

Rathkeale Newsletter

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Rathkeale Community Council would like to congratulate the Sean Finns Junior Football team who won the county final on Sunday last in Fovnes.

Rathkeale Brass Band is holding music classes on Monday evening 3.45-5pm in the band room. There are a limited number of places available; anyone interested should go to the band room next Monday evening.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

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RATHKEALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM



MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER AT 8PM
IN RATHKEALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ALL ARE WELCOME

R.T.A.G. / Tidy Towns:- The very popular visitors to "The Rambling House" Knockfierna will present a night of music, song & Story at Rathkeale House Hotel Thursday night Nov 17th at 8.30pm. Special guest is Kevin Barry from Carlow, nephew of Kevin Barry the 18 year old medical student who was hung in mountjoy jail in Dublin on 1st Nov 1920. This is a night not to be missed, admission €5. Presented by R.T.A.G/ Tidy Towns & Knockfierna Heritage Group.

RATHKEALE IMAGE & TOURISM COMMITTEE

After a three year break in fundraising the Image & Tourism Committee need to raise funds again. You'll remember our last fundraising event was the dog race in 2008, which was very successful and thank you for your support.

Projects we're fundraising for are the Christmas Lights, St Patrick's Day Parade, Tourism Brochure, Santa's Grotto and we have more projects in the pipeline. Advertised here are a couple of upcoming events. If you would like to join the committee or help out in anyway please contact 086-2381780 or email anne@rathkealeonline.ie.

The Community Centre Project is well underway. D&D Sound and Lighting have nearly completed the stage area. Dillon's have just completed the Tourist/Community Office and thank you to FAS for all the painting and finishing touches. Prestige Detection Systems are currently onsite installing an all new fire alarm system. So all systems are go!



KEEP SATURDAY 26TH
NOVEMBER FREE FOR A
ROCKIN NIGHT!

Rock & Roll Bingo Followed by
Rock the Era's Dance at
Rathkeale House Hotel

More Info to follow next week



Santa is visiting Rathkeale

Make sure you keep Sunday 4th December free as Santa will be in Rathkeale. It will be your opportunity to tell him what you want for Christmas and have your photo taken.

There will be a **Christmas Fair** for all those eager shoppers. If you are a business in Rathkeale and wish to participate please contact 086-2381780 or email anne@rathkealeonline.ie for more details.

RATHKEALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHILDREN'S CORNER (RKCCCC)

Competition for October

The new competition runs for the month of October - one small change is that we will accept postal entries from now on. If I walk from Anthony's Hairdressing Salon to the new Health Food Shop opposite the Community Centre I will pass some Lane-ways on my left Hand side name these lanes in the correct order?

The prize will be an after school lunch at Bloomers Restaurant for the winner and 3 of your pals. The competition is open to Primary School children anywhere in the world! Answers must be hand written on a single page from your school copybook, must say your name, your age, your class, your school and your teacher must sign it. We will be looking for good handwriting and neatness. The page must be folded in half and put into the special box at Wilmot's Newsagents on Thomas Street.

No winner for October Competition!

We asked you to name Laneways on the left hand side of the street from Anthony's Hairdresser to the new health Food Shop opposite the community Centre.

In last weeks issue No 86 we told you there were 3 laneways but to be careful with the spellings.

Several of the entries had the correct order of the laneways but the spellings were wrong. As you all will be off school this week for Halloween, we have decided to extend this competition until the 12th of November. So this competition is now open again to all primary school children for 2 more weeks.

Incidentally Aaron Lillis who won the September Competition had a great time at Bloomers Restaurant, John said that they were very polite and loved the ice cream.

The November Competition will be about Rathkeale Library. So we will start this one next week.

Football Boys in Blue

Congratulation to the Rathkeale junior footballer team who won the county final on Sunday last in Foynes. Rathkeale beat Glin by 1-11 to 0-9.

This Friday the Rathkeale team play the Tipperary champions in the Gaelic grounds in limerick at 87.30pm. It is the 1st round of the Munster championship. Hope to see many of you with your blue & white flags at the match.

Birthdays

Last weeks Lovely Emma from Askeaton is 7. Anthony is 5 and Roisin is 6.

This week The Little bird that give us all the news tells us that Roisin will be 6, Kevin will be 11.



Puzzle: - Last week we spoke about the church clock & bell.

Last weeks puzzles Result:

Answer to the first query was that there were 3 hour hands & 3 minute hand as there are 3 dials on the church tower.

The 2nd query was about how many times the bell rings and the clock strikes between 8am to 10am inclusive?

- A it strikes 8 times at 8am. It strikes once at 8.30.
- B At 9am it strikes 20 times to call people to mass
- C At 9.25 it strikes 20 times - known as the 5 minute bell
- D At 9.30 it again strikes once
- E Finally it strikes 10 times at 10am

So the total is 8+1+20+20+1+10=60 times.

The clock in Grandads House id correct time at 9.25 every morning & night. The clock that Jack changed the hour 7 minute hands on did not change the time of the day. It was still 3pm.

- Finally A Big Ben Clock is in London
- B Time Square is in New York.

This Weeks Puzzles

1. Matchstick Sums VI + II = V VI - IV = IX
You can correct these sums by moving just ONE match

2. Add the plus, minus, multiply & division's symbols to get these sums correct:
A 1 2 3 = 1 B 1 2 3 4 = 1

If you have only Jokes or Riddles Please send them on to us.

Goodbye for now



Usual Bingo Thursday Next, 10th November with

€1,300 JACKPOT!

On 47 calls or less.

Lotto is worth **€4,300**

ZERO GAME is worth **€500**

We will also have the usual raffle,
1st game 8.30pm sharp.

Results from Rathkeale Bingo

Thursday 3rd November

€30 Winners: Mrs Loftus, Pallaskenry.

€35 Winners: Mary Shire, Ballysteen, Mrs Hogan, Cappagh, Helen Culloty, Cappagh, Pauline Reidy, Athea, Eileen Burke, Ballingarry, Mrs O Connor, Templeglantine, Helen Greaney, Ashford, Michael O Connor, Knockaderry, Shane Harahan, Ballymullen.

€40 Winners: Kit Quinn, Athea.

€60 Winners: Dave Kenneally, Newcastle west, Bridget Mulcaire, Rathkeale.

€65 Winners: Marian Ryan, Dromcollogher, Martin Sheehy, Ballysteen, Sharon Harte, Pallaskenry.

€70 Winners: Moira Dunworth, Croom, Sharoon Guinea, Rathkeale, Susie Lynch, Pallaskenry, Mrs Sheehan, Newcastle west, Peggy Gleeson, Pallaskenry.

€100 Winner: Martina Murphy, Askeaton.

€130 Winners: Mrs O Connor, Tournafulla.

€140 Winners: Mrs McCoy, Newcastle west.

LOTTO WINNERS Kit Quinn, Athea, AM Sheehy, Ballysteen, Joan O Connor, Tournafulla, Michael O Grady, Rathkeale, John O Sullivan, Newcastle west, Pat Molyneaux, Askeaton.

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

Results of 26th October

1st Prize: Peter & Irene Donovan, John Dolan & Maisie Griffin

Table Prizes: Betty Kearns, Marie Wrenn, John Danaher & Pauline Kearns

Raffle: 1st	€40	Willie Keating & Mick Hough
2 nd	€20	Mai Wall & Nancy Danaher
3 rd	€10	John Mulvihill
4 th	€10	Paddy Molyneaux
5 th	€10	Marie Wrenn

Results of 2nd November

1st Prize: Mick Neville & Mary Lynch.

Table Prizes: John Wall, John Danaher, Pauline Kearns & Paddy Sheehy.

Raffle: 1st	€40	Marie Wrenn
2 nd	€20	Mary O Grady
3 rd	€10	Mick Kearns
4 th	€10	Pauline Kearns
5 th	€10	Irene Donovan

Come along; join in, new players welcome
Every Wednesday @ 9pm Rathkeale Community Centre

Cooking on a Budget

Friday Mornings - 5 Classes
Beginning October 21st



Learn to cook



....nutritious, balanced meals



.....on a balanced budget

Child minding provided



**The Meals on Wheels Kitchen,
Enniscaugh**

From 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

For Information: Phone

David Breen 087 273 9663

This is a RAPID project sponsored by
Rathkeale St. Vincent dePaul Society, the VEC and West Limerick Resources

WEST LIMERICK SUSTAINABLE ENERGY REGION INITIATIVE

West Limerick Resources (in co-operation with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland) is seeking local community stakeholders in developing local sustainable energy projects or parking part in sustainable energy training with a view to identifying energy efficiency and renewable energy collaborative opportunities. The objective of the initiative is to assist the move towards sustainable energy best practice in the West Limerick Region. Community groups or businesses interested in participating should contact Tim Coffey, Renewable Energy Development Officer, West Limerick Resources on 069 66296 or email tc Coffey@wlr.ie

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Rural Development Programme, also known as LEADER, is designed to target resources to support improvements to the quality of life in rural areas and the diversification and development of the rural economy. Funding is available for a wide range of community enhancement and enterprise development projects and supports. For more information visit: <http://www.wlr.ie/rural-development-programme> or call 069 62222.

WEST LIMERICK PRIMARY HEALTHCARE PROJECT CAMPAIGN FOR WORLD DIABETES DAY

To mark World Diabetes Day on Monday November 14th, the West Limerick Primary Health Care Project will launch a series of events running from Monday November 14th to Thursday 17th in Rathkeale. The team is grateful for the support and advice given by the Health Promotion Unit and the Diabetes Federation of Ireland. Working with the Rathkeale business community, the team hopes that the series of awareness raising and information events will help people to prevent or manage type 2 diabetes while also providing helpful tips for those living with Type 1.

A great deal of media attention and public health campaigns recently have focused on the ever increasing rate of diabetes in Ireland today, which results from the bodies inability to convert the sugar from the food we eat into energy. While Type 1 is an auto immune disease which individuals are pre-disposed to from birth, Type 2 is much more related to lifestyle choices including unhealthy eating habits and lack of sufficient physical activity. "The unfortunate reality is that many people simply don't even know that they have Type 2 Diabetes or that they are at risk of having it," explained the Primary Health Care Team. "It is therefore important to know the risk factors which include family history, lack of exercise, unhealthy diet and being overweight and signs and symptoms such as frequent urination, weight loss, lack of energy and being very thirsty. Untreated there are potentially serious long-term complications associated with diabetes and while there is no cure, it can be managed effectively through healthy eating habits and regular exercise combined with the appropriate medical care." Anyone concerned or with questions relating to diabetes should talk to their GP or doctor and seek advice before making any changes to their diabetes treatment plan.

The week-long series of events will begin on Monday (and running each day until Thursday) in Eurospar from 10am-1pm where members of the public will be able to get general information on diabetes and healthy eating as well as sign up for a free health advice consultation which will take place in either of the two Rathkeale pharmacies. Other businesses holding events include Gallagher's Fruit and Vegetable Shop (offering free copies of the Food Pyramid during the week), Essence of Life health shop (information on health-related products during the week), O'Sullivan's pharmacy (Health Awareness Day on Wednesday 16th), Deel Bakery (product-tasting and information on products for special dietary needs on Thursday 17th) and Giltenane's Pharmacy (Health Awareness Day on Wednesday 23rd). There will also be three draws for hampers sponsored by Essence of Life health store and Eurospar.

RAINBOWS PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMME: - Rainbows is a free support group for children between the ages of 4 to 12 years that is designed to assist children and youths who are grieving a death, separation or any other painful transition or change in their family. The new application forms for the autumn 2011 programme are now available from Dearbhla or Nora in the WLR Abbeyfeale office on 068 32444. If you have an application form completed but not yet returned please do so as soon as possible

NEWCASTLE WEST JOBSEEKERS NETWORK: - Burnt out-from looking for a job? Interested in joining a group of people going through the same thing? The Newcastle West Jobseekers Network was set up last year to provide a peer support network. In the past year, members have taken part in horticulture classes, personal development sessions and fitness Bootcamp. We are now working on ideas and suggestions for activities over this coming Autumn and Winter. Anyone interested in joining or looking for more information about the group can contact David on: 069 61316 or 087 9109309. We are also planning to set up a similar group in the Abbeyfeale area. Contact Ed on 068 32444 or 087 329 0483

TUS - West Limerick Resources is now accepting applications from community organisations who wish to be considered for inclusion in the TUS initiative which is a community work placement scheme providing short-term working opportunities for unemployed people. Participants will work for 19½ hours a week and the placement lasts 12 months. The organisations must provide good quality work opportunities that are of benefit to the community. Organisations with a proposed work placement should submit an expression of interest form including a detailed proposal on type of work along with the number of participants required. Tel: 069 79110/79119. Email: tus@wlr.ie. For more information see: www.wlr.ie/tus-programme/soon as possible

COMMUNITY NOTES

Reported By Tim Shiels

Dr. Pat Wallace of the National Museum will launch a new book on The Stonehall Harriers Hunt on the 5th November @ Kilcornan Community Centre @ 7.30pm. The author of the book Dr. John Fehenehy entitled Stonehall Harriers Centenary Record has combed the archives of the hunt in his effort to tell this great story in pictures & words.

2ND NOVEMBER IS THE FEAST OF THE HOLY SOULS. INDULGENCES

1. From 12 noon the 1st November until midnight 2nd November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion, and prayed for the Pope's intentions, can gain 1 Plenary Indulgence by visiting a Church or Oratory and there reciting 1 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.
2. 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.

Again I ask you please call to see the senior citizens especially those living alone, as they get very lonely and they love a visit.

CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION: -

A collection for the upkeep of Saint Mary's Cemetery will be taken up at the Church door on 5th and 6th November.

€2,000 45 Card Drive will be held at Raheenagh Hall on 8th November at 9pm. Adm E10 - Tea and Raffle. All are welcome.

Congratulations to Lexi Keogh who celebrated her birthday with family and friends recently. Congratulations to Rathkeale's Junior Footballers who won the County Junior A Football final on Sunday last. Score Rathkeale 1.11 to Glin 0.9.

SELF CARE: -

Are you stressed and under pressure? There will be a talk on "Self-Care" in the Desmond Complex on 9th November from 7.30-9pm. Cost E10.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS IN THE CEMETERIES: -

6th November at 12.15pm in St.Mary's Cemetery and at 1pm in St.Joseph's Cemetery.

REMINDER: THE GREAT SOUTHERN TRAIL IN THE LAST YEARS OF RAILWAY OPERATION.

All are welcome to the public library, Gortboy, Newcastle west on 4th November @ 8pm for an evening of nostalgia as scenes from the 1970s of where the trains once ran be presented during a slide show by Richard Wall-a lifelong railway enthusiast who travelled the route & captured images at a wide variety of locations. Entitled "A journey by train from limerick to Tralee/Fenit & Castleisland". The event will be of special interest to those whose families worked on the railway but will also remind present day walkers/cyclists of the rich heritage of the route. Failte roimh gach einn

PURGATORIAL ENVELOPES: - Each priest offers 15 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 2 other days during November and on each 1st Friday of the year.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP: - On 4th November from 10-11.30am there will be tea, coffee and a chat for everyone who calls in. So come along and bag all the bargains.

WEDNESDAY CLUB: - On 2nd November we are going to Glin. Next club in Enniscough is on 16th November from 2-5pm. All senior citizens are welcome. It will brighten up a winter afternoon.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME: - Newcastle west Bereavement Support Group is facilitating a bereavement support programme under the guidance of a number of qualified counsellors. The support programme takes place in Newcastle west Parish Centre (in the grounds of the church car park) on Thursday nights at 8pm. For your personal care, support with your loss, to talk or to listen. Please join us. If you have any queries please phone 087-6740879.

MAIGUE FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Maigue Flower & Garden Club are holding their Christmas Gala afternoon at 3pm at the woodlands House Hotel on 13th November. Floral Artists: - Geraldine Foley & Mary Joe Murphy.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Kathleen O'Dwyer and family, relatives and friends on the death of Jack O'Dwyer recently. May he rest in peace.



We hope everyone had a lovely time off on their mid term Break. The Pre-school is back to school again as normal on this Monday after their time off.



Bridge Club results

This weeks results

- 1ST Mary O Sullivan & Moira Roche.
- 2nd Brendan & Maureen Woulfe.
- 3rd Betty Sheahan & Magaret Hennessy.
- 4th Clare Hanratty & Greta Looney.

Last weeks Results

- 1st Pam McNamara & Sean Hanratty.
- 2nd Irene Donovan & Margorie O Connell.
- 3rd Angela Hanlon & Kay Clarcken.
- 4th Mary Curtin & Ann Roche.



THANK YOU to all the parents who donated money to the Cheerio's Childline Breakfast morning held recently at the crèche. We raised €100 for the cause.

ATHLETIC NOTES

ATHLETICS ST.MARY'S A.C

Our annual bowling/awards night took place on 28th October in Fun World on the Ennis Rd, Limerick. There was a great turnout and great night was had by all.

AWARDS AS FOLLOWED

LIAM ENGLISH PERPETUAL TROPHY: Sophie Meredith.

Sophie joined the club in 2009 and since then she has developed into a very powerful athlete. She is very dedicated to her training and always puts in 100% effort at competitions. She won the most individual medals in the clubs in 2011 and is truly deserving of the Liam English Perpetual Trophy for the best overall athlete in the club in 2011.

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR: - Holly Devine

Holly joined the club in 2010 and has developed into a fine athlete. She never misses training. She may not always win her races but always gives it her all. For her sheer dedication to training and her club she receives this award.

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR: Aisling Enright

Aisling joined the club in 2010 and since then she too has developed into a fine athlete. She loves cross country running and always trains very hard and will never leave the team down. For her sheer dedication to her club and training she receives this award.

ST.MARY'S A.C. CUP FOR TEAM OF THE YEAR: Girls U10 team of the year 2011

Team: Niamh Foley, Ellen Lynch, Holly Meredith, Sophie Liston and Claire Power. This team of very young girls had a fantastic year winning numerous county and Munster title in cross country, indoors and outdoor track and field. They were outstanding all year and are truly deserving of this cup for team of the year 2011.

NEXT EVENT

County indoors takes place in Nenagh on 5th November starting at 11am. All athletes to be there for 10.15am and bring a packed lunch, a drink (no fizzy drinks) and warm clothes. Parents please note there is a E5 entry fee for all athletes taking part in the county indoors and this can be given in next Thursday at training. Training on Thursday at 6.30pm in the Bog Garden. There will be no training next Sunday due to county indoors in Nenagh on Saturday.

Community Games

Rathkeale Community Games AGM held on Thursday 20th October 2011.

Election of Officers for 2012:

President: Noel White, Vice-President: Fr. W. Russell,
Chairman: Barry Dillon, Vice- Chairman: Fr. W. Russell,
Hon. Secretary: Mossie Woulfe,
Assistant Secretary / PRO: Fiona Dalton
Hon. Treasurer: James Feane,
Assistant Treasurer: Grainne Coleman
Hon. Registrar: Carmel White, Games Director: Vera Fitzgerald
Delegates to County: Jacinta Power, Mossie Woulfe,
Fiona Dalton
Company Representative: John Dinnage
Children's Officer: Jacinta Power, Kathleen Lynch, Fiona Dalton

First Registration Monday 7th November 2011. All registration forms must be returned to Mossie Woulfe no later than Friday 4th November.

1. Girls Indoor Soccer U-15, 2. Boys Indoor Soccer U-15
3. Primary School Quiz- 2 teams per school.

Dates for Diary's: National Finals Athlone: May 25th, 26th & 27th.
August 17th, 18th & 19th. August 24th, 25th & 26th.



RATHKEALE AFC

Dinner Dance

Our 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance to Saturday 19th of November in Rathkeale House Hotel. Music on the night will be provided by Keep in Touch and Dj Ray Nash. Special Guest on the night will be Mr. John Giles, Former Ireland player and TV pundit for RTE's soccer coverage, also founder of the John Giles Foundation, a foundation supporting the growth of soccer in our communities! John Delaney, CEO of the FAI and Noel Mooney, FAI Head of League Marketing and Promotion will also be present on the night. As this is our 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance, we hope to see everyone there. There are lot of people who have been involved in the club over the past 50 years, this is your night also, not just those who are involved today. Please contact any committee member for details of tickets. . A great night guaranteed!! Tickets are now available and can be attained from Karen Hogan, Rose English, Vicki Mullane, Neily Hogan, Mary Brennan or if you're a player ask your manager. Tickets are going fast so don't be left out!!

Old Photo's - If anyone has old photos of years gone by of Rathkeale AFC soccer could you please drop them to Karen Hogan, Club secretary or they can be dropped into The Washboard, Main Street, and Rathkeale. They will be looked after and returned to you in the same condition.

U16 Girls - Rathkeale u16 girls were due to play Croom Utd on Sunday at 2pm. The match was called off by referee at short notice and the u16 management team would like to apologise to all players who were there and any of whom had come from other commitments, for the inconvenience. Training continues on Tuesday evenings from 6pm -7pm.

Astro Slots - There are still a few remaining slots available on the Astro Turf playing pitch, Please contact Kenny on (087) 7562396 to check available times.

Volunteers

Anyone interested in helping out in the club in anyway, please come along to any club meeting, whether you would like to help with fundraising or managing, coaching. All help is greatly appreciated.

Facebook

Please keep an eye on club news for upcoming events and match pictures on Facebook, www.facebook.com/RathkealeAFC.

Ladies - FIVE GAMES IN A ROW.

Rathkeale 6 Askeaton 0

First off all I like to congratulate the girls in getting team of the month, well done girls very much deserved. This was a very wet and cold day, we started off very slow as a team but that was down to the weather conditions. We soon found our feet as Sharon took a great shot and chipped the goalie, it was a great goal. At this stage we were doing great passes between Jenny, Caoimhe, Sharon and Marie and once again Sharon scored goal number two. It was not long after that Dymphna scored number three. We introduced new players to the team. Mary, Kelsey and Lauren. Lauren played half back in which she did well but had to come off due to an injury. Mary Hogan replaced her and she did a great job as it was her first game this year due to work her team mates and her playing very well. Also in the back line was Sandra, Edel and Lindsey also doing what they always do, holding them at bay very well. Orla and Dymphna are starting to click very well together. Orla was so unlucky not to have her name on the score board, she played very well on the day. Our third goal came from a great pass from Caoimhe to Sharon and Sharon to Dymphna. It was a class goal; she just turned her player and hit the back of the net. Our fourth goal came from a great corner from Dymphna and it was Marie (Capt.) who got her leg to it and scored number four, Our last goal came from a great pass from Sharon to Jen. She took it on and scored a cracker of a goal. As I said from time to time it's not who scores the goals its team work, working hard, passing, talking, that's what makes a good team and that is us this year, well done girls keep it up. Training Mon Wed 7 to 8



St. Mary's/Sean Finn's GAA (Rathkeale)



Sean Finns – County Junior Football Champions 2011

Sean Finn's, County Junior-A Football Champions 2011

After a long spell of 20 years, the Co. Junior-A Cup has been won by Sean Finn's Football Team. What a championship the 2011 season has served up to the teams and supporters. For the young but hungry and lion-hearted team from Rathkeale, no bar was too high to aim for. Winning the West Final against Glin on 1st October in Abbeyfeale was a huge event for our Deelside Club but once the celebrations had died down, the hunger for success was revived. As the month of October went by this proud team continued their winning ways and each weekend had success against strong opposition such as Ahane in the Quarter Final, Ballylanders in the Semi-final and at last the All-West County Final was upon us.

The lads had prepared well for this County Final under the stewardship of Brian Nolan, Sean Hartnett and John Lyons. With a strong army of supporters the Sean Finn's team travelled to Foynes on Sunday 30th October to play Glin. It was a close game in the St. Senan's GAA grounds which were amazingly dry after the heavy downpours of the past week. Both teams were up for the occasion and luckily for Sean Finn's it was to be a Deelside victory at last.

Without exception every player on the Sean Finn's team played as a great unit, passing, running, marking the opposition and the game as a result seemed to flow in a most enjoyable way. The Goalie Johnny Mooney was well served by the defenders Sean O'Shea, Gary Enright, Shane Hourigan, Darren Jones and Patrick Sheahan. In the centre we had the experience of Keith Hartnett and Damien Quaid coupled with the youth of Paul White and Sean Sheahan. The ever-versatile Mark O'Sullivan worked alongside Johnny Markham while the two E's -Eoghan O'Connor and Eoin O'Donnell were assisted by Barry (The Kid) O'Riordan! The substitutes who came on were also magnificent with Sean White and Stephen Power making their mark on the game. The other subs who did not get a start on this occasion were Timmy O'Connor, Timmy Hogan, Jack Coleman, Ciaran English, Gerard Frawley, Mike Keating, Frank Geary, Anthony Supple, Brian Duggan, Robert White and Dean Maune.

The half-time score was 0:03 for Glin while Sean Finn's had scored 1:03. The second half was a livelier affair with Sean Finn's scoring eight more points while Glin scored just six more. The final score showed a clear winner with Glin's score as 0:09 while Sean Finn's had scored 1:11. The crowd of Rathkeale players and supporters were overjoyed on hearing the final whistle confirming the

elevation of the Sean Finn's team to the Intermediate Level in the 2012 season. The Co. Football Board chairman, Sean McAuliffe presented the Co. Junior Cup to the Sean Finn's Captain Keith Hartnett. Both men complimented the St. Senan's GAA Club for having the pitch in such good condition and thanked the referee and other officials. Keith dedicated the winning of this Co. Football Final to the dearly beloved departed Mollie Frawley and players Paul Ducie Hogan and Michael O'Sullivan. He echoed the thoughts of many in stating that the players felt the presence of an extra two players playing from above.

Having left the St. Senan's Grounds, Mr. McMahon of "The Kerry Bar" in Foynes kindly presented a fabulous "Man of the Match" trophy to the popular Eoghan O'Connor who played a great game wearing No. 14. It was with fond memories that Eoghan was reminded that his Uncle and Godfather James (Connie) O'Connor had been named as "Man of the Match" in the 1991 Co. Football final which was of course the last time that Sean Finn's Football team had accepted the same Cup. Ray O'Doherty was Captain of the Sean Finn's team on that occasion.

It was a joyful return home to Rathkeale for the players, mentors and supporters. All involved with the team were treated to delicious hot tasty food by the ever-generous Davy Mann of Mann's Hotel. Later the traditional parade of winning teams through the town was serenaded by a Lone Piper, Seamus Hunt as the delighted crowd marched from Rathkeale House Hotel to the Community Centre. At the Community Centre, the new County Champions were individually presented to the crowd who cheered and acknowledged the significance of the event which will be remembered for many a day by the GAA population of the locality.

A dream has come true for Sean Finn's in winning both West and County trophies this year. We will have another opportunity to see these lads in action on Friday night 4th November when they will represent Limerick in the AIB GAA Munster Club Junior Football Championship. The opposition will be the Tipperary County Champions from Kildangan. Best of luck to everyone involved with this team and heartiest congratulations from all in Rathkeale.

U21 Football West Semi-Final

The Under 21 Football West Semi-Final has been postponed on a few occasions due to the continued involvement of our Junior-A Footballers in the County Championship. The game will now definitely go ahead on Saturday next at 7.30pm in Mick Neville Park. Best of luck to the team and mentors.

St. Mary's Under 14's Advance to Co. Hurling Final

We played Cappamore in the County Under 14 Hurling Division 3 Semi-Final in Fedamore on last Saturday 29th October. This turned out to be a very competitive game. We started strongly and led by five points at half time. In the second-half Cappamore got an early goal and went ahead by two points. At this stage the St. Mary's team settled down and started to play as a unit, and we got some great scores from play. We were ahead as we reached the last fifteen minutes and our play improved in both the skill and determination shown by the players. There was some lovely play from our backs and forwards. At the final whistle the St. Mary's team was well ahead and the win was well deserved. The final score-line showed 4:10 for St. Mary's while Cappamore had scored 2:05. Well done to this team who have proven their worth and given their supporters a great spectacle to watch. A special mention for Adrian Brennan who was injured during the game, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Thanks a million to the parents and supporters who travelled to Fedamore to cheer on our young stars. We thank in a special way the team management of James Feane and Sean Sheahan, who have worked with this team all year and we wish them all the best of luck in the County Final. The following panel of players will now continue training for the Under 14 County Hurling Final: Gearoid Mulcaire (Captain), Thomas Collins, Brian Keating, Adrian Brennan, Dylan Murphy, Padraig Power, Darragh Curtin, Mikey Morrissey, Andrew White, Seamus

Keating, Dylan Young, George Mulcahy, Brandon Tierney, Enda Walsh, Mikey Enright and Dylan O Shea.

We will now meet Ballybricken/Bohermore in the final. This game will be a repeat of the teams involved in the All County League Final played in September. We hope that in the final on this occasion, there will be a reverse in the result.

Sean Finn's Under-14's Div. 2 Football ¼ final success

Our Under 14 footballers had been due to play their Co. Quarter Final on Sunday 23rd October against Galbally. This game was postponed at the request of Galbally Club due to bereavement. The game went ahead on Bank Holiday Monday 31st October at the Bog Garden. This was the second game for most of the team in two days but they were all fit and ready. We dominated the game from start to finish and won with a score line of 6:06 while Galbally had a score of 0:03. This was a great team effort from all the panel and we wish you all well in the County Division 2 Semi-Final.

Open invitation to Race Night- Saturday night in Rathkeale House Hotel

All roads lead to Rathkeale House Hotel on this Saturday 5th November for what promises to be a most enjoyable Race Night. At this stage, the horses are all in training with jockeys and owners getting a little excited at the prospect of the upcoming racing. A brisk trade in oats and hay has been reported from the local shops as owners/trainers get their horses in order for the big night.

The club are extending an open invitation to all our supporters and members to come along to the Rathkeale House Hotel this Saturday night for what promises to be a great night. First race is at 9.30 and finger food will be served.

We can all be owners and jockeys for the night without getting wet or carrying buckets of oats. Most horses have been given interesting names and are in the care of local owners and jockeys and we are delighted with the response from the community. We have also had a very positive response from the business community as always and we urge everyone to support the local business community who always help us when called upon. There are still a number of horses available (costing €20 for a full horse or alternatively buy a half share for €10). One lucky race winner will receive the Jackpot prize of €500. The Race Night is being held in order to raise some much needed funds to help pay for the drainage works carried out at our beloved Bog Garden. We are delighted to announce that the Main Sponsor of the night is Sean Hennessey Electrical Superstores who has made a big commitment to the night. Any further information from Willie 0862263733, Pat 0868835425 or Mary Liston 0861720277.

Sympathy

Rathkeale lost two senior citizens during the week who have both played their parts very well in Community affairs throughout their lives. Both were great supporters of Gaelic Games in Rathkeale as are their descendants. We offer our sympathy to the O'Dwyer family of Ballywilliam on the death of Jack O'Dwyer, RIP. We also offer our sympathy to the White families of Rathkeale on the passing of Dominic (Dom) White, (Senior) of Railway House, New Road, Rathkeale. May they both rest in peace.

Upcoming Fixtures:

Fri 4th Nov: AIB Munster Junior Football Club Championship: Sean Finns (Limerick) V Kildangan (Tipperary) at Gaelic Grounds at 7.30pm

Sat 5th Nov: Under 21 West Football Semi-Final: Sean Finns V St. Kieran's in Mick Neville Park @ 7.30pm

Sun 6th Nov: County U14 Hurling Final St Marys V Ballybricken/Bohermore at 1pm. (Venue to be decided)

Sun 13th Nov: County U14 Football Semi-Final Sean Finns V Pallasgreen (time & Venue to be decided)

BOXING NEWS

JOHNNY "THE BODY SHOT" HARTY IS BACK IN TOP FORM

Week 28th Oct

Last weekend saw a very busy weekend of boxing for the club as on Friday night we had the pleasure of hosting the St.Pauls club from Waterford, these are all top boxers from the East so our lads had to be in top form to compete with them and compete they did in 9 cracking fights.



JOHNNY "BODY SHOT" HARTY WINNER OF TWO FIGHTS OVER THE WEEKEND

Johnny Harty's fight first as it was fantastic display of skill, power and determination from the Askeaton young lad, he was boxing the very experienced 23yr old Jamie Quigley who's been boxing a long time, but right from the off Harty put the pressure on him landing some lovely body shots, but it was the left hook to the body that took its toll on Quigley as a minute into the round saw Johnny land a perfect shot and folded the man from St.Pauls but he got up and took his 8 count from referee Peter Williams but straight away Johnny was looking to put his man away and started to roll his shots in again and sure enough Johnny caught him again and down he went to take his 2nd 8 count, by now he was in some pain but wasn't giving in but was only a matter of time when Johnny would catch him again and by the end of the round he was down 2 more times, the bell sounded to end the round and the corner men from St.Pauls had seen enough so they wouldn't let there man out for the 2nd round so a great win for Harty who in this form will be a force this year.

Jason Harty was up against Andy McDonough in this boy 2 42kg contest and right from the off Harty was looking to land the big right hand a bit too much and McDonagh was clever enough to be able to counter this and with not enough head movement from Harty McDonagh was starting to land the cleaner shots, but in the last round saw Harty come out with all guns blazing but it wasn't enough to take the fight just losing on a majority decision. Next in was twin brother Jamie against Jordan Kennedy in this boy 2 44kg contest and again another cracker from both lads but it was the constant pressure from Harty that was proving too much for Kennedy as he was taking a lot of leather and after 3 rounds saw Harty take this on all 3 judges score-cards.

Reigning Irish champ Sean Egan against Martin McDonagh in this boy 3 66kg contest in a fight that just wasn't going Egan's way as he was falling short with his punches and getting caught on the counter by the lighting fast McDonagh, but not to be denied Egan kept the pressure on all the time trying different ways to catch his man but unfortunately at the end of 3 rds saw the St.Paul's man take this one.

Next was one of the fights of the night as Mike O'Dwyer took on Pat Collins in a 3rd cracker, from the start both lads went at each other landing some big left and right combinations and with either man not willing to take a backward step it was hell for leather for 3rds but it was Collins that was landing the cleaner shots and in the last rd saw Mike come out and give it his all and threw everything but the sink at Collins but wasn't enough and Collins took this one. Next was Newcastle west Man Terry O'Brien in the fight of the night as he took on Timmy Molloy in this boy 4 50kg contest and for 3rds neither man wanted to give in and when that happens you know its going to be a cracker, both lads never stopped punching and showed there fitness

and conditioning to be able to work as hard as they did and really got the crowd going as both lads were landing some lovely combo's both to head and body but it was in the last round that O'Brien showed his grit as he bit his gumbshield hard and never stopped putting the pressure on Molloy and it payed off as they Newcastle man took this on all 3 judges scorecards. Next was twin brother Francis to make it 2 wins for the Newcastle boys as he took on Bradley McDonald in this boy 4 54kg contest, not as lively as the fight before as both lads were cagey in what they were throwing so not to be caught on the counter but it was O'Brien's persistent jab that was the difference and it payed off in the end as he won this on all 3 scorecards, but its an old saying in boxing that a good jab will take you around the world whereas a good right hand will only take you around the corner.



STEPHEN CASEY ALSO WINNER OF TWO FIGHTS OVER THE WEEKEND

Next was the Croagh man Steven Casey against Michael McDonagh in this youth one 54kg contest and as Casey had been out injured for a while had to show his experience and skill in this one as his fitness isn't back to 100per cent yet and that he did as Casey has a great boxing brain and picks his shots very well and can take you out with either hand if the opportunity arises, but took his time taking his man apart with lovely shots to head and body and didn't need to put the pressure on his man as what he was doing was working well and took this one all 3 scorecards.

Last in on the night was Cian O'Shaughnessy against Glen Carroll from the St.Francis club in this youth 75kg contest and again Cian also boxed with his brain as if your able to out think your opponent you will out box him and that's just what he did landing some nice jabs and body shots but didn't have it all his own way as Carroll came out in the last round and put the pressure on but Cian held his own to take this one on a very close majority decision. So a great nights boxing was had and a big thanks to St.Pauls and St.Francis for making the trip to us.

Then the following night saw us make the trip to Ennis to take part in a very special tournament as it was there 50th anniversary and a great night it was. We travelled with 5 boxers in total and they gave there all, first in was Jamie Harty against reigning national champ Conor Doyle in this boy 2 42kg contest, it was always going to be tough for Harty as his 2nd fight in two nights but that's what they have to be able to do, but Harty just couldn't seem to get going and was getting caught on the counter every time he tried landing his shots and by the end of 3rds it went to Doyle. Next in Terry O'Brien in his 2nd fight also against Jamie Keane of Ennis in this boy 4 50kg but it wasn't the same Terry that was in the ring as the one the night before as his legs were planted to the canvas and couldn't get on his toes to land the punches so his fitness let him down on this one but came out in the last round and tried his best to try and score some points but it wasn't enough as Keane took this one. Next in again in his 2nd fight was Croagh man Steven Casey against Simon McDonagh in this youth 1 57kg contest in which saw both lads looking to win this big one as they have boxed each other a few times so know each others style's well but it was Casey that boxed to perfection in landing lovely 4/5 punch combo's and turning his man right away and McDonagh was getting frustrated trying to land something but Casey was just too quick on his feet and was able to slip anything the Ennis man was throwing so in the last round Casey

just stuck to the jab and moved around the ring very well making the Ennis man throwing everything but to no avail as Casey took the first win on the night for us. Next in was Body shot Harty against the big strong man from Limerick Dom McNamara in this intermediate 69kg contest and again with Harty in flying form from his stoppage win the night before nothing was going to deny the Askeaton man another win as he boxed brilliantly moving well around the ring and getting his feet planted on the canvas to land his 4/5 punch combo and moving out of range before the Limerick man could counter him and again Harty was landing the big left hook to the body but the Limerick man was able to soak it up well and was trying to land his own but Harty was able to slip his shots well and landing his own so at the end of 3rds Harty took his 2nd win of the weekend. Last in was Willie Harty against Lee Sherlock in this youth 2 60kg contest but it wasn't going well for Harty as the battle of the southpaws was going the Ennis mans way as Harty was eating big left hands over the top all night and just couldn't seem to get out of the way, and when Harty was trying to land his own the Ennis man was switching his feet and countering well making Harty miss so at the end of the contest it was a win for Sherlock.

Last but not least we would like to say a big thanks to Sue for all the catering on Friday night as she fed everyone after the tournament and as always it went down a treat and also a big thanks to all the lads that helped out on the night.

Week 4th Nov - On the Thursday night we made the journey with a total of 9 boxers taking on the might of the Shandon lads. First up was Jamie Harty against Liam Foley of Mayfield in this boy 2 42kg contest, right from the off Harty took the centre of the ring and made Foley do all the work trying to box his way in but Harty was too clever and was catching him with some lovely solid one two's and body shots as he came in, round 2 and 3 were much the same as Harty controlled the fight with some great jabs and left's and rights to the body and so taking all 3 scorecards at the final bell. Next in was twin brother Jason against Paddy McDonagh of the ST.John's club in Cork in this boy 2 44kg contest and again like his brother before him Jason took control with fast combinations to both head and body and kept the pressure on his opponent all the time not giving him a chance to box his fight so at the final bell it was 2 wins out of 2 for the Harty boys.

Next in was Tom Sweeney against Tom McCarthy from Mayfield in this boy 3 36kg contest, first round Sweeney was all over his man with his southpaw stance throwing fast one two's and moving well not letting his man counter him, but in the 2nd and 3rd round Sweeney was more into dancing rather than boxing and let his man back into the fight and it was no wonder at the final bell it was a win for the Cork man, it was Sweeney's fight but he left it in the ring so a good lesson learned. Next in was Terry O'Brien in his fourth fight in just over a week so great credit to the Newcastle West man for his commitment to his training/conditioning to be able to fight like this, but he was up against the very tough Patrick Doherty of the Brian Dillions club in this boy 4 48kg contest. It was a very tough 3rds with both boys landing some lovely combos to both head and body, but it was the Cork man that was landing the cleaner shots and scoring so at the end of the fight it was another win for the Cork lad. Next in the biggest robbery of the night as the man from Croagh Steven Casey took on reigning champion Hugie Brady from Riverstown in this youth 1 54kg contest and right from the off Casey was landing fast combos to head and body and then turning his man lovely to land another counter before Brady could plant his feet to land his own punches, but it wasn't all Casey's way as Brady landed a few of his own but it was Casey's sharper punches that dominated the fight right to the final bell and we were in no doubt it was a win for Casey but when the scores were read out it was the Cork man that was announced the winner even to the surprise of the Cork corner even they were full sure that Casey had won the fight but that's the way it goes and no point in complaining as it will not be over turned, but well done Steve as we know you won the fight. Next in was Willie Harty against 4 time all Ireland champion in Luke Thomas from the Watergrasshill club in

this youth 1 64kg contest, Willie started very well putting the pressure on Thomas with solid southpaw combos and backing his man up against the ropes and landing some lovely straight left hands and right hooks, but in the 2nd round Harty left Thomas back into the fight and was taking a lot of right hands, and a bit too many for the ref as Harty took a standing 8 count and same in the last round Harty was again letting Thomas dictate the fight and at the end it was a win for the Cork lad.

Next in was another very close contest as we thought out man Willie Harty had done enough against his cork opponent James McMahon from Loughmahon in this youth 2 78kg contest, Harty started off landing some lovely solid straight one/two's to the head and was moving well around the ring drawing his man on to his punches and was fainting his left hand and then landing well but was just a bit short with his uppercuts and hooks as the Cork man was rolling his shots well on the inside but at the final bell the Cork man was the victor. Next in was reigning champ Joe Sweeney against Paddy McCarthy from Brian Dillions in this youth 2 54kg contest, Joe started well when he was putting the pressure on his man land some very fast shots to head and body but as soon as he landed them he went on the backfoot doing more of the ail shuffle than punching and because of this found himself in defeat to his Cork counterpart at the end, and no doubt Joe knows the quality he has when he puts his punches together there's not many in Ireland that can trade with him so no doubt he will take a positive note from this loss. Last in was Johnny Harty against Mark Fitz from Riverstown in this intermediate 67kg contest, from the off Harty was trying to roll in his shots under his opponents jab but the Cork man was too clever for this and was landing the uppercut as Harty came in, so we changed tactics in the 2nd and Harty started coming in at angles and was catching his man with overhand rights but unfortunately for Harty it wasn't enough as the Cork man took this one at the end.

Then on Saturday night we were back in the k2c with four more boxers and first in was young lad Jamie Healy against Harry Buttimer from the k2c club in this exhibition bout and both young lads were enjoying this one as Buttimer was like a terrier putting the pressure on Healy but Jamie was moving well and catching him with the jab and hooks so at the end both lads were winners. Next in was Jesse Williams in her first ever fight against Mag Cullen from the k2c club in this girl 1 39kg contest, from the start Jesse was boxing very well putting pressure on the Cork girl and landing some nice one/two's but then started to back up to the ropes and let the Cork girl dominate the fight and unfortunately for Jesse it was a victory for the Cork girl, but another bit of a dislike we had about this contest was it was supposed to be both girls very first fight as it was Jesse's but it was not the same story for the Cork girl as she had clearly been boxing for a while but it will not faze young Jesse as no doubt she will be back better and stronger than ever, it was the same story in the next fight as Claire Kiely took on Amy Millward in what was supposed to be both girls first fight and same as before the Cork girl had clearly been boxing a while but Claire held her own and done her very best but it was another victory for Cork, well done girls. Last in was Terry O'Brien in his fourth contest in just over a week against James McCarthy from the k2c club in this boy 4 50kg contest, from the first bell O'Brien put the pressure on his man landing some lovely jabs and body shots and feinting well with the right hand was catching his man with lovely left's to the body but it wasn't all going one way as the Cork man was landing some good shots himself and at the end it was very unlucky for O'Brien that he hadn't his hand raised. This weekend see's us travel to Cork again Thursday night and to Fermoy on Friday night, more on this in next weeks notes.

Last but not least we would like to say a big congrats to the Rathkeale junior footballers for winning the county final on Sunday last and the very best of luck this Friday when they play in the Munster championships, keep it going lads.

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