

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.

GREAT SOUTHERN TRAIL

On Sunday Nov.14th at 2pm there will be a walk from the Old Railway Station in Rathkeale along the Great Southern Trail to Clonagh Bridge [near Reens Pike]. The journey is about 6 miles round trip. Please bring a visibility vest and strong footwear as the Trail still awaits its final surface. It is possible to exit the Trail at Clonagh Bridge and return by the N21 hard shoulder if anyone so wishes.

The **Annual Churchgate collection** for the GST also takes place in Rathkeale this weekend. Any help would be appreciated by Treasurer, Pat Condon 069-62344.

Gerard McDonnell

Contribution to Sport Award 2010

On Monday 23rd March 2009, County Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP) announced a new award to recognise contributions and achievements in sport by volunteers, participants and administrators throughout the County.

It was agreed by members of the LSP Board that this award would be named in honour of Gerard McDonnell who lost his life living out his dream of climbing the world's second highest mountain, K2. The award was announced in conjunction with a Civic Reception to honour Gerard held in County Hall. His achievements and determination will ensure that all recipients are worthy and deserving winners based on their contributions to sport at all levels.

This 'Contribution to Sport Award' is in Gerard's honour and will be awarded to a member of a County Limerick based local volunteer/participant/administrator, who in their outstanding efforts and persistence, has made an excellent contribution to sport at a local level. By giving their time and effort to the sport, the club and the community, the person who receives this award is indeed determined in every way to keep the sport alive in their local area together with promoting volunteerism on a countywide basis. In addition to receiving this award and the recognition for their contribution to sport, the successful volunteer will also receive over night accommodation with dinner together with a spa treatment which is kindly sponsored by Woodlands House Hotel and Spa, Adare. Special thanks to David Fitzgerald for supporting this award.

Email rathkealecommunitycouncil@gmail.com for the full Nomination form.

Closing date for nominations 26th November 2010.

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1st Prize: Mick Hough - Will Joe Woulfe

2nd Prize: Nancy Danaher - Mai Wall
Mick Neville - Mary Lynch
John Mulvihill - Peg Mulvihill

Table Prizes: Peter Donovan and partner
Vinnie Wrenn - John Fitzgibbon

Raffle: p40 Billy O'Sullivan
 p20 Pauline Kerins
 p10 John Mulvihill
 p10 Sean McElligott
 p10 Eileen Griffin

€2,000 45 Drive in Raheenagh Hall on Tuesday 16th November at 9.00pm, admission €10, refreshment served. Monster raffle on the night and all the Rathkeale card players are welcome.

New kids on the block...

Congratulations to Seamus Hogan and Margaret (Mags) Gaffney on the arrival of their son Kyril.

Congratulations to Tom and Mary Kiely on the

Croí Na nÓg

Rathkeale Community Childcare Ltd

Rathkeale Community Childcare Ltd are holding their AGM on Tuesday 23rd November 2010 at 8pm in The Sheltered Housing Day Centre, Enniscouch, Rathkeale. This is an open meeting and all who are interested in the running of the crèche/pre-school in Rathkeale may come along. We look forward to meeting you all on the night.

RATHKEALE AFC

Bonus Ball

Winner Week 1 - Robert Markham - €50

Best of luck to everyone in Week 2

For more information contact any committee member

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Rathkeale branch monthly meeting will be held in St. Anne's convent, on Thursday 11th November at 8.00pm. New members welcome. We need to pray for our priests and for vocations. Please join us in St. Anne's chapel for 30 minutes Eucharistic Adoration, which will be followed by a brief meeting.

Rathkeale Branch Red Cross

Advance Notice

Rathkeale Red Cross will hold their annual senior citizens Christmas dinner and party in the community centre, Rathkeale, on Friday 10th December at 6.30pm. Catering will be done by Bloomer's restaurant. Music by Michael O'Mahony. More details later.

Rathkeale Community Arts Group

We are delighted to announce that we will have the pleasure of Co. Limerick Youth Choir at our Christmas concert which will be held at Church of the Holy Trinity, Church Street on Sunday 5th December. This is a date for your diary as it will put us all in the Christmas mood. Further details will be announced later and tickets will be on sale from usual outlets and arts group at a later date.

Indulgences

From 12 noon on the 1st November until midnight 2nd November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the pope's intention, can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory and there reciting one our father and the apostles creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession within the week preceding or following the 1st November, Holy Communion may be received any day from 1st - 8th November.

The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the holy souls, on the usual conditions, once per day, from 1st-8th November. The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

Purgatorial Envelopes:-

Each priest offers fifteen masses each year for the deceased relatives and friends of the members of the purgatorial society. In this parish these masses are offered at 9.30am and 7.30pm. On the 2nd November, on two other days during November and on each first Friday of the year.

November prayers in cemeteries:- Sunday 7th November - at 12.15 in St Mary's cemetery....at 1.00pm in St. Joseph's cemetery.

NEWS FROM COLÁISTE NA TRÓCAIRE for week ending 5th November 2010

Junior Camogie

On Tuesday Nov. 2nd Colaiste Na Trocaire had a win over Pobail Scoil Youghal in Junior Camogie. The match was played in Mallow Sports field in difficult weather conditions. All players performed well however Caoimhe Costelloe, Martina McMahon and Aisling Cahill played an excellent game. The final score was 6.5 to 4.12.

Football Blitz

First year boys of Colaiste na Trocaire took part in a football blitz in Neville Park on Thursday 4th Nov. competing against Abbeyfeale, Desmond College, Colaiste Mhuire Askeaton. 25 pupils took part and they came second to Askeaton.

Feast of All Saints

Mass was held in the school Oratory on Thursday 1th to celebrate the feast of All Saints.

C.S.P.E

Dan Neville T.D gave a talk to 2nd and 3rd years about the work of a politician in the Dail and in the community. Garda Cathy Kelly also gave a talk on the role of the Gardai in the community. Pupils found the subject matter of these talks of great interest and will use this information in their Junior Cert, C.S.P.E projects.

Transition Year Events

T.Y pupils are currently doing a first aid course with Lisa Boland a first aid tutor from Limerick. Classes are held once a week and pupils are learning a variety of techniques in first aid which will be of great benefit to them throughout their lives.

Trip to Knockfierna

On Friday 22nd September T.Y pupils went hill-walking to Knockfierna. This hill-walk was enjoyed by all especially the picnic on top of the hill.

Integrated Dance

A group of T.Y pupils are participating in a programme of integrated dance with a number of residents in Rathfredagh Cheshire Home. The programme which will run for six weeks is co-ordinated by Ms Mary Hartney who gave the pupils lessons and demonstrations about the nature of integrated dance, dance routines, music-dance co-ordination etc.

ST.MARY'S ATHLETICS CLUB

Munster cross country...venue:- Charleville....Date:-7th Nov. 2010

Almost sixty athletes lined up for the ys U17 race, three laps of the course which included a very long steep hill in the 5000m event. The club had six athletes in the race but they are up against some top class cross country runners, many of whom specialise in athletics only. Ciaran English was up with the leading bunch from the off and was tracked all the way by Patrick Duggan enjoying his very first cross country race in the club singlet. At the finish Ciaran played captain's role finishing a brilliant 7th overall with friend and clubmate Patrick in 9th place, both young men winning individual medals (top12) and also securing their place on the Munster team for the forthcoming All-Ireland finals in December. Darren Jones finished just outside the individual medals in a very impressive 14th place followed by equally fine performances from Declan Mullane(28th), Martin Roche(33rd) and Steve O'Reilly(39th). In the team prize the club finished third and Limerick also finished third in the inter county race so Ciaran and Patrick brought home 3 medals each and the other athletes won 2 bronze each. The boys "packed" very well in true cross country style but such was the quality of the opposition over 5000m. They had to be content with bronze but they should all be very proud of that. They now have 5 more weeks of intensive training before the All-Ireland in Tullamore on 19th December and we wish them the very best of luck.

On Sunday last the 7th November 2010 we had 19 athletes who took part in the Munster uneven age cross country which was held at the Charleville grounds, Charleville, Co.Cork. In the 1st race of the day girls U9 750m we had 5 athletes Ellen Lynch, Niamh Foley, Holly Meredith, Sophie Liston and Orla Fahy. The race took off at a blistering pace but the girls packed in very well together and ran in true cross country style. Two of the girls finished in the 1st twelve(1st twelve receiving individual medals). Ellen Lynch ran a fantastic race and finished in third place, closely followed by a powerful run from Niamh Foley who finished in fifth place, Holly Meredith twenty seven, Sophie Liston thirty third, and Orla Fahy outside the fifties. This was another fantastic performance from these very young girls who won Munster silver medals in the team event for their club, and bronze medals for their county. Well done girls. The next athlete in action was Nessian Leahy and he was our sole representative in the boy U9 750m. Nessian ran a fine race pacing himself very well and finished in 14th position just outside an individual medal. Well done Nessian. The next race of the day was the girls U11 and in this race we had 5 athletes Sophie Meredith, Aisling Enright, Ciara Countney, Mary O'Connor and Orlaith Leahy. The girls ran well on the day but all finished outside the 1st fifty. This was a very tough race for these girls, some of them running their 1st Munster cross country race. Jack Fahy ran in the boys U11 race 1,500m and Nelly Devine ran in the girls U13 2,500m. Jack ran very well on the day and finished outside the 50's. Nelly Devine paced herself very well and finished in fifty-third place.

Well done to all the athletes. Thanks to the parents for travelling and coaches Yvonne, Kathleen and Tom.

County indoors takes place next Saturday the 15th November 2010 in Nenagh (Nenagh Indoor Track) starting at 11am. All athletes to be there at 10.15am.

Training on Thursday night at 7.00pm in the Astro Turf pitch in the soccer grounds. There will be no training next Sunday the 14th November 2010.

RATHKEALE COMMUNITY GAMES

Golden Vale Milk

Limerick Community Games Sportsmanship Awards 2010

The Golden Vale Milk Limerick Community Games Sportsmanship Awards 2010 were held in Rathkeale on Sunday 7th November and well done to all the children and teams that were nominated, and congratulations to the following who won in their categories:

Ellen Lynch in U-10 Girls Individual
Seamus Keating U-14 Boys Individual
Eoin O'Donnell U-16 Boys Individual
Futsal U-13 Girls Team

Next Round of Registrations

1. Girls Indoor Soccer U-13
2. Boys Indoor Soccer U-13

Any Managers interested in projects titles, please contact Mossie Woulfe on 069-64837, evenings from 6pm to 8pm.

U-11 "Garden Birds, are they a help or a hindrance to the garden? What birds are present in your garden?"

U-13 "Littering: Draw up a plan to fight against littering in your local area. Design a poster for an anti-littering campaign."

U-16 "Renewable energy sources in Ireland. Are they in Ireland's future?"

RATHKEALE BRIDGE CLUB

1 st Prize:	Mike & Noel Fitzgibbon
2 nd Prize:	Mary Donovan & Eileen Kennedy
3 rd Prize:	Joe Dunleavy & Beda Gleeson
4 th Prize:	Michael & Marie Liston

St. Mary's / Sean Finns GAA Club

Benefit Dance

The Club is delighted to be associated with the holding of a Benefit Night by Rathkeale Sporting Committee to help defray the Funeral expenses of our much loved and greatly missed friend Paul Ducie Hogan RIP. This dance will take place in Mann's Hotel on Saturday 20th November with music by D.J. Tickets are on sale costing 10 euro and may be purchased from members of all the sporting organisations in Rathkeale. As this is a most worthy cause it is highly recommended.

New position within our club

If you want to contribute to your club without having to focus entirely on one team or one code, now is your chance!! The position of the Club Coaching Officer is a new and exciting position within the executive of our GAA club. It will become one of the most prestigious and sought-after positions on the executive of ambitious and progressive GAA clubs over the next few years. The Club Coaching Officer will also act as a contact for the County Bord na nOg along with the club secretaries for coaching and games activity that will be happening within the county. Their role will be to pass on the relevant information to all parties within our club who have an interest in the development of our games. Anyone interested in this position please contact William Coffey or Tom Keating.

West Limerick Primary Schools in Sarsfield Cup Final

Congratulations to the West Limerick Primary Schools' Football team who won the semi-final last week against the Limerick City Schools' team. This team made up of players from many schools in West Limerick will play

Proposal to form Hurling Committee at County Convention

The club recently received the following letter seeking support for the proposed formation of a separate hurling committee at county convention on 5th Dec. the full text of the letter is reproduced here. Members are asked to review it and we can take a vote on the Clubs position in relation to this proposal at our next meeting.

Text of letter:

Since early July of this year, a group of passionate Limerick people have met on a weekly basis to discuss the state of hurling in our county. The group, comprising of ex-players, coaches, selectors of county teams, some County Board members & ex-members, drawn from the four divisions, have analysed the current set up of structures for the promotion of hurling within the county. It is apparent to all that 2010 has been a difficult year for Limerick hurling, however the problems did not begin in 2010. More fundamental issues have been there for much much longer. Our group take the view that perhaps a new **opportunity** now exists that demands a new approach for the promotion of our ancient game. Einstein once said "we can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them". Limerick is a proud hurling county and by taking a different direction now, we could be pointed towards a healthier and brighter future.

against the team from South Limerick Schools on this Wednesday 10th at the Gaelic Grounds at 7.30pm. St. Joseph's Boys' N.S. is represented on the panel by the talented George Mulcahy, Darragh O'Grady and Seamus Keating and we wish them all well in the Final.

Limerick GAA Development Draw

Please note that the November Development Draw has been changed from last Friday 5th November to next Friday 12th November at Ahern's Bar, Kiltteely due to the death of Dan Murphy Kiltteely.R.I.P. The club is asking our promoters and draw members to ensure that their accounts are up-to-date as we near the end of year.

Treatyview- A new Limerick GAA Forum

Recently a new Limerick GAA forum has been set up which gives Limerick people a platform to discuss the state of Limerick GAA and other National GAA issues. Results, Fixtures and other information of interest to GAA clubs appears on the site and there is also a Facebook page .You can see for yourself by visiting the website: www.treatyview.proboards.com.

Night at the Dogs with Limerick Ladies Football

Limerick Ladies Football are holding their benefit night at Limerick's new greyhound stadium on next Saturday, Nov 13th. A great night of fun and celebration is planned following their recent All-Ireland success. Tickets are on sale through all Ladies Football clubs, costing €10. There is a prize (jewellery - value €200) for the most appropriately dressed lady as well as prizes on the admission tickets. Limerick Ladies Football would very much appreciate your support!

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We suggest that a **ten year** plan be put in place at all levels from u17 development squad right up to senior grade where proper coaching, monitoring of progress, with independent analysis at all stages in the development of the plan be carried out and reported upon. Our group does not have a blueprint or an instant recipe for success, however, we do realise that by adopting a **new approach**, finding out what works as we go on, rewards then will materialise.

We believe that now is the time for definitive action.

To kick start the process of revitalisation and regeneration of hurling in the county we are supporting the Murroe/Boher motion for the County Convention on 5th Dec 2010 set out hereunder:

'We propose that in accordance with Rule 3.21 T.O. 2010 that a County Hurling Committee be established. We propose that a steering committee be established from the floor of the convention. The function of this committee is to negotiate with the Management Committee on the composition and function of the County Hurling Committee. Negotiations shall commence no later than 4th January 2011 and a report to be submitted to the County Committee by 8th February 2011 for ratification. Bye-Law 2 to be amended accordingly'

We urge you to consider this motion carefully.

Our group heartily support the underage programme 'Lifting The Treaty' and support those involved at all levels. We welcome Donal O'Grady and his management team of TJ Ryan, Ciaran Carey and Pat Heffernan and wish them every success and support. We also recognise the great work being done by the County Football Committee and their success in recent years and particularly in 2010.

We consider that the setting up of a dedicated Hurling Committee under the jurisdiction of the County Board will enhance, facilitate and expedite the return to top honours of our county teams. Limerick has a huge resource in its 15,000 core supporters, also the Gaelic Grounds, which could generate much needed finance through such event as concerts etc.

It is worth recording here that in Martin Breheny's book 'Cody' Brian Cody said three words topped his list of ingredients in Kilkenny's dressing rooms ó

Spirit – Respect - Honesty

If we all show these qualities towards one another we will deserve and achieve success.

Now is the time to put a comprehensive 10 year plan in place, look to the future and harness the support that it undoubtedly there towards hurling in Limerick, 'nil neart go chur le cheile'

Committee Members:

Andy Cunneen, Brendan O'Connor, David Downes, Donie Flynn, Eoin O'Neill, Ger Mulcahy, Ger O'Connell, James Dooley, Jimmy Carroll, John Gammell, John Stokes, Paddy Quilligan, Pat Heffernan, Paul Foley, Peter Curtin, Phil Bennis, Val Moloney

End of Letter.

Rathkeale And District Historical Society

For the 2010 - 2011 season all meetings will be held in the Sheltered Housing meeting room, Enniscouch, Rathkeale except for the A.G.M. Members will be advised of any change of venue through the usual sources. All meetings will commence at 8.30pm. Membership for the year will again be €10, however all are welcome to attend individual meetings and admission is free.

November 2th "Memories of a time spent as a clerical student in Maynooth", Ray Lyons.

November 20th "Con Cremin, Ireland's representative in Hitler's, Germany", Niall Keogh.

January 28th 2011 - This evening is scheduled for our series of local talks. An invitation is extended to anyone who is researching aspects of local history in the locality and is prepared to give a talk of approx 15 minutes duration on their topic of study. A question and answer session will be held at the end of the night. If you are interested in giving a talk, please contact Patrick Coleman on 087-9342937 advising as to the proposed topic and possible duration of your presentation.

February 11th 2011 - "The Myles brothers members of an exceptional Limerick sporting family", Dr. Paddy Waldron.

February 25th 2011 - "A history of Abbeyfeale" Sister Deliah Curtin and Nicholas Leonard. This is the first what we hope will be a series of talks by members of West Limerick communities on the history of their town/parish.

March 11th 2011 - "Aspects of the land war and Parnell era in West Limerick", Sean Liston.

March 25th 2011 - "Religion, politics and culture in post - independence Ireland", some reflections - Dr. Louise Fuller, NUI, Maynooth.

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OPEN NIGHT

**ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL &
ST. JOSEPH'S BOYS NATIONAL
SCHOOL, RATHKEALE, CO. LIMERICK.**

**ON WEDNESDAY 24TH. NOVEMBER
FROM 7-9 P.M.**

**PARENTS OF ALL PROSPECTIVE
PUPILS FROM RATHKEALE AND
SURROUNDING AREAS ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND.**