

# 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<sup>st</sup> Prize: Denis O'Keeffe ó Maureen O'Shea

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Sean McElliot ó John Dolan  
Christy Lynch ó Willie Keating

Table Prizes: Mary Barrett ó Nora Dore  
John Mulvihill ó Jack Higgins

Raffle: p40 - Willie Keating  
p20 - John O'Shea  
p10 - Mary Lynch  
p10 - Pauline Kerins  
p10 - Irene Donovan

### Rathkeale Pastoral Council

The Annual Corpus Christi procession will take place after 7.30pm Mass on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010 (weather permitting).

We are inviting your Club/Organisation to take part in this Parish event. If those of you attending could wear your club colours, it would be appreciated. Please assemble outside the Church on the Thomas Street side. The route this year is down Thomas Street, up Main Street, down Bank Place, to Ballywilliam, into Colaiste Na Trocaire, where we will have Benediction. We would appreciate if homes and businesses on the route would decorate their premises for the occasion.

We would also like as many as possible to take part in the Procession.

Thanking you,  
Rathkeale Pastoral Council.

### Wedding Anniversary

Best wishes to Michael and Kathleen Byrnes who celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary last

## IMPORTANT

### HAVE YOU BEEN INCLUDED?

By now all Voluntary Groups and Anti-Poverty Groups should have received a mailing from the Community Council inviting two representatives of their Group/Organisation to attend a meeting regarding the set-up of the Community Forum for RAPID. The Community Forum is not the Community Council. The Community Forum will consist of 21 people/seats, which will be made up of people from every sector of the Community. The Community Council was asked to contact the Voluntary Groups and Anti-Poverty Groups. The County Council will contact the Local Employers and Farmers, and the general public that are eligible to vote in the Rathkeale RAPID Area.

Please ensure your involvement by ensuring:

- Your group/organisation is represented at the meeting for the set-up.
- You are on the Register of Electors

For further information or to express interest in participation please contact:

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### BIRTH

Congratulations to Mary (Costello) and Gerry Creagh on the birth of their daughter Katie.

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes to Kevin Barry who celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday last, with family and friends in Mann's Hotel.

Best wishes to Vincent O'Grady who celebrated his birthday with family and friends in O'Sullivan's Bar last Saturday night.

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

## Disappointing Championship Performance by Junior Hurlers

St Mary's had a baptism of fire in their opening game in the Junior-A Hurling Championship on Friday night in Newcastle West. Croagh/Kilfinny provided the opposition and dominated throughout the game. We never seemed to get going at all throughout the game and showed the opposition way too much respect throughout. The concession of a few early goals knocked the stuffing out of our lads and heads began to hang after 20 minutes. The full-time score of 4-20 to 1-06 speaks volumes in itself about the game.

However all is not lost. and with a 6 week lead-in to the next championship outing, if the panel can re-focus a quarter final spot is not beyond them. Now that exam pressures have eased for the majority of players, more attention needs to be given to hurling and we can be better prepared for our next game.

## West Junior Hurling League

Our next league outing is away against Drom/Broadford on Sun. next 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

## U12 Hurling

St. Mary's Under 12's played Granagh/Ballingarry in Ballingarry on Thursday night 20<sup>th</sup> May. The opposition got off to the better start and led at half time 1:2 to 0:2. Our Lads upped their game and played much better in the 2nd half. The final score showed St. Mary's with 2:07 while Granagh/ Ballingarry had scored 1:03. St. Mar's team was as follows: Brian Keating, Darragh Curtin, Enda Walsh, Sean Byrnes, Mark Wilmott, Adrian Brennan, Geoge Mulcahy, Seamus Keating, Barry Coleman, Pdraig Power, Mark White, Eoin Kelly and David O'Donnell.

## U14 Hurling

Our Under 14 Hurlers began their championship campaign on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May when we traveled to Ballybricken to play Ballybricken/Bohermore. This was a good sporting game and was closely contested throughout. The final score showed St. Mary's 3:05 while Ballybricken/Bohermore had 2:05.

## Fixtures

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May:** U14 Football V Croom, away at 7.30pm

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** U12 Football away V Cappagh

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May:** Junior Football C'ship V Cappagh in Askeaton @7.30pm

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May :** U8 Hurling blitz in Ballingarry. Time to be confirmed.

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> May:** Junior Hurling League V Drom/Broadford in Dromcolligher @7.30pm.

## Junior Football Championship this Thursday

This Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May our Junior Football players will begin their Championship campaign with a trip to Askeaton to play Cappagh at 7.30pm. These two neighbouring teams met in the semi-final of the League only a few short weeks ago. No doubt but both teams will be hungry for success once again so a close encounter is on the cards.

## U10 Football Blitz

Our Under 10 footballers traveled to Ballingarry on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for an Under 10 Football blitz. This was a most enjoyable event for our young stars on a glorious day. Dave Malone and Ciara O'Shea were delighted with the performance.

## U12 Football

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May we will travel to Cappagh to play the local side in Under 12 Football. The time will be confirmed at training. Best wishes to Denis Kelly and the panel.

## U14 football

Sean Finn's Under 14's traveled to Raheenagh to play Deel Rangers on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May in the Division 2 Football. This was challenging as we expected. At the final whistle, Sean Finn's were on the winning side with a score of 3:07 to Deel Rangers' 1:02. Our next game will be on today Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May when we travel to Croom to take on the local side. The throw-in will be at 7.30pm.

## Special Olympics Opening Ceremony

The Special Olympics Ireland Games are fast approaching. The Opening Ceremony will take place in Thomond Park at 7.00pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June with a most entertaining show on offer. There are still a limited number of tickets for sale at very reasonable prices from €10 and special family rates also. The Cranberries are headlining what should be a wonderful spectacle for the athletes and their families. A full stadium would be a huge boost to the 1900 Special Olympics athletes and volunteers. Book tickets on time and avoid disappointment.

# COMMUNITY GAMES

## Rathkeale Children Win 4 County Titles Over The Past Week

U-13 Futsal Girls on Sunday 16th May, U-16 Tag Rugby on Sunday 16th May, U-15 Rounders Girls on Tuesday 18th May and U-11 Tag Rugby on Wednesday 19th May. Well done to all these teams and managers who's hard work and training has payed off, and are now playing in the Munster Finals on Saturday 10th July.

## Athlone

This coming weekend 29 Children will travel to Athlone for the National Finals, in Cross Country, U-11 Project, U-16 Project and U-16 Choir. Best of luck to all the children and there managers for the weekend to come. Have fun and bring the sun cream.

## U/15 GIRLS ROUNDERS MAKE IT THREE-IN-A-ROW

Rathkeale played Kildimo/Pallaskenry last Tuesday night. Our girls displayed great knowledge and experience, and as a result they ran out easy winners on a final score of 15-8 with two bats in hand. This success was due to a great team performance on the night. As Rathkeale had now topped this group, they were crowned County Champions and awarded the gold medals. This is three-in-a-row for Rathkeale in U/15 Rounders. Well done to Capt. Helen Enright, Shona O'Sullivan, Shannon Naughton, Marie Sheahan, Aimee Fitzgerald, Treasa Coleman, Kelly O'Sullivan, Erin Jacobsen, Tiffany Hogg, Eimear O'Connor, Gemma Jones and Michelle Lowe. This team now qualify for the Munster Finals on Saturday 10th July in U.L.

## U/13 GIRLS ROUNDERS

Rathkeale travelled to Shanagolden last Wednesday night to play St. Senans in Group 2 of this competition. This was a very close match indeed, with both teams

drawing on 16-all after the third inning. However, with some great fielding shown by the young Rathkeale girls, they won on a final score of 20-17 with one bat in hand. This now means that Rathkeale are winners of Group 2 and St. Senans are runners-up. We now await the results of Group 1 to determine who we both meet in the Semi-Finals. Well done to Capt Sarah Fitzgerald, Tara Coleman, Eadaoin Lyons, Kate Geary, Meadhbh Moran, Katie Brennan, Ciara Dillon, Clancy McCarthy, Aoife Stackpoole, Clare English, Sinead Fitzgibbon and Chloe Cunningham.

## U14 TAG RUGBY

The semi-final and finals of the U14 Tag Rugby were held in glorious sunshine in Cappagh on Sunday last. The semi-final was against Ballybrown and fair play to both teams who gave a fine display of Tag Rugby in such intense heat. Rathkeale won this game and met Regional in the final. Rathkeale were first to register scores and were 2 up at half time. It was hard to separate these two teams during the second half with tit for tat scoring with the game ending on level scores at full time. This meant that extra time had to be played. The teams were still level at half time of extra play. Just before the final whistle Regional got a lucky break and scored a try. Rathkeale were silver medal winners. Congratulations and Well done to this young team of players. Team – Adrian Brennan (Captain) Liam McCartan, Christopher Mulcahy, George Mulcahy, Darragh O'Grady, Thomas Collins, Seamus Keating, Thomas White, Brendan O'Grady, Eadaoin Lyons, Tara Coleman and Meave Power.

U-15 Soccer Girls : The play in there semi - final against Bruff/ Grange/ Meanus this week best of luck to the girls.

U-12 Soccer Girls : Will play this week in the semi - final against Monaleen best of luck for the match girls.



## BRIDGE CLUB

### Presidents Prize

#### Director – Pat Neville

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Bridie Duggan – Eileen Fitzsimons
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nell Madden – Betty Sheahan
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mary Curtin – Ann Roche
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Mary Donovan – Eileen Kennedy
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Mary Coleman – Kathleen O'Dwyer
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Kay Cussen – Mossie Stack
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Pam McNamara – Michael Fitzgibbon
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Moira Roche – Mary O'Sullivan
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Marie Liston – Michael Liston
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Irene Donovan – Angela Hanlon

### Tuesday's Results

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Brendan and Maureen Woulfe
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Clare Hanratty – Greta Looney
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Josie O'Brien – Mary Tobin
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Mary McCarthy – Kay Madigan

Bridge resumes on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010

## RATHKEALE AFC

### MICK 'LAD' SAVES THE DAY

#### Rathkeale - 2

#### Carrig Celtic – 1

Rathkeale welcomed Carrig Celtic to sun drenched Holycross on Sunday morning for their second last league game of this season's race for the Premier league title. With the pitch in excellent condition the stage was set for Rathkeale to get within touching distance of a league title for the first time in five seasons. But Carrig must have forgot to read the script, with only five minutes gone in the match a bad mistake in the Rathkeale defence allowed the Carrig striker to put the ball past Ollie in the Rathkeale goal. Rathkeale looked nervous after this and five minutes later Carrig should have went two goals up but failed to find the target. Soon after this Rathkeale started to have a lot of possession but could not get inside the Carrig defence. Carrig could have extended their lead and this really would have given Rathkeale a hard mountain to climb. But Ollie stood big in goals and forced the goal bound shot out for a corner kick. Half time could not come quick enough for the Sky Blues and with a few home truths told in the dressing room at half time Rathkeale emerged knowing two goals were needed to put them back on track for league contention.

The introduction of Stephen Power soon after gave life to Rathkeale and his trickery on the right wing was just what the game needed. Power picked the ball up on the half way line, skipped past two defender's and when he put the ball on a plate for someone to poke it home there was no one there to do so and left everyone wondering was that goal just not going to come. But on the hour mark Gary Enright gave Rathkeale that all important goal that was going to be the platform that Rathkeale needed to go on and win this game. Enright received the ball twenty-five yards out and left fly with his right boot finding the bottom right hand corner of the net.

Now Rathkeale were back in the game and the hunt was on for that vital goal. And when Mark O'Sullivan had the goals at his mercy his shot went inches wide and left everyone still on a knives edge. Managers Chile and Rob knew now with fifteen minutes remaining that they had to push on for the winner and when substitutes Mikey Lyons and Mick Barry were brought on their impact was going to be explosive. Three minutes remaining of full time and word filtering through that fellow league title contenders NCW were leading their match, man of the match Sean O'Shea released Mikey Lyons up the left wing and when his delightful ball was met by the oncoming Mick Barry he made no mistake in finding the back of the net and sending the Players, managers and all Rathkeale supporters into cheers of delight and more so relief that they had got that vital goal that looked like for a long time was fading in the distance. So Rathkeale now go into the last game of the season next Sunday at home to Askeaton knowing a win will see them crowned Premier league champions but what is required now is the heart and determination that has been showed for most of the season so far and if Rathkeale show this there is no doubt that they will get what they deserve.

**TEAM;** O Byrnes, S O'Shea, A Lyons, P O'Dea (capt), I O'Dunaghue, A O'Shea, J Hickey, G Enright, R Shorten, T Walsh & Mark O'Sullivan.

**SUBS;** M Barry, M Lyons, S Power, S White & Mike O'Sullivan.