



Rathkeale Newsletter

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Enrolment

Parents wishing to enrol their children in St. Anne's Primary School, Rathkeale for September 2015, may call to the school for Enrolment Forms.

A Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate are strictly necessary for enrolment.

Please enrol before 13th February.



Congratulations to Noel Egan, Abbie O' Riordan and Holly Donovan winners of the parents council art competition held in St. Anne's Primary School. Presenting the prizes Jennifer Dillon, Triona Giltenane and Olga O' Mahoney from the parents council.



Best of luck to Órla Fahy who will represent St. Anne's Primary School in the All Ireland National School Junior swimming finals on February 8th. Órla will compete in the 100m individual medley. In the picture Jennifer and Olesya Dinnage and Marie Hilliard, Principal, present Orla with a school t-shirt, kindly sponsored by John Dinnage.

Stone Hall Harriers



The Stonehall Harriers Hunt pictured at Stoneville, Rathkeale last Friday. Photo by Francis Hogan.



Eddie's Quiz Corner

Last week's Answers:

1. Carl and the Passions changed band name to what?
– The Beach Boys.
2. How many rings on the Olympic flag? – 5.
3. What colour is vermilion a shade of? – Red.
4. King Zog ruled which country? – Albania.
5. What colour is Spock's blood? – Green.

This Week's Questions:

1. Where in your body is your patella?
2. Where can you find London Bridge today?
3. Who was the first man in space?
4. Which animal lays eggs?
5. Whose band was The Quarrymen?

2015 Rathkeale Cinema Club Season Premier

The star packed season starts in style with the satirical comedy 'The Great Dictator' featuring worldwide icon, Charlie Chaplin. Here we see our favourite tramp in a highly controversial portrayal of one of history's most infamous dictators. The film originally premiered in October 1940 amid chaotic publicity and Chaplin commented, "I was determined to go ahead, for Hitler must be laughed at." The Great Dictator received five Academy Award nominations and is a movie not to be missed, so ensure you add it to your social diary. Rathkeale Arts Centre, Saturday January 31st - doors open at 8pm for 8.30pm start. Tickets €5. Tickets are available in John Dinnage Menswear in Rathkeale, the Library and on the door.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Words from the wise

By waiting and by calm you shall be saved,
in quiet and in trust your strength lies.

- Isaiah 30:15

WHAT'S ON IN RATHKEALE!

Friday 30th January

Rathkeale Community Arts Centre

8.30pm Rathkeale & District Historical Society Meeting. See page 4 for details.

Saturday 31st January

Rathkeale Community Arts Centre

8pm Rathkeale Cinema Club present "The Great Dictator" See below for details.

Rathkeale House Hotel – Chestnut Bar

9.30pm Music by Blue Bayou.

Sunday 1st February

Rathkeale House Hotel – Ballroom

8.30pm Old Style Dancing with Dermot Lyons.

Monday 2nd February

Blacklion Bar

9pm Rathkeale AFC Lotto Draw.

Tuesday 3rd February

Rathkeale House Hotel - Ballroom

6-7pm Irish Dancing Lessons See below for details

O'Sullivan's Bar

8.30 pm Texas Holdem.

Wednesday 4th February

Rathkeale Community Centre

9pm Cards - 45 Drive

Thursday 5th February

Rathkeale Community Centre

8.30pm Bingo

Keane School of Irish Dancing:

Keane school of Irish dancing holds classes every Tuesday evening from 6-7pm in The Rathkeale House Hotel! Please call Melissa on 0879331586 for further details.

Vincent's Fashions

We are holding a coffee morning on Friday 6th February from 10am. to re-launch our New Look Vincent De Paul shop. All the proceeds from the shop go to the local conference. All are welcome. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Tidy Towns Competition 2014

Adjudication Report

Centre: Rathkeale Ref: 466
 County: Limerick Mark: 239
 Category: C Date(s): 21/06/2014

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2014
Community Involvement & Planning	60	32
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	36
Landscaping and open spaces	50	35
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	24
Sustainable Waste & Resource Management	50	15
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	40
Residential Streets and Housing Areas	50	24
Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes	50	33
Total Mark	450	239

Rathkeale Tidy Towns Group have invited Mr. Frank Hanley adjudicator Super Value National Tidy towns Competition to speak at a special Tidy towns Meeting in Rathkeale House Hotel on February 10th at 7.30pm. Tidy Towns are judged in eight categories and we have received very poor marks in some of these. Frank is the ideal man to point us in the right direction. However everybody in town will have to make an effort this year.



St. Mary's/Sean Finn's GAA Club
 Reported By [David Gilbourne](#)

Football & Hurling Training Continues

Training for our footballers (Senior, Junior, U21 & Minor) & hurlers (Junior, U21 & Minor) is well underway with three sessions under the belt of the players already. The new Senior Football Management team of Billy McElligott (Manager), Graham Shine (Fitness/Training Coach) and Brian Duggan (Selector) are managing the sessions but it is important that our hurlers also attend. The focus is very much on fitness, conditioning and nutrition for the next couple of months so it is important that all players attend. Turn outs have been decent. However we are looking for a greater turnout as we have 70 players registered in both codes from minor level upwards. Feedback has been very positive from the players, so we are asking all players to make the effort. You will get back what you put in and be well prepared for the 2015 season. Next session is on in The Bog Garden on Saturday (January 31st) at 4pm.

Club Membership now due

Club membership for the 2015 season is now due. Rates for 2015 are as follows: Adult €30, Under18 €15 and a family rate of €60. 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 2015.



Next Bingo Thursday, February 5th, 2015
 At Rathkeale Community Centre
 Lotto is worth **€4,000**
ZERO GAME is worth **€500**

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

Results January 29th

€30: Breda Kerins, Agatha Barrett, Mrs Falahee
€35: Kevin Gallagher, Pauline Kerins, Mrs Moloney, Bridget Harte, Mrs Sheils, Mrs Cronin, Betty Cleary, Mrs Sheahan
€40: Mrs Sheridan
€60: Nora Lynch, Bridget Lynch
€70: Michael O'Connor, Dave Kennelly, Ann White, Josie O'Connor, Tess Hartigan
€130: Marie O'Connor
€175: Mary Shine
€200: Nora Dwanne

Results of Card Game held in Rathkeale Community Centre, January 28th, 2015

Jerry O'Connell and Una Finn
 Mai Wall and Nancy Danaher
 Frank O'Connor and Jack Woulfe
 Charlie Harte and Seamus O'Sulliv



Table Prizes

Marie Wrenn and Mike Sullivan
 Helen Hourigan and Veronica Fennell

Raffle

Betty Kerins, Charlie Harte,
 Gretta McKenna & Marie Wrenn
Usual game again Wednesday, February 4th, 2015, at Rathkeale Community Centre
Everybody welcome!

NEW 'Let's Talk' GROUP IN NEWCASTLE WEST

ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services will shortly be starting a new group for women who have experienced domestic abuse. This group is called 'Let's Talk' and will run for 20 weeks on Friday mornings in Newcastle West. It is an introduction to support groups and is only for women who have not been in a domestic abuse support group previously. Women of any age and from any area are welcome. Women should contact Jess at ADAPT 061 412354 for details.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Reported By Tim Shiels

A Story and a Song:

The very popular "A Story and a Song" series on West Limerick 102FM is now in its 5th year. This coming Saturday from 3pm-4pm and repeated on Sunday morning at 7am will feature an interview with Donncha O'Dulaing and will also have well known singers, Robbie McMahon RIP, Gary McMahon RIP, Murt Downes RIP, Ella Marie O'Dwyer, Ann Marie O'Riordan, Willie Relihan etc. Anyone who would like to take part in this programme please contact Pat O'Donovan on 087 9977340.

Notice:

Do drop in for a minute or an hour and keep the Lord Jesus company in prayer - in the Adoration chapel Tuesdays 10am right through till Thurs 9.15am.

Limerick Social Services collection:

The Limerick Social Services collection last weekend raised €480.

Would you like to earn €19k for the parish of Rathkeale?

This is the outstanding amount which our parish could claim back for the past three years if all PAYE workers who use the envelope system would simply sign the CHY3 forms. They can be signed in the Sacristy or at the parish office. If not the money reverts to the Government. Thank you.

Lack of Street Lighting:

What is Limerick City/County Council and the ESB going to do about the lack of night lighting in the Old Road/Boreen and St. Mary's park? Since the houses were knocked there is no lighting.

Rathkeale and District History Society:

The next meeting of the Rathkeale and District Historical Society will be held at 8.30pm on Friday 30th January at the Community Arts Centre, Rathkeale. The topic for discussion "Aspects of the History of Rathkeale" Speakers John Shanahan and Joe Dunleavy. All are welcome and admission is free.

Church fee for weddings:

After a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee it was agreed that in line with other Churches, the booking fee for a wedding in Rathkeale Church is €300. This does not include a stipend for a Priest and Sacristan. Thank you.

Senior Citizens:

Please check on our senior citizens, especially those living alone. They get lonely, they love a chat and a cup of tea. Make sure they are warm and have what they need.

GENERAL NOTES

Reported By Various

LOURDES SAGART GATHERING:

There will be a Lourdes reunion at the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare on Friday, February 6 next. Meal served 7.30pm sharp. Music by Jimmy Connery. Tickets €20 are available from Mary Murphy 087 7919414. B&B for 35euro is available at the hotel for anyone wishing to stay overnight. Contact the hotel directly for same.

Afternoon Tea Dance in Aid of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind:

Brendan Laffan from Co. Limerick who lost his sight at the age of 2 after developing a brain tumour is currently studying for an ECDL in computers and is a volunteer presenter with WL102fm at the station in NCW in his spare time. His greatest wish is that he would get a guide dog to enable him to live independently – go to the shop, cross busy roads, take the bus – things that we all take for granted. Brendan said recently that as well as helping him to become independent, a guide dog would be company for him and would be invaluable in every way. To help Brendan get a little closer to his goal of having his own Guide Dog, volunteers with WL102fm have organised an afternoon tea dance in Fr. Casey's Clubhouse, Abbeyfeale on Sunday, February 8 from 3-6pm with music by Mike Condon. Teas will be served and a raffle will be held. All monies raised will go to Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind which is Ireland's national charity dedicated to helping persons who are blind or vision impaired.



COLÁISTE NA TRÓCAIRE

Catholic Schools Week

From Sunday the 25th of January our school will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. This annual celebration of Catholic education gives us the opportunity to be more aware of the unique contribution that our Catholic school makes to our life. Our theme this year is Catholic Schools: Called to Serve. Every morning there will be a reflection read out by a student over the intercom to link the whole school community. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a prayerful meditation in the Oratory during lunch time. All are welcome to attend.

LCVP

6th Year LCVP Class went to visit NEXUS Innovation Centre in U.L last Wednesday. Our past pupil Shane McCarthy, who is the CEO of Blue Chief spoke to the students about his company and entrepreneurship. Stephen Dunworth, who is also a past pupil and is general Manager of Blue Chief spoke to the students about establishing your own business.

Lime Tree

Fifth Years attended a performance of 'King Lear' at the Lime Tree Theatre, Limerick last Friday.



COLÁISTE NA TRÓCAIRE

Evening Classes Spring 2015

Art with Agnes

8 weeks, 7-9pm on Wednesday evening. €90

Computer Classes

8 weeks, 7-8:30pm on Wednesday evening. €90

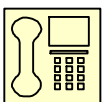
Basket Weaving

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Enrolment 6 - 7pm Wednesday 4th February



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By
**Caoimhe
Molyneaux**

Junior Fixtures

Saturday 31st January

Limerick Desmond Youths Cup Quarter Finals (extra time & penalties)

Rathkeale V GB Rovers 2pm (E. Barrett)

Sunday 1st February

Weekly Observer Desmond Cup 1st Round (extra time & penalties)

Rathkeale V Old Mill 11.30 (D. Wallace)

Breska Rovers V Rathkeale B 2.30 (T. Fitzmaurice)

Congratulations

Congrats to Colaiste na Trocaire who were crowned Munster Champions. A great achievement. The best of luck girls in the all Ireland semi final.

13s are sparking again

Knockainey 0 Rathkeale 3

The Under 13s returned to winning ways with a great victory over a strong home side. The scoreline is deceptive in that the three goal margin flatters us somewhat. The first half was a very even, lively affair with both sides having equal opportunities to score, but defences were well on top. Paudie was supreme for us, very ably assisted by Evan and Niall. Dylan in goals also deserves special mention, keeping a great clean sheet. The second half was very good from our perspective and with Eoghan and Michael getting on top in midfield, the game swung in our favour. Ten minutes into the half Sparky put us in front after Sean and Patrick had done the spade work. Mark returned the favour for Patrick to score goal number two. In the final few minutes young Hogan capped off a very good individual performance with a great goal, showing off his full repertoire of skills in the process. The League title may be beyond us, but displays like this will gladden our hearts. Team: Dylan Byrnes, Niall Wilmoth, Sean Mulcahy, Paudie Mulcaire, Evan Barrett, Eoghan O Doherty, Michael Brennan, Dylan Barry, Patrick Johnson, Mark Hogan, Nathan Lawlor. Res. Danny Dunne, Brian Coleman.

Under 11s are very Cian

Croom 2 Rathkeale 2

When our Under 11s last played Croom, they thrashed us six goals to nil. This was some turn around, inspired by a superb performance from Mikie Sheridan. Rathkeale were very good value for a share of the spoils. We went two goals up in the first half, with Mikie and Johnny netting superbly. Both were a constant threat with their pace and skill. Croom are chasing for the League Title and showed why when they scored two late but well

deserved goals.

This was a great and much improved display by the Rathkeale boys. Dylan in goals was superb (so glad he delayed his birthday party until after the game). Adam Hickey was a rock at centre back, ably assisted by the two Cians and Luke. Eoghan, Elliott and Ryan were each very impressive in midfield. Up front, Mikie, Eoghan and Johnny gave their all. Well done boys.

Team: Dylan Farrell, Cian Glynn, Cian O' Sullivan, Adam Hickey. Luke Johnson, Elliott Roche, Eoghan Sweeney, Ryan Stapleton, John Fitzgerald, Mikie Sheridan, Eoghan Fitzgibbon

School Boy Fixtures

Saturday 31st February - Under 10s: Away 3.00pm

Under 14s: Away 12.30pm & Under 16s: Away 11.00am



Rathkeale AFC
Weekly Lotto

JACKPOT € 5,900

6	10	11	31
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Winner: No Winner

Lucky Dips (3 x €20.00)

- 1. John Coleman (Seller- John Coleman)**
- 2. Alan Johnson (Seller - Rose English)**
- 3. Nelly Hogan (Seller- Nelly Hogan)**

Next Week's Jackpot €6,000

Next Draw Date - Mon Feb 2nd 2015

Draw will take place in The Black Lion at 8pm



Nenagh Open Sports u9 – u12:

Nenagh Olympic are holding an Open Sports this Saturday. Programme of events on Munster athletics website. Competition commences at 11:30 for U12 High Jump. All other events start at noon. This would be a great experience for our young athletes to get in some competitive competition before the Munster Championships in March.

Membership Fees are overdue:

Can all athletes who haven't done so yet, please pay registration fees this Thursday evening at training. Name on front of envelope please. If you're not registered you can't enter competitions and you're not covered for insurance.

Training:

Thursday at Mick Neville Park at the new time of **6.30pm**.

Sunday: 11am Rathkeale 4 lane track. Monday: NCW Community Centre at 7pm.

Next Event:

Open Sports in Nenagh: Sat 31st Jan: U9 to U12

Munster Juvenile relays: Saturday 7th Feb: Nenagh



BIG FIGHT NIGHT IN RATHKEALE HOUSE HOTEL LAST SATURDAY

Last Saturday night we held our annual fight night against the tough St. John Bosco boxers from Newry. First into the ring was Jack Healy against Dessi Grant in an exhibition bout where both lads gave their all in a very entertaining contest. Next was Jamie Healy against Reece O'Reilly in another exhibition bout where again we saw a great display of boxing. Jason Harty got things underway against the very experienced Kane Tucker - both these lads are multi National champions and European medallists. Jason started like a storm, landing brilliant combinations, slipping shots and countering well but Tucker came back well in rounds 2 and 3 and took the win over our lad and also picked up best away boxer on the night. Martin Faulkner was next against Diarmuid Tolan in a cracking fight, with both boxers looking to counter each other's mistakes. However, it was Tolan who came through in the end. Martin McDonagh took on Limerick city lad, Edward O'Donovan in another great contest with both lads enjoying success in each round but it was the cleaner punching from the city lad that was the difference in the end. William Faulkner took on Neil Mathers in a very tight contest but it was a win for William. Jamie Harty was next against Darren McCabe in a brilliant contest with both lads really looking for the win. They gave their all but it was the sharper punching from Harty in the end that got his hand raised. John McDonagh took on National champion Brendan McFarland in what was John's toughest fight to date against a more experienced opponent but John boxed very well. It was a win for the Northern lad. Luke Barrett was very unlucky not to get the win over Jack O'Doherty in a fight where we all thought Luke had done enough but that's boxing. Frankie O'Brien was next against the much older and heavier Eamon Derby but it didn't faze Frankie as he boxed his heart out like he always does, but it was a win for Derby at the end. Last in came our own two boxers, Cormac Long and Cian O'Shaughnessy. Due to their opponents pulling out, they fought each other in a cracking contest with these big lads landing some heavy shots. It was a very close split decision in the end that went Long's way.

We'd like to thank the staff of Rathkeale House Hotel for everything, Ray Hogan for the music and everyone who helped out on the night.



JAMIE HEALY IN RED LANDING A JAB ON REECE O'REILLY LAST SATURDAY NIGHT.



JASON HARTY GETTING SOME ADVICE FROM HIS CORNER LAST SATURDAY



LUKE BARRETT IN RED BOXING JACK O'DOHERTY FROM BELFAST.



TOM McDONAGH GETTING THE WIN OVER JAMIE McDONAGH LAST SATURDAY NIGHT.

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