

# AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 2012 AGM
2. Secretary's Annual Report
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5. Election of Officers, Selection Committees and Sub Committees
6. Determination of Subscription Fee
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A Chairde Gael,

Welcome to the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Bride Rovers GAA Club. It's my privilege to report on the activities of the Club for the past 12 months.

This year saw many successes and challenges throughout the year. These include:

- Competing in the Senior Hurling Championship for the 10<sup>th</sup> successive year.
- Winning €10,000 in the County Board Lotto
- Brian Murphy Captaining Cork in the Munster Hurling Semi-Final v Clare.
- The continual progression of phase 2 of the Club Development.
- The huge successes of both the Juvenile and Ladies teams in 2013.
- The publication of a Bride Rovers Coaching Manual for all Under Age teams.
- The success of club players involved in Cork Inter County teams including Adult Juvenile and Ladies teams.
- Hosting the East Cork Junior A Hurling and Football Championship Finals on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

# SENIOR HURLING

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Diff	Points
Sarsfields	14	11	0	3	320	237	83	22
Midleton	14	9	2	3	279	229	50	20
Courcey Rovers	15	9	2	4	294	270	24	20
Newtownshandrum	15	9	1	5	273	286	-13	19
Na Piarsaigh	15	8	2	5	307	278	29	18
Ballymartle	15	8	1	6	299	263	36	17
Carrigtwohill	15	7	1	7	281	275	6	15
Erins Own	15	7	1	6	245	240	5	15
Glen Rovers	14	7	1	6	294	304	-10	15
Douglas	14	6	1	7	250	245	5	13
Blackrock	15	5	2	8	274	278	-4	12
Bishopstown	15	6	0	9	264	285	-21	12
Killeagh	14	4	2	8	243	268	-25	10
St Finbarrs	15	4	1	9	224	266	-42	9
Bride Rovers	13	4	1	8	191	270	-79	9
Ballinhassig	14	2	0	12	229	273	-44	4

## RED FM SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE

This year we completed we completed 13 out of our 15 games conceding 2, which totalled to a fine of €200. Overall we won 4, drew 2 and lost 8, position us in 14<sup>th</sup> place.

## SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Carrigtwohill were our opponents in the Opening Round of the SHC which was played in Ballynoe on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. After a poor first half where we trailed 12 points to 4 at half time. A typical Rovers second half performance put us right back in contention but unfortunately time was not on our side and we were beaten by a score of 1-13 to 0-19.

**Team:** Denny Fitzgerald, Aidan Collins, Brendan Walsh, Shane Kearney, Barry Murphy, Brian Murphy, Pat Walsh, Jason Pratt (0.1), Michael Kearney (1 gl), Sean Ryan, Brendan O Driscoll, Terry Broderick, Padraig Murphy, Daniel Dooley( 0.1), Barry Johnson 0.10,(6 frees).Subs used Jason Mannix, Kieran Collins,



In the second round we played Ballinhassig who themselves put up a superb performance against Sarsfield in the first round and unlucky in defeat. The game was fixed for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. An outstanding performance from Bride Rovers, from the minute that the sliother was thrown in, meant that we ran out thoroughly deserved winners. Many reported that this was our best performance since we reached the final in 2008. It was a game we completely dominated and we won on a score line of 1-14 to 0-11 points.

Team and scorers; D. Fitzgerald(Capt.), A. Collins, Barry Murphy, Shane Kearney, K. Collins, Brian Murphy, B. Walsh, J. Pratt 0 1, M. Kearney 0 1, S. Ryan 1 1, B. O Driscoll, B. Johnson 0 10, J. Mannix 0 1, D. Dooley 0 2 C. O Connor.

Subs. T. Broderick, J. O Driscoll, P. Walsh.

After a wait of over four weeks, our fourth round game against Midleton was played on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>, August in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. The game from the beginning was an uphill struggle and the fact that two of our players had to be taken off in the early stages with injury and the dismissal of another meant we faced a near impossible challenge. We were outclassed by a Midleton side that eventually went on to win the County against Sarsfields. Final Score Midleton 1-24 Bride Rovers 1-11

BRIDE ROVERS: D Fitzgerald; D Carr, Barry Murphy, S Kearney; Brian Murphy, B Walsh, B Johnson; M Kearney, J Pratt; M Collins, B O'Driscoll, S Ryan; O Murphy, J Mannix, D Dooley. Subs: A Collins for Kearney (4, injured), P Murphy for Ryan (21), C O'Connor for Collins (29-half-time, blood), O'Connor for Mannix (half-time), K Collins for O Murphy (52).



## **SENIOR HURLING MANAGERS REPORT**

*Courtesy of Pat Barry*

The year commenced with 5 weeks of intense physical training. Our first game in Dungarvan V Mount Sion introduced our coach for the year Kevin Shelly. Training continued and with challenge and league games in preparation for our first round championship V Carrigtwohill. With a small panel and the busy fixtures list between other teams, fixtures were difficult to fulfil.

Our first round game was held in Ballynoe V Carrigtwohill on Sunday 02nd June - Carrigtwohill coming out eventual winners it was back to the drawing board for our 2nd Round game V Ballinhassig.

Next it was to Pairc Ui Chaoimh to face Ballinhassig, and with an outstanding win and performance from the players we maintained our Senior status.

The 4th round game also in Pairc Ui Chaoimh V Midleton wasn't to be our day and Bride Rovers championship year came to an end.

Our league participation continued for the remainder of the year.

As my term has come to an end I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club for the support given to Bride Rovers Senior Hurling Team and to Willie, Dan and James for your help and administration work behind the scenes.

A special mention to the weekly efforts of all the lotto sellers whom without their commitment to Bride Rovers, resources would not be available to the players.

To the players I would like to thank you for your commitment and dedication for the last 3 years. It was a pleasure to work with you all and I wish you all the best for the future.

## **JUNIOR HURLING**

### **CAVANAGHS OF FERMOY JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 1, SECTION 2**

This was the second year that we have competed in Division 1 of the Avondhu / Imokilly Junior Hurling League having gained promotion in 2011. This was a great opportunity to play competitive games against teams from both East and North Cork. We played 9 games, won 4, drew 1 and lost 3 finishing us in a very respectable fourth position.

	<b>Team</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Drew</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	<b>Cobh</b>	8	0	0	1	7	15
2	<b>Newtownshandrum</b>	8	0	1	1	6	13
3	<b>Shanballymore</b>	9	0	3	0	6	12
4	<b>Bride Rovers</b>	9	0	3	2	4	10
5	<b>Carraig na bhFear</b>	8	0	3	1	4	9
6	<b>Castlemartyr</b>	9	0	5	0	4	8
7	<b>Clyda Rovers</b>	9	0	6	0	3	6
8	<b>Ballyhooly</b>	8	0	5	0	3	6
9	<b>Killeagh</b>	9	0	7	0	2	4
10	<b>Kilshannig</b>	9	0	7	1	1	3

### **EAST CORK JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE Division 4**

Our third hurling team competed in Division 4 of the East Cork Hurling League. Played 5, won 2 and lost 3. There was one game unplayed against Ballinacurra.

	<b>Team</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Drew</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	<b>Russell Rovers</b>	6	0	2	0	4	8
2	<b>Ballinacurra</b>	3	0	0	0	3	6
3	<b>Aghada</b>	6	0	2	2	2	6
4	<b>Killeagh</b>	5	0	2	1	2	5
5	<b>Bride Rovers</b>	5	0	3	0	2	4
6	<b>Dungourney</b>	5	0	3	0	2	4
7	<b>Lisgoold</b>	6	0	4	1	1	3

## **EAST CORK OIL JUNIOR A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

In the first round of the Junior A Hurling Championship we were given a difficult draw against one of the competition favourites Dungourney. The game was fixed for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June in Ballynoe. From the beginning Dungourney showed their superiority and came away relatively easy winners on a score line of 1-18 to 1-7. BRIDE ROVERS: F Hogan, T O'Sullivan, J. Murphy, B Collins, F Collins, D Carr, P O'Driscoll, S Boyce, G OFlynn, O Murphy, D Burke, R Cahill, A O'Keeffe, S Hackett, W Finnigan.

In the second round/backdoor game, we were drawn to face Carrigtwohill. The game was fixed for Watergrasshill Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. This was an epic encounter with end to end action, proving to be one of the most entertaining games of the year. It can be said that no team deserved to lose but Carrigtwohill were awarded one or two contentious frees in key periods of the game. In the end they ran out 1 point winners at 0-19 points to 0-18. Despite the defeat this was a heroic performance by our lads.

Team: F Hogan , T O Sullivan, J Murphy, B Collins, F Collins, D Carr, P O Driscoll, S Boyce (Captain)( 0.2) G O Flynn 0.2, W Finnegan ( 0.1), D Burke (0.11), R Cahill, A O Keeffe, S Hackett, E Murphy( 0.2.) Subs used: C O Keeffe and S O Brien

## **EAST CORK JUNIOR C HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

For the second successive year we played Castlemartyr in the opening round of the JCHC in Lisgoold on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Weather conditions were certainly not ideal with strong winds and showers making hurling conditions near impossible to play. We took a four point lead into half time and looked comfortable as we had the wind behind us for the second half. A couple of key scores from Darren Moore and Mike Hogan kept the score board ticking over for us but Castlemartyr would not lie down. It was a very tense last few minutes but we held on to win on a score line of 1-07 to 2-11

Team: Mce Dooley, Brian Lahive, Barry Collins, Podge Noonan, Sean Cotter, Tomas Kearney, Jim O'Connor, Dan Lane, Stephen O'Leary, Gavin Quill, Mike Hogan, Garry Clerkin, Gerard Healy, James Hogan, Darren Moore. Subs: Niall Hogan. Jacob Makac, Jamie Buckley, Cian Howard, Liam O'Leary, Kieran Wolfe.

In the quarter final we were drawn to play Killeagh but on the week of the game Killeagh informed us that they would not have enough players to form a fourth team. Despite this, they said they would concede the game, but would still like to play us with a combination of their third and fourth teams, so we headed down to Killeagh on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September with the pressure off and our place in the semi-finals already assured. We came out winners on a score line of 4-11 to 2-10.

Team: Mce Dooley, Podge Noonan, Tomas Kearney, Enda Collins, Sean Cotter, Jim O'Connor, Kieran Wolfe, Liam O'Leary, Gerard Healy, Garry Clerkin, Niall Hogan, Darren Moore Mike Hogan, Cian Howard, James Barry  
Scorers: Gerard Healy 1-1, Garry Clerkin 1-0, Liam O'Leary 1-1, James Barry 1-0, Darren Moore 0-6, Mike Hogan 0-1, Niall Hogan 0-1, Jim O'Connor 0-1

In the semi-final, we were drawn to face Cobh on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Cobh won the toss so it meant they had home advantage. A strong sun in the first half down on top of our goal-keeper and defenders meant that the pressure was on from the off. An early goal from Cobh at the beginning of each half meant it was an uphill struggle throughout the game for us.

Two late goals gave the score line a more flattering outlook on our behalf as this was a poor performance by us and Cobh ran out deserved winners on a score line of 2-09 to 2-06.

Panel: Mce Dooley, Brian Lahive, Barry Collins, Podge Noonan, Sean Cotter, Tomas Kearney, Jim O'Connor, Daniel Lane, Liam O'Leary, Gerard Healy, Mike Hogan, Gavin Quill, Garry Clerkin. James Hogan, Darren Moore, Enda Collins, Colm Power, Ciaran Wolfe

Scorers: Mike Hogan 2-0, Gavin Quill 0-3, Colm Power 0-1, James Hogan 0-1, Brian Lahive 0-1

## **JUNIOR A HURLING Managers Report**

### **Courtesy of Dan Quill**

We commenced training on the 8th February but due to a poor turnout we decided to train with the Senior for a few weeks. We had a Challenge Game v Ballygiblin on the 9th February at home and we were defeated on a score of 2-8 to 1-9. Our next outing was a challenge on the 3rd March in Glanworth and after a very poor display we were defeated by 3-9 to 0-6.

Our first league game on v Castlemartyr at home on the 10th March and following a good display we were defeated on the narrowest of margins on a score of 0-13 to 2-6.

Newtownshandrum were the next visitors on the 17th March and having displayed some good form we again lost by the narrowest of margins on a score of 2-14 to 4-7. The following week we travelled to Shanballymore on the 24th March, we in fact just about fielded a team as several players decided not to travel for one reason or another, our lot was a heavy defeat by 8 points on a score of 1-15 to 1-7.

Our next outing was on the 4th May in Ballyhooly and for this trip we had 27 players available (Local Rivalry I Assume). In the first half we conceded too many stupid frees which kept them in the game, our performance was much improved in the 2nd half and we ran out comfortable winners on a score of 2-15 to 1-10. We travelled to Mourneabbey for our next outing 3 days later on the 7th May v Clyda Rovers and on a night of atrocious weather we were lucky to come away with a win on a score of 1-9 to 0-8, in fact it was so bad that our subs decided to vanish during the 2nd half to the comforts of the dressing room.

Some 4 days later Carrignavar were visitors to Pairc Na Bhride and following a good display we finished level on a score of 3-14 each thanks to a messer of a referee who decided to cancel a point we scored and which was recorded in the first half sometime in the 2nd half and a late goal by Carrig secured the draw for them.

We travelled to Castletownroche on the 6th June for a challenge game and were defeated by 2-14 to 1-12 following a poor display.

Our next outing was the Championship in Ballynoe on the 20th June v Dungourney, we started poorly and never performed in the first 20 minutes and thanks to Frank we could have gone home at half-time. We got in the game in the 2nd half but eventually Dungourney took control and our fate was a lost by 1-18 to 1-7.

Kilshannig were our visitors for our next league outing on the 25th June and with one of our better displays we ran out winners on a score of 5-16 to 1-11. We travelled to Killeagh on the 2nd July and after a very tough encounter we secured a win by 1-16 to 1-11.

Next up was the Championship Round 2 in Watergrasshill on the 6th July v Carrigtwohill. We opened brightly but it was tit for tat all the way through and having conceded some unnecessary frees late in the game we were defeated by 0-19 to 0-18--a game that should have been won.

For our final league game Cobh were our visitors and following a tight uncompromising game a draw was the final result on a score of 4-8 to 1-17.

As our playing season was over we decided to enter the Junior "7" in Ballincollig and we secured a sponsor who we are very grateful to but two days before the event it was cancelled due to task of entries.

Across the season we had in excess of 40 players who participated at Junior Level and we have to thank each and every one of them for supporting the club.

Selector and Coaches have to be thanked for their support and assistance across the year. It is good to have held our status in the Cavanagh's of Fermoy Avondhu/Imokilly League Division 1 for 2014, we finished in the top half of the league and with a little bit of luck we could have been fighting for the play-offs. With regard to the Championship we could have progressed to Round 3 with a bit of luck and hopefully the club will do better in the year ahead.

## **JUNIOR C HURLING Managers Report**

**Courtesy of Shane O'Connor**

The Junior C's enjoyed a relatively good year recording a couple of league & championship wins during the season. Our league campaign got off to a slow start with a couple of hard fought displays left unrewarded in terms of results, including recording a tally of 4-16 in a game against Aghada, and still somehow losing the game by a point. We recorded our only league win of the year in our final game against Lisgoold winning on a scoreline of 2-14 to 8pts. The league as always proved useful to get a look at some of the younger players, and to try & blend them into the team with the older, more experienced members of the squad, with the likes of Podge Noonan & co slotting right into the starting line up.

So onto championship, we met Castlemartyr in the first round, we started brightly and were well on top for most of the game, we did however leave them back into the game towards the end, just managing to hold onto for a narrow one point victory 1-11 to 2-7. Up next was a game against Killeagh in the quarter final, which was a higher scoring affair, we came out on top by 7 points on a scoreline of 4-11 to 2-10. We met Cobh in the semi final, and unfortunately didn't play to the best of our abilities on the day, losing by 3 pts in the end. All in all though, it was a good year, as we progressed further in the championship than we ever have before. And we will be eager to try to build on this next year.

## **UNDER 21 HURLING**

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, we headed to Middleton to play Youghal in the U21 Hurling Championship. Youghal made a flying start to this game, banging in 4 goals in the first half giving them a convincing lead at half time. Despite a strong second half performance, we were always playing catch-up and with Youghal picking up one or two easy scores, it meant they ran out easy winners on a score line of 5-08 to 3-12.

TEAM; F. Hogan, T. O Sullivan, B. Collins, J. Buckley, D. Quinn, F. Collins, S. O Leary, J. Pratt, C. O Connor, o. Murphy, J. Mannix, W. Finnegan, M. Dooley, G. Healy, D. Buckley. SUBS; S.Cotter & L. O Leary.

## **UNDER 21 HURLING MANAGERS REPORT**

**Courtesy of James Birmingham**

It proved a relatively frustrating year for the U21 Hurlers. A touch draw against Youghal made the task no easier. Numbers were the biggest problem this year. A lack of players on the age as well as lack of numbers at training meant we never hit the ground running. Despite this, I was very proud of the second half performance on the night. We showed plenty of fight and heart but because of our slow start, we faced a near impossible task. I want to thank my players for the effort they put in and my selectors Pat Walsh and Dan Dooley.

## **UNDER 21 FOOTBALL**

It was good to see the U21's back in action having had no team entered in 2012. We received what we felt was an unfair draw against a combined Castlemartyr and Lisgoold team who should have been in a higher grade. On Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>, we travelled to Castlelyons to play Castlegoold. With injuries and a lack of numbers we had very little players on the age and Castlegoold ran out convincing winners on a score line of 2-13 to 0.02 points.

1. Frank Hogan2. Sean Cotter3. Barry Collins4. Cian Howard5. Tadhg O' Sullivan6.FergusCollins (C)7. Jamie Buckley8. David Quinn9. William Finnegan (0-2)10. Damien Buckley11. Cian O' Connor12. Gerard Healy13. Stephen O' Leary14. Maurice Dooley15. Liam O' Leary

Subs Used James Barry,Padraig Noonan,Darren Moore,Jack Kearney

## **UNDER 21 FOOTBALL MANAGERS REPORT**

**Courtesy of Daniel Lane**

In late January we began preparing for championship. We were drawn against Castlegoold, a combination of Castlemartyr and Lisgoold in the East Cork Quarter final.

Our first training session was held on Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> and the players seemed focus on being as well prepared for championship as possible. Over the following seven weeks we had seven training sessions which focused mainly on the skills of Gaelic football.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> Cork footballer Noel O' Leary kindly agreed to take a training session with the lads. This was a great boost to not just the Under 21's but to the Minors and Under 16's who also joined us on the night to make full use of Noel's time with us.

On Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> we headed to Castlelyons to take on Castlegoold. Due to injuries and school commitments on the day we were missing 8 players from the panel. This led to a very young team taking the field with only 2 players on the age. The lads showed huge commitment and a will to win right up to the final whistle but we were beaten by a much stronger team on a score line of 2-13 to 0-2. This defeat was did not reflect the effort that the players' had put into training in the previous weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noel O' Leary for taking time out to train and speak to the players. I want to sincerely thank my selectors Brennie O' Driscoll and Brendan Walsh for their commitment, help and support to myself and the players' right from the beginning. I especially want to thank the players for the support they showed me. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience in training this team.

## **JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

At the beginning of 2013, the Club decided that they would request to be regraded from A to B. Our request was accepted so we took part in the Division 3 Football League, the Junior B Football Championship and the new unchartered ground of the Junior B County Championship.

	<b>Team</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Drew</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	<b>Dungourney</b>	5	0	1	2	2	6
2	<b>St Catherines</b>	4	0	0	3	1	5
3	<b>Carrigtwohill</b>	4	0	1	2	1	4
4	<b>Carraig na bhFear</b>	4	0	2	1	1	3
5	<b>Bride Rovers</b>	4	0	3	0	1	2
6	<b>Castlelyons</b>	1	0	0	0	1	2

In the Junior Football League, we played 4, lost 3 and won 1 with 1 game unplayed.

## **JUNIOR B FOOTBALL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP**

We were drawn to play Lough Rovers on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The game was scheduled for Brian Dillons. Lough Rovers had a quick start to this game, scored an early goal and the fact that we were put down to 14 men, again meant we had another fight on our hands. A strong resolute and committed second half performance saw us claw our way back into the game and we ran out 4 point winners on a score line of 2-11 to 2-07.

Team and Scorers; F. Hogan, T. Kearney, S. Kearney, J. O Connor, G. O Flynn, P. O Driscoll, S. Boyce, M. Kearney, S. O Brien (0 2), T. Broderick(0 4), S.Ryan(0 1), J. Pratt, B. Johnson(1 3), S. Hackett, D. Dooley (1 1), Subs; J. Macak, D. Buckley, L. O Leary, C. Howard, D. Quinn, J. Buckley, D. Moore, J. Buckley, J.O Driscoll.

In the third round of the Junior B County championship, we were drawn to play Araglin. The game was fixed to be played on the 5<sup>th</sup> May in Kilworth. A strong first half performance with scores from Brendan Walsh and Terry Broderick gave us a deserving half time lead of 4 points. Two quick fire goals from Araglin at the start of the second half gave them a lead of 2 points which they managed to hang on to with the help of the breeze. We ended up loosing by a score line of 2-07 to 0-10 points.

**Team:** Jerome O Driscoll, Tomás Kearney, Brendan O Driscoll, Jim O Connor, Gavin O Flynn, Patrick O Driscoll, Stephen Boyce, Michael Kearney, Sean O'Brien, Jason Pratt, Brendan Walsh, Shane Kearney, Barry Johnson, Terry Broderick, Barry Johnson    Subs used, Jason Mannix, Daniel Dooley

After a long wait, our footballers were finally down to play St. Catherines in the East Cork Junior B Football Championship on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The game took place under lights in Ballynoe. This was a game which was far from a classic contest but as they say goals win matches and we ran out winners on a scoreline of 1-06 to 0-06 points.

**Panel:** Frank Hogan, Tomas Kearney, Pat Walsh, Jim O'Connor, Gavin O'Flynn, Pa O'Driscoll, Shane Kearney, Barry Johnson, Sean O'Brien, Damian Buckley, Brendan Walsh, Jason Mannix, Alan O'Keeffe, Terri Broderick, Jerome O'Driscoll, Daniel Dooley, Jason Pratt, Fergus Collins, Shane O'Connor, Darren Moore,

At this current point, we are waiting the draw for the Junior B East Cork Football Championship. At this point we are due to play at some stage in November.

## **JUNIOR FOOTBALL MANAGERS REPORT**

### **Courtesy of James Ahern**

I wish to report the activities of Bride Rover's Junior Footballers for the year 2013.

We were regarded to Junior "B" this year after being up "A" for a number of years. To date we had 25 training sessions with an average attendance of less than seven. Training commenced in early February on one night a week after Senior Hurling training. This proved to be very unsatisfactory as the players found it difficult to do two training sessions on the one night; therefore football training was cut to twenty minute sessions. To be fair, it started off with very little enthusiasm from the players which one can understand but to have any chance of being any way successful a few minutes a week is not enough. I know it's difficult to get time when players are committed to hurling but going down the road one would have to question the future of football within the club.

Our first league game was played away to Dungourney on the 26<sup>th</sup> February and after a good battle we lost out by 6 pts in the end. Matches were arranged for St. Catherine's and Carrigtwohill but due to lack of numbers these had to be cancelled with the embarrassment of arriving in Ballynoe with only eleven players. A second attempt was made to play Carrigtwohill but this again failed. Castlelyons were also in the group but this match was never arranged due to various reasons. We managed to field a team against Carrig na bhFear on 22<sup>nd</sup> April after it being cancelled the previous week due to inclement weather. We gained our first brace of league points in this match.

### **County "B" Football Championship**

It was decided to enter the County "B" Football Championship and with very little training done we travelled to Brian Dillons in White's Cross to take on Lough Rovers and after an excellent hours football we came away victorious on a score of 2-11 to 2-8. After a long

wait until June 5th we were drawn against Araglin in Round 3, this match was fixed for Kilworth on this occasion we had a full panel to pick from and were leading at half time but two early goals in the second half from Araglin set them on their way to victory on a final score of 2-7 to 0-10. After this result we took a break from football until the end of August. Again numbers at training were very small and we could never get over the magic number of **eight** at training sessions. Two challenge matches were arranged but again had to pull out on the last minute when we could not field teams.

### **East Cork “B” Football Championship**

**Drawn** to play St. Catherine’s in the opening round we agreed to travel to Ballynoe to play under lights on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. On the night 20 players made themselves available and after a hard fought tussle Bride Rovers were victorious on a score of 1-6 to 0-6. This was a preliminary round game with the result putting us into round three. As of this moment we await the winners of Midleton / Carrig na bhFear V Aghada.

It’s very hard to be enthusiastic about playing football so late in the year but it is completely outside our control. Training has been upped to two nights a week but again it’s very hard to get players to train and **eight** still seems to be the magic number with different players turning up every night. From a management point of view it has been very frustrating fixing/cancelling matches and with numbers so small at training nothing can be achieved. To be fair to the players that turn up they give it their all during the sessions and one cannot fault them on this front. Unless football can get two nights a week, I totally question the future of the big ball game within the Club and I feel it’s only a burden to everyone concerned and I seriously question the fielding of a team for 2014.

## **Bride Rovers Juvenile GAA Club**

### **Courtesy Of Catherine Howard**

2013 has been a very good year for our juvenile club on the playing field. We have won two very precious county championship titles ,contested a third and are awaiting a fixture date for a league final. All county titles are rare and precious but none more so than the minor title won this year after a wait of 82 years. All rathcormac supporters present in killavullen gaa pitch to witness jamie buckley minor captain lift the county trophy while john arnold sang bride rovers abu stood tall and proud. This was on a sunday afternoon following an under 13 county win the previous friday night in lisgoold.

For some of our juveniles these wins gave them their third county medal. It was a proud moment to see our minors and under 13's well as our under 8's who also had a blitz win that weekend parade through the village along with the girls from the ladies club.

Our under 6's and 8's are turning out in great numbers for training and the end of season skills assessment for these young players along with their under 10 colleagues was a great success. The under 11 annual jerard kenny blitz was held in very poor weather conditions but was a success none the less with a win for the hosts.

The under 12 team have had a busy season with trips way to cahir and dungarvan to participate in blitz competitions.

The greatest challenges facing the juvenile club as we are at the close of another season are lack of mentors and adult help to support our young players and fundraising. We urgently need help to adequately train and mentor our juveniles as our numbers of young players at certain ages is high and if we want to hold these numbers we need to ensure the juveniles get as much skill and enjoyment from our games as possible.

Fundraising is another area of concern as with increasing numbers the cost of running the club is increasing and unfortunately the proceeds of fundraising are decreasing. Support is also essential in this area and we are very grateful to the many local businesses who recently were so generous to us.

We would like to sincerely thank the adult club officers who have helped us in so many ways during this year and say thank you to all outgoing officers. We welcome incoming officers and look forward to working with you in the coming seasons.

We would like to acknowledge the ongoing support and help received from John Murphy particularly this year as we hosted so many matches this season.

We would also like to wish the senior club all the very best in 2014.

## **Bride Rovers Ladies Football & Camogie Club**

**Courtesy of Pat Culloty**

2013 was another hectic year for Bride Rovers Ladies Football and Camogie Club, made all the better by the great weather during the summer. Our youngest group were our U8s who had a great turnout all year. Our U10s were very competitive reaching an East Cork final against Fermoy. Our U12s played camogie in the Go-Games blitzes and performed heroics on the football fields to come within minutes of winning a county B title, losing in a replay to Aghada. Our U14s were most successful of all, despite worries about the size of the panel at the start of the year. The U14 group captured the County C camogie title, beating Clonakilty decisively, and went on to beat Watergrasshill to win the East Cork B football championship. The U16s played County C camogie, reaching a semi-final, and qualified for County B football, losing to Boherbue in the quarter final. We still have an East Cork U16B football league final to play against Aghada. Our minor footballers' win rate was very good, reaching an East Cork A final which we lost in a titanic struggle with Fermoy. At time of writing, we are preparing for a county A semi-final against St Vals. Youghal were a bogey side in camogie this year, beating us in a Minor County D final and in the Junior C championship at adult level. We fielded 2 adult football teams, which combined for many practice games during the summer, which worked extremely well for us. Our first team competed with the best sides in Cork in a very strong senior division and performed well during a year where many younger players took the step up to this highest level. We eventually lost our Senior B semi-final against Clonakilty. Our second team had a great year, won 5 games in all including 2 rounds of the county championship to reach a semi-final versus Douglas.

We have close ties with Loreto Fermoy and it was a year to remember as the school won Senior A Munster and All-Ireland titles and a Junior A Munster title. Bride Rovers players played a big part in these successes, as we were represented by Claire Murphy (Junior A Captain), Jennifer Barry, Madison Parle, Aine Cashman, Trish O'Sullivan, Laura Quirke, Jen Cahill, Grace Culloty, Karen Sheehan and Katie Connor

At intercounty level, Grace Kearney, Eleanor Ahern and Jennifer Barry were on the Cork senior ladies football panel which captured the All-Ireland title this year. We were also represented on the Cork U14 ladies football panel by Grace Culloty and Emma Barry. Grace Culloty also had the honour of captaining the side to Munster and All-Ireland titles in an unforgettable year. We are very proud of all the girls.

Finally, we wish to thank Bride Rovers GAA Club for all their help and support during the year and especially for access to the pitches at all times, even during busy periods. We could not have been treated better. Finally, we wish the senior club all the best for the AGM and for 2014 in general.

## **Secondary Schools Colleges and Inter County**

Well done to Brian Murphy who captained Cork in the Munster Hurling Semi-Final v Clare and subsequently went on to reach the All Ireland Final.

Well done to Shane Walsh who competed with Cork in the Under 17-A Squad.

Well done to Dean Linehan who was captain of the Cork Under 17-B team who won the All Ireland.

Congratulations to William Finnegan who played with the Cork U17-B panel.

Congratulations to Emma Barry and Grace Culloty who played with their respective Under age teams for Cork.

Special well done yet again to Grace Kearney, Jennifer Cahill and Eleanor Ahern for the part they played in the All Ireland Ladies senior football panel.

Congratulations to Ger and Daniel Lane for their involvement with the Cork Senior Footballers and well done to Liam Barry for his involvement with the Cork U21 Hurlers.



## PAIRC NA BRIDE

Another busy year at Pairc na Bride. The main pitch continued to work at full capacity throughout the summer and Pynes pitch continued to work with the overflow. This year saw the main pitch host a number of key games. These included IPHC Watergrasshill V Kilworth, ICH Kildorrery V St. Catherines, IHL Division 1 Final Fermoy V Castlelyons.

It is always rewarding to be able to host big games and nothing was more satisfying to be awarded both the East Cork Hurling and Football Finals which took place on the same day – the 19<sup>th</sup> October. Huge preparation was put into hosting the games – there was a full cleanup of the pitch and club rooms. On Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, the Club launched the East Cork JAHC Final for the following Saturday. A number of representatives from both Sarsfield and Castlemartyr attended the launch and it was a very successful event. On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, we hosted the Junior A Football final replay – Lisgood V Glenbower Rovers and the Junior A Hurling Final – Sarsfield V Castlemartyr. The day was a huge success with the East Cork Board commending us on the professionalism we displayed on the day.

Huge thanks must go to everyone that helped out on the day as this event would not have been as successful without the input of many hands. Thanks to the East Cork Board for awarding us with these finals, the first of such we have held since 1995.

On behalf of the Club I want to extend sincere thanks to our Grounds Officer John Murphy and the Field Committee. They continue to maintain and develop the facilities of our club and do so in their free time.

In 2013, there was a huge increase in the use of our Astro-turf facility. This is available for hire by contacting James Birmingham. The pitch is suitable for 5-aside ground football and costs the small fee of €20 per hour with the lights.

This year also saw an increase in the use of our Gym facilities. Although we encourage people to use them, it is vital to put the weights back in their proper place after use to ensure that the Club room remains tidy.



## CAR BOOT SALE

Many thanks to all the people that helped out in the Car Boot sale over the past 12 months. This is an important way of returning the kind generosity shown to us by the Parish Development in the recent past. Anyone interested in helping out should give their names to the Club Chairman so that they can be added to the rota.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

### Avonduh Notes

A sincere thanks to John Arnold for his excellent notes during the year and keeping us all up to date on match reports and club news.

### CLUB Website – [www.brideroovers.ie](http://www.brideroovers.ie)

The Bride Rovers website is in its second year since it was relaunched. It has proven to be a massive success with over 4,000 hits per month. The site contains the latest Club news, Lotto results, Fixtures and Results. Lots of new photos are continuously being added as well as articles in the history section. Thank you to Ger Lane for keeping the site updated with all Club news.



## **Text Service**

The Club Text service for members and supporters is going from strength to strength. The text service provides club news, lotto results and all other club news. There are currently 294 people receiving text messages from this service.

## **SCOR**

Success came early for the Club in 2013. The Club went on quite a run with their novelty act “The Course”. Success came with relative ease in the East Cork Section giving the club qualification for the County Semi Final in Ballyhooley. The excellent performance in the Semi Final saw them qualify for the Final which was held in Ovens in early March. The Act saw off competition from Tracton, Kilmurry and St. John’s. To the huge surprise of the cast, the announcement that Bride Rovers were Scor County Champions in the nuachleas. The act was now on the road to the Munster final and came through the semi final stage to win a place in the Munster final in Templemore. Despite an excellent performance on the night, this was the end of the journey for “The Course” but what a journey it was! Well done to the cast members and all involved for the hours of work that were put in to this sketch. Cast were: Betty Cahill, James Birmingham, Daniel Lane, William O’Leary, John Arnold, Jonathan Brackett and Marie Gubbins.

The Club also took part in Question Time but bowed out at the East Cork Stage.

It is disappointing to hear the news that Scor have decided to remove both the novelty act and the quiz from their programme for 2014.

Anyone interested in participating in Scor this year, please contact Ger Lane, John Arnold or Mossy O’Sullivan.



## **CLUB SHOP**

Thanks to Betty Cahill and Kathleen Johnson for looking after the Club shop. They are busy at the moment handling the Christmas Orders, so for that special Christmas gift, you might consider getting something from the Club Shop.

## **EAST CORK & COUNTY BOARD DELEGATES**

Thanks to our East Cork Board Delegates, Tom Mulcahy and Brendan O'Driscoll and to our County Board Delegates, John Arnold and Daniel Lane for representing the Club at these important meetings.

## **EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

There was a total of eighteen club executive meetings held during the year with an average attendance of eleven and we would like to thank everyone who attended.

## **SCHOOLS COACHING**

Many thanks to our school coaches, Brian Murphy, Brendan Walsh and James Birmingham for the hours of coaching they have done with the Rathcormac and Bartlemy National Schools.

## **REFEREES**

A special word of thanks to our Club Referees, James Birmingham, Pa O'Driscoll and Mark Murphy. Congratulations to James our Club Chairman who refereed the Munster Minor Football Final – Tipperary V Kerry and the IFC Clyda Rovers V Macroom. Well done to Pa O'Driscoll who refereed the JAFC Lisgoold V Glenbower Rovers.



## **SPONSORSHIP**

2013 saw Bride Rovers agree a new three year sponsorship deal with O Coileains Bar, Rathormac Tyres and Veola Waste Hazard Service. The deal is worth €6000 per annum for the next three years and special thanks to Liam Mannix, Pat Whelan and Kevin Mullins.

## **The County Board LOTTO**

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, in the late hours of the night, we received the good news that Bride Rovers had won €10,000 in the County Board Lotto. To the delight of the Club we decided to put the money towards Phase 2 of the Development. “How nice of the County Board to give us our money back”!!

The County Board Lotto is an important source of funds for the County Board in the running of Gaelic games in Cork. New initiatives have been put in place by the County Board with regards the Lotto and some top prizes are up for grabs. Anyone interested in buying a County Board Lotto ticket, please contact Dan Quill or James Birmingham.

## **CLUB LOTTO**

Funds raised every week by our Lotto Sellers is vital for the day to day running of the Club. The huge effort put in every week by our Lotto sellers is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Muireann Lambert who scooped the Jackpot of €10,400 on Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>. Well done to the ticket seller John Arnold.

Please support the Club Lotto as it is essential to the Club’s day to day running and I would like to thank all our venues for hosting the Lotto on a weekly basis.

## **FUNDRAISING**

On December 29<sup>th</sup>, the very well-known, popular group “The Buachails” played at The Rathcormac Inn. Support on the night was poor which unfortunately meant the Club made an overall loss. 2013 saw very little club fundraising initiatives in the club. This to say the least was very disappointing. 2014 must see more of an effort put into fundraising events as these are vital for the continued growth of the club.

## **Votes Of Sympathy**

We remember all those who are no longer with us. We especially remember Patrick Mackey of Youghal, father and grandfather to the Barry family. We also remember Ciss Johnson, mother and grandmother to the Johnson Family May they rest in Peace

## **Development/Finance Committee Report**

**Members:** Dan Quill, Tom Kearney, Denis Ahern, John Murphy, John Arnold James Bermingham, Richie O'Regan

At the end of 2012, the Club received an €80,000 Grant from the Sports Capital Grant Programme. This was followed by a donation of €20,000 from the Rathcormac Parish Development Fund. At this present point, the Club has met with near neighbours to decide the context of how Phase 2 of the Development should be built. Having being given the go ahead by neighbours to build a 6 meter high Hurling Wall and Astro Turf similar to what Phase 1 is, we invited our Engineer to draw up plans along the guideline requirements of both the Club and neighbours and these plans have now gone out to tender to the appropriate contractors.

## **Grounds Committee Report**

**Members:**

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

2013 was another hectic year for both the Main Pitch and Pynes Field. At the beginning of the year new showers were installed in both dressing rooms in the pitch along with a new pump to circulate the water for them. The field committee over saw the day to day maintenance and up keep of both fields; this includes cutting of the grass in both fields and ensuring the pitches are in good condition for any games we were awarded to host. 2013 saw the club being awarded many key championship games none more so the than the East cork hurling and football finals. A huge cleanup operation was undertaken to ensure that the pitch was in good condition for the day, thanks to all those who contributed. The astro-turf remains in good condition but it is important that it is always locked after use to avoid

vandalism and unnecessary stragglers from wandering in. At the end of the playing season we applied sand to the main pitch and carried out the spiking of it, this was the last year of the sand grant which we have received for the past three years. As always we anticipate a busy 2014, we appeal to all the mentors of teams who want to request the use of the main pitch or Pynes for training or games to book as early as possible by writing there preferred slot on the diary in the dressing room. There was hassle this year whereby teams would appear in the main pitch with-out booking a slot causing chaos. With regards 2014 we hope to ensure the Main Pitch is in good condition throughout the year along with Pynes. We are also looking at the possibility of removing the trailer-dressing rooms from Pynes field as there are in very bad condition.

## **PR/IT COMMITTEE Report**

**Members:** Ger Lane, William O’Leary, Brian Arnold, Daniel Lane and John Arnold

A PR Committee was set up after the last AGM to increase the public profile of the Club and its activities. It was decided to revamp the Club Website and this has been very successful due mainly to the input of Gerard Lane. Twitter was also introduced during the year. Match Programmes were produced for East Cork and County Board games in Pairc na Bride during 2013.

Early in the year a project to frame and display in the Clubroom photographs of Club teams down the years was discussed. Financial constraint prevented this from being progressed. Regular weekly cub notes are sent to all the Local Papers and the East Cork Board website.

## **First Aid Committee Report**

**Members:** Jerome O’Driscoll, Kathleen Kearney, Barry Johnson

From a first aid focus every team from Juvenile to Senior level now has a new first aid kit with direct access to replenishing items as and when needed. What needs to be done in the next few months is to organize Defibrillator training for members of each team management committee.

Quotes on training has been obtained from 2 separate training companies (Fiona Barton from Acute Medical Training and Maureen O’Brien from the Order of Malta).

I would hope that by March of next year we’ll have a number of training sessions held which will bring all resuscitation training up to date.

The Defibrillator has been updated also during the year but thought will have to go as to where this will be located in the future.

## **GAA Social Committee Report**

**Members:** Mossie O’Sullivan, Kathy Kearney, Billy Finnegan, Richie O’Regan Teresa Power, Kathleen O’Regan, Frank Buckley

There were 3 Outings this year.

The 1st of June to Dublin where we visited the Dail & Seanad The Nat Museum, and the Botanic Gardens.

The 2nd trip was to Kilkenny in August where they took in the sights of interest before returning via Cashel where they had a great night at the Irish Traditional show of Irish music & dance.

The 3rd Outing was the big one to Donegal in September for 4 days & 3 nights.

### **Social Initiative Trip To Donegal**

The Rathcormac Social Initiative Group took off to Donegal where we spent 4 days and 3 nights in Donegal Town in the Central Hotel from 18th to the 22nd of September. This was one of our biggest trips to date and was similar to our trip to Northern Ireland this time last year.

On Day 1 we left Rathcormac with 46 on the bus on Wednesday morning 18th of September and meandered our way to Donegal. We stopped off on the way for a meal near Portlaoise and then drove on to Tullamore, Mullingar, Carrick-on-Shannon and on to check in at our Hotel at about 5 pm. After a lovely dinner there we were entertained in the lounge by a local musician. Some of us got word of a big Charity Dance in the Hotel next door where Michael Cleary & Breege Kelly were the main band and Brian Coll was a Guest Artist. It turned out to be a brilliant dancing night.

On Day 2 we struck off after breakfast to tour the southern half of the County along the Finn Valley to Ballybofey & Stranlour where we stopped to shop for an hour or so. We then travelled on to Ardara where we had lunch and finished up the day at Killybegs. We then returned to our Hotel where we were invited to a huge 5 course dinner and show by the Hotel Manager. This was a huge bonus to our trip as the dinner was fabulous and the Show included Susan McCann, Fiddler Adam, Dancers from the original Riverdance, and Patrick Feeney. The Manager himself was a brilliant entertainer with his house band so a most enjoyable night was had by all.

On Day 3 we headed off after the usual excellent breakfast to Rosstown

### **Hurling Development Committee.**

**Members:** Denis Ahern, Billy Finnegan, Brian Murphy, William O'Leary, Evan O'Riordan, Dan Quill

The hurling development Committee was formed in 2012 to oversee and monitor the development of players of all ages within the club. The first task the committee looked into was player skill. For this the committee published the Bride Rovers coaching manual which outlined the skills each player should obtain before they have finished the age group. All mentors from U8 up to Minor were invited in for the roll out of the manual. All mentors that a skills test would take place at the end of the year. This took place in October 12<sup>th</sup> where the ages of U6 up to under U12 were tested on the skills that were outlined in the manual. This was a very successful day; all the mentors of the relevant ages now have an insight into the strengths and weakness of their players on individual basis and now know what each player needs to improve on.

The second aspect of player development we looked at was the strength and conditioning of players. This was something the committee felt the club had fallen behind on recent times. Following a kind donation of 2000 euro it was decided to bring in an S&C coach to help us in this regard. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of October Paul Howard from Rejuvenate in Fermoy began this 10

week programme. We currently have 24 players undertaken this programme and they are being given advice and assistance on the use of weights, speed and diet

## **Conclusion**

In concluding my report I want to thank all the officers of the County Board and the East Cork Board for their kind assistance throughout the year. Particular thanks to our own Ger Lane in the County 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 throughout the year. Special thanks to the executive members for their commitment to the club, and for attending the club meetings. On a personal note I sometimes found combining both my college work in Limerick and my role as club secretary difficult. Both my fellow officers and executive members have been both helpful and understanding of my situation and have always accommodated me. I can't put into words how much I appreciate this.

I want to pay tribute to all the team managers and players for their efforts and commitment throughout the year. I want to pay a special tribute to Pat Barry who was a pleasure to work with.

Tonight I want to pay a special tribute to our club Chairman James Bermingham and our club Treasurer Dan Quill. Both have completed their three year terms and are standing down from their respective roles. The contribution of both men to Bride Rovers over the past three years cannot be put into words. All people have to do is look out the door and see the wonderful hurling wall/astro-turf facility we have. The work both put into this project is the legacy they leave behind. I have immensely enjoyed working with both and can't thank them enough for the help they gave me in my job.

Thanks to the officers of the Juvenile and Ladies club for their assistance during the year.

I want to thank my family for their support over the past 12 months

I thank you all for attending here tonight and wish you every success, happiness and health for 2014 and wish the incoming officers all the best for the coming year.

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**William O'Leary**

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## **Election Of Officers For 2014**

**President:** Pat O'Connor

**Vice Presidents:** Fr. Neilus O'Donnell PP, Fr. Sean Barry, Martin Murphy, Mick Barry  
Henry Hazlewood, Fr Liam Ryan, John Arnold

## Management Teams For 2013

	2013	2014
<b>Senior Hurling</b>	Pat Barry (Manager) Kevin Shelly (Coach)	
<b>Junior Hurling</b>	Dan Quill (Manager) Pat Walsh Pauide Collins	
<b>Junior C Hurling</b>	Shane O'Connor (Manager) Barry Johnson	
<b>U21 Hurling</b>	James Bermingham (Manager) Pat Walsh Daniel Dooley	
<b>Junior Football</b>	James Ahern (Manager) Seamus Buckley	
<b>U21 Football</b>	Daniel Lane (Manager) Brendan O'Driscoll Brendan Walsh	

## **Sub Committees**

### **Development / Finance Committee**

Tom Kearney, Dan Quill, Denis Ahern John Murphy, John Arnold,  
James Bermingham, Pat Walsh and Richie O'Regan

### **Grounds Committee**

John Murphy, Tom Kearney, John Arnold, Pat O'Connor, Paudie Murphy, Tom  
Mulchay, Denis Ahern, Dan Quill, James Murphy

### **PR/IT Committee**

Ger Lane, William O'Leary, Brian Arnold, Daniel Lane, John  
Arnold

### **First Aid Committee**

Jerome O'Driscoll, Kathleen Kearney, Barry Johnson

### **GAA social Initiative Committee**

Mossie O'Sullivan, Kathy Kearney, Billy Finnegan, Richie  
O'Regan, Teresa Power, Kathleen O'Regan

### **Hurling/Player Development Committee**

Denis Ahern, Billy Finnegan, Brain Murphy, William  
O'Leary, Dan Quill, Evan O'Riordan

**Motions To Be Considered**

**Membership Fees For 2014**

**Any Other Business**