

# 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 OF RATHKEALE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ~ A Great Success

Last Tuesday night, a very successful meeting of the Rathkeale Business Community was held in Rathkeale House Hotel which was ironic as the meeting was called to discuss the volume of rumours that are circulating recently regarding rumoured business and banking closures in the town. Richard Naughton, Chairperson Rathkeale Community Council, chaired the meeting which was attended by in excess of 50 people.

Also, at the same meeting the election to decide the representative for this sector on the RAPID Community Forum took place. Dara McGuigan and Anthony Coleman of Limerick Council attended and they conducted the voting. Niall Ryan of O'Sullivan's Central Bar was elected to take the seat on the Forum.

Anne Gaughan, Chairperson of Rathkeale Image and Tourism Committee, addressed the meeting and informed all of the committees current projects. Some of these include the creation of a tourism brochure and also the development of a website "rathkealeonline.ie", which is expected to be live by the end of July. It will be available to all groups and businesses to use. They wish to highlight all the positives in Rathkeale, to make people aware of upcoming events or recent achievements, to promote business, and encourage more visitors to Rathkeale.

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**RATHKEALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING ON**  
**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010 @ 8pm**  
**IN THE COMMUNITY HALL**

### Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: John O'Shea ó Mike Robinson  
Christy Lynch ó Willie Woulfe

Table Prizes: John & Peg Mulvihill  
Anthony McMahan ó Jack Higgins

Raffle: p40 - Christy Lynch  
p20 - Mary O'Grady  
p10 - Mary Barrett  
p10 - Mary O'Grady  
p10 - Pauline Kerins

The cards committee together with the card players wish to extend sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends, on the death of Ned Hourlihan, Granagh.

### RATHKEALE LIBRARY

Joan O'Foole, Librarian Rathkeale Library, will be on holidays and the library will be closed from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

### RATHKEALE BRASS BAND

Rathkeale Brass Band are holding their annual Churchgate collection, at all masses, this weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> July. Your support will be appreciated.

### COLLECTION

Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up at the Church door this weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July.

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A committee was set-up to represent the business and retail sector, and they plan to meet in the coming fortnight. The members are; Sian Lewis, Elaine Giltenane, Liam Chawke, Niall Ryan, Patsy Leonard, John Dinnage, Billy Hourigan and Derek Downes.

Some very good ideas were suggested and it is hoped that these will be developed into profitable projects for both the businesses and Rathkeale, in the not too distant future. This new committee is wished every success.

A spokeswoman from AIB Bank (Rathkeale) advised emphatically that AIB Rathkeale is not closing its doors and there is no plan to close the local branch. Sean Hennessy spoke and wished to confirm that he has no intention of closing his business. The shop on Main Street will close in the coming months but that is only to relocate the business to a new 35,000sq ft warehouse in the Industrial Park, Rathkeale.

It was so positive to see such a crowd attend, which demonstrates people's commitment to Rathkeale's future – thanks to all.

#### **BIRTHS**

Congratulations to Paul and Marguerite O'Connor, (nee Wilmot), on the birth of their baby boy Jack.

Also, congratulations to Sinead Ghorey and Kieran Noonan, on the birth of their baby boy Dylan.

#### **LOUGH DERG**

If anyone is interested in going to Lough Derg from Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, contact Dan 087-2498133 or Mary 086-8906950, 7pm-10pm.

#### **“I Now Wait”**

For I believe in the beautiful gift that God has given us here in Rathkeale; and when God starts something for the well being of His Mystical Body Holy Mother Church, no man can stop! So let God's Holy Devine will flow, flow, flow.

Just a year ago, July 6<sup>th</sup> 2009, Rathkeale was alive with excitement over the tree that refused to be cut down! The shape of our Blessed Mother is there for all to see, of course the back of the tree is long gone, stripped of the outing, it started to get weather beaten; but two coats of varnish have improved it a lot. There are lots of little statues and lots of flowers around it.

The big crowds have vanished; but Our Lady still has faithful children that go and pray to Her, I being one. We prayed the Rosary right up until the weather got bad, the ground was so muddy we would love to have put down gravel, but we were not allowed! We prayed the Rosary all during the month of May. **I hope to pray it on the 6<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday next at 7pm.** All are welcome, so do come and show your love to our Blessed Mother, who is there on consecrated ground, She waits, will you come?

Surely the presence of Our Lady is in this place; I can feel Her motherly love and Her embrace,

A Sinner,

Annie.

## **COMMUNITY GAMES**

### **Mungret**

Over the last weekend the local children were out in force in the county athletics finals in the summer sunshine. Well done to all the children who took part over the three days events, from the U-5 and U-7 Fun Runs all the way to the U-16 events.

U-12 Boys Cycling on Grass : Silver for Darragh Curtin

U-14 Boys Cycling on Grass : Silver for Jack Feane.

U -12 Girls Ball Throw : Gold for Katie Brennan.

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U-14 Girls Shot Putt : Gold for Treasa Coleman.

U-16 Boys Discus : Gold for Paul White.

U-8 60m : Gold for Ellen Lynch.

U-8 60m : Silver for Patrick Johnson.

U-8 80m : Bronze for Claire Power.

U-10 Girls 60m Hurdles : Silver for Amy Harnett.

U-12 Girls 100m : Silver for Tara Coleman.

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U-12 Boys 600m : Bronze for George Mulcahy.

U-13 Boys Walking Race : Silver for Seamus Keating.

U-14 Girls 100m : Silver for Eadaoin Lyons and Bronze for Lydia Kenneally.

U-16 Girls 100m : Bronze for Catherine Power and Fourth Place Medal for Oonagh Walsh.

U-16 Boys 1500m : Gold for Eoin O'Donnell.

Mixed U-10 Relay : Team of Michael Mulcahy, Amy Harnett, Leia Wilmott and Barry Coleman took the fourth place medals .

Girls U-12 Relay : Team of Rachel Lynch, Tara Coleman, Chloe Mullins and Maeve Power got Gold medals.

Boys U-12 Relay : Team of George Mulcahy, Darragh O'Grady, Christopher Mulcahy and Brian Keating took the Bronze medals.

Mixed U-15 Relay : Team of Catherine Power, Lydia Kenneally, Patrick Cunningham and Bud White got Gold Medals.

Boys U-16 Relay : Team of Eoin O'Donnell, Darren Jones, Steve O'Reilly and Paul White took the Bronze medals.

A big well done to all managers and parents who went to Mungret over the last weekend. And a big well done to all the children who took part in the athletics.

### **Munster Finals UL Limerick 10th July**

Futsal Girls U-13 play Tipperary in the Semi-Finals. Check in time 12.30 Good luck to this team and managers.

Rounders Girls U-15 team play against Clare in the Semi-Final. Good luck to all the girls and managers, and get lots of home runs!

Tag Rugby U-11 play Tipperary in their semi-final. Best of luck to this team and managers. Check in for 12 noon.

Tag Rugby U-16 play Kerry in the semi-final. Good luck to the team and managers. Check in time 12 noon.

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

### **Sean Finns in County Junior-A Football League Final**

Sean Finns secured a place in this years county Junior-A football league Final with a fine win over Monaleen in the semi-final in Clarina on Thursday last (24th July). Conditions were ideal for football with a slight breeze blowing towards the Dressing-Room-End goals in a beautiful warm sunny summers evening. Referee for the occasion was Michael Meade of Ballylanders. Sean Finns playing with the aid of the aforementioned breeze were dominant in possession terms for the opening half but failed to make it count on the scoreboard with numerous wides from all angles for the first quarter. Indeed the game was 13 minutes old before Keith Harnett finally broke the deadlock with a fine point. Barry O'Riordans goal was the difference between the 2 sides at half time with the scores 1-05 for Sean Finns to 0-05 for Monaleen at the interval. One wondered if the single goal lead was enough after the wind assistance for the opening 30 minutes. The second half was an evenly balanced affair and the Rathkeale side eventually held out to win by 1-08 to 0-09 at full-time. Best for Sean Finns were Rob White, Brian Duggan, Paul Hogan, Sean O'Shea in defence,

with Keith Harnett and Sean Sheahan prominent in attack. Michael O'Sullivan's two points after coming on as a substitute mid-way through the second half were telling in the end.

Team and scorers: Rob White, Brian Duggan, Gary Enright, Gerard Frawley, Paul Hogan, Sean O'Shea, Michael Keating, Keith Harnett (0-2), Johnny Markham, Sean White, (0-2)Mark O'Sullivan (0-1), Sean Sheahan (0-1), Stephen Power, Niall Ryan, Barry O Riordan. Subs used. Michael O'Sullivan (0-2) (for S Power 42 min), Timmy Hogan (for Niall Ryan 52 mins), Robert Markham (for Sean O Shea(injured) 56 mins)

### **Final V Killeely/Dromkeen**

The win earns them a crack at the county title where we meet Killeely/Dromkeen in the final. Killeely/Dromkeen, who overcame Ballylanders in the other semi-final, are contesting both the Junior-A Football and Hurling league finals, so they will undoubtedly be a seriously fit team and a force to be reckoned with. The final will take place this Fri 2nd July in Claughaun at 7.30pm. As always your support would be appreciated.

## **U21-A Hurling West Semi-Final**

The long awaited semi-final of the West U21-A Hurling championship between ourselves and NCW takes place next Monday evening (5<sup>th</sup> July) in Feenagh at 7.30pm. Gerry Molyneaux has been busy preparing his charges for this game. As usual, your support would be appreciated. The 2<sup>nd</sup> semi-final between Feenagh/Kilmeedy and Granagh/Ballingarry takes place this Saturday in Coolyrue at 8pm. Both games will feature extra time if necessary. The final will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

## **West Junior-A Hurling Championship**

We are fixed to play Askeaton in the next round of the West Junior-A hurling Championship on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July in Knockaderry at 7.30pm. After our first round mauling at the hands of Croagh.Kilfinny, it will be vital for this young team to get the wagon back on the tracks in this encounter against Askeaton. We are stuck at the bottom of the table on no points after one game at the moment but with three teams coming out of the group of five, a quarter final spot is still within our grasp. Askeaton are topping the table on four points after their two games against Glantine and Adare.

## **West Junior-A Football Championship**

Our next outing in this championship takes place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July against Fr Caseys in Coolyrue at 1.30pm.

## **Munster Football Final**

Best of luck to our own Eoghan O'Connor and the Limerick Senior football team in the Munster Final against Kerry in Killarney next Sunday. Hopefully Mickey Ned & Co will be able to bridge a gap of over 100 years and bring the cup Treatyside this year.

## **U8 football**

Our U8 footballers played a blitz in Pallaskenry last Friday. They had three good games against Crecora, Pallaskenry-A and Pallaskenry-B. The players improved greatly in their skills as the evening progressed. The players who participated were: Niall Willmot, Danny Dunne, Mark Sheahan, Micheal Sheahan, Patrick Johnson, Evan Barrett, Vincent Supple, Micheal Brennan, Nathan Lawlor, Orla Fahy, Patrick Collins, Philip Brennan and Jamie Byrnes. A great evening was had by all and many thanks to Pallaskenry for hosting the blitz. This team will have another game next Friday in Athea.

## **U12 Football**

We played Monagea last Thursday evening and had a good win. Result was Sean Finn's 3:4 Monagea 2:3

## **U14 Hurling**

Our u14 Hurlers had no game on Wednesday as Abbey Sarsfields have withdrawn so having secured 3 wins and 1 draw we finish top of our group and have qualified for the quarter final.

## **U16 Hurling**

We played Granagh/Ballingarry last Monday night in Ballingarry. At time of going to press, the score is not available but I know St Marys won the game.

## **Cul Camp**

Our camp takes place on week commencing 19 July. Forms available at training or from Tom Keating. Please return forms in coming weeks.

## **RTE Documentary programme**

The club recently received a correspondence from RTE in connection with them making a documentary. As part of the initial research for this, RTE are looking to contact young men in the 18--25 age bracket who are currently unemployed and who did not attend college. If you fit the bill and would like to be included, please let Pat Sheahan know before Fri 2nd July. Please be aware that they're just focusing on men aged 18-25 for this particular programme and any contact they have at this point will be purely for research purposes and isn't a guarantee of inclusion in the final programme

## **Fixtures**

Wed 30-Jun. U14 Football away V Croom at 7:30  
Wed 30-Jun. U8 hurling Blitz in Abbey Sarsfields at 7:00  
Thur 1-Jul. U12 Hurling home V Monagea at 6:45  
Fri 2-Jul. U8 &U10 football V Athea in Athea  
Fri 2-Jul County Junior-A Football League Final V Kiltelly/Dromkeen in Cloughaun at 7.30pm  
Mon 5-Jul. U16 Football V Killulta Gaels in Mick Neville Park at 7:30  
Mon 5-Jul. U21 West Hurling Semi-Final V NCW in Feenagh at 7.30pm.  
Fri 9-Jul. West Jun-A Hurling Championship V Askeaton in Knockaderry at 7.30pm.  
Sun 11-Jul. West Jun-A Football Championship V Fr Caseys in Coolyrue at 1.30pm