

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.

RATHKEALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING ON MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER IN THE COMMUNITY HALL @ 8PM

Rathkeale Tidy Towns/R.T.A.G

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Churchgate collection last weekend. The total amount collected was " 1,120.44. This was a fantastic amount and much appreciated. Thanks also to the volunteers who collected at each mass.

Do not forget we are always on the lookout for volunteers. If you are interested please contact Val Foley, Seamus Hogan, Noel McNamara or any of our team.

We are currently working on very exciting new projects which will benefit the whole community . further details in the coming weeks.

Meals- On-Wheels

The meals on wheels committee would like to thank everybody who contributed to their church gate collection. The amount collected was £1,223. They do a fantastic job cooking the excellent dinners every Tuesday and Thursday, but they need volunteers urgently to help cooking and delivering the meals? Surprise-Surprise

Rathkeale Community Games

Annual AGM on Tuesday 12th October 2010, Rathkeale Community Centre at 8pm, all welcome.

Holy Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be prayed each evening during the month of October 7.00pm at the Marian Shrine, Church Street. Everybody is invited to join the prayer for vocations.

Rathkeale- Medjugorje Reunion

There will be mass and a social gathering for all who have gone to medjugorje, with the local group over the years, in the parish centre Newcastle West at 8.00pm Friday October 1st.

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1 st Prize:	Joe Dunleavy ó Willie Keating
2 nd Prize:	Kieran Scanlon ó Eileen Carrig Mary Barrett ó Nora Dore Mike Robinson ó Will Joe Woulfe
Table Prizes:	Tom Hogan- Billy O'Sullivan Mary Barrett ó Nora Dore
Raffle:	þ40 Helen Rice þ20 Peggie Lynch þ10 Kathleen Daly þ10 Nancy Danaher þ10 Mary Lynch

Bridge Club

Charity night will be held on Tuesday the 12th October at 7.30pm, in the Desmond Complex, Newcastle West, Your support would be very welcome.

Rathkeale Parents Council National Schools AGM

St. Annes & St. Josephs School

will take place on Thursday 7th October 2010 in St. Anne's School Hall at 8 pm.

All parents of children who attend both schools are invited to come.

Looking forward to seeing everybody there.

Highways and Byways of Kerry

On Monday October 11th a luxury coach will depart the market yard at 8.45am for a ramble through the kingdom including breakfast in listowel and boarding the lartigue train for a trip down memory lane. Visiting ardfert, bannastrand, Tralee, annscaul, inch and concluding with dinner in kilorglin. Contact Nora enright on 087-7453154 or Pat Dalton 069-62306

ST.MARY'S ATHLETICS CLUB

On Sunday last the 26th September 2010 St. Mary's A.C. had eleven athletes who took part in the County Cross Country even ages which was held in the Demesne in Newcastlewest in lovely dry weather conditions. In the first race of the day the Girls U10 1,000m we had seven athletes in action, and what a great race they ran. Sophie Meredith finished in first place winning an individual gold medal. She was very closely followed by Ellen Lynch who finished in second place, winning an individual silver medal. Niamh Foley came in fifth place, Holly Meredith came in thirteenth, Sophie Liston came in fifteenth and Orla Fahy came twentythird. Unfortunately, Roz Barrett had to drop out of the race due a stitch in her side. This team ran as a very close unit and packed in true cross country style and duly won the team gold medals for their club. Five of these were out of age on the day and will run again U9 on the 10th October 2010 in the Uneven Age County Cross Country in UL. This was a great result for such a very young team.

Our next athletes in action were Pdraig Power, Brian Keating and Jack Fahy in the Boys U12 2,000m. Pdraig Power ran a great race and finished in third race to win the bronze individual medal. Jack Fahy and Brian Keating ran well on the day but unfortunately these boys were short one member to make up a team on the day.

Next in action was Kelly Devine in the Girls U14 3,000m. She ran a super race and finished in third place to win the individual bronze medal.

Well done to all athletes on another fantastic performance.

Thanks also to coaches Yvonne and Kathleen for all their training.

Uneven Age County Cross Country will take place in UL on Sunday 10th October 2010 at 12 noon.

Munster Novice U23 and Even Ages Cross Country will take place in Carrigadrehid, Macroom, Co. Cork on Sunday 17th October 2010 at 12 noon.

Munster Intermediate and Uneven Ages Cross Country will take place in Charleville Show Grounds, Co. Cork on Sunday 7th November 2010 at 12 noon.

Our A.G.M will take place in the Community Games Office on Monday the 4th October 2010 at 8pm. Would as many parents as possible please attend.

Training on Thursday night at 7pm in the Astro Turf pitch in the Soccer Grounds and on Sunday morning at 11am in St. Mary's Park.

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

Under 16 Football County Final beckons this Saturday

Sean Finn's under 16-football team face Ahane in the County Final this Saturday 2nd Oct in Croom at 5pm. Our lads under the management of Rob White and Barry O'Riordan have had a great season and with a little luck can hopefully finish on a high note. Having finished third in our group we progressed to the next level and beat South Liberties in the quarter final. We then went into the Semi- final and were delighted to beat favourites Killuta Gaels after extra time having lost to this team in an earlier encounter. We send best wishes to the team under the management of Rob White and Barry O'Riordan as they proceed with their final training sessions this week. No doubt but the entire squad and their captain Darren Jones will give this game their best shot. Best wishes to all concerned and looking forward to seeing lots of supporters decked in blue and white in Croom on Saturday to support the Boys in Blue.

Sean Finn's U12's finish the season in style at the Gaelic Grounds

Last Saturday the 25th of September, we travelled to the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick to take part in the 2nd Annual Under--12 Football Finals Day. We had two players missing on the day but we still had a strong team. Weather conditions were fantastic and the pitch was a pleasure to play on. Our 1st game was against Monagea. We got off to a great start scoring a few points early on. There was some great passing play throughout the game and we dominated for most of the game. We gave the opposition an easy goal but with our backs to the wall we responded to the pressure to score a few more points to win the game. Well done to all involved. The score after the 1st game was Sean Finns 0:05 while Monagea had 1:00. Our 2nd game was against Granagh/ Ballygarry. In this game the boys from Deelside were much stronger and the score-line reflected this. We really played well and didn't give the opposition time to settle. Our passing

and shooting were excellent and all our boys and girls were in top form. The final score was Sean Finns 2:08 while Granagh/ Ballingarry had no score. Our team was delighted to win both games, as were our supporters. Many thanks to Denis Kelly and his assistants Patrick Sheahan and Eoghan O' Connor who were most generous with the time and effort they gave to the training of these young stars throughout the 2010 season. Many thanks also to Tom and Joan Keating for looking after the jerseys and keeping the team supplied with water. We really had a great season and all our players should be really proud of themselves. Thanks to the following players who gave us so much to cheer about Seamus Keating, Adrian Brennan, Enda Walsh, Darragh O'Grady, Darragh Curtin, George Mulcahy, Dylan Lynch, Pdraig Power, Mark Wilmott, Brian Keating, Eoin Kelly, Travis O Reilly, Barry Coleman, Josh O'Connor, Mark White, Katie Brennan, Tara Coleman and Sean Malone.

Premier All-County Under-21 Football Championship

On Tuesday 21st Sept. our U21's sealed their chance to continue in the play-off rounds of the County Championships. The Sean Finn's lads gathered at the Gaelic Grounds and played Mulcair Gaels of Ahane/ Monaleen. This game was a sporting one where we dominated in most areas of the field but we could work on accuracy of scoring!! The score at halftime was 0:06 for Sean Finn's while Mulcair Gaels had scored 0:01. The second half was more interesting. It finished with 2:12 for Sean Finn's to 2:05. Well done to Cian Wilmott who scored a fantastic point in the final moments of the game and Sean White who scored two goals. Best wishes to Damien Quaid and Sean Sheahan who are recovering from injury. The management of Seamus Dollery, Dinny Guiney and Gus Ryan will continue with training this week. The following players lined out for Sean Finn's: Robert White, Cian Wilmott, (0:1), Gary Enright, Gerard Frawley, Dean Maune, Patrick Sheahan, (0:1), Michael Keating, Sean O'Shea, (0:2), Eoghan O'Connor, (0:6), Timmy O'Connor, Stephen Power, (0:1), Sean White, (2:0), Tony McCarthy, Thomas Walsh, Shane Hourigan, (0:1), Jack Coleman, Derrick Dillon, Frank Geary and Darren Jones. We have finished third in our group meaning we have secured a quarter final spot against Newcastlewest who finished 2nd in the other group in the knockout stage of the competition.

Bord na nOg Sponsored Cycle

The juvenile players are travelling the highways and byways with sponsorship cards for the annual Bord na nOg Sponsored cycle. This event is always very popular with both young and not-so-young and a valuable source of income for the club. The cyclists will assemble at the Square and be ready for the trip at 3pm. Please be aware of safety at all times, both of

cyclists and other road-users. The value of cycling helmets cannot be over emphasised as well as wearing bright coloured clothes. Please obey all instructions from stewards and have a great cycle.

Congratulations to the Limerick Ladies Football Team

What a wonderful achievement for the Limerick Ladies Junior Football team to win their All-Ireland Final in Croke Park last Sunday. This win will provide great encouragement to the ladies who play already and hopefully encourage more to take up this sport. Congratulations to Tommy Stack who managed this great team and to all the Ladies who played so well and brought home the trophy.

West Minor Hurling Team 2011

With a view to formatting the county Minor Hurling panel for next year, there will be trials/training this week in Neville park this Monday night at 7.30pm for a Western team. The club is encouraging any player who is minor for 2011 and willing to try for the team to attend this session.

Excitement at West Junior Football & Hurling Finals

Excitement was the order of the day on Sunday as both the West Junior hurling and football championship finals ended in exciting fashion. Monagea (who beat us in the quarter final) drew with Glin in the football final while St Kierans (who beat us in the semi-final) thought they had beaten Askeaton and won the hurling final only for the West Bord to decide that a re-fixture was in order to sort out the affair as there were some allegations of an extra man on the pitch. Both finals are due to be re-played this Saturday. See West Bord fixtures for times/venues.

Nominations & Motions for County Convention

Any club member who wishes to formulate a motion for county Convention or nominate a person for a position on the county executive are asked to submit the same through the club secretary before 11th October. This is an ideal opportunity for ordinary members to address or change any perceived organizational issues with the running of the affairs of the GAA at county level. There will be elections held as the following county officers have completed their 5-year terms - Michael O'Sullivan (Vice Chairman) and Gerry Philips (Coaching Officer). Nominations for these positions and indeed any other positions are very welcome.

Upcoming International Rules Series

You are probably aware that the International Rules Series (featuring the very best of Irish Gaelic Footballers against the top Aussie Rules players) is going ahead this year. The first game in the series is in

the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick on Sat 23rd Oct with the second game in Croke Park on Sat 30th Oct. We are encouraging our juvenile team managers to arrange a trip to either the Gaelic Grounds or to Croke Park to support the Irish team. As with the All Ireland Championship, the Club Group Pass is available for both tests in the Irish Daily Mail International Rules Series. As part of the Group Pass, Juvenile tickets are priced at €3 and for every ten Juveniles you are entitled to one free Adult ticket. Additional Adult tickets can be purchased at General Sale price of €25. Applications for group passes must come through the club secretary.

2 Test Package: A discounted package for both tests for Adults and Juveniles (16s and under) is available. By purchasing this package you are guaranteed center of the stand tickets for both tests, Section 108 (formerly Sec F) of the Mackey Stand in the Gaelic Grounds and in Sec 306 in the Cusack Stand in Croke

Park. Prices are set at €40 for Adults and €10 for Juveniles. This package is only available through www.gaa.ie. For more information, please email tickets@gaa.ie.

General sale of Tickets : Tickets for the individual tests can be purchased through www.gaa.ie. Adult tickets are €25 and €5 for Juveniles. Senior Citizens and Students are entitled to €10 concession for the Mackey Stand in Limerick and the Cusack Stand in Croke Park.

Fixtures

Saturday 2nd Oct: U 16 Division 2 County Football Final: Sean Finn's V Ahane in Croom at 5pm

Sunday 3rd Oct: Annual Bord na nOg Sponsored Cycle at 3pm from the Square.



Sean Finns U12 Footballers pictured at the Gaelic Grounds last Saturday

Back row: Mentors : Eoghan O Connor, Patrick Sheahan, Denis Kelly

Team: Padraig Power, Mark Wilmott, Enda Walsh, Travis O Reilly, Seamus Keating, Darragh O Grady & Darragh Curtin.

Front Row: Sean Malone, Mark White, Josh O'Connor, Brian Keating, Eoin Kelly, George Mulcahy & Dylan Lynch.

Rathkeale Girls Under 12's Soccer

Last Saturday the girls were playing in the all Ireland finals in Dublin. There were four teams from each province being represented. There were four groups of four teams and the girls had to play 3 games to play in each group. They started off playing a team from Ulster and after a slow start going down one nil they turned it around to win 2-1. The second game was against a Sligo team the girls were well on top and won it 1-0. The third game in the group was against a Dublin team and after a great game they lost 1-2. The girls finished up runners up in their group which meant that they were through to the quarter finals they had a break for an hour after the draw had been made. The girls found out they were playing a team from Roscommon in the last 8 in Ireland. The girls in this game seemed to be a bit flat and did not have the same movement as they had in the group games. They played their part in the first half but in the second half the Roscommon girls got on top and won 0-2. This was a great achievement for these girls to be in the last 8 in Ireland and went the furthest of the Munster teams. Well done girls. I would like to thank the parents who travelled for the day and Brian Mullins their manager. Panel: Maeve Moran, Claire English, Kate Geary, Eadoinn Lyons, Tara Coleman, Chloe Mullins, Katie Brennan, Maeve Power, Rachel Lynch and Sarah Fitzgerald.

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