

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.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL? WHO ARE THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL? AND WHAT ROLE SHOULD IT PLAY IN OUR COMMUNITY?

A meeting will be held to continue our project on the structure/restructure of our Community Council on Monday 20th September @ 8pm in the Community Hall.

Don't grumble from the outside . get involved. This is a chance for everyone to help shape Rathkeale's future.

RAPID

COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

Further to ongoing meetings by the Community Forum an AIT (Area Implementation Team) meeting was held on Wednesday evening, with the various agencies involved in the RAPID process.

The 23rd September was agreed as the deadline for all proposals to be submitted to the RAPID Co-ordinator, Dara McGuigan (LCC).

22 projects were originally submitted to the forum of which 9 are at an advanced stage for submission. These are (in no particular order):

- CCTV for Rathkeale Town
- Community Information Office
- Refurbishment of Community Hall (Court House)
- Rejuvenation/development of Rathkeale Square and bus shelters
- Boxing Club
- Cub Scouts
- GAA
- Soccer Club/Athletics Club/Community Games
- Crèche

Whilst this is not a comprehensive or final list, a lot of work continues to be ongoing towards these submissions. If you have any question regarding any projects please email rathkealeforum@gmail.com or contact any member of the Community Forum.

★ **CONGRATULATIONS** ★
MUNSTER GOLD FOR
RACHEL & SOPHIE

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1st Prize: Tom Hogan - Billy O'Sullivan
Sean agus Sean

Table Prizes: Anthony and Willie
John Wall

Raffle: b40 Christy Lynch
b20 John Danaher
b10 Willie Woulfe
b10 Mick Kerins
b10 John Danaher

Business Committee Meeting – Great Success!

Last Tuesday night, a very successful meeting of the Rathkeale Business Community was held in the Rathkeale Community Centre, at which there was a great turnout.

The wider business community were briefed on the various ongoing projects by the committee which include the production of a Rathkeale Directory, the launch of rathkealeonline.ie, and the possibility of Rural Business servicing Rathkeale.

A guest speaker from The Kilmallock Business Committee, John Webb O'Rourke addressed the meeting and spoke of the success achieved through the local community working alongside agencies such as Shannon Development and the County Enterprise Board.

Forms were made available for businesses to submit their adverts and information for inclusion in the business directory and the website. Should you require these forms or any further information please contact Siân on 087-2735234 or Derek Downes at Eurospar.

Thank you to all that attended and their continued support.

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Night Classes

Coláiste Na Trócaire

Arts with Agnes
Computer for beginners
Parents in education
Irish for beginners
Spanish for beginners
Yoga
N.U.I certificate in counselling skills.

Contact 069-62667. Enrolment Monday 13th September 6.45pm-8.15pm.
Funding available for ex-employees of Dell and associated companies.
Contact 069-64094 or email adultcourses@gmail.com.
Classes commencing on Wednesday 29th

WEST LIMERICK VINTAGE CLUB

Don't forget - West Limerick Vintage Club are holding their annual vintage rally and family fun day at the Tatch Bar, Newbridge, on Sunday 12th September from 1.00pm onwards. Your support will be appreciated with all funds going to 2 excellent causes - Breast Cancer and Cystic Fibrosis.

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Rathkeale Bridge Club

Rathkeale Bridge Club will resume playing on Tuesday 21st September at 8.00pm. Our new venue is the Sheltered Housing Room at Enniscouch. Take the first turn right on Church Street coming from Newcastle West direction, or the first left coming over the bridge from Rathkeale direction - turn at the Wine Bar and then continue down approx 200m and the venue is in at the left, where there is plenty of room for parking for everyone.

WANT TO LOSE WEIGHT?

Join 6 Weeks Pre-Paid Classes (Cost " 50)

Venue: Rathkeale
Overhead Bloomers Restaurant

Time: 6.30pm

Commencing: Tuesday 14th September

- Healthy common sense eating plan
- No Exercise
- Ongoing

Contact:
Bridie 069-68124 or 086-3269538

MEALS ON WHEELS

Sincere thanks to all who supported our annual churchgate collection. New volunteers are welcome to help with cooking or delivering meals.
Contact 086-0889408.

World Suicide Prevention Day

September 10th

To mark this day the Raheen And District Mental Health Association will host safe talk, a suicide alertness workshop, will be held on September 7th from 4.00pm-8.00pm at the Maldron Hotel Limerick. Places strictly limited to 25, to book your place contact 086-1708292.

Day trip to New Waterford Crystal Factory and Tramore

Leaving the Courtney Lodge on next Sunday 12th September at 9.00am.
We can collect people en-route. All seats must be confirmed by payment before travelling as we have a waiting list. Contact Maureen 087-9845102.

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

Since we set up in March this year, we have been very active with our various projects, although small projects, we feel they have made a big difference within our community. We are very encouraged with the very positive response from the wider Rathkeale Community. In particular the paint jobs on the derelict building on the Main Street have created a lot of interest. Now that we have cleaned up some of these buildings, hopefully the owners of other buildings, whether vacant or occupied, will follow suit and do a bit of a clean up, as every building painted makes such a difference to the overall appearance of the Main Street. It is very encouraging to see tourists, stop on the New Road and relax with a picnic on the new benches across from the church. We have noticed that many visitors to the town, and of course many locals are using this wonderful new amenity. The residents of St. Mary's Park and New Road, were very impressed, seeing the project completed in such a short time. It is very encouraging to see so many people volunteer with us on this project which was long overdue. The flower baskets on the town bridge added joy and colour to the residents of Church Street and Orchard Avenue. Thanks to everyone who tended the flowers for the past few months. This is a project, that we will repeat next summer, as well as additional baskets and barrels at various different locations around the town.

Famine graveyard

The Famine Graveyard was the largest, most worthy project and also very costly. It was in a very bad state due to years of neglect and abuse, overgrown with weeds and brambles. It took just two weeks to clean and restore it to its rightful, respectful condition. The amount of help we received was fantastic, people worked all through the bank holiday weekend. Please read the papers for the date of the mass.

Rathkeale is a great place to live and that is why we do what we do, as we are all very proud to be from Rathkeale and will always endeavor to improve our town. Now that the school children are back to school we hope to get them involved in various different ideas and competitions etc. We will be visiting the schools both national and Coilaiste Na Trocaire shortly. Thanks to everyone who helped with the weed clean up on the Main Street. Although not our job to clean the weed, as somebody had to do it, as the Main Street was in a disgraceful condition. Hopefully the council will not let them get as bad in the future.

Volunteer with us

We are grateful to all the people who helped out on the different projects over the summer. Give something back to our town, get out of the house and have a laugh and a joke as well. Contact Val Foley, Seamus Hogan, Noel McNamara.

The Chain Gang

Hurry up and get your ticket for the hottest show to hit Rathkeale in five years. Things will be hot when the Chain Gang hit the stage Saturday 18th September in Davy Manns Hotel. Ladies don't miss this great opportunity to see them. Tickets available from Val Foley, Seamus Hogan, That's Nice or any committee member.

★ ★ Munster Gold For Rachel and Sophie ★ ★

Last Sunday in Templemore we had two athletes running from the club in the Munster competition. First was Sophie Meredith taking part in the Long Jump and with her personal best jump of 3m 80, she won the gold medal. Sophie was not finished there, her next event was the U10 60m Sprint. She won her heat very easy and after another great run in the final, she was just pipped on the line for the gold medal. Next up was Rachel Lynch in the U12 80m Sprint. She ran a fine race in her heat finishing first. The final was much tighter but after a great race Rachel got her head in front to win the Munster gold. This was Rachel's first big individual medal win and it has to go down to her commitment to training as well with Sophie. I don't think these two girls have missed a training session this year and it was a great end of season for the girls, the club and these two girls who trained very hard.

Ryan - O'Riordan Wedding



The wedding between Orla Ryan, daughter of Pa and the late Eileen Ryan, St. Mary's Park and Barry Riordan son of Josie and the late Tadhg O'Riordan, St. Mary's Park was held in St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, and last Saturday 4th September. The co-celebrants of the nuptial mass were Canon Dempsey P.P Rathkeale and Fr Michael O'Shea. The chief bridesmaid was Julie McCormack with Grainne Cleary as bridesmaid. Robert White was best man and Brian O'Riordan was groom. Junior bridesmaid was Caitlin Heffernan and the flower girl was Lia Heffernan. Music was supplied by Jean O'Brien with soloists Shannon O'Riordan, Casey O'Riordan, Nadia Sakin and Tracey O'Shea. The lessons were read by Niall Ryan and T.J. O'Riordan. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Valerie O'Riordan, Bernie Wilomott, Pdraig O'Riordan, Christina Woulfe, Charlen O'Riordan and Ciara O'Flaherty. The Offertory Gifts were brought to the altar by Josie O'Riordan and Edel Ryan. The wedding reception was held in the Ballingarry Hotel, Tralee. Dance music was supplied by Handicap following by disco with Declan Nash. The happy couple, Orla & Barry are honeymooning in New York and The Dominican Republic. Orla and Barry are wished health, happiness and longevity.

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

Premier All-County Under-21 Football Championship

The opening games of the Premier All-County Under 21 Football Championship began on Tuesday 7th Sept. Sean Finn's first game was against the lads of Fr Casey's and this was played in Newcastle West at 6.15pm – Result of this game is not available at time of going to press.. Our team will then play Bruff on 14th Sept followed by Mulcair Gaels on 21st Sept. Best wishes to the lads and to the management team of Niall Ryan, Dinny Guiney or Seamus Dollery. All in the club would like to wish Anthony supple and Ger Frawley a speedy recovery from injuries picked up in a challenge game with the U21s last week. Hopefully we will see both players back fit and healthy in the near future.

Junior Hurling

Training continues for the junior hurlers as they prepare for the West semi-final. Following Askeaton's defeat of Feoghanagh in the last quarter final, a draw was held to determine the semi-final pairings. We were drawn to play St Kierans while Askeaton face Croagh/Kilfinny in the 2nd semi-final. It's been a long time since we faced St Kierans in a competitive game at adult level in the club in either hurling and football as before our promotion last year, they had plied their wares in higher grades than us in both codes.

Everyone is looking forward to this clash of near neighbours in the upcoming West Semi-final

Minor Football

The minor football team of Sean Finn's played against Deel Rangers in Knockaderry on Saturday 4th Sept at 6.30pm and came away with the 2 points on offer on a final scoreline of 2-13 to 2-09. This result sees them finish 3rd in the group, thus earning a spot as top-seed in the B-Championship semi-finals. The semi-finals take place this Friday (10th Sept) where we are paired against St Senans while Deel Rangers face Glin in the other semi. Our game is on in Askeaton at 6.15pm and will include extra time if necessary. We ask all our supporters to come along and support the future of the club.

Under 16 Hurling

St. Mary's under 16's bowed out of the championship at the quarterfinal stage when Ahane defeated them on Tues 31st August in Ahane. Under the stewardship of Pat Madden, Brian Wilmott and Kevin O'Sullivan our team played some fine hurling and had their best period in the first quarter of the game. The turning point of the game came when Ahane scored their first

goal and the opposition seemed to grow in stature as a result. The half-time score showed 0:7 for St. Mary's while Ahane had 1:08. The sizable crowd of supporters saw some great defending from both sides and lots of skill on display. During the second half scores seemed to come more easily to Ahane and they were never in doubt of their victory. The final score showed 0:10 for St. Mary's while Ahane had 2:15 to their credit. We wish Ahane luck in the Co. Semi-final. On the night the following lads lined out for St. Mary's: Bud White, Steve O'Reilly, Patrick Cunningham, James O'Connor, Ger Kiely, Paul White, Darren Jones, Adrian Stackpoole, Aaron Condon, Conor Lyons, Patrick Wilmott, Frank Geary, Eoin O'Donnell, Yury O'Connor, Evan Lenihan, Andrew White, Leonard Meskell and Thomas Collins. To Pat, Brian and Kevin we extend our thanks for their commitment to this team throughout the season. The time and effort given is much appreciated by the team and their parents.

Under 16 Football

Sean Finn's Under 16 Football team continue with training as they prepare for the Championship final. Training will continue under the watchful eyes of Rob White and Barry O'Riordan.

U 8's Hurling Blitz

Last Friday 3rd Sept. our young hurlers travelled to Ballinacurra Gaels to play in a most enjoyable blitz. Our first match was against Pallaskenry and our team put on a fine performance. The second match for St. Mary's was against Cloughaun and again our team played very well. Well done to the following that represented the club so well: the Sheahan Brothers Niall, Micheal and Mark, Patrick Johnson, Evan Barrett, Brian Coleman, Danny Dunne, Micheal Brennan, Sean Mulcahy, Niall Wilmott, Oral Fahy and sisters Ashling and Emma Dalton. Many thanks to Alan Johnson and his assistant Fiona Dalton for coaching and looking after this team. Thanks also to Ballinacurra Gaels for holding the blitz.

Congratulations and Best wishes

Heartiest congratulations to Barry O'Riordan and Orla Ryan who "tied the knot" on Saturday last. May all your troubles be only little ones!!

All-Ireland Tickets

Congratulations to the following club members who were lucky enough to come out of the draw for the clubs allocation of All-Ireland hurling final tickets. Joe O'Connor (Ballywilliam), Dr Tom Curtin, Sean Sheahan, Pat Neville. Hopefully all 4 enjoyed the fantastic

occasion in Croke Park last Sunday as Tipperary swept aside Kilkenny's "drive-for-five".

Any club member or Limerick GAA Development Draw member who is interested in attending the Football Final on 19th Sept are asked to give their name to our club secretary, Pat Sheahan (086-8835425) before 5pm this Sunday for inclusion in the draw for football final tickets.

Limerick GAA Development Draw

The September draw was held in Foynes last Friday. Unfortunately the club had no winners on the night. Hopefully we will have better luck in the next draw when it takes place in Bulgaden Castle, Kilmallock on Friday 1st Oct.

Fixtures

Friday 10th Sept:	<u>Minor B Football Championship Semi-Final.</u> (With extra time if necessary) Sean Finns v St Senans in Askeaton at 6.15pm. Glin v Deel Rangers in Coolcappagh at 6.15pm.
Sunday 12th Sept:	<u>Minor B Football Championship Final(Provisional)</u> Sean Finns or St Senans v Glin or Deel Rangers in Askeaton at 6pm.
Tues 14th Sept:	<u>Premier U21 Football Championship</u> Sean Finns V Bruff – Venue & Time to be decided
Saturday 18th Sept:	<u>Junior A Hurling Championship Semi-Final</u> (With extra time if necessary) Croagh/Kilfinny v Askeaton in Feenagh at 4pm.
Sunday 19th Sept:	<u>Junior A Hurling Championship Semi-Final</u> (With extra time if necessary) St Marys v St Kierans in Newcastlewest at 5.30pm.
Tues 21st Sept:	<u>Premier U21 Football Championship</u> Sean Finns V Mulcair Gaels – Venue & Time to be decided

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