

Presentation Report; Sunday night was a Gala one for Piltown Hurling Club as over 300 guests were on hand at St. Columba's Hall, as trophies won by the Junior Team in the Kilmacow Falls Tournament & medals & hurleys won by the local schools U-14 team were presented. The stage was decorated with the Tricolour, and Black & Amber. Fr. Phelan commented "I have seen more hurling in Piltown than any other parish I have been in, and it is a grand thing to see the progress being made, however it was very sad to see the club losing one of its finest hurlers to emigration, Minor Hurler of the previous year "Alec McGahey".

Under-14 Southern Board Chairman Mr. Pat O'Neill, N.T. Ballyhale, congratulated Piltown on their U-14 success & commented that he was glad to see so many supporters at the games and the final. Furthermore he commented that Piltown was lucky to have a man of Jerry Donoghue's calibre in their midst & he wished Piltown the very best in the future at U-16 and thereafter.

Mr. Tom Waldron, Secretary of the Schools Hurling Board recalled the day of the U-14 final when he said, "Jerry Donoghue left them all thinking at half time that Piltown were an ordinary team, but before full time we found out that they were an extraordinary team."

"SONS OF THE GAEL" SONG WRITTEN BY JIM HAYES, KILDALTON, IN HONOUR OF THE PILTOWN U-14 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

I
While you honour in song & in story,
The hurlers of Eirinn Green Isle,
In upholding the glorious tradition,
Of the Old Model Village Piltown,
By their courage, their speed & their style
Forget not our young County Champions
That brought to their Parish renown,
When the championship won at Kilkenny
And with honour came home to Piltown

Chorus
Here's a health to those conquering heroes,
Ballyragget before them went down,
When they met in the great County Final,
And the cup they brought home to Piltown.

II
The spectators were thrilled & excited,
As they watched them march on to the green,
Both teams with true friendship united,
Still under the age of fourteen,
The forwards were brilliant sharpshooters,
The midfield fed them well with the ball,
The goalie and backs were surpassing
Faith you might as well face a stone wall.

Chorus



U-14 CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL 1960



U-16 HURLING & FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS 1985

III
I'll predict & won't be mistaken,
In his day their names will go down,
& some day in Croke Park they'll bring
the All Ireland Cup to Piltown.
God speed their noble ambition,
May victory their bright future crown,

IV
All praise to their teacher & trainer,
Give credit where credit is due,
He spared not his time or his patience,
To teach them the right things to do.
Success was the fruits of his labour,
When in triumph they proudly drove down
With the championship cup from Kilkenny
To the Old Model Village, Piltown.

Chorus
Here's a health to those conquering heroes,
Ballyragget before them went down,
When they met in the great County Final,
And the cup they brought home to Piltown.

PILTOWN UNDER-16 "B" HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP & LEAGUE WINNERS 1985



Back Row: L to R; Alan Carroll, Tom Reid, Das O'Dea, Sean Kely, Andrew McCarthy, Slaven Reid, Mick O'Toole, David Phelan, Gar Talbot, John Kely, Mark Walsh, Eoin Meade, Angus Healy, Colin Knox, Gar Giles.

Front Row: Paul Giles, Willie Murphy, John Cuddihy, David Commins, Michael O'Shea, Conor O'Shea (Masscot), Tommy Cuddihy, Tom Anthony, Pat Butler, Enda Keegan, Robbie Blackmore, Brian Healy. Members: Joe O'Shea (Trainer), Paddy Bowe, Jim Commins, Mick Farrell.

Under-16 B Hurling Championship Final @ Nowlan Park Piltown 0-8 Ballyragget 0-6

Under-16 B Hurling League Final @ Callan Piltown 4-6 St. Lachlains 2-2

Under-16 B Hurling Championship Final; Piltown 3-4 Graigue Ballycollin 2-2 (Replay)

Under-16 B Hurling League Final @ Kilmacow, Piltown 4-9 Slievecree 0-5

The U-16 team of 1985 had considerable success on the G.A.A. playing fields at other age levels.

U-12 Hurling Primary Schools "C" Champions 1981, defeating Tullogher 5-02 to 0-01.

U-14 County Hurling Final Boinn "C" 1983, defeated in replay by Ballyragget 3-09 to 3-03.

U-14 County Football Final Boinn "B" 1983, defeated Kilmacow 4-04 to 0-03.

Minor County Semi-final Boinn "A", 1987, Defeated in replay by Thomasbawn.

Minor Football Champions "B" 1986, defeating Blacks & Whites 3-03 to 1-06.

Footnote; Piltown have been in 8 other U-14 County Finals without success. Those years were, 59, 62, 63, 83, 84, 89, 99 & 2000.