

# 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.

**Important meeting regarding  
Community Involvement & Representation in RAPID  
at Rathkeale Community Council Monthly Meeting on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in the Community Hall @ 8pm.  
Community involvement essential, please come along.**

### Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Mick Hough ó Will Joe Woulfe  
John Wall ó Peter Donovan

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

Raffle:       b40   -     Betty Kerins  
              b20   -     Mai Wall  
              b10   -     Mary Lynch  
              b10   -     Betty Kerins  
              b10   -     Eileen Griffin

### Bridge Club Results

1<sup>st</sup>: Patricia Curtin ó Helen Mullane

2<sup>nd</sup>: Pat Neville ó Richard Langford

3<sup>rd</sup>: Birdie Duggan ó Eileen Fitzsimons

4<sup>th</sup>: Mary Curtin ó Ann Roche

## Rathkeale Tidy Town's

Rathkeale Tidy Town's Committee are planning to hold an area clean up in the forthcoming weeks.

Our aim is to tidy up a different area in Rathkeale each Saturday from 1pm to 3pm.

Gloves, bags and litter pickers will be provided on the day. We are looking for volunteers from the following areas (to begin with) to assist in the clean up.

- Castlematrix/Courtmatrix/Killaheen
- Kyletaun/ Holycross
- Ballingarry Road to Danahers Cross
- 5 Cross Roads to Abbeylands

If you are interested in volunteering just 2 hours of your time to help put Rathkeale back on track please contact Noel McNamara 087-6559566. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

### Community Games Choir U16

On Saturday last the choir went to Sixmilebridge to take part in the Munster Finals, and well done to the choir as they got gold for their hard work, and now they are off to the National Finals in Athlone on the last weekend in May. Well done to all the girls and boys with their managers.

Any managers interested in doing Child Protection Awareness Training can do so on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7pm to 9pm both nights in the Woodlands House Hotel. Please ring Fiona 086-1593996.

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# St. Mary's / Sean Finns GAA Club (Rathkeale)

## ***Victory Social, a night of celebration***

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March was a night to remember for members and supporters of Rathkeale GAA. Rathkeale House Hotel was the venue for the sell-out dinner dance with music provided by "Keep in Touch". The Minor 12-a-side Football Co. Champions of 2009 were cheered by the enthusiastic crowd as they took their seats, and then the Junior-B Hurling Champions were given an even bigger welcome. While the efficient staff served up fabulous tasty food, entertainment was provided by the slideshow of hundreds of action photos representing the club events of the last 12 months. Invited guests, Sean O'Ceallaigh, Liam O'Lionnachain and Rory Kiely along with our own Club officers and team managers, gave speeches. Medal presentations were then made to the following Minor Football team of 2009: Robert White, James O'Donnell, Michael Keating, Darren Jones, Richard Cunningham, Sean Sheahan, Sean White, Dean Maune, Eoghan O'Connor, Stephen Power, Derrick Dillon, Lee Tomlin, Adam Costelloe (Capt), Adrian Stackpoole, Jason Jones, Frank Geary and Eoin O'Donnell. Seamus Dollery, Barry O'Riordan and Pat Sheahan managed this team.

It was then the turn of the Junior-B Hurling panel of players to collect a remarkable 4 medals each- West Championship, Co. Championship, Munster and All-Ireland Runners-Up medals. The 27 players who were presented with this impressive array of medals were William Coffey, Timmy O'Connor, Gary Enright, Gerard Frawley, Patrick Sheahan, Sean O'Shea, Paul Hogan, Mark O'Sullivan, Damien Quaid, (Captain), Johnny Enright, Eoghan O'Connor, Sean Sheahan, Shane Hourigan, Kevin O'Shea, Brian Duggan, Patrick Enright, Keith Hartnett, Jack Coleman, James Connie O'Connor, Pdraig Jones, Michael O'Sullivan, John O'Connor, Brian Byrnes, Stephen Noonan, Robert White, Derry White and Robert Byrnes. Gerry Molyneaux and his head selector Pat O'Donnell were acknowledged for their massive role in the success of this great team. The next business of the night was the naming of individual award winners who were chosen by their team managers, who also presented them with their trophies. Minor Footballer of 2009 was named as Sean Sheahan while Gary Enright was named as U21 Footballer of 2009 and Johnny Mooney was given the title of Junior-A Footballer of 2009. The title of Minor-Hurler of 2009 was given to Eoghan O'Connor, U21 Hurler of 2009 was named as Paul Hogan while the prestigious title of Junior-B Hurler of 2009 was given to Pat Sheahan. Other eagerly awaited presentations were then announced. Club Person of 2009 was announced as the ever-efficient Anthony Frawley, while Pa Clancy was given a Hall of Fame Award. A new award of "Supporter of the year" was given to John Sheahan who showed his dedication as No. 1 supporter throughout the season, travelling from Waterford to cheer on the lads in match-after-match, month after month, through rain, hail and snow.

The level of support and goodwill shown by sponsors and supporters has to be seen to be believed. All associated with St. Mary's/Sean Finn's GAA club were joined together on Sat. night by a thread of friendship and hopefully these threads of unity will continue to strengthen as one playing season runs into another. Thanks to the committee who organised the victory dance and to the players, members and wider community who showed such appreciation for the teams who brought such pride to our community. Here's to the start of the new season. Who knows where it may lead us?

## **Weather wreaks havoc on early season fixtures**

The return to the wintry conditions late on Sunday night caused our Junior and U16 football games to be cancelled on Monday night. Mountcollins made the trip to Mick Neville Park on Monday evening for the opening game in the West Intermediate football championship, only for the referee to declare the pitch unplayable before throw-in. Meanwhile our U16 footballers travelled to Askeaton but they suffered the same fate with the referee declaring the pitch unplayable in Askeaton also. The sooner we get the Bog Garden re-opened the better as no doubt it would have been playable. Current plans are to open it in June. Grass growth has started again and we want to give it every chance before we start using it again.

## ***Fixtures***

**Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>:** West Junior A Football League.  
Sean Finns v Monagea in Mick Neville Park at 6.45pm.

**Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** West Minor Football Championship.  
St Senans v Sean Finns in Foynes at 6.45pm.

**Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>:** West Intermediate Football Championship (With extra time if necessary)  
Mountcollins v Sean Finns in Dromcollachair at 6.30pm.

**Mon April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Co U16 Football Championship  
Sean Finns V Drom/Broadford in Mick Neville at 6.45pm.

**Thurs April 8<sup>th</sup>:** West Junior Hurling League  
St Marys V Templeglantine in Templeglantine at 6.45pm

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> April:** West Minor Hurling Championship  
Mick Nevilles V Drom Broadford in either Croagh or Neville Park (TBD)

## **U21 Hurlers record opening win against Adare**

The 2010 season for the club began with a win for the Under 21 Hurlers as they played Adare on Saturday Mar 27<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm in Croagh. This team led by the newly named Captain Gary Enright were very pleased by the overall performance as were their management Gerry Molyneaux and Pat O'Donnell. After playing against the wind in the opening 30 minutes, the score at half-time showed St. Mary's 0:9 while Adare had 0:4. The second half was also exciting with the final score showing a very creditable score of 0:17 for St. Marys to the 0:09 scored by Adare. Shane Hourigan was in fine form through scoring 9 points in all including 4 from play. We believe that this is the first time in ages that we have had a team in the A-Grade at under-21 and for them to record a win in their opening game was a tremendous boost.

The winners of the three first round games now progress to the semi-finals while the losers will play off for the remaining semi-final spot. Our lads have earned a semi-final spot alongside Feenagh/Kilmeedy and Newcastlewest who recorded wins as follows: Feenagh/Kilmeedy 0-15, Knockaderry 0-08.

Newcastlewest 2-8, Granagh/Ballingarry 0-05.

In the losers group Adare now play Knockaderry on 5<sup>th</sup> April. The winners of this will play Granagh/Ballingarry on 20<sup>th</sup> April. The winners of this game will then make up the last semi-final spot. Semi-finals will be played on 30<sup>th</sup> April with the final to be played on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Junior Hurlers**

The West league will be commencing on 8<sup>th</sup> April with games against Templeglantine, Croagh/Kilfinny, Adare & Drom/Broadford in the pipeline.

Fixtures as follows:

Away V Templeglantine on 8<sup>th</sup> April at 6.45pm

Bye on 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Home V Croagh/Kilfinny on 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

Home V Adare on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

Away V Drom/Broadford on 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

The top two teams make the Final which is fixed for 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm.

## **Minor Hurlers – Mick Nevilles**

Our minor hurlers will play alongside their counterparts from Croagh/Kilfinny in an amalgamated team called Mick Nevilles. Fixtures as follows:

9<sup>th</sup> April - Home V Drom/Broadford

23<sup>rd</sup> April – Away V Allaughaun Gaels. – followed by exam break.

13<sup>th</sup> July – Bye

30<sup>th</sup> July – Home V Newcastlewest.

13<sup>th</sup> Aug – Away V St Colmans

A & B finals fixed for 27<sup>th</sup> Aug.

## **Congratulations**

**Heartiest Congratulations to Ian O'Sullivan** on his amazing achievement in winning gold in the world championships in South Africa in Shooting. What a thrill for the people of Rathkeale and for our Bord na nOg to have a world champion in our midst.

## **Junior Footballers**

Our Junior footballers were to open their season with an opening game against last year's county Junior football champions (Mountcollins) in the West Intermediate Football Championship on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March in Mick Neville Park at 6.15pm. However this game also fell victim to the weather and was cancelled just prior to the throw-in when the ref deemed the pitch un-playable due to flooding. The game has been re-fixed for next Sunday at 6.30pm in Dromcolligher.

**West League.** In the meantime, our juniors will play Monagea in the opening round of the West League this Thursday night in Neville Park at 6.45pm

Other games in the league are fixed as follows:

Away V Newcastlewest on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.15pm

Away V Drom/Broadford on 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15pm

**Semi-finals are fixed for 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Final for 1<sup>st</sup> June**

## **Minor Footballers**

Our minor footballers commence their campaign this Friday with an away game against St Senans in Foynes at 6.45pm in the West Championship.

Other games to come as follows

16<sup>th</sup> April – Bye – followed by a break for exams.

9<sup>th</sup> July - Home V Gerald Griffins

23<sup>rd</sup> July - Home V Cappagh

6<sup>th</sup> Aug - Away V Glin

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Semi-Finals

10<sup>th</sup> Sept - Final

## **Bord na nOg Training**

**Under 8 and Under 10 hurling** training will be on Mondays from 6.30-7.30pm. **Under 8 and Under 10 Football** will be on Fridays from 6pm-7pm.

**Under 12 Hurling** training on Mondays from 6pm-7pm while **Under 12's** will have **Football** training on Tuesdays from 6pm-7pm.

**Under 14 Hurling** training on Thursdays from 6.15-7.15pm

**Under 14 Football** will be on Wednesdays 7.15-8.15pm.

**Under 16 Hurling** Training will be on Wednesdays at 7pm-8pm while **Under 16 Football** training will be on Thursdays at 7pm-8pm.

## **Club Membership/Registration**

Last minute warning to all prospective players. Club membership & registration is about to close for the 2010 season. 31<sup>st</sup> March is the cut-off date. Membership rates are Adult €20, Under-18 €10, and Family €50. All players, officials, managers, selectors and supporters are asked to ensure that membership is paid and registration details given to the club registrar (Philip O'Donnell) or any club officer or your team manager as soon as possible. No player can be allowed to play or train unless his or her membership is paid. This is vital to ensure that all players are covered by the GAA player injury scheme. The new on-line registration system closes on 31<sup>st</sup> March so it is up to you as a player/mentor to make sure your details are registered on the system. You have been warned!!! Don't miss out.

