

Rathkeale Newsletter

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BEST OF LUCK RATHKEALE

Go along and support our Junior-B County Champions in
the
Munster Final this Sunday in Raheenagh @ 2pm.



St Patrick's Day Committee

The St Patrick's Day committee would like to thank all those who generously contributed to the church gate collection Sunday 10th January even with adverse weather conditions we collected €420. If you would like to help with preparations for this year or participate on the day please come to the meeting at 8pm on Thursday 11th February in Rathkeale House Hotel.

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Card Drive - Results

1st Prize: Tom Hogan, Billy O' Sullivan, Peggy Lynch, Helen Rice

Table Prizes: Eileen Carrig, Kieran Scanlan, Will Joe Woulfe, Anthony Mc Mahon

Raffle: €40 - Maureen O' Shea
€20 - Mary O' Grady
€10 - Mike Kerins

Community Council

The monthly meeting of Rathkeale Community Council will be held in the Community Hall on Monday 1st February at 8pm. Community welcome.

Rathkeale-Do you believe in miracles-Our Lady of Rathkeale will be broadcast on BBC3 worldwide on Tuesday 2nd February at 9.00pm – An hour long documentary about the discovery of an image of Our Lady discovered in the church grounds in July last year.

The **Annual walk in aid of Rathfredagh**, will be held on Sunday 31st January, from the Devon Inn at 10.00am and Courtney Lodge Hotel at 11.00am. This year we are hosting a 5km run at 10.00am and registration is from 9.00-9.45am. And for the more competitive there will be official personal chip timing on the day. Call Anna-Maria on 086-8143633

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The Annual Church Gate Collection for the Homeless is being taken up at all masses next weekend 30th and 31st January. Your generosity will be appreciated.

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Please do not forget our older people and those living alone.

Please call and make sure that they are safe, comfortable, warm, have enough food in the house. Have a chat and a cup of tea with them and please make sure that they are okay when you are leaving.

FREE PRESCHOOL PLACES

All children aged between 3 years three months and four years six months are eligible to avail of the free pre-school year in January 2010. Those interested in availing of the scheme must contact their preschool immediately to register. If you have any other questions contact the County Limerick Childcare committee on 061 600918.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

What is it?

The Parish Pastoral Council is a leadership group through which priests and people work together as partners in furthering the Mission of Christ in their own place. It does this through building up a vibrant Christian Community that is rooted in Baptism and marked by faith, worship and service.

Who are its members?

Members need to be Baptised Catholics, who participate in the life and worship of the Parish and are willing to be part of a Parish leadership group.

Ministry of Parish Pastoral Council

The primary ministry of the Parish Pastoral Council is to collaborate in planning the way forward for the Parish at its given time. We serve for a term of three years with meetings once monthly for prayer and discussion.

Support and Training

Prayer, reflection, skills training and ongoing catechesis on the nature and mission of the Church is most important for all members of the Parish Pastoral Council. This is provided by the Limerick Diocesan Centre on an ongoing basis.

Meeting

A meeting to elect new members to the Parish Pastoral Council is being held in **St. Anne's Convent School on Monday Feb 1st at 8pm.**

We are our Parish. We have all been given gifts by the ðHoly Spiritð through the sacraments. It is up to us to decide how to put our gifts at the service of the Church and our Parish. So come along and be a living member of your Parish.

RATHKEALE AFC

A'S BACK TO WINNING WAYS.

Rathkeale - 3 Ballingarry - 1

The A Team entertained Ballingarry in this top versus bottom league encounter. Rathkeale knowing a win would stretch their lead at the top of the table to five points and Ballingarry knowing defeat would not help their chances of remaining in the premier league for another season, this was always going to be a sticky game. Rathkeale started the game the stronger of the two teams, James Hickey was seeing a lot of ball on the left wing and with ten minutes into the game, he linked up well with the impressive O'Riordan to raffle the ball into the bottom left hand corner giving the Ballingarry keeper no chance. The A's were creating a few chances and when Lyons picked the ball up 30 yards out he failed to beat the keeper to make it two nil. On the 25th minute Rathkeale got a corner, Lyons took it only for it to be cleared back to him and when he picked out O'Riordan with a sublime ball 'THE KID' made no mistake in finding the back of the net and making it two nil to the Sky Blues. At this point Rathkeale were playing well but not as well as Chile and Rob would have liked, and with just five minutes remaining in the first half there was a mix up between Byrnes and O'Dunaghue in defence resulting in the ball going into the Rathkeale net. So at half time it was 2-1 and Ballingarry were back in the game.

Ballingarry started the second half the strongest and were putting pressure on the Rathkeale back four but with Captain O'Dea back from his skiing trip they were going to be hard to break down. The introduction of Noonan and Shorten early into the second half made a difference to Rathkeale pushing forward to finish the game off. Shorten played the ball to Noonan on the 75th minute who in turn played a great ball over the top for Rathkeale's man of the match Thomas Walsh who bravely slotted the ball past the oncoming keeper. This was the killer blow that really finished off a dogged Ballingarry

side. Rathkeale saw out the remaining ten minutes by keeping the ball well and frustrating Ballingarry who should take a lot of positives from this game. So it finished 3-1 to Rathkeale another three points on the league table but with a lot of tough games to come in the next few months they know they are going to have to perform a little bit better if they are to bring silverware back to Rathkeale this season.

TEAM; Byrnes, S O'Shea, O'Dea (captain), O'Dunaghue, Mick Barry, Hogan, Hickey, A O'Shea, M Lyons, Walsh & O'Riordan.

SUBS; A Lyons, White, Shorten, R Byrnes & Noonan.

**Are you involved with Charities,
Entertainment for young people,
School projects or Sport, and you
are between 15-23 years old, living
in the West of Limerick?**

If so you can contact
Sasha Noonan 087-3294304

or

Louise Leahy 083-4004190

to receive an application form,
to apply for a grant from Youth Bank up
to **€1,000.00**.

Youth Bank is a youth run group for young people to help other young people. Group is held in Rathkeale every Tuesday and Wednesday. The grant is funded by Ulster Bank and Limerick Youth Service

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

Junior-B Hurling Munster Final this Sunday in Raheenagh @ 2pm.

Best wishes to our Junior-B Hurlers and their management who will play in the Munster Final on Sunday 31st Jan at 2pm. The opposition will be Templederry of Co. Tipperary who overcame Ballinacurra of Co. Cork in the second semi-final on Sun. 24th. Players from St. Mary's are quietly confident and looking forward to the challenge of representing Co. Limerick in this historic occasion for the parish. St. Mary's team is composed of seven sets of brothers, many cousins, uncles and neighbours, with a range of experience from minor to Masters. The best of good wishes to the St. Mary's panel composed of Brian & Robert Byrnes, Patrick & Sean Sheahan, Timmy & Eoghan O'Connor along with their uncle James, Kevin & Sean O'Shea, Michael & Mark O'Sullivan, Patrick & Johnny Enright and Derry & Robert White along with William Coffey, Gerard Frawley, Damien Quaid, Paul Hogan, Brian Duggan, Shane Hourigan, Keith Harnett, Jack Coleman, Gary Enright, Stephen Noonan, Pdraig Jones and John O'Connor. The management team of Gerry Molyneaux and Pat O'Donnell has done its homework well and all are looking forward to the big game. Reaching this stage of the competition is a huge achievement and the hopes of the parish go with this team in their search of Munster glory. Club members are thrilled with the goodwill and support being shown to this group of County Champions and once again we are indebted to our fantastic sponsors who have provided financial support and helped to kit out our players in beautiful new gear. In this respect the club would like to say a very big thank-you to the following sponsors Daly Tyres (tracksuits), Kathleens Bar (socks/shorts), Benji's Fish & Chips (bags) and Café V (hats). We ask you, our supporters to ensure that you continue to support our sponsors. Should the Raheenagh pitch be un-playable for any reason, Newtownshandrum will be the alternate venue. Supporters are asked to check on the venue before travelling if the weather presents any doubt.

Referees Course

A foundation course for new referees will take place in the Woodfield House Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick. The course will run for four evenings commencing on Monday February 1st 2010, followed by February 3rd, 8th and 10th. The starting time of the course is at 7.30pm sharp. This course is being run by Referees Tutors representing Pairc an Chrocaigh and all participants will receive a certificate on completion of this course. Contact Eamonn Phelan @ 087-2807546 for more information. Rathkeale has a long proud history of producing high-class referees and there may be individuals in the club now who would like to follow in the tradition.

GAA Scholarships for Irish College

The club are inviting any of our young members currently attending secondary school who intend to attend Irish College this summer to apply for a Scholarship from the West Board. Application can be made by emailing the club secretary at secretary.stmarysrathkeale.limerick@gaa.ie before Friday 5th February with students name (English & Irish), address, age, secondary school, current school year.

Club na nOg

"Kits for Kids" – Tokens to collect

All friends of Rathkeale GAA are requested to collect "Kits for Kids" tokens which are printed in the "Daily Mail" Newspaper on all weekdays from Saturday 16th of Jan to Friday 5th February. If we can collect 400 tokens we could obtain a full kit on our own colours. This is a great opportunity and with the help of all people who read the "Daily Mail" in the locality, we could achieve the target. Collection points are placed in the following locations: Hourigan's Convenience Store, White's Shop & Petrol Station, Wilmott's Newsagents and Hough's Eurospar and we thank these local shops for their support. Please drop your tokens into one of the collection points or alternatively give to Mike Sheahan or Karen Fahy. Please keep collecting and help us to reach our target. It is a painless exercise!!! Mike & Karen want to find out how many tokens are collected at the moment so they are asking that you contact them at 087-2311774 (Karen) or 087-6136475 (Mike) so that they can check if we are nearing the target of 400.

Suggested changes to structure U21 hurling/ football championships.

The following suggested changes are being considered by the County Bord at the moment in relation to the running of U21 Hurling & football championships for 2010 and beyond. If you want to make a submission on this, please do so to the club email address asap secretary.stmarysrathkeale.limerick@gaa.ie

Recommendations.

That a premier championship be established for both football and hurling. The number of clubs competing shall be confined to a minimum/maximum 8. The 8 teams to be selected by the C.C.C..

The 8 teams shall be divided into two groups of 4 by way of open draw. The groups play a league competition with the winners of each group qualifying for the semi-finals. The 2nd and 3rd teams in each group qualify for quarter- finals with the second team in one group playing the third team in the other group and vice versa. In the semi-finals the group winners do not meet.

Should three teams from one group qualify for the semi-finals the pairings shall be decided as follows. The two group winners shall be seeded and be drawn against a quarter- final winner. In the event of a draw at quarter or semi-final stages extra time will be played.

All games in the competition to be played at neutral venues.

Division one and two championships to continue as normal. Similar to the minor championships divisional winners progress to county semi-finals In the event of draws at semi-final stage extra time to be played. The method of playing the divisional championships to be decided by the respective divisional CCCs. However all 3 competitions to be completed at county level at the same time.

Timing: It is proposed to play the hurling competition at the start of the year beginning in early April with a view to completing the championships before mid May.

Regarding football it is proposed to play this during the latter part of the year. Depending on progress of county teams etc. it should be possible to start the competition at worst in early September and finish in mid November.

Finance: Obviously the establishment of a premier competition will be a severe financial loss to divisional boards. Accordingly we are proposing that the finance from the league stages be divided pro rata between the divisions.

Amalgamations: Regarding amalgamated teams we are proposing that as far as possible divisional boundaries should not be crossed to form a team. Divisions and the county board should be satisfied that all avenues have been explored before this is allowed.

Limerick races – Sunday 24th January 2 for Jones – 2 for McNamara

What a great day it was for Beechmount Stable - R. J. Jones rode öQuestions Answeredö to win Annual Members Raceday Handicap Hurdle and he rode öCaola Mannö to victory in the Greenmount Conference Centre Novice Handicap Chase. These 2 wins add up to 12 approx in the past number of weeks. Racing is in his blood ö his uncle James Jones had a number of wins in his time and his granduncle Bill Balfe was a renowned jockey in England and his great grandfather Jack Balfe was a famous jockey in Ireland.

These two horses Questions Answered and Caola Mann are trained by well known trainer Eric McNamara at his Beechmount Stables. All in all it was a great for R.J. and Eric and the lads at the stables. Another great day for Rathkeale.

Response Dan Neville received form An Post RE: Postal Dispute

Unofficial dispute halts mail services in West Limerick

Mail services in West Limerick have been disrupted due to an unofficial dispute involving some An Post mails staff there.

The dispute arises out of An Post plans for investment in the mails services in the West Limerick area, merging local delivery offices at Newcastlewest, Rathkeale, Athea and Shanagolden at a cost of almost p1 million.

Postal staff from the four areas were due to begin work from a modern, purpose fitted, office (Delivery Service Unit) at Castlemorris Business Park, Station Road, Newcastle West on today Monday (January 20th). Staff did not report for duty at their new base on Monday morning.

The will be some limited mails deliveries from today (Tuesday) and all mail will be available for collection at the new Newcastlewest office after 11am. The office is located at Unit 5, Castlemorris Business Park, Station Road, Newcastlewest - 069-69100. An Post is appealing to local staff to return to work and is working in co-operation with the Communications Workers Union (CWU) to restore full services as quickly as possible.

The move involves 11 staff from Newcastlewest, 4 from Rathkeale (7 miles away), 2 from Athea (12 miles away) and 1 from Shanagolden (8 miles away). In all 18 mail delivery staff will be working at the new office (11 from Newcastlewest).

This development is designed to improve mail services in the area through consolidation of staff and resources. Mail times will remain as before as will retail services throughout the area. Mail can still be posted at the local Post office. There is no impact whatsoever on Post offices in West Limerick.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Parents with children less than 6 years old are invited to avail of VEC Community Education Classes on Child Development and Play. Starting February 1st the course will run for six Monday nights in Askeaton. Cost: €15 for venue hire. Contact Theresa on 069 79113.

RATHKEALE BRIDGE CLUB

1st: Nell Madden, Mary Judge
2nd: Ann Roche, Mary Curtin
3rd: Betty Sheehan, Margaret Hennessy
4th: Beda Gleeson, Joe Dunleavy

A.G.M. Tuesday 2nd February at 7.30pm

**Have you something to advertise
or tell the community?**

If so, email

**rathkealecommunitycouncil@
gmail.com**

**and we will endeavour to print
your notices weekly.**

St. Mary's Athletics Club

Training on Thursday at 7.00p.m. in the astra turf pitch in the soccer field and on Sunday morning in U.L. at 11 a.m.

The Munster indoors will be held in Nenagh on the 6th & 7th February at 11.00 a.m. – Girls and Boys under 9 to 13.

Derek Moloney in Concert

Derek Moloney, renowned tenor will be in the Rathkeale Arts Centre on Friday 5th February at 8.00 p.m.

Derek will be accompanied by Jean O'Brien.

This will be a night to remember with music and song. Come along and enjoy a wonderful night for only €15 per ticket from Theresa on 086-8123855 or from Joan at Rathkeale library or from any community arts committee member.

RATHKEALE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of Rathkeale & District Historical Society will take place on

Friday 12th February at 8.30 pm at the Sheltered Housing Meeting Room at Enniscoush.

The talk will be addressed by Dr. Ruairi O hUiginn of NUIM, who will speak on "Landscape, Literature and Lore".

All are welcome to attend and admission is free.

Village Enhancement Training Session

With Special Emphasis on the Tidy Towns Competition

Topics Include:

Tidy Towns – A National Adjudicators View *(Frank Donaldson)*

Working Together in the Community

Developing Effective Projects

Guestspeakers: Committee Members from Previous Tidy Towns Winners
Emly (2009) and Ennis (2005)

Also learn about

Supports available from Limerick County Council & West Limerick Resources

Desmond Complex, Newcastle West. Tuesday, February 2nd. 7.30pm

Admission Free. All are Welcome.

For more information contact Suzanne on 069 79114 or email srowley@wlr.ie

This project has been funded by West Limerick Resources under the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 which is financed by the Irish Government under the National Development Plan and part-funded by the EU under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development



Colaiste na Trocaire Rathkeale Evening Classes Spring 2010

Classes commence
Wednesday 3rd February at 7.00pm.

Art with Agnes
Computers for beginners
Parents in Education
Personal Development
Occupational First Aid
Irish for Beginners
Spanish for Beginners
Yoga
Cookery

Living with Arthritis Programme: 6 weekly two and a half hour sessions,
Thursday 11th February ó Thursday 18th March 7pm-9.30pm at South Court Hotel.
Cost €20 in total.

