

FOOTBALL FINAL

Kilmallock, 1-0; Galtee Rovers, 1-0

Kilmallock and Galtee Rovers played a draw at the Sportsfield, Kilmallock last evening, in the South Limerick Juvenile football final, each side scoring one goal.

Galtee Rovers playing with the breeze in the first half, were held by Kilmallock and at half time the score was one goal each.

It was expected that Kilmallock, with the breeze, would go on to win in the second period, but it was Galtee Rovers who set the pace and for most of the period they were attacking at the Kilmallock end. The Kilmallock defence held well, however, and though Kilmallock made a few dangerous raids in the closing minutes, their forwards finished weakly, and neither side scored in this moiety.

T. Hanly scored Kilmallock's goal and P. Walsh scored Galtee Rovers goal.

Mr. E. O'Sullivan, Kilbehenny, refereed.

under Galtee Rovers

I was at three funerals within a week, Mr. J. J. Keane devoted his life's leisure to Irish games and athletics. Remarkable man this. Entered business as a junior clerk in a corn and hay store; rose to be managing director of the firm and finally its owner—industry, judgment and integrity. I knew him as a powerful dashing midfielder for Geraldines of Dublin; he won the 1898 and 1899 All Ireland with them. He was a fearless attacker and tireless battler. A real champion hurdler; he had little skilled training, yet won the G.A.A. 120 yards hurdles championship in 1900. He became head of the G.A.A. section of Athletics as Chairman of the Athletic Council—an able administrator—straight and blunt in all his dealings. He suffered imprisonment during the troubled times for smuggling arms to the Republicans. In close association with Griffith and Collins he set to work to secure recognition for Ireland in the Olympics and succeeded. He founded and became first President of the N.A. and C.A. on the establishment for the Irish Free State and united all Irish athletes. He was for many years a prominent member of the International Olympic Council. All his efforts to keep Irish athletes together failed and he retired from public life in 1936. He was a most charitable man and rendered much help to the deserving poor. My sympathy to Mr. J. J. Bresnihan of Castletown Conyers, Co. Limerick, on the death of his wife, an admirable lady. J. J. Bresnihan was a wonderful all-round athlete, quite up to Tom Kiely's class. The pair never met. The death of Sean O'Ciarsey, native of Waterford, removes one of our best Gaelic writers. A delightfully humorous essayist and story teller, his short stories will live long. Mr. Con Murphy, the famous Kerry midfielder of a past generation, was a football genius. He seemed to fascinate the ball; he was a glorious fielder and a perfect placer of the ball. He won five All Ireland medals and scores of tournaments. He was a champion plougher of his period.

OTHER CLUBS.

The following officers were elected at the annual meetings of other G.A.A. clubs in South Limerick:

14-2-53
Anglesboro: Chairman, Mr. M. Hedderman; Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Mullins; Secretary, Mr. M. Callahue; Treasurer, Mr. John Walsh. Committee—Messrs. Patrick Hedderman, William Hedderman, James Callaghan, M. Hedderman, Wm. Fitzgerald, James Fitzgerald, Captain J.F., John Mullins; Captain M.F., Patrick Hedderman.

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GALTEE ROVERS QUALIFY FOR SOUTH LIMERICK FINAL *23/8/52*

Galtee R., 1-5; Kilmallock, 1-3.

GALTEE Rovers qualified for the South Limerick junior football final at Glenroe on Sunday, when they defeated Kilmallock in the semi-final of the championship by 1-5 to 1-3 for Kilmallock.

A keenly contested game throughout, there was some fine football. Kilmallock, playing many young players, fought doggedly for victory but they found the greater experience of the Rovers side too much.

Galtee Rovers had much the better of the opening half, and led at the interval by 1-4 to 0-1 for Kilmallock. On the resumption, however, Kilmallock forced the pace and fought determinedly for victory. Galtee Rovers' defence was, however, of the sterling type, and in a hectic and thrilling finish they held on to gain the verdict by two points.

Scorers for Kilmallock were:—J. Martin (1-0), J. O'Rourke (0-2), and J. O'Connor (0-1). Scorers for the winners were:—O'Brien and Casey.

Mr. J. Lyons, Glenroe, refereed.

The teams were:—

Galtee Rovers—J. Walsh, J. O'Brien, E. O'Doruinghe, W. Lidh-eadhá, J. Carey, Jas. Carey, J. Bir-rane, T. Flanagan, J. Murphy, W. Hartigan, J. Casey, J. McKeown, J. O'Brien, R. Ua Bradraigh, J. Hartigan.

Kilmallock—J. O'Connor, J. Walsh, J. Doherty, J. Riordan, C. Duggan, J. O'Rourke, P. Randles, J. O'Sullivan, A. Hales, T. Conba, J. Martin, J. O'Connor, J. Walsh, S. O'Connor and A. O'Sullivan.

Galbally *1970*

Clubs

amalgamate

It was decided at a meeting of the Anglesboro' and Galtee Rovers clubs to affiliate as one club in the forthcoming South Limerick championships. All concerned are to be congratulated on bringing about this happy and desirable fusion which should give very beneficial results in the forthcoming South Limerick and County

WIN FOR GALTEE ROVERS.

Galtee Rovers (Kilbehenny) by defeating Kilmallock, 2-4 to 1-2, at Elton, yesterday, won the Murphy Cup for the first time and thus secured South Limerick Divisional honours. The "Galtee" men started with such great dash that they led by 2-1 to nil before Kilmallock got into their stride. At half-way stage, Galtee Rovers led by 2-4 to 1-1. So close was the marking by the defences in the second period that only one point was added to the scoring.

1953

S. football title for Galtee Rvs. *20-10-65*

Galtee Rovers 1-6
Ballylanders 0-5

Galtee Rovers won the South Limerick Junior Football title at Kilmallock on Sunday when they defeated Ballylanders by 1-6 to 0-5, but their win was not as clear cut as the four points winning margin might suggest, because it was a closely contested game throughout.

Scorers: Galtee Rovers—J. Walsh (0-4), D. Mullins (1-0), and J. Carey (0-2). Ballylanders—T. Walsh and J. Meade (0-2 each) and M. O'Brien (0-1).

After the game, Mr. S. Fitzgerald, Secretary of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board, presented the cup for the championship to Mr. W. Luddy, captain of the winning team.

UNDER 21 GAME

Croom 0-7; Hospital 0-2. Also at Kilmallock on Sunday, Croom qualified for South Limerick Under 21 Football final, by defeating Hospital in the semi-final by 7 points to 2 points.

Scorers: Croom—M. Reidy, C. Shanahan and G. Lynch (0-2 each) and J. J. O'Regan (0-1).

Hospital—T. Ryan and T. Higgins (0-1 each).

Both games were refereed by Mr. J. Quaid, Feohanagh.

Kilbehenny *Kerry 1979*

Galtee Gals G.A.A. held their annual general meeting recently in the Community Centre, Kilbehenny. It was very well attended and the chairman Joe O'Sullivan thanked the players and officials for the dedication and support during the 1978 season. He pointed out that the average age of the players in junior grade was 19 years and emphasised that a great future lay ahead. The following officers were elected for 1979. President Fr. John Ryan P.P., hon. sec. Jack Barry and Jimmie O'Brien, treas. Ger Condon, registrar John Downey. Committee, Fr. George Bourke C.C., Liam O'Sullivan, Mike Moloney, Ned Casey, John Callahue, Ger and Eamonn O'Sullivan, Pa Noonan, Maurice O'Brien, Joe O'Sullivan. Bord na n-Og officers were chairman Patrick English, sec. Billy Fraher. Committee, John Han-



Galtee Gaels, South Limerick Under 12 Football champions. 15/9/79



Kevin Walsh, treasurer, South G.A.A. Board; Jim Hickey, County Board chairman; Joe Sullivan, chairman, fields committee; Pdraigh O Riain, Galbally, Limerick central council representative; Michael McDonnell, assistant sec., County Board; Tim Kiely, committee member; J. J. Sullivan, committee member; Matt O'Callaghan, secretary South Board; and Ed. Fitzgerald, registrar, South Board, at the opening of the Kilbehenny field and dressing rooms.

KILBEHENNY FIELD OPENING

High Tributes to Galtee Gaels

Galtee Gaels officially opened their playing field and dressing rooms at Kilbehenny on Sunday evening last. Pdraigh O Riain, member of the Central Council and the management committee, performed the opening. To mark the occasion the footballers of Cork and Offaly played a challenge game.

The field and rooms were blessed by Rev. Fr. G. Bourke, C.C.

Mr. Myles O'Malley, chairman of the Galtee Gaels club, chaired the opening ceremony.

Mr. Joe Sullivan, chairman of the Field Committee, spoke of the work being done by the club for the youth of the area. He thanked and praised all who helped to make the evening possible and paid special

rooms.

Mr. Jim Hickey, chairman of the Limerick County Board, expressed the good wishes of Limerick Gaelic to Galtee Gaels. He told the large gathering that he was honoured to be in Kilbehenny on such an historic occasion.

The following is a test of the address of Pdraigh O Riain:

It is a privilege and pleasure to have been asked to speak a few words to you on this historic occasion - an occasion that marks a further milestone in the affairs of Cumann Luith-Chleas Gaedhael in the parish of Kilbehenny-Anglesboro, an area which has from the foundation of the association, given class players and administrators to the promotion of Gaelic Games.

The G.A.A. has since its early years claimed to be not just another sporting organisation but a prominent and virile institution in the social, cultural, educational and national life of the country.

There are many views as to how

judgement or otherwise of what people think - rather are they the objectives which are and must be pursued for the committed the uncommitted leisure time of all our people. As a national organisation we must hold to the values and beliefs with which the members of a Christian nation can identify. We must have and obtain the full confidence and loyalty of the whole community by recognising its needs and efforts to develop healthy, educated, disciplined and athletic members in our society. It is only a club organisation such as Galtee Gaels can cater and provide the facilities for such an attainment in this area and this is the basic reason for our coming together here this evening.

GREAT

This parish has in the past from the time of the Fenian Brotherhood given great men in the cause of Irish nationalism - John O'Mahony, Fr. Willie Casey the

an Bhrathair O Cathain. These men by their motivation and dedication enabled us to enjoy a measure of freedom which enabled us to establish and promote our national games and ideals. They were in their time rightly considered to be true patriots. This evening we are witnesses to a new kind of patriotism, by the erection of these magnificent dressing rooms - a patriotism that seeks to cater for all your youth in a local Christian community.

JOHN O'MAHONY

The field at Kilbehenny is named after John O'Mahony, who was born and reared at Loughananna, Kilbehenny. He took part in the abortive Tipperary Rising in 1848. With James Stephens, he was co-founder of the Fenians. He died on the brink of starvation in New York in 1877. He was buried in Glasnevin. No clergyman attended his funeral and Cardinal Cullen of Dublin, refused to allow his remains to be brought to the Pro-Cathedral or any other church.

22/8/81

Kilbehenny- Anglesboro

The local GAA Club are holding their annual church gate collection on this Sunday.

There was great jubilation in the parish last weekend when Galtee Gaels won the Tadhg Crowley Cup in Ballylanders. They defeated arch rivals Aherlow in a thriller which saw Ger Condon make a most spectacular save of a penalty in the game. The score was 3-5 to 1-9 and the team were as follows: Mossie Sullivan, John Callaghan, Patrick English, Johnny Roche, Paddy Doherty, Maurice Callaghan, Willie Roche, Mike Moloney, Willie Casey, Eamonn Sullivan, Seamus O'Neill, Pat Callaghan, Paddy Coffey, Myles O'Malley, Joe O'Sullivan, Noel Martin.

For Galtee Gaels 1981 was

A MOST EVENTFUL YEAR

By Gerry O'Sullivan

That renowned Scottish writer, Robert Louis Stevenson once wrote:

To travel hopefully, is a better thing, than to arrive, and the true success is to 'labour'.

A quotation which I think aptly sums up the years activities in the Galtee Gaels G.A.A. Club, in which the sporting talents of Kilbehenny and Anglesborough are combined. While 1981 brought few honours on the playing field, it is undeniable that the labours of this year were most successful. I refer of course to the official opening of our new modern equipped dressing rooms and extensive field development at Kilbehenny. But more about that later — first I must introduce this energetic and ambitious club to our readers — Some of whom might not be so well acquainted with the parish which lies at the southern most end of County Limerick.

A LOOK BACK

Eventhough the organisation of G.A.A. activities did not seriously begin in Kilbehenny and Anglesborough until a little over fifty years ago, links with the earliest days of the Association are strong.

Within a matter of a few months of the foundation of the G.A.A. in 1884, Anglesboro' in early 1885 became one of the first eight clubs to affiliate with the Limerick Board. That same year, Pat McGrath of Anglesboro' recorded Limerick's only success at the first G.A.A. National Athletic Championship at Tramore. McGrath was also an able administrator, and attended the first annual convention in Thurles in October 1885.

Kilbehenny connections with the G.A.A.'s embryonic days rest in the form of John Hyland who was vice-captain of the Limerick Commercials, who became the holders of the very first All-Ireland Senior Football Championship (1887) when on 29 April 1888 they beat Young Irelands of Dundalk.

A major figure in the development of athletics in the early years of this century was John Joe Keane of Anglesboro' who in 1922 became the first President of the NACA and served as President of the Olympic Council of Ireland. Keane was an outstanding footballer as well, and



Very bad weather conditions reflected in the faces of the officials at the opening ceremony of Galtee Gaels G.A.A. dressing rooms. Myles O'Malley holds the microphone for Rev. Fr. G. Burke C.C. In the background Joe O'Sullivan, Padraig S. O'Riain who performed the opening (partly hidden), Matt Callaghan, Kevin Walsh, Patrick English, Tom Kiely and J.J. O'Sullivan.

won All-Ireland medals in 1898 and 1899 with Geraldines, Dublin.

Formal establishment of a Club in Kilbehenny occurred in 1929 and Anglesboro' re-emerged again during this period. Despite the fact that two clubs competed from the same parish, successes at County Junior Football level were recorded by Kilbehenny in 1931 and Anglesboro' in 1932.

Amalgamation of both clubs under the title, "Galtee Rovers" was achieved in 1935 and further "County Junior" honours came our way in 1942 and 1957.

Some while after, both clubs went their own way, recombining again in 1970 under the name of "Galtee Gaels". Football honours have been scarce but not unexpected since rural parishes are very vulnerable to demographic shifts which often lead to a great scarcity of men in the necessary age group. This parish was no exception, happily the trend is very much reversed at present and witness to this is borne by the fact that under 12 footballers won South Limerick titles in 1978 and 1979. A rejuvenated club spirit greatly facilitated events and was instrumental in bringing to fruition the major developments which were launched in 1981.

O'MAHONY PARK DEVELOPMENT

A serious drawback to any sporting club is the lack of facilities particularly playing

pitches. Galtee Gaels are in the happy position of possessing one of the best playing surfaces in the county, a position they have enjoyed since 1951 when the pitch at Kilbehenny was purchased from parish property for the sum of IR-£350 — a ridiculous price in these inflated times, but thirty years ago money was a very scarce commodity. The lack of finance was always a worry and in 1955, by which time the entire playing area was wired. A concerned treasurer of the club reported at the AGM that they were in "the red" to the tune of £96-12-8 (96-64).

Work proceeded as finance became available due mainly to the generous help from several local individuals and on 20 April 1958 the late Mr. Patrick O'Reilly Chairman of the Limerick County Board performed the official opening. Mr. O'Reilly remarked that "All Gaels should feel proud of the youth of the Parish". The field was a monument to their endeavours". Incidentally the admission charge that day was 1s. (5p).

Prior to 1951, the local footballers had to rely on the goodwill of several farmers who regularly placed their land at the disposal of the club. But as the 1960's dawned the G.A.A. in this area had made remarkable progress in the provision of this facility.

Disturbed by the lack of top class matches being played at the venue and anxious to respond to the sporting needs of the increasing

young population in the area Galtee Gaels in 1971 decided it was time to undertake a reappraisal of O'Mahony Park and the idea of dressing rooms was first mooted.

A Field Development Committee was formed and a number of initiatives particularly in fund raising were inaugurated. In 1977 the erection of the dressing rooms had begun, aided mainly by the voluntary labour of club members. In keeping with wishes of those who purchased the field originally in 1951 it was decided in 1979 to vest the field in the G.A.A.

With each passing month another stage in the development was constructed, and by April 1981 the pitch had been completely rewired, dressing rooms for teams and officials had been erected, an embankment along the full length of the pitch had been created and specially commissioned entrance gates had been provided.

To mark the occasion of the official opening on 3 May, 1981 by Pádraig Uas. O'Riain, central council delegate of the Limerick County Board a senior Football game between Cork (1980 National League Champions) and Offaly (Leinster Champions 1980/1981) was staged under the careful eye of referee John Moloney (Bansha). After a close encounter which saw the large crowd entertained to the particular individual skills of Matt Connor, and Declan Barron Cork emerged victorious 5-9-4-9.

It is the hope and aspiration of Galtee Gaels that the venue will be availed of to the full by locals and visitors alike. Kilbehenny is ideally suited for Munster Championships under age games and we are honoured in having been chosen to



Members of Galtee Gaels G.A.A. Club pictured at the presentation to Tom Kiely which was made in recognition of his work at the G.A.A. grounds over a long number of years.

Left to Right, Front Row: Myles O'Malley, Chairman, Patrick English, Secretary, Tom Kiely, Luke Aherne.

Back Row: John Casey, Rev. Fr. G. Bourke CC, Vice President, John Downey, Bob Breedy, Joe O'Sullivan, Chairman, Field Committee.

stage the National Football League game between Limerick and Waterford. We look forward to many more games.

Without the assistance of many people, too numerous to mention it would not have been possible to provide these facilities.

I would like to avail of this opportunity to say how grateful Galtee Gaels GAA is to all concerned.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh.

SPORTING EVENTS OF 1981

The "On Field" activities opened brightly for the club and after a series of fine wins over Camogue

Rovers (3.8-2.3) Banogue (1-8-2-3) and Hospital-Herbertstown (2-6-1-1) the club entered its first ever shield final. Success was denied by Knockainey, however who took the honours by two points (3-5-2-6) at Knocklong.

Following this fine string of performances hopes of success were high for the championship but, an untypical performance by "Gaels" brought defeat by Bruff (1-14-1-9) in the first round.

Success in tournaments in Kilbehenny against Ballyporeen (of Ronald Reagan fame) and against, Aherlow in Ballylanders which brought the Tadhg Crowley Cup back to the Galtees softened the bitterness of defeat a little.

Our under 12 footballers progressed to the South Limerick Final after beating Galbally, Ballylanders and Hospital-Herbertstown, but a fine Kilmallock side put an end to further hopes of glory.

Galtee Gaels under 14 and under 16 teams failed to get past the first round.

GALTEE GAELS PANEL (JF) 1981

W. Casey (Capt.), A. Moloney (Vice-capt.), M. O'Sullivan, M. Moloney, M. O'Malley (Chairman), P. Coffey, P. English (Secretary), J. O'Sullivan, Junior (Treasurer), M. O'Brien, O'Feeney, M. O'Callaghan, S. O'Neill, J. O'Callaghan, P. O'Callaghan, E. O'Sullivan, G. O'Sullivan, P. O'Mahony, M. McGrath, J. Roche, W. Roche, M. Martin, P. Doherty, T. Fitzgerald.



Michael Daly, Chairman, Ballylanders G.A.A. Club presenting the Tadhg Crowley Cup to Willie Casey, Captain of the Galtee Gaels Junior Football team. It was the first time that the trophy was won by the parish.

Progressive Year¹⁹⁸² for Galtee Gaels

THE 1982 season brought few playing honours to Galtee Gaels but nevertheless, the year was a most active and progressive one for the Kilbehenny-Anglesboro' club.

Few clubs fully appreciate that the Gaelic Athletic Association embraces a great deal more than playing football and hurling. There is the very important function of promoting the club as a social focal point in the parish. It was in this area, Galtee Gaels excelled in 1982.

Traditionally, "the Dinner Dance" has been a popular event in the activity in the annual affairs of clubs. However, performance of this duty had lapsed in Kilbehenny-Anglesboro' for a number of years. All was put right in February 1982 at the Glen Hotel, Aherlow, when an overflow attendance greeted guest of honour, Jimmy Carroll.

Plans are already well advanced for the 1983 gathering at which the guest of honour will be Michael O Muircheartaigh, RTE Sports Commentator.

The area around the Galtee Mountains has suffered its share of emigration in the past and so, conscious of the need to strengthen links with our exiles in England, the idea of a parish reunion was conceived. The concept was the brainchild of Patrick English, Club Secretary who despite a broken ankle suffered in training managed to do an outstanding job in organising the trip to London last Easter.

A party of over fifty players and supporters left on Good Friday by coach for London. High point of the weekend was the parish reunion in the Irish Centre, Camden Town. A special video recording of the night captured some of the moments of a very enjoyable and

sometimes emotional gathering.

Despite the previous nights activities, Galtee Gaels had a fine win over St. Mary's on Easter Sunday. The historic lineout was P. Heenan, A. Moloney, J. Barry, J. O'Callaghan, M. Moloney, M. O'Malley, P. O'Callaghan, P. Caplice, P. Coffey, M. O'Sullivan. Incidentally, a very obliging Pat Griffin, Secretary of the London County Board, acted as referee. Plans are already under way for this year's visit.

On the home front, the Junior Football side failed to make a serious impact on either the Shield or Championship.

At Juvenile level, the U.16 side had a very impressive season with outstanding wins over Croom and Gar-ryspillane. However, defeat at the hands of Camogue Rovers in the South Limerick Final ended any dreams of honours.

A number of members joined forces with Galbally in the Junior Hurling Championship reviving a development which was initiated by arch enthusiast Jack Barry some years ago.

The club had a record representation of four players on the Limerick U.21 football team. They were John and Willie Roche, Maurice O'Callaghan and Paudie O'Mahony.

All did their club and county proud, and none more so then goalkeeper Paudie O'Mahony who had a fine game against Kerry. Club Secretary, Patrick English was a very active selector of the teams.

Maurice O'Callaghan also made the Senior Football team during 1982.

In all, an active and rewarding year for Galtee Gaels and early indications from training sessions under a new coach are promising.

First Title for Ardpatrik

ARDPATRICK added a new and very illustrious name to the Limerick championship roll of honour, when they captured the County Junior hurling championship title at **Parc na nGael**, on **Sunday 14th November** by defeating **Murroe 2-5 to 1-3** in a keenly contested game.

Bonfires blazed in Ardpatrik, and Kilfinane — at one time a single parish, but divided in 1861 into two separate and adjoining parishes — are honoured names in the history of Limerick hurling.

Kilfinane, winners of the County Senior Hurling championships in 1897 and 1899, led Limerick to their first Munster and All-Ireland Senior Hurling titles in 1897.

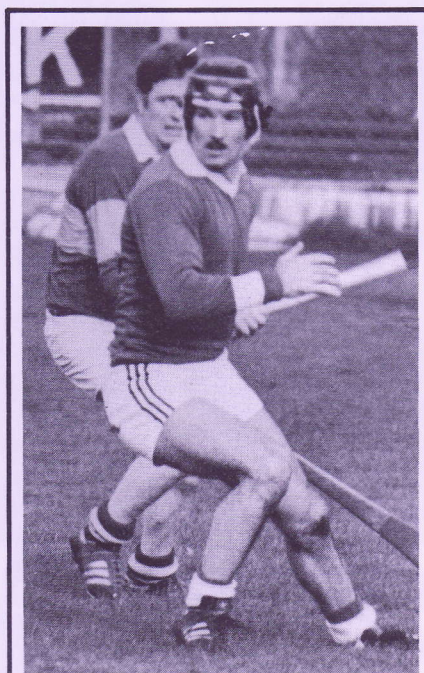
Ardpatrik, winners on their first meeting, but defeated on a Board ordered replay, by Ballingarry, in the County Intermediate Hurling Final of 1910.

Continuing on their separate ways, Kilfinane won divisional titles in Junior Hurling in 1934, 40, and '44, and Minor titles in '48, '49, and '50.

Ardpatrik, while not achieving similar honours, at the same time fielded teams and players of equal repute.

In 1970, under the chairmanship of Fr. Coughlan, native of Ardpatrik, and curate of Kilfinane, it was agreed to combine the resources of the two small areas, and thus started the dramatic success of what is locally known as Ardpatrik/Kilfinane Club — registered alternately, by rule, either as Ardpatrik or Kilfinane.

Devoted service, by Matt O'Sullivan, Tom McCarthy, Sgt. Fox, Ml. Hanley (relative of the great Sean Oge), Ted O'Sullivan, and later Fr. Greene, provided a wealth of talent for the older grades. Here the club was successful in the South Limerick Under 14, 1978, and 1980 Juvenile championships, and finalists in the South Minor championships of 1975, 1980, and 1981.



Jackie McCarthy a key figure in Ardpatriks County Junior hurling victory.

At Under 21 level, the club won the South Limerick championships of 1974 and 1981.

Under the able coaching and training of Sgt. Fox, the Junior team won the 1980, 1981, South Junior hurling championships and the 1981 Junior Shield, but were beaten by Boher, after a second replay in the County Final of 1980, and by Feohanagh in the semi-final of 1981.

Winners of the Galbally Senior Hurling Tournament, of 1982, they defeated St. Mary's Clonmel, and Cappawhite. Winners of the South Junior Shield of 1982, defeating Effin, they lost to Effin in the South Junior Championship Final, after they had defeated Stakers, Glenroe, on their way to the final.

In a do or die effort, to win the County, Ardpatrik, defeated Ardagh, after a replay, Pallas, and finally, Murroe, to bring the Cup home at the third successive attempt.

Chaired by John McCarthy, with Garda Paddy Kelly as secretary, and Davy McGrath his assistant, and trained and coached by Pat Heffernan, and Jackie McCarthy (who carried on the good work of Sgt. Fox of 1980/1981), captained by Liam Walsh, and selected by

Stephen McGrath (of South Divisional and Kilmallock Senior fame), John Holland (of Cork County Minor fame) and Billy Corbett (of Ardpatrik fame), the following players lined out for the final: Pat McCarthy, Liam Walsh, Eamonn McCarthy, George Hosford; Harry Murphy, Jackie McCarthy, Pat McGrath; Eamonn O'Keefe, Jimmy Croker; Donal O'Sullivan, Eddie McGrath, Donie Creed; Paddy Kelly, John McCarthy, and Pat Heffernan. Subs. during play were Tom Tuohy and Dan Costigan.

Reserves were: John O'Neill (goal), Ml. O'Neill, Ml. Farrell, George Douglas, Ollie Herbert, Tadhg Tobin, and Kieran O'Connell (who played in every match of this year, but was injured in training before the final).

Of this panel, Pat Heffernan, Jackie McCarthy, and Eddie McGrath played for the Limerick Senior Team, Harry Murphy for the Limerick Under 21 Team, and Eamonn O'Keefe, Eddie McGrath, Donal O'Sullivan, Pat McCarthy, and Jimmy Croker, for the Limerick Minor team.

An interesting connection with the past is that the Club Chairman, and player John McCarthy is a nephew of the great Tom McCarthy; Michael Hanley, a relative of Sean Oge Hanley; Donie Creed's father played the South championship winning team of '34/40/44; Tadhg Tobin is a nephew of Fr. Jimmy Tobin, of the '40/'44 team; Pat and Eddie McGrath are sons of Stephen McGrath (now selector and might be termed "Father of the Club", of the '40/44 team. Chris Carroll looked after the hurleys, after Jackie McCarthy had banded them; and Grett Murphy and Lizzie McGrath brewed excellent tea for the players during training.

Finally the Nuns of the Kilfinane Convent made their field and School buildings available to the team during the training sessions. There was no lack of support from the ardent supporters, young and old, who flagged and cheered the team to victory.

One great regret was that Ned McCarthy, father of Pat and Eamonn of the team, and selector of the 1980 team did not live to see the day.



NEWCASTLE WEST MINOR HURLING TEAM — 1982 CO. CHAMPIONS

Front Row (L. to R.): Sean Gleeson, Gerard Murphy, Noel O'Grady, Mike Mulcahy (Captain), Liam Keane, Donal Cremin, Joe McMahon.

Back Row: James Connolly, Mike Sammon, Joe Hoyne, John Hurley, Denis Kelly, Liam Cremin, Tommy Kelly, John Danaher.

was coming forward and was well used by the front men Mike Sammon and Noel O'Grady in the corners. Between them they netted a bagful of goals in the West final and County quarter-final. Tommy Kelly at full forward operated a Purcell/Delaney role with centre-forward Joe Hoyne and created the power to set up scores with a regular frequency. Gerard Murphy proved his worth as a forward with some delightful points as well as setting up scores for the others. Wally Cremin though only fifteen settled in quickly and his contribution for the remainder of the championship was outstanding. The West final ended on the score Newcastle 3-11 Feoghanagh 2-4 after a great hours hurling. Little did we dream at that stage that here we had, not alone the best team in the County, but the two best teams. The luck of the draw enabled Feoghanagh to go on and beat Bruff and Cloughaun to reach the final while Newcastle ac-

counted for Castletown-Ballyagran and Old Christians to get to the decider. There was some regret in Newcastle that there would be no opportunity to avenge the 1981 defeat at the hands of Cloughaun but there was no complacency either at the prospect of meeting Feoghanagh again. The build up to the final was like that surrounding an All Ireland with Newcastle trying to play down the role of favourites in a year when favourites were not doing well. Kilkenny's win over Cork the Sunday before the final must have been a boost to Feoghanagh who could see the advantage of the underdog tag. The opening twenty minutes of the game seemed to support that view as they shot into a four point lead. Newcastle, once steadied by a great Tommy Kelly goal took control at that stage and even though two points behind at the interval never looked like losing, finishing very strongly to win by five points

with the last two points coming from half backs Wally Keane and Donal Cremin.

This was the same team that won the West final as well as the County quarter-final and semi-final. This was quite an achievement considering the strength of the substitutes panel, any of whom could lay claim to a permanent place on the team. The long gap of 45 years is ended with Murt O'Connor who himself won County honours with Western Gaels in the sixties must be a proud man to have managed the team who achieved the breakthrough. His own contribution was an example to the team as he put in an amount of hard work in preparing them for success.

Denis O'Grady's training techniques kept the team at peak form right through the championship but the task was an easy one as this was a team that generated its own enthusiasm. Our heartiest congratulations to them all.



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Kilbehenny-Anglesboro

Galtee Gaels GAA held their AGM in Anglesboro Hall last Saturday. The meeting was well attended and lively discussion ensued on Gaelic affairs. All outgoing officers were loud in their praise for the members whom they stated were carrying on a fine tradition and preserving our Gaelic culture. The following officers were elected: President, Fr. J. P. Ryan, P.P.; vice presidents, Fr. G. Bourke, C.C.; Jack Barry; chairman, Joe O'Sullivan; vice chairman, Myles O'Malley; Bob Breedy; secretary, Patrick English; treasurer, Joe O'Sullivan Jr.; Registrar and P.R.O., Liam Allen. Delegates to South Board, Joe O'Sullivan and Pat English. Bord na nOg secretary, Liam Quane.

The local community would like to take the opportunity in saying a sincere word of thanks to Limerick Co. Council for the first class effort in clearing the snow and making the roads passable as quickly as possible during the recent blizzard. Local sheep farmers suffered severe losses and it is hoped that Government compensation will be forthcoming as quickly as possible. 23-1-82

Ardpatrick Kilfinane

At the A.G.M. of the club, the following officers and committees were appointed: life president, Rev. T. Coughlan, C.C.; president, Matt Sullivan; vice-president, S. McGrath; chairman, John McCarthy; vice-chairmen, Ml. Hanley and Fr. Coughlan; hon. secretary, Rev. T. Green, P.P.; asst. secretaries, David McGrath and Chris Carroll; treasurers, Ted O'Sullivan and Fr. Coughlan; registrar, Fr. Greene. Committee: Ml. Farrell, George Douglas, Eamonn O'Keeffe, Pat McGrath, Pat Heffernan, Jackie McCarthy, Billy Corbett, George Hosford, Tom Tuohy and Liam Walsh.

Senior, junior and U-21 selectors: S. McGrath, Fr. Coughlan, Chris Carroll, Billy Corbett, Tom Tuohy.

Minor selectors: Liam Walsh, Eamonn O'Keeffe, Jim McMahon, Jackie McCarthy, Fr. Greene.

Team captains: senior, Liam Walsh; junior, George Douglas and Phil Sullivan; under 21, Eamonn O'Keeffe and Donie O'Sullivan; minor, Ml. Farrell and John O'Neill.

Field committee: S. McGrath, Dan O'Neill, Jim O'Brien and Ml. Sheehy.

Finance committee: John McCarthy, Fr. Greene, Fr. Coughlan, Ted O'Sullivan, Chris Carroll, David McGrath, Tom Tuohy and Ml. Hanley.

Club na nOg: chairman, Ml. Hanley; hon. secretary, Pat McGrath; treasurer, Chris Carroll.

Committee: Tom McCarthy, Ted O'Sullivan, Pat Heffernan, Kieran O'Connell, Jim McMahon, Jackie McCarthy, Matt Sullivan.

Team trainers: Jackie McCarthy, Pat Heffernan and Eamonn O'Keeffe.

In the past few weeks the senior hurling team have been successful in their senior league matches against Monaleen and Newcastle West.

In a friendly match against St. Mary's (London) on the occasion of their Easter visit to Kilfinane, after a thrilling contest, the local team were winners.

At minor level, in the South minor hurling secondary competition, the minors were successful against Croom, but lost the next round to a very good Bruff team.

A number of this team assisted the South minor selection who

minute were just birds for their attacking play.

Goal

Donal Sullivan smacked

home a gem of a goal-to be followed by a typical Pat McCarthy effort. McCarthy had been operating without success at left-corner forward for the opening fifteen minutes.

Once moved to his favourite position on the edge of the square he became a more formidable proposition for Tom Normoyle the Adare full-back, who emerged from this clash as one of star players.

Adare, playing second fiddle for the most of the first half, were boosted by a 20th min. goal from a penalty by Michael Benson. This tonic score lifted their morale and when retiring at the interval, 2-5 to 1-2 in arrears, they were aware that they could overtake the opposition after the turnover.

Pat McGrath, a tower of strength in the Ardpatrick defence, was forced to retire with a leg injury early in the second-half. This departure could not have come at a worse time as Adare were continuously on the attack and picking off the occasional point.

Raised

Early in the third quarter, Adare raised a green flag and this was followed by a point to leave it 2-6 to 2-5 in favour of Ardpatrick. With 12 minutes still to be played, Adare looked all set to at least force extra time, but it was Ardpatrick who came back to dictate matters.

Eddie McGrath pointed two frees to keep the green and whites, three points ahead. Benson pulled back one for Adare to make it 2-8 to 2-6 with four minutes left.

Ardpatrick, sensing victory, carried the game to the opposition and when Pat McCarthy turned a high shot from McGrath into the Adare net in the 30th minute, the game had swung well and truly the way of the southmen.

The referee allowed a further four minutes play, due to the break in play, while Pat McGrath was injured.

Adare stole a late goal during this period, but the southmen stood firm and carried the day.

The game as a whole was a disappointing one. The passages of good hurling did not compensate for the hard tackling of the second-half. At one stage in the second moiety, the ball was of the least concern to a few of the players. Thankfully the majority had other ideas and they continued to play the game to the bitter end.

John O'Neill, at midfield, and at centre-back was outstanding for the winners. Others to show up were Eamonn O'Keeffe, Eddie McGrath, Tadgh Tobin, Pat McCarthy and George Hush-

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Galtee Gaels

At the annual general meeting of Galtee Gaels G.A.A. in Kilbehenny, the chairman, Joe O'Sullivan, said that 1982 was a very successful year for the club, despite the fact that they failed to gain any championship honours. The revival of the club dinner dance; the weekend trip to London, which included a match and a parish re-union, and the performance of their inter-county players were some of their many highlights, he said.

The secretary, Patrick English, gave a detailed account of activities throughout the year.

J. J. O'Sullivan, treasurer, informed the meeting that club expenditure exceeded income for 1982, and it was generally agreed that a much greater emphasis would have to be devoted to fundraising in 1983.

It was also announced that the club's annual dinner dance would be held on February 11 at The Glen Hotel, Aherlow.

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Death of Willie Cleary

16/3/84

The death has taken place at 76 years of age of a well known South Limerick Gael, sportsman and national figure, Mr. Willie Cleary, Anglesborough. He was son of the late Willie Cleary and Mrs. Hannie Condon-Cleary and grandson of Willie Condon who led the Galtee mountain boys headed with the Fenian flag into Mitchels-town on the fateful day that Shinnick, Casey and Lonergan were shot dead in the Square of Mitchels-town by the R.I.C. Deceased mother Hannie Condon Cleary was a well known poetess, Cumann na mBan officer, Gaelic writer and raconteur and a personal

friend of the late General Liam Lynch.

Deceased won a junior country football medal with Anglesboro and also one with Ballylanders. He worked with Anglesboro Creameries until he retired a few years ago.

He was a founder of the Liam Lynch Memorial Pipe Band. He was interred in his native Anglesboro and to honour his remains the coffin was draped with the Fenian flag which his grandfather carried so proudly. His wife is Sarah Lane, a member of a very well known and national family. He is survived by his wife and family.

day to the local cemetery.

On Sunday night the Ardpatrik-Kilfinane under 16 hurling team, which had been narrowly defeated by Na Piersaigh in the county final that day, was invited on to the reviewing stand in the town Square by Festival chairman Michael Fox.

As they took their places the appropriate Match of the Day theme was played by the C. J. Kickham Brass Band. The team members were then introduced to an applauding audience by trainer Pat Heffernan. Afterwards there was open air entertainment by local group Dermot Ryan, Donie and Marie O'Sullivan and by balladeers Drops of Brandy. Thus ended three weekends of splendid entertainment provided by a highly efficient and dedicated committee. Profits from the Festival will go toward the development of the new sportsfield.

The venue for meetings of the bridge club will in future be the Education Centre at which the members will meet on Monday nights at 7.45 p.m. New members will be welcome and beginners will be given instruction on play

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Adare fail to Ardpatrick

ARDPATRICK 3-8
ADARE 3-6

ARDPATRICK, minus the services of John McCarthy, Jimmy Quilty and flu victim Paddy Kelly, battled their way to the quarter final of the county senior hurling championship at Bruff on Sunday evening.

This second round replay with Adare was a furiously contested affair with Ardpatrick deservedly qualifying for a tilt with neighbours Kilmallock next time out.

A fresh breeze favoured Ardpatrick in the first-half and they made good use of this advantage. Goals by Donal

ford.

Man of the Match, Tom Normoyle the Adare full-back, was well supported by P. J. Kinavane, Ger Hickey, Brian Heffernan, Declan Marron and Michael Benson.

Scorers

Ardpatrick-P. McCarthy 2-1, E. McCarthy 0-5, D. O'Sullivan 1-0, E. O'Keeffe 0-2.

Adare-M. Benson 2-3, D. Marron 1-0, V. Buckley 0-1, S. Fitzgibbon 0-1, B. Heffernan 0-1 each.

Ardpatrick-T. Tobin, E.

McCarthy, J. McCarthy, S. Bulfin, J. Croker, P. McCarthy, S. Hosford, J. O'Neill, E. O'Keeffe, D. Sullivan, P. McGrath, K. Fitzgerald, P. McCarthy, P. Heffernan, K. O'Connell.

Sub., P. Kelly for P. McGrath.

Adare-P. Hall, P. Doherty, T. Normoyle, M. Dundon, E. Fitzgerald, P. J. Kinnavane, J. Noonan, G. Hickey, D. Marron, M. Marron, S. Fitzgibbon, B. Heffernan, M. Alfred, J. Hogan V. Buckley. Sub: P. Brennan for Buckley.

Referee: T. Murray, Patrickswell.



Ardpatrick/Kilfinane, beaten by Ballybrown in the final of the Minor Hurling Championship.

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Pictured at the annual dinner of Galtee Gaels G.A.A. club are from left:

1983

J.J. O'Sullivan (Treasurer), Patrick English (Secretary), Rev.Rd. Browne C.C. (Vice President), Michael O'Muircheartigh, R.T.E. (guest), Myles O'Malley (Vice Chairman partly hidden), Matt O Callaghan (Secretary South Limerick Board), Mary O'Callaghan, Ina O'Sullivan, Joseph O'Sullivan (Chairman).