

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.

Remembering Christopher Lynch

You may have noticed posters up around town, inviting us all to celebrate one of Rathkeale's most renowned sons, the late Christopher Lynch who was a tenor. Christopher Lynch was born in Church St in 1920 and as a young man was taken under the wing of the famous Count John McCormack. Christopher Lynch sang in concerts all over Ireland - including the Deel Hall in Rathkeale - before moving to the US where he sang on the stage of the famous Carnegie Hall. Over the years, the Rathkeale Community Arts Group has organised several concerts in honour of the man who died in 1994. Now, they have commissioned a commemorative plaque for the house in Church St, in which he was born and which is now the home of Mrs Ann Hayes. This plaque is to be officially unveiled on Friday, October 1 at 7pm with members of the Lynch family in attendance. Each club and organisation in the town is being contacted and asked to send a representative to the unveiling as the Arts Groups is keen to make this an event to be enjoyed by the entire town and parish. All are welcome to attend the unveiling however - and no invitation will be necessary. A recital, featuring tenor Michael Nash and soprano Carmel Conway, accompanied by Jean O'Brien, will take place later in the evening in the Arts Centre. This event is free but due to space limitations, tickets of admission will be issued to all the clubs. A small number of tickets will be available free to the general public by contacting 086-1249955. A booklet about the late Christopher Lynch is to be published to coincide with the event.

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1st Prize: Mick Neville - Mary Lynch
Irene Donovan - Eileen Griffin
Tom Hogan - Billy O'Sullivan

Table Prizes: John Mulvihill and P
Tom Hogan - Billy O'Sullivan

Raffle: p40 Betty Kerins
p20 Willie Keating
p10 Peggy Lynch
p10 Tom Hogan
p10 Sean McElligott

The cards committee together with the card players wish to extend birthday wishes to Tom Hogan who celebrated his 85th birthday recently. They would also like to congratulate Mike and Martha Neville on the birth of their tenth grandchild Cathy.

Wednesday Day Club

The Wednesday Day Club resumed on the 15th of September with a chat, bingo and a cup of tea.

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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes to Margaret Kennedy who celebrated her 70th birthday with family and friends recently.

Children's Grief Project - Continuing The Mission Of The Sisters Of Mercy

The Children's Grief Project is a support service for school-aged children and young people affected by loss through death, separation or divorce. It provides a safe and supportive place for children and young people and their families who are grieving. The service is provided by trained and experienced people. Contact 061-313037 or 087-9851733.

Congratulations to Benji Riordan and the syndicate whose horse "**The Bush**" won the derby in Kilkee yesterday.

Anyone interesting in joining:- Patchwork class or dance class please leave your name and contact number with Joan O'Toole at Rathkeale library, within the next week.

Education Grant

The society of Saint Vincent De Paul has a fund available to help with education costs. If you do not qualify for other grants and you wish to pursue further education, we may be able to assist. Ring 086-4068317 Mon-Fri 9.00am-6.00pm for further details. All enquires will be treated in strict confidence.

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

THE CHAIN GANG

It is the final countdown, it's been five years since the last appearance of the hottest dance act ever, THE CHAIN GANG make a return visit to Rathkeale this Saturday 18th September. Doors open at 11.30pm, tickets available from Cafe V, That's Nice or any of our Committee, so the place to be is Davy Mann's – a night not to be missed!

STREET BINS

Since our last notice on the papers a couple of weeks ago, the number of people using the street bins for domestic rubbish has declined but sadly there are still a few people who continue to ignore our warnings. Following discussions with the Authorities we are going to photograph the culprits. Did you know, you can be fined up to €1,300 and a court appearance - you have been warned, maybe you would like to see your picture in the paper!

DERELICT BUILDINGS

We have been in contact with the local County Council in relation to the ongoing problem of derelict buildings on Main Street. Do you own a property in Rathkeale? Why not do the decent thing and give it a fresh makeover, a few cans of paint and a bit of effort makes all the difference, every little helps. We are doing our bit and will continue with some other projects over the next couple of weeks, many people have commented on the wonderful mural at the old betting office.

FAMINE GRAVEYARD

It is great to hear that many people in town are making regular trips to the famine graveyard, and great to hear such positive feedback. People have suggested that we put some seating in place, we hope to install some "Memorial Benches" in the next couple of weeks, we have ordered the trees and these will be planted in the coming weeks. Many thanks to everyone that sponsored these, we will be in contact with you in due course.

NEW ROAD

Great to see that so many people are enjoying the benches on New Road, everyone is welcome to sit and enjoy or have fun. The total cost of the works on the "Nun's Garden" was approximately €1,800. We hope people will respect the amenity and we will be installing a CCTV in the area in the next couple of days, we also have a voluntary caretaker and she will be keeping a close eye on it. We have also asked the Council if they will put a bin in the location so people can dispose of rubbish in a responsible manner and keep the area beautiful, it is there for everyone's enjoyment – just respect it.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Weather permitting we will continue to have regular cleanups of various different areas of the town. We would ask everyone in town to do your bit too, if you see litter pick it up and remember to encourage our young people to keep the town clean. As always we welcome new volunteers, if you would like to join us at any time, even on a casual basis, please contact Val Foley, Seamus Hogan or Noel McNamara or any of our committee. Don't forget we are also on Facebook for all the latest info or photographs (Rathkeale Town Action Group) ★ WE LOVE WHERE WE LIVE ★

TIDY TOWN RESULTS

Encouraging to see that we have improved on our marks for this year, so hopefully next year we can improve on these marks, we have been in contact with the local Council in relation to some of the issues brought up in the report.

ST.MARY'S ATHLETICS CLUB

Training resumed last Thursday 9th September 2010 and there was a good turnout on our 1st night back and a good training session was had by all. Some members have not returned yet so hopefully they will turn up at training this week. Also, all new members are welcome to join, all you need is a copy of your birth certificate and €15 registration fee. The Cross Country season will be starting shortly. The County Cross Country even ages will take place in Newcastlewest, venue to be confirmed, on Sunday 26th September, 2010. Under 10's 600m, Under 12's 1500m, Under 14's 2500m etc. The County uneven ages will take place in Bilboa, this venue to be confirmed on Sunday 10th October 2010. U9's 500m, U11's 1000m, U13's 2000m, etc. Anyone wishing to be entered for the County Cross Country please give your name in at training to Yvonne, Kathleen or Jacinta.

Training this week on Thursday 7pm in the Astro Turf Pitch, in the Soccer Field and on Sunday morning at 11am in St. Mary's Park.

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

Minor Footballers fall at final hurdle

Askeaton was the venue where our minor footballers battled with St Senans for a place in the west final. The opening half was an exciting, competitive and free flowing encounter and after 10minutes we led 3 points to 2, our scores coming from Stephen Power, Sean White and the reliable Marty Roche. After this period we dominated proceedings backboned by great ball winning from our half backs namely Sean Sheahan Paul White and Mike Keating who were outstanding throughout. Further scores from Dillon, Hennessey, Power and great free-taking from Sean White increased our lead while St Senans could only reply with two well taken frees. We went in at the break with a commanding lead 0-12 to 0-4. The second half saw us up the ante considerably. Our young dynamic midfield pairing of Ciaran English and Eoin O' Donnell saw us set up attack after attack and we were rewarded with fine goals from Jack Hennessey and Darren Jones who were a constant menace on the St Senans fullback line ,and well taken points from White, Power and O' Donnell. A brilliant save from Stackpoole prevented a sure goal for our opponents and ended any hope of a comeback. Stephen Power was a constant threat in the second half with his driving runs causing St Senans evident problems. The introduction of Cunningham and Wilmott in the backs shored up any St Senans attack while Gavin & Conor Lyons and the dependable Jason Jones gave added impetus in attack. Overall this was a great display, our full back line of O' Reilly, Geary and Flaherty marshalled their men superbly and snuffed out any dangers that came their way. In a game where all players had the beating of their men there were exceptional performances from Power, Keating, English and White. We ran out easy winners on a handsome scoreline of 2-18 to 0-5 and booked our place in the West Minor Semi Final

against Deel Rangers who had seen off the challenge of Glin the other semi final.

The West Final took place in Croagh GAA grounds on Sunday 12th Sept. This was a game of passion and enthusiasm but also of too many wides. Martin Roche opened the Sean Finn's account with a lovely goal which was followed by a goal and three points from Deel Rangers before we raised a white flag which came courtesy of a free from Martin Roche. The half ended with another pointed free from Deel Rangers and a great point from play from the boot of Eoin O'Donnell. The score read 1:02 for Sean Finn's while Deel Rangers had 1:04. The opposition got a quick goal at the opening of the second half. For the next 20 minutes we had our best period of play when it looked as we owned the ball and got scores to match it. We saw three great points from Martin Roche, Eoin O'Donnell and Darren Jones while our defence stood resolute and kept out intruders. Lady Luck then seemed to desert the lads as we squandered scoring chance after scoring chance. When Deel Rangers put their scoring boots back on there was no stopping them. They ploughed back a great lead with a point from a free, followed by two goals and another point for good measure. Sean Finn's scored the last one of the night when Derrick Dillon obtained a consolation prize of a point. The final score read 1-06 for Sean Finns while Deel Rangers had 4-06 to their credit. Sean Finn's was a disappointed team as they vacated the pitch after the trophy presentation. The two games on the one weekend told on the tired faces as they shook hands with their rivals. On reflection the defeat was a hard one to take, where we had an abundance of possession and dominated for long periods but our poor shooting eventually cost us. All players cannot be faulted for effort however and can

be proud of their efforts throughout the year. The following lads lined out on Sunday evening: Adrian Stackpoole, Rory O'Flaherty, Frank Geary, Steve O'Reilly, Michael Keating, Sean Sheahan, Paul White, Eoin O'Donnell, Ciarain English, Sean White, Stephen Power, Martin Roche, Darren Jones, Derrick Dillon, Jack Hennessy, Richard Cunningham, Patrick Wilmott, Jason Jones, Conor Lyons and Gavin Lyons. While being disappointed at the result in the final game, both parents and players are most thankful to the management of Donal O'Donovan, Damien Wilmott and Cian Wilmott who were greatly committed to these fine players throughout the season.

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. This was a one-sided game with Fr. Casey's dominant throughout the game. We lost with a final score of 1:07 while Fr. Casey's had 3:16 on the scoreboard. The following formed the panel on the night: Robert White, Cian Wilmott, Gary Enright, Dean Maune, Michael Keating, Patrick Sheahan, Sean Sheahan, Sean O'Shea, Stephen Power, Timmy O'Connor, Eoghan O'Connor, Sean White, Shane Hourigan, Thomas Walsh, Tony McCarthy, Jack Coleman and Jack Hennessy. This was a disappointing start to our campaign but we can certainly improve on this performance. We have two more games in our present schedule. This week we have played Bruff on Tuesday 14th Sept in Ballyagran at 6.15pm. (Match report next week.) On Tuesday 21st Sept Sean Finn's Under 21's will play Mulcair Gaels. Best wishes to the lads and to the management team of Niall Ryan, Dinny Guiney or Seamus Dollery.

Junior A Hurling

Training continues for the junior hurlers as they prepare for the West semi-final. We will see our lads

play in Newcastle West on Sunday 19th Sept. at 5.30pm. This will be a great challenge against our near-neighbours with supporters asked to go along and lend your voices to cheer on our team.

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.

U12s going to Gaelic Grounds

The dates for the final day blitz of the U12 hurling and football leagues are as follows: this Sat 18th September will be the U12 Hurling Finals Day while Sat 25th September will be the U12 Football Finals Day. The venue for both days will be the Gaelic Grounds and these events will be a fantastic occasion for the young players. All teams will play two 20 minute games and only 3 mentors will be allowed onto the pitch at any one time. The Mentors must wear special bibs which will be given out when the team arrives. All games will go ahead at scheduled times due to the tight schedule. Spectators must remain in the stands at all times. There will be a charge of €3 per person. Further details will be announced at training during the week. Our Hurlers play Askeaton/Ballysteen at 4.00pm and then play Feohanagh/Castlemahon at 4.22. Both games are in pitch 1 (Mackey stand side). The schedule for the full day at headquarters is very tight so players/mentors are reminded to arrive at least 30 minutes before the game-start time

All-Ireland Football Final Tickets

The club got 4 tickets for the football final and a draw was held on Monday night to distribute these amongst members who had requested one. On the night the luck winners were Niall Ryan, Pdraig Feehan, Brendan O'Reilly and Kevin O'Sullivan. Well done to all 4 winners and commiserations to those who didn't come out of the box on this occasion. Tickets cost €70 each can be collected from the club secretary.

Fixtures

- Tues 14th Sept:** Premier County U21 Football Championship
Sean Finns V Bruff – in Ballyagran at 6.15pm.
- Wed 15th Sept:** West U21 Football Championship
Ballysteen V Feale Rangers in Bog Garden at 6pm
- Sat 18th Sept:** Junior A Hurling Championship Semi-Final (With extra time if necessary)
Croagh/Kilfinny v Askeaton in Feenagh at 4pm.
- Sun 19th Sept:** Junior A Hurling Championship Semi-Final (With extra time if necessary)
St Marys v St Kierans in Newcastlewest at 5.30pm.
- Sun 19th Sept:** West U21 Football Championship
Bunoke Gaels V Shannon Gaels in Bog Garden at 1.30pm
- Tues 21st Sept:** Premier U21 Football Championship
Sean Finns V Mulcair Gaels – Venue & Time to be decided
- Sun 26th Sept:** Junior A Hurling Championship Final
Croagh/Kilfinny or Askeaton V St Marys or St Kierans in Feenagh at 2pm.