

Rathkeale Newsletter

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

RAPID

The Community Forum met on Wednesday 28th July, this was a very successful meeting but we have a lot of work to do to meet our goal of the 23rd September for project submission.

We are looking to the Rathkeale community, for any project ideas, to bring them to any member of the community forum. There are forms available from members of the Community Forum and Wilmotts Newsagents. It doesn't matter how big or small the projects are, they will all be considered. Remember it's for the benefit of the Rathkeale Community. We need the projects in now or else the money will be lost. This is for every group in the Rathkeale area.

GET THE PROJECTS IN NOW!!!!

Community Forum Members:

Billy Kerins, Aoife Kiely, Tom Kiely, Mary Liston, Norah Hogan, Con Quinn, Mary Curtin, Margaret Geary, Kristina McCarthy, Brenda Kerins, Pat Coleman, Mamie O'Brien, Nora Sheridan, Kathleen McCarthy (Fairgreen), Mary Sheridan, Kathleen McCarthy (Roches Rd), John Dinnage, Sian Lewis, Niall Ryan, Alan Johnson, Pat Neville, Noel White, Valerie Foley, Seamus Hogan, Padraig Doherty.

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to Bernie Woulfe and Annette Hogan and family, relatives and friends on the untimely death of their sister Betty Mason, Foynes.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Best wishes to T.J and Alison O'Riordan who are celebrating their 11th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1st Prize: Jim Langan - Catherine Hickey

2nd Prize: Nora Dore - Mary Barrett

Table Prizes: Christy Lynch - Maureen O'Shea
John O'Shea - Mike Robinson

Raffle: p40 Willie Keating
 p20 Joe Dunleavy
 p10 Joe Dunleavy
 p10 Pauline Kerins
 p10 Irene Donovan

RATHKEALE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The newly formed Rathkeale Business Committee met for the second time this week.

Derek Downes was voted in as Chairperson and Siân Lewis was voted in as Secretary and Public Relations Officer.

There are several projects that the group have begun work on, including the printing of a Rathkeale Business Directory to promote and market the town as a whole and in the hope of attracting new business to the town. Watch this space for further updates! The group can be contacted by phone (Siân - 087 273 5234) or by e-mail at: rathkealebc@gmail.com

RATHKEALE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Planning committee met with Limerick County Council to discuss derelict sites in Rathkeale. LCC have identified 26 derelict sites. The Dereliction process has begun and the owners have received notification. We are due to meet again with Limerick County Council to discuss next steps. We would hope that the owners will begin to clean up their premises. LCC said that they are committed to ensuring that the Dereliction Act will be pursued on all 26 properties.

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R.T.A.G / Tidy Towns (Rathkeale Town Acton Group News)

New Road

Our project on the new road is now near completion. When finished, people will be able to sit under the shade of the trees and enjoy the beautiful view of the church. We hope to have the seating in place within the next two weeks. We would like to thank everyone that has helped with this very ambitious project over the last couple of weeks. A big thank you to Con Brosnan and his team who volunteered with us on Saturday afternoon. Community spirit is alive and well in Rathkeale, long may it continue. We can make a difference, with a little help.

Famine Graveyard

A big big thank you to everyone that has got involved in this unique project. What a difference in just in just a couple of weeks, again a big thank you to Con Brosnan, Jim McCarthy, James Kee and all the others. Hopefully before the end of August. Mass will be celebrated in the graveyard. Volunteers needed for Monday evening Contact Valerie Foley, Seamus Hogan, Noel McNamara.

Street Bins

We have identified a number of people who continue to use the street bins for disposal of household rubbish. This being illegal and unfair, we will name and shame. Don't forget you can keep up to date with RTAG/Tidy towns news on our facebook page and view our extensive online photo album. Thanks to all who contributed to the paint bank.

Beach Party

Our beach party is on in Mann's Hotel, on Saturday 7th August. Prizes galore for the

Medjugorge Pilgrimage Sept 2010

Pilgrimage by Fr. Michael O'Shea and Fr. Pat O'Sullivan. Ex-Shannon superb half board accommodation located 3 mins from the church. Travel with Martin and Sharon experienced group leaders. A deposit of just E100 secures your seat. Early booking essential. Contact Martin or Sharon 061-325872 or 061-455133.

Catholic Grandparents Association

The Catholic Grandparents Association wishes all grandparents a happy feast day. Everyone is welcome to the National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock on Sunday 12th September. Information on www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com.

World Youth Day 2011

World Youth Day is the largest youth event in the world and it will be held in Madrid from 16th-21st August 2011. It is a pilgrimage and a festival celebrating faith and young people. World Youth Day was started by Pope John Paul II and has proven to be a wonderful opportunity for young people to deepen their faith, forge lasting friendships and have the experience of a lifetime. While one of the highlights will be the closing mass, celebrated with up to 800,000 participants, there are many other celebrations such as concerts, exhibitions, an all night vigil and a pilgrimage walk. Contact Aoife Walsh, Limerick Diocesan Pastoral Centre, St. Michael's Courtyard, Denmark St. Limerick.

Calling St. Pio devotees- The annual special day of devotion in honour of St. Padre Pio will be held at the Capuchin Monastery Rochestown, Co. Cork on Sunday 8th August. A coach will leave the Market Yard. Details, bookings, etc contact Pat Dalton 069-62306. All are welcome.

The National Public Novena in honour of Our Lady Of Knock will be held at knock Shrine from August 14th to August 2nd. Theme:"The Path To Repentance, Healing and Renewal". Sessions are twice daily - afternoon 3.00pm , evening 8.30pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best wishes to Tom Enright who celebrated his big 50 birthday recently with family and friends. A surprise party was held in O'Sullivan's Bar.

Best wishes to Gerard Frawley who celebrated his 21st in Mann's Hotel on Friday night with family and friends.

Congratulations to Eileen Meehan, who celebrated her birthday, on Friday last. Her family and friends arranged a surprise party in her bar "The Black Lion" in Rathkeale. The Breffini Kickers supplied the music and dance - they being a line dancing group.

St. Mary's / Sean Finns GAA Club (Rathkeale)

Junior A Football Championship - Sean Finns overcome Drom/Broadford in 3rd round

Played in Knockaderry on Sunday night (25th July), this game turned out to be a rather one-sided affair as Sean Finns of Rathkeale easily accounted for Drom/Broadford in the third round of the West Limerick Junior A Football Championship. Referee Brendan Stack of Newcastlewest officiated.

Eoghan O'Connor opened the Sean Finns account with a pointed free after 4 minutes when Bob Boyce of Drom/Broadford was yellow-carded for a foul on Keith Harnett. Two minutes later, Kevin Noonan replied for Drom/Broadford after Sean Sheahan fouled. The Barry O'Riordan playing at corner forward regained the lead for Sean Finns with a well taken point following a good run by Keith Harnett. Drom/Broadford brought on John Barrett to replace their injured centre-back, Anthony Donnelly, after 12 minutes as the Rathkeale side increased the tempo with a well finished goal by Johnny Markham after Mark Sullivan picked him out with a good pass, and they quickly followed with another O'Riordan point. After 16 minutes, Kieran Noonan replied with another pointed free for Drom/Broadford following a foul by Trevor Nolan. In the 20th minute, another enforced change for Drom/Broadford saw them replace their full forward, James Noonan, with Jim Kelly before O'Connor pointed another free for the Deelsiders. As the game ticked towards half-time, Timmy Hogan was fastest to react, when Sean Sheahan's long-range effort came back off the upright, and he sent the rebounder to the net to

leave the half-time score 2-04 to 0-02 in favour of Sean Finns.

On the resumption, Stephen Power was well positioned and got a neat point after he received the ball on the right wing when Keith Harnett won the throw in. 5 minutes later Harnett got a gem of a point after great work by Stephen Power and Johnny Markham put him through. Mark O'Sullivan quickly followed with a nugget of his own from the left corner to raise another white flag for Sean Finns as they continued to apply the pressure on the Drom/Broadford defence. 9 minutes into the 2nd half, Sean White was introduced as a sub for Timmy Hogan before Mike Sullivan pointed after collecting a poor short kick-out by Eamonn Scollard. Sean Finns third goal came on the 12 minute when Eoghan O'Connor punched a long delivery by Mike O'Sullivan to the net. Drom enjoyed a period of dominance and scored 2 points courtesy of Mike Boyce and Ben Noonan before O'Connor replied again for the Deelsiders with another point. The Rathkeale mentors emptied the bench bringing on Robert Byrnes, Rob White, Ger Frawley and Tim O'Connor replacing Mike O'Sullivan, Eoghan O'Connor, Dean Maune and Stephen Power. Sean Finns 4th goal came courtesy of a flick-on when Keith Harnett got on the end of a long delivery by Rob White to flick the ball to the net. The Rathkeale custodian, Ollie Byrnes made a tremendous save as Drom/Broadford kept trying before Rob White finished the scoring for Rathkeale with a long-range point. Drom got the last score of the game with a Jimmy Kiely point to leave the final score 4-10 for Sean Finns to 0-05 for Drom/Broadford

Overall a good team performance from Sean Finns who, apart from a minor blip against Newcastlewest in the West League, retain an unbeaten record so far this year in competitive action. This win will see them finish at least second in the group and earn them a tilt at the knock-out stages of the West Championship when they probably face Monagea in a repeat of last year's quarter final. Hopefully for Sean Finns, they can overcome this hurdle, after failing at the same point last year against the same opposition. Training continues this week with Mike Barrett, Pat Neville, Niall Ryan and Johnny Mooney putting the lads through their paces

Team and scorers:

Sean Finns: Ollie Byrnes, Brian Duggan, Sean O'Shea, Dean Maune, Patrick Sheahan, Trevor Nolan, Sean Sheahan, Keith Harnett(1-1), Johnny Markham(1-0), Eoghan O'Connor(1-3, 2f), Mark O'Sullivan(0-1), Stephen Power(0-1), Michael O'Sullivan(0-1), Timmy Hogan(1-0), Barry O'Riordan(0-2). Subs used, Sean White, Robert Byrnes, Rob White(0-1), Ger Frawley, Tim O'Connor

Drom/Broadford: Eamonn Scollard, Sean Barry, Liam Buckley, Steven Kiely, Conor Brosnahan, Anthony Donnelly, Bob Boyce, Mike Boyce(0-1), Brian Noonan, John Kelly, Kevin Noonan(0-2, all frees) CJ Fitzpatrick, Michael Brosnahan, James Noonan, Ben Noonan (0-1). Subs used John Barrett, Jim Kiely(0-1).

Junior Hurling

Our Junior hurlers are fixed to play Adare next Wed (4th Aug) in Dromcolligher at 7pm. This is a must-win game for us if we are to entertain any hopes of making the knock-out stages. Training continues under the stewardship of Gerry Molyneaux & Pat O'Donnell

Under 12 Football

We played round 7 of the Under 12 football league on Thursday last 22nd July against Gerald Griffins. On the night our team played very well and despite the best efforts of the opposition we won easily. Well done to the following Team members: Travis O Reilly, Mark Wilmott, Darragh Curtin, Barry Coleman, Adrian Brennan, Pdraig Power, George Mulcahy, Seamus Keating, Brian Keating, Darragh O Grady, Josh O Connor, Eoin Kelly and Katie Brennan.

Under 14 Hurling County Quarter Final

St. Mary's Under 14 hurlers have now reached the Co. Quarter final stage. We will play against Crecora on this Wednesday 28th July. This game will be played in Mick Neville Park at 7.30pm.

Under 14 Football

Our Under 14 football team had a busy week with two away games. On Wednesday 21st we travelled to St.

Patrick's for a 7.30pm throw-in. The boys of Sean Finn's lost to a much stronger St. Patrick's side on a score-line of 5:05 to 0:01. On Saturday 24th we had a more fruitful outing when our lads played much better against South Liberties. On this occasion boys in blue scored 3.12 while South Liberties scored 2:03. Well done to all concerned.

Under 16 Hurling

Our Under 16 Hurling team returned to the playing field after a break from games on Monday 26th July. We travelled to Blackrock and played the local side at 7.30pm. This was a high-scoring game with plenty of skill on display from both teams. Pat Madden and Brian Wilmott were delighted with their charges who scored 5:15 for St. Mary's while Blackrock scored 3:04.

Minor Hurling - Mick Nevilles

Our Minor Hurlers, (who play as a combination team with Croagh/Kilfinny this year under the banner of "Mick Nevilles") have a Championship game in Croagh this Thursday 29th July against Newcastle West at 7pm.

Congratulations to County players...

We congratulate Steve O'Reilly and Emmett Walsh who represented our club on the Limerick County Under 15 Football team who played in Sligo last Saturday. Congratulations also to Eoin O'Donnell and Martin Roche who were on the County U16 Football Team who played in Thurles last Saturday. Paul White missed this competition due to holidays. Congratulations also to Darren Jones who played with Limerick Co. Under 16 Hurling Team in Galway also on Saturday 24th. Congratulations also to Eoghan O'Connor who wore the No. 21 Jersey in the Senior Football Championship Qualifier game between Limerick and Cork at the Gaelic Grounds on Saturday. Eoghan has been part of a fantastic squad who gave GAA supporters in Limerick plenty to cheer about since the Spring. It was fabulous to see such support cheering on this team and consoling them as they bowed out of the Championship.

Cul Camp

The Cul Camp was held in Rathkeale last week and was a great success. We had 38 children enjoying themselves learning the skills of Hurling and Football from their coaches. Many thanks to the coaches and to the special guest Brian Scanlon, Limerick Football Goalie. Many thanks also to the parents who made themselves available to supervise the lunch breaks.

Fixtures

Wed. 28th July: U14 Hurling at Mick Neville Park V Crecora. at 7:30pm.(Co. Quarter Final)

Thurs. 29th July: Minor Hurling: Mick Nevilles V Newcastle West in Croagh at 7pm

Wed 4th Aug: Jun Hurling C'ship: St Marys V Adare in Dromcolligher at 7pm