



Newsletter Autumn 2014

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What a Summer! Germany won the World Cup as Brazil lost their way and Luis Suárez lost his head. Colga kicked off a vintage World Cup of its own in June and hosted record numbers at its FAI Summer School in July. Now lace your boots for a new season because here we go again, starting with an Open Day at the club grounds on 7 September.



Local photographer Padraic Higgins captured this chase for the ball and other scenes at the Colga World Cup. The photos are all on our website (Flickr) and high-resolution prints can be supplied on request.

Open Day, Sunday 7 September Registration is online this year at www.colgafc.ie but you can meet the coaches at our grounds in Kilcornan (Clarinbridge) on Sunday 7 Sept, 12.00–2.00 pm. Come for tea or coffee and a chat, and stay to watch an exhibition match on the new grass pitch. Colga is open to everyone. Our members come from all around Ardrahan, Ballinderreen, Clarinbridge, Kilcolgan, Killeeneen and beyond. The Chairman is David Silke (086 872 8523). Derek Murphy is Secretary (087 120 7877). The Treasurer is Jerry O’Sullivan (087 646 9327). Martin Whyte (087 650 1016) and Geraldine Browne (087 410 5751) are the Child Protection Officers.



'Give me the boy and I will show you the man.' Colga men's team on the eve of a new league campaign.

The Boys of Summer We salute the U12 boys who represented Clarinbridge in the national final of the Community Games in Athlone in August, gallant 0-1 losers to Douglas Corinthians from Cork. Coached by Brian O'Neill, Paul Browne and Shane Martin, they climbed Everest and came very close to the top.

Funding football Thanks to everyone who supported our recent table quiz. We'll be selling ducks at Clarinbridge Fair on 6 Sept for a plastic duck race at the Oyster Festival on 14 Sept. The club is a voluntary organisation. Most of our income from membership fees and fundraising pays for equipment, maintenance, insurance, tournament fees and electricity (floodlights). But a very large part of it goes to the purchase of our playing fields. It's a long term investment, for everyone.

Who's my coach? The Cadets (girls and boys U6–U10) play on astroturf in Oranmore. Here are the Cadets' coaches for 2014 –15. There are more coaches' contact details on our website.

Age Group	Born	Time (Sat.)	Coaches	Phone
Mixed U6	2009	9.30 –11.00	Geraldine Browne	087 410 5751
Girls U7–U8	2007–08	9.30 –11.00	Martin Whyte	087 650 1016
Girls U9–U10	2005–06	9.30 –11.00	Lucy O'Callaghan	085 718 9171
Boy U7	2008	9.30 –11.00	Michael Gilmore	087 974 4059
Boys U8	2007	9.30 –11.00	Peter McVeigh Sean Slattery	087 290 8992 087 616 0201
Boys U9	2006	11.00–12.30	Alan Jennings Sean Conacur	087 266 2005 086 255 4594
Boys U10	2005	11.00–12.30	Matt Kealy Rory MacAdam	087 990 8324 086 825 9995