

# 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 4th August, this was a very successful meeting. We have received a number of projects and some wonderful ideas.

The closing date for receipt of projects is close of business Monday 9th August, you can e-mail to "rathkealeforum@gmail.com".

Next Meeting is Wed 11th August.

**Get the projects in or risk being left behind.**

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.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Congratulations to Hilary Mulclaire who celebrated her 17th birthday recently. Her family and friends held a surprise party for her at her home.**

**Best wishes to Stephen O'Leary who celebrated his 21st on Tuesday with family and friends, and on Saturday night.**

**Best wishes to Darren Conmy who celebrated his 25th birthday recently with family and friends.**

### Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Knock

Rosary and Novena prayer will be prayed in St. Marys Church, Rathkeale, each evening at 7.00pm from 14th to 22nd August. Theme: The Path to Repentance, Healing and Renewal. All are invited to attend.

### Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: John Danaher - Pauline Kerins

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: John O'Shea - Kieran Scanlan  
Maureen O'Shea - Denis O'Keeffe  
John Wall - Mike Kerins  
Nora Dore - Mary Barrett

Table Prizes: Denis O'Keeffe - Maureen O'Shea  
Billy O'Sullivan - Jim Langan

Raffle:        p40   Peg Mulvihill  
                  p20   Billy O'Sullivan  
                  p10   Paddy Moulyneaux  
                  p10   Mary Barrett  
                  p10   Mary Lynch

### Milford Hospice Harvest Fair

The 25th annual Milford Hospice Harvest Fair is scheduled to be held on Sunday 29th August. The fair will be held once again near the unigolf facility, located within a 10 minute walk from Milford Hospice. The harvest fair committee appeals for your support in donating goods such as clothes, books, toys, bric-a-brac. All goods will be checked for quality before being accepted in order to minimize the major costs involved with the disposal of unsaleable items. For further details with regard to donating items to the harvest fair, please contact the fundraising office on 061-485860.

### The Offaly Rover Tour

It's off to the heart of Ireland we will go on Monday 23rd August, with an 8.15 departure from the Market Yard, NewCastleWest.

The luxury coach tour will be visiting Co.Offaly, cruising on the Shannon, travelling on the Bog Train where we will be given the opportunity to cut some turf in the traditional way. Full Irish breakfast and evening dinner will be included in the fare. Contact Nora Enright 087-7453154 or Pat Dalton 069-62306 without delay. Beidh Failte Romhat.

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

### Beach Party

Our beach party was a huge success on Saturday last at Davy Mann's. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that came along to support us, also a big thank you to Eileen Meehan of the Black Lion, for the very colourful decorations and props, a great night was had by all.

### Street Cleanup

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out on Friday night, with the cleanup of the Bypass and The Bog Road. Your help in very much appreciated.

### Famine Graveyard

The Famine Graveyard is almost complete at this stage; we will announce the date of the mass in the next couple of weeks. Finally, big thanks to everyone that helped us on this very worthwhile project.

### Street Bins

This is the final warning!

We have identified a number of people that continue to use the public bins for disposal of household rubbish. This is unfair and also illegal. If we catch anyone, and we are keeping a close eye, we will name and shame. So STOP NOW!

### Join Us

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers; please contact Val Foley, Seamus Hogan, Gwen McNamara, Stephanie Dalton, Jason O'Grady or Noel McNamara or any of our committee.



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

## Junior Hurling Championship

Last week was billed as a "do or die" week for our Junior-A Hurlers who had two must-win games if we have any chance of an impact in the knock-out stages. It is great to report that in both games we were successful, beating Adare on Wednesday and then overcoming Templeglantine in an exciting climax on Sunday. We now qualify for the quarter final against Feenagh\Kilmeedy on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug in Newcastle West at 7pm.

### St. Mary's V Adare

This was a one-sided affair played in Croagh on Wednesday night 4<sup>th</sup> August, which we won comprehensively on a scoreline of 1-20 to 2-04. We led 1-15 to 1-04 at the break and continued to dominate for the second half. Best Wishes to Damien Quaid who sustained a nasty injury. Hopefully a speedy recovery will ensue.

Team and scorers: Willie Coffey, Brian Duggan, Patrick Enright, Ger Frawley, Sean Sheahan(0-2), Patrick Sheahan, Timmy O'Connor, Keith Harnett, Eoghan O'Connor, Sean O'Shea(1-0), Damien Quaid, Mark O'Sullivan(0-10), Shane Hourigan(0-3), Michael O'Sullivan(0-2), Kevin O'Shea(0-1). Subs: Robert Byrne(0-2) for Damien Quaid, John Enright for Kevin O'Shea, Padraic Jones, James O'Connor, Jack Coleman and Pat Gilbourne.

### St. Mary's V Templeglantine

Played in Newcastle West on Sunday afternoon, 8<sup>th</sup> August, this was a tightly contested affair with the outcome in the balance right up to the last puck of the game. With both teams level on points, a win was a must for us, while a draw would suffice for 'Glantine due to their superior scoring difference in games played to date. After playing against the breeze we were three points in arrears at half time (0-5 to 0-8). We dominated possession for most of the second half but we were struggling to hold a lead with 1-10 to 0-11 as the game went into injury time. Glantine struck for a goal to go a point ahead with time almost up. Not to be outdone, our quick-thinking Goalie, Willie Coffey picked out Mark Sullivan with a short puck-out. Mark delivered a long ball to Sean Sheahan who had ghosted in behind the Glantine defence. Sean was brought to the ground as he bore down on goal and Mark O'Sullivan's 20 metre free found the back of the net to give us a 2 point victory with the final scoreline of 2-10 to 1-11. The team and scorers for St. Mary's were Willie Coffey, Brian Duggan, Patrick Enright, Ger Frawley, Sean Sheahan(0-2), Patrick Sheahan, Timmy O'Connor, Keith Harnett, Mark

O'Sullivan (1-4), Kevin O'Shea, Sean O'Shea, Jack Coleman, Robert Byrnes, Eoghan O'Connor(1-1), Padraic Jones. Subs: James O Connor, John Enright, Steven Noonan and Pat Gilbourne.

## Junior-A Football

The Junior Football team are continuing with their training schedule as they prepare for the knock-out stages of the West Championship. The quarter-finals will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August in Newcastle West at 7pm. Monegea will play against Sean Finn's while Glin will play Cappagh. As the team from Monegea was the Waterloo for Sean Finn's in 2009, this is the ideal opportunity for our lads to overturn last year's result. Best wishes to all concerned and especially to the management team of Mike Barrett, Pat Neville, Niall Ryan and Johnny Mooney.

## Minor Hurling - Mick Nevilles

Training will continue this week with the next game against St. Colman's in Coolcappagh on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. Best wishes to James Connie O'Connor and Tom Quaid who jointly manage this team.

## Minor Football

In the 2nd round of the West Minor Football championship, we travelled to Adare on Thursday night, 5<sup>th</sup> August, to play Adare. On the night we were beaten by a better organised Adare side. We trailed 0-4 to 0-8 at half time and managed to get back level 0-9 each. However Adare rallied again and went on to win on a scoreline of 0-10 to 2-14.

Team and scorers: Adrain Stackpoole, Derek Dillon, Richard Cunningham, Conor Lyons, Steve O'Reilly, Mike Keating, Paul White, Sean Sheahan 0-1), Stephen Power, Darren Jones(0-1), Sean White (0-3), Martin Roche, Eoin O'Donnell (0-1), Anthony Supple(0-4) and Rory Flaherty. Our team were in action again this Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> when the Sean Finn's team hosted the minors from Glin in the Bog Garden at 7pm. Results of this game were not available at the time of going to press. Our next game in this competition will be on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August in Ballyhahill at 5.30pm when we will play St. Senan's.

## Under 16 Hurling

St. Mary's have qualified for the quarter finals from Section B of the Under 16 Hurling Championship. It is imperative that all players attend training for the next few weeks so that the team may prepare properly for the next stage of the competition. We await the results of the play-off between Ahane and Blackrock to learn of our next opposition. Best wishes to Pat Madden and Brian Wilmott and all the players.

## Under 16 Football

Sean Finn's Under 16 Football team with their management of Rob White and Barry O'Riordan are also busy with their training schedule. Having

achieved a semi-final spot on 18<sup>th</sup> August, it is very important that all players attend the training sessions remaining to properly prepare and iron out some loose ends.

## Limerick GAA Development Draw

The Limerick GAA Development Draw took place on Friday night 6<sup>th</sup> August. On this occasion we did not have an individual winner. In the "Special Club Draw" we are delighted to announce that St. Mary's/Sean Finn's Club was a winner of one of the 4 club prizes of 1000 euro. The next draw will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Shannon House in Foynes.

## Fixtures

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Aug:** West Junior-A Hurling Championship ¼ Finals: St. Mary's v Feenagh/Kilmeedy in Newcastle West at 7pm.

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Minor Hurling Champ'ship: Mick Nevilles V St. Colman's in Coolcappagh @ 7pm.

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Under 16 Football Semi-finals.

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Aug:** West Jun-A Football Championship 1/4 Finals: Sean Finn's V Monegea in Newcastle West @ 7pm.

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug:** Minor Football: Sean Finn's V St. Senan's in Ballyhahill @ 5.30pm.

# RATHKEALE AFC

## Team Managers 2010/2011 Season

A Team:	William Daly, Robert White
B Team:	Patrick Costello, Seamus Guilteneane
Ladies:	Mary Brennan, Graham Muckell
17's/youths:	Declan Nash
U16's Boys:	Keith Harnett
U10's-U15's Boys:	Sean Harnett
U10/12 Girls:	Kathleen Lynch, Brian Mullins, TJ Riordan
U14/16 Girls:	Mary Brennan, Caoimhe Molyneaux

Anyone interested in joining any of the above teams for the 2010/2011 season feel free to contact the appropriate manager, committee member or club member for information

# COMMUNITY GAMES

## Athlone National Finals

This weekend we can see the first of our local children to compete in the National Finals with Orla Fahy swimming in U-8 Freestyle and Maire Sheahan swimming in U-14 Backstroke.

We would like to wish both girls the best of luck and enjoy yer time at the national finals.

**Congratulations to Bengi Riordan**, whose horse "The Bush" won the open 1quater mile race at Dingle race on Sunday against stiff opposition: He was presented with the Moran and Adams trophy and on Friday "The Bush" came in second also at Dingle. As Benji says "He is the only local owner/trainer winning races at present.

## R.D.S Dublin Horse Show

Congratulations to Leonard Supple, Enniscouch, whose mare Southwell Diamond Diva having already won the supreme champion brood mare at Charleville horse show, earlier this year, went to the RDS horse show in Dublin and scooped 2nd prize in the International Champion Brood Mare competition. Fantastic to do so well against the horses from all over the world. Then to cap it all off, on the way home, Leonard decided to stop off at Tullamore Show, and won the Reserve Champion Brood Mare, on Sunday. Well done Leonard and here's to many more successes in the future. You have done your family, Enniscouch and Rathkeale proud.