

Rathkeale Newsletter

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

On a beautiful sunny afternoon last Sunday, a large group of walkers set off from the Railway House in Newcastle West at 3.15pm and walked to Rathkeale Station House. It took almost 3 hours. Amongst that group were 5 sisters from the former Lynch Family, Enniscouch, Rathkeale who walked the line with a couple of friends who encouraged their efforts. This line is now open for all to walk but as the work is still in progress, waterproof footwear is advised.

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1st Prize: Pauline Kerins - Mai Wall
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Anthony McMahon - John O'Shea

2nd Prize: Tom Hogan - Billy O'Sullivan
Eileen Griffin - Betty Kerins

Raffle: p40 John Quilty
p20 John Dolan
p10 John Wall
p10 Mary Lynch
p10 Helen Royce

Christopher Lynch

Tony Doyle opened the proceedings with a detailed account of Rathkeale's own Tenor Christopher Lynch, life and career, outside the very house he was born and reared in Church Street. The house is owned by Ann Hayes. His career from when he sang in St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, the audition in The Savoy Theatre, Limerick to being the "Voice Of Firestone", to singing to an audience of 3000 in Carnegie Hall, New York. He filled concert halls across America. Christopher opened the Central in Rathkeale in 1945. He also sang there in 1948 accompanied by the late Mrs George Boyle. He sang in the Deel Hall in 1950 which was packed to capacity. His daughter Rosaleen, surrounded by many of his grandchildren, unveiled the plaque to her father amid rapturous applause from the crowd. Several renditions of his songs were played. St Mary's Brass Band Rathkeale played a great selection. Then the crowd headed for the Arts Centre for a concert where they met and spore with Rosaleen and Christopher's grandchildren. Among the audience were Dan Neville T.D, Joan McKernan Arts Officer, Limerick County Council. Great credit and thanks is offered to the Arts group for organising this fantastic event, and welcome back to Norma Prendeville, great to see you looking so well.

Rathkeale Community Games

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

**First mass for Holy Communion children
Sunday 10th October at 9.30am.**

Bridge Club

1st:- Mary Curtin - Ann Roche
2nd:- Irene Donovan - Marjorie O'Connell
3rd:- Michael and Marie Liston
4th:- Brendan and Maureen Woulfe

Do not forget charity night on Tuesday 12th
October in the Desmond Complex, Newcastle
West.

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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.

Music, Song, Dance, Stories and the Craic.

The Mighty Entertainers of the Irish Rambling House,

Devon Inn Hotel, Templeglantine,
Wednesday 13th October 8.00pm.

Adm. €10. Tel 068-48353.

Also Saturday 13th November
Lisdoonvarna. Coach to Lisdoonvarna
leaves Abbeyfeale 4.40pm via
NewCastleWest, Limerick City and Ennis.

Dan Neville T.D made representations on behalf of Rathkeale Town Action Group to Limerick County Council, in relation to the need for a maintenance grant for the Rathkeale Famine Graveyard. He is pleased to report that the County Council have confirmed to him that a maintenance grant will be paid in late October.

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

Annual Trip To Blarney Woollen Mills

With a visit to Cork City (optional) from the Market Yard at 9.45am on Tuesday 19th October. Contact Nora Enright 087-7453154 or Pat Dalton 069-62306.

Blessed Mary Mac Killor - Sisters of St. Joseph of the sacred heart. The Australian Church will celebrate the canonisation of St. Ita's 1st National Saint on Sunday 17th October. Ireland is very significant in the history of this order as over 700 Irish girls joined this order and now some 40 sisters have re-connected to continue ministry in Ireland. A national mass to celebrate this event will be conducted in St. John's Cathedral, Limerick on November 7th. More details later.

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ST.MARY'S ATHLETICS CLUB

On Sunday next the 10th October, the County even ages Cross Country takes place in U.L. at 12 noon. All Athletes who are taking part would they please be in U.L. (next field to Athletic Track) at 11am in order to do warm ups and collect singlet.

Up Coming Events

Munster Novice U23 and Even Ages Cross Country will take place in Carrigadrohid, 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 annual bowling trip and awards night will take place on Tuesday the 26th October at 7pm. At the bowling centre next to Supermacs on the Ennis Road for all registered members of the club. More details next week.

The County Indoor Championships will take place in Nenagh Indoor Track on Saturday the 13th November.

Training on Thursday night at 7pm in the Astro Turf pitch in the Soccer Grounds. There will be no training next Sunday 10th October.

NEWS FROM COLÁISTE NA TRÓCAIRE

Careers Exhibition

Students from sixth year attend a careers exhibition at Limerick racecourse last week. The exhibition introduced students to many of the universities, IT's and the courses and programmes available. Students reported that the trip was very beneficial and it helped to focus them on their choices for next year.

It is important for students to be well informed as they fill out their CAO applications and it is essential that students are aware of subject requirements for their preferred third level course.

The school congratulates Ms. Harrison who was to the fore in the organisation of this year's exhibition for all schools. It was considered by all to be outstanding.

Transition Year Trip to Tralee IT

Transition year is the perfect time for students to begin considering their future choices. Students from Transition Year made the trip to Tralee IT to partake in taster sessions for some of the programmes on offer.

This year, students had the chance to try out Engineering and Multi-Media. This gave students a flavour of what studies or a career in these areas might be like. They also visited the IT campus which, in itself, gives a flavour of third level life.

Colaiste na Trocaire is committed to preparing students for further education choices as well as possible. This is reflected in the high level of activity in the Careers Department.

Mercy Day Mass

The school community came together to celebrate Mercy Day and the beginning of the new school year

at the church in Rathkeale. It was a beautiful ceremony and we were delighted to be joined by many parents, friends and retired staff members of the school. The sense of community and togetherness was palpable. The school wishes to thank all the local clergy who celebrated with us. We especially thank Sr. Jerome who continues to work so tirelessly in the promotion of Christian values in the school. The school choir added tremendously to the liturgy as always. Students looked immaculate in their uniforms and those who participated in the ceremony did so in a very sacred and dignified way. Well done to all involved.

Visiting Speakers

Many speakers have visited the school of late. There have been talks from The Simon Community, ISPC, Limerick Youth Service and more. This gives the students much greater insight in the actions of services that protect those at risk and promotes the values of respect for living thing held by the school.

First Year Parents Night

Parents/guardians of current first years were invited to the school last Thursday night for information and support relating to their child's transition to Colaiste na Trocaire. We were delighted to have such a huge turnout as it showed real support for the school and partnership between the teachers and the home. Talks were given on Special Educational Needs, Nutrition, Pastoral Care, Homework in addition to addresses from the Year Head and the school Principal, Kevin Cusack. Parents were also given a

snapshot into the daily life of their children here through a photo slideshow of the first years at work and at play.

The evening was intended to open the doors of the school to the parents, put faces to names and strengthen further the link between home and school. Kathleen Neville of the parents association also spoke and invited Parents to attend the upcoming AGM. It is through the support of parents that the school can continue to offer the opportunities it does. The Parent's Council will be contacting all parents shortly in relation to their upcoming meeting and all are encouraged to attend and have a say in their child's education.

Uniform in the Colder Weather

As the temperatures begin to drop, parents and students are reminded that students must continue to be in full uniform. Shoes may only be deck shoes or black leather with a ½ -1 inch rubber heel for girls or black leather shoes for boys. Boots, ballet style pumps or runners will not be accepted.

School Jackets and hoodies will only be accepted as outerwear. The school jackets have arrived in Dinnages and are available in all sizes. Students looking for hoodies must speak to Ms.Ahern. These items are permitted throughout the day in the school and will be a good investment for your child. Other items of clothing will not be permitted at any stage. Girls are advised that leggings are not allowed in the school but wool or opaque tights in navy can be easily purchased and can be worn as an alternative to socks. We appreciate parents support on uniform policy as it ensures fairness and equality for all students across the board. It also encourages a sense of discipline in the students that is very beneficial to their overall development.

Events for Week Ending 1st October

Athletics (28th September)

Friendly athletics meeting St. Clements Secondary School, Limerick.

37 pupils from 1st/2nd year participated in a range of athletic events, competing with pupils from Glenstall, Laurel Hill and St. Clements. The events included relay, sprints, javelin, short put, long jump and long distance. Our pupils gave outstanding performances. This was a friendly athletic meeting, the first of its kind to be held and proved a very worthwhile introduction to athletics to 1st years in particular.

Camogie Blitz - U16 (30th September)

This annual event was held in the sports centre in Mallow, 30 pupils took part, divided into 2 teams, A and B. Team A performed well, getting through to the semi-final, unfortunately they lost to Coachford, County Cork.

Senior Hurling (30th September)

Colaiste na Trocaire Vø Colaiste na Mhuire. Colaiste na Trocaire had a great victory over Askeaton. The final result was 2-10 to 2-5. Niall Flaherty played superbly, undoubtedly ðMan of the Matchö. The semi-final will be played in Bruff in the coming week.

Golf (27th September)

The school golf team competed in the schools golf competition on Monday last. The event took place in Dromoland Golf Course. They were competing with St. Josephø, Nenagh, St. Josephø Kilmallock, and CBS, Nenagh. This is a young team and they performed very well on the day.

Rathkeale Girls Under 12's Soccer

The girls got their league off to a great start with a 2 - 0 win away to a tough Holycross team. The new rules in this meant it is ten a side and that meant all ten girls will start every Sunday. The game started in a slow pace for the girls and was five minutes before they got going and they scored the first goal after ten minutes, after good play from Eadaoin when she hit a shot and a good save from the keeper it rolled along the line and Sarah was there to tap it in. This was the start they needed and hoping they would build on it, but the work rat was not there with some of the girls and looked a bit flat. The scoreline was 1-0 at half time. The girls needed to up it a gear a bit in the second half as they can play a lot better. The second half started again with the backs being solid once again and it took an o.g to put them up 2 nil. There were a good three points to get, playing on a difficult pitch, with only three backs, Rachel, Kate and Clare, playing their part in the backs and Eadaoin and Chloe working hard in mid field. The girls have only ten in the panel and with it being ten a side, the girls need to work harder. For the team as they know, they are in the team from the start, and as I said it was a good three points to get, but harder games will follow in this league. Team:- Maeave Moran, Rachel Lynch, Clare English, Tara Coleman, Maeve Power, Eadaoin Lyons, Chloe Mullins, Katie Brennan and Sarah Fitzgerald.

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