

# 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 PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### - Reporting to the Community

Rathkeale Planning Committee was set-up in July 2009 as a result of the re-structuring project of the Community Council. The committee was formed out of concerns raised by the Community relating to unauthorised developments, and dereliction in the town.

The Planning Committee aims

Over the next few weeks the planning committee will reports through the Newsletter what they have been working on and how their work has progressed over the last year and a half.

**NEXT WEEK: Letter posted to Minister John Gormley**

### Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

Winners: Nancy Danaher - Mai Wall  
Pat and Gretta McKenna  
Jack Higgins - Jim Kennedy  
Tom Hogan - Billy O'Sullivan  
John Dolan - Sean McElligott  
John O'Malley - Paula Rohan

Table Prizes: Nancy Danaher - Mai Wall  
Sean McElligott - John Dolan

Raffle: p40 - Christy Lynch  
p20 - Kathleen Daly  
p10 - Jim Kennedy  
p10 - John O'Shea  
p10 - Marie Wrenn

### Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to Veronica Fennell and family, relatives and friends on the death of her sister recently. May she rest in peace.

### First Holy Communion

A special mass for the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and their parents will be on Sunday 23rd January at 9.30am.

### Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club is resuming on 19th January after the Christmas break. We hope to see everyone returning for the New Year. New members welcome. We meet every second Wednesday in Enniscouch from 2-5pm. We do exercises, play bingo, have tea and some music.



### DIARMUID GAVIN IN TOWN!!

The crowds gathered, the lights went up and the children roared with excitement, each child watched with eager eyes as they all clung to fresh pop corn because one more time the cinema in Rathkeale came alive. For many of the older generations it stirred many happy memories, Roy Rodgers, Gene Autry, Fred Astaire, Maureen O'Hara, aah the good old times in Rathkeale, The fifty's, sixties and the seventies. Diarmuid Gavin was in town with a tv crew. Rathkeale is a busy town every evening @ 5 o'clock but for some strange reason it was particularly busy on this Friday evening. Why was he here many of the young

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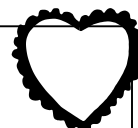


### VALENTINES BALL in aid of MILFORD HOSPICE

Woodlands House Hotel on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Mulled Wine reception accompanied by music from  
All Ireland Comhaltas Group from Templeglantine  
4 course meal with complimentary wine. After dinner  
music by the Fantastic Party Band BUMBLEBEE HONEY

Disco 'til late by Brian o Grady DJB  
All at the recession busting price of €35

For ticket bookings contact  
JOAN O SULLIVAN AT 069 82166 OR 086-1625960  
Early ticket booking is advised  
Over 18s only



### **Catholic Schools Week Sunday Jan. 30th**

marks the beginning of Catholic Schools week. The purpose of this week is to highlight and celebrate the wonderful contribution that Catholic schools make to our local communities and society in general. This year's theme is "Catholic School's - Rooted in Jesus Christ". The Catholic schools of our parish will be participating in Catholic Schools Week in a special way. More details next week.

### **Afternoon Of Prayer and Family Tree Mass**

Will be led by Fr. Michael Fitzgerald at the community centre, Banteer, Co. Cork on Sunday January 30th commencing at 3.00pm. Guest speaker: John Delaney. If sufficient numbers are interested a coach will leave the Market Yard. For further information contact Ms. Nora Enright at 087-7453454 or Pat Dalton at 069-62306.

### **Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity 18th-25th January**

The Prayer Service for Church Unity will take place in the Augustinian Church, O'Connell St. Limerick on Sunday, January 23rd at 8.30pm. All parishioners are invited to attend. The 2011 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to us from an ecumenical group in Jerusalem. The Christians of Jerusalem, and indeed much of the Middle East, are living under tremendous pressure and we are all too aware of the difficulties they experience. However they are communities of faith that worship, pray and study together, who work for the good of their society and pray for the unity of the Church and the coming of the Kingdom of God. In 2011 they invite the world-wide Church to pray with them for the unity of the Church and justice and peace in the Holy Land.

### **"Come to my Mercy"**

A weekend trip to the divine mercy conference in the RDS Arena been organised for the West Limerick Area from Friday February 18th to Sunday February 20th. For more information, contact Sean Jones on 087-4147001.

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## **NEWS FROM COLÁISTE NA TRÓCAIRE for week ending 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

### **Panto Time**

The festive season kept pupils and teachers busy in Colaiste Na Trocaire as the school community entered into the true spirit of Christmas. Congratulations to all first years who took part in the popular pantomime Cinderella which was performed for different year groups and enjoyed by all. Lauren Clancy played the lead role while Sion Hickey and Rory Liddy played the "ugly sisters" with gusto. Stephanie Anderson and Christopher Mulcahy were among the rest of the cast who must be complimented on the way in which they entered into the performance of this panto with such talent, enthusiasm and commitment. The show was produced by Ms Annette O'Brien and Ms Jean O'Brien was the musical director. The proceeds of the show are going towards the Simon Community and the Transition Year Fund.

### **Green Schools Christmas Tree**

The Green school's committee organised a competition to get pupils making decorations from re-cycled materials. The tree was decorated with re-cycled decorations made from household materials such as old C.Ds etc, and when completed it provided a brilliant splash of colour at the main entrance of the school. Prizes were given for the best re-cycled decorations and the winners were Ellen O'Brien and Jennifer Condon. The competition was a great success and was organised by the Green Schools Committee and Ms Tracey Boylan. Art students also entered into the spirit of Christmas with a colourful mural of the Nativity Scene which they painted on the glass doors facing down the main corridor.

### **Limerick Youth Talent Show**

Four students from Colaiste Na Trocaire won 1st place for modern dance at the Limerick Youth Talent Show which took place in U.L. They faced tough competition as there were 27 groups taking part. The students are Treasa Coleman, Gemma Jones, Shannon Naughton and Shona O'Sullivan.

### **C.A.O**

Leaving Cert pupils have a busy term ahead as the deadline for C.A.O applications is fast approaching this will be followed by the mock exams which will be taking place in February.

## DIARMUID GAVIN IN TOWN!!



people asked? Diarmuid explained he was here to make a tv documentary about various different places around Ireland. He chose Rathkeale because of the beautiful cinema on Lower Main Street that has been lying idle for nearly 3 decades. The task for the local community is to work with the owners of this beautiful building. Let's get the doors opened once again, lets us show the people of Ireland that when we put our hearts and souls into something we can achieve results. Remember nothing is impossible. We could have a great multipurpose centre that could be used by e many wonderful organisations that kept Rathkeale vibrant, fit, informed, entertained on a weekly basis from one end of the year to the other. Yes it's a big big task, but if we work together nothing is impossible. Diarmuid and his tv crew will be back in Rathkeale again in the near future to document our progress. We will need plenty of willing volunteers:- carpenters, electricians, plumbers and painters, people of all skills and qualifications. This is the ideal opportunity for all of us to give something back to our town. Young and old alike, men and women, no excuses, don't let this golden opportunity pass us by, the possibilities are endless. Would you really like to see the cinema re open will you get involved, if so we hope to have a public meeting in the next few days, date to be confirmed. Please contact any member of R.T.A.G (Rathkeale Town Action Group), Val Foley, Noel McNamara, Jason O'Grady, Stephanie

## ST.MARY'S ATHLETICS CLUB

### All-Ireland Success

Tullamore in Co. Offaly was the venue on Sunday last for the national cross country championship (uneven ages) and the boys from St.Mary's athletic club were competing in the U17 5,000m race. This was their seventh All-Ireland final in row having qualified in their age group every year since they were first old enough back in 2004 but at this distance this was always going to be their toughest challenge to date. Before the race a few of the athletes were complaining of various aches and strains and of course the nerves were also a bit on the frail side. However after a tremendous race the boys duly did the business winning silver medals in the team event and then added the bronze medals to their tally by finishing third in the inter county event. Ciaran English led by example as captain finishing a brilliant twentieth overall closely followed by Patrick Duggan (30th), Eoin O'Donnell(37) and Darren Jones(41st) to complete the scoring quartet. But of course in cross country running every team member has a job to do and excellent performances on the day from Declan Mullane, Steve O'Reilly and Martin Roche not only kept the opposition teams in the high scores but also helped the Limerick team to secure the bronze medals. On this county team the boys were joined by just one other athlete, Kyle Larkin who ran a tremendous race on the day finishing fourth (his father Tim comes from Reens Pike). Almost one hundred athletes started the race on Sunday in excellent weather conditions over a very testing course with one very long steep hill that the boys had to overcome every time during their four laps. These boys trained very hard for three months starting in September but it was deferred from last December for a month and they had to continue training for another month right through their Christmas holidays (starting back on December 28th); this was a tremendous commitment from young men who also compete in many other sports, especially G.A.A., soccer and swimming. The record in seven All-Ireland finals for this team is as follows: one gold, three silver and two bronze (latter in 2004&2005) in the club team event, not including medals won in the inter county event. This has to be one of the most consistent performances from any team in any age group in the country with Eoin, Martin and Declan involved in all seven national finals and Ciaran competing in the last six. St. Mary's athletic club, all the coaches, their parents and indeed their supporters in all the other sports are very proud of these young men, not just for their achievements but their commitment and we wish them the best of luck for the future. Finally I would like to say a special thanks to the parents who always travel to our competitions (and Mrs Goeghegan of Colaiste Na Trocaire who was there on Sunday) and to team manager Martin Roche(Snr), the driving force behind this team for the last number of years.

**Training** on Thursday at 7.00pm in the Astroturf Pitch in the soccer field and on Sunday morning at 11.00am in the Bog Garden.

### Forth Coming Events

Munster Juvenile U9 to U13 Indoor Championships Nenagh February 19th/20th. Munster Juvenile U14 to U19 Indoor Championships Nenagh February 26th/27th.

It is very important for athletes to attend training on Thursday and Sunday morning if you are taking part in the

Munster Indoors in Nenagh. The Indoors are only 5 weeks away and athletes will have to compete against some of the top clubs in Munster who I am sure are training a few times a week.

### **Registration**

Registration fees for 2011 are now due. Anyone who has not registered with the club for 2011 can hand in their registration fee of €15.00 to Jacinta at training.

## **RATHKEALE COMMUNITY GAMES**

**Local Talent Competition Friday 21st January 2011:** Check in 7pm Starting at 7.30 sharp in Community Centre.

Competition open to the following U-10 boys & girls county only for Solo Dance - Modern and Disco, Solo Singing, Solo Recitation, Solo Music. Groups can be All boys, All girls or Mixed: Group Dance - Modern and Disco, Group Dance- Irish, Group Singing, Group Drama or Comedy Sketch, Group Music.

**U-14 Boys & Girls:** in the following for Solo Dance - Modern and Disco, Solo Singing, Solo Recitation, Solo Music. Groups can be All girls, All boys and Mixed in Group Dance - Modern and Disco, Group Dance - Irish, Group Singing, Group Drama or Group Music.

**Variety U-16 :** ( All Boys, All Girls or Mixed ) : A panel of 16 and performance 14 minutes. Marked on a)entertainment value. b) talent and versatility. c) production, presentation, movement grouping and use of stage area. d) variety value.

**Draughts:** Both U-12 team and U-14 team play in the county finals on Sat 22nd January in Rathkeale Community Centre at 2pm. Best of luck to both teams and their managers in the finals.

Sunday 23rd January at 5.30pm in Community Centre The Local competition in Art, Model Making and Handwriting will take place details below.

**Local Art Competition:** For Boys & Girls in following age groups U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16. Please bring your own art supply's. Takes place on Sunday 23rd January in Community Centre at 5.30pm.

**Model Making Competition:** For Girls & Boys in the following age groups U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16. Also U-8 County Competition. Please bring your own model making supply's. Takes place on Sunday 23rd January in Community Centre at 5.30pm.

**Handwriting Competition:** New for 2011 for U-10 Boys & Girls. Will be on Sunday 23rd January at 5.30pm in Community Centre. Each entry will copy a set piece and will be judged on following. 1 correct letter formation. 2 Neatness - uniform letter size. 3 Legibility. 4 Fluency: style and flair. 5 Completion of piece.

**U-13 Girls Futsal:** Anyone who wishes to play please ring or text on your details to 086 8293434.

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### **The Brothers of Charity Services**

The Brothers of Charity Services, Limerick has been actively involved, for over 30 years, in the provision of a range of services to adults with intellectual disabilities. About 400 individuals from the Limerick area currently avail of these services which include the provision of accommodation and respite services, day programmes and activities, training and skills development, leisure and lifestyle activities and advisory and counselling services. In providing these services, the organisation is influenced by its mission statement which is as follows:

The activities of the Brothers of Charity Services, Limerick are guided by a strong commitment to values that recognise all people first as individuals. We endorse full inclusion for individuals with disabilities in all aspects of community life. In partnership with individuals, families, professionals, organisations and state agencies, we seek to shape policy decisions and to increase the opportunities for inclusion, independence, productivity and personal life satisfaction for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

The organisation invites applications from persons who might be interested in voluntary work with and on behalf of its service users. Opportunities may exist that might suit persons who wish to gain experience in the areas of social work, psychology or social care. The Brothers of Charity Services, Limerick would also like to hear from people who may have some free time on their hands and wish to make some of it available to assist and work with intellectually disabled adults.

Volunteers work closely with staff of the Brothers of Charity Services, Limerick and will be given clearly defined role descriptions. Relevant and necessary training will also be provided. If you are interested in availing of an opportunity to work as a volunteer with the Brothers of Charity Services, Limerick please contact Sean Gallagher for an application form and other details.

Contact details: 087-9817956 / seangallagher@limerick.brothersofcharity.ie