

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.

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.



DON'T FORGET...

MRS. FENNELLS CAKE SALE

**on SUNDAY MORNING 29th AUGUST
ON MAIN STREET (opposite Hacketts)**

IN AID OF MILFORD HOSPICE

**Donations of homemade cakes, jams etc.
and farm produce all greatly appreciated**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best wishes to Marie Collins who celebrated her birthday last Friday and to her son David who celebrated his 21st on Wednesday, with family and friends.

Best wishes to Shannon O'Riordan who celebrated her birthday on Monday with family and friends.

Best wishes to Natasha O'Shea who celebrated her 16th birthday on Saturday

Poker Classic

In aid of The Hope Foundation, Foley Bar, Ballyagran, Friday 20th August at 9.30pm.
€20 to play - Buy Backs.

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1st Prize: Christy Lynch - Maureen O'Shea
Kieran Scanlan - Eileen Carrig

Table Prizes: Mary Barrett - Nora Dore
John Wall - Mike Robinson

Raffle: p40 Peggie Lynch
 p20 Benji McGrath
 p10 John Wall
 p10 Jack O'Dwyer
 p10 Joe Dunleavy

Croí Na nÓg Rathkeale

website: www.rathkealechildcare.ie

Rathkeale pre-school will be re-opening on Monday 30th August 9.15am - 12.15am for the morning session and 1.15pm-4.15pm for the afternoon session. We are looking forward to meeting all the new pre-school children and their parents for the coming year 2010-2011 and to meeting our pre-school children from last year, whom will be with us again for a second year. We at Croí Na nÓg hope we can all work together to ensure our positive and friendly ethos continues and hope you and your time at Croí Na nÓg.

Cappagh Community Garden Fete

Sunday 22nd August at 2.00pm

Cake stalls, vegetable stalls, bottle stall, wheel of fortune, bric-a-brac, penalty shoot out, trap rides, cow path, guess the weight, raffle, a la carte catering, tea, coffee and refreshments and many more.

Adult p5, children free.

St. Bernards's Well

The annual mass will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Well, Ballyalanan, on Monday 23rd August at 7.00pm.

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

Famine Graveyard

If anyone would like to sponsor a cherrytree, please contact Val Foley, Seamus Hogan, Noel McNamara or any committee member. Our work in the famine graveyard is now completed. Hopefully we will get the sponsors for the trees as soon as possible. The date for the celebration of mass will be announced in the papers.

Paint Bank

Hopefully we will have another paint bank shortly, so get searching your sheds and garages and bring it along on the date to be announced. We have painted a few of the derelict buildings on the Main Street and what a difference a little paint makes. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped each week and to the people who donated money, to help with our projects, every amount helps.

Ideas

Do not forget if you have any ideas or suggestions, on how to improve our great town, please do not be shy in coming forward with them, as all ideas are welcome.

Facebook

COMMUNITY GAMES

Athlone National Finals

Last week the National Finals were held in Athlone. Well done to Orla Fahy who swam in the U-8 Freestyle and finished outside the medals, but enjoyed her time and the experience at the National Finals.

Maire Sheahan who swam in the U-14 Backstroke, finished 2nd in her heat, which earned her a place in the semi final and just missed out to get a place in the final, but is looking forward to taking part in the coming weekend again.

National Finals 20th - 22nd August

It's a busy weekend for over 40 local children will make their way to the National Finals in Athlone, to take part in team or individual events. Each one of these children should be very proud of themselves to have gotten this far in the chosen activities. Good luck to all the children and hope the weather is fine, so bring the sun cream.

U -13 Futsal Team: Katie Brennan, Sarah Fitzgerald, Clare English, Meadhbh Moran, Sinead Fitzgibbon, Tara Coleman, Eadaione Lyons and Chloe Mullins with managers Mike Fitzgerald and Orla Lyons.

U -15 Rounders Team: Maire Sheahan, Kelly O'Sullivan, Tiffany Hogg, Aimee Fitzgerald, Shannon Naughton, Shona O'Sullivan, Helen Enright, Erin Jacobsen, Michelle Lowe, Gemma Jones, Treasa Coleman, and Eimear O'Connor with Vera Fitzgerald and Mary Sheahan.

U -16 Tag Rugby Team: Paul White, Natasha O'Shea, Kerry Dillon, Oonagh Walsh, Conor Lyons, Frank Geary, Darren Jones, Patrick Wilmott, Sean Hayes, Catherine Power, Eoin O'Donnell and Bud White with managers Tom White and John Lyons.

Athletics

Ellen Lynch in U -8 80m

Katie Brennan U-12 Ballthrow

Seamus Keating U - 13 Walking Race

Treasa Coleman U -14 Shot Put

Relay U-12 Girls Team : Chloe Mullins, Meave Power, Tara Coleman, Rachel Lynch and Chloe Cunningham.

Mixed U -15 Relay Team: Catherine Power, Lydia Kenneally, Patrick Cunningham, Bud White and Liam McCartan
Jacinta Power manager for the Athletics.

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

Junior Hurlers progress to West Semi-final

Sunday 15th August was a memorable one for supporters of St Marys hurlers as we succeeded in a satisfying win over favourites Feenagh/Kilmeedy in the West Championship Quarter final. The large crowd of supporters were treated to an exciting game with many highlights to recall. The game was played in the immaculate surface in Newcastle in front of a large crowd of supporters from both clubs. Brendan Stack of Newcastlewest was the referee.

The first half saw St Marys playing into the breeze and by halftime we led 1-05 to 0-06, the goal coming from Eoghan O'Connor and all 6 points from Mark O'Sullivan. Mid way through the 2nd half, Feenagh regained the lead with a goal to go a single point ahead. From then, we dominated the remainder of the game and further points from Mark O'Sullivan, Sean Sheahan, Kevin O'Shea and Damien Quaid along with a scrambled goal from Pat Gilbourne saw us go into a 10-point lead. Feenagh's 2nd goal was a mere consolation coming 2 minutes into injury time. At the final whistle, we led 2-17 to 2-10 to record an historic victory over the championship favourites and cement some real progress following our promotion from the B-Grade last year. For a full report on the game, refer to Johnny Walsh's article in the Weekly Observer.

Team & Scorers: William Coffey, Brian Duggan, Patrick Enright, Timmy O'Connor, Gary Enright, Sean O'Shea, Patrick Sheahan, Keith Harnett, Mark O'Sullivan(0-12), Sean Sheahan(0-2), Kevin O'Shea (0-1), Eoghan O'Connor (1-0) Padraic Jones, Damien Quaid (0-2), Michael O'Sullivan. Subs: Pat Gilbourne (1-0), Robert Byrnes, Jack Coleman, Stephen Noonan, James O'Connor,

Well done to the management duo of Gerry Molyneaux & Pat O'Donnell and to all the players involved. St Marys now await the result of the other quarter final between Feoghanagh and Askeaton on Fri 3rd Sept to see who our semi-final opposition will be. Should Feoghanagh win, we will face the Group-2 winners, St Kierans, in the semi-final. However, if Askeaton win this game, it will mean 3 teams from group-1 in the semi-finals. Should that outcome come to pass, a draw will be held to decide if we will play either, St Kierans(Group-2 winners) or Croagh/Kilfinny(Group-1 winners).

Junior-A Football

This week, the attention switches to the Junior Football team as they continue with their training schedule as they prepare for the knock-out stages of

the West Championship. The quarter-finals will take place on Saturday 21st August in Newcastle West at 7pm. Monagea will provide the opposition for Sean Finn's. As the team from Monagea 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

The Minor Hurling team have played a game against St. Colman's in Coolcappagh on Tuesday 17th August at 7pm. This is a very important game for our minors as the winners will face Drom/Broadford in the West Minor-A final and the losers will face Allaughan Gaels in the West Minor-B Final. Both these finals are fixed for Fri 27th Aug (see fixtures below). The result of the St Colmans/Mick Neville game is not available at the time of going to press.

Minor Football

Our next game in this competition will be on Tues 24th August in Ballyhahill at 7pm when we will play St. James (combination of Cappagh & Ballyhahill). We recorded a fine win in our last outing against Glin in the bog Garden and in spite of the loss to Adare in the 2nd round, the first round win over St Senans leaves us well positioned in the group stage.

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. Best wishes to Pat Madden and Brian Wilmott and all the players.

Under 16 Football Semi-Final this Wed.

We send best wishes to Sean Finn's Under 16 Football team with their management of Rob White and Barry O'Riordan as they play the Under 16 semi-final this Wednesday 18th August. Killuta Gaels will provide the opposition and the venue is to be announced.

Under-21 Football

We are graded in the premier All-county division for this competition. It is due to commence on 7th Sept with a away game against Fr Caseys. This will be quickly followed by 2 home games (v Bruff) on 14th

Sept and (v Mulcair Gaels) on 21-Sept. Top team from this group makes the semi-finals while the 2nd & 3rd placed teams will play the 2nd/3rd placed teams in the other group in the quarter finals. Qualification for the knock-out stages is well within our abilities. At this stage, it is vital that all U21 footballers are training with the juniors so if you intend to play, get on to the management team of Niall Ryan, Dinny Guiney or Seamus Dollery and start showing up at training.

U14 Football

On Monday night our U14 football team beat Kildimo in the play-off round of the u14 football championship. In doing so, we have now qualified for the county quarter final v Ballybrown on Monday next 23rd Aug. Result: Sean Finn's 4-07 Kildimo 3-00
Team: E Jacobsen, C. Mulcahy, M. Morrissey, J Feane, G. Mulcahy, D. O Grady, A. Brennan, B. Meade, J. Moran, A O Connor, K. Shanahan, A. White, S. Hayes, T. Collins, P. Brennan, Subs: S. Keating, T. White, B. O'Grady.

Fixtures

Tues 17 Aug: Minor hurling C'ship: Mick Nevilles v St. Colmans in Coolcappagh at 7pm.

Wed 18 Aug: U16 Football Semi-finals V Killluta Gaels

Sat 21 Aug: West Jun football C'ship 1/4 final: v Monagea in Newcastle West at 7pm.

Mon 23 Aug: U14 Football Co Quarter Final V Ballybrown.

Tues 24 Aug: Minor Football: v St James (Cappagh/Ballyhahill) in Ballyhahill at 7pm.

Fri 27 Aug: West Minor-A Hurling C'ship Final. Drom/Broadford v winners of St Colmans & Mick Nevilles in Feenagh at 6.45pm

Fri 27 Aug: West Minor-B Hurling C'ship Final. Allaughau Gaels v Losers of St Colmans & Mick Nevilles in Coolyrue at 6.45pm

Sun 29-Aug: Sean Finns V Drom/Broadford in Bog Garden at 7pm

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

Irish Palatine Experience: The story of Germans settlers in Ireland

22 August 14.30 - 17.30 Admission p5

Introductory talk at the Irish Palatine Centre followed by a guide tour through some of the Palatine settlements.

Event Organiser/organisation: Irish Palatine Association.

Venue: Irish Palatine Centre, Old Railway Building, Rathkeale, Limerick.

Suitable for children:- No. Wheelchair Access: Partial. Car parking available: Yes.

This event is being organised specifically for National Heritage Week (if it wasn't National Heritage Week it's unlikely the event would take place).

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