

CLUB HISTORY

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Dromtarriffe GAA Pitch in Dromahoe – Field History (taken from the Centenary Programme)

The pitch in Dromahoe was officially opened on the 26th of June 1985. It was once part of the Howard – Nunan Estate in the town land of Dromahoe. The Estate was acquired by the Irish Land Commission and on its division a portion was allocated to Dromtarriffe G.A.A Club.

The club set about the onerous task of development, which involved draining , levelling, and drawing countless tons of soil, with energy and enthusiasm . With the greater part of the financial burden was borne by the people of the locality , the club was also assisted through grants from the Duhallow Board , Munster and Central Councils of the G.A.A. and contributions and help from the Cork County Board.

Apart from the Voluntary labour the total cost of the Project was approximately £60,000. The club has plans to include a juvenile pitch , children’s playground , pitch and putt course and other amenities.

The tree planting project has proved an unqualified success, fulfilling its primary aim of providing shelter for the pitch as well as further enhancing the already picturesque environment.

Historic Years for Dromtarriffe GAA.

Dromtarriffe Team County Champions 1893:

Danny O Hanlon, John O Keeffe, Tim Burton , Dannie Tim Daly, T Forest, P. Quinlan, C Murphy, M Murphy, D Twomey , Mick Buckley, D Kenneally, T Donegan , P Forde , Timmie Daly, Mick Healy, J O Sullivan, Denis O Doherty.

Scores in Final Dromtarriffe 0-5

Castlemartyr 0-3

Dromtarriffe Panel for 5 matches versus Clonakilty 1941.

Tim Daly, Dan Joe Buckley, Matt J Murphy, W Lysaght, J Weldon, Phil Culloty, Peter Cronin, Miah Murphy, Dick Harnedy, Tim Fitzgerald, Andy Cronin, George Cashell, Paddy O Keeffe, Dan Moynihan, J.J. Tangney, Jacko Murphy , T O Connor , Donal Harnedy .

Aggregate Score for 5 matches;

Dromtarriffe 6-24

Clonakilty 6-32.

Dromtarriffe Parish -

A brief History.

(taken from Dromtarriffe Centenary Programme 1885 -1985)

This parish which has neither a town , village or other focal point , was first centered on the Medieval Church in the townland of Dromtarriffe . This Church was a thatched building and was burned in the year 1651 by order of General Maxwell , one of Cromwell’s leaders in Munster. The walls of the church still stand and close by is the Holy Well of Inghín Bhuí , to which hundreds wend their way on Patron Day May 6th to “ make the rounds” and pray for the souls of Kith and Kin whose mortal remains peacefully await the Resurrection in the nearby graveyard.

Timpeall míle ar an dtaobh theas de’n mbóthar

Tá fothrach a dóadh fadó

Aimsir chromaill ‘s Broghill ‘s Ireton Maxwell ‘s Murchadh na dtóit

Ar an séú lá aoibhinn de’n samhradh

Tagann daoine ó chiann ‘s ó chóng’

Ag cur paidir le h-anam na gcomharsan

‘S ag guí chun Ínghíne Bhuí Ógh.

Towards the end of the 19th century this Parish was known as Dromtarriffe of the Champions . Since the foundation of this state in 1922 only 3 Olympic Gold Medals were won by Irishmen and 2 of these came to Dromtarriffe won by Dr Pat O Callaghan . Nor has the Parish yet lost its all – conquering spirit , for the last year 1984 , a Dromtarriffe man , Thady Kelleher, for Horse ploughing became Champion of the world.

Dromtarriffe of the Champions

Even before the founding of the Gaelic Athletic Association in 1884 a type of football known as Rough and Tumble was played in this area. The strongest teams were Dromtarriffe, Millstreet and Kiskeam.

In 1885 these Rough and Tumble men threw in their lot with Cumann Luith Chleas Gael and enabled Dromtarriffe to field one of the strongest teams in the County under the new Rules.

Led by Fr Pat Browne , a curate in the Parish , they won the North Cork Championship eight years in succession and covered themselves in undying glory when as Senior County Champions their selection represented Cork in the All Ireland Final of 1893.

During the first quarter of the 20th Century the playing fields of Dromtarriffe were silent when the young men and women of the Parish were busy in the more serious work of making Ireland Gaelic and free. Many were members of the Gaelic League , the Irish Volunteers and in 1920 and 1921 the names of Clonbanin , Rathcoole and Derygallon resounded through the land. In those places the men of the 4th Cork Brigade ably assisted by comrades in arms from Kerry threw down the gauntlet to let forces of the most powerful Empire that the world has known and carried the day.

In 1929 the Gaelic Athletic Association was revived in the Parish and Dromtarriffe and Dromtarriffe won the County Championship in Junior and Intermediate Grades and in 1936 Duhallow Senior Football Team powered

by no fewer than 13 Dromtarriffe players won the County Senior Football Championship.

Again in 1941 the name Dromtarriffe made the head – lines even in the National Press In that year Dromtarriffe met Clonakilty five times with two periods of extra time before the issue was decided. This protracted struggle for supremacy between two great teams helped in no small way towards Cork's victory over Kerry in 1943 , thereby winning the Munster Football Championship for the first time in 28 years and paving the way for All Ireland glory in 1945.

Dromtarriffe Club Colours.

The Club colours are predominately Red with a White trim. However the original colours were Green with a Gold sash running over the left shoulder. These adopted colours no doubt reflected at the time the ancient Irish colours regularly seen on banners at political gatherings , sporting occasions and religious feasts. On re-opening the club in Mid 1920's the club decided to change to the county colours and so to this day it has remained .

Dromtarriffe Crest

The Dromtarriffe Crest worn with pride on the clubs jersey gives a snippet of the Clubs history , geography & culture. Red & White dominate - reflecting the club colours with a bull predominant in the fore front deriving from the name Dromtarriffe - i.e. Drom Tairbh - the ridge of the bull. The river Blackwater is seen meandering midway reflecting its journey as it strides through the parish . Hills in the background symbolise the higher parish uplands that bounds the parish to the south. The Castle represents the former glories of the parish , Chief clan the O Keeffes who at one time had 3 Castles within its confines in Dromsicane , Drominagh & Dromagh , Incredibly the outer walls and towers on the latter still remain as a living memory of its former greatness.

All above compiled by Dan Joe.

