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Final draw held on 20th February 2014

- 1st Prize €1000 Mike O'Connor Seller: Aoife Kiely
- 2nd Prize €300 Maritha Sheehy Seller: Aoife Kiely
- 3rd Prize €100 John O'Connor Seller: Tom Kiely
- 4th Prize €100 Margaret Mullins Seller: Billy Kerins
- 5th Prize €100 Dingo Seller: Noel White

Storm Damage

Rathkeale was severely damaged by the storm on Wednesday 13th February, one of the worst storms on record. Some households were without services for some time but thankfully all services are now restored. We would like to thank Rathkeale Fire Brigade Service, Limerick County Council, ESB, Eircom, Rathkeale Community Employment Project and local volunteers for their gallant efforts and working all hours to help restore all services.

County Limerick Fox Hounds – Eager for Action



Seen here are the World famous County Fox Hounds in Knockaderry recently. Photo by Francie Hogan.

REPAIRS BEING CARRIED OUT TO ST. MARY'S CHURCH ROOF



The Priests of the Parish have requested help from parishioners in getting the Church roof repaired after the recent storm. Photo by Francie Hogan

Rathkeale House Hotel Wedding Fayre



L to R: Members of Rathkeale House Hotel Staff Kerry Sheehy, Ger Nelligan, Damien O'Grady (General Manager) and Lisa Fogarty seen here at last Sunday's Wedding Fayre held at the Hotel. Photo supplied by Donovan Studios.

RATHKEALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHILDREN'S CORNER RCCCC

Interesting Facts

In 1938, Time Magazine chose Adolf Hitler for *man of the year*.

Twelve people have walked on the moon.

Other than the Earth, the moon is the only other known natural astrological object ever walked on.

Humans and giraffes both have seven vertebrae bones in the neck. It's not unusual for a mammal to have 7 vertebra bones in the neck but it's interesting that the long neck of a full grown giraffe has the same amount.

Over 3 million people globally every month search for something online with the words interesting facts in it according to the most popular search engine.

There are no land snakes in New Zealand. It's part of New Zealand's bio security to keep all snakes out and if a person is aware of a snake, by law it must be reported.

Buttermilk does not contain any butter.

Did you know Disneyland does not sell chewing gum? Walt Disney did not want guests inconvenienced by stepping on gum purchased in the park.

Each year Disneyland uses over 5,000 gallons of paint to maintain the clean appearance of the park.

George Washington died on December 14, 1799.

Giraffes can go without water longer than a camel.
That's wild!

Many people who read the word yawn or yawning begin to feel the urge to yawn.

The 2nd president of the United States (John Adams) and 3rd president of the United States (Thomas Jefferson) both died within just a few hours apart of each other on the same exact day of July 4th 1826.

They are the only two presidents to die on the same day of the same year. It's true!

When the Titanic departed from port it was documented to have carried approximately 1000 loaves of bread, 86,000 pounds of meat, 40,000 eggs and

WHAT'S ON IN RATHKEALE!

Saturday 22nd February

Rathkeale Community Centre

7.30pm Play in aid of the Butterfly Club Rathkeale.
Barn Dance. See Community notes on page 3 for details.

Foley's Bar & Restaurant – Reen's Pike

9.30 Music by Blue Bayou

Rathkeale House Hotel

9.30pm Music by New Tones

Sunday 23rd February

Rathkeale House Hotel - Ballroom

8.30pm Old Style Dancing .

Monday 24th February

Foley's Bar – Reens Pike

9pm Rathkeale AFC Lotto draw.

Wednesday 26th February

Rathkeale Community Centre

9pm Cards – 45 Drive.

Thursday 27th February

Rathkeale Community Centre

830pm Bingo



Eddie's Quiz Corner

Last Week's Answers

1. What is a Winston Churchill ? Answer: Cigar.
2. How long is the running track at Rathkeale AFC soccer ground? Answer 120 metres.
3. What type of acid is used in car batteries? Answer: Sulphuric.
4. It's a flock of sheep - what's a group of owls called? Answer: Parliament.
5. What animal would you find in a form? Answer: Hare.

This Week's Questions

1. Who was Stan Laurel's partner?
2. What is classified by the A B O system?
3. What plant does the Colorado beetle attack?
4. To where in France do the sick make pilgrimages?
5. In which city was the famous black hole ?

COMMUNITY NOTES

Reported By *Tim Shiels*

Sincere Sympathy:

Sincere sympathy is extended to sons Pat, Michael, Matthew and Tony, daughters Marian and Eileen, sisters Phil and Magdalene, brothers Michael and John, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends on the death of Martha Neville, Lower Main St., Rathkeale. May she rest in peace.

Play in Aid of The Butterfly Club – Rathkeale:

Feenagh – Castlemahon Players present “BARN DANCE” In aid of the Butterfly Club, Rathkeale on Saturday 22nd February at 7.30pm in the Rathkeale Community Centre. Tickets €10 available at the door or from John Dinnage.

Please be careful:

Please be careful in this horrible weather we have been having. Great thanks and credit are due to the electricians, emergency services and County Council workers who are doing great work. Hopefully the electricity will be back in all the houses soon.

Senior citizens:

Please visit our senior citizens, especially those living alone. Have a chat and a cup of tea and check if they are warm and have everything they need.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Nora Tierney, St. Mary’s Park, who celebrated her birthday last Sunday with family and friends.

GENERAL NOTES

Reported by Various

CAR BOOT SALE:

The first of the Fundraising Car Boot Sales in aid of WL102fm will be held at the Community Centre, NCW on Sunday, February 23 from 8-2pm. Gates open at 7.30am. Further information from 06966200.



RATHKEALE PLAY-

As the evenings are growing longer the playground will open at 9am and remain open until between 5.30pm & 6pm, depending on the weather. As the evenings keep stretching the opening time will extend approximately 15 minutes each week with the latest time being 9pm

Results of Card Game held in Rathkeale Community Centre February 19th 2014

Joan Fitzgibbon and Vinnie Wrenn
Tom Hogan and Billy Sullivan



Table Prizes

John Dolan and Sean McElligott
Betty Kerins and Mary O’Grady

Raffle

Irene Donovan, Jed Kerins & Marita Sheehy

Usual game again next Wednesday, February 26th at Rathkeale Community Centre

New Players welcome!

BINGO

Next Bingo Thursday, February, 27th 2014
At Rathkeale Community Centre

Lotto is worth **€3,800**

ZERO GAME is worth **€125**

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

Results February 20th

€30 winner: Nora Lynch, Joan Dalton

€35 winners: Moira Donovan, Ann White, Michael O Connor, Bridget Lynch, Geraldine Murphy, Kathleen Sheehy, Pat Sullivan, Mrs Mulqueen Mrs Brown

€65 winner: Tom Hogan

€70 winner: Mrs Pearce, Paudie Reidy, Mary Hayes, Pat Molyneaux, Ina Kelly, Mrs Falahee

€105 winner: Jimmy O Brien

€130 winner: Gerard Wrenn

€150 winner: Addie Dillon, Bridie Mulcaire

€200 winner: Peggy Gleeson

BRIDGE RESULTS

04/02/2014.

1ST.Sean Hanratty & Pam McNamara.

2nd.Tom McEnery & Cyril Madigan.

3rd.Beda Gleeson & Joe Dunleavy.

11/02/14 1st Round Spring League.

1st.Pat Neville & Claire Hanratty.

2nd.Margaret Hennessy & Maire Sheahan.

3rd.Patricia Curtin & Helen Mullane.

4th.Mary Curtin & Ann Roche.

RATHKEALE BOXING CLUB

Reported by Gavin Healy

HARTY AND McELIGOTT READY FOR THE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

This Friday sees two of our best reps Johnny Harty and Moire McElligott both enter into the coveted National senior championships in the National stadium. This is our first time having anyone at senior level. This is where the cream of Irish talent will box over 3 weekends with the likes of Katie Taylor, Jason Quigley, Joe Ward to name but a few - all boxing at the highest level. Adam Nolan is the champion at 69kgs which is the weight Johnny will enter and the gifted Kelly Harrington is the champ at 64kgs in which Moire will enter. With a bit of luck, both will go all the way to the final and even bring the title home. The lads have been training twice a day since Christmas to make sure fitness is not an issue. They have done a lot of top quality sparring to get them mentally and physically prepared for this. To win a senior title is what every boxer dreams of as it puts them right up with the very best. They can even get a grant where they would live full time Monday to Friday at the National Stadium and get to travel the world as part of the National team. So everyone would like to wish the lads the very best of luck this weekend. Last Sunday we travelled up to St. Bridgit's Boxing Club where they have some of the best girls in the country. It was a first time for some of our girls to experience this trip and all boxed very well as did some of our boys who also made the trip. The team that travelled were Breda Quilligan, Michaela Curtain Mulcahy, Alanna O'Connor, Claire Kiely, Katie Cronin, Dan Mulcahy and Nell Fox. Our boys were Mickey McNamara and Mike McGowan who boxed very well against some very tough competition. Last weekend we also had the draw of tickets from people who bought them but couldn't attend the boxing tournament on Jan 25th. The prizes are as follows. First prize of a €100 went to Noel Fitzgibbon of Abbey Lodge, Askeaton, 2nd prize of €50 went to James Lawlor of 130 Deel Manor, Askeaton and 3rd prize of €25 went to Tom Sayer from Lorga, Patrickswell. The Harty twins, Jamie and Jason were due to travel to Dublin to get sports star award but that was cancelled because of the bad weather. Hopefully they will get their awards very soon.



Boxers and coaches pictured after last Sunday's tournament in Kildare.



Coaches from the Rathkeale Boxing Club, Rob and Joe Williams and Tim O'Connor presenting members of the Butterfly Club with the cheque - money raised from the tournament held in the Courtney Lodge Hotel recently.



Rathkeale AFC Weekly Lotto

JACKPOT € 1,000

12	16	17	29
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Winner: No Winner

Lucky Dips (3 x €20.00)

1. **Mary Brennan (Seller- C Molyneaux)**
2. **Mike Barry (Seller - John Coleman)**
3. **Alan Quane (Seller - O Sullivan's Bar)**

Next Week's Jackpot €1,100

Next Draw Date - Mon Feb 24th 2014

Draw will take place in Foley's Bar at 9pm



Many of you probably never heard of 'The Sustrans Report'; others may have heard but not seen!

Now, thanks to Michael Guerin, North Kerry Convenor of the GST, one of the few remaining original copies has been scanned and we are happy to circulate it to all our supporters in this the **silver jubilee** year of its publication.

It resulted from a commission by Shannon Development to investigate the potential of a 'Greenway' along the West Limerick/North Kerry railway whose tracks were being ripped up at that time. The study was carried out by John Grimshaw of Bristol, England. John was one of the founders of SUSTRANS [www.sustrans.org.uk] which pioneered the whole walking/cycling trail network in Britain.

Had John's recommendations been implemented back in 1989 our present GST organisation would never have had to exist. Instead, we had a small but vocal and influential opposition which delayed the project for over a decade and as a result Ireland lost the opportunity to be among the world's leaders in Greenway development along old railways.

Happily, after twentyfive years of campaigning and leadership by the GST, 40km of the rail-trail is now open in Co. Limerick and an impending decision on funding for a North Kerry extension is awaited. However, the project envisaged by John Grimshaw is only yet half done.

Best practice indicates that the longer routes attract more outside visitors who are happy to spend a few days exploring a district. We urge you to immediately remind your politicians and your relevant local authorities of this fact so that we won't face another jubilee without the entirety of the route through Listowel and on to Tralee and Fenit being completed. Let your message be "**We've started so we'll finish!**"

Nowadays several areas in the country are clamouring for funds to convert their old railways into Greenways. We wish them all every success and we hope that the Government will allocate additional funding for these projects also.

Le meas,
Liam O Mahony
Cathaoirleach
GST [www.southerntrail.net]



St. Mary's/Sean Finn's GAA Club

Reported by David Gilbourne

Bord na nOg

Date for your diary: The annual Bord na nOg Awards night will take place in Mann's on Friday 28th February at 7.45pm. Please come out and support our up and coming stars!

Senior Scor

The Senior Scor competitions are coming up soon for any members aged 17 years, or over 17.

The Senior County Final of the music, dancing, recitation and singing competitions will take place at Cappamore on Friday 7th March at 7.45pm. Winners will go forward to the Munster Semi-Finals which will take place also in Cappamore on 22nd March. The Senior Scor Quiz will take place in Claughaun GAA Clubhouse on Wed. 12th March at 8pm. The winners at this event will go straight to the All-Ireland Final in Castlebar on the weekend of 26th April.

Any club members who would like to represent the Club in one or more event will be more than welcome. The emphasis is on Irish Culture, Irish music and themes related to Ireland.

The competitions are as follows: 1. Set Dancing, (4-8 dancers); 2. Solo-Singing; 3. Recitation/ Storytelling; 4. Irish Music, (2-5 musicians); 5. Drama, (3-8 actors and no longer than 12 minutes duration); 6. Ballad Group, (3-5 people) and also 6. Set Dancing, (4-8 dancers). The Quiz team requires a team of 4 with all questions related to Ireland and Irish Games.

Please contact the Club Irish Culture Officer, Shivaun O'Connor for further details or if interested in taking part in any of the events, e-mail - occonnor.shivaun@gmail.com or text 086 1556727.

Scholarships for Gaeltacht this Summer

Secondary School pupils who are members of the club and intend to spend a three to four week season at an Irish college this summer, may be eligible to apply for a scholarship from the GAA. The Irish Colleges that qualify are Corcra Dhuibhne in West Kerry and Rinn in Co. Waterford. Application Forms are available from Shivaun O'Connor and need to be filled and submitted by 27th February. Please apply as soon as possible if interested.

Senior Football

We still await a fixture for the County Senior League semi-final. Please note that training has resumed for the 2014 season. Texts will be sent out in advance of all training sessions so there are no excuses for not attending or replying to management if you are unable to attend a session. This is a very important year for the Club so full attendances are required from now on. It's time to get serious.

West Junior Hurling Championships 2014

Format: Two groups with top team from both groups make semifinal. 2nd & 3rd teams from both groups make quarter finals.

Group1: Templeglantine, Croagh/Kilfinny, Drom/Broadford, Tournafulla, Adare.

Group2: Feohanagh, Monagea, St Marys, Askeaton.

West U21 Hurling Championships 2014

Format: Top two teams from both groups make "A" semifinals. As St. Mary's and Croagh/Kilfinny are only 2 non amalgamated teams. They will play "B" final.

Group1: St. Mary's, (Drom-Broadford/Kileedy), (Askeaton/St. Kieran's)

Group2: Croagh/Kilfinny, (Monagea/NCW), Allaughaun Gaels. Note that the first games in this competition are likely to take place on Saturday 22 Feb.

West Junior Hurling League 2014

Format: Two groups with top 2 teams from both groups making the semi-finals.

Group1: Adare, Templeglantine, St. Mary's, Askeaton.

Group2: Knockaderry, Drom/Broadford, Croagh/Kilfinny

West Senior Football Championship 2014

10 teams participating in a straight knock-out format.

Quarter final-1: Newcastlewest v Fr. Casey's

Quarter final-2: Castlemahon v Ballysteen.

Quarter final-3: Adare v Athea.

Preliminary rounds with winners playing in Quarter final-4:

Sean Finns v Drom/Broadford & Mountcollins v St. Kieran's

West Junior-B Football Championships 2014

Format: Two groups with top team from both groups make semifinal. 2nd & 3rd teams from both groups make quarter finals.

Group1: Drom/Broadford, Mountcollins, Ballysteen, Athea, St Kierans.

Group2: St. Senan's, Gerald Griffins, Knockaderry, Glin, Sean Finns.

West Minor Football Championships 2014

Format: A single group of 8 teams with each team guaranteed 7 games.

Sean Finn's, St. Kieran's, Drom/Broadford, Shannon Gaels, Deel Rangers, Mountcollins/Athea, (Gran/B'garry/Banogue), Adare.

Gum Shields now Compulsory – Attention All Footballers

We wish to advise that Gum Shields are now compulsory for all footballers from Bord na nOg level right up to Senior level. **The new rule will be strictly enforced in all training sessions and matches.** You have been warned!!

Club Membership now due

Club membership for the 2014 season is now due. Rates for 2014 remain unchanged from last year and are as follows: Adult €20, Under-18 €10 and a family rate of €50. All players must pay their membership prior to taking part in any games or training. This will be strictly enforced this year so make sure you contact Philip O'Donnell, who is the club registrar again for 2014, before training commences. We are taking this matter very seriously this year and you simply won't play if you haven't paid. Players are also going to ensure that their fellow players have paid - so no excuses.

Scrap Metal

There's an old saying that says "It's an ill wind that blows no good". Maybe the storms of last week have increased the possibility of scrap metal in the area. We would like to take this opportunity to remind our friends and supporters that the club has an on-going scrap metal collection operation in place. Contact James O'Connor or any committee member if you have anything to donate. Collection can be arranged if necessary.

I  **MY TOWN**

Rathkeale St Patrick's Day 2014
17th March
Start Time: 12.30pm

THIS YEARS PRIZES:

Best Walking Float
Best Float
Best Sports Float/Walking
Funniest Float
Vintage
Horse & Cart
Jim Mulcaire Memorial Bike Prize



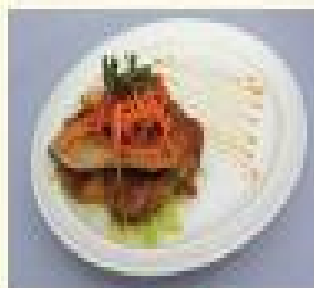
This year's theme – I Love My Town. What do you love about your town? Well now's the time to show it off. Your love of a sports group, community group, promoting a businesses etc...

If you would like to enter the parade this year you must register before-hand. Contact any of the committee members – Alison O'Riordan, Katie Sheehy, Noreen Hogan, Nicola Hogan, Cathryn Smullen, Anne Gaughan, Sian Wilmott, Tom Enright, Jason Dowling and Valerie O'Riordan. Or contact 087-27557235.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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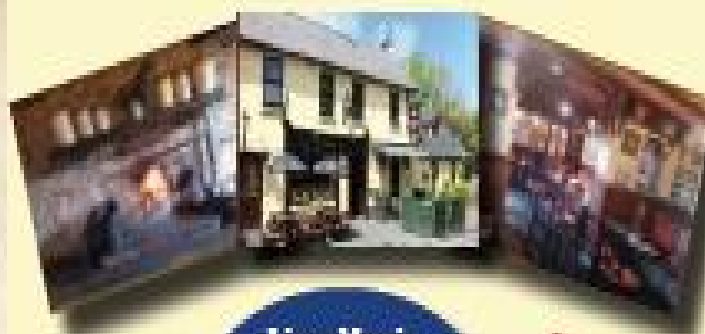
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