

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 6TH DECEMBER @ 8PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE. THIS IS THE FINAL MEETING OF 2010, AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT ALL INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND ANY SUB-COMMITTEES WOULD ATTEND.

Rathkeale Image & Tourism Committee

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

On Sunday 5th December Santa will be visiting the Community Centre in Rathkeale between 2pm and 4.30pm.

There is toy shopping, bouncy castle and arts and crafts while you wait for your photos. Family discount applies.

All proceeds go towards the Christmas Lights and St Patricks Day Parade 2011.

For further information please contact a member of the Image and Tourism Committee.

Community Website

Last Call for information to be added to the Community Website, please contact any member of the Image and Tourism Committee to submit your group's information. Committee: Alison O'Riordan, Katie Sheehy, Sian Wilmott, Valerie O'Riordan, Tom Enright, Noreen Hogan, Cathryn Smullen, Yvonne Mulcair, Jason Dowling, Anne Gaughan or call 087-2755735.

Charity Fundraiser at

Riverside Senior Traveller Training Centre Industrial Est, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick

Handmade Christmas Stars will be on sale in Eurospar, Main St, Rathkeale Friday 3rd December proceeds in aid of Milford Care Centre.

Your support in this fundraiser will be greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY IN RATHKEALE

Santa in Rathkeale Community Centre

Christmas Market at An Seabhaic Wine Bar & Coffee Shop

Christmas Concert at The Church Of The Holy Trinity

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1st & 2nd Prize: Mick Neville- Mary Lynch
Jack Higgins - Christy Lynch
John Quilty - Paddy Cregan

Table Prizes: Mai Wall - Nancy Danaher
Mick Hough - Willie Keating

Raffle: b40 Willie Keating
 b20 Peggie Lynch
 b10 Peter Donovan
 b10 Mary O'Grady
 b10 Jack O'Dwyer

Rathkeale Community Arts Group

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A very special Christmas concert will take place at The Church Of The Holy Trinity, Church St, Rathkeale on Sunday December 5th at 7.30pm. Featuring: County Limerick Youth Choir which is an initiative of Limerick County Council under the direction of Marie Keary Scanlan. This choir was awarded the title National Youth Choir of the year at Navan in May. Also taking part in the concert will be the delightful Limerick Soprano Carmel Conway who performed recently at the Christopher Lynch recital at the Art Centre and the pianist for the concert is our own Jean O'Brien who also performed at the Christopher Lynch recital. Tickets for this great Christmas Concert are just E10 with concessions and can be purchased from the Library, Johnny Dinnage or any member of the Arts Group. You may also book tickets at the Art Centre on 086-1249955, Joan at the Library and John Dinnage. Get your tickets early as this will be a sell out concert.

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Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to Maureen and family, sisters, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of John Neville, late of Church St. who died in Youghal.

Rathkeale Branch Red Cross

Do not forget to get your ticket for the Red Cross senior citizens Christmas dinner and party, being held on Friday 10th December at 6.30pm, in the Community Centre, at only €5.00, from John Dinnage or any committee member.

NEWS FROM COLÁISTE NA TRÓCAIRE for week ending 26th November 2010

Music Outing

On Nov 12 the First Year Music class went to Cork for The Pops orchestra Concert held in the City Hall. This was an opportunity for the students to experience the magic of a live orchestra. The orchestra played a selection of classical, modern, pop, reggae and rap music in a fusion of musical genres. The pupils really enjoyed this event and it was an experience to remember.

Junior Hurling League

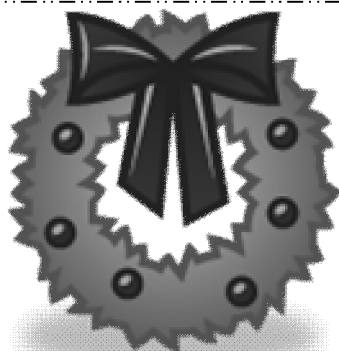
Last Wednesday Colaiste Na Trocaire had a win over Scoil Mhuire Agus Ide in the Junior Hurling League. The match was played in Rathkeale and the final score was 9.18 to 0.3. Darren Jones, David Condrón and Emmet Walsh played a great game. Brian Hannon half-back scored the "Goal" of the match.

Life Saver Course

On Thursday last the Transition Year Class of Colaiste Na Trocaire joined with a number of Limerick schools for a Life Saver Course which was held in the South Court Hotel. This course is designed to create a greater awareness of road safety among young people who are learning to drive. Pupils were shown slides of a live collision on the road. They were also shown a simulated car accident and the immediate impact and consequences thereof. This simulation also demonstrated the work of the emergency services who are called to the scene of a motor accident. The participants were also given a presentation by Gardai, Firemen, Paramedics who tend to these tragic events as part of their work duties. Video clips demonstrating the dangers of drink-driving, speeding and careless driving were shown. Survivors of series motor accidents spoke about their horrific experiences. Pupils found the course extremely interesting and at times very shocking. One pupils described the event as "Heart Stopping".

Open Night

There will be an Open Night at Colaiste Na Trocaire on Monday 6 December for 5th and 6th class pupils and their parents commencing at 7.00pm the Principal will give an address at 7.30.



"an seabhac"

wine bar

& coffee shop

church street,
rathkeale,
co. limerick.

tel: (069) 64888 for reservations



Sunday Market – 5th December from 11am until 5pm.

Local produce, arts & crafts and bric a brac with 20% donation going to the Simon Community.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS & VOUCHERS AVAILABLE

All welcome. Special Afternoon Tea Offer with this voucher.

Afternoon Tea €2.00: Tea/Coffee and Dessert or Scone

(Only one voucher per order)

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

Murals

A big thank you to Treacy Burke for the beautiful mural on "Kelly's Bakery". The various murals on the derelict buildings scattered around the town, make them a little more appealing to the general public, our artistic team are currently working on a number of other projects, all will be revealed very soon, ideally we would love to have no dereliction in our town especially on our Main Street. If there are any more artists that would like to share their talents with us please get in touch.

Christmas

With the festive season almost upon us, it is our intention to provide seasonal music at various locations around the town; this will add to the Christmas atmosphere and maybe time permitting, a little carol singing from time to time. We would also like to remind the general public that the business community have been very generous to our organisation over the last couple of months, so we would urge everyone to support our local shops. Keep Rathkeale in business and keep your family and friends in jobs. No excuses - Rathkeale has everything you need this Christmas.

Thanks Bloomers

Recently we held our meeting in Bloomers Restaurant (great venue!!). All in attendance were treated to a beautiful three course meal courtesy of John and Claire and their wonderful team, an early unexpected Christmas treat. Thanks again for such a wonderful gesture, an ideal venue to host your Christmas get-together ****shop local****

2011

As a new year approaches fast we are already planning many different projects that will hopefully enhance our town in many different ways, this all takes manpower, we are always on the outlook for new volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved with our group, please contact Val Foley at Cafe V, Seamus Hogan at That's Nice, Gwen McNamara, Treacy Burke or Noel McNamara. All we need is a couple of hours each week so don't be shy and get in touch, all are welcome, and of course if you have any ideas on how we can further improve our wonderful town don't keep 'em to yourself!

RATHKEALE BRASS BAND

CURRENTLY RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

Applicants will be trained in brass instruments only
All boys and girls aged 10 and upwards are welcome
Classes will commence after Christmas

TEXT/PHONE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER TO: 087-6970766



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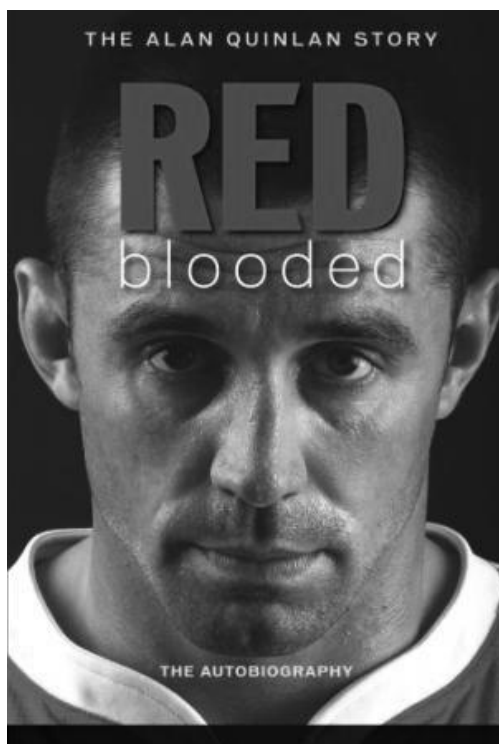
**WHY NOT GIVE AN EXTRA SPECIAL PRESENT THIS CHRISTMAS,
A CHRISTMAS PORTRAIT – UNIQUE AND PERSONAL.**

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY SPECIALISTS

**TAKING BOOKINGS NOW
FOR 2011 WEDDINGS**

CONTACT DAN ON 087-6294431

ALAN QUINLAN - BOOK SIGNING



**HANLEY'S BAR, KNOCKADERRY
AT 7PM TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER**

RATHKEALE BRIDGE CLUB

- 1st Prize: Phil Fitzgerald & Margaret Mulcahy
2nd Prize: Kay Madigan & Mary McCarthy
3rd Prize: Mary O'Donovan & Eileen Kennedy
Margaret Hennessy & Betty Sheahan
4th Prize: Angela Hanlon & Kay Clarkin

RATHKEALE COMMUNITY GAMES

Draughts U -12's U-14's

Draughts U -12's U-14's Teams played in the first round of competition and both teams qualified for the next round. Well done to both teams and their managers.

Girls & Boys U-13 Indoor Soccer

Registration forms for Girls U-13 Indoor Soccer and Boys U-13 Indoor Soccer to be returned to Mossie Woulfe by next Monday 6th Dec.

Sympathy

Sincere Sympathy is extended to all the O'Sullivan Family on the death of Michael O'Sullivan RIP. May he rest in peace.

Rathkeale Boxing Club

Sympathy

Last Sunday we called off our tournament with the Ennis boxing club due to the tragic death of Mike Sullivan. Mike was a great sports person. He was a member of our club for a number of years winning many titles. Mike also excelled in all sports, hurling, football and soccer. The sports clubs in the town will be at a great loss without him. We offer our deepest sympathy to his father, mother, brother and sisters. May he rest in peace.

Nenagh 2010 Tournament

Our next outing will be on Saturday night when we travel to Nenagh in Tipperary with a number of our boxers for their annual tournament. On Sunday 12th of December we will hold a tournament in the Rathkeale Community Hall, more news on these events next week.

Willie "Big Bang" Casey Visits Club

Last Tuesday night was a great night for the club as Willie "big bang" Casey called out to the club with his European title belt with him. All the young lads were delighted to meet the new European champion as he gave a great spoke about if you believe and train hard enough you can achieve anything. Willie took photos with everyone and had time to answer all the questions the young lads had to ask and was in no hurry to get away as he's a very busy man these days. The club would like to wish Willie the very best in his quest for a world title and no doubt he will achieve it. Thanks again Willie for taking time out to call and see us.

St. Mary's / Sean Finns GAA Club

Farewell to Michael O'Sullivan (Junior), RIP



The entire community in Rathkeale and especially the members and players of St. Mary's / Sean Finns GAA Club are in mourning this week once again. We have just bid farewell to a most popular and talented player and friend. Michael was a friend to all who knew him and at the age of 24 years, he was just too young to leave his loving family and many friends. As a sportsman he excelled at all the many sports that he played, as he followed in the footsteps of the O'Sullivan tradition. His particular loves were hurling, football and soccer and of course he had a great interest also in motorbikes and cars. Michael has left us all with some fantastic memories of his fun-loving nature and in particular his team performances playing alongside his brother Mark, his cousins and friends. His favourite position was No. 15 in both Hurling and Football. He was also great to support the younger teams of the parish and hardly ever missed a Limerick inter-county match.

Michael just loved playing our games and had tremendous success in his all-too-short career with St. Mary's/Sean Finns Club. Michael was a member of the teams who won the West U21-B Football championship in 2006 and the West Junior-B Hurling Championships in 2007, 2008 and 2009. As the 2009 season drew to a close and the team progressed to win the County and then the Munster Junior-B Hurling finals, Michael showed his many great characteristics. When Michael was unable to play for a few months due to illness, he took on another role of team motivator. Long before he was physically fit to return to the playing fields, Michael was ready in mind and spirit and his enthusiasm was infectious. As time went on Michael was overjoyed when he was brought on as a sub and against the predictions of many an expert, it wasn't long before he had played his way back on the starting 15. Michael really appreciated his restored health and while still young in years, he impressed many family and friends by his obvious growth in maturity.

Heartbroken Mike and Marie have this week said a painful Goodbye to their eldest son who was sincere and lovable. Michael was a very close friend and supportive older brother to Mark, Meghan and Shona while his close-knit family can be very proud of him as a cousin and nephew. Michael's sudden passing following a road accident near Tralee last Thursday has left us all with a deep sense of loss, but everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Michael will also have tremendous memories. He has touched all of our hearts and we are all the richer for having known him. St. Mary's/Sean Finns GAA Club extend our deepest sympathy to the entire O'Sullivan and Heffernan Families as well as his friends and teammates in their sad loss. Ar dheis De go raibh a Anam. May Michael rest in peace.