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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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KING OF THE WRENBOYS

9 year old Conor O' Shanghnessy son of Sean & Caroline of Ballingrane entertained a large party of visitors in Dromard on St. Stephens day. Conor is in 3rd Class at St. Joseph's Boys National School in Rathkeale, Conor is a very accomplished traditional music entertainer.

On St. Stephen's night there was another session in Pat Moran's Irish House in Riddlestown where Conor was the star attraction..

Rathkeale Newsletter is back!

We are back after a long holiday i hope you all had a pleasant Christmas and New year. Just a quick note to introduce myself, my name is Linda Ruttle I am just starting out doing the newsletter and I would love to receive old photos or anything you wish to add. You can give me a call on 087 0936745 or email your adds, pictures or notes to rathkealenewsletter@gmail.com don't be shy!



David O'Brien displaying his milk superstar's award in Killarney. Also L to R. Tom White, Noel White and son, Damien -1980.

QUIZ CORNER

This Week's Questions

1. In the song Waltzing Matilda - What is a Jumbuck?
2. What was Skippy (on TV)?
3. What does a funambulist do?
4. What is the name of Dennis the Menace's dog?
5. What are bactrians and dromedaries Camels?
6. Who was the King of Swing?
7. Who starred as Rocky Balboa?

Last Week's Answers:

1. In what country, the world's seventh largest by geographical area, is Christmas known as Bada Din (the big day)? – India.
2. Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, is a territory of which country? – Australia.
3. The North Pole, said to be Santa's home, is located in which ocean? – Arctic Ocean.
4. Marzipan is made (conventionally in the western world) mainly from sugar and the flour or meal of which nut? – Almond.
5. Which Christmas condiment is made from fruit sometimes referred to as marshworts? – Cranberry Sauce.
6. What is the surname of the family in the 1989 film 'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation'? – Griswold.
7. Who composed the music known as The Nutcracker Suite, for the Christmas themed ballet The Nutcracker, premiered in St Petersburg, 1892? – Tchaikovsky
8. In the song 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', how many swans were a-swimming? – Seven.
9. Driving Home For Christmas was a 1988 hit single for which singer? – Chris Rea.
10. In which country does Santa have his own personal postcode HOH OHO? – Canada

WHAT'S ON IN RATHKEALE !

Thursday 14th January

Rathkeale Community Centre
8.30pm Bingo

Saturday 16th January

Rathkeale House Hotel – Chestnut Bar
9pm Live music with Mike Leonard

Sunday 17th January

Rathkeale House Hotel – Ballroom
8.30pm Adult Dancing with Donie Walsh.

Monday 18th January

Rathkeale House Hotel
9pm Rathkeale AFC Lotto Draw

Tuesday 19th January

O'Sullivan's Bar
8pm Texas Holdem

Wednesday 20th January

Rathkeale Community Centre
9pm Cards – 45 Drive.

Thursday 21st January

Rathkeale Community Centre
8.30pm Bingo



Working hard over the Christmas period in O'Sullivan's Bar were from L to R: Aoife O'Sullivan, Niall Ryan and Edel Keating. I'm not sure about the fellow in the middle working too hard.



1990 RATHKEALE JUNIOR HURLING TEAM

Front Row: Pat Naughton, Pat Sheehan, John Sheehan, Kieran O'Shea, Michael O'Sullivan, Con Enright, Sean O'Shea.
 Back Row: Pat Gilbourne, Liam Casey, Declan Naughton, Brian Dillon, Edward Geaney, Denis O'Dea, James O'Connor, Mike Sheehan.



RATHKEALE A.F.C. "A" TEAM - 1989/1990

COMMUNITY NOTES

Reported By Tim Shiels

Community Council Cards Results:

Winners:

Helen Hourigan - Veronica Fennell
Marie Wrenn - Mike Sullivan
Willie Keating - Magdaline Casey

Table Prizes:

Dan Delap - Pat Condon
Vinnie Wrenn - Joan Fitzgibbon

Raffle:

Betty Kerins, Marie Wrenn
Irene Donovan & Sean McElligott

Urgent meeting required:

An urgent meeting needs to be held with the Gardai, Limerick City and County Council, The Community Council, Locla Councillors, TD's and those going for election for the Dail. This meeting should have been a lot earlier as we have too many problems to be rectified.

St. Patrick's Day Parade:

Are we having a St. Patrick's Day Parade this year? A new committee should be elected to organise a parade. Going back through the years the Rathkeale parade was always the best and it should continue.

Senior Citizens:

Please visit our senior citizens, they get lonely so call and have a cup of tea and a chat.

Deel Hall:

People are complaining about the state of the Deel Hall. Is it going to be refurbished or what is happening to the place?

Pilgrimage to Medjorge:

Local pilgrimage to Medjorge Holy week and Easter 2016 ex Dublin. Also in a different Pilgrimage Fatima for 13th May 2016 for Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima also taking in Saint Anthony's Baptismal site Church and House in Lisbon. Food - Busses - Hotels and flights included. Contact James Treacy on 061-921470

Catholic Schools Week 2016 - Jan 31 - Feb 6th:

Catholic Schools Week 2016, Catholic Schools ; Challenged to proclaim God's Mercy. This year we have a special emphasis on Mercy. Catholic Schools Week is not just about schools - it reminds us all that Catholic education is never simply about transmitting simple facts. Catholic Schools Week offers Schools - and their parish partners an opportunity to celebrate their identity as Catholic Schools. Consider how your parish will engage with your local school - perhaps an invitation to morning Mass or maybe an engagement with Grandparents day.

Limerick Historical Society:

The next Limerick Historical Society lecture will be delivered by Charlotte Murphy on some Stained Glass in Limerick city. Charlotte is an expert on this subject and will have a selection of fine illustrations of stained glass. The lecture will commence at 8 p.m. on Monday January 11th in Room 215, Mary Immaculate College. Go to main reception and you will receive directions to Room 215.

Admission is free and everybody is welcome



An Roinn Coimisce Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection

Community Centre Caretaker - 1 Vacancy

Location: Rathkeale. Co. Limerick.

Duties: This is a developmental opportunity, no experience is necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Applicants must supply suitable character references and be prepared to complete a Garda vetting application form. Duties to include opening and closing of premises. Light cleaning duties and light caretaking duties. Responsibility for door security and fire safety control measures, to assist staff to run various activities. Set up rooms for activities. Must be flexible to work weekends and some evening work.

Days per week: Varies

Hours of work 19.5 hours per week.

Rate of pay: CE rates. - Start Date: 07/03/2016

Shop Assistant – St. Vincent de Paul - 1 Vacancy

Location: Rathkeale. Co. Limerick.

Duties: This is a developmental opportunity, no experience is necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Applicants must supply suitable character references and be prepared to complete a Garda vetting application form. Duties to include opening and closing of premises, Stock control, serving customers handling cash, dealing with goods inwards and outwards, general duties as assigned.

Days per week: Varies

Hours of work 19.5 hours per week.

Rate of pay: CE rates. - Start Date: 08/02/2016

HOW TO APPLY:-

Contact your local D.S.P. Employment Services/Intro Office to check your eligibility to apply for this vacancy. When applying for these positions, please quote Vacancy No. ES-1005311(Community Centre caretaker) and ES-1005309 (Shop Assistant – St. Vincent de Paul).

Contact arrangements must be followed exactly as stated by the employer as they are the preferred method of contact.



Reported by **David Gilbourne**

Rathkeale GAA Club

Managerial & Backroom Team Appointments

It's that time year again and the Club are pleased to announce some very exciting managerial appointments for the upcoming season. Returning to the Senior Football setup is Brian Nolan who will take charge of the footballers for the coming year with Graham Shine staying on as our fitness & training coach. Brian's selectors will be finalized in the coming week or two. Hopefully we can have a positive year after just about holding our Senior status over the last two years.

With a lot of promising players coming through our youth ranks, we are pleased to inform you that Killian Phair and Dean Maune will team up to take on our minor footballs.

Switching code over to our hurlers, hopefully we can go a step further this year and reach the West Final after losing out narrowly last year. It will come as no great surprise that Willie Coffey and Tom Carmody have agreed to stay on for the coming year.

Best of luck to everyone involved and hopefully we will have further news on the managerial and backroom positions for our other teams over the coming weeks.

Senior Football Championship Draw

The Senior Football Championship Draw was recently made at the annual County convention which took place on the lead up to Christmas in Rathkeale House Hotel. As you would expect we were handed a tough group which is to be expected at senior grade. We have been grouped with the following teams:

- Round 1 – Pallasgreen
- Round 2 – Fr Caseys
- Round 3 – Newcastlewest
- Round 4 – Ballysteen
- Round 5 – Monaleen

Pallasgreen are no strangers, we have met them many times over the last few years in intermediate and senior grade and this will continue to be a difficult battle where a win is vital to kick start our championship season. Newcastlewest will be reigning champions and will no doubt be eager to regain their crown and will be looking for a victory over their near neighbours. In our final group game, we will play Monaleen who have beaten us twice over the last couple of years at this level. As they say, "they are no easy games"!

Club Membership 2016

Club membership for the 2016 season is now due. Rates for the upcoming season are as follows: Adult €50, Under-18 €20 and a family rate of €70. The rate for non-playing adult members will remain at €30. This represents good value in comparison to membership costs in other clubs across the county. 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 2016, before training commences. We are taking this matter very serious 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.

Weekly Worthless GAA Question

No prize on offer but it may just keep the mind in check over these winter months!

Question – On the 6th of August 1962 the first ever live GAA match was televised (and it wasn't on Sky Sports!) Which two rivals contested the match? Answer will be published in next week's notes.

Last week's question –

Which historic GAA venue was sold in September 2014? Answer – Hayes' Hotel, Thurles.

Follow us on Twitter & Facebook

To keep in touch and receive updates of last minute fixture changes, match results and live match updates, follow us on Twitter at the tag @RathkealeGAA. Also to become a friend on facebook go to www.facebook.com/#!/Rathkealegaa and send us a friend request. It's all about keeping in touch and getting live updates!



Rathkeale AFC

Weekly Lotto

JACKPOT €4,700

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Winner: No Winner

Lucky Dips (3 x €20.00)

1. Bernie Molyneaux(Seller-C Molyneaux)
2. Bobby Jones(Seller- Rose English)
3. Theresa Morrissey(Seller- Johnny Daly)

Next Week's Jackpot €4,800

Next Draw Date – Mon Jan 18th 2016

Draw will take place in Rathkeale House Hotel at 9pm

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Doreen Guiry, Castlemartyr; Helen Leahy, Church Street; Peter and Mrs. Nash, Talyho and Lodon.



The Reddams and Ryans of Roches Road, St. Mary's Tce. and Lodon.



The O'Connors, Talyho and Woulfes of Ballygrane and Lodon.



The Lynch's, Enniscaugh and St. Mary's Park.



Pa Winath, Madge Kirby, Moinie Winath and T. J. Kirby.



Shiels Family members.



Stephen McDonnell, Jim Cullane and Ned Daly.



Liam Doyle, Sean Hennessy, Jack Lyons, Patch Markham and Brendan Markham.

Is weed wrecking your head?

Group Treatment Programme for Individuals who Misuse Cannabis



Aim

This is a programme provided by the HSE Mid West Drug & Alcohol Service. It was run previously twice in Limerick in 2013/14 and twice in Ennis in 2015. The aim is to enable you to develop a way of living with which you are more content. To experience a more satisfying and happier life every day.

This can be achieved by reducing the harmful consequences of using cannabis.

Participating in the course will enable you to cut down on your use, stop using cannabis or use in a less harmful way.

When & how long are the sessions?

The programme will run weekly for 2 hours at a venue in Limerick City. It will run for 8 weeks commencing on Thursday 11th February 2016. It will run from 2-4pm.

Who runs the sessions?

The sessions are facilitated by two experienced and qualified drug outreach workers

Is there a cost? All sessions are free

What about confidentiality?

The existing confidentiality policy of the HSE will apply. Confidentiality will be discussed with you at your assessment meeting and in the first session of the group.

How can I get a place on the course?

You need to be 18 or over and living in Co. Clare, Limerick or North Tipperary. Contact one of the facilitators by phone or text; Mark Campbell 086 3847075 or Justin Sherin 087 2051958. The facilitator will discuss with you how suitable the course is for you and subsequently arrange to meet you to assess more fully if the programme will meet your needs.

What will happen during the course?

The focus of the programme will be to explore with you and the other participants

- If you want to change your use
- Reasons for wanting change
- Ways to change patterns of use or remain abstinent
- What to expect when you stop or cut down
- How to deal with cravings and lapses
- Alternatives to cannabis use
- Increasing social support networks

Those attending will be expected to participate in discussion and at a level each person feels comfortable with.

What can you expect to get from your attendance?

You can expect to feel more in control of your life and the opportunity to participate more in activities you may have been missing out on. You will have more ability to remain abstinent or in control of your drug use – rather than feeling controlled by the drug.

You may obtain a letter stating your attendance at the course.



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