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Where is the Chinaman now?

By Joe Dunleavy

The ceremony took place in 1992 on the Main Street outside Foley's Public House. There was a large crowd present, Rathkeale Brass Band also played a number of tunes and entertained everybody. Theresa Foley and family entertained a large number on their premises.

Later Mr. Wang Jiashou, his wife and members of the committee involved had lunch at Castlematrix Castle. They later visited Desmond Creations Jewellery Factory and Shannon Meats factory.



HAND OF FRIENDSHIP: Mr. Joe Dunleavy, Chairman of Rathkeale Community Council pictured welcoming the First Secretary of the Peoples Republic of China Embassy, Wang Jiashou and his wife on the occasion of their recent official visit to Rathkeale. Photo by M. Hanley,

Where is the statue of the Chinaman at the present time? If anyone knows anything regarding the matter, would they please inform the Community Employment Office at Rathkeale Community Centre. It would be a big occasion in the town and the surrounding area if the statue could be put back where it was for such a long time.



Above: The first Secretary at the Chinese Embassy, Wang Jiashou, unveils the Chinaman's statue at Foley's Bar watched by Joe Dunleavy, chairman, Rathkeale Community Council. Left: The medal which was presented to Joe Dunleavy on the occasion by Mr. Wang Jiashou.



An Tostal Souvenir

The Chinaman has said nothing for over 100 years
★
Select Bar



It was Quality that Spoke.
★
and Lounge

M. & A. FITZGIBBON.
ESTABLISHED 1826.
RATHKEALE.

"CONSULT THE CHINAMAN."

Left: A postcard issued in 1953 by the Chinaman Bar. This postcard was kindly supplied by Jimmy Hogan, St. Mary's Park.

See page 2 for the history of the Chinaman



ALAN ASKS...

Last week's Answers:

1. What are bactrians and dromedaries? – Camels (One hump or two).
2. Who was the King of Swing? - Benny Goodman.
3. In which war was the charge of the Light Brigade? – Crimean War.
4. Who invented the television? – John Logie Baird.
5. In golf what name is given to the No 3 wood? – Spoon.
6. What was Erich Weiss better known as? - Harry Houdini.
7. Who sailed in the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria? Christopher Columbus.

This Week's Questions:

1. Which leader died in St Helena?
2. What does ring a ring a roses refer to?
3. Whose nose grew when he told a lie?
4. Who has won the most Oscars?
5. What would a Scotsman do with a spurtle?
6. Who sang the theme song in 9 to 5?
7. If you had pogonophobia what would you be afraid of?

History of the Chinaman

The story itself is the stuff of high drama and legends. In 1736 a boat with a cargo of tea arrived in Foynes from China aboard the Mikado. The ship was in port for about a fortnight as the cargo was being unloaded. Meantime the captain, Mr. Wongyil and his crew, disported themselves at a public house in Rathkeale, known as Fitzgibbons.

But word came through from Tarbert that a pirate ship had arrived there and that the pirates were plundering the town and district. Mr. Wongyil, the story continues, mustered about 100 men from Rathkeale and Foynes and marched on Tarbert where they captured the pirate ship. They killed most of the crew, including the captain, known throughout Europe as The Serpent.

So grateful were the citizens of Rathkeale, Tarbert and Foynes that they had a wooden image of their saviour, Mr. Wongyil made and erected it over the door.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Words from the wise

Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be and becoming that person.

- Saint Therese of Lisieux

WHAT'S ON IN RATHKEALE!

Sunday 22nd February

Rathkeale House Hotel – Ballroom
8.30pm Old Style Dancing with Twice Shy.

Monday 23rd February

Reen's Bar
9pm Rathkeale AFC Lotto Draw.

Tuesday 24th February

Rathkeale House Hotel - Ballroom
6-7pm Irish Dancing Lessons.

O'Sullivan's Bar
8.30 pm Texas Holdem.

Wednesday 25th February

Rathkeale Community Centre
9pm Cards - 45 Drive

Thursday 26th February

Rathkeale Community Centre
8.30pm Bingo

Chamber of Commerce:

Rathkeale Community council is hoping to get the Chamber of Commerce back on the road again and will hold a meeting on Monday 23rd February in Rathkeale House Hotel. All business people in the area will receive a letter shortly and are invited to attend.

Happy 60th Birthday Pat

The Staff at Rathkeale Community Employment Project would like to wish Pat Naughton a happy 60th Birthday which he celebrated last weekend with family and friends.



BRIDGE RESULTS



- 1ST. Ann Dunne & Helen McEnery.
- 2nd. Michael & Eileen Noonan.
- 3rd. Mary O Sullivan & Siobhan Curran.
- 4th. Mary Kennedy & Maureen Airey.

Officers for 2015/2016.

President: Patricia Curtin.
Vice President: Ann Roche.
Hon-Sec: Helen Mullane.
Asst. Sec: Brid Shire.
Treasurer: Beda Gleeson.
Asst. Treasurer: Moira Roche.
Tournament Director: Michael Fitzgibbon.
Committee: Lucy Noonan, Catherine McNamara, Pam McNamara.



Next Bingo Thursday, February 26th, 2015

At Rathkeale Community Centre

Lotto is worth **€4,000**

ZERO GAME is worth **€175**

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

Results February 19th

€30: Ann O'Donnell, Dave Kennelly, Mrs Sheridan, Billy Flaherty, Ann O'Donoghue

€35: Mrs O'Connor, Pamela Devanny, Betty Kerins, Ann O'Brien, Mrs Madigan

€40: Paddy Sullivan

€70: Marita Sheehy, Mary Sullivan, Maria Donovan, Dave Cushnihan, Bridget Lynch

€100: Emer Madigan, Sharon Heart

€105: Tina Mc Cormac

€165: Bridget Mulcaire

An Opportunity Missed

By Bat Collins



The Great Southern trail can be accessed at the Palatine Museum, Rathkeale.

The Great Southern Trail is a fantastic local amenity for walkers, joggers and cyclists alike. The people who worked ceaselessly to develop this trail cannot be praised enough for their foresight as they had to deal with people who were and still are totally against this amenity.

I recently spoke to a number of locals who were unsure about where to access the trail. This is probably because there is not a single sign anywhere in the locality to show where it starts. The start of the trail is unfortunately hidden away behind the Palatine Museum so that anyone walking or driving on this little used road to the Industrial Estate would not know of its existence.

Signs should be put in place on the east and west side of the Holycross entrances to the town - another sign at the roundabout and a sign showing the entrance to the trail is the first step needed.

A much better entrance to the trail would be a stone archway in the wall of the Palatine Museum at the roundabout end. This would make the trail entrance visible to people entering and exiting the town and would be seen by people following the signs on the bypass.

Results of Card Game held in Rathkeale Community Centre February 18th, 2015

Jerry O'Connell and Una Finn
Seamus O'Sullivan and Charlie Harte



Table Prizes

Pat and Gretta McKenna
Eileen Carrig and Mary Barrett

Raffle

Betty Kerins, Seamus O'Sullivan,
John Mulvihill & Jerry O'Connell

Usual game again Wednesday, February 25th, 2015, at Rathkeale Community Centre

Everybody welcome!



Munster Juvenile Championships:

U13 – U19 Munster Juvenile Championships will take place in Nenagh on the 28th February and 1st March. The u9 – u12's will be on the following week 7th and 8th March. Entries close this Friday, you must be a paid up registered 2015 member and you must have given your name and entry in at training. If anyone hasn't done so yet, to-day is the last day to contact Yvonne or Jactina with your entry.

Next Event

Munster Juvenile u13 – u19 Championships 28th Feb and 1st March..

Munster Juvenile u9 – u12 Championships 7th and 8th March.
Training: Thursday 6:30pm Mick Neville Park, Sundays Rathkeale 4 lane track at 11am and Monday 7pm NCW community centre.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Reported By Tim Shiels

IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA:

Rathkeale Community Arts Group is delighted to announce the IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA will be in concert at St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale on Sunday 19th July so keep the date free in the diary. This is a great treat for music lovers and would make an ideal gift for a birthday, anniversary, Mother's day or Father's day. Tickets can be booked at 086-1249955 or from any member of the group. Tickets are €20 each or 2 for €30. Book early.

Former Governor of Mountjoy Prison in Killeedy:

Killeedy Parish will host Mr. John Lonergan on Monday next the 23rd of February at 8pm sharp in the Community Centre, Raheenagh. He will give an hour long talk on Positive Parenting suitable for all Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, Team Managers, Coaches and Mentors. A small donation will be accepted at the door and all proceeds will be donated to Barnardos - the children's charity. John will have his current book for sale on the night and he is donating 100% of the proceeds to Barnardos. Light refreshments will be served after the talk. Please support a very worthy cause.

MURMURATION:

Sunday 22nd. February at 4.45pm, opposite the Catholic Church in Ballingarry is the place to be when the Knockfierna Heritage Society will take you on a short trip to Kilmacow which is under the shadow of historical Knockfierna hill, to view a flock of over 300,000 starlings in various formations. This really has to be seen to be believed. No photograph will catch this unusual phenomenon. For convenience, car sharing will be arranged. No charge and pray for a fine evening.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Nicola and Robert White whose daughter, Freya was baptised on Saturday in St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale. Fr. Phonsie Cullinan christened Freya. Gary White, Freya's uncle was the Godfather and Carol Naughton-Bradshaw was the Godmother. The party was held in Rathkeale House Hotel.

Senior Citizens:

Please visit our senior citizens, especially those living alone. They get lonely. Check and see if they have all they need and they are warm. Have a chat and a cup of tea.

Sincere sympathy:

Sincere sympathy is extended to Esta Donovan and family, relatives and friends on the death of her mother, Mary Hackett recently. May she rest in peace.

Adoration: Do drop into the Adoration chapel on Tuesdays 10am right through till Thursdays 9:15am.

Enrolment:

Rathkeale No. 2 National School is now inviting enrolment applications for 2015/2016. Open Hour on Thursday March 12th from 3pm-4pm. All are welcome. Tel: 069-64571.

Bereavement support information evening:

Milford Care Centre on Tues 24th Feb 7-8:30pm. The information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their families and friends. The evening will comprise of short talk by members of the Bereavement Service, Different experiences of grief, of Services available and Question time. The evening is free.

Lent:

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Feb 18th - a Day of Fast and Abstinence. May the Lord help us all live Lent well, to say "no" to ourselves and "yes" to praying to God, helping others, and disciplining our selfish desires. Trocaire Boxes distributed around the Church.

Inspirations:

Come and see Inspirations present a film on the Life of Jesus - Desmond complex, NCW. Sunday 22 Feb at 5pm. Contact John at 087-6751795

Conference:

Divine Mercy Conference Feb. 21st & 22nd at the RDS, Ballsbridge

A Psychologists insight:

An alternative "coming out story- The Gay Psyche- A Psychologists insight" Dr. Jopspeh Nicolosi - Available from HLI Ireland, Main St., Knock. Tel 0949375993 www.humanlife.ie

Thomond Archaeological & Historical Society:

Thomond Archaeological & Historical Society will hold a lecture on the Life & Travels of Mary Frances Dickson on Monday 23rd. February by Dr. Joachim Fischer, Director of the Centre for Irish-German Studies in the University of Limerick, where he is a Senior Lecturer in German. Venue: Room T.1.17 Tara Building, Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick at 8pm

The Life & Travels of Mary Frances Dickson:

Mary Frances was a popular 19th. century writer, now largely forgotten, with family connections to Clarina, Co. Limerick She was a Protestant religious fiction and travel writer, the niece of Stephen Creagh Sandes, bishop of Cashel (Co. Tipperary). Books of hers include Souvenirs of a summer in Germany in 1836 (London, 1838, 2 vols.) and a book on Norway (Dublin 1870). The preface to her Scenes of the shores of the Atlantic was written from Vermont (Co. Limerick) in 1845 and recounts her journey in the west of Ireland in the company of Viscountess Guillamore. Further detail contact Pat O'Donovan PRO, Key House, Newcastlewest 087 9977340 / 069 62713.



Reported by [David Gilbourne](#)

Rathkeale GAA Club

Football & Hurling Training Continues

Training for our footballers (Senior, Junior, U21 & Minor) & hurlers (Junior, U21 & Minor) is well underway. 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 (February 21st) at 4pm. We are hoping to have a practice match so it is important that all players attend. Only you can make this happen.

Limerick GAA Clubs' Draw (Formerly Mackey Draw)

Our promoters are about to travel the high-ways and by-ways of the parish to promote this draw again this year. We have a number of new promoters on board so if you were in previously you may be getting a call from a new promoter this year. The first draw takes place on the last Friday of March with a draw each month right through to December. Cost is the same as previous years - €100 for the full 10 draws. There is a top prize of €13,000 each month with 22 other excellent prizes that must be won each month. Our club, (along with most of the other clubs in Limerick) is the big beneficiary of this draw. It is our main fundraiser for the year and we are very grateful to our members who support us each year. A big thank-you to each of you from all our players and members. We are appealing to you to support us again this year. By supporting it, you are directly supporting our club.

U21 Hurling

Our Under21 hurlers will again be the team to kick-start our competitive season. This Saturday sees them travel to Askeaton to play Croagh/Kilfinny at 3pm as they set out to defend their West U21-A Championship crown.

Bord na nOg

The annual Bord na nOg award night will take place in Davy Manns on Friday February 27th commencing at 7.30pm. Come out and support the future of Rathkeale GAA club in what promises to be a great night.

Bord na nOg Foundation Course

The Bord na nOg are running a foundation course for those who are interested or about to start assisting in the coaching of underage teams. Please contact Mike Barrett if interested.

Fundamental Movement Skills

Limerick GAA Coaching & Games will be conducting a series of Fundamental Movement skills workshops session over the next few weeks at the following venues:

Venue	Dates	Time
Kilmallock GAA	Wednesday 18th Feb 2015	7:00pm - 8:30pm
Colaiste na Trocaire, Secondary School Rathkeale	Wednesday 18th Feb 2015	7:00pm - 8:30pm
Millennium Centre, Caherconlish	Wednesday 25th Feb 2015	7:00pm - 8:30pm
Mungret/St. Paul's GAA	Monday 23rd Feb 2015	7:00pm - 8:30pm

Many of today's children lack the fundamental movement skills necessary for future sporting success. The mastery of fundamental movement skills (FMS) has been purported as contributing to children's physical, cognitive and social development and is thought to provide the foundation for an active lifestyle. If these skills aren't learnt early they will be lost forever no matter how much training or coaching they get later.

It can be quite difficult to teach sport specific skills if athletes do not have a good basic foundation of the fundamental skills. Movement skills learnt at these early years become automatic and can be called upon when learning sport specific skills. These movement skills include agility, balance, coordination (ABCs) and running, jumping, throwing (RJT's)

These fundamental workshops will highlight the movement skills and how they are applicable across all Gaelic sports. This will challenge our current coaching philosophies and demonstrate how to put into practice the fundamental skills, to ensure that future stars are athletes and footballers and hurlers.

Follow link below: Introduction to Fundamental Movement Skills:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1GXjLz_Eq0&list=UUulyy46ph45I9t573fa2Aww

GAA Bord na nOg Scholarships for Gaeltacht

Bord na nOg members who attend secondary school and who plan on spending three weeks in one of the Gaeltacht Colleges in Munster this summer may like to apply for a scholarship towards the cost of the course. A number of scholarships are available through our divisional West Board, which will cover approximately one third of the course fee. The Scholarship applies to Courses in the following places: Corca Dhuibhne Gaeltacht in Co Chiarraí, Coláiste Béal Átha an Ghaorthaigh, Co Chorcaí and also Coláiste na Rinne i Co Phort Láirge (where pupils live with local families). It does not apply to Residential colleges such as Ballyunion Irish College.

All applicants must be club members and either playing GAA Games or involved with Scor.

If interested please contact the Cultural Officer of our GAA Club at oconnor.shivaun@gmail.com.

A form needs to be filled by parents, signed by Club Secretary and submitted to West Board Secretary by the end of February. You may contact Shivaun O Connor with any other queries. If a number of pupils apply for these scholarships, the applicants will be interviewed to create a short-list to forward to the West Board.

GAA Senior Scór Competitions 2015

The Senior Scór Competitions will take place over the coming two months. All GAA members who are over 17 since 1st Jan 2015 are eligible to take part and there is a great variety of events. The County Final of the 7 main entertainment events will be held on Fri night 27th February at Askeaton Community Hall. Winners will represent Limerick in the Munster Semi-Finals on 21st March. These events include the following, all of which must have an Irish theme: Figure Dancing, Solo-Singing, Narration/ Story-telling, Set Dancing, Instrumental Music, Drámaíocht & Ballad Group.

The Co. Final of the Senior Scór Table Quiz will take place on Wed 18th March at 8pm at Castlemahon Community Centre. Each team will have 4 members and the entry fee will be 20 euro per team. The Winning Quiz team will represent Limerick in the All Ireland Scór finals on April 25th in City-West Dublin. Please get in touch with St Mary's/ Sean Finn's Irish Culture Officer if you would like to enter any of these Competitions or for further information at oconnor.shivaun@gmail.com.

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.

GENERAL NOTES

Reported By Various

CAR BOOT SALE AND INDOOR MARKET:

The first of the monthly car boot sales for 2015 takes place at the Community Centre, NCW from 8-1pm on Sunday, February 22. Gates open at 7.30am. Contact 069 66200 for further information. No prior booking required. This is a fundraiser for local community radio station WL102fm. Dates for the remainder of the year are as follows: March 22, April 19, May 17, June 14, July 12, Aug 9, Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1/29, Dec 13.

DANCING QUEEN:

The story of MAMA MIA (one bride – three possible fathers!) told by the Transition Students of Colaiste Ide agus Iosef, Abbeyfeale on Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27. Admission €10. Some tickets may be available on the door. Performance 7.30pm sharp.

ABBEYFEALE TOWN PARK NEWS:

View Little Egrets from the viewing area in the Town Park, Abbeyfeale which is just 200 metres down from the car park, along by the picnic tables. The birds are regularly seen close to this area, along by the bend in the river.

FILM:

'Jesus' based on the Gospel of Luke 5pm, Sunday, February 22, Desmond Complex, NCW. Donation €5 to cover refreshments and room rental.

WEST LIMERICK TOASTMASTERS:

Toastmasters hold their meetings in the Desmond Complex on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from September to June from 8.30 – 10.30pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18. Further information from Bill on 087 9079223.

BEE KEEPING COURSE:

The course with tutor Seamus Quinlan of the Kingdom Beekeepers will take place on Tuesdays, starting on February 24 at the Adult Ed. Centre, Mountmahon from 7-9pm. Further enquiries 087 6866450.



Westfest to host exclusive Phil Coulter performance

From winning the Eurovision Song Contest with 'Puppet On a String' through scores of pop hits with the likes of The Bay City Rollers and big ballads like Elvis Presley's 'My Boy', Phil Coulter's songs have consistently hit the mark. Few songwriters can claim to have had songs covered by artists that include The Dubliners, James Last, Waylon Jennings, and James Galway.

Phil Coulter is one of the enduring talents in the music business, having enjoyed success and notched hits in the 60s, 70s 80s and 90s with a tally of 23 platinum, 32 gold and 51 silver discs. One of his earliest song writing successes 'Congratulations' has become one of the most performed songs in the world in the last 30 years. This performance is one you cannot afford to miss.

For a special concert at The Devon Inn Hotel, Phil will be joined by his guests Geraldine Brannigan and Paul Byrom for an unforgettable evening of music and song on Friday 20th February. **Tickets are available from Reception 069-84122, Laurie's Topstyles 069-61055, Newcastle West Post Office and Garvey's Supevalu Newcastle West and also on the door on the night. Doors : 7pm**



COLÁISTE NA TRÓCAIRE

Spot kick success for Rathkeale

12 February 2015

Bank of Ireland FAI Schools Junior Girls All Ireland Cup Semi Final (U17)

Coláiste na Trócaire, Rathkeale 1-1 Presentation College, Kilkenny (AET) (Rathkeale won 4-2 on penalties) Kate Geary (25) Jennifer O'Keefe (28)

Jubilant celebrations erupted in Cahir Park this afternoon following Coláiste na Trócaire's epic battle with Presentation College in a truly entertaining encounter reports Ross Leonard

There was nothing to separate the two sides who were only playing soccer in the school for the second season. This wasn't at all evident as the girls put in a sterling performance which saw the lottery of penalties decide the fate of these talented teams.

The match began with a very lively tempo as both sides shared the play and were very tough to break down. They shared some fantastic openings within the first quarter of proceedings. Colaiste na Trocaire came inches away on ten minutes when an effort from Katie Brennan was cleared off the line at the near post by Ciara Phelan following a well-placed set piece.

Just seconds later down the other end, Noirin Lenihan made a top class save from Lauren Valentine's effort from the right wing to deny the Kilkenny outfit the lead. It was a very tense game and either side could have grabbed the opener.

With 26 minutes on the clock, Kate Geary of Colaiste na Trocaire hit a free kick from 25 yards. The ball looked destined to go over the bar but at the last second it dipped beautifully into the top far right corner. There was nothing the goalkeeper could have done about it. A wonder goal from a gifted Geary.

Credit to Presentation who didn't let their heads drop and almost instantly pulled a goal back two minutes later. The ball fell to energetic Jennifer O'Keefe in the box whose first attempt was saved brilliantly. Luckily for her the rebound came back to her to tap in from close range. All square at the interval, you couldn't call it!

The second half got underway and Presentation were on the attack from the start. Again O'Keefe was on hand to hit a beautiful strike from distance but the Colaiste na Trocaire goalkeeper, Lenihan somehow managed to keep it out splendidly.

As the end of the second half drew near, both teams pushed to find a winner.

With minutes left on the clock, Clionadh Kenny pulled off a great save to deny Eadaoin Lyons from a powerful strike on the edge of the box to keep her side in the game.

Not too long later, Kate Geary played Katie Brennan through on goal but her shot went just wide of the near post. This proved to be the last attack before the referee called for extra time.

Even after an extra twenty minutes of play, neither side could find a match winner. Fatigue and cramp seemed to be a key factor for this period. Surprisingly no substitutes were made throughout the match.

And so it was down to the dreaded penalty shootout to decide who would be joining Seán Boland's Meánscoil Muire gan Smal, Convent of Mercy, Roscommon in the All Ireland Final on March 4. An eery silence grew over the Park as the girls lined up for the challenge.

With the score line at 3-2 and both teams having taken 4 penalties each, Tara Coleman stepped up to score the winning penalty for Colaiste na Trocaire. An incredible achievement for the Limerick School but that is not without giving credit to Presentation College for their achievement in reaching the semi-final and coming so close in a dogged campaign this season.

Phair and his charges will relish the opportunity of an All Ireland Cup Final this season following some great performances on route to the finale. A big scalp for them was Cork stars Christ King Girls' SS. Could they go one better now and capture the elusive title in 2015? The girls will definitely give a good account of themselves as preparations get underway for the Cup climax.



Coláiste na Trócaire, Limerick: Noirin Lenihan, Sarah Fitzgerald, Rachael Anderson, Kate Geary (Joint Captain), Siobhan Tagny, Tara Coleman, Eadaoin Lyons (Joint Captain), Claire Gohery, Katie Brennan, Brenda O'Keefe, Anna Shanagher

Subs: Maeve Power, Rachel Lynch, Ciara Hayes, Lucy Fitzgibbon, Emer Molyneaux, Chloe Mullins

Teacher: Killian Phair

Presentation College, Kilkenny: Clionadh Kenny, Neasa Galway, Hannah Scott, Shauna Valentine, Allison O'Keefe, Aobha O'Gorman, Leanne Murray, Jennifer O'Keefe, Ciara Delaney, Lauren Valentine, Ciara Phelan

Subs: Elizabeth Buckley, Jean De Toulgoet, Rebecca Roche, Carrie Randle, Megan Randle, Shannon Holohan, Ellen O'Carroll

Teacher: Jennifer Reddy

Referee: John Lyons (Tipperary)

Light Entertainment

Transition Year and Second Years took part in this year's Inter Second Level Schools' Light Entertainment competition which was held in the Briary Gap Theatre, Macroom last week. TYs performed an extract from the musical Grease and Second Years performed Annie. The duration of both performances was 15 minutes. Second Years will be going forward to the All Ireland Final of the competition which will be held on 27th February. We wish them every success.



Second Year Light entertainment Group Aisling O'Herlihy, Tarah Hough, Aoife Murphy, Holly O'Connell, Ola Wylenczek, Shauna Dillon, Emily Clancy, Ciara O'Doherty and Grainne Fitzgerald.



Ciaran Dillon and Dion Picard (sound and lights) and the Second Year Light Entertainment Group who will be taking part in the National Final at the end of the month.



TYs Enda Walsh, Darragh Curtin, Seamus Keating, Darragh O'Grady and Shane Gale who performed 'Grease' in the Light Entertainment Competition for Second Level Schools.



ALL GIRLS TOURNAMENT SATURDAY NIGHT

This Saturday night the club will run the first ever all girls tournament with over 30 girls in action. We have clubs from Limerick, Kerry and Cork all gloving up. With the County Championships just around the corner, this will be a great test for our girls in preparation for these championships. The tournament will be held at our club and first bell is 7pm, so come out and support all the girls. No doubt it will be a cracking night's boxing. Last Saturday, we travelled to St. Francis boxing Club in Limerick where we had 6 boxers in action. First into the ring was the ever improving William Faulkner taking on Gary Butterfield in a cracking contest. However, it was the sharper punching that did it for our man in the end. Sean O'Keefe was unlucky to lose on a split decision to Martin Wall. Jim Mulcair was also unlucky losing on a split to Ennis boxer Martin, while Jason Harty put on a brilliant display of boxing against Martin Mongan from Ennis and also took home best boxer of the day. Luke Barrett and Patrick Faulkner both boxed exhibitions against two Limerick boxers. Well done to all our boxers on the day. On Sunday we had all our lads down for a hard training session and all of them are on top of their game and looking sharp. Hopefully, we will have glory when the County Championships arrive.



Jason Harty receiving his best away boxer award from the



By
**Caoimhe
Molyneaux**

Junior Fixtures

Sunday 22nd February

Weekly Observer Desmond Cup 2nd Round (extra time & penalties)

Rathkeale V Abbeyfeale Utd. 11.30 (P. Manning)

Four Shades of Grey

Rathkeale 2 Holycross 4

The visitors put four goals past us, to our two, and thus take all three points to make it a grey afternoon for our Under 14s, in this evenly contested League encounter. Two first half goals by two of our better players, namely, Micheal Mulcahy and Mark Hogan saw us take the lead on two occasions, but the visitors were much hungrier for the task on hand and put away their chances much better than we could on the day. Again, Paudie was a rock at centre back and got good support from Evan and Patrick. Team: Niall O Shea, Evan Barrett, Micheal Mulcahy, Paudie Mulcaire, Colin Fitzgerald, Eoghan O Doherty, Aaron Hogan, Gavin McCarthy, Patrick Johnson, Micheal Mulcahy, Mark Hogan. Res. Nessian English, Nathan Teskey

Congratulations

Congratulations to Colaiste na Trocaire who are through to the All Ireland final against Roscommon. Great achievement ladies. Date fixed for the 4th of March. Venue TBC.

Mikie

On Friday last, Mikie Reidy was laid to rest in his native Rathkeale. Thirty four years an exile in New York, the man known as Mush, was given a great send off by his many friends, notably his dear neighbours from Abbeylands and his former work mates in Shannon Meats. Looking down from his heavenly home, Mikie would have been very impressed to have four priests concelebrate his requiem Mass and to see that he had a full house. Mikie came from a great and popular family from a mighty place in Rathkeale, namely Abbeylands, which helped define the character of many a great man and women. Mush was the ultimate character, a One Off, a joy to be in his company, always in good form, always, never was a bad word spoken about him. Signs on, the New Yorkers adopted him as one of their own, right up to his death. Mikie played many a game in goals for Rathkeale and of course brought his own unique style to the position. Our thoughts are with his mother, sisters, brothers, extended family and friends.

School Boys Fixtures

Saturday 21st February

Under 11s League

Rathkeale v Herbertstown (home) 2.00pm

Under 13s Cup

Cullen v Rathkeale (away) 11.00am

Under 15s League

Rathkeale v Knocklong/Hosp(home) 12.30pm

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Contact Us

Rathkeale AFC can now be contacted on its new email address rathkealeafc@gmail.com If for any reason you need to contact the club requiring information or would like to share some information, the above email address can be used.

Facebook

Rathkeale AFC can be found on Facebook, go to the club's page to see the latest news and pictures of our teams in action



Rathkeale AFC

Weekly Lotto

JACKPOT € 6,200

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