

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

1st Prize: Vinnie Wrenn - Joan Fitzgibbon

Table Prizes: Christy Lynch - Willie Keating
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Raffle: p40 - John Danaher
p20 - Marie Wrenn
p10 - John Danaher
p10 - Maureen O'Shea
p10 - John Danaher

National Sunflowers Days
will be held on June 11th and 12th to raise funds for Milford Hospice by purchasing and wearing our sunflower, you will be supporting your local hospice, which provides a wonderful service for this area. If anyone would like to devote a couple of hours to sell sunflowers on those days contact Mary Curtin, Rathkeale, Nora Enright N.C.W on 087-7453154 or Pat Dalton on 069-62306.

LIMERICK TOURISM FAIR

The West Limerick Tourism Network will host a Tourism Fair in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare on Wednesday June 16th, starting at 7pm. Organised as an opportunity for local tourism providers to share information, develop links and devise new and innovative ways of generating business for Limerick, the event will also be open to the general public and will showcase local activity & leisure providers, along with a range of other tourism facilities from right across County Limerick. Entry free. For further information please contact Joan Casey 069 66294 or email jcasey@wlr.ie.

COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING MONDAY 14th JUNE @ 8pm in the COMMUNITY HALL

We look forward to meeting representatives of all the Rathkeale Voluntary Groups on Monday night. Thanks to all that have already sent back their forms.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with all the students sitting the Junior and Leaving Certificate at present.

Congratulations to Rathkeale A.F.C.'S. A Team

They completed the double on Friday night last when they won the Desmond Cup. On the previous Sunday they won the premier league. The scorers were Mark Sullivan who scored two brilliant goals, with Adrian Lyon and Mickie Lyons one each, leaving the score in the Desmond Cup - Rathkeale A4-0 Athea.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to Jennifer Naughton who celebrated her birthday with family and friends last Thursday.

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

West Intermediate Hurling Championship

Our Hurlers are fixed to play against Feenagh/Kilmeedy in the quarter final of the West Intermediate Championship on Sun 13th June in Knockaderry at 7.30pm.

Under 8 Football

Our Under 8 Football squad played Feohanagh/Castlemahon on Friday 4th June in an enjoyable game. This group will have another game this week when they travel to Athea on Friday 11th June. All players need to be in Athea by 6.15pm.

Under 10 Hurling

Our Under 10's will have a Blitz in the Old Christians GAA pitch this Friday 11th June. Details will be announced during the week.

U12 Hurling

St. Mary's Under 12's played Feohanagh/Castlemahon on Thursday 3rd June in Cooleyroe. This was a sporting game. On the night St. Mary's were the stronger team and were easy winners. The following players made up the St. Mary's team: Brian Keating, Mark White, Enda Walsh, Mark Wilmott, Adrian Brennan, George Mulcahy, Seamus Keating, Barry Coleman, Pdraig Power, Eoin Kelly, Darragh O'Grady and David O'Donnell.

U14 Hurling

St Mary's played our second championship Under 14 hurling game on Wednesday 2nd June in the Colaiste na Trocaire School Field against St. Patrick's. This turned out to be a high-scoring game with lots of skill on display from both sides. The final score showed St. Mary's with 3:08 and St. Patrick's with 4:05 so all went home happy. This Wednesday 9th we will travel to Mungret to play an away game in U14 hurling at 7.30pm.

U14 football

On Bank Holiday Monday 7th June we played Granagh/Ballingarry. Results not available at time of

going to press. On Monday 14th this team will travel to South Liberties to play the local side. This game is due to start at 7.30pm.

Munster Football Championship

Congratulations to both the Limerick Junior and Senior Football squads and their managements on their great successes on Sunday 6th June. Both teams took on their Waterford counterparts in Dungarven and happily both teams achieved their goal in reaching a Munster Final spot. It was great to see so many St. Mary's/Sean Finn's supporters cheering on the Limerick teams. Well done to Eoghan O'Connor who came on for the final 15 minutes wearing the No 20 jersey. He played his part well and added a point in his first Championship game for Limerick.

Leabhair Eolais,

The club secretary recently received a limited number of information books published by the county Bord. The books are available free of charge to team managers. They contain contact information for each club in the county. Contact Pat Sheahan if you require one.

Bog Garden

It is great to report that we are very near to being able to play in our own pitch again. At this stage the pitch is in great condition with a fine thick coat of grass. Progress on the "tidy-up" work is progressing with new piers, walls repaired etc. Once the new goals are erected, it will be ready for club use again. For the last couple of Saturday mornings, a large team of dedicated volunteers have been giving a hand to prepare the pitch and its surrounds.

Limerick GAA Development Draw

The June Draw took place on Friday, June 04, 2010 at The Villager Bar, Castlemahon. Unfortunately we had no winner on the night. The next draw takes place in Hogan's Bar Oola on 2nd July. At this stage members are reminded that the second half of their yearly subscription is now due.

Fixtures

Wed 9th June: U14 hurling away V Mungret @7:30pm.

Thurs 10th June: U12 Football: away V Feenagh/Kilmeedy @ 6.45pm

Fri 11th June: U10 Blitz in Old Christians

Fri 11th June: U8 Football away V Athea @ 6.15pm.

Sun 13th June: West Inter H. Cham'ship – St Mary's V Feenagh/Kilmeedy in Knockaderry @ 7.30pm

Mon 14th June: U14 Football: away V South Liberties @ 7.30pm.

Wed 16th June: U14 Hurling: away V Na Piarasaigh @ 7.30pm.

RATHKEALE AFC

MAKE OUR'S A DOUBLE

Rathkeale - 4

Athea - 0

After clinching their first Premier league title for five years Rathkeale A team were now turning their attention to the Desmond cup final, a cup that they had not won or even contested for in nine years. Athea were what was standing in the way of Rathkeale achieving this double for the first time. Chile and Rob had a full twenty man squad to choose from and everyone was ready for the job in hand. In front of a large Rathkeale attendance Rathkeale started the game at a great pace and really had Athea on the back foot from the off. The first chance came from a corner and James Hickey's goal bound header was somehow kept out by the impressive Athea united goal keeper. The next chance was also from a corner and when Peter O'Dea rose highest his header hit the cross bar but Alan O'Shea could not score from the rebound. Rathkeale were pushing on well at this point and Richard Shorten came close to scoring but his twenty yard shot went inches wide. Rathkeale failed to open the scoring before the half but they knew going in at the break that if they performed the same way in the second half that all important goal would come.

Rathkeale started the second half as they did the first in an attacking mode. And the goal that they craved in the first half came soon into the second. Mikey Lyons was fouled just outside the box and up stepped Mark O'Sullivan, his goal bound shot was brilliantly saved by the Athea keeper but the ball came back out to O'Sullivan who made no mistake and slotted the ball home from ten yards. Mark was soon going to double Rathkeale's lead and also double his tally, great work by the ever running Mikey Lyons found Mark in the box and when his sublime finish found the back of the net there looked like there was going to be no way back for Athea and no stopping Rathkeale. Rathkeale secured the match with twenty minutes to go when Mikey Lyons ball was put in to the box it somehow bounced over the keepers head and into the net giving Rathkeale a well deserved three goal lead and looking good that cup was returning to Rathkeale. But they were not finished there and the goal of the night was about to be scored.

Keeper Ollie Byrnes had the ball in his hands when he picked out Barry O'Riordan, Barry in return played a weighted pass to the on running Alan O'Shea who slotted the ball home past the oncoming keeper to send everyone associated with Rathkeale into cheers. A great performance from the Sky Blues from the defence to the mid-field to the strikers and the lads on the bench, it really was a squad that won the double for Rathkeale. So the final whistle went and Rathkeale had bridged that nine year gap that was hanging around. Mike Hanley presented the cup to Rathkeale captain Peter O'Dea and he praised Chile and Rob for all their hard work throughout the year, he also thanked all the Rathkeale players, supporters and sponsor Downes Euro spar. So it was off to Gus for the celebrations that lead into the early hours of the morning and even ended up with one person cycling home. So a terrific season for Rathkeale A team and it just goes to show with a great bunch of players and a lot of commitment you will always be rewarded.

Squad; Ollie Byrnes, Ian O'Dunaghue, Adrian Lyons, Peter O'Dea (capt), Sean O'Shea, James Hickey, Mikey Lyons, Richard Shorten, Alan O'Shea, Thomas Walsh, Mark O'Sullivan, Barry O'Riordan, Gary Enright, Mick Barry, Kenny Hogan, Sean White, Mike O'Sullivan, Damien Quaid, James Dalton & Steven Power.



COMMUNITY GAMES

U/13 GIRLS ROUNDERS

The Rathkeale girls, having topped Group 2, met Kildimo/Pallaskenry A, runners up in Group 1, last Tuesday in the Semi-Final of this competition. This was a very close match at the beginning. However, Kildimo/Pallaskenry did pull away with a 10-run lead by the third inning. But the Rathkeale girls never gave up and proved to be the better team in the end, winning on a final huge score of 60/26. Rathkeale are now into the County Final and will face the winners of the other Semi-Final, namely, Ballylanders or St. Senans.

County Athletic Finals - Mungret - Thursday 24th, Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June.

All children who finished in top three places at our local sports evening have qualified to run in Mungret, under their age group that they have qualified for and there is fun run's for the younger children.

Winners at the recent Local Community Games Sports Evening (5th May)



U-5 Isabel O'Keeffe



Brothers:
U-14 100m 1st Christopher Mulcahy
U-12 600m 1st George Mulcahy



U-14 Shot 1st. Treasa Coleman,
2nd. Erin Jacobson

COMMUNITY ENERGY FUND

Bord Gais Energy is donating €100,000 worth of energy to support 16 projects across the country offering: 10 x €2,500 of energy, 5 x €10,000 of energy, 1x €25,000 of energy. The fund is open to Not for Profit Irish based Organisations who should be operational for a minimum of 12 months. Projects must clearly illustrate how funding from the scheme will deliver their services and how it will make a positive impact in the community. For further information and an application form see: <http://www.bordgaisenergy.ie/community-energy-fund/introduction/>. Alternatively contact energyfund@bordgais.ie

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL GARDEN COMPETITION

Limerick County Council invites applications from individuals to participate in the Council's Garden Competition 2010 in the categories of Best Urban Roadside Garden and Best Rural Roadside Garden. Marks will be awarded under the following headings: colour, tidiness, window boxes, organic and condition of lawn. Entry is free. Judging will take place between July & September, 2010. Application forms are available from the Environment Section, Limerick County Council, County Hall, Dooradoyle, County Limerick or you can download an application from <http://www.lcc.ie/Environment/Environmental+Application+Forms/>. Closing date: Friday, June 25th, 2010. For further information contact 061 496264.