



Newsletter Autumn 2013

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Swallows migrate, blackberries ripen, kids go back to school and a whole new season of football begins. Some Colga teams are already lacing their boots to defend honours won in the 2012–13 season. For the Colga women (below), summer was a peak time and September is bringing their season to an exciting close with a national final against rivals from Cork and six representatives on the Galway panel in the new national women's league.



Registraton You can register online for the new season at www.colgafc.ie but if you want to meet some of the coaches too then do it the old-fashioned way at our open registration nights, Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 September, 7.30 –9.00 pm, in Clarenbridge Hall.

Summer highlights It was a vintage summer with record temperatures, and record numbers attending the FAI Summer Soccer School, hosted by Colga at Kilcornan, and also the Club's own World Cup Day. It was one for the record books for the U11 boys especially, who won Division 4 of the District League and beat arch-rivals from Tuam in an exciting encounter in the Division 1 District Cup Final.



Women's football It's been a big year for women's football at Colga. The women's team were finalists in the Connacht Ladies Cup final in August. The game was tied 1-1 at extra time and was decided on penalties. Very deserving opposition from Ballina took home the cup but the officials awarded Player of the Match to Colga's Keara Cormican (left). The Colga women go on to contest the national Intermediate Cup final against Douglas Hall, from Cork, on 2 September, in Galway. The team bids goodbye to six of its members, however, as they have been selected to play for Galway in the FAI's new national women's league.

Pitch development A new grass pitch was seeded at Kilcornan this summer, on a specially prepared surface with under-soil drainage. An all-weather pitch is the next priority in the development programme. FAI Chief Executive John Delaney (right) met some of the victorious U11 squad when he inspected the new pitch. He promised them that the FAI would support our ongoing fundraising for the development of the club.



Who's your coach? The older teams train on grass in Kilcornan but the Cadets (girls and boys U6–U10) will train at Oranmore again this year. The following are the Cadets' coaches. (Other coaches are listed on the club website.) Cadets training kicks off on Saturday 14 September.

Age Group	Born	Time (Sat.)	Coaches	Phone
Mixed U6	2008	9.30 –11.00	Geraldine Browne	087 4105751
Girls U7–U8	2006, 2007	9.30 –11.00	Lucy O'Callaghan	085 7189171
Girls U9–U10	2004, 2005	9.30 –11.00	Caitríona Murphy Ann Keane	087 9411930 087 830 7351
Boy U7	2007	9.30 –11.00	Brian Cox	087 9003956
Boys U8	2006	9.30 –11.00	Alan Jennings Sean Conacur	087 2662005 086 2554594
Boys U9	2005	11.00–12.30	Matt Kealy Des Lowry Rory MacAdam	087 9908324 — 086 825 9995
Boys U10	2004	11.00–12.30	Jerry O'Sullivan Sean Kennedy	087 6469327 086 8218459

What can parents do? Training is more successful when parents get involved. Bring your trainers and we promise you some fun. If you want to take it further the club will pay for training. The entry-level Kickstart 1 certificate is a one-day course taught by professional coaches from the FAI.

Keep in touch We'd like to hear from you. The Chairman is David Silke (086 872 8523). John Lalor is Secretary (087 259 4399). The Treasurer is Derek Murphy (087 120 7877). Neil Ford (086 053 6876) is Co-ordinator of Coaching and Geraldine Browne is Child Protection Officer (087 410 5751).