

A County Limerick reader in New York sends us the following—

Since the Golden Age of Ireland's athletic greatness the name of Limerick has been synonymous with doughty deeds and valorous wonders on that fair field of Gaelic pastimes, where the ancient Spartan theory, the survival of the fittest, is vividly brought into action, where superb speed, skill, and stamina of the competitors are the factors alone that bring victory.

So true to the proud heritage of the Gael, remembering the glories of Kinkora, the people of Limerick at home and abroad will be proud and glad to learn that in a great competition held at the annual athletic carnival of the Tipperary Men's Association, which marked the closing of the renowned Celtic Park, Mike Kenny, a stalwart son of Limerick, from historic Clarina, established what is believed to be the world's record by raising and striking the hurling ball a distance of one hundred and twenty two (122) yards.

It was a thrilling contest for supremacy where the best caman wielders in America tried conclusions, the victory of Kenny bringing round after round of cheers. His perfect swing of the ash has won prestige for Gaelic athletics so desirable in this age of progress.

Mike's brawny arms and sturdy frame, like an Irish Round Tower, was built up by his boyhood training as a blacksmith in his father's forge. He is one of New York's finest police officers, attached to Traffic Squad C., a worthy exponent of the Gaelic Code, a famous hurler, a splendid fellow well and widely known. New York is proud of Mike Kenny.

Celtic Park is but a memory—
"No more we'll hear the crooked ash
Resound through Laurel Hill
Or see again the fiery dash
That gave the fans a thrill."

But though past is all its fame, the hero of its passing is Mike Kenny.

An Irish-American newspaper's account of the above feat says—"Twenty-four tried for the "long shot" in the hurling ball, the first prize going to Officer Mike Kenny of Traffic B, with a record drive of 122 yards. It is doubtful if this mark has ever been equalled. Jim O'Mara, the flashy Tipperary hurler, got second prize with 118 yds."

MIKE KENNY OF CLARINA.

16.8.30

26-6-48

Grand Opening Junior Tie At Ballybrown's New Ground

BALLYBROWN G.A.A. Club opened their new Grounds in a blaze of glory and before a great crowd at Tervoe last Sunday evening. A grand sod, well marked enclosure, and goal spaces complete with nets—all in the perfect setting of the lovely Demesne of Commander Monsell, who very kindly put the grounds at the disposal of the Club, marks the new venue as a most attractive one.

The Knights of Malta Ambulance Unit, who were present, made a pretty picture in their attractive uniform.

And the game surely lived up to the occasion. A first round junior hurling championship tie between teams from the same parish—Ballybrown and Patrickswell—it was fought with a fire and spirit that kept the spectators on their toes the entire hour.

In a thrilling finish the Ballybrown lads just got the verdict, but Patrickswell were fighting gamely and gave the impression that they could alter the verdict if another opportunity came their way. They are not out of the championship and stranger things could happen than another clash between this pair before the season's honours are won.

In sixty minutes of good, hard, clean hurling it is doubtful if we had a dull second and the issue was open right to the final whistle.

Both sides were at full strength and five minutes had elapsed before Ballybrown put over the first score of the evening—a point by Patsy Hall from a free at close range.

Hurling was very fast and both defences were seen to advantage before P. Hall again pointed from a free. Ballybrown were now attacking hard but the Patrickswell defence stood up grandly to many serious calls and their goalie saved a few stiff shots before Byrne, from forty yards' range, sent over a neat point.

PATRICKSWELL FIND THEIR FEET.

A little slow to settle down, Patrickswell at last found their feet and launched a terrific onslaught on the home goal. The exchanges were hot and heavy before Hannon got through to the net to put the sides on level keel. The visitors got ahead the next minute when the same player secured from a clearance by Murray to shoot a long-range point.

Ballybrown rallied and we had an exciting spell as they swarmed about the Patrickswell goal only to meet very determined opposition. Patsy Hall made it level again with a well-judged point but the visitors regained the lead from a fast raid that let John Foley away for a white flag from 50 yards' range.

Nearing the interval the home lads put on hot pressure and the Patrickswell

cul-baire saved his posts in brilliant fashion. Play continued very much in visiting territory and just before the short whistle the Patrickswell net fell before a desperate charge to leave the interval position: **Ballybrown, 1-4; Patrickswell, 1-2.**

FULL-BLOODED HURLING.

On the restart John Madden had a quick Patrickswell point to have the lead and there followed ten minutes of full-blooded hurling that roused the crowd to a high pitch. From end to end the sliotar swung and we had many exciting interludes but defences proved equal to the task and the third quarter was almost at an end when Ballybrown had a lucky "break" and two fast goals in as many minutes, by O'Brien and Conway, put them seven points in the lead at a vital spell.

Patrickswell were not daunted by this serious reverse and Hannon signalled the fight back when he landed a nice point with a lengthy wing drive. John Foley followed with a brace of minors and the visitors were back in the game with a real chance. But when another swift home assault saw the "Well" net fall in rapid succession to Johnny Reidy and Des. Kenny, it looked as if the Ballybrown victory was definitely assured.

Ten points to the good with about as many minutes of the game remaining was comforting for Ballybrown, but Patrickswell were not dismayed, and a point by Boland, plus a green flag from Willie O'Brien, put a brighter aspect on things. The home lads replied to the rising challenge with a goal by J. O'Brien that should have settled the matter.

With only five minutes left the visitors launched an all-out effort and excitement rose to fever pitch when John Madden cut a neat slice off the leeway with a great goal and Willie O'Brien crashed home another that left the game wide open once more. It was a thrilling finish with both sides all out, and if Ballybrown held the single goal majority credit must go to their opponents for a game display. **Ballybrown, 6-4; Patrickswell, 4-7.**

Paddy O'Shaughnessy refereed.

New Ireland Hurling

Shield Holders $\frac{5}{6}$
Defeated $\frac{6}{48}$

A SKEATON, who won the New Ireland Shield from Treaty-Sarsfields a few months ago, surrendered that trophy on Sunday last when Ballybrown triumphed in a replay of the drawn struggle of some weeks back at Patrickswell.

The Ballybrown victory was achieved at Askeaton, where the local lads failed to reproduce the form of earlier outings and were outclassed in a game that produced interesting hurling.

THE PLAY

Ballybrown, who gave their best display so far this year, opened with a point by Conway, which Kenny supplemented with a goal. Askeaton fought back well and a goal each by Ryan and Clifford got them ahead. Hall halved the leeway with the end of the first quarter which found the position: Askeaton, 2-0; Ballybrown, 1-2.

The second quarter was all in favour of the visitors. Martin Canty goaled from a free; Conway followed with a point; then Johnny Reidy had a goal and Conway had his third white flag. It was nearing the interval when Tommy Murphy had the only score of this spell for the home lads—a point, that left the half time position: Ballybrown, 3-4; Askeaton, 2-1.

Harte (Askeaton) and Conway (Ballybrown) exchanged points shortly after the resumption. Most exciting period of the game followed as Askeaton narrowed the gap—

Barry putting through a point and then a goal to get the local fifteen back in the match with a real chance.

Ballybrown responded to this challenge in spirited manner and it was left to O'Brien to counter the home move with an exactly similar tally. The game was fought and won and the Shield had left its West Limerick abode, at least for this season. True, the holders made a last bold bid but a stout defence held every effort at bay and only reward was a point by Tommy Murphy, that left the final position: Ballybrown, 4-6; Askeaton, 3-4.

Mr. Tom Kenny (Lansdowne Rovers) refereed.

...Gaelic Grounds.
The untimely death of Patrick ("Patsy") Hall deprives the Ballybrown (Co. Limerick) club of a valued member. He was due to play in the junior championship semi-final last Sunday, but developed a chill in training and died on the eve of the match, which was postponed as a mark of respect.

G.A.A. NEWS IN BRIEF

Gaels all over city and county were shocked to hear of the death of Patsy Hall, which took place at his residence in Ballybrown, last Saturday night. The late **Patsy Hall**, who was only 26 years of age, had been a leading hurler in the county and played on the Limerick junior teams for the past few years. He played for Croom, City Gaels and his native Ballybrown. He was popular both on and off the field. The game has lost a great gael and I take this opportunity of conveying to his family and relatives and the Ballybrown club my deepest sympathy on the great loss they have sustained.

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The Ballybrown-Patrickswell junior hurling championship game which was postponed on account of the death of Patsy Hall on Sunday last will now probably take place at Tervoe on August 27th.

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S. Hayes, the Tipperary referee, who was appointed to referee the Treaty and Cloughaun S.F. tie on Sunday last at the Gaelic Grounds, failed to put in an appearance with the result that **S. Brouder**, of the Mental Hospital, was selected from the side line to take his place.

A special meeting of the county board will be held at the Gaelic League Rooms, Thomas Street, to-day. At this meeting the draws for the remaining divisional groups in the junior and minor football championships and junior and minor hurling will be made.

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Treaty Sarsfields intend running a special train to the senior hurling championship game, Treaty Sarsfield versus Ahane, to be played at Kilmallock on Sunday week. This club are to be commended on their enterprise in catering for their followers who wish to see the game.

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Willie Kenny who starred in Mayo's great win over Armagh in the All-Ireland senior football semi-final at Croke Park on Sunday last, won a Limerick senior football championship medal with Treaty Sarsfields.

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WEEK-END G.A.A. GAMES.

Croke Park—All-Ireland Football Semi-Final—Kerry v. Louth.

Kilmallock — Munster Junior football Final—Limerick v. Cork Gaelic Grounds — Minor Hurlin Championship (City semi-final) Treaty v. St. Patrick's.

Patrickswell—New Ireland Shi Patrickswell v. Mungret.

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Referee Said
Player Struck
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A charge of assaulting the referee, Christy Mannix, at a hurling match in Patrickswell last August against Christopher Canty, Ballycarney, Patrickswell, a member of the Ballybrown hurling team, was adjourned for a month by Justice Kenny at Adare Court on Tuesday.

Mannix told the Court that while refereeing a match between Ballybrown and Limerick Commercials, he sent off a player from each side at half-time. Later he sent another Ballybrown player off the field. Soon afterwards he had to warn Canty, who retorted: "If you put me off you'll come with me." At the end of the game, Mannix said, he was surrounded by a crowd; one of whom jostled him. As he turned to face a Ballybrown player named O'Sullivan, he got a blow on the side of the head, but didn't see who struck it.

Joseph O'Connell, one of the Commercial team, said he saw Canty strike the referee.

Canty denied striking Mannix, but said Joseph O'Connell said to him after the match; "If you ever go into Patrickswell again you'll be killed."

Mr. M. F. Noonan, solr. (Messrs P. T. Liston & Co.) said a garda witness from Limerick, who had been summonsed by the defendant, had not turned up.

In order to hear further evidence the Justice adjourned the case to the next Court.

Jan 1954
Ballybrown.—At the annual general meeting of the Ballybrown G.A.A. Club, the following officers were elected.—Chairman, Mr. Ml. Kenny; Secretary, Mr. Patrick O'Connor; Asst. Secretary, Mr. Maurice Hartigan; Treasurer, Mr. Patrick Normoyle. Captain of J.H. team, Mr. Ml. Cross; Vice-capt., Mr. Frank Doran. Captain of M.H. team, Patrick Kenny; Captain of J.H. team, Nicholas O'Connor.

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**Easy for *Sept*
Ballybrown: 1961
shock for
Monaleen**

In the Limerick City Final of the Junior Hurling Championship, Ballybrown, at the Ennis Road Grounds, yesterday, proved too strong for Claughaun, winning by 12-8 to 3-1. There was never any doubt about the outcome, for Ballybrown were ahead by 5-5 to 1-1 at the interval.

Also at the Ennis Road Grounds, Mungret-Crecora sprang a minor surprise when accounting for last season's junior champions, Monaleen, by 5-1 to 3-3 in the final of the Canon Punch Park Tournament of 1961. Monaleen, with wind advantage, led by 2-2 to 1-1 at the interval, but Mungret-Crecora finished too strongly for them.

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Bennis goal a winner for Ballybrown

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Ballybrown 3-11
Doon 3-10

A goal by centre-back, Sean Bennis, from a 70 in the dying seconds of the game won the Limerick 1967 junior hurling title for Ballybrown at Kilmallock on Sunday when they defeated Doon in the final by 3-11 to 3-10 before a very large attendance.

It was an excellent game, with hurling of a high order, played on a lively pitch, and the closing minutes were fought out with enthusiasm that was wholehearted on the part of the thirty players.

The game opened at a crackling pace and Doon, with the wind, had the better of the exchanges. They led at half-time by 2-5 to 0-5, but on the run of play might have been further ahead. Shortly after the turnover, Ballybrown were very much in the picture, and were quickly on level terms. They then took the lead with a point, and followed with two more. At that stage, things looked black for Doon, but they fought back and at the threequarter stage the teams were level again. Once again, Ballybrown went into the lead, but Doon levelled. Once more, Ballybrown pointed to take the lead, but with six minutes to go, Doon had a goal that put them two points in front. They exchanged points, and Doon were holding tenaciously to their two point lead when Ballybrown were awarded a close-in free. It was beaten off at the expense of a 70, and Sean Bennis took the shot, which went all the way to the net to give Ballybrown victory in a tense and exciting finish.

It might be regarded as hard luck on Doon, but Ballybrown have been knocking at the door for the past three years and very few will envy them their victory on this occasion.

Scorers for Ballybrown were: T. McCormack, Peter Carroll, C. McCarthy, P. O'Connor, P. Fogarty, Patrick Carroll and Sean Bennis.

Scorers for Doon were: J. McLoughlin, J. Walsh, J. Allis, J. Ryan, R. Martin and R. Ryan.

Mr. J. Quaid, Feohanagh, refereed.

TEAMS

Ballybrown: S. Lyons; D. Fitzgerald, T. Conway, F. Hanley; T. Ryan, S. Bennis, J. Byrnes; D. Burke, E. Shanahan; Peter Carroll, P. Fogarty, C. McCarthy; T. McCormack, P. O'Connor and Patrick Carroll. Sub., S. Coughlan.

Doon: P. Treacy; D. Kennedy, P. O'Connell, B. Maher; M. O'Brien, S. Allis, J. Butler; R. Ryan, J. Ryan; W. Moore, P. McLoughlin, R. Martin; J. McLoughlin, J. Buckley and J. Walsh.

July 1968
Ballybrown 4-3
St. Joseph's 2-2
St. Joseph's, making their first appearance in the championship for many years, put up a stern performance before eventually bowing out to a determined Ballybrown fifteen on the tally 4-3 to 2-2 in the city junior championship at Patrickswell.

It was an interesting and well-contested game throughout with St. Joseph's dominating the exchanges in the opening period and leading by two points at the interval. However, the hospital boys failed to last the pace and with Noel Lyons in command at midfield, Ballybrown's second string got on top and finished merited victors.

On this performance Ballybrown looked a capable bunch and could well be concerned in the final shake-up for city honours. They were best served by Noel Lyons, Jimmy Crosse, Kieran McCarthy, Mick Hogan, Paddy Healy and Paddy McCarthy, while Denis O'Brien, John Maher, Mick Armshaw, Sean Mortell, Paddy McCarthy and Mick Riordan were most prominent for St. Joseph's.

May 1968
Ballybrown 5-9
Old Christians 4-3
Ballybrown, recently crowned county junior champions, made a winning debut at C.B.S. Grounds, Rathbane, when they beat their hosts, Old Christians, 5-9 to 4-3 after an exciting and well-contested hour. The game was highlighted by a great display from inter-county player Eddie Prenderville, who was in rare form.

TOM RYAN

WHEN Limerick line-out against Galway in their vital National Hurling League tie at Pearse Stadium, Salthill, tomorrow, a lot will depend on the performance of the man wearing the No. 9 jersey. Taking his recent displays as a criterion, the player in question should certainly rise to the occasion. He turned the tide in the Shannonsiders favour when drafted in as a substitute at a crucial stage against Dublin at the Gaelic Grounds, and on Sunday last had a storming hour for his club, Ballybrown, in the County Cup S.H. game with Old Christians. Have you stopped guessing? The player concerned is of course, Tom Ryan.

Tom comes from a G.A.A. background. His father, Willie Ryan, was a founder member of Patrickswell G.A.A. in 1948 and is still actively associated with the administrative affairs of Ballybrown. Tom donned the green and white jersey of the club at the tender age of 12 years, but achieved little in the way of honours until he reached the higher grade. He played all grades of hurling for his club and is also a useful footballer. He figured with distinction with City Gaels, Na Fianna, and the City Division in senior hurling, and has played under-21, intermediate and senior hurling for Limerick.

His array of trophies includes three City J.H.C. in a row, one County J.H.C., two Canon Punch Tournaments, one New Ireland Shield J.H., one Thomond Feis, and numerous tournament awards.

He was Hon. Sec. of the club for three years and is at present a staunch committee member catering mainly for juveniles.

"What is your favourite position?" I asked the genial office manager (Ryan) in a recent interview. Back came the reply: "I prefer centre-back, but most of hurling is done at mid-field. I don't mind, really, because I always aim to fit."

Q.: What game gave you your greatest thrill?

Ryan: Without a doubt, the county junior football final, when we beat Doon. It was the first time in over 50 years that Ballybrown won the championship. The excitement was intense. It did the game a power

of good in the parish.

Q.: Who is the best player you have encountered so far?

Ryan: On the inter-county scene, Justin McCarthy (Cork), and on the local front, Ritchie Bennis (Patrickswell), whom I consider to be a great club hurler.

Q.: What do you think of Ballybrown? Will they make the grade in senior ranks?

Ryan: Hurling is flourishing in the parish. On the junior-senior panel we have over 40 players, and very promising minor and under-21 strings. Our senior team are dedicated, and I feel confident we will prove our worth in the senior grade, perhaps, next year.

Q.: What are your impressions of the general G.A.A. scene? Would you like to see any rule changed?

Ryan: I would like to see automatic suspension abolished. Trivial offences can get you two months just the same as a major flare-up. I think each reported incident should be dealt with on its merits and let the ruling body then impose what they think is a just penalty. I would also like to see Rule 27 deleted from the rule book. Apart from the fact that it has outlived its purpose, it is being violated freely and makes a laughing stock of our Association. I feel also it encourages bigotry in sport.

Q.: What is the major problem facing the G.A.A. at present?

Ryan: The lack of officials who will devote their spare time to promoting Gaelic games. I think that too many players leave our ranks when their playing days are over. They should continue as club officials, referees or trainers, and so repay in some small way the enjoyment they received by participating in hurling and football.

Q.: What are your ambitions?

Ryan: To win a county senior hurling championship with Ballybrown; to see our new field developed on modern lines, with a social centre; to hold my place on the Limerick senior panel, and help them win a Munster Championship, at least.

Tom Ryan is son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ryan, Tervoe, Ballybrown, and is employed as Office Manager at Electrical Rewind Service, Roche's Street, Limerick.

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Ballybrown

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Kilmallock

Ballybrown, 4-4; Kilmallock, 3-2

Ballybrown won the Kilmallock Sportsfield senior hurling tournament at Kilmallock when they defeated the local team by 4 goals and 4 points to three goals and 2 points and carried off the fine trophies.

This game had some remarkable features, not the least of which was the fact that Kilmallock failed to score in the second period. They were well on top in the first half, and at half-time were leading by 3 goals and 2 points to 1 goal. This was an indication of their first half superiority, and they looked all set for victory.

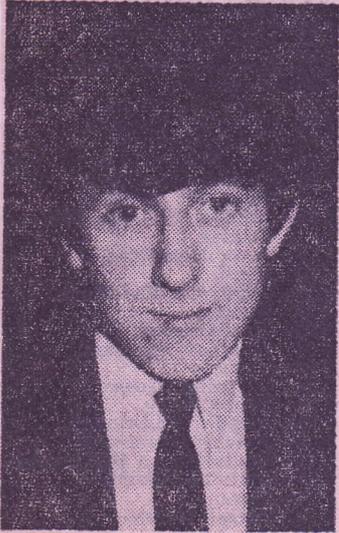
In the second half, however, Ballybrown seemed to get into gear and midway through the half, they had levelled the scoring. Then in the remaining stages, they had complete control and deserved their win.

Scorers: Ballybrown—P. Fogarty (2-1), D. Fitzgerald (2-0), T. McCormack, P. Carroll and C. McCarthy (0-1 each). Kilmallock—B. Savage (2-0), H. Keane (1-0), and D. McCarthy (0-2). Referee, Mr. J. Quaid, Feoh-anagh.

At the end of the game, Rev. E. Houllihan, Chairman of the Kilmallock Sportsfield Committee, presented the trophies to the captain of the Ballybrown team, Tom Ryan.

2/13/69

9-5-70
Bord na nOg



TONY BYRNES
 (Ballybrown)

Ballybrown are strongly favoured to retain their City Juvenile hurling championship, and one of their stalwarts is Tony Byrnes, a dedicated player in the true Ballybrown mould. A product of the Parish League, under the direction of Rev. P. Kelly. Tony is a classic hurler. "There is great spirit in our lads" he told me this week; "we'll be hard to beat."



Maurice Meskell played a major part in Ballybrown's defeat of Treaty Sarsfields in the juvenile league semi-final on Sunday last.



James Coughlan figured at mid-field on the Ballybrown juvenile hurling team which won the city championship for the first time in 1969.

Ballybrown win Shield 1970

Ballybrown 8-5
 Patrickswell 1-2

Ballybrown won the New Ireland Shield (J.H.) competition for the 3rd time at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last when they completely routed a fancied Patrickswell side to the tune of 8-5 to 1-2.

Played in arctic conditions which included a shower of snow the game was a big disappointment for the gallant band of spectators who braved the elements to witness the encounter. It produced little good hurling and was a drab affair throughout.

Patrickswell lacked the services of a few regulars and they never overcame this handicap against a determined Ballybrown. Matters were fairly even in the opening stages but the turning point of the game came when the Ballybrown mentors introduced Paddy Carroll for Frank Coughlan. The ace striker was bang on target and finished with a personal tally of 4-1. Jimmy Crosse with 3 goals and Michael G... in 1 goal were the chief Ballybrown marksmen.

Mr. Dan Hickey, chairman, City Board, presented the trophy to Kieran McCarthy.

G.A.A. PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

The silence of the Bord na nOg playing pitches was broken on Sunday last when Ballybrown and Treaty-Sarsfields clashed in the semi-final of the 1969 juvenile hurling league at the Gaelic Grounds. Ballybrown, who won their first championship in this grade last year, again confirmed their superiority with a facile 7-6 to 1 goal victory.

It was a happy day for our personality of the week — Ted O'Leary, because it was his first outing as team secretary and manager of the Ballybrown under-age team have taken over the chan of office from his predecessor, Jack Sheahan, at the recent annual general meeting.

Ted is an enthusiastic official, well capable of filling the onerous position he has taken up. He has served Ballybrown well, both as a player and Board delegate. He is an accomplished mid-fielder in hurling and will line-out with his club in that position in their New Ireland Shield J.H. final against Patrickswell at the Gaelic Grounds tomorrow.

Ted believes there is a great future for Ballybrown hurling. "There is tremendous interest amongst the youth of the parish," he told me this week. Much credit for this must be given to Rev. P. Kelly, C.C. for his inauguration of the Parish



TED O'LEARY

League for the O'Grady Cup. "We will be a force again this year," he concluded; "eleven of last year's team are again eligible for juvenile ranks."

Ted is a salesman employed by R. Mulrooney & Co. Ltd.

7.3.1970

BORD NA nOG SPOTLIGHT

One player who is always under suspicion for being over-age is Liam Davern (Ballybrown). The reason? The 15-years-old C.B.S. student is just over 6 feet tall and is built proportionately.

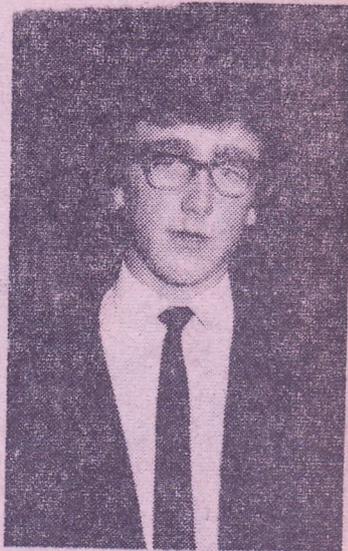
Liam who lives at Doon, Clarina, is one of the stalwarts of the present successful Ballybrown juvenile team that last year won the City juvenile hurling championship for the first time.

Recently he starred for the wearers of the green and white in the City juvenile league final which Ballybrown won by defeating Old Christians 4-1 to 2-0, after a fine exhibition of hurling.

Liam lined out at corner-back where his positional defensive play and lengthy clearances were a decided asset to his side.

Liam came into prominence in the local parish league, for the O'Grady Cup, and he is lavish in his praise for Fr. P. Kelly, C.C., for his work in promoting hurling in the parish.

Present team-manager, Ted O'Leary, is also held high in Liams' estimation. "There is amazing interest in hurling amongst the youth of Ballybrown at present", Liam told me



Liam Davern (Ballybrown)

this week. "We will be hard to beat again, this year," he said.

Liam is son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Davern, and employee of Irish Shell Ltd.

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JUNIOR HURLING:

16/9/72

**BALLYBROWN TAKE
CITY TITLE**

Ballybrown 2-11
Claughaun 3-5

In a game that would be very hard to beat for enthusiasm and whole-hearted endeavour, Ballybrown won the City Junior Hurling Championship when they defeated Claughaun 2-11 to 3-5 in the final at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday evening.

This was a thrill-packed hour of swaying fortunes that provided excellent fare for the excited followers. The hurling may not be of the classical mould, but what was lacking in finesse was more than replaced with determination.

Ballybrown dominated the first half and led 1-5 to 1-3 at the interval. They increased their advantage to 5 points midway through the second period and appeared all set for victory. However, two goals for Claughaun by Paddy O'Dwyer and John Walshe shot the city team to the front with time running

out. In a pulsating finish, Frank Hanly regained the initiative for Ballybrown with a well-taken goal and sealed the issue just before the final whistle with a point to give Ballybrown a narrow but deserved victory.

Best for Ballybrown were Pat Lynch, Jim Coughlan, Tony Byrnes, Noel Fitzgerald, Willie Ryan and Sean Bennis, while Tom O'Donnell, Mick Cronin, Dermot Graham, John O'Callaghan, Pat Phelan and Sean O'Connor shone for Claughaun.

The teams lined out:

Ballybrown: Teddy Hedderman, Sean Bennis, Paddy O'Reilly, John Lyons, Anthony Cusack, Noel Fitzgerald, Willie Ryan, Pat Lynch, Jim Coughlan, Maurice Meskell, Gerard Nash, Tony Byrnes, Paddy O'Connor, Frank Hanly, Tony Fogarty. Subs. R. Kennedy for M. Meskell, T. McCormick for T. Fogarty.

Claughaun: Jim Noonan, P. Phelan, D. O'Gorman, S. O'Connor, D. Keane, T. O'Donnell, M. O'Neill, S. Burke, M. Cronin, D. Graham, J. O'Callaghan, T. Ryan, P. O'Riordan, J. Walshe, G. O'Gorman. Subs.: P. O'Dwyer for S. Burke, R. Moloney for T. Ryan.

Referee: J. O'Grady (Mungret).

Amidst great excitement, Mr. Christy Murphy, Chairman of the City Board, presented the cup to Frank Hanly, captain of the Ballybrown team. He complimented both teams for their sporting displays and wished Ballybrown every success in their bid for County honours.

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Ballybrown — S. Lyons; W. Ryan, J. Byrnes, D. Burke; P. Byrnes, T. Ryan, N. Fitzgerald; P. Lynch, J. Cross; J. Coughlan, W. O'Brien, J. Kiely; P. McCarthy, P. Fogarty, P. Carroll. Subs.: S. Coughlan for P. Byrnes; T. Byrnes for J. Kiely; M. Hayes for W. O'Brien.

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Old Christians—L. Jones; P. McGuigan, D. Greaney, B. Jones, G. Jones, C. Campbell, M. Halpin, S. O'Grady; M. Ruth, D. Brougham, M. Hennessy; C. Mulhally, D. Sexton, P. Reale, M. Callanan. Sub.: F. Kelly for D. Sexton.

Referee: J. O'Grady (Munster).

UNDER 21 HURLING

Ballybrown 1-8;
Old Christians 0-6.

Ballybrown defeated a much younger Old Christians Under 21 hurling team in the City Final in the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last. Ballybrown's overall physical strength throughout the field told its tale as the game wore on.

Ballybrown won the toss and they played with the aid of the wind in the first half but both sides were on level terms as the half time whistle sounded. Old Christians forged ahead early in the second half but Ballybrown gradually regained control and they eventually won by five pts.

Best for Old Christians were: F. Brougham, P. McGuigan, P. Keogh, S. O'Grady and D. Brougham. Others who played well were: M. Callanan, G. Foley (until injured) and P. Hanrahan.

Scorers for Old Christians: F. Brougham 0-3; D. Brougham, S. O'Grady and P. Hanrahan 0-1 each.

Old Christians line-out: E. Naughton, M. Kelly, P. McGuigan, F. Kelly, G. Foley, P. Keogh, P. Quinlan, F. Brougham, S. O'Grady, F. McNamara, P. Hanrahan, D. Brougham, B. Liston, M. Callanan, B. Skelly.

Subs.: K. Commerford, R. Browne, M. Kelly, J. O'Neill, P. Fogarty, G. Byrnes.

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UNDER 21 HURLING

Ballybrown 1-8
Old Christians 0-6

Ballybrown players: Johnny Fogarty, James Hartigan, Willie Ryan, Pakey Lyons, Tony Byrnes, Noel Fitzgerald, Richie Quinn, James Coughlan, Maurice Mescall, Desmond O'Connor, John Normoyle, Kenneth Roche, Joe Kiely, Billy Normoyle, Vincent O'Connor. Sub.: Michael Gavin.

Ballybrown

At the annual general meeting of the Ballybrown G.A.A. club, Mr. Paddy McElligott presiding, the following officers were elected: president, Rev. P. Kelly, C.C.; chairman, Paddy McElligott; vice - chairman, Tom O'Brien; secretary, Peter Carroll; asst. secretary, Willie Ryan; treasurer, Jim Byrnes; Committee: Messrs. Jim Cusack, James O'Brien, Pat Byrnes, John Bennis, Mick Mulqueen, Ted Hedderman, Kieran McCarthy, Mark Lynch. Juvenile committee: chairman, Rev. P. C.C.; secretary, Ted Hedderman. Committee members: Messrs. James Hartigan, Donie Bourke, Willie Ryan, James O'Brien, Ned Quinn, Kieran McCarthy, P.R.O., Willie Ryan

Selectors:
Senior hurling — Kieran McCarthy, Donie Bourke, Mark Lynch, Richie Quinn.
Junior hurling — Peter Carroll, Donie McAuliffe, John Under 21 hurling — Rev. P. Bennis, Donie Bourke, Kelly, C.C., Donie Bourke, James O'Brien, Tom Ryan.

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The curtain-raiser to the big game at the Gaelic Grounds was the city under-21 hurling semi-final replay between Ballybrown and Na Piarsaigh.

Ballybrown scored a good 7-6 to 2-5 win, but it was well into the second half before they beat off the determined challenge of Na Piarsaigh. The latter trailed at the interval 2-5 to 1-2, and when Ger Grant goaled early in the second half to reduce the deficit to a single goal, a close finish seemed assured.

HAT-TRICK

But Ballybrown centre-forward, John Normoyle, had other ideas, and his hat-trick of goals mid-way through the half turned the tide completely in his side's favour and they ran out easy winners.

Pat Costelloe, Joe Kiely, Des O'Connor, John Normoyle, Johnny Fogarty, Tony Byrnes and Sean Mann were best for the winners. Ger Duggan, Pat Dowling, Tom Tobin, Ger Grant and Mick McDonnell tried hard for the losers.

Dec. 1978

Ballybrown A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the Ballybrown GAA club was held on Monday, December 11, in the clubhouse, Clarina. The outgoing chairman, Pater Carroll welcomed all and went on to say that Ballybrown had a very successful year both on and off the field. 1978 had seen the opening of our bar in the clubhouse. He thanked the various committees for their great work during the year and said he looked forward to better things in 79.

The following officers were elected to run the club for 1979 — president, Rev. Fr. Gilligan; chairman, Peter Carroll; vice chairman, Kieran McCarthy; secretary, Michael Ryan; asst. secretary, Jim Byrnes; treasurer, Seamus Lyons; asst. treasurer, Jack Sheehan; PRO, Michael Ryan. Committee, Frank Hanley, Christy Lynch, Tony Hall, Eamonn Quinn, Vincent O'Connor, Mick Mulqueen, and P. Hanley.

Juvenile committee — chairman, Michael Hogan; secretary, Teddy Hedderman; committee, Mick Mulqueen, Noel Fitzgerald, Pat Lynch, Paddy McElligott. City board delegates, P. Carroll and M. Ryan; county board delegates, P. McElligott and P. Carroll; senior selectors, Tom Ryan, Sean Bennis, K. McCarthy; junior selectors, D. McAuliffe, Paddy Hanley, M. Hogan; under 21 selectors, Tom Ryan, Sean Bennis, T. Hedderman; junior football, J.e Kiely, Jim Byrnes, P. Carroll.

Team captains: senior hurling, Vincent O'Connor, Willie Ryan; junior hurling, Donie Bourke, Teddy Hedderman; under 21 hurling, Eamonn Quin, Ger Curtin; minor hurling, Ollie Coughlan, Pat O'Reilly.

Membership fees were fixed at £3.00 for 1979 and the chairman stated that all players should enroll before Jan. 31st. In concluding he thanked all those who had sponsored our many fund raising activities for 1978.





Pat Duffy, sales representative, Readymix Ltd., Mungret, presenting Peter Carroll, chairman of the Ballybrown club, with trophies to be presented to the winners of the senior hurling tournament between Patrickswell and Ahane which will be played at Clarina on Saturday night at 7.30 p.m.



Ballybrown officials planning for a better future: (l. to r., back row) Mr. Willie Ryan, Mr. Sean Bennis and Mr. Frank Hanly, club trustees; sitting, from left: Mr. Seamus Lyons, treasurer; Mr. Peter Carroll, chairman and Mr. Willie Ryan, hon. secretary.

Big plans at Ballybrown

OVER the past few weeks, Ballybrown G.A.A. Club have reviewed all aspects of the club's activities going back to 1967 when they first decided to take a massive step forward and purchase their own club grounds.

The members are well satisfied with the progress made as Ballybrown is one of the best equipped small clubs in the country. They have received fantastic support from the parishioners and also from some outsiders and one can easily see that all the monies collected and made by the club have been well spent.

In 1967 the club purchased the grounds for £2,400.00. They received a contribution from Messrs. Cement Ltd. of £1,000.

The club got great encouragement and help from Jackie O'Connell, Seamus O Riain, then President of the G.A.A.; Tom Boland and Padraig O Riain, who were the top officials of Limerick G.A.A., and a grant of £600 came through almost immediately; trustees appointed, the legal end was swiftly and expertly tied up by Mr. W. E. Leahy, solicitor, Limerick, and Mr. O'Sullivan of the Provincial Bank, William Street, set up a loan for the club for the balance required.

A wall, eight feet high, 150 yards long had to be erected immediately, so the club had an uphill battle for finance. A further grant of £400 came through from the G.A.A. to build the wall and progress since then has been as follows:

1968, wall erected in 6 inch blocks.

1969, pitch levelled, rotated and reseeded.

1970, built roadway 100 yards long.

1971, prepared site for Pavilion.

1972, erected Pavilion.

1973, completely drained the pitch.

1974, purchased furniture for the Pavilion, 100 stacking chairs, card tables, pool table, antique photo cabinets.

1975, installed oil-fired central heating for Pavilion.

1976, purchased three section gang mower.

1977, erected chainlink fencing on top of eight foot high wall to the height of a further 18 feet.

1978, redecorated Pavilion outside and inside. Obtained a licence to sell Intoxicating Drinks.

1979, work started on erection of outside store house and the reclamation of remainder of grounds.

The club now owes around £7,000.

A number of our members have now decided to give sums of up to £100 each by way of loan to the club to clear off all commitments and enable the club to expand further and the club officials would not say no to

a loan from some local industry. Sporting facilities are very scarce in Limerick and society is all the more frustrated as a result. Proper facilities for sports for young and old are a must and the people that develop them must be helped out.

Ballybrown has had its share of success on the playing fields in the years outlined above, winning county championships at minor, under 21 and junior hurling as well as numerous divisional championships and tournaments.

J KIELY, BALLYBROWN

Limerick City Juve. H. team v Kily 1971

with Ballybrown minors

On Marty & Sean Ryan Cup teams Sean Ryan Cup V.H. hon 1971

Son of Mike Kiely

Ballybrown 6 A.G.M. 3/11

Ballybrown G.A.A., at a well attended A.G.M. recently, elected the following officials:

President, Fr. L. Kelly, C.C.; chairman, Tom O'Brien; vice-chairman, David Hannon; hon. secretary, Peter Carroll; assistant secretary, Martin Hayes; treasurer, Jim Byrnes; assistant treasurer, Frank Hanly.

Committee: Tommy Conway, Willie Nicholas, Ted O'Leary, Seamus Coughlan, Paddy McCarthy.

Fields committee: Chairman, Frank Doran; hon. secretary, Patrick Byrnes; treasurer, Donal McAuliffe. Committee: V. Byrne, Pat Carroll, Kieran McCarthy, Fr. L. Kelly, C.C.; Willie Ryan (Jnr.); P.R.O., Pat Fogarty.

Juvenile officers: Chairman, Fr. L. Kelly, C.C.; hon. secretary, Jack Sheahan. Committee: Paddy McCarthy, John Nash, Michael Gavin.

Senior hurling captain, Tom Ryan; vice-captain, Dessie Fitzgerald. Under 21 hurling captain, Gay Sheahan; vice-captain, Willie Ryan. Junior football captain, Tom O'Brien.

Senior hurling selection committee: Tommy Conway, David Hannon, Fr. L. Kelly, C.C.; Frank Doran, Tom O'Brien, Sean Bennis.

GOOD WIN

Ballybrown 7-7
Treaty Sarsfields 4-2

Ballybrown, powered by many of their successful juvenile side of two years ago, took their first ever city minor hurling title when defeating a gallant Treaty side, 7-7 to 4-2 in the final.

Ballybrown led 4-4 to 1-1 at the interval, and although Treaty pressed strongly in the second period, Ballybrown finished convincing winners.

Scorers:—

Ballybrown — P. Neville, 3 goals; E. Sheahan, J. Coughlan, M. Meskill, D. O'Connor, 1 goal each; P. Fitzgerald, 0-5; M. Gavin, 0-2.

Treaty Sarsfields—J. Murphy, 1-2; T. Cassidy, G. Naughton, D. Fitzgerald, 1-0 each.



Willie Ryan, who played a major part in Ballybrown's win over Na Piarasigh in the City Minor Hurling League.

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Ballybrown ²⁸/₉ champions ⁷¹

Ballybrown proved themselves worthy city minor hurling champions when they defeated a gallant Treaty Sarsfields side 7-7 to 4-2 in the final at the Gaelic Grounds.

Powered by many of their successful juvenile side of two years ago, Ballybrown were expertly drilled for the occasion by Jack Sheahan and Fr. L. Kelly, C.C.

The winning team lined out—Tony McGregor; Willie Ryan, Francis McGregor, Joe Kelly, Tony Byrnes, Noel Fitzgerald, James Hartigan, James Coughlan, John Normoyle, Pat Fitzgerald, Michael Gavin, Des O'Connor, Eddie Sheahan, Pat Neville, Maurice Meskell. Subs.—Des Corbett for E. Sheahan, Liam Davern for P. Fitzgerald.

Ballybrown now meet Ballingarry, the West champions, in the county semi-final, at Askeaton, on tomorrow (Sunday), at 3 p.m.



The Ballybrown team which won the City Minor Hurling Championship by defeating Treaty-Sarsfields, 7-7 to 4-2. They now meet Ballingarry in the county semi-final at Askeaton on to-morrow (Sunday) at 3 p.m.

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City Senior Football Championship:

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Ballybrown had surprise win

by SEÁN MURPHY

Ballybrown	1-9
Na Piarsaigh	1-7
Cloughaun	3-12
Monaleen	0-11

Ballybrown made a winning debut in senior football ranks when they scored an impressive two points victory over Na Piarsaigh in the first round of the city senior football championship before a small attendance at Pairc na nGael on Sunday.

At the same venue Cloughaun helped by three easy second half goals coasted to a flattering 10 point victory over Monaleen in the same competition.

Fitness and enthusiasm were the key factors in Ballybrown's surprise success over their more fancied opponents, in a closely contested and entertaining game.

Aided by the elements in the first half, Ballybrown, last year's county junior championship winners, graphically illustrated the benefits of organised coaching and training, when they edged into an interval lead of 1-5 to 1-1.

Although Na Piarsaigh inspired by the powerful play of Tom Fox at centre-back piled on the pressure on resuming, Ballybrown withstood the barrage and the accurate place kicking of John Normoyle and the daring thrusts of Ollie O'Connor enabled them to emerge worthy winners.

Apart from the aforementioned pair, Ballybrown got good service from Martin Hayes, Christy Keyes, Terence Kenny, Joe Mann, Kevin Conway and player-manager John Loftus.

Best for Na Piarsaigh were Tom Fox, Owen Coady, Dom O'Keefe, Eugene Coffey, Tom Tobin, and Jimmy Galvin.

SCORERS

Ballybrown—J. Loftus 1-1, J. Normoyle 0-4, J. Mann 0-1, O. O'Connor 0-1, T. Hall 0-1, K. Conway 0-1.

Na Piarsaigh—C. Wharton 1-0, O. Coady 0-3, T. Tobin 0-2, D. O'Keefe 0-1, D. Docherty 0-1.

TEAMS

Ballybrown—P. Lynch, J. Coughlan, J. Kiely, T. Byrnes, D. O'Connor, M. Hayes, C. Keyes, J. Normoyle, T. Kenny, O. O'Connor, J. Mann, T. Hall, K. Conway, J. Kenny, J. Loftus.

Na Piarsaigh—M. Quaide, J. Galvin, M. Lynch, E. Kelly, K. Moran, T. Fox, P. Coady, E. Coffey, T. Tobin, C. Wharton, D. O'Keefe, F. Fox, O. Coady, N. Dowling, C. Crowley. Sub. D. Docherty for C. Crowley.

Ref., J. McCarthy, Cloughaun.

CLUB GAA: 22/3/82
Ballybrown

All subscriptions from our annual walk will be collected on Monday night next in the clubhouse from 7 p.m.

Our under-21 footballers had a convincing win over Kildimo on Sunday morning last. It was a nice entertaining match played in ideal conditions. Sunday afternoon saw two very good, high-spirited matches in Clarina. These were challenge matches in in senior and minor hurling against Portroe. Both teams really enjoyed their outings on a beautiful evening. It was a great treat also for the large attendance that turned up.

FIXTURES:

Under-21 hurling league, 28-3-82: Ballybrown v. Cloughaun in Cloughaun at 12 noon. Senior Hurling Challenge, 28-3-82: Ballybrown v. Fedamore in Clarina at 3.30 p.m.

Under-14 league, 27-3-82: Ballybrown v. Mungret in Clarina at 3 p.m.

Under-16 Hurling league, 31-3-82: Ballybrown v. Old Christians in Clarina at 6.30 p.m.

Duggan Cup, senior football, 1-4-82: Ballybrown v. Patrickswell in Kildimo at 6.45 p.m.

Under-14 hurling league, 2-4-82: Ballybrown v. Monaleen, in Monaleen at 6.30 p.m. Under-21 hurling Championship: 4-4-82: Ballybrown v. St. Patrick's, venue later.

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CITY UNDER 21 HURLING:

18-4-83

Colm the star for Claughaun

CLAUGHAUN 2-10
BALLYBROWN 0-5

Claughaun advanced to the City Under 21 Hurling Championship final, when they comprehensively defeated Ballybrown at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday. Apart from a brief lurry from the Clarina side in the first-half there was never any doubt about the outcome as Claughaun, helped by a massive tally of 2-4 from full-forward, Colm Bulfin powered their way to the final where their opponents will be

either Patrickswell or reigning city title holders Old Christians.

Played before a sizeable attendance, Claughaun quickly got into their stride and after seven minutes had opened up a lead of 4 points to one. Ballybrown's best passage in the game came in this period principally through their centre-field star Tony Hall, who tacked on five points, but Bulfin turned the tide in favour of Claughaun in the 27th minute when he belted in his first goal and this left the score at the break reading 1-6 to 0-5.

Thirty seconds after the re-start the big full-forward picked up where he had left off before the interval when he lofted over a point and strangely enough this was the only score from then until the 16th h. minute when the same player raised another white flag from a free.

In the 22nd. and 23rd. minutes he added further points and crowned his display for minutes from time when he fielded Mick Ryan's raking lob and crashed in the goal of the hour leaving Claughaun clear and decisive victors 2-10 to 0-5.

Whilst Colm Bulfin was Claughaun's scorer in chief others around him were equally effective, particularly Larry Kennedy and Pat Galligan. The defenders Aidan Moloney, Andy Cunneen and John Fitzgerald were sound all through and Gus Ryan in between the posts marked the proceedings with a series of superb saves in the second half.

In the Ballybrown line-up Tony Hall gave as good as he got, his personal tally of five points is testimony in itself, but of the others only the Reilly brothers, Ger and Pat shone, although every other man of the team tried unsparingly to achieve victory on a day when they clearly lacked the scoring power of their opponents.

Donal Coffey of Monaleen refereed the tie and acquitted himself admirably in the execution of his duties.

Teams

Claughaun: Gus Ryan, Brian McSweeney, John Fitzgerald, Ger Hannon, Andy Cunneen, Aidan Moloney, Matt Graham, Geoff Moylan, Mick Ryan, Larry Kennedy, Pat Galligan, Gay Hayes, Paul Curtis, Joe Hannon.

Ballybrown: Francis O'Reilly, Paul McElligott, GerReilly, Paul Coughlan, Michael Gavin, Pat Reilly, Pat Davoren, Paul O'Connor, Tony Hall, Pakie Hartigan, Mike Mulqueen, Colm Coughlan, Ger Gleeson, Michael Roberts, Kevin McElligott.

Man of the match, Colm Bulfin.

1983 was Ballybrown's Greatest Year

1983 will long be remembered as one of Ballybrown's greatest ever. In 1983 we clocked up two firsts again. 1/ City Senior Hurling Championship, 2/ U-16 County Hurling Title.

Firstly take the Senior Team.

With the advent of the Open draw in the Senior Hurling Championship, Ballybrown started the year with a different approach. Was this to be the end of living in the

shadow of Patrickswell as had been the case in the City Divisional Championship for the past ten years or so.

The County Senior Hurling League got off to a good start on March

13th V Kileedy, V Cloughaun on March 27th, V Kilmallock on May 4th, all wins and wins in the Cement S.H. Tournament over Boher and Fedamore, gave great preparation for first round of County Senior Hurling Championship V Feoghanagh at Bruff on May 22nd in which Ballybrown were very lucky to come away winners by the narrowest of margin 2-14 to 4-7. The next hurdle would be the greatest Ballybrown would face in years, as they were drawn in the next round of the Championship against South Liberties. Preparation for this game was intense with challenge matches V Ruan and Upperchurch, Co. League games V Fedamore and Granagh, Tournament games V Croom and Dromin Athlaca, games against Stakers, Adare and Fedamore. The big day come on July 17th again at Bruff when they emerged winners over Liberties on the score 0-16 to 2-8. There was consternation in the camp Ballybrown were looking good for a place in the County



Ballybrown Senior Hurling Team 1983 City Champions and County Runners up.

Back Row - G. O'Reilly, J. Kenny, F. O'Reilly, J. Coughlan, J. Kiely, G. Curtin, M. Mulqueen. **Front Row** - Jo Mann, P. Lynch, A. Cusack, T. Hall (Capt.), V. O'Connor, R. Quinn, C. Keyes, T. Kenny.

Kilmallock

Plans for Clubhouse Unveiled

For Kilmallock G.A.A. Club 1983 was a very significant year. We had not as much success on the playing field as usual, but, we still challenged strongly for some of the championships. Our Senior Hurling team which is at present going through a transitional period gave a great account of themselves in both the County and South championships. We would claim to

have given champions, Patrickswell their hardest game in the championship leading them for three quarters of an hour. In the South Senior Hurling Championship we played seven games culminating with three great games in the final against Bruree before going under by a few points. We succeeded in winning Charleville, Bruree and Castletown/Ballyagran Senior Tournaments.



Kilmallock U. 14 Hurlers - South Champions

Back Row - Thomas Allen, Pat Barrett, Kevin O'Connor, Michael Gamell, Mike Houlihan, Leonard Sheehy, James Connery, Pat Heffernan, Thomas Hennessy, Tim Kennedy, Pdraig Tobin, Maurice Browne, Brendan Hanley. **Front Row** - Noel Maguire, Gerard Houlihan, John McCarthey, Jimmy Savage, James Mulcahy, William McCarthey, James Moloney, Thomas Nelligan, Michael Sheedy, David Clarke, William McCarthey, Declan Wiley.

An under strength Junior Football team were beaten in the championship in the second round. We had great hopes for our U.21 teams in both codes and we were beaten in replays in both. Our minors and U.16s were not up to the standard required to win championships.

Our Bord na nOg section had a very successful year, the U.14 hurlers won the South and Feile na nGael championships and the U.14 footballers also won the South Championship. The hurlers put up a great display losing the Co. Final to a fine Na Piarsaigh team. The football team represented Limerick in the Feile na nOg into county competition in Cavan, losing in the Semi-Final. Tom Hennessy won the All-Ireland Long Kick Competition in U.14

The club ran the annual Festival in the parish which once again was a huge success. This year it was run in partnership with the local Community Council. There was further improvements carried out at Pairc Sheain Mhic Gearalt, we now have covered spectator accommodation on both sides of the grounds with a fine Press Box also included.

The grounds had the honour of hosting the Final of the Munster Club Hurling championship between Midleton and Borrisoleigh in which the replay drew a crowd of not far off 10,000.

As we enter the Centenary Year plans are now in progress to fulfil our great ambition, the erection of our own club premises which we hope to have in progress shortly.

We must not forget the club mentors, who have gone to their reward during the year, Ned Fitzgerald, Tom O'Donnell (Shop) and Tommy O'Connor all were great officers and also Mrs Mary McNamara a life long supporter. □

Final all going well.

Around this time they were plagued with injuries, Willie Ryan out with badly torn ligaments, Ollie Coughlan with a broken leg and Tony Hall with a broken finger. Was fate going to deal a sour blow to Ballybrown once again. However, the panel of twenty odd players under the direction of Donie Burke and selectors, Tom Ryan, Teddy Hedderman, and Jim Byrnes got down to business in preparation for the County quarter final V Bruff at Kilmallock on July 24 and again they emerged victorious, after a tough game on the scoreline 2-15 to 2-6. They were now in the last four in the county and had managed to steer clear of the ould enemy Patrickswell and again the draw favoured them when they were drawn against Doon on August 21st in the Co. Semi-final. Patrickswell and Claughaun making up the other pairing. In preparation for this they had a tough tie with Ballyhea at Knocklong on August 16th, this game ended in a draw 1-12 apiece. Then came Co. Semi-Final day and the most nerve-racking hours hurling for all of Ballybrown. If they won, they were in a County Senior Hurling Championship Final for the first time in their eighty years history. If they lost had all the hard work and training gone down the drain.

This game was a very exciting game, with nothing in it till the final whistle which saw Ballybrown emerge victorious on the score 1-15 to 2-9, and right for an appearance in the Limerick Co. Senior Hurling Final of 1983. The excitement in the parish was at this stage unbelievable. Patrickswell had qualified on Saturday, August 20 with a victory over Claughaun and now the other half of the Parish, Ballybrown had beaten Doon, it was all set for the Parish Derby Co. Final. It was ironic that after all the

matches, two teams from the same parish should emerge as the finalists. They had a good win over St. Patricks in the City Championship on 27th August and the U.16 won the Co. U.16 hurling Championship for the first time on the Friday before the Co. Final with a resounding win over Granagh/Ballin-garry on the score 6-11 to 0-4.

So September 11th as far as Bally-brown were concerned was all systems go. The County Senior Hurling Final was the biggest occasion in Ballybrowns history, it was great to be in Limericks Blue Riband Decider for the first time. The team to present Bally-brown on this historic occasion were: T. Hall (capt), F. O'Reilly, G. Curtin, J. Kiely, G. O'Reilly, A. Cusack, T. Coughlan, R. Quinn, J. Mann, V. O'Connor, T. Kenny, C. Keyes, M. Mulqueen, P. Lynch, J. Kenny, Subs: E. Cliffe, P. Hartigan.

After a very close game Patrickswell emerged victorious on the scoreline 1-13 to 1-7 but Ballybrown had emerged from this encounter with

experience which will stand to them as they prepare for 1984. The team as a whole was very young with nine under 21 players and the future looks bright for Ballybrown in the Senior ranks. They were not finished at this, and they came back to play the City Divisional Championship with victories over Monaleen and the City Final Victory over Mungret on the scoreline 0-13 to 1-7 on October 23rd at the Gaelic Grounds to bring the City Senior Hurling Championship to Clarina for the first time. This game saw the return to the team of Willie Ryan and Ollie Coughlan after their long break through injury. They also had good wins in the Mungret Senior Hurling Tournament Final over Ahane, Patrickswell Senior Hurling Tournament Final over Croom, and Cement Senior hurling Tournament against Patrickswell to finish off a great year and they are already in the Semi-Final of the Co. Senior Hurling League against Doon or Boher. The Ballybrown Senior Hurling team played twenty eight matches this year and won 25 of them, no mean achievement.

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Bruff Minor Team

Back Row (L-R) - Pat Dennehy, Pat Barrett, Anthony O'Riordan, Ger Browne, Mike Reale, Larry Farrell, Kieran Lillis (sub), John Noonan, Pat Reale. **Front Row (L-R)** - James O'Riordan, Tomas Coleman, Seamus Hourigan, Liam Barron (Capt.), Mike Browne, John O'Riordan, Anthony Madden.

Bruff are Minor Hurling Champions

by Tom Bulfin

At the 1982 presentation of trophies to the under-age players and in particular the Under 16 county title winners, the opinion was echoed and re-echoed that it would be hard, nigh impossible, to "follow that". Little were the club to know that 1983 was to be the most successful year yet in the playing fields culminating in a marvellous county Minor final win on September 11th. It was also to be a triumphant year for all other under-age teams and even our Senior hurlers who had lain dormant for so long, be-stirred themselves to reach the County Quarter final.

However the main highlight for the club had to the County final

Ballybrown GAA Notes

THE Annual General Meeting took place on Monday, January 12th in the New Clubhouse in Clarina. It was preceded by Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. P. Hogan for all deceased members and friends.

The following officers were elected: President - Joe Cusack, Vice Presi-

dent - Fr. P. Hogan,
Chairman - Peter Carroll. Vice Chairman - Joe Kiely.

Secretary - Led Hedderman, Asst. Secretary - Sean Hayes, Treasurer - Jack Sheehan, Asst. Treasurer - Frank Coughlan, Registrar - Pat Davoren, P.R.O. - Margaret Sheehan.

Juvenile Club Committee: Fr. P. Hogan Chairman, Sean Hayes Secretary, Committee: Joe Kiely, John Joe Gleeson, James Coughlan. City Board Rep.: Led Hedderman, Willie Ryan. Co. Board Rep.: Willie Davoren, Peter Carroll.

Ballybrown

The annual general meeting took place on Monday, Jan. 12, in the new clubhouse in Clarina. It was preceded by Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. P. Hogan, for all deceased members and friends.

The very large attendance were welcomed by chairman Peter Carroll, to the A.G.M. and to the first meeting in the new clubhouse. The chairman thanked all his committee for all the work done by all especially the secretary.

The sec., Ted Hedderman, who circulated his report, listed all the achievements of the club throughout the year. Great credit must go to senior hurlers as they were the only team to defeat Claughaun in the county to win the city championship. The senior footballers brought the Gleeson Cup to Clarina by defeating Monaleen. Our under 21 hurlers had a good win over Patrickswell in the U. 21 hurling league.

The election of officers for 1987 resulted:

President, Joe Cusack; vice-president, Fr. P. Hogan. Chairman, Peter Carroll; vice-chairman, Joe Kiely; sec., Ted Hedderman; asst. sec., Sean Hayes; treasurer, Jack Sheehan; asst. do., Frank Coughlan. Registrar, Pat Davern. PRO, Margaret Sheehan.

General Committee: Jimmy Crosse, Willie Ryan, Paddy McCarthy, John Bennis, Frank Doran, Mike Crosse, John Joe Gleeson, Ml. Cusack, Pat Keogh, Mick Mulqueen (snr.), Christy Ryan, Willie Davern, Sonny O'Reilly.

Juvenile Club Committee: Fr. P. Hogan, chairman; Sean Hayes, sec.; committee: Joe Kiely, John Joe Gleeson, James Coughlan.

City Board Rep.: Ted Hedderman and Willie Ryan, Co. Board Rep.: Willie Davern, Peter Carroll.

Team managers: Senior hurling: Tom Ryan. Senior football: John Loftus. Junior hurling: Ted Hedderman. U. 21 Hurling: Joe Kiely. Novice Hurling: Willie Ryan. Novice Football: Tony Hall.

U. 21 Football: Christy Ryan, John Loftus.

Managers of all teams to select the selectors they require.

Ballybrown GAA

Senior Football: On our first outing in the Gleeson Cup senior football first round.

The game was not a classic, with both sides making hard work of it to finally end in a draw. Ballybrown took the lead and were 1-2 to 0-2

ahead at half time.

Mungret came back in the second half to draw level at full time.

Training; Training is taking place every week in the Clubhouse Clarina. At a recent meeting the following committees were elected:

Field Committee: Joe Kiely, Michael Cusack, Jimmy Crosse, Paddy McCarthy; **Hall:** Ted Hedderman, Donie McAuliff, Paddy McCarthy, John Bennis, J.J. Gleeson. **Finance:** Jack Sheehan, Frank Coughaln, Pat Keogh, Willie Ryan, Co. Secretary.

It was a great pleasure for the Club to present Jimmy Hartigan with a token at a dance in Clarina recently, to congratulate him on his election as County Secretary. His wife Teresa was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The club would like to pay tribute to Tom Boland on his retirement and wish him many happy years of retirement. Tom Boland was a "true Gael", who gave a lot of time to the G.A.A.