 4 to 1 6 scoreline. This was a game we should have won well. Having seen the sides level at 0 3 each at halftime the Rovers took over early in the second half scoring 1 2 without reply- the goal coming from Sean Ryan, we led by 1 5 to 0 3 after fourteen minutes. Then Carrig were awarded a dubious penalty which was converted. They added 1 1 while we could only manage a further single point to leave us on the wrong side of a final score of 2 4 to 1 6.

Bride Rovers Junior A footballers travelled to Lisgoold to play Aghada in the back door round of the championship. Having already lost two games, versus Dungourney and Carrigtwohill by narrow margins this was the 'last chance saloon' contest.

The Rovers lads opened well to control proceedings in the first 30 minutes and led by 8 points to 4 at half time. The second half followed a similar pattern but a shock was on the cards as Aghada scored a late goal coupled with 3 fast points and led by one with time almost up. However the Rovers lads rallied and replied with two late points to lead by one with the hour just played. Aghada rallied and scored a point to level things at 1-9 to the Rovers 12 points with the last kick of the game.

Extra time followed and Aghada were to open the scoring with two early points but this was quickly cancelled out by the first of two goals from Alan O'Keefe which ensured a victory for the Rovers on a final score line of 2-14 to 1-11.

In our fourth game in the JAFC in little over a month we lost to Castlemartyr by a margin of four points 0 13 to 1 6.

Forced to field without eight players in Lisgoold the team put up a typical brave Rovers performance but the handicap of being without so many players told in the end. Points from Colm O'Keefe and Barry Johnson saw us ahead by 0 2 to 01 after twelve minutes. As the first half wore on the Reds got

on top and led by 0 7 to 0 3 at the break. We started the second half in a very determined mood and a Sean O'Brien point reduced the deficit to just a goal. In the third quarter we actually had more possession than Castlemartyr but couldn't get the scores on the board. Pat Walsh had an excellent point before we conceded five points in a row to go behind by twelve points to six. We were right back in the game when Georgie Johnson expertly converted a penalty. This left just a goal between the sides with seven minutes left. We tried hard for scores but failed to score again and Castlemartyr got an 'insurance' point to leave them winners by 0 13 to 1 6.

U21 Hurling & Football

Hurling:

Our U21 Hurling team participated in the C championship this year and kicked off the competition with a win v Sarsfields B in Castlelyons. As Lisgoold defeated Sars also it was a Bride Rvs v Lisgoold Final.

In the final we started well with a succession of points but a goal from Lisgoold brought them back into contention. We lead by 0-7 to 1-01 after fifteen minutes but a second Lisgoold goal saw them level. We took the lead again with a point from Daniel Dooley. Lisgoold then really got on top and went 2-05 to 0-08 ahead. Worst was to come as on the stroke of half time we conceded a third goal and so at the break we were behind by 3-05 to 0-08. Try as our forwards did we just couldn't get through for a goal which we badly needed. The second half was very even in terms of play but we were outscored by 7 points to 5. This left Lisgoold winners on a final scoreline of 3-12 to 0-13.

Football

Our U21 Football team played its first and last Championship v Lisgoold.

Just as in the Hurling Final between the same two teams, goals settled the issue. Lisgoold won on a scoreline of 2 -09 to 0 -07.

Bride Rovers Juvenile GAA Club

It was a very busy year which saw major changes to the underage structure in the county. We are now part of Coiste na nOg within Reigin Thoir or East division and like any new structure it brought lots of change and took some time to perfect. We were also very busy on the playing field and indeed we enjoyed some great successes for the Juvenile Club.

This year saw an under 6 panel developed and participating in friendly blitzes. The under 8's were involved in Go Games and hosted the annual under 8 blitz which saw three invited teams participating. The under 11's contested and won the 10th annual Jerard Kenny Blitz and attended the Cork v Tipperary hurling championship match. The under 14's won the East Region hurling championship and continued their success by winning the County final. The under 15's played their part and won the East Region Hurling League while the under 16's contested the East Region hurling league and championship finals and returned victorious from both despite having very few players on the age. They will now contest a county title. This year saw the minor panel remain within the juvenile structure and while we experienced some difficulties at this age nonetheless the minors competed well in the league but were less successful at championship.

While the new county structures challenged us and it has involved more travel it has also afforded our players the opportunities to play against teams they haven't encountered previously. This has brought a freshness to the competitions and new challenges to players and mentors.

Bride Rovers Ladies Football & Camogie Club

What A Year ! The Ladies Football club enjoyed great success in 2011. The Intermediate team captured County Intermediate Title by defeating a highly fancied Naomh Aban team in Mourneabbey, thus securing Senior Football status for 2012. The Ladies then went onto further glory winning the Munster championship v St. Ailbe's of Limerick. After a hard fought game v Stabannon (Louth) the ladies were defeated in the All-Ireland Semi-Final.

The camogie team also reached the County final but were narrowly defeated by Ballinascorthy. The ladies club were well represented on the inter-county scene and well done to Grace, Eleanor, Jen & Jennifer & Trish as well as selectors Betty Cahill & Kathleen Kearney who won All-ireland Titles.

Schools, Colleges & Inter-County Games

Congratulations to Jason Pratt and Ryan O'Connor who were involved with the Cork Senior Hurling Vocational Schools team which defeated Limerick in the Munster Final. Cork were defeated by Kilkenny in the All Ireland semi final.

Well done to Michael Collins who was on the University of Limerick panel which won the Fitzgibbon Cup.

Well done to all those who represented their school or college in the past year. As usual Bride Rovers continues to provide quality players to St.Colmans, Colaiste An Chraoibhin and Loreto Secondary School as well as 3rd level colleges, division and county.

Congrats to Rathcormac National School Girls on their Sciath na scoil win.

Liam Barry has been appointed as a Cork U21 Hurling Selector for 2012.

Well done to Brian Murphy on his performances with Cork this year, hopefully under JBM Cork will enjoy more success in 2012.

Pairc Na Bride

This year was busier than ever at Pairc Na Bride. The main pitch continued to work at full capacity throughout the summer with a heavy schedule and Pyne's Pitch continuing to cope with the overflow. Various county and East Cork Championships were played in our pitch and I wish to thank all those who volunteered their help throughout the year so that we were in a position to hold these matches. The clubhouse is always the hub of activity with gym equipment available for adult members and meetings of the various clubs and committees held there as well as receptions for visiting teams. Thank you to the ladies who provide catering for our guests, it really is appreciated.

Following the freezing conditions last winter, a burst pipe led to a damaged ceiling. This has since being replaced as well as new showers installed. A new septic tank was also installed.

On behalf of the club I would like to extend sincere thanks to our grounds officer John Murphy and the Field Committee. They continue to maintain and develop the facilities for all members of our club and do this so generously in their own free time.

I would also like to thank our Mechanic / Hurleymaker Denis Ahern for his work this year on keeping the mower going. The mower was a victim of the freezing conditions too and needed a new engine which Denis duly replaced.

Thanks to the FAS employees, both past and current that have maintained our facilities over the past year.

More sand has being spread on the pitch and this will continue for another two years. We have being allocated a grant of €2000 each year by the Munster Council.

Scór

The club competed in Scór na bPaistí, Scór na nÓg & Scór Sinsear in the past year with no real success.

In scór na bpáistí East Cork Final we finished as runners up in the Novelty Act with the Matchmaker Sketch and Emma Barry was 2nd in the Recitation. Well done to all our competitors and to Margaret Howard NT for all her hard work in preparing all the Club competitors.

Car Boot Sale

Many thanks to all the members who helped out at the Car Boot Sale in the past 12 months. Anyone else interested in helping should contact Mike Carey so that their names can be added to the rota. It is important that we continue to help & support the Car Boot Sale.

Communication

Avonduh Notes / Newsletter

A sincere Thank You to John Arnold for his excellent notes during the year & keeping us all you to date on match reports & club news. Also thanks to the staff and management of the Avonduh Newspaper for all the publicity during the past year.

Club Website

The Bride Rovers GAA Club Website is currently being re-designed. If you are interested in getting involved in this project please contact Brian Arnold.

Text Service

The Club is introduced a new Text service for members and supporters. This service provided club news, lotto results, fixtures and results for the Adult, Ladies and Juvenile Clubs and all other Club news.

If you are not receiving this text simply send your name and mobile telephone number to 086 0278790 and you will be kept updated with all that's happening in the club.

Team managers that want to send texts for matches, training etc to playeres and/ or parent/players groups please contact the Liam Barry.

Club Executive Meetings

During the past year there was 19 Club Executive Meetings with an average attendance of 12.

East Cork Board & Cork County Board Delegates

Special thanks to our East Cork Board Delegates, Tom Mulcahy & Brendan O'Driscoll & to our County Board Delegates, John Arnold & Kathleen Johnson for representing the club at these important meetings.

Cork County Board

Bride Rovers clubman, Gerard Lane, is to be the next vice-chairman of Cork County Board. We wish to congratulate Gerard on his appointment and also on the tremendous job he done as PRO of the County Board for the past 3 years.

Membership

We had 102 paid up members in 2011, compared to 136 in 2010. The difference is mainly due to the minor subscriptions now going to the Juvenile Club.

The issue about players paying membership is a problem. Some players refused to pay membership while others pay a partial amount.

The club are willing to accept installments as payment for membership. We all need to agreed to a rule here whereby if a player is not paid up that they cannot be selected to play.

GAA Social Initiative

Two years ago Former President McAleese and her husband Martin approached the GAA with an idea. They felt that a lot of older members of society were living in relative isolation. They proposed an initiative whereby GAA Clubs in parish areas would endeavour to combat this isolation by coming together to help organise different activities for older members of the community.

The first trip was to Croke Park and the National Stud and Japanese Gardens on Monday April 11th
The second trip on July 13th went to Glengarriffe, Garnish Island, Bantry and Clonakilty and in september there was a trip to Wexford.

Club Development

The Hurling Wall and Astro Turf arena was completed this year and it is truly magnificent. Great credit is due to the hard working Club Development Committee for the brilliant work they have put in over the last few months. Lights were also installed and this is a super resource to have for hurling & football at all levels within the Club. Details of Phase Two of our Development Plan are currently under review with details to be announced at a later stage.

Scrap Collection

As part of our ongoing fundraising drive for our Club Development Project a scrap metal collection was organised. All types of scrap metal such as steel, copper, brass, old cars and other machinery and batteries were collected. The intake points were at Ryans Yard & Brodericks and we thank both families for the use of their yards. Close on €12,000 has being raised.

Fundraising Quiz

During the year the club held a number of table quizzes. While these were poorly attended, the craic was good. Hopefully any future quizzes will be better supported.

Club Development Draw

The club are currently selling tickets for a development draw which will take place on St. Stephens day in The Rathcormac Inn. Pat Walsh & James Bermingham are co-ordinating the draw and are looking for some ticket sellers. There are lots of nice prizes and tickets cost €2 or 3 for a €5.

Hurling Wall Official Opening

The President of the GAA Christy Cooney officially opened our new Hurling Wall and Floodlit Astro Turf on Friday September 9th.

The evening started with some junvile blitz's in the astro turf and this was followed by a Mass in the clubrooms which was celebrated by Fr.Seanie Barry who was also celebrating his 40th Anniversary since his ordination. Following the Mass, President of the GAA Christy Cooney officially opened our new Hurling Wall. Team & Refreshments were served in the clubrooms afterwards.

Rathcormac Parish Development Fund

The Club wishes to again acknowledge the very generous Financial assistance which has been received from the Rathcormac Parish Development Fund for this project.

Astro-Turf available to Hire

The astro-turf pitch at Bride Rovers is available for hire by contacting James Bermingham on 086 8350741. Pitch is suitable for 5 a side teams and costs €50 per hour with lights.

Referees

A special word of thanks to our club referees namely, James Bermingham, Pa O'Driscoll, Mark Murphy, Paddy Buckley, Vincent and Kevin O'Keeffe.

On behalf of all our referees I wish to extend a sincere thanks to the umpires and officials from the Club who offered their assistance during the year.

Congrats to James Bermingham who refereed the Cork County Premier Intermediate Football Final between Clyda Rovers & Newmarket. James also took charge of his first Inter-County CHampionship game when he refereed the Munster Minor Football Championship game between Waterford & Clare. He later went on to do the Tipperary v Kerry Minor game which saw one of the great comebacks as Tipperary were down 9 points at one stage (*Tipp eventually won the All-Ireland*).

Club Shop

Thanks to Betty Cahill & Kathleen Johnson for contiuing to look after the Club Shop. They are busy at the moment handing out Christmas Orders. For that ideal Christmas Gift perhaps you might consider getting something in the club shop. Gift Vouchers also available.

The shop stocks the following;

Jerseys, Togs, Socks, Hoodies, Training Shorts, Track Suits, Training Tops, Gear bags, Polo Shirts (White or navy), Bottle Green Wind-sheeters, Green half-zip hoodies, Rain Jackets, Beanie Hats, Medal Boards etc...

Sponsors

Many thanks to our sponsors who support of the club is greatly appreciated. The Club's Main Sponsor is the Rathcormac Inn & Conversation Piece. We also receive sponsorship from Rathcormac Tyres & O'Coileáins Bar.

LOTTO

The Lotto...The Lotto Sellers...without this vital cog the club would be in financial turmoil !. The funds raised every week fby our lotto sellers is vital to the running of the club and I thank each and everyone of them most sincerely for their efforts.

I would urge any person to support the lotto by selling tickets, buy a yearly ticket etc..as Dan will outline in his treasurer's report the lotto funds are vital.

I would like to thank all our venue's for hosting the lotto on a weekly basis. I wish to especially mention Denis & Kathleen Barry's who closed their premises this year. I thank them both for being great hosts over the years when many a jackpot was given away there or a party to celebrate a win. On behalf of the club I extend good wishes to Denis.

Brendan wins €15,000 Jackpot.

Well it lasted a long time! As they say all good things come to an end and so it was for our longstanding Lotto Jackpot on Tuesday April 5th. The four numbers drawn were 1,7,15 and 23 and when the tickets were checked there was a winner. Congratulations to the winner Brendan O Driscoll (Jnr.) on his good fortune.

Ronan Hoskins Wins Jackpot

The Lotto draw on Tuesday August 2nd took place in Barry's Bar, Rathcormac for a jackpot of €5,200. The four numbers drawn were 6, 14, 18 and 24 and there was one lucky jackpot winner; Ronan Hoskins, Ballinagore, Rathcormac. Our heartiest congratulations go out to Ronan who is the grandson of one of our longest serving and regular ticket sellers Pat Hoskins.

Schools Coaching

Many thanks to our School coaches Brian Murphy, Brendan Walsh, James Bermingham & Stephen Boyce for the hours of coaching done with the pupils of Rathcormac & Bartlemy National Schools. Also thanks to Kevin O'Keeffe & Fergus Collins who helped out also.

Thank you too to the School's for their co-operation with this very important activity.

Fr. O'Donnell's Golden Jubilee

Earlier this year the Community of Bartlemy, Rathcormac and Kildinan celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Ordination to the Priesthood of our Parish Priest Fr. Neilus O Donnell. Ordained to the priesthood in 1961 Fr. O Donnell has served our Community as an outstanding Pastor for many years. In his younger years he played hurling with Bride Rovers and since his arrival in the Parish he has been an ardent supporter of the Club, both in victory and defeat. We sincerely congratulate him on this momentous occasion and wish him many more years of health and enjoyment in his Sacred Ministry.

Fundraising For The Club

Cork GAA Members Draw 2011/2012

County Board Draw is another source of Income for the club. The Draw costs just €100 per year to join with a large portion of this fee being retained by the Club. There are fabulous prizes including cars, holidays and hundreds of cash prizes. Details of how to join are available from Club Officers.

Buster Draw

Tickets for a buster draw in Curraheen Park on 17th March will be on sale in the new year. Tickets will cost €20 and will entitle a family of 4 entry to the Greyhound Stadium on the night. Each ticket will have a unique combination & the winner will be decided by the placings in which the dogs finish. Your support for this venture would be appreciated.

O2 Initiative & Gaelic Telecom

Members can make donations to the club through their mobile / telephone bills by signing up to O2 or Gaelic Telecom.

Fr. Joe Rohan C.C.

We wish farewell to our curate Fr. Joe Rohan who left the Rathcormac / Bartlemy parish recently. Fr. Joe will now be placed in Ballycotton.

Fr. Joe served as a Football Selector during his time in Rathcormac. We wish him well in his new parish.

East Cork Board History Book Launch

"An Illustrated History of the GAA in East Cork 1924-2010", written by Tom Morrison and published by the East Cork Board, was launched on Wednesday November 30th in Midleton GAA Pavilion. Guest of honour on the night was Uachtaran Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Criostoir O Cuana, and Camogie Association President Joan O'Flynn will also be in attendance. The book is now on sale @ €25.

2012 Calendar

The ladies club are putting together a calendar for 2012. All aspects of the club i.e. Ladies Adult and Junevile have being included. The Calendar should be on sale later this week.

Deceased members

We remember in our prayers all the deceased members, both past and present of the club and offer our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

We also remember our sporting friends & their families from clubs all across the country that also lost their lives this year.

Ar dheis De go raibh siad anam.

Conclusion

A word of thanks to the Cork County Board and East Cork Board, for their assistance during what was a very busy year for our club. Particular thanks to Mairead & Barbara in the County Board and officers of the East Cork Board.

Sincere thanks to all our sponsors for their generosity right throughout the year.

I would like to thank my fellow officers past and present for all their assistance and my sincere thanks to all the committee members for their commitment to the club and for attending the fortnightly meet-

ings which ensured its smooth running. I wish the incoming officers every success.

Thanks to the Juvenile Club and to the Ladies Football and Camogie club for their assistance during the years.

I would like to thank all the players, mentors, selectors and trainers of our various teams and I wish you success in 2012.

I thank you all for attending here tonight and wish you every success, happiness and health in 2011.

Is mise le meas,

Liam De Barra
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2011 Officers

President:	Pat O'Connor
Vice-Presidents:	Fr. Neilus O'Donnell P.P. Fr. Joe Rohan C.C. Fr. Sean Barry Michael Barry Henry Hazelwood Martin Murphy
Cathaoirleach:	James Bermingham
Leas- Cathaoirleach;	Terry Broderick
Runai;	Liam Barry
Asst. Runai;	William O Leary
Cisteoir;	Dan Quill
Asst. Cisteoir;	Brian Arnold
PRO;	John Arnold
Insurance Officer;	Dan Quill
Membership Officer/Registrar;	Brian Arnold
Grounds Officer;	John Murphy
Oifigigh Gaeilge & Cultur;	Ger Lane
Delegates to East Cork Board;	Tom Mulcahy & Brendan O Driscoll
Delegates to County Board;	Kathleen Johnson & John Arnold.
Players Representative:	Barry Johnson
A.S.A.P.: Officer:	Mossie O'Sullivan
Other Executive Members:	Tom Kearney Nicola Barry Billy Finnegan Denis Ahern John Joe Carey Michael Barry Mike Carey Pat Barry Paudie Murphy Seamus Buckley

Selectors/ Managers

Senior Hurling; Pat Barry

Junior A Hurling; Dan Quill, Alan Fitzgerald

Junior B/C Hurling Shane O Connor

Junior A Football; Vincent Cronin

Junior B Football; Shane O Connor

U21 Hurling: Brian Murphy & Liam Forde

U21 Football: James Bermingham & Brendan Walsh

Membership Fees for 2011;

Adult Players; €100

Minor Players; €40.

Ordinary Club membership; €50

Special Reduced Membership rate for OAPS;€20.

Club Committees for 2011

To date the following Committees have been elected by the Executive for 2011

Finance: Dan Quill, James Bermingham, Terry Broderick, Liam Barry, Kathleen Johnson, Richie O'Regan (Ladies Club) & Pat Walsh (Juvenile Club),

Development: Michael Carey, Tom Kearney, Billy Finnegan, James Bermingham, Denis Ahern, Seamus Buckley, John Murphy, Mossy O'Sullivan.

Public Relations: John Arnold, Liam Barry, Brian Arnold, Gerard Lane, William O'Leary

Grounds: Pat O'Connor, Tom Mulcahy, Tom Kearney, Paudie Murphy, John Murphy, John Arnold, Denis Ahern, Dan Quill

First Aid: Jerome O'Driscoll



Hurling Wall



Jim & Kathy Dunne, Conversation Piece presenting a set of Jerseys to the Senior Team



Victorious Bride Rovers Junior Hurlers pictured with Team Management & Supporters after winning JHL Div 2 Final v St. Ita's
Back Row L-R: Dan Quill (Manager), John O'Dowd, Adrian Buckley, Joe Delaney, Brian Lahive, Richie Cahill, Jim O'Connor, Pat Walsh, Alan O'Keeffe, Gavin Quill, Barry Collins, Eoin Murphy, Stephen Pratt, James Murphy, Mike Hogan & Nevin O'Regan.
Front Row L-R: Daniel Lane, Frank Hogan, Ryan O'Connor, Gavin O'Flynn, Sean O'Brien, Pa O'Driscoll, Pat Cotter, Terry Broderick, Fergus Collins & Tomas Kearney.