



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.

Don't forget our elderly and those who live alone. They love a visit, a chat, a cup of tea. Please check and make sure they are warm and well and see if they need anything.

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1st Prize: Vinnie Wrenn - Joan Fitzgibbon
Nancy Danaher - Mai Wall

Table Prizes: Marie Wrenn - Betty Kerins
Sean McElligott - John Dolan

Raffle: p40 Mary Lynch
p20 Peter Donovan
p10 Mai Wall
p10 Peter Donovan
p10 Mike Kerins

The cards committee together with the plays extend sincere sympathy to Mike, Marie, Megan, Shona, relatives and friends on the untimely death of Michael O'Sullivan, Ballywilliam recently.

To Pam and Michael McNamara and family, relatives and friends on the death of Pam's mother Molly De Lacy recently.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

The local branch of St. Vincent De Paul society will hold their church door collection at all masses next weekend Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th Dec.

Rathkeale Parents Council St. Annes & St. Josephs

Would like to thank everyone for donations of cakes, buns, etc. for the Cake Sale / Coffee Morning last week. And thanks for everyone who attended and helped out on the day.

Milford Hospice - Light Up A Memory

The "Light up a Memory" ceremony for our annual fundraising event takes place on Sunday Dec 12th at 5.00pm. Lights can be sponsored on the evening or by calling the Fundraising Dept at 061-485859/485860 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. For each light sponsored E5.00 you will receive a "Light up a memory" card which can be dedicated to someone special or as a Christmas gift. Enrolment is also included in our "Light up a memory" book on display in the Hospice throughout the coming year.

Trocaire

Advent reminds us that Christ's love encompasses everyone, in all nations. Let us remember the people in the developing world who struggle every day to find enough food to survive or don't know how they will keep their children safe. Help them through Trocaire's Christmas Global Gift appeal www.trocaire.org/globalgift

A Time to Show Our Strength as a Christian Community

At present our country is going through a difficult time that will challenge all of us. As if the recession wasn't enough, we have been hit somewhat prematurely with severe weather. I have no doubt that we will rise to this challenge in our community. Whether it be keeping an eye on people living alone, especially elderly people, or supporting in any way we can people who are hit particularly hard by the recession and its fallout, or by shopping local and supporting local businesses - let us respond in a way that is consistent with our Christian calling. Please God, we will come through this strengthened as a Christian community.

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Sacred Space

Sacred Space is broadcast on West Limerick 102fm every Sunday morning from 10am to 11am and is pleased to announce it will also be repeated every Thursday night from 10.30pm to 11.30pm. We are also asking for reflections on "What does Advent mean to me?" for our blog <http://sacredspace102.blogspot.com> and our radio programme. If you would like to submit your reflection contact us at: sacredspace102@gmail.com

The Priests Christmas Album

The Priests new Christmas Album "Noel" is available from Monday 6th Dec and is available from supermarkets, record shops and online from Amazon.co.uk and the single of "Little Drummer Boy" with Shane McGowan will be released on 12th Dec. For further information visit www.thepriests.com

NEWS FROM COLÁISTE NA TRÓCAIRE for week ending 3rd December 2010

Limerick Schools Cross Country 2010-12-04

Pupils from Junior and Senior Cycle took part in the Cross Country Finals held in Limerick on 25 November. Michael Morrissey first year won the 1,000m, Helena Fitzgerald Second Year won the girls race. In the intermediate category 3,000m Patrick Duggan, won 1st, Ciaran English 2nd and 3rd place went to Darren Jones. Colaiste Na Trocaire won the overall prize. The pupils have trained very hard for these finals. The next outing will be the County V.E.C Athletics which will take place on Monday next in Newcastle West. Best of luck to all involved.

Young Innovators

As part of the young innovators programme Transition years have put up a Christmas tree in the main corridor. The decorations were sponsored by pupils and staff as well as local businesses. All proceeds will go to the Simon Community.

J.C.S.P Christmas Celebration

J.C.S.P pupils had a Christmas celebration to mark the successful completion of their first term. Pupils and parents were treated to refreshments and finger food and had an opportunity to meet teachers and to see work produced to date. They were also entertained to a drama sketch performed by the Second year J.C.S.P pupils. In the afternoon all First Year classes enjoyed an educational experience with some unusual animals in an "animal magic" show. All who took part enjoyed the day.

Enterprise Activity

L.C.A 1 are organising a fundraising home baking and refreshments sale for first Years on Monday 13 December. The event will be held in the gym from 9.40am. The pupils who are working on this project are Michael Wilton, Nadia Roche, Kelsey Maune and Sophie Markham.

Congratulations

We wish to extend our congratulations to Samantha Keogh who achieved joint 2nd place in Ireland in her final Accounting exams. Samantha is a past pupil of Colaiste Na Trocaire and graduated from L.I.T before taking a position with Price Cooper Waterhouse firm of accountants. Samantha continues her work as an accountant with P.C.W and has a very bright future ahead of her.

Credit Union Art Competition

Six students from Colaiste Na Trocaire, Rathkeale have won prizes in the Credit Union Poster Competition 2010/2011. Catherine Fitzgerald and Prisca O'Callaghan have won first place in the age 11-13 and 14-17 respectively. The winners at this level are going forward to Irish League of Credit Unions for judging at national level. Congratulations and best wishes to all involved.

RATHKEALE COMMUNITY GAMES

After all games postponed last weekend it is hoped that they will take place this weekend
All Draughts will be played this weekend same times and venue as last weekend
U-15 Indoor Soccer Rathkeale girls will be playing in Croagh on Saturday 11th Dec. at 4pm
Primary School Quiz Postponed until Sunday 23rd January 2011.

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Rathkeale Boxing Club

Last Saturday night the club made the trip to Nenagh for their annual tournament. This turned out to be a great night of boxing. First through the ropes for us was the ever improving Sean Egan against Jody Mitchell from St.Pauls Nenagh in this boy 2 60kg contest. Sean got off to a slow start but once he got his jab working the fight was his , showing a great defence and movement to take this fight on a unanimous decision. Next in was one of our newest members of the girls squad in Lisa Meehan who took on the highly rated Katie McElwain from St. Paul's, who was Irish national champion last year but not being fazed by this Lisa got to work right away behind her solid southpaw jab giving Katie a standing count in the first round. With Lisa landing some big left hands in the last 2 rounds and applying constant pressure referee Larry Durand had no choice but to stop the fight giving Lisa a big win over the champion. Cian O Shaughnessy was next in against Artkurs Dervinikis in this boy 4 70kg contest. Cian started very well with his double jab and right hands giving his man a standing count in the last round and it was no surprise that Cian took the decision on all 3 cards.

Micky Harty was next in against the Intermediate boxer Davey Saunders in this 75kg contest, even though this was just an exhibition both boxers wanted to make a statement in this fight with both lads boxing very well and landing some big shots, Micky boxed very well behind a good guard and countered very well and as always showed great fitness and determination.

Our main event of the night was Johnny Harty against Lee Mitchell in this 16yr old 66kg contest. Even though this was a low scoring fight both boys were very cautious of each other's power with Mitchell looking to counter punch all the time, Johnny didn't box to his full ability but he also knows this and will learn from this to not let his man dictate the fight, in saying that Johnny took the decision on a majority decision.

Well done to all the boxers and coaches who travelled.

This Sunday in the community hall in Rathkeale at 3 o clock the club is hosting a tournament against Ennis and Naas boxing clubs in which there will be 14 hard fought contest's, all are welcome and admission is only €5 so come out and support the local lads.

Profile of Cormac Long

The big man from Rooskagh Cormac Long started boxing at the tender age of eight years old.

This is a lot younger than is allowed by the club but he was following his brothers Patrick and Kevin into the sport. And you could tell straight away that there was talent there, always first on the floor and last to leave and never missing a training session. Cormac wasn't able to box competitively until he was 11 years old under the IABA rules. Cormac's record is as follows.

2009

Limerick County boy 1 champion 63kg.

Munster boy 1 champion 63kg.

Irish national champion 63kg.

2010

Limerick County boy 2 champion 75kg.

Munster boy 2 champion 75kg.

Irish national champion 75kg.



In light of his success he has been picked as a member of elite schoolboy boxing squad. The stated aim of the elite squad is to gain international experience for a variety of young boxers with the intention of building a team for next summer's European championships. This year Cormac will contest the boy 3 national championships at 76kg plus. With only 11 fights to date and only one loss in the cadet final last year to a boxer one year older this is a magnificent achievement for any young boxer, and proves what hard work and determination can do. The club would like to wish Cormac the very best of luck in his quest for future honours.



BIG BANG COMES TO RATHKEALE BOXING CLUB

St. Mary's / Sean Finns GAA Club

59th Annual Christmas Draw on 16th Dec.

This is the last week for purchasing tickets for the club's 59th Annual Christmas Draw. As usual we have 50 great prizes to be won and the draw will take place on Thursday 16th December in the Community Centre. Tickets can be purchased from any adult club member at €2 per ticket or a book of 3 for €5. The annual draw continues to be a vital source of income for the club and we appeal to you to do your best again this year to support the draw. The draw Co-ordinators Mary Liston, Mary Frawley and Mary Sheahan are working behind the scenes organising the prizes to add a sparkle into the lives of the 50 lucky winners on the 16th Dec. Ticket sellers are reminded to return their ticket stubs and money this weekend.

Promoters are asked to ensure that all tickets (sold or unsold) and monies are returned to the organising committee this weekend

County Bord Convention.

The annual convention of the County Bord was to take place in GAA Clubhouse, Kilmallock on Monday 6th Dec. This event was postponed by a week due to poor road conditions. It will take place instead on Monday 13th Dec at the same venue. Mass will take place at 7pm, with the convention starting at 7.30pm.

Limerick GAA Development Draw

The final draw for 2010 has taken place last Friday. Congratulations to Alan Johnson who won €200 in this draw. Promoters are reminded to get in touch with our Treasurer, Mary Liston to finalise payment records for the various draw members of 2010. Many thanks to all members who joined this year and hopefully you will all continue membership in 2011. Congratulations to all the winners from the club during the year.

Farewell to Bill Fitzgerald, RIP

It was with sadness and nostalgia that news filtered through the parish over the past weekend of the death of Bill Fitzgerald of Birr Co. Offaly and late of Dromard Rathkeale. Bill was a proud member of the Dromard/ Rathkeale team who won County Junior Hurling Championships in 1948 and 1950, a team that were known for their skill throughout the County. He was a greatly admired full forward in his day. Bill was also an accomplished Cross Country runner in his younger days. We extend our sympathy to his wife Helen, his nephew Sean in Dromard and his nieces. May he rest in peace.