

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.

RAPID UPDATE

Positive progress continues to be made by the Forum on behalf of the Rathkeale Community; this week 8 of the 16 projects put forward have been given the support and backing of AIT to advance to Pobal for consideration for funding. Two agency representatives along with two community representatives met with an independent person from another county to carry out the daunting task of grading the projects. It was not an easy task for this team of five to undertake, as all the projects are relevant to the Communities best interests; the criteria for scoring included what would best benefit the Community fairly, cover as many sectors as possible, and sustainability.

The 8 projects to be finalized for submission to Pobal are (in no particular order):

Rathkeale Boxing Club – Purchase of Equipment	€ 10,000
Rathkeale Community Council – CCTV	€ 47,000
Rathkeale Community Childcare Ltd	€ 55,000
Rathkeale Community Council – Community Centre Upgrade	€ 15,000
St Mary's/Sean Finn's GAA – Fencing and Security Gate	€ 16,000
Limerick Youth Service – Youth Café	€ 33,000
Rathkeale AFC/Athletics Club/Community Games (Joint Project)	€ 64,000
Rathkeale Scouts – Camping Equipment	€ 10,000

Two of the main projects, outside of those listed above, that were highlighted as being very important to Rathkeale Community were: 1) Rathkeale Playground and; 2) The Rejuvenation of the Town Square.

The Rathkeale Playground project was scored very highly and recognized as a very important project for the Town. As this project has other sources of funding, it was agreed that the Forum and the Playground Committee would work on this project ASAP with the support of LCC.

The Rejuvenation of the Town Square was another very important and popular project. This is the main focal point in Rathkeale Town Center. Everyone agreed of the importance but the ownership was of great concern for this project to work. This project was not submitted and will remain on the Agenda for the AIT. It is hoped that with all the agencies working together the ownership issue will be overcome and the project will get underway.

All projects originally highlighted to the Forum are still considered relevant and important, and the Forum will continue to help to bring these to fruition, with all the relevant groups/agencies.

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Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1 st Prize:	Marie Wrenn - Betty Kerins
2 nd Prize:	Jim Jynch - Partner
Table Prizes:	Mick Neville - Mary Lynch Irene Donovan - Eileen Griffin
Raffle:	þ40 Nancy Danaher þ20 Mai Wall þ10 John Wall þ10 John Quilty þ10 Sean McElligott

Conquer Cancer

The organiser of the Conquer Cancer churchgate collection last weekend would like to thank all those who contributed and the collectors.

The amount collected was €890.00.

Church door collection for the Propagation Of The Faith will be taken up next weekend Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th October at all masses.

Please do not forget the elderly, especially those living alone at this time of year. Do drop in to say Hello, have a chat, have a cup of tea, see if they are warm and if they need messages. Those living alone get very lonely and a visit will cheer them up.

For information regarding Knock Marriage Introductions Bureau phone 094-9375960 or visit website at www.knockmarriagebureau.com to read about The Workings Of The Bureau.

Rathkeale Community Arts Group

Do you wish to take part in knitting or patchwork classes please leave in your name and contact number with Mrs Joan O'Toole at the library during the coming week.

County Community Games A.G.M

The county Limerick community games A.G.M was held in the Woodlands House Hotel last Sunday. Rathkeale people re-elected for another term were: Vice President - Fr. Willie Russell C.C, Rathkeale - County Treasurer - John Dinnage and Ass. Treasurer - Con Horan. Congratulations to all.

An afternoon of Prayer For Healing will be led by Fr. Jim Noonan O.C.D, Provincial Of The Carmelites Of Ireland, in honour of St. Therese The Little Flower at the Community Centre, Banteer, Co. Cork, Sunday 24th October commencing at 2.30pm. Guest speaker: Fr. Michael Daly. For further information contact Nora Enright 087-7453154 or Pat Dalton 069-62306.

NEWS FROM COLÁISTE NA TRÓCAIRE

Week ending 15th October 2010

Transition year events

Trip to Delphi

Transition year pupils of Colaiste Na Trocaire enjoyed an action-packed few days at the Delphi adventure centre Connemara. This is a tranquil and postcard- perfect location and an ideal place for team building activities as the students embark on their transition year programme. Activities included kayaking, forest walks, rock climbing and exploring local landscape in all its natural wildness and beauty.

The centre is surrounded by 300 acres of forestry which helped the students to develop an environmental awareness while engaging in team-building activities and instilling a confidence in nature. One of the most exciting events they participated in was climbing the Jacob's ladder. The group participated in indoor activities during the evening, no tv of course so that they were free from the distractions of the outside world.

Reading and Enjoying Poetry

A group of 20 T.Y pupils are taking part in a workshop entitled "Reading And enjoying Poetry". The course which is facilitated by poet Joe Slade will continue for 4 weeks. The aim of the course is to make poetry more relevant to young people and to show the different ways of reading, experiencing and enjoying poetry. the course is funded by Limerick County Council Arts Office.

Visit to Tralee I.T

On October 1st T.Y pupils took part in a taster course on Multimedia and Engineering. Throughout the day three lecturers gave instruction on how to create a website, how to animate cartoons and characters and also how to do graphics on the computer. Career options in the area of Multimedia were also discussed. Pupils found the course very interesting and this taster session will definitely be of benefit to them when it comes to filling in C.A.O forms.

Rathkeale Girls Under 12's Soccer

Girls U12 Premier League

Rathkeale 1 Charleville 1

We were at home for our second league encounter with not much goal mouth action. In the first half with the defences on top Charleville scored from a corner with a mix up in our defence, credit to our girls we responded straight away with a shot over the line from Katie after a mix up in the visitors defence. The second half was much the same with the only goal mouth action of note was a good turn and shot from Katie, we pushed for hard for a winner but it was not to be, time will tell. If it was a point gained or two points lost. Well done girls keep up the good work.

Team:- Megan Moran, Rachel Lynch, Kate Geary, Claire English, Maeve Power, Tara Coleman, Chloe Mullins, Eadaoin Lyons, Sarah Fitzgerald and Katie Brennan.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Rathkeale Community Games AGM held on 18th October 2010

Election of Officers

President: Noel White

Vice President: Rev. Cannon Dempsey

Chairman: Barry Dillon

Vice Chairman: Rev. Fr. Willie Russell

Secretary: Mossie Woulfe

Ass. Secretary: Grainne Coleman

Treasurer: James Feane

Registrared RTD Officer: Carmel White

PRO: Fiona Dalton

Games Director: Vera Fitzgerald

Company Director: John Dinnage

Children's Officer: Fiona Dalton and Vera Fitzgerald

Delegates to County: Mossie Woulfe, Jacinta Power, Vera Fitzgerald and Fiona Dalton

First Round of Registration for following:

1. Draughts U-10, U-12 and U-14
2. Indoor Soccer U-15 Girls & Boys
3. Primary School Quiz -2 teams per school

Dates For Dairy:

Munster Finals: 26th March 2011 & 9th July 2011

National Finals: 27th to 29th May 2011, 12th to 14th August 2011 & 19th to 21st August 2011.

**Halloween Fancy Dress Disco
is on Saturday 30th October
8.30pm to 10.30pm.
Spot prizes for best dressed.**

Talent and Variety Competition's will be held mid-November so it's time to get practicing.

Anyone interested in Girls U-15 Indoor Soccer please contact Mary Brennan 087-6935313 ASAP.

A Registration Night will be held in the Community Games Office on Monday 1st November from 6.30pm to 7pm. All children who wish to take part in Community Games Activities must register on this night. Registration fee €5 per child.

ST.MARY'S ATHLETICS CLUB

MORE MUNSTER MEDALS FOR THE CLUB

Last Sunday we made the long journey to Macroom in Cork for the Munster even ages in cross country. We had 9 athletes participating. Six in the U10 girls and 2 in the U12 boys, and 1 in the U14 girls. Sophie Meredith, Ellen Lynch, Niamh Foley, Sophie Liston and Orla Fahy in the U10's. The girls went to the line for this 1,000m course and with 130 children on the line for this race; it was going to be a tough race for the girls. The race went off with everyone bustling for a position. The race was going well for the girls and with about 300m to go, we had 2 girls in the top six, Sophie Meredith, Ellen Lynch followed by Niamh Foley in the twenties. After a great battle to the line we had Ellen Lynch getting home in 4th place. A great achievement from Ellen, another powerful run from this very young athlete to carry on her great year. Ellen was followed home by another great athlete Sophie Meredith who finished in 9th position. Both girls received individual Munster medals as the first 12 home receive individual medals. Niamh Foley finished in 30th position followed by Holly Meredith and Orla Fahy. This was a great performance from these girls and when you think it, 5 of that team are U9 and stepped up to U10 on the day. After a wait to see if the girls had done well enough to earn a team medal, with great excitement they won Munster silver medals in the team event. Well done girls you have been a credit to the club this year with all that you've won between sprinting and cross country. Pdraig Power and Jack Fahy lined up for the daunting task of 2,000m. Pdraig ran a fine race, finishing in 45th with another 130 athletes running in this. Jack Fahy finished outside the 50's after a great race. Keep up the training; it was a great running over the course. Kelley Devine was our last runner, in the U14 3,000m out of age. Kelley did the club proud and ran a great race to finish 40th. Well done Kelley, you love running so keep it up. I would like to thank the parents for travelling and the coaches Yvonne, Kathleen and Jacinta for the training as it has been a great year so far, with County medals, Munster medals and all Ireland medals being won by all.

Just a reminder uneven ages Munster Cross Country in Charleville 7th November and County indoors in Nenagh 13th November and do not forget our night out bowling on 26th October at 7.00pm for registered members only.

Training continues at 7.00pm on Thursday nights in the Astoturf at the soccer pitch and on Sunday mornings in the G.A.A field at 11.00am.

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St. Mary's / Sean Finns GAA Club

Under 10 Hurling & Football Blitz in Ahane

Last Saturday morning 16th October, our Under 10 hurlers made an early morning trip to Ahane to partake in a Blitz. Our first match was against Na Piarasaigh in Hurling. Our lads had to give way to a far stronger and more skilful side but in the second half, we upped our performance and scored three great goals.

Our second match was a football game against Ballybrown. We defended well and got some excellent scores and after a titanic struggle, we emerged victorious by a very narrow margin.

Our third outing was a hurling game against Claughaun and this was a cracker. The ball never stopped moving and our team kept moving with it. Our large group of followers were treated to a most enjoyable match and their vocal support was most encouraging to the players.

Our last match of the day was a football game against Claughaun once again. Our team seemed to grow in confidence as the day progressed. We conceded some scores and also scored some fantastic scores. After a most enjoyable match we came out victorious and great credit is due to every player who played out of his/ her skin. Congratulations to the panel of players who represented our Bord na nOg so well: Lucas Costello, Barry Coleman, Mark White, Jack Fahy, Colin Fitzgerald, Emma Dalton, Eoin Sheahan and Mark Sheahan. It is very clear that every player on our panel has improved immensely over the last six months and without a doubt a great future is in store for these lads and lassies in the coming years. The players and their parents extend a huge "thank you" to the Under 10 coaches who work with our younger players throughout the year. We are blessed to have Karen Fahy, Mike Sheahan and Mike Keating working with the U10 hurlers and Ciara O'Shea with Dave Malone coaching the U10 footballers.

Under 14 Liam English Memorial Hurling Tournament

On Sunday 17th October, our Bord na nOg was delighted to host the second annual Under 14 Hurling Tournament in honour of our much loved and greatly-missed friend Liam English, RIP. Three Under 14 teams (Croagh/Kilfinny, Granagh/Ballingarry and St. Mary's) played for the fabulous English Trophy in lovely sunshine in the Bog Garden. Full match reports and photos will be in next week's edition.

Sponsored Cycle

The Bord na nOg sponsored cycle took place last weekend and was a tremendous success. Thanks to all who cycled and organised. Please ensure that the last few remaining cards are returned to your team manager as soon as possible.

U21 Premier Football

Having qualified in third place from our group, we are awaiting the fixture of our County Quarter final against Newcastlewest who finished in 2nd place in Group-1. Training continues as normal.



St Marys Under-8s pictured with Cormac McAnallen Cup