

BROADFORD Hurling Club



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End of Year Newsletter

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Intermediate Team

The Intermediate Team under the management of Danny Chaplin, Nicky O'Farrell, Danny Scanlan and Fergal O'Brien had a great run to get to the final with victories over Newmarket, Corofin, Clarecastle and Sixmilebridge. A strong Broadford performance in the final wasn't sufficient as a late Wolfe Tones goal put pay to their chances. After victories over Scarriff and Eire Óg and losses to St. Josephs, Whitegate, Kilmaley, Sixmilebridge and Tubber, Broadford were relegated to Division 3 of the Clare Cup. Danny and the lads hope to do one better and win the Intermediate final for the coming year.



final position against Tubber. A comprehensive victory was enthusiastically celebrated on the day of the final. The Munster semi-final provided a gripping affair which Broadford lost to an impressive Shanballymore side by seven points. They also reached the Junior A league semi-final losing to St. Josephs Doora Barefield in Tulla. The Management team consisted of John O'Brien, Kevin Ryan, Joe Shannahan, Brendan Gunning and Joe Keefe.



Junior B Team

The Junior B team bridged a twenty year gap to win the championship in October of this year. With a loss to Inagh/Kilnamona and victories over Whitegate, Feakle and St. Josephs in the group stages Broadford reached the Quarter final against Tulla. A victory over Tulla confirmed a semi-final spot against Wolfe Tones and an impressive performance from Broadford guaranteed a

Under 21A

Broadford competed in the A competition for the first time in many years. The first round was against Sixmilebridge. A strong start set the scene for a twelve point win, this ensured a quarter final spot against Ballyea five days later under lights in Gurteen. After a great start Broadford faded to finish the match five points down. The team was trained by Craig Chaplin and Fergal O'Brien while other members of management included John O'Brien, Joe Shannahan,

Brendan Gunning and Joe Keefe. The management team for this year's campaign comprise of Darragh Corcoran, Willie Hayes, Michael Broughton and Paul O'Connell Bodyke for the first round.

Minor

At the start of last year a decision was made to amalgamate our Minor team with Smith O'Brien's Killaloe. After much consideration it was decided to enter a team in both the A and C competition. The result of this decision proved to be a success attaining silverware in both grades. This group of players set the tone early in the year when they won a tournament in Ahane overcoming Sixmilebridge in the final in the month of April. This proved to be the first of many victories during what can only be described as a successful year for this group of players.

Minor C

The Minor C competition started in July and after an impressive performance Broadford/Killaloe lost narrowly to a strong Scarriff team. Following this a comprehensive win over Meelick and a loss to Tulla, Broadford/Killaloe earned themselves a shield final position against Meelick once again. A convincing win was the result of this encounter.



Minor A

It was a historic and proud year for the club winning its first ever Minor A championship. This started in July of last year and Broadford/Killaloe gained their first result of the competition in the opening game against Feakle/Killenana in Broadford. They continued their winning ways following the opening match attaining

victories over Newmarket and Sixmilebridge while drawing with Wolfe Tones to top their group giving them a quarter final spot against Clarecastle. Inagh/Kilnamona were the opposition for the semi-final after victory in the quarter final. The semi-final was played in Shannon and after an impressive performance a win gave Broadford/Killaloe a position in the Minor A final. The final against Wolfe Tones proved to be a gripping affair and a total of four goals and some remarkable individual performances proved to be the winning of the match for a first ever Broadford Minor A championship triumph. Joint captains Sean Phelan and Michael O'Shea collected the Willie Chaplin cup on behalf of Broadford/Killaloe. The management team for both minor panels consisted of Tom Donoghue, Seanie McMahon, Arthur Stritch and Micheál Ryan.



Under 16's

Broadford's U16's also acquired assistance off Killaloe last year. They were victorious in four out of five group stages matches beating Clonlara, Ballyea, Scarriff/Ogonnellloe and Newmarket whilst losing to Crusheen/Tubber. This provided Broadford with a quarter final spot against Tulla, victory in this presented them with a semi-final position against Eire Óg. After an impressive performance victory evaded Broadford as Eire Óg claimed the final spot with a 2 point victory. The management team consisted of Mike O'Brien, Padraic Boland and Pat Donnellan.

Under 15's

Broadford's U15 team also acquired assistance off Killaloe and entered a competitive team in the A competition. Broadford overcame Clarecastle in the quarter final on a score line of 1-17 to 18 points only to lose out on a final spot to Kilmaley in the semi-final. The management team consisted of Padraic Boland, Seanie McMahon and Paul Power.

Under 14's

The U14's with assistance from Killaloe contested both the Féile A competition and U14 A championship competitively last year. The Féile A competition took place in the Month of March and after overcoming Bodyke/O'Callaghan's Mills and St. Josephs, they topped their group. Unfortunately they lost out on the top spot to a strong Clarecastle side. In the U14 A championship Broadford earned a semi-final spot after defeating Kilmaley, St. Josephs, Clarecastle and Sixmilebridge while losing to Bodyke/O'Callaghan's Mills, Newmarket and Inagh/Kilnamona and acquiring a vital point after drawing with Corofin who were to be the opposition for the semi-final. An impressive victory from Broadford presented them with an U14 A final spot against Clarecastle. Unfortunately, victory escaped Broadford as a strong Clarecastle side took the silverware on the day. A great years hurling was had by all under the management team of Danny Scanlan, Bernard Mc Mahon, Sean Phelan and Diarmuid Moloney.

Under 13's

The U13 team had a good years hurling last year beating Whitegate, Cratloe and Ennistymon losing to Ruan in the group stages of the competition. After their successful campaign they earned themselves a final spot against Ruan whom they had already met in the group stages of the competition. Unfortunately after an impressive and high scoring final Broadford missed out on the cup after extra time. The management team consisted of Padraig Gunning, Barry Shannahan and Jack Kelleher. Many thanks to John Kelleher of Kincora Garage Killaloe who sponsored the u14 Jerseys.

Under 12's



The U12's had a relatively successfully year winning all their group stage matches while narrowly losing out to Killaloe in an impressive match. Broadford lost out to Newmarket in the final of the division 2A but hope to do one better next year. Fergal O'Brien, Nicky O'Farrell and Noel Dillon were the management for the U12's last year.

Under 11's

The U11's had a good years hurling last year and remained undefeated for the year with victories over Newmarket, Ruan, Crusheen, Ennistymon, and finally a draw with Cratloe. The management team included Fergal O'Brien, Nicky O'Farrell and Noel Dillon.

Under 6's / U8's / U10's

The clubs underage received a lot of coaching throughout the course of the year and the constant improvement in our juvenile players was evident. There were plenty blitzes played during the year, these blitzes were hosted by both Broadford and neighboring parishes and provided an entertaining outing for both players and spectators. The management team for the U6's consisted of Eamonn Hurley and Mark Madigan. Meanwhile Ken O'Driscoll, Kevin Grace, Brian Tobin and Paul Maher coached the U8's. Eamonn Hurley, Michael Lovett, David Corbett and Tom Fahy were in charge of the U10's.



Schools Hurling

St. Joseph's secondary school Tulla won the B grade of the Munster Senior Hurling Schools competition for the first time in 34 years. They also overcame St. Caimins to win the Clare Final. Broadford players played a major role in this success and contributed with some excellent



performances, these players include Darren Chaplin, Matthew Troy, Diarmuid O'Brien, Jack Dillon and Eoin Donnellan.

St. Munchins College Limerick overcame Glanmire of Cork to claim the Munster D schools hurling competition in December of last year, Broadford were represented by Captain Michael Hogan, Seanie Considine, Cian Cremins and Cathal O'Connell.

County Representation

Broadford's local primary school principal Aonghus O'Brien has recently taken a forwards coaching role with the Clare senior hurling team. Kieran Corcoran had a coaching role with last year's Clare U21 hurling team that reached the Munster final and is fulfilling the same role for the coming year, also involved in the Clare U21 hurling team last year were Shane Taylor and Diarmuid Moloney. The club was also represented on the county minor team by Sean Phelan, Darren Chaplin and Diarmuid Whelan. On the U17 setup we were represented by Craig Chaplin (coach), Jack Dillon, Seanie Considine and Diarmuid Whelan, J.C McMahon on the U16's, Darragh Whelan and Cian Cremins on the U15's and we were also represented by Paddy Donnellan, James Vaughan Conor Phelan and Cian Mulqueen on the U14's.

Tony Marsh Cup (East Clare Tournament)

The East Clare tournament final was held in Broadford in September of last year between Feakle and O'Callaghan's Mills in memory of Broadford stalwart Tony Marsh. On the day O'Callaghan's Mills beat Feakle on a score line of 2-19 to 2-11 points. The prize-giving ceremony was hosted by

now Chairman of the County Board Joe Cooney and the Tony Marsh Cup was presented by Genevieve Marsh.

New Club Presidents

After the passing of long serving President Peter O'Brien two new presidents were appointed. Paddy Hickey and Patrick O'Connell snr were elected as Broadford Hurling Clubs new Presidents for the coming year.



The club paid tribute to club members that passed away during the year, these included stalwarts such as Sean T Kelly, Matthew Gunning, Sean Crowe and Michael O'Loughlin. Broadford also lamented the untimely and tragic death of Brian Whelan, member of Underage and Junior teams in the recent past.

Fundraising

Broadford Senior and Minor clubs held two significant fundraisers over the year gone by and thanks to the hard work of some of our clubmen and the generosity of our supporters they were both a success. The first of these fundraisers were the €2 scratch cards for the time of the first try in the Rugby match between Ireland and Scotland, the prize money for this campaign was €500. This fundraiser provided much needed funds for our Minor club and for our juvenile hurlers. Our second principal fundraiser was the night at the dogs, this proved to be both a success and an enjoyable family night out for our supporters. Our final fundraiser of the year included a poker classic in Gunning's bar on the 28th of December. The poker classic was a well-attended success and an enjoyable night for all. Broadford Senior and Minor club would like to thank all who were of assistance to the organising of these events, to those who sold tickets and all who supported the fundraisers. The club would also like to thank all who contributed the club in the form of sponsorship throughout the year. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Development

Works carried out by the Development committee this year consisted mainly of repairs and improvements. First priority on the list was the replacement and reinforcement of the large nets behind either goals. This work was carried out by Padraig Giblin. New lights were also erected in the yard of the GAA grounds, these were put up on a higher pole to provide better quality lighting for the wall ball training area. This work was completed by Danny Chaplin and Padraig Giblin. The goalmouths were also re-sodded after heavy traffic on the pitch throughout the year gone by.

A major three year sanding process is underway since spring 2015, this will be completed yearly for the next two years. This sanding process requires 150 tonnes of Wexford sand at a total yearly cost of €6000, €2000 of which is paid for by grant aid.

We sought and acquired planning permission last year for a 279 seated stand and a decision has been made by the club to commence with the construction immediately. The intention of the club is that it will be available for use by all patrons and users of the club grounds by summer 2016. It is our hope to finance the stand by sponsoring seats, a plaque will be erected at the end of the stand naming the supporters of this fundraising plan. More details of this plan will follow soon via letter from the club chairman. All support of this fundraising plan will be greatly appreciated as it would be a great assistance to the club if no loan were required. The stand will be able to cater for mothers, kids, elderly and supporters with limited mobility. The necessity of the stand and the support of the clubs faithful supporters cannot be overstated for the continuous growth of our busy club grounds.



Camogie

2015 Fundraising

The fundraisers that we ran were truly enjoyed by those that attended.

The Good Friday table quiz was very enjoyable family night out. The clothes recycling went very well thanks to Margaret and Caroline for organising and storing the bags!

The Fun Bingo was a great success and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all that sponsored the Club for the Bingo night with donation and spot prizes The Poker Classic is always a great night and again thanks to all that attended.

The Monster Raffle was a great success. Thanks to Donie O'Brien for part sponsoring the 1st prize Hereford Heifer and taking care of her until the draw. To the hurling club for part sponsoring the 2nd prize weekend away. Thanks to all for their commitment to selling tickets.

Thank You!

Thanks to all those that attended matches, drove players and supported fundraising events during the year.

Thanks to all our referees and first Aiders for their help. Thanks to all that report on matches during the year and all that supply action shoots from the teams.

Thanks to Danny Chaplin and Bernard McMahon for part sponsoring the Junior team Tops for the Junior Final. We wish to thank the hurling club for all their help during the year. To the underage and intermediate management for working with us together leading to the smooth running of both hurling and camogie. Well done and congratulations to all hurling teams that had success last year.

On the field

Well done and congratulation to all girls that represented the club at county level and those that were on school winning teams. Wishing everyone success in the season ahead.

Well done to Allie Troy with all she has won in badminton and best of luck as she strives to reach her goal.

Congratulations to Cathriona Millane on winning a World medal in handball, an experience she will never forget. Thanks to Whitegate club and girls that assisted us at U21 level even though we were thrown in at the deep end together at short notice end of season, we made the most of it and played very well together.

Thanks to the Feakle club as they have been a pleasure to deal with over the past few years. It is with regret that our clubs amalgamation has come to an end. This amalgamation helped Broadford rebuild the club's now Junior team. We wish Feakle/Killanena the best and we look ahead.

The Junior team are looking forward to building for the future and have a planned trip to London on 29th April to play a 7 sides tournament in Tara Club who celebrate their 30th anniversary. The Club was started by a member of our own Carmel Dillon and her sister. This is a great opportunity for the young players of the club and all involved look forward to the pending weekend.

The U16/18 teams will have assistance from Parteen for the championship, we look forward to working with them for the coming season.

The U13s had a trip to Leisure World in Ennis to receive their Plate medals and the evening was a great fun for.

The Intermediate will receive their Shield medals in the coming weeks.

Dates to look forward to:
Good Friday Family Table Quiz 25th March

Walk to the Mass Rock in Hurldstown 3rd April

Walk in ViOlethill and Kilbane during the summer months date TBC.

Here's looking forward to the year ahead and to the success it may bring.

Fixtures Report 2015

U8 Go Games

Competed in 4 Blitz

U10 Go Game

Competed in 3 Blitz

U11 Tournament

4 Round games

U12 League

4 round Games

4th in group

Reached Semi Final lost to New Market

U13 B

7 round games

5th in the group

Reached the final of the plate and came out well deserved winner to Clooney



U14 C

7 round games

Reached the Cup Semi Final Losing out to Eire Og eventual winners

U15 League

4 round games.

3rd in group.

U16 B

4 round games

2nd in group

Reached Cup Semi Final but lost out to Kilmaley

U17 League

4 round games

U18 B

2 round games.

Came out top of their group.

Reached semi Final of Cup but lost out to Truagh/Clonlara.

U21 B

Broadford with assistance from Whitegate
Reached Semi Final losing out to Clarecastle/Ballyea.

Junior League

3 round games.
1st in group.
Reached Final but lost out to Corofin.

Junior A Championship

4 Round games. Played 3
Came in 3rd in group. Beat Wolfe tones in semifinal
Reached final but lost out to Corofin.



Intermediate Munster League

Feakle /Broadford.
Played 5 round games.
Lost out at Semi Final stage.

Intermediate League Final

2 Rounds.
Reached Final lost out to Scarriff/Oggonnelloe

Intermediate Championship

2 Round games.
Reached Shield Final and winning against
Whitegate/Bodyke

Clubify

Broadford hurling and camogie clubs are both now represented on Clubify. By downloading the Clubify app to your smartpone you can receive the latest notfications on fixtures, results and other club news direct to your phone as soon as new information is published. You will

be able to select the teams you are interested in so that you only receive the updates that you want.

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Broadford Hurling Club Covered Stand Appeal



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Construction of a 279 seat covered stand
Opening Spring 2016