



CAMOGIE

Dunloy

Dunloy's Camogie club was formed in 1933, with Paddy McCamphill instrumental in its foundation. After a slow start, they reached their first County Final in 1945. They went one better the following season with a 7-3 to 1-0 thrashing of Ahoghill, the first time the title came to North Antrim. In the mid-1950s Dunloy won three County titles in four years before the club went into decline in the 1960s when the majority of that successful side retired.

The team was revived in 1973 by Michael Crilly, winning the Junior County Championship twice in their first two seasons. They won the title again in 1992 beginning one of the most successful periods in the club's history with four senior County titles in six years. At Provincial level they won their first Ulster Championship in 1994 and a second in 2003. On both occasions their All-Ireland Campaign ended at the semi-final stage.

Loughgiel

In 1944, teams from Corkey and Maghrahoney played the first game of camogie to be held in the parish. The two teams later merged to form Loughgiel Camogie Club and success came quickly with a County title in 1947. They appeared in five of the next seven finals winning three of them. Unfortunately, after this era of dominance, the club briefly went out of existence in 1963.

In 1969, the club was revived as a Junior side and won promotion to Senior level in only their second season. In 1975 they defeated Cushendall to see the O'Duffy Cup return to the village. After back to back titles in 1984, Loughgiel went one further between 1989 and 1991 by winning their first hat-trick. It could have been five, however, Portglenone spoiled the party in 1992. The following year they defeated Bellaghy to become 'Queens of Ulster' for the first time a feat they repeated in 1997. In recent seasons, Loughgiel have enjoyed success in the Ulster Premier League and County Championship.

Rasharkin

Camogie was played in Rasharkin as early as 1915. Rev. John McBride C.C. organised a team from girls attending St. Patrick's National School, Dreen and on 17th June they made the three mile trip to McLaughlin's Corner to play St Columba's National School, Kilrea.

The sport re-emerged in the parish in 1943 with the formation of St Mary's GAC but success did not arrive until 1958 when they won

the Antrim Junior Championship. The 1985 season proved to be a memorable year for St Mary's camogs as the U-14s went to Wexford and brought back the club's only All-Ireland title, the Féile na nGael. Two Antrim Minor Championships followed but they were unable to build on this success.

In 2001, a new club, Rasharkin Camogie Club, was created in an attempt to re-establish the game in the Parish. In 2009 they won the first of back-to-back Championship Shields and were also crowned Division Three Champions.



The 1958 Dunloy side after their third County Championship win in four years. They narrowly missed out on four in a row when St Malachy's scored directly from the puck out in the 1956 final.



Dunloy and Loughgiel fight it out in the semi-final of the Antrim Senior Championship on the way to Cuchullains' first senior title in 33 years. The two clubs dominated the county scene during this period.



Dunloy defeated Swatragh 0-13 to 2-3 to win their second Ulster Championship in 2003. Their second All-Ireland adventure was ended by Davitt's, Galway at the semi-final stage.



Loughgiel line up before the 1990 County final. Their success that year was the second of a famous three in a row.



The McCarry sisters, Jolene, Cathy, Noelle and Racquel celebrate Loughgiel's first County title in 8 years in 2009.



Charlene Hamill lifts the ball during the 2012 Ulster Premier Camogie League final against Eoghan Rua, Coleraine.



In 1915 Rasharkin played probably the first game of camogie in the Borough. The team contained players aged between ten and sixteen years old. This photo was taken in the garden of the Parochial House in the village.



St Mary's represented Antrim in the U14 Féile na nGael in Wexford in 1985. They dominated the competition scoring 22 goals in three games including an 11-4 to 0-2 semi-final win over Ferns, Wexford.



Recent success for Rasharkin camogie has come in the form of two Antrim Junior Championship Shields in 2009 and 2010 and the Division 3 title. In the Shield finals they defeated Bricini Oga and Carrlough, the latter 9-14 to 1-5.

