

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.

RAPID – COMMUNITY FORUM

Members of RAPID Community Forum are reminded that there is a meeting at 7pm in the Community Hall on Monday 19th July.

R.T.A.G / Tidy Towns

Rathkeale Town Acton Group News

Over the past couple of weeks we have undertaken a cleanup of Danahers Cross, Holy Cross, Beechmount, Churchstreet including the beautiful hanging baskets on the town bridge. Hopefully over the next few weeks we will be planting more flowers on the Main Street and various other areas around the town. On Monday night our group were out in full to undertake a big cleanup of the New Road. A big thank you to all the extra helpers, we had on the night. Thanks to Paul Foley, Jim McCarthy and James Kee from Donegal and to all the young people, who helped. Our town is beginning to look much better. We are working closely with the Council to improve all corners of the town. It has been brought to our attention that people are using the bins on the Main Street to dispose of their household rubbish. This is illegal and most unfair, and anyone caught will be reported to the County Council and will receive a hefty fine of €1300. In particular the Friday night people, we know who you are!

We meet once a week and are always looking for volunteers, young and old alike. If you would like to volunteer, contact Val Foley, Seamus Hogan or Noel McNamara. **Next week we plan a big clean up of the Famine Graveyard.** If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to make Rathkeale a better place to live in, please do not hesitate to tell us. Thanks to Val and Rosie who painted the water fountains on Sunday night and Jason for all his work on the Abbey Park. For further information on R.T.A.G/Tidy Towns, you will find us on facebook and have a look at our extensive photo album. Help us to keep our town beautiful.



CONGRATULATIONS COMMUNITY GAMES

**RATHKEALE U16 TAG RUGBY TO
REPRESENT MUNSTER**

**U15 ROUNDERS QUALIFY FOR
ATHLONE**

FUTSAL WIN MUNSTER TROPHY



Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1 st Prize:	John Wall - Mike Kerins John O' Shea - Mike Robinson Peter Donovan - Jack Higgins
2 nd Prize:	Marie Wrenn - Betty Kerins Mary Barrett - Nora Dore Willie Keating - Anthony McMahon
Table Prizes:	Mai Wall - Nancy Danaher Mary Barrett - Nora Dore
Raffle:	€40 - Mai Wall €20 - Mary O'Grady €10 - Jack Higgins €10 - Helen Rice €10 - Helen Rice

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Carol Naughton, daughter of Pat and Bernie Naughton, Enniscouch, and to Alan Bradshaw, son of Gerry and Bernie Bradshaw, who were recently married in St. Marv's church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best wishes to Carmel Wilmott, who celebrated the "big 60" birthday last Saturday. The family arranged a surprise party at Reens on Saturday followed by a

GVM AGM

GVM will hold its AGM in Rathkeale Community Hall at 8pm on Monday 19th July. All shareholders are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

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

West Junior-A Hurling Championship

Junior Hurlers lose narrowly to Askeaton

St Marys played Askeaton in round three of the West championship in very wet conditions in Knockaderry last Friday night (8th July). Referee was Billy Phillips of Tournafulla. On the night we came off second best against losing on a final score of 1-12 to Askeaton 1-09 to St Marys. This 2nd defeat leaves us at the bottom of the table with no points from 2 games and puts an increased focus on our two remaining games as to qualify for the knockout stages, we will have to beat both Adare and Templeglantine.

St Marys were desperately unlucky not to score a goal in the first attack as Michael O'Sullivan pulled on a breaking ball only to see his effort slip just wide of the left upright. Mark O'Sullivan opened the scoring with a point for St Marys shortly afterwards before Askeaton leveled. Two more points for St Marys from Mark O'Sullivan and Sean O'Shea were cancelled out by the Askeaton left half forward with two good efforts of his own. St Marys, playing with the wind in the first half, scored the next three scores, points from Eoghan O'Connor, Mark (free) and Sean O'Shea to put us three ahead. As the half drew to a close, both teams raised a white flag each from pointed frees to leave the half-time score 0-7 to 0-4 in favour of St Marys.

In the opening attack of the 2nd half, Askeaton scored a goal with a chance not dissimilar to the chance that fell our way in the first half. This drew the teams level and Askeaton got the next 2 points to push themselves ahead for the first time. As the downpour continued, chances for both teams were limited. Michael O'Sullivan rattled the net with a first time pull to put us ahead again by a point. Askeaton took the upper hand and got the next five points before Mark Sullivan got us going again with another pointed free. Shane Hourigan pointed from play to leave a goal between the sides. However, time ran out as we continued to push for the badly needed goal to no avail. At the final whistle, we were still three points in arrears and regretting the missed frees and that early missed goal chance. All in all, a vastly improved performance from St Marys when compared to the opening round trouncing from Croagh/Kilfinny, but much work still needs to be done and they cannot afford any more slip-ups if they are to make the qualification stages. The next game against Adare is fixed for next Saturday in Dromcolligher at 7.30pm. It is a must-win game for us. Your support is as always much appreciated.

Team & Scorers: Anthony Supple, Brian Duggan, Patrick Enright, James O'Connor, Timmy o Connor, Patrick

Sheahan, Johnny Enright, Mark O'Sullivan(0-4. 3 frees), Keith Harnett, Sean Sheahan, Pat Gilbourne, Shane Hourigan(0-1), Eoghan O Connor(0-1), Mike O'Sullivan(1-0), Sean O'Shea(0-2), Subs: Kevin O Shea (for Johnny Enright 42 mins).

West Junior-A Football Championship Junior Footballers record 2nd draw of campaign

Our Junior Footballers crossed swords with Fr Caseys in the 2nd round of the West Junior Football championship last Sunday (11th July) in Coolyrue. In an even game, we showed great spirit to come from behind and claim a draw and indeed had a chance to win it at the death. Played in good dry conditions, Sean Harnett was the man in the middle with the whistle.

Fr Caseys were wide from a placed ball with their first attempt before Mike Sullivan's effort drifted wide after his brother Mark had played him through with a good pass. Gary Enright picked up a yellow card as the game remained scoreless following a foul the Abbeyfeale full-forward. Abbey's #8 picked up a yellow following a foul on Keith Harnett and Eoghan O'Connors effort from a free drifted wide as the game ticked into 8 minutes. Fr Caseys opened the scoring with a good point from their #10 before they missed a sitter hitting the cross-bar after being put through one-on-one with Ollie Byrnes, the Rathkeale custodian. Mark O Sullivan opened the Sean Finns account with a good point from the left wing and Eoghan O Connor shortly added a second from a placed ball after Mike O'Sullivan was fouled. Two more wides from Eoghan & Keith before Keith Harnett added another point after receiving a good ball out from Mark in the right corner. With 12 minutes remaining Eoghan O Connor slotted another free after Mike Sullivan was fouled to put us ahead 0-5 to 0-1. Fr Caseys finished the half strongly and scored the next 3 points, two from frees by #10 and #14 and the last from a long range punt into the square that was flicked over the bar by #8 to leave a single point in te game as half time beckoned. Sean Finns Rallied and good work from Sean Sheahan and Trevor Nolan saw Johnny Markham race through to score another point for the Deelsiders. Half-time score 0-6 to 0-4 in favour of Sean Finns.

On the resumption, with Sean Finns playing into the road end, Sean Sheahan was blown for testing the strength of the Abbey #14 jersey #14 pointed from the resulting free. Eoghan o Connor cancelled out that score with a pointed free after he was fouled himself and Keith stretched the lead with a great long-range

effort. Another free for Abbey saw them reduce the deficit to two points. Two more points for Fr Caseys saw them level matters as the game entered the last quarter. Fr Caseys then lost their #8 following a 2nd yellow card for a late tackle on Sean Sheahan and Rathkeale pressed their advantage with two good points from play by Eoghan O'Connor following good work by Patrick & Sean Sheahan for the initial score and Keith Harnett & Johnny Markham for the second of the pair. Not to be outdone Fr Caseys levelled matters again with good points from #10 on the right wing and a free from #14 after Sean Sheahan was judged to be over-carrying. |All level and seven minutes left when Fr Caseys broke through with a good passing movement or #18 to bang in a goal and hand a big advantage to the Fealeside club. However, with Trevor Nolan now operating at mid-field, and the team showing admirable determination and character, it was Sean Finns who got the next three points to draw the sides level again. The first from a free by Eoghan O'Connor, who was fouled himself as the Rathkeale side pressed for a goal, the second from Keith Harnett after Patrick Sheahan won the break from the kick-out break and the third from another O'Connor free as Barry O'Riordan drew the foul. As the game stretched into injury time, Sean Finns pressed again and had a good chance to go-ahead only for Mike O'Sullivan's effort to go well wide of the left hand post. The final whistle sounded on the kick-out and both teams went home content enough not to have a lost. Final score Sean Finns 0-13, Fr Caseys 1-10.

A good game of football with two evenly matched sides sees Fr Caseys retaining top-spot in the group on three points and Sean Finns moving to second on 2 points. Cappagh are currently in 3rd place with a point but have a game in hand which is fixed for next weekend against bottom of the table Drom/Broadford who have no points after their opening round defeat to Fr Caseys. All 4 teams are still in contention for the three qualifying spots.

Team & Scorers: Ollie Byrnes, Brian Duggan, Gary Enright, Dean Maune, Sean Sheahan, Sean O'Shea, Patrick Sheahan, Keith Harnett(0-3), Johnny Markham(0-1), Eoghan O'Connor(0-8. 5 frees), Trevor Nolan, Sean White, Michael O'Sullivan, Mark O'Sullivan(0-1), Barry O'Riordan. Subs Rob Markham (for Sean White 45 mins)

Fixtures

Thurs 15th July: Under 10 Hurling @ home V Askeaton

Fri 16th July: U10 Football blitz in Bog Garden

Sat 17th July: Junior A Hurling Ch'ship V Adare in Dromcolligher @ 7.30pm.

Mon 19th July: U16 football away v New Castle west

Wed. 21st July: U14 Football away V St. Patrick's

Under 10 Hurling

Our under 10 hurling team will play a home game this Thursday 15th with Askeaton providing the opposition.

Under 10 Football

Our under 10's will have a Blitz in Football this Friday 16th July in Mick Neville Park. This group of players have gained huge benefit from the blitzes while they get great opportunities to try out the new skills they are learning in their training sessions.

U14 Football

Sean Finn's U 14 Football team will play an away game V St. Patrick's on Wednesday 21st July. Travel arrangements will be announced at training.

Under 14 Hurling

We took part in a most enjoyable tournament in Kildimo on Saturday despite very wet weather. We were slow to start in our first game and lost to Kildimo. In our second game our team gave a great performance and tried very hard but we lost by the narrowest of margins to Castletown/Ballyagran. There were great cheers from the St. Mary's supporters for Peter Brennan who won the "Long Puc" competition. Well done Peter.

U16 Football

Our Under 16's Football team will travel to Newcastle West on Monday 19th July to take on the local side.

Cul Camp

Our VHI Cul Camp will take place next week commencing Monday 19th July to Friday 23rd July. These camps are very well run and are most enjoyable for boys and girls with an emphasis on skills and lots of fun. All participating players receive a bag along with a player's kit of socks, shorts and a jersey. Forms are available at training or from Tom Keating.

Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations to the local Community Games teams in Futsal, Tag Rugby and Rounders, who all competed in their respective Munster Finals on Sat. 10th July. These teams did their families, their parish and their Co. proud and 3 out of the 4 teams go forward to the All-Ireland finals in Athlone in August.

Best Wishes

Every good wish to the Limerick Under-21 Hurlers who will play Clare in the Gaelic grounds on this Wednesday 14th at 7.30pm. This game will be the Munster Semi-Final in the Bord Gais Championship. Damien Quaid is our representative on this panel and we send him our best wishes. Best wishes also to Darren Jones who is on the County Under-16 Hurling Panel which also has a big game this week.

COMMUNITY GAMES

MUNSTER FINALS

U16 TAG RUGBY

Rathkeale represented their County well in the U16 Tag Rugby Munster Finals held in UL on Saturday last. Rathkeale who were missing 3 of their players due to holidays and other commitments met Tipperary in the final. And what a match this turned out to be with both sides displaying some fine tag rugby skills. It was tit for tat scoring with both sides level at half time and at full time. This meant that extra time had to be played. Again both teams could not be separated and they provided nail biting entertainment for both sets of supporters. However, the fitness, experience and skill of the Rathkeale team was evident and they won the game on a scoreline of 11 to 8. Congratulations and Well Done to every player on the field who gave it their all. This is the first time that Rathkeale entered a team in the U16 Tag Rugby and they now go on to represent their province in the All-Ireland Finals in Athlone in August. Well done to all the young ladies and gentlemen on the team and their Managers.

U/15 ROUNDERS

The Community Games Munster Finals were held last Saturday in U.L.

We were drawn with Clare for our Semi-Final. In very wet & breezy conditions, our girls played very well and we ran out clear winners on a final score of 23/7.

We then met Ardfert, Kerry, in the final. This was a much tighter and more exciting match. However, with Helen in great pitching form and with the great accuracy shown by our backstop Shona with her throws to Shannon on first base, who displayed her super catching and tagging skills, we ended up worthy winners of this match on a final score of 10/5.

Congrats to all the team as both these matches showed overall great team effort. Well done to Captain Helen Enright, Shona O'Sullivan, Shannon Naughton, Marie Sheahan, Aimee Fitzgerald, Erin Jacobsen, Michelle Lowe, Treasa COleman, Tiffany Hogg, Eimear O'Connor, Kelly O'Sullivan & Gemma Jones.

Many thanks to all parents and families who supported us on the day and especially to the Naughtons for the use of their gazebo which helped greatly in trying to keep us all dry.

Best wishes to this team who now have qualified for the National Finals in Athlone on the weekend of 20th/22nd August.

FUTSAL

Rathkeale 12 Moycarkey Borris 0

Katie 5; Eadaoin 5; Tara 2.

As the scoreline suggests, this game was a very one-sided game which Rathkeale dominated from the kick-off. Katie scored in the first minute and with Eadaoin scoring in the second minute, the game ended as a contest at that early stage. Tara completed the scoring with 2 powerful strikes in the second half.

Rathkeale 5 Enniskeen & Districts 0

Eadaoin 3; Katie 2.

Enniskeen also had a big win in their Semi-final against Sixmilebridge/Kilmurry, and we knew we would have to be at our best. From the kick-off, Enniskeen attacked with a great shot which Sarah dealt with very comfortably. Katie and Eadaoin had shots on target, but the opposition's keeper was also on form. Clare & Chloe did some great defending and two minutes before half time, Eadaoin scored with one of her specials, a powerful shot with her left leg, which the goalie didn't even see, not to mind try to block it.

The second half started as good as the first half ended, when Katie scored from close range to put us in a very comfortable position. Enniskeen tried very hard to get back in the game but our defence stood firm and when Eadaoin scored our third, the challenge faded from Enniskeen. Sinead was very unlucky not to score before Katie and Eadaoin completed the scoring.

It was a great team performance and the girls created a bit of history by being the first team from Limerick to win the Munster Trophy.

Team: Captain Clare English, Sarah Fitzgerald, Eadaoin Lyons, Katie Brennan, Chloe Mullins, Tara Coleman & Sinead Fitzgibbon.

The organisers of the "beach party" arranged for the 24th July in Mann's Hotel, regret that due to unforeseen circumstances, they have to cancel the event and hope to re-arrange it for sometime in August.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Contact Pat Dalon on 069-62306 re:- Special West Limerick Pilgrimage to Lourdes - August 11th, with full board at the Hotel Paradis for 7 nights, with spiratual direction - direct flight from Shannon.

Leaning on the heart of God

I am leaning on the heart of God, I am resting there in silence. All the turmoil that exhausts me is brought to bear on this great love. No resistance or complaint is heard as I lean upon God's welcome. There is gladness for my coming. There is comfort for my pain. I lean, and lean, and lean upon this heart that hurts with me. Strength lifts the weight of my distress. Courage wraps around my troubles. No miracle of instant recovery. No taking away of life's burdens. Yet, there is solace for my soul, and refuge for my exiled tears. It is enough for me to know the heart of God is with me. Full of mercy and compassion, tending to the wounds I bear.

Choral Conducting Summer School - closing date for applications Wednesday 21st July.

The association of irish choirs, University of Limerick presents it's 30th annual choral conducting summer school for all conductors, teachers, students, choral enthusiasts and musicians. The summer school will be held from Sunday 15th - Friday 20th August, in the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance in the stunning surrounds of the University of Limerick. Artistic director is Bernie Sherlock and guest master teachers are Peter Erdel, Gabriella Thesz. Course tutors include Martin Barrett, Ite O' Donovan and Bernie Sherlock. The course is delivered on 5 levels, beginner to advanced, so there really is something for everyone. Please find application forms and repertoire at www.aaic.ie or aaic@ul.ie or 061-234823.

Clonmacnois Youth 2000 Summer Festival August 12th-15th. Free buses from around the country. All aged between 16-35 years welcome. Donation only event. See www.youth2000.ie for more details or contact Stephanie - 087-7919754.



Some of RTAG/Tidy Towns out working recently: Val Foley, Gwen McNamara, Eoin Dillon, Seamus Hogan and Noel McNamara. Keep up the good work.

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Irish Palatine Museum

In September 1709 the Palatines arrived in Ireland having left their homeland in the German Rhineland. About 50 families settled as tenants on the Southwell Estate around Rathkeale and Ballingrane where their descendants still live today.

The Irish Palatine Association was set up in Rathkeale in 1989 and the Palatine Heritage Centre houses a database of the Irish palatine families as well as a great amount of memorabilia and artefacts associated with the palatine way of life, discover how and why they came to Ireland;

**Call to the Irish Palatine Museum open
June, July, August
Wednesday-Friday 2pm-5pm
Sunday and Bank Holidays 2pm-5pm**