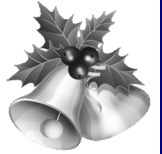




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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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: Christy Lynch - Tommy Hogan
- 2nd Prize: Peter Donovan - James Langan
Mick Neville - Mary Lynch

Usual cards every Wednesday night.



Nollaig Shona agus gach dea-ghuí i 2011 Happy Christmas from the Great Southern Trail and best wishes for the New Year

Join us on our Christmas Walk along the latest extension of the Rail-Trail linking Newcastle West and Rathkeale on Monday December 27th at Noon.[WEATHER PERMITTING]

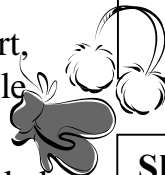
Assembly is at the Old Station, Bishop Court, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick and the 8 mile journey will take about three hours.

At journey's end refreshments will be provided at Rathkeale's Old Station [now the Palatine Centre], by kind permission, and there will be complimentary return transport to Newcastle West. [N.B. A courtesy coach will also leave from Rathkeale Station at 11.30a.m. to connect with the start of the walk].

The GST extension works carried out over the past twelve months have been grant-aided by the Dept. of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs whose support over the years is greatly appreciated as is the co-operation of the many adjoining landowners.

Due to the recent bad weather a portion of the route still awaits its final surface; please wear strong, comfortable, walking shoes.

Tel.0876471956 for any enquiries.



A church gate collection for our hard working Parish Clerk will be held at all masses next weekend 18th and 19th December. Your support will be appreciated.

Showband Years Concert

A night not to be missed at the University Concert Hall Limerick will be held on Saturday 8th January 2011, where we will be reeling in the showband years. Hosted by Ronan Collins featuring Crystal Swing, The Conruerors, D.J Curtin, Tommy and Jimmy Swarbrigg and Des Lee. Confirm yours seats immediately by payment please as seats are pre-booked. Contact Pat Dalton 069-62306.

Special West Limerick Pilgrimage to coincide with the anniversary of the first apparition in 1917 will be held from the 9th-16th May 2011. Seven nights with full board in Fatima accompanied by a spiritual director. For information contact Pat Dalton 069-62306.



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Preparing For Christmas

A 5 day pre-Christmas Mission, under the title "Put Christ Back Into Christmas!", will take place in the Redemptorist Church, Mount St. Alphonsus, South Circular Rd, Limerick beginning on Monday, December 13th and ending on Friday, December 17th. Three sessions each day at 7.55am, 10.00am, and 7.30pm. Also available on live the webcam at www.novena.ie. On the final day, Friday December 17th, people are invited to bring gifts for the poor campaign to the empty crib and there will be the blessing and lighting of the Christmas tree.

Wednesday Club

The community mass and reception will be held in the sheltered housing complex Enniscouch at 7pm on Wednesday 15th December. This annual event is held to bring people working with the community together and to acknowledge the work being done by them and volunteers of St. Vincent De Paul, Meals On Wheels and The Wednesday Club in Rathkeale, and the residents from Sheltered Housing. The Wednesday Club will resume after the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 19th and Meals on Wheels on Thursday 13th January. We wish all our clients a very happy Christmas and health and happiness in 2011.

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**TAKING BOOKINGS NOW
FOR 2011 WEDDINGS**

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NEWS FROM COLÁISTE NA TRÓCAIRE for week ending 10th December 2010

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meeting for 3rd and 6th years will be held on Thursday 16 December 4pm-6.30pm. Parent/teacher meetings for 2nd and 5th years will be held on 18th January 4pm-6.30pm.

Open Night

The Open Night for 5th and 6th class pupils and their parents which was postponed due to the bad weather will be held in January. Local national schools will be notified.

ST.MARY'S ATHLETICS CLUB

We are taking a break from training until Thursday 6th January 2011.

St. Mary's athletic Club would like to thank Rathkeale Soccer Club for the use of their rounds for training during the year. Also thanks to Rathkeale G.A.A for the use of the Bog Garden. Also thanks to the Weekly Observer and Limerick Leader for their media coverage of all our athletics events during 2010.

Well done to all club members who took part in competitions during 2010 and all the athletes who won medals at County, Munster and All Ireland level. It was a very successful year for the club.

Thanks to coaches Yvonne Meredith and Kathleen Lynch for all their training during the year, also to the committee and parents for all their support and help in 2010.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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RATHKEALE COMMUNITY GAMES

U-15 Indoor Soccer

Rathkeale team play against Killeely / Dromkeen / Gardoolis in Semi-Final No. 2 on Sunday 19th December in Croagh at 2pm.

U-13 Indoor Soccer

Starts second weekend in January. Draws will be circulated early next week.

Draughts U-12

Qualifiers Group 1, which Rathkeale team is in all teams levels must meet again.

Any Managers interested in putting a team for any of the following please contact Mossie Woulfe 069 64837 evenings from 6pm to 8pm.

1. Chess U-12 & U-16
2. Badminton U-13 (county), U15 Mixed
3. Table Tennis Boys & Girls U-13 & U-16
4. Quiz U14
5. Card Game 45 Individual Event U-14 (county). Maximum form any one area is 6.
6. Choir U-13 & U-16
7. Basketball Boys U-13 & U-16
8. Basketball Girls U-13 & U-16

Rathkeale Boxing Club

Last Friday night we travelled to Fermoy to take part in their tournament. We had four boxers in action which proved great experience for the lads. First up was our reigning national champ from Croagh, Steven Casey up against the very clever Adam Curley in what was a very very tight affair. With both boys landing some clever shots the judges couldn't separate them at the end with a 7/7 score line then went to count-back and which was also even at 5/5 so it went down to the judges giving the local man the nod.

Next in was the big hitting Jason Harty against Pat MacDonagh winning on a scoreline of 9/3. Mr. Ger Ryan was back to his best also taking a 10/7 win over local boxer J. Sweeney. Finally on the night was Askeaton man Willy Harty who just couldn't get his shots off and this one didn't go his way losing out to Dylan Moran of Dungarvan on a score of 10/5. Well done boys and coaches.

Last Sunday at the Community Hall in Rathkeale we put together a magnificent 14 fight card against St. David's boxing club in Naas and Ennis boxing clubs. It turned out to be a great days boxing with everyone giving it there all. We started off with a 3-way exhibition bout in Josh Quill, Mark Hogan and Jamie Healy giving the crowd some great entertainment considering that these lads are only aged between 6 and 8yrs old. Line up as follows:

Jamie Harty	Rathkeale win over Sean Gallagher, Naas
Jason Harty	Rathkeale win over Brandon McGuire, Naas
Tom Sweeney	Rathkeale loss to Paddy Donovan, Naas
Sean Egan	Rathkeale win over Conor Lipsit, Naas
Terry O'Brien	Rathkeale win over Conor Logue, Naas
Fran O'Brien	Rathkeale win over Luke Carmody, Ennis
Steve Casey	Rathkeale win over Joe Sweeney, Rathkeale
Willie Harty	Rathkeale win over Jimmy Cawley, Naas
Steve Sullivan	Rathkeale loss to Shane O'Neill, Naas
Lisa Meehan	Rathkeale loss to Sally Carrig, Ennis
P.O Gorman	Rathkeale loss to Ovestas Vitilpas, Naas

The club would like to thank everyone who helped in organising this event, especially St. Davids, Naas and Ennis along with all the officials and supporters.

Rathkeale & District Credit Union Christmas Opening Hours

Day	Date	Rathkeale	Adare	Croom
Monday	20/12/2010	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m		
Tuesday	21/12/2010	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.		
Wednesday	22/12/2010	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*	10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*
Thursday	23/12/2010	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*
Friday	24/12/2010	Closed	Closed	Closed
Saturday	25/12/2010	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday	27/12/2010	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	28/12/2010	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wednesday	29/12/2010	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thursday	30/12/2010	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*
Friday	31/12/2010	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	01/01/2011	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday	03/01/2011	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	04/01/2011	Normal Opening Hours		

* Denotes Closed for Lunch 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.



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