

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 Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1 st Prize:	Vinnie Wrenn -	Joan Fitzgibbon
2 nd Prize:	Mai Wall -	Nancy Danaher
	Pauline Kerins -	John Danaher
	Mike Robinson -	John O'Shea
	Eileen Griffin -	Irene Donovan
Table Prizes:	Tom Hogan -	Billy O'Sullivan
	Betty Kerins -	Marie Wrenn
Raffle:	€40 -	Marie Wrenn
	€20 -	Christy Lynch
	€10 -	Marie Wrenn
	€10 -	Marie Wrenn
	€10 -	Mick Hough

Rathkeale Tidy Town's Spring Clean

Rathkeale Tidy Towns area clean-up this Saturday 17th April meeting at the Fire Station at 1 o'clock. This week we intend to clean up from the Fire Station out to the 5 Cross Roads. Volunteers needed for 2 hours. Contact Noel at 087-6559566

Rathkeale Recycling Centre

For those who do not realise it, there are cameras focused on the Re-cycling centre, New line and all the activity is filmed. So if anybody is dumping things there, that they should not, it is all on camera, including all those doing the dumping – a fine of €150 is automatic and if not paid, will be followed by a court appearance.

Graveyard Committee

The next meeting of the Graveyard Committee will take place at 7pm on Monday 19th April at the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best wishes to Rosie Hogg, Rosemount, who celebrated the "Big 40" birthday with family and friends in O'Sullivan's Bar on Saturday night last.

Choir

Just to clear a point, it was the folk choir that disbanded for awhile not the Senior Choir. Thankfully the folk choir have re-united and are back singing at 11.30 a.m. mass on Sundays.

A Story and a Song

A Story and a Song's guest next Saturday is Noirin Ni Riain with presenter Pat O'Donovan. This programme has gone from strength to strength, week by week.

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to Patsy, Mike, Margaret, Breda, Mary, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends on the death of Joe McCann, Church Street, recently. Sincere sympathy is extended to Aoife Kiely, Padraig Doherty and their son James on the death of Aoife's grandmother Mary Kiely in Dungarvan, recently. May they rest in peace.

BIRTH

Congratulations to Jason and Denise Burke on the birth of their son Cillian, a brother for Aaron.

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.

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St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society

A vigil of prayer for vocations will be held in St. Nessian's Church, Raheen, Limerick, on Sunday 24th April. The vigil will commence with mass, 7.30 p.m. Saturday 24th April and will conclude with Benediction at 10.30 p.m. You are invited to participate in the vigil for all or any part of the 3 hour session.

REMINDER: A benefit dance for the Limerick Association of London

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 10.00 p.m. Music will be by the ever popular Eddie Lee & Catriona. Come along and show your appreciation for the work of Limerick people for Limerick people. Details 068 48353 or check www.irishramblinghouse.com

Athletics

St. Mary's A.C. Rathkeale

All Ireland Success

Well done to our girls under 13 relay team who were crowned All Ireland Indoor Champions on Sunday last the 11th April, 2010 in the 4 X 100 meter relay in the Indoor Track in Nenagh.

Team: Eadaoin Lyons, Tara Coleman, Sarah Enright and Maeve Power. Other panel members were Rachael Lynch and Chloe Mullins.

Dates for your Dairy

Sunday 18th April 2010 Leevale Open Sports Cork I.T. 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 8th May 2010 Limerick Track and Field Championships in U.L. 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 6th June and 13th June Munster Juvenile under nine to eleven Team Competition and under fourteen and fifteen Track and Field Championships, Castleisland, Co. Kerry.

Saturday 19th June and Sunday 20th June Munster Juvenile under Twelve and Thirteen and under Sixteen to Nineteen Track and Field Championships Cork I.T.

Thank You

The Club would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to our Church Gate collection last week-end. Also thanks to the parents who helped out at collection.

Training

Training resumes on next Thursday 15th April in Rathkeale Soccer Field at 7.00 p.m. There will be no training on Sunday next the 18th April, 2010.

County Limerick Sports Partnership Child Protection in Sport Awareness Training (Code of Ethics).

Please see link for further details: <http://www.cllsp.ie/childProtectionSport1Thur10.asp>

Dates: Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th April 2010

Venue: Woodlands Hotel, Adare

Time: 7:00pm . 9:00pm

Cost: " 20 per person

Booking Essential

Places are restricted to 16 per course. On completion of the course you are certified and registered with the Irish Sports Council as having completed the training.

Please contact Kathleen at 061-496463 or email infosports@limerickcoco.ie to book a place(s).

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

Mick Nevilles make impressive start in Minor Hurling

Mick Nevilles (combination of St Mary's/Sean Finns & Croagh/Kilfinny) easily accounted for Drom/Broadford in the opening round of the West Limerick minor Hurling Championship in Croagh last Friday night. Ard Scoil Ris stalwart, Brendan O'Connor (Croagh), who was playing as a target man at full forward, was the main difference between the two sides accounting for 3-05 from the sides total of 4-16. Brendan was ably assisted by Sean Sheahan (Rathkeale) who got 1-04 and Darren Jones (Rathkeale) who scored 0-06. Mick Nevilles led by 3-07 to 1-07 at half-time before eventually running out winners on a final score of 4-16 to 2-11. **Team and scorers.** Anthony Supple, James Chawke, Michael Keating, Adrian Stackpoole, Rory Flaherty, Stephen Foley, Richard Cunningham, Barry Quaid(0-01), Dave Mooney, Michael White, Sean Sheahan(1-04), Darren Jones(0-06), John Casey, Brendan O'Connor(3-05), Niall Flaherty. Subs: Brian Hannon, Eoin O'Donnell, Paul Sheehan, John Wall, Colin Barry, Steve O'Reilly, Patrick Cunningham, Padraic O'Gorman, Evan Lenihan, Emmet Walsh. The management duo of Tom Quaid & James O'Connor were happy enough with both the outcome & performance, particularly as it was the first game for these lads playing together. Training continues and the next game for the combination will be away against another combination team, Allaughaun Gaels (Tour & Templeglantine), on 23-April. The competition then goes into it's exam break with 2 further games in the pipeline in July/August, namely Newcastlewest on 30-July and St Colmans (St Kierans & Askeaton combination) on 13- Aug). The top 2 teams in the group play in the West A-final while the 3rd & 4th placed teams play in the B-Final. So all still to play for as the saying goes.

West Junior Hurling League - 2 point defeat in opening round

St Marys tested defeat in their first game in the Junior-A grade against Templeglantine last Thursday night. Played in Templeglantine on a fine evening we were 1-03 to no score down after 10 minutes before rallying with a brace of goals to leave it 2-01 to 1-06 at half time. The second half was a tighter affair and we eventually drew level 2-11 to 1-14 only for Templeglantine to finish stronger and run out 2 point winners on a final score of 1-17 to 2-12.

Team and scorers: William Coffey, Stephen Noonan, Gary Enright, Brian Byrnes, Declan Doherty, Sean O Shea, Jack Coleman, Shane Hourigan, Ger Frawley(0-1), Brian Duggan, John O'Connor, Mike O'Sullivan, Kevin O'Shea(1-0), Pat Gilbourne(1-0), Padraic Jones. Subs: Patrick Enright(for J O'Connor)(0-4), Mark O'Sullivan(for S Hourigan)(0-7), Tim O'Connor(for S Noonan), Sean Sheahan(for J Coleman) all at half time, John Enright(for P Jones 45 mins). Despite the defeat, management was reasonably satisfied with the showing; particularly as we were missing a good few stalwarts from last years campaign due to injury/work commitments. It was particularly good to see Pat Gilbourne & Declan Doherty back in the jersey again after a few years lay-off. Both showed good touches and should have something to offer as the season progresses. We have a bye in the next round of the league so our next game will be against Croagh Kilfinny on 6-May and Adare on 13-May and finally Drom/Broadford on 27-May. With only top 2 teams qualifying for the final, the loss against Templeglantine puts us on the back-foot already in terms of qualification.

Under 10 Hurling

On Friday evening last our Under 10 hurling panel traveled to Kildimo to partake in a hurling blitz. We were playing against Kildimo and Na Piarasigh (who had two teams). Our first game was against Na Piarasigh Team A. Our players were really up against a very strong skillful side and our team put in a solid display from start to finish. We defended well and were it not for some super saves from their custodian we would have had a different result. Our second game was against Kildimo. During this match we made some positional switches and again every player gave a 100% effort. After a super exciting contest, where our lads played to the best of their ability, we conceded some scores to a very strong, determined Kildimo side. Our third game was against Na Piarasigh Team B and this was another great contest. After a super effort our lads banged in some great scores. Our players played out of their skins and with large vocal support from our loyal followers, we got better as the light faded fast. The panel of players who played so well was as follows: Emma Dalton, Niall O'Shea, Jack Fahy, Eoin Sheahan, Colin Fitzgerald, Michael Mulcahy, Danny Dunne and Paudie Mulcaire. (Cont'd...)

(...Cont'd) Many thanks to Kildimo GAA for the efficient way they organized and ran this blitz and for the refreshments for the players afterwards. Thanks also to the parents and supporters who traveled with our players and gave us such great support. Training continues every Monday night at 6.30pm in Mick Neville Park for Under 8's and Under 10's.

Best Wishes to Limerick Minor Footballers

Best wishes to Sean White who has been named on the Limerick Minor Football squad for their opening game against Waterford in the Munster Championship. The game takes place this Wednesday 14th April in Kilmallock at 6.30pm. It would be great to see a large Rathkeale support in Kilmallock this Wednesday evening.

Fixtures

Thurs 15thApr: U12 Football Away V Mountcollins @6:45
Fri 16thApr: U10 Football blitz in Mick Neville @6:30
Mon 19thApr: U16 hurling Away V Askeaton
Wed 21stApr: U14 hurling (ACHL) V Drom Broadford in Mick Neville @ 7:00
Thurs 22ndApr: Junior-A Football league Away V NCW at

Limerick GAA Development Draw

The April draw took place last Friday (9th April) in Fr Caseys GAA club house in Abbeyfeale. Unfortunately, we had no winners on the night. The first prize €18,000 went to Maurice Fitzgerald of Athea GAA club. The May draw takes place in the Central Bar, Bruree on Fri 7th May.

Well done to Limerick Senior Footballers

Congrats to Eoghan O'Connor and Damien Quaid and all who are both part of Micky-Ned's Limerick Senior Football squad who had a successful outing against Leitrim on Sun. 11th April in the Gaelic Grounds. This team has earned promotion to Division 3 for next year and a place in the Division 4 Final at the end of April. The Div-4 Final takes place in Croke Park on Sat 24th April at 5pm. Again, it would be good to see a large Rathkeale support for Eoghan & Damien in Croke Park in 2 weeks time.

Under-16 Football

Our under 16 footballers got their campaign off to a good start with a fine away win over Askeaton last Thursday. Final score Sean Finns 1-17, Askeaton 0-04.

Under-16 Hurling

Meanwhile our Under-16 hurlers also got their season off to a fine start with a win over Tournafulla in Div-2 of the County league/championship. Final score St Marys 5-06, Tournafulla 2-09.

VHI GAA Cúl Camps

The VHI Cul 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 Cul Camp will take place from 19th to 23rd July and will cost 55 euro 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

St. Mary's Under 10 Hurlers at Kildimo Blitz on 9th April 2010

Back: Emma Dalton, Jack Fahy, Colin Fitzgerald, Paudie Mulcaire & Niall O'Shea.

Front: Michael Mulcahy, Eoin Sheahan & Danny Dunne.



Baby & Toddler Music Group



Calling all you Bouncing Babies &
Toe-tapping toddlers
(prancing parents, grooving grandparents &
chirpy childminders!)

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Taught by a qualified primary & Early Years
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Suitable for children aged 4 months to 3
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To enroll for a FREE taster session

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Nantenane and Rathkeale". I only became aware of the link between Abbeylands and West Gortroe recently and was unaware of it at the time I had access to the Inquisitions I have quoted from above. In the Tithe Applotment Books the area designated Abbeylands and West Gortroe had in excess of 200 Acres, so it was not simply an alternative name to Abbeylands. It may be that the land farmed by Edmond Myller which is referred to above was given this name, but there is no evidence to confirm that. To date I have only two pieces of evidence as to the area covered by this unit. The first of these is the including in the list of land holders in the Tithe Applotment Book of Paris Anderson, who some years previously in the Church of Ireland Vestry Book for Rathkeale is listed as living in Ballywilliam (though he may of course have moved in that period). The second is the listing as the location of the Workhouse (today the AIBP factory) National School as being in West Gortroe.

HISTORY OF ABBEYLANDS - PART 6

By Patrick Coleman

If the Inquisitions in the reign of Elizabeth were about establishing the ownership of land of those who had participated in the Desmond rebellion, those of the reign of James I of England were to see what had happened with the land following its transfer into new ownership. Much of the land around Rathkeale and Kilfinny was awarded to Sir Henry Billingsley in the Munster Plantation. He had decided to centre his estate on Kilfinny which he had re-named Knockbillingsly. While he appears to have had ambitious plans and there is some suggestion that he did settle English people on his estate, he was to sell the estate onto Sir John Dowdall (probably at the time of the nine years war, also known as the O'Neill rebellion). Dowdall was in possession of the estate at the time of the next Inquisition I quote from, which informs us:

"that the abbey of Rakeile with other lands containing to 360 acres, granted in lease for 40 years yet unexpired to Edmond Myller by lease of 11 April [year not given] and now in his possession has a dwelling house erected thereon".

I am not aware of where Myller may have erected his dwelling.

During the period George Webb served as Bishop of Limerick for the Established (Anglican) Church, he attempted to regain control of the lands that were previously in Church hands and were now in secular ownership. Among the land he made claim to at the time was:

"A parcell of land called Dromranagh containing X Acr. pcell of ye Monasterie of Rakeele."

This appears to refer to the Priory lands held in Ardagh. No mention is made of the Abbey itself and at this time I have been unable to locate any reference to the lands held in Nantenane Parish.

As he had no son Sir John Dowdall divided his land between three daughters, one of whom Lady Anne acquired the Billingsley Lands, which continued to be centred on Kilfinny. Some years ago the historical society did a walking tour of Kilfinny including the local graveyard. On that occasion we found a headstone in a shattered condition but still legible which gave the background and history of this woman. I speak from memory, but what is clear to me is that her mother was a Southwell as was her first husband - John Southwell. He died attempting to put down the rebellion of 1641. She was left to defend Kilfinny Castle, which she heroically did during four successive sieges. She only surrendered when artillery was brought from Limerick with which to bombard the castle. Her second husband was William Piggott and it is he who we find to be the proprietor of Abbeylands at the time of the Civil Survey in the 1640's. This is the survey conducted by the Cromwellian administration following Cromwells conquest of the country. This is also the first time that the country was successfully mapped. Both the survey and the mapping were conducted by an extremely talented Cromwellian supporter, Sir William Petty.

The survey records that the proprietor of Abbeylands was: "The said Lt Collonell Wm. Piggott in right of Ann his wife"

Denomination of lands with their meetes and bounds: "The halfe plowland of the Abby: An Abby thereon with three fayres in ye yeare and a Marckett once a weeke and several tenements in ye towne of Rathkeyle meering on the East and South with Ballywilliam on ye West and North with ye towne and lands of Rathkeyle."

Number of acres by estimation:		00060
Lands profitable & their quantitie:	Arable	00030
	Pasture	00020
	Meddow	00010
Lands unprofitable & waste:		
Value of the whole in 1640:		0060:00:00

In the Tithe Applotment books of the 1820's Abbeylands is listed with West Gortroe. In "Grants of Land under the Acts of Settlement and Explanation (1660-1684)" published by Begley on Vol. II pages 516 to 536, a townland of West Gortroe is included as having been granted to M. Herbert, O. Lambert and Brooke Bridges. These three gentlemen are also listed as having received a grant of Rathkeale townland while Lambert and Brookes are also recorded as having received grants of "Knockbanevord [Knockawad perhaps] and the Common of three parishes Croogh,
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