

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.

**Meeting regarding
Community Involvement & Representation in RAPID
on Tuesday 13th April 2010 in the Community Hall @ 8pm.
Community involvement essential, please come along.**

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1st Prize: John Dolan ó Sean McElligott
Betty Kerins ó Marie Wrenn
Tom Hogan - Billy O'Sullivan
John O'Shea ó Mike Robinson

Table Prizes: Irene Donovan - Eileen Griffin
Christy and Mary Lynch

Raffle: p40 - Maureen O'Shea
 p20 - Sean McElligott
 p10 - Nora Dore
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Raffle for Easter Eggs: Eileen Griffin
 Dan Donovan
 Con Donovan
 Helen Rice
 Mary O'Grady
 Willie Woulfe

Rathkeale Tidy Town's Spring Clean

Rathkeale Tidy Towns committee are beginning their area clean up project this Saturday 10th April from the Kyletaun, Holycross area up to the roundabout. We will meet at the Bog Garden and the clean up will last from 1p.m. until 3p.m. We are looking for volunteers from the parish but in particular from Kyletaun and Holycross. Gloves, bags and visibility vests will be provided on the day. Please contact Noel at 087 6559566 for further information.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Best wishes to Derek and Leanne Downes, Eurospar Rathkeale, who celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary recently.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best wish to Michelle Jones who celebrated her birthday on Saturday with family and friends.

BIRTH

Congratulations to Liam O'Flaherty and Tanya Jones on the birth of their baby girl, Anna, a sister for Aoife.

Bridge Club Results

1st: Mike and Noel Fitzgibbon

2nd: Angela Hanlon ó Kay Clarkin

3rd: Michael and Eileen Noonan

4th: Birdie Duggan ó Eileen Fitzsimons

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Rathkeale Recycling Centre

Recently there has been a spate of illegal dumping at the Rathkeale Recycling Centre, New Line. This recycling facility is for glass and clothing items only but in the past few weeks all sorts of rubbish has been dumped including general household waste, old paint cans, shower door and old electrical goods. This illegal dumping will no longer be tolerated.

The two security cameras in operation will be monitored weekly and an instant fine of €150 will be imposed on the guilty individual(s). A litter warden will now be patrolling the Rathkeale area regularly.

Rathkeale Art Centre

Sidhe Theatre Company are looking forward to visiting Rathkeale Arts Centre on Friday 14th May with their first production. They will perform 2 one act plays %tea Set+and %the Candidate+by Gina Moxely. This award winning playwright is also coming to Limerick to direct these two plays which will feature Maeve McGrath and Frances Healy. It promises to be a great night of theatre.

Rathkeale Maigne Flower and Garden Club

Maigne flower and garden club meeting
Wednesday 7th April at 8.30 p.m. in
Rathkeale House Hotel.

Floral Artist:- Margaret Walshe
Beginner:- Spring Breakfast
Intermediate:- Fit for a Bride
Growers:- 5 Tulips

St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society

The monthly meeting of Saint Joseph's Young Priest's Society will be held in St. Anne's convent, on Thursday 8th April at 8.00 p.m. This is the "Year of the Priests". We need to pray for vocations and our priests. Please join us in St. Anne's Convent Chapel, for 30 minutes Eucharistic Adoration, which will be followed by a brief meeting. New members welcome.

A benefit dance for the Limerick Association of London

Calling all Limerick people to support a benefit dance at Rathkeale House Hotel on Saturday April 17th at 10 p.m. Music will be by the ever popular Eddie Lee and Catriona. Come along and show your appreciation for the work of Limerick people for Limerick people. Details 068 48353 or check www.irishramblinghouse.com

Active Retirement Association

The meeting to set up a branch of the Active Retirement Association, which had to be postponed recently, has been refixed for Tuesday April 13th at 3.00 p.m. in Rathkeale House Hotel. All are welcome and the more the merrier.

Save Africa

Pat Bouchier Hayes wishes to thank all who contributed to the collection recently held at the Church gate in Rathkeale on behalf of the "Save Africa" fund and which amounted to €750.

The "Save Africa" fund is managed by I.F.A., I.C.M.S.A. and I.C.A. and all monies go to help the rural poor of Africa.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Rathkeale Boys to Represent Limerick in U11 Project in the National Finals

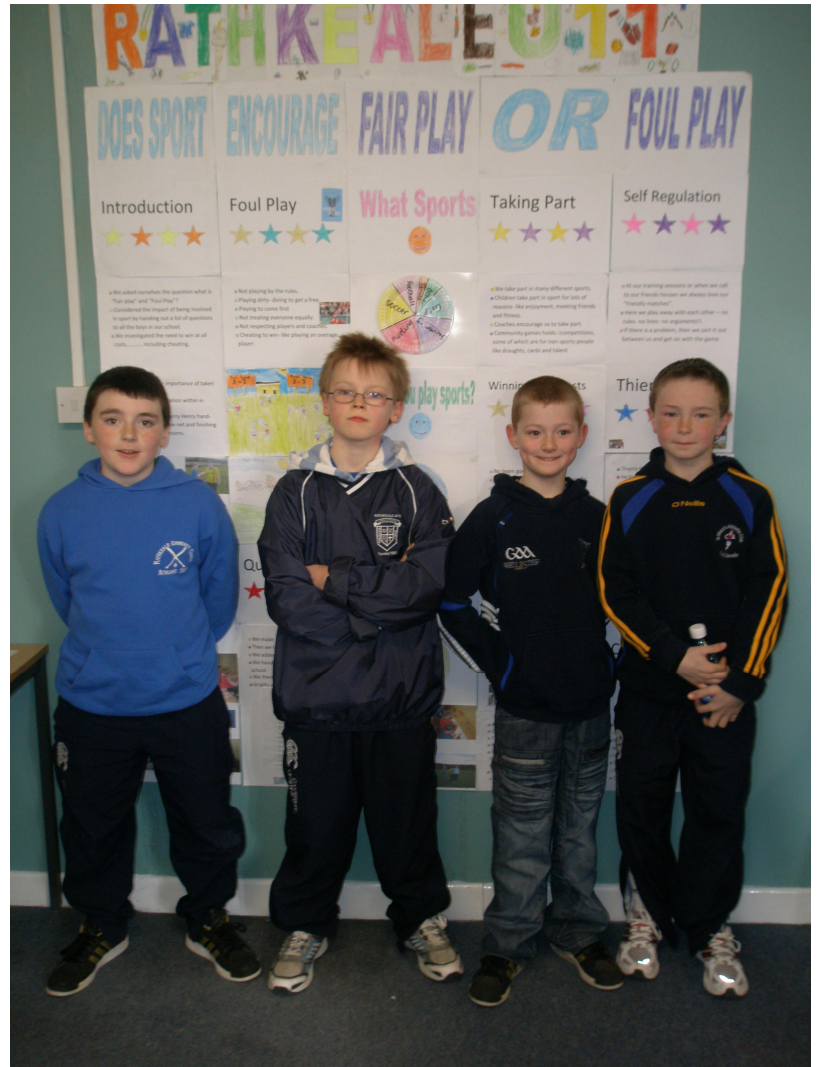
We are four boys from Rathkeale who will represent County Limerick in the Under 11 Project at the National Finals of the Community Games in Athlone this May. Our names are Jack Fahy, Mark White, Barry Coleman and Sean Malone and the project we are doing is called "Does Sport Encourage Fair Play or Foul Play?" As a part of the project we looked at what is fair play and foul play. We considered the impact of being involved in sport. We did this by handing out questions to all the boys in our school. We investigated the need to win at all costs including cheating. We looked at the importance of taking part in sport for all members of our community including the Special Olympics which will take place in Limerick this June. We checked out what is meant by self regulation within sport, like kicking about the ball with your friends no referees just us. We examined Thierry Henry's hand passing of the ball and the finishing Ireland's work cup dreams.

We interviewed sporting people in our community such as Shane Hourigan our local GAA referee, Patrick Sheahan member of our Munster Junior B Hurling Champions

Team who also trains us in hurling at school every Friday, our teacher and Limerick County football player Tommy Stack, Keith Hartnett who is on the International Junior Football team and our soccer coach, Joe Williams of the local boxing club, Tara Coleman, Barry's sister who is an all Ireland champion at running and Órla Fahy, Jack's sister who will represent Limerick in the Community Games in August at under 8 swimming freestyle.

We wrote to all the local clubs including GAA, soccer, athletics, boxing and community games wondering if their club would think about giving a Fair Play Award at their Awards Night. We think that it would be really important to give a prize like this to the person who shows fair play when taking part in either training or events.

After all the work we put into the project we think that fair play is best, foul play and cheating do not pay. Cheats will always be found out no matter what. Sport is fun and good for you. The newspapers and TV love foul play as it sells papers and gets more people watching. The GAA have introduced a system for giving points for fair play in the National Football League this is known as the Fair Play Index, Limerick have the most points for fair play. As the Community Games Pledge says; we will take part in the games in a friendly rivalry and be honest and that we won't aim for victory at any price, we will unite our community in a friendly sporting competition, competing fairly and honestly and attempt to make Rathkeale a happier place to live.



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

West Junior Football League - Fools Day encounter with Monagea

Sean Finns played Monagea in Mick Neville Park on Thursday night 1st April in the opening round of the West Junior Football league. On the night, the Rathkeale side eventually ran out winners on a final scoreline of **Sean Finns 2-09, Monagea 0-05**. Davy Dillane of Mountcollins was the referee. Starting with four minors and five U21 players, our fitness and pace were the main differences between the sides. Score at half-time was 1-06 to 0-02, the goal coming when Eoghan O'Connor, playing at centre-forward, finished off a fluid passing movement involving 5 different players. The second half saw another goal from corner forward Stephen Power who drove an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net after being put through by a long ball from Damien Quaid playing at centre back. Overall this was a good opener for the Deelsiders and the management team of Mike Barrett, Pat Neville, and Gus Ryan will be pleased enough with the display. That's not to say that there isn't room for improvement, numerous passes went astray especially in the second half, and overall work-rate both will need to improve if the boys-in-blue are to make an impact this season. Team & Scorers: A. Supple, B. Duggan, B. Nolan, G. Frawley, S. O'Shea, D. Quaid, M. Keating, M. O'Sullivan (0-1), J. Markham (0-2), P. Sheahan, E. O'Connor (1-04), R. Byrnes, S. Sheahan (0-1), B. O'Riordan, S. Power (1-0). Subs: S. White (for M. Keating at half-time), T. O'Connor (for S. Sheahan 40 mins), D. Maune (for R. Byrnes 45 mins), S. Hourigan (for S. Power 45 mins), A. O'Shea, R. White. Round 2 of the league will see us away to Newcastle West on 22nd April.

Junior Football West Intermediate Championship

Our junior footballers were knocked out of the West Intermediate Football championship when we were well beaten by a polished Mountcollins team on Saturday night. Played in Mountcollins, we were minus a lot of potential starters, who were missing due to injury and work commitments. Nonetheless we gave a good account of ourselves particularly in the second half where we showed admirable commitment and tenacity to out-score the opposition. The half-time score was 4-07 to 1-01 and we were eventually beaten 5-11 to 3-05. Team management were justifiably disappointed at the late withdrawals from the team on Saturday evening as they had hoped to use this game against the County Junior champions as a barometer to where we stood at the present. These plans were somewhat upset by the late withdrawals. Team & Scorers Niall Ryan, Brian Duggan, Gary Enright, Ger Frawley, Ian O'Donoghue, Patrick Sheahan, Mike Keating, Trevor Nolan, Johnny Markham (1-2), Stephen Power, Mark O'Sullivan(0-3), Jack Coleman, Sean Sheahan, Dean Maune(1-0), Timmy O'Connor(1-0)

Good opening Round win for Minor Footballers

Our minor footballers, under the guidance of Donal O'Donovan, Damien Wilmott & Robert White recorded an impressive opening round win over St Senan's in Foynes last Friday night. They led by 2-09 to 0-2 at half time before eventually running out easy winners on a final scoreline of 3-14 to 1-06. The team & scorers were as follows: Adrian Stackpoole, Frank Geary, Richard Cunningham, James O'Donnell, Derek Dillon, Mike Keating, Eoghan O'Donnell (1-1), Sean White (1-1), Sean Sheahan (0-1), Conor Lyons, Stephen Power (0-5), Darren Jones (0-2), Martin Roche (1-1), Anthony Supple (0-3), Paul White. Subs: Paul Sheehan, Patrick Wilmott, Steve O'Reilly and Emmet Walsh. We have a bye in the next round of this competition so our next competitive game will be in Round Three against Gerald Griffins on 9th July (after the exam break). Round Four sees us at home to Cappagh (23/7/10) while in Round Five we play away to Glin on 6/8/10.

Under 16 Football

Our Under-16 Footballers were to play Drom/Broadford in Neville Park at 6.45pm on Bank Holiday Monday 5th April. This game was postponed and players will be informed of the new date.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Eoghan O'Connor who made his debut with the Limerick Senior Football Squad in Cusack Park in Ennis on Holy Saturday when he came on as a sub wearing 27, half-way through the first half. This is a great honour for our club and no doubt but we will have more players wearing the green jersey before too long. For the record Mickey-Ned's Limerick team won the game with 0:14 to Clare's 2:07 with Eoghan's contribution of three points being especially noteworthy.

Junior Hurlers

The West league will be commencing on this Thursday 8th April with our first game against Templeglantine away at 6.45pm. We have a bye on 22nd April and then play Croagh/Kilfinny on 6th May at 7.30pm at home. Other games will be against Adare on 13th May at 7.30pm at home, and then we play an away game against Drom/Broadford on 27th May at 7.30pm. The top two teams make the Final, which is fixed for 1st June at 7.30pm.

Minor Hurlers – Mick Neville's

Our minor hurlers will play alongside their counterparts from Croagh/Kilfinny in an amalgamated team called Mick Neville's. We play Drom/Broadford this Friday night (9-April) in Croagh. Best of luck to the team under the guidance of James O'Connor from Rathkeale and Tom Quaid of Croagh.

Fixtures

Thurs April 8th:

West Junior Hurling League: St Mary's V Templeglantine in Templeglantine at 6.45pm

Fri April 9th:

West Minor Hurling Championship: Mick Neville's V Drom Broadford in Croagh at 6.45pm.

Meeting for Under 12 Coaches

A special meeting of Under 12 lead coaches / club secretaries will be held in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare on tomorrow Thursday April 8th at 9pm. There will be a short presentation on the changes to the leagues this year after which the Games Development Administrators will meet in small groups with the Clubs in their respective league groups with a view to deciding on which day those Clubs would prefer to play their games. These fixtures have been made for Thursday nights but we appreciate that many groups would prefer these games played on Saturdays. It is important to note that fixtures must be played on the day that is agreed by the Clubs. Any changes to a fixture must be agreed with the Group co-ordinator / full-time person in charge of the group before 5pm on the Monday preceding the fixture. A fixture not played on the Thursday of any week has to be re-fixed for the Saturday of that same week at the latest.

GO-Games Referee Training

A Go Games referee workshop will take place for all Under 8 and Under 10 club coaches at Monaleen GAA Club on this Thursday April 8th at 18.45 to 20.15. This course is aimed at club coaches who will be refereeing in the Under 8 and Under 10 cluster blitzes 2010. *Please note that a comprehensive review of Go-Games rules in Limerick has been undertaken and some changes will be in force this year.* These revised rules will encompass the original Go-Games principles, however have been tightened up and will clarify previously identified misconceptions about U8 First Touch and in particular U10 Quick Touch Hurling & Football.

Souvenir Hurleys

The club currently have a nice souvenir of our 2009 Hurling Season on sale. The miniature ornamental hurley depicts a team photo of the Munster Junior-B Champions on the base and a full list of players on the handle. It is on sale for only €30 and would make a very nice souvenir for anybody interested. Contact Pat Sheahan 086-8835425 if interested in purchasing one of these attractive mementos.

Bord Na nOg Training Schedule

Under 8 & Under 10 hurling training: Mondays from 6.30-7.30pm.
Under 8 & Under 10 Football on Fridays from 6pm-7pm.
Under 12 Hurling training: Mondays from 6pm-7pm.
Under 12's Football training: Tuesdays from 6pm-7pm.
Under 14 Hurling training: Thursdays 6.15-7.15pm
Under 14 Football training: Wednesdays 7.15-8.15pm.
Under 16 Hurling Training: Wednesdays at 7pm-8pm.
Under 16 Football training: Thursdays at 7pm-8pm.

Vhi GAA Cúl Camps

Vhi GAA Cúl Camps provide boys and girls, between the ages of 7 and 13, with an action-packed and fun-filled week of activity during the summer holidays, which revolves around maximising enjoyment and sustaining participant involvement in Gaelic Games. The Rathkeale Cúl Camp will take place from 19th to 23rd July and will cost €55 for one child with a discount in the cost for extra children from the same family. Application forms can be had from Tom Keating. Further details later.

“Your Country, Your Call”

Competition with €100,000 in prizes

This national competition is designed to find two major proposals that, when implemented, will transform our economy – or significant elements of it – by creating jobs and opportunity. The competition, therefore, has two phases. Phase 1 is to find winning proposals and Phase 2 is all about implementation.

Phase One

So that the Judges can decide in Phase 1 whether a proposal wins or not they have to be able to understand clearly what the proposal is all about. The Judges will be looking specifically for:

1. The degree of fresh thinking and creativity that has been applied in building the proposal.
2. The scale of what is being proposed – does it have the possibility of generating significant employment opportunities?
3. A convincing case for implementation – do we have the resources (financial, human, technical, infrastructural....) – or could we get them? what barriers need to be overcome? how long is implementation likely to take?

Addressing these areas comprehensively -and better than anyone else -is what it takes to win one of the two €100,000 prizes. Proposals might involve new models for doing business or delivering services, or they may identify a completely new industry, type of business or service, or a new way of developing or expanding an existing industry, business or service.

Phase Two

Implementation will commence before the end of the year 2010. Winning proposals may require legislative, administrative or procedural change before implementation can be effected. This will be part of the task of the implementation phase of the competition. The Promoters of the competition will have the services of a pro-bono professional advisory group, including representatives from key government departments, and up to €1 million of a development fund to implement the two winning proposals i.e. €500,000 each. This competition is not about creating new products. It's about creating something that will have a long-term positive impact on the Irish economy. “Your Country, Your Call” is all about Ireland. It's about helping to create sustainable employment and prosperity, whilst at the same time generating hope, confidence, and positive thinking. Your Country, Your Call is open for proposals. Visit the website www.yourcountryyourcall.com. Get thinking, talking, and proposing!