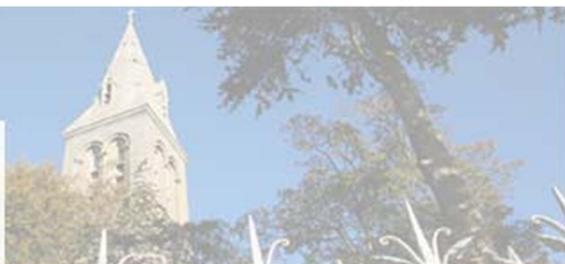


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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Have you something to advertise or tell the community, then you can email: rathkealenewsletter@gmail.com, call 086-2381780 or drop a note into Wilmott's Newsagent on Thomas Street, on or before Tuesday evening of each week.

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The Newsletter will be going to print early next week so if you have any news for Rathkeale please send it in by Wednesday.

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

Results for 25th April



1st Prize Mai Wall & Nancy Danaher,
Vennie Wrenn & Joan Fitzgibbon.

Table Prize: John & Peg Mulvihill, Paddy
Sheehy & Frank O Connor.

Raffle: Mary Lynch, Jimmy Murphy, Mary
Roche, Pauline Kearns, Sean
McElligott

Come along; join in, new players welcome
Every Wednesday @ 9pm in Rathkeale
Community Centre

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

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Usual Bingo Thursday Next, 3rd May
On 41 calls or less.

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Lotto is worth **€1400**,
ZERO GAME is worth **€400**

We will also have the usual raffle. 1st game 8.30pm sharp.

Results 26th April

€30 Winner:	Veronica Murphy
€35 Winner:	Mary O Sullivan, Suzie Lynch, Jim Molyneaux, Bridget Lynch, Dave Kennelly, Shaun Hearth, Mrs O Connor, Michael O Grady, Joan Dutton.
€40 Winner:	Eddie Roche.
€60 Winner:	Chris Danagher. Mrs McGrenney, Mary Flynn, Mrs O Connor.
€90 Winner:	Mrs Sheehan.
€100 Winner:	Tess Hartigan.
€165 Winner:	Lorain Lynch.
€200 Winner:	Mrs Lawlor.

R.T.A.G NEWS UPDATE

BUS STOP

Unfortunately our bus stops continues to be daubed by graffiti which is unacceptable, so be warned we now have cameras in place to monitor the situation in the coming weeks. We have made note of a few names and will be passing these onto the Gardai and we will be looking for payment in full from these people for the full cost as both shelters will have to be re-painted. Hopefully your school work is much better than your English and spelling on our bus stops. Keep you markers in your pencil cases.

MEETING

Our next meeting is on 26th April at O'Sullivan's Bar. This is an open meeting where we will discuss all our projects over the summer months. As always we are on the look out for new volunteers, the more the merrier, please contact any of our committee Val Foley, Noel McNamara, Jason O'Grady, Stephanie Dalton, Marguerite Lowe, Gwen McNamara, Carmel Hennessy, Caroline Sheehan, Rose McCarthy, Seamus Hogan or call to Cafe V. We hope to be out and about on the roads doing our weekly litter pick. All help is much appreciated and remember to do your bit and keep our town clean and tidy.

DERELICT BUILDING

Now into our 3rd year and again we are writing our concerned about the amount of derelict building on our Main St. It seems that nothing is being done to correct the problem. Keeping our streets clean and tidy defeats the purpose if the buildings continue to fall into dereliction. One building on Lower Main St which is half finished and abandoned has been like this for the last 4 of 5 years, this wouldn't happen in any other town in West Limerick, so come on and get the lead out. The powers that be need should get moving and address this problem for once and for all our local representatives council officials etc, etc so get the job done, enough is enough, we live in this town and we are sick and tired at looking at these eye sores week after week, year after year.

FAMINE GRAVEYARD

We have just a couple of trees left at the famine graveyard. This is a lovely way to remember a loved one passed or simply dedicate it to a family member or local organisation. If interested please contact Val Foley or Seamus Hogan. Don't forget we have lots of photographs on our website or our recent dawn mass www.rathkealeactiongroup.yolasite.com or why not follow us on Facebook.

FLOWER BASKETS

Just a quick update on our flower baskets they should be in site on the town bridge and on the main St. in the next couple of weeks.



The Image & Tourism Committee would like to congratulate committee member Cathryn Smullen, for her recent achievement

of completing the 2012 London Marathon. Cathryn joined a team of 20 multi-country colleagues from Genworth, in raising much needed funds for Breast Cancer and Prostrate Cancer research. There were a total of four runners from the Shannon office, each raising over a £1,000 each with the overall total from the Genworth runners standing at £37,000.

The London Marathon course is flat and fast and has been running for 31 years, it is 26 miles 385 yards. In 2012 37,000 men and women competed in the race, the winner of the men's race was Wilson Kipsang, he is the second fastest man in history crossing the line more than two minutes clear in 2:04:44, missing Emmanuel Mutai's course record by just four seconds. The Winner of the ladies race Mary Keitany crossed the line at 2:18:37 and is the third fastest woman in history to complete it.

Cathryn had never run in a competition like this before and started training in January 2012. Many of you would have seen her running around Rathkeale and to Adare.

Cathryn completed the race in 5:28:35. She was well supported by a very proud family and friends, who are all wondering what she will do next!

Well done Cathryn.



Bridge Club Results

- 1st Noel & Michael Fitzgibbon.
- 2nd Mossie Stack & Mary Madigan.
- 3rd Pam McNamara & Sean Hanratty.
- 4th Phil Fitzgerald & Eillen Fitzsimons.

RATHKEALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHILDREN'S CORNER (RKCCCC)

There are many charitable organisations in Rathkeale and all deserve our full support.



Last Sunday a collection was taken up for the Red Cross Society. There has been a Red Cross Society in Rathkeale for over a 100 years. Locally this group look after the welfare of the sick, the poor and the elderly in our parish.

The Red Cross started way back in 1859 when a young Swiss student named Henri Dunant saw thousands of dead and wounded after the battle of Solferino in Italy. Many of the wounded died because of lack of medical attention.

Dunant wrote a pamphlet about the terrible scenes he had witnessed. He claimed that much death and suffering could be avoided if an organisation were founded to protect the wounded in battle without distinction of nationality. The Red Cross Society was founded and adopted by almost every nation. The Swiss flag with its colours reversed was adopted as the Red Cross emblem. Nowadays the Red Cross groups are the first to attend to all natural disasters and their banner of mercy is respected by everybody.

We visited the playground over the weekend and watched the workmen and machinery hard at work.

Results from last week

Why does the Hen peg the pot?

Ans: Because she can not lick it.

What turns like the river?

Ans: The river bank

Riddles:

What kind of bird can lift up a brick?

What's open when it's closed, and closed when it's open?

Anyone with Riddles, Puzzles or Jokes send them into us and we will use them next week.

Bve for now.



A busy week for the little bird who tells us that Corde is 7, Tom is 11, Claire is 10, Aine is 8 & Aisling is 7



Boxing

BUSY TIMES AGAIN IN BOXING

First of all the boxing folk of Ireland were delighted to hear that five male boxers have now qualified for the London Olympics and the girls have yet to get their chance of qualification so hopefully a couple of more will be added to a very strong team already.

Last week we travelled to Michael Carruth's club in Drimnagh with three boxers in Mickey Harty, Johnny Harty and Cormac Long who were all matched very tough against there Dublin counterparts.

First in was Johnny against Martin Stokes in what was a fiercely fought contest with both lads trying to hold the centre of the ring and landing some great head and body shots and at the end of the three rds Harty was declared the winner on a very close majority decision.

Next in was four time all Ireland champion Cormac Long who was matched against a lad two years older in Pat Boyce but as the fight started this didn't bother long as he was landing some cracking combos to both head and body especially the big right hand to the head and after three rounds all judges gave the nod to Long.

Last in was reigning national champion Mickey Harty against multi champion George Boylan in what was always going to be a cracker and that it was with both lads landing very heavy shots and moving in and out of range and countering very well but at the end it was the Dubliner who was awarded the victory.

Last Saturday we made the trip to Lisselton near Ballybunion with William O'Dwyer, Terry O'Brien, Claire Kiely and David Donovan all against Kerry opposition.

First in was Claire Kiely who had a cracker of a fight and really put it to her opponent and everyone in the hall thought she had done enough to win but it didn't go her way but well done on a great performance.

Next in was Terry O'Brien up against Mike Clancy in what was fight of the night and had the whole place on their feet and after three cracking rounds Terry got the verdict. Next in was William O'Dwyer against Tom Conway in another very close contest with both lads really going at it from the first bell looking to take control but it was the fitness of William that won in the end.

Last in was David Donovan against Tony O'Reilly in what was a tough one for David as his opponent had a lot more experience but he gave his all in the fight and was just piped at the post. This Friday we have four girls looking for all Ireland gold in Emer Feane, Nell Fox, Claire Kiely and Georgina O'Sullivan as they will head to Dublin for the weigh in and hopefully can bring some more gold to Rathkeale.

We will be holding a massive home tournament in the Rathkeale house hotel on Sunday May 13th which promises to be a great evening of boxing as a host of Munster and all Ireland champions will be on display, more on this in the coming weeks.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Reported By Tim Shiels

TIDY TOWNS NETWORK MEETING

West Limerick Resources are inviting Tidy Towns groups based in their area to attend the first meeting of a new West Limerick Tidy Towns Network on this Thursday April 26th at 7.30pm in the Desmond Complex, Newcastle West (located beside the fire station) to meet their recently appointed Environmental Enhancement Animator who will be working with local to enhance your Tidy Towns programmes and develop suitable projects that could be funded under the Rural Development Programme over the next six months.

NEW SPORTS PROGRAMME IN BROADFORD

West Limerick Resources and Broadford Community Enterprise Centre Ltd are working together to develop a new Sports Pilot Programme based in the Broadford Enterprise Centre. Delivered with the support of the County Limerick Local Sports Partnership and County Limerick VEC the course content will include Active Leadership Training, Health & Nutrition, Athletics Leadership Course with Athletics Ireland, Kick-Start 1 and 2 with the FAI, Code of Ethics, Personal Effectiveness and Work Experience FETAC Level 4. There will be opportunities to progress to further education and training options or work based options on completion of course. An open information evening will take place this Wednesday April 25th in the Broadford Enterprise Centre from 2.30pm - 4.30pm. The ten week programme is proposed to start on Tuesday May 1st three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Contact Adrienne O'Connell on 069-79110 or David McPhillips on 087 -9109309

WEST LIMERICK DRAMA INITIATIVE:

Those currently involved with community drama or those interested in getting involved are being invited to take part in a short acting and performance skills training workshop which will take place in Askeaton on Saturday May 12th and 19th from 10am-4.30pm each day. Supported by West Limerick Resources the training is free of charge and will cover a wide range of acting and on-stage skills. All levels of experience catered for. To book a place contact Suzanne on 069 79114 or email srowley@wlr.ie. Open to over 17's only.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL SPORTS BODIES IN RATHKEALE AREA

Any sporting body based in Rathkeale or serving the Rathkeale area making an application for funding under the recently announced Sports Capital Programme 2012 is required to have their proposal endorsed by the RAPID Area Implementation Team. To secure the endorsement you must submit a full copy of your application, together with all supporting documentation, to the RAPID coordinator, Dara McGuigan on or before 2nd May 2012 RAPID.

To discuss any aspect of the application process or your proposal contact
Dara McGuigan 061 496 452
087 667 5137 dmcguigan@limerickcoco.ie

Mary Killeen Fitzgerald 061 496 214
087 799 6573 mkilleen@limerickcoco.ie

Community and Enterprise Section, Limerick County Council, County Hall,
Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

The next meeting of the Wednesday Club is 25th April from 2-5pm in Enniscouch. New members welcome. Come along for a game of bingo, a friendly chat, some music and a cup of tea.

Rathkeale group of Alcoholics Anonymous are holding a public meeting on 27th April at 8.30pm in the C.Y.M.S Hall, Lower Main St., Rathkeale.

Eucharistic Congress

All those people who have put their names on the list for the Eucharistic Congress for 11th June, please bring E45 for bus & congress ticket and Sr. Teresa will collect the money after mass each morning from 22nd-28th April, as tickets need to be booked as soon as possible.

Rathkeale Parish Pilgrimage, in conjunction with St. Mary's Parish Limerick, Lourdes Pilgrimage, from Shannon on 18th August. Price E725 and this includes, return flight from Shannon, 5 days hotel accommodation including all meals. All taxes and insurance. Chaplains, Fr. Phonsie Cullinan P.P and Rev. Donough O'Malley P.P (St. Mary's). For booking contact Fr. Cullinan.

THE 3 BALLINGARRY'S "MOTOR BIKE" CHARITY RUN

TLC4CF in association with Celtic M.C.C "New York" Chapter. This is a charity event, with all proceeds directly contributing to the construction of the new adult cystic fibrosis unit at the Mid-Western Regional Hospital, Limerick. Date: 6th May at 11am. For more information, contact John Baker 086-8697383 and Liam O'Kelly 086-2675963.

If you want to lose weight come along to Bloomer's Restaurant every Tuesday night at 7pm. Healthy common sense eating plan - Bridie 069-68104/086-3269538.

ALZHEIMER'S TEA DAY

Your support is needed and will be appreciated for the Alzheimer's Tea Day, being held at the Sheltered Housing Complex on 3rd

Community Games

Swim B with Primary School

Squads was held last Sunday in Askeaton. Ashling Dalton swam in U-10 Backstroke in straight final and did very well getting second place and a silver medal. Emma Dalton swam in U-12 Freestyle did very well but just miss out in the heats. Rathkeale No. School had two teams in the school squads but both teams miss out of the medals. St. Josephs School team swam well getting third and the bronze medals, well done to Jack Fahy, Niall O'Shea, Evan Barrett and Treance Donavan.

Local Sports Evening Friday 11th May check in 6.30 start 7pm in Bog Garden weather permitting. Qualifiers to go forward to the County Athletics Finals in Mungret 21st- 23rd- 24th June.

Fund Raising Walk

Friday 13th June 6.30pm from the Palatine Centre using the Sli na Slainte Route. Sponsorship cards are available from your team managers.

Registration for the following closing 23rd May 2012

1. Athletics Track & Field Events {No Walking Race}
2. Cycling on Grass U-12 & U-14 {competitors in this event may compete in an individual event in County Athletics also}
3. Swim A
Anyone who want to swim in swim A please text your name and date of birth to Fiona 0861593996.

Dates For Diary's

11 th May	Local Sports Bog Garden 6.30 check in.
25 th - 27 th May	National Finals Athlone
13 th Jun	Fund Raising Walk
17 th Jun	Swim A - Askeaton
21 st - 23 rd - 24 th Jun	County Athletics Finals - Mungret
14 th Jul	Munster Finals - UL Limerick
17 th -19 th	August National Finals Athlone
24 th - 26 th	August National Finals Athlone



Terence, Evan, Jack, Niall, Orla, Ashling and Emma at Swim B in Askeaton

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St Mary's/Sean Finns GAA Club

Bord na nOg

U-12 Hurlers played in the Bog Garden last Thursday night: St. Mary's 2-1, Newcastle West 4-1.

U10 hurlers competed in a blitz in Ballingarry last Friday night in what proved to be a very enjoyable night for all involved.

County Intermediate Football Championship starts this weekend.

Our first encounter with Intermediate Championship football in twenty years will start this weekend when Sean Finns face Cloughaun on Saturday 28th April at 7pm in Clarina in the opening round of the County Intermediate football championship. All the good work since winning the county Junior Championship last year has been focused on this game. Sean Finns have had three senior league games and won them all against Oola, Hospital and Mountcollins. Sean Finns have also beaten Cappagh and Castlemahon in the West Intermediate competition, but all these games pale into significance when compared to Saturday night's championship opener. No doubt Cloughaun will provide a stern test. A win in the first round would go a long way to easing the pressure in later rounds as Sean Finns strive to make an impact at Intermediate level. The management team of Brian Nolan, Sean Hartnett and John Lyons feel that the work has been done and are hopeful that if the lads play to their abilities, the team will do well. All involved in the club wish them well on Saturday night. We are hoping for a large crowd of supporters to cheer on the boys in blue.

The full round of fixtures for the intermediate championship are as follows:

Group 1: Na Piarasigh V Croom (Fr1 27-April in Mungret 7pm). Bruff v Mungret (Sat 28-April Childers Road 7pm). Hospital/Herbertstown v Oola (Sat 28-April Caherconlish 7pm).

Group 2: Athea v Pallasgreen (Fri 27-April in Askeaton 7pm). Cloughaun v Sean Finns (Sat 28-April Clarina 7pm). Gerald Griffins v Bruree (Sat 28-April Croagh 6.30pm)

Some Exciting games coming up in the Bog Garden

There are a number of exciting championship games coming up in the Bog Garden. On Wed 25th April, Kenmare and Ennistimon will play the U16-B Munster Colleges Football final at 1pm. Then on Fri 27th April St Senans and Ballysteen face each other in the opening round of the County Senior Football Championship at 7pm. This will be followed by the West Junior Football championship game on Fri 4th May between Granagh/Ballingarry and Cappagh/Kilcornan at 7.30pm. So there are three good games in the pipeline. It's good to see games of this calibre being played at our venue.

Limerick GAA Clubs Draw.

Congrats to James Walsh, winner of €250 (21st Prize) in the April draw which was held in the Villager Bar Castlemahon last Friday night. Next Draw Friday, 04 May 2012 at Fitzgerald's Bar, Kilmallock.

Junior Hurling.

We are fixed to play Croagh/Kilfinny in the third round of the west league on Thursday 3rd May. This will be quickly followed by the opening round of the west championship on weekend 13 May when we face Kileedy.

Limerick Minor Footballers

Following their poor showing against cork in the opening round, Limerick Minor footballers travel to Tralee tonight to play Kerry in the round-robin series of the Munster championship. Best of luck to our club representatives Paul White, Eoin O Donnell, Adrian Stackpoole and Darren Jones.

Upcoming Fixtures.

Tues 24-April at 1pm U16 Football, Coláiste na Trócaire v Desmond College in Bog Garden

Wed 25-April at 1pm. Kenmare V Ennistimon in Munster Colleges U16B Football Final

Wednesday 25-April 6:45pm: U-14 hurling at home v Tour-nafula (League 1st Round)

Fri 27-April 7pm: Co Senior Football Championship: St Senans v Ballysteen in Bog Garden.

Sat 28-April 7pm: Co Intermediate Football Championship: Sean Finns v Cloughaun in Clarina.

Wednesday 02-May 6:45pm: U-14 hurling away v Monagea (League 2nd Round)

Thurs 3-May 7pm: West Junior Hurling League v Croagh/Kilfinny in Croagh.

Sun 6-May 5.45pm: West Intermediate Football Final Sean Finns V Athea in Croagh

Fri 4-May: West Jun-A Football C'ship Gran/B'garry V Cappagh/Kilcornan in Bog garden at 7.30pm

The Weekly Worthless Question

Answer to last week's question: Terry Hyland (Cavan Senior Football was in the news last week as they dismissed their manager, who was appointed the new manager for Cavan during the week?) Well done to all of you that got it right!

This week's question: Jimmy Barry Murphy guided Cork to the National Hurling League final by beating Tipperary last Sunday in the semi-final. How many Senior Hurling Inter-county All Ireland medals did he win as a player? Answer will be published in next week's notes, remember there is no prize it's just for the glory!