

# The Paddy O'Keeffe Collection Presentation

Thursday 25th August 2016  
8.00pm CLG Bhrugh Thuinne



Churchtown GAA 1929 North Cork Junior A Hurling Champions. Back Row L-to-R: Tom Treacy (Vice Chairman), Michael Gaffney, Frank O'Brien, Nat Simcox, Frank Flannery, Thomas Wall NT (Chairman), Paddy O'Keeffe, Dave Manning, John Flannery, Mick O'Keeffe, Jack O'Mahony (Secretary). Middle Row L-to-R: Pat O'Keeffe, Tom O'Keeffe, Maurice O'Mahony, Tim (Thady) Buckley (Captain), Bill Relihan, Dick Galligan, Jim Kearney. Front Row L-to-R: Bill Fitzpatrick, Dan Relihan, Jim Cahalin, Pad Relihan, missing from photograph Tim Hedigan (injured).



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## Part 1

- 8.00 Short Welcome by Tony O’Flaherty, Chairman,  
CLG Bhrugh Thuinne;
- 8.05 Introductory tune on the Pipes by Philip Cotter;
- 8.10 The Phoenix Arises; Churchtown GAA in the 1940s  
by Denis J Hickey;
- 8.15 ‘The Four in a Row’, a poem recited by Noel Linehan;
- 8.20 ‘The Bould Thady Quill’, sung by Pat Kelleher;
- 8.25 ‘The Banks Of My Own Lovely Lee’ sung by Willie Relihan;
- 8.30 Denis Hawe, plays Moore’s Melodies on the accordion;
- 8.35 Éabha Sampson plays the Blackwater Polka on the violin;
- 8.40 Caitríona Carroll
- 8.45 Presentation of the 1929 Whistle by Willie Relihan;  
Presentation of Paddy O’Keeffe’s Hurley by Arthur Dillon;  
Unveiling of the Collection by Mary O’Keeffe;  
Short Address by Barry Aherne on behalf of  
CLG Bhrugh Thuinne;
- 8.50 ‘Mo Ghiolla Mear’ led by Noel Linehan;
- 8.55 National Anthem;
- 9.00 Refreshments courtesy of Churchtown GAA.

## Part 2

- 9.30 Retire to Boss Murphy’s for Part 2 of the  
Ballyhoura Ramblers.



# 1929

## The Paddy O'Keeffe Memorial Collection

Churchtown GAA was founded in 1890 and the Club's first major success came 39 years later in 1929 when the Club's hurling team won the North Cork Junior A title. In the semi-final at Buttevant on 2nd September 1929 Churchtown defeated a strongly fancied Ballyhea side by 5-0 to 0-1. The team went on to defeat Killavullen by 5-3 to 3-1 in the final at the Deerpark, Charleville, on 3rd November 1929. The officials connected with the Club's success included Thomas Wall, NT (Chairman), Tom Treacy (Vice-Chairman) and Jack O'Mahony (Secretary).

The 1929 and the other two medals shown here were won by Paddy O'Keeffe (1899-1986) and were presented to the Club by Paddy's daughter Mary O'Keeffe to celebrate Heritage Week 2016 on 25th August 2016. Paddy was married to Mary Kate Dunlea of Walshestown and they ran a Public House at George's Street which Paddy inherited from his mother Margaret Cullinan-O'Keeffe who married John Murphy of Leap some years after her husband William O'Keeffe had died. Paddy remained committed to Churchtown GAA Club even after he sold the pub in the early 1950s and moved to Dublin. In his playing career Paddy also played with Dromina and Buttevant. Paddy is buried in St Brigid's Cemetery which lies halfway between Churchtown and Buttevant.



Left: The North Cork Junior A Hurling Championship medal won playing for Churchtown in 1929.  
Centre: The North Cork Junior A Hurling Championship medal won playing for Dromina in 1927.  
Right: The runners up Cork Intermediate Hurling Championship medal won playing for Buttevant in 1932.



Paddy O'Keeffe outside his Public House on George's Street in Churchtown in 1939. Also pictured is the local postman Patrick 'Condy' O'Mahony and Paddy's children Eileen and Willie.

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