

Rathkeale Newsletter

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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**BEST WISHES
TO THE
CONFIRMATION
CLASS OF 2011
ENJOY YOUR DAY**

RATHKEALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Rathkeale Community Council held its AGM on Monday 28th February in the Community Centre. The most important part of the meeting was the adoption of the new Constitution and the creation of a new Executive Committee. Those nominated for the Executive Committee are: Sian Lewis & Derek Downes from the Business Committee; Joe Dunleavy & Jack O'Dwyer from Fas; Anne Gaughan & Katie Sheehy from Image & Tourism; Podge Doherty & Padraig Feehan from the Planning Committee; Seamus Hogan & Gwen McNamara from Tidy Towns/RTAG; Breid Guinane & Mick Neville from the Trustees; Peter Donovan & Noel White from Workspace; and Larry Kelly & Dave Noonan from the Brass Band.

All of the above will meet next Monday night (a closed meeting), 7th March for their 1st monthly meeting at which they will decide amongst themselves who will take the various officers rolls of the Community Council. We look forward to their updates and wish them every success in the coming year.

RATHKEALE BOXING CLUB Takes Home 5 Munster Titles



Best of luck next weekend in the National Championships

ENROLMENT

Parents wishing to enrol their children in St. Anne's Primary School, Rathkeale for September 2011, may call to the school for Enrolment Forms.

A Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate are strictly necessary for enrolment.

Closing date: Friday, 25th March 2011.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to Denise Daly who celebrated her 18th birthday with family and friends in the Chinaman Bar recently.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Frank & Siobhan Geary who celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd March.

R.T.A.G / Tidy Towns (Rathkeale Town Acton Group News)

Volunteer With Us

Do you have any spare time on your hands? If so! Why don't you join our group as spring is on the way. We will be out and about all over Rathkeale town, country. Our aim is to make Rathkeale a better place to live. We are proud of our town and we love where we live. Although some people feel the town has been neglected over the years, we feel we have started to make a small improvement. Lots of people have complimented on the various murals we created last year, more are planned in the future, this makes the derelict building a little easier on the eye. If only the powers that be, took a keener interest in the town, maybe we could irradiated the dereliction problem once and for all. Many people enjoy using the seating that we provided on Main St and on The New Rd and of course we know that many will enjoy The Bustop on Lower Main St (provided by R.T.A.G), no more waiting in the rain. Hopefully in the future when finances allow we plan to erect a second one. Shame on our bus provider who reap the financial rewards but neglect to invest in the town or indeed have no regard for its customers. As we mentioned last week The Famine Graveyard is now looking beautiful and we would encourage members of the public to drop in and take a look at the wonderful work that was carried out last year. Over 2 months we totally transformed what was a neglected abandoned piece of Rathkeales history. Finally all those who rest there (your relatives and mine) can sleep in dignity. We have not forgotten this was our main project in our 1st year and we plan to maintain and invest in the long term. Hopefully 1 day we can erect some kind of movement in memory of all those who died and rest there.

Dereliction Study

Over the last couple of weeks we have undertaken our own study of the amount and condition of all the derelict buildings in and around Main St. The results are frightening and simply not good enough. The highest percentage of unoccupied buildings is on the Main St. This is not good enough for commercial life in our town. We also found that Well Lane has a large amount of unoccupied derelict buildings. Some of these have been close up for 20 years or more. Thomas St and New Road also have a few properties that are locked up for a long time. Roaches Rd is appalling. Its hard to comprehend why someone would be allowed to lock up a property in a residential estate and leave it fall into such a state of disrepair. We also took a detailed study of Abbeycourt and spoke to some of the residents who alerted us to the fact that some of the houses here have been unoccupied and barracked for more than 20 years, "Disgraceful" and remember this is one of the newer council estates in Rathkeale town. There are 1 or 2 unoccupied building in Church St but at least they are well maintained. We are in the process of setting up the R.T.A.G website and we will put all the photographs of the fore mentioned subjects. The problem of dereliction in our town is now a growing problem and the people who supposedly manage our town have really ignored the problem. We must take immediate action now before it's too late.

Dog Litter

In the last week on or so the amount of dog litter on the footpaths on Main St is absolutely disgraceful and its a health hazard too. If you walk your dogs around town please ensure to clean up after them. Its the decent thing to do and have a bit of courtesy for fellow pedestrians. This is something we will be keeping a close eye on in the coming weeks and remember if you are caught you can be fined up to E125 on the spot fine.

Contact Us

If you like what we do and what we're about - contact any of our volunteers, give a little something back to your town Caroline Sheehan, Gwen McNamara, Jason O'Grady, Treacy Bourke, Stephanie Dalton, Marie Brennan, Noel McNamara, Valerie Foley or Seamus Hogan and remember if everyone dose a little bit it helps a lot "Rathkeale needs you".

Bridge Club Results

1st Prize: Birdie Duggan - Eileen Fitzimmons
2nd Prize: Margaret Mulcahy - Phil Fitzgerald
3rd Prize: Kay Clarcken - Angela Hanlon
4th Prize: Kay Cussen - Mossie Stack

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1st Prize: Mai Wall - Nancy Danaher
2nd Prize: Vinnie Wrenn - Joan Fitzgibbon
Christy Lynch - Paddy Sheehy
Mike Robinson - John O'Shea
Table Prizes: Mike Robinson - John O'Shea
Mary O'Grady - Peter Donovan
Raffle: p40 - Eileen Griffin
p20 - John Danaher
p10 - Marita Sheehy
p10 - Sean McElligott
p10 - Marie Wrenn

RATHKEALE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning applications submitted to Limerick County Council for Rathkeale Townn February 2011

FILE	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	APP. TYPE	DATE RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION
11109	Daniel, James, John , David, Michael, Patrick & Thomas O'Brien	The Square	Retention	14/02/2011	3 no. terraced houses as constructed which forms part of a housing development, previous planning reference no. 06/438 which is currently under construction also to include planning permission for revisions to site layout
11116	Robbie Flynn	No. 6 Roches Road	Permission	16/02/2011	extensions and modifications to existing dwelling house together with associated site works
11115	Kathleen Slattery	Site No. 4 The Bakery Bank Place/Well Lane	Permission	16/02/2011	the construction of an extension to dwelling house which is currently under construction (previous planning reference no. 05/1623)
11125	Julia O'Brien	No. 11 Abbeylands	Permission	18/02/2011	modifications and extensions to existing dwelling house together with associated site works
11154	Daniel Flynn	Chapel Lane	Retention	25/02/2011	dwelling as constructed together with entrances, front boundary wall, shed and ancillary site works (previous planning reference no. 05/497). Also, Planning Permission sought to remove existing first floor window at rear serving bedroom and replace with velux window, remove secondary vehicular entrance and replace with wall and railing to construct a boundary wall between applicants site and adjacent property together with the provision of two gates at the side of dwelling
11155	Michael Quilligan	Boherboy	Retention	25/02/2011	works carried out on renovation and extension to dwelling house together with permission to complete the works

RATHKEALE COMMUNITY GAMES

U-14 Talent Competition 5th March in Askeaton.

Below is the running order for Rathkeale and best of luck to all:

		Representing Rathkeale
4	Solo Singing	Casey O'Riordan
5	Solo Modern Dance	Kelly Noughton
7	Group Modern Dance	Lauren, Kelly, Jade, Casey, Zoe & Emily
8	Solo Music	Rachel Lynch
12	Solo Modern Dance	Casey O'Riordan
13	Group Singing	Rachael & Maeve
21	Group Modern Dance	Éadaoin, Sinéad, Sarah & Kate
23	Solo Music	Casey O'Riordan
33	Solo Singing	Maeve Power
35	Group Singing	Lauren, Kelly, Jade, Casey, Zoe & Emily

County Art & Hand Writing Competitions is on Sat. 5th in March Rathkeale Community Centre 10am start. Please bring your art supplies.

Next Round for Registrations

1. Primary School Choir.
2. Cross - Country U-9 300m . U -11 600m . U-12 Mixed Distance Relay 400m & 600m. U-13 1200m. U-14 Distance Relay 600m & 800m. U-17 1000m.
3. Camogie U-14 & U-12 (County).
4. Hurling U-11.

Any managers interested in putting any teams forward contact Mossie Woulfe 086 64837 for any details. All team forms to be returned on or before 7th March to Mossie Woulfe.

ST.MARY'S ATHLETICS CLUB

Munster Success

Juvenile Indoor Championships Nenagh U14 to U19. On Saturday 26th February 2011 we had 2 athletes in action U14. Eadaoin Lyons and Tara Coleman took part in the 60m sprint. Both girls won their heats easily and both finished 2nd in the semi final. In the final both girls ran very well Eadaoin finished in 3rd place in a time of 8.53 and received the bronze medal. Tara finished in 6th place. Eadaoin has now qualified for the All Ireland Indoor Juvenile Sprint Final which will be held in Magherafelt on the 19th March 2011. Well done girls and best of luck Eadaoin in Magherafelt. Tara also took part in the long jump U14 but finished outside the medals.

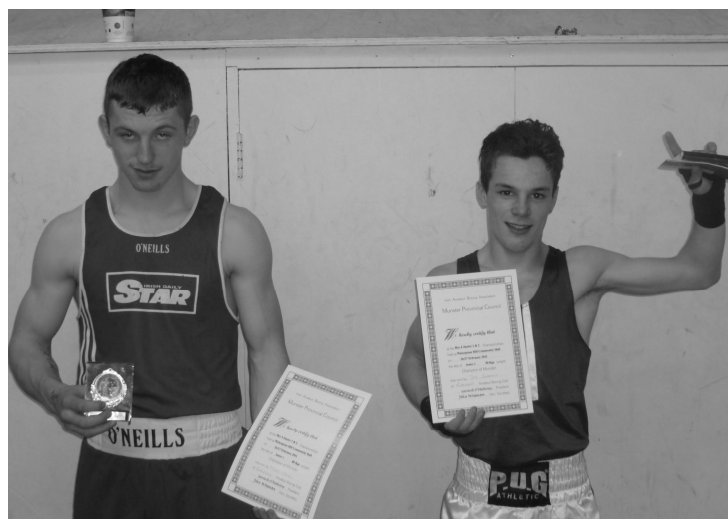
3rd Munster Title For Relay Girls

On Sunday 27th our girls relay teams U14 were in action and what a performance they gave. Medals winners were decided on fastest times. There were two heats (no semi-finals or finals). Our girls were in the 2nd heat, and were drawn on the outside lane. The girls produced a perfect performance. Eadaoin produced a great spaut, Tara Coleman was the 2nd runner and dominated with an assured display of powerful running, Sarah Enright also dominated with a powerful run and last runner Maeve Power powered her way over the last leg with fierce determination crossing the finished line in 1st place. These girls had to wait a few minutes for the result. When the result was announced they were delighted with their 1st place medals and crowned Munster Champions U14 4*200m relay (indoor). The girls finished in a time of 1.56.80. Leevale and Nenagh olympic finished joint 2nd in a time of 1.58.00. team on the day Eadaoin Lyons, Tara coleman, Sarah Enright, Maeve Power, sub Rachel Lynch. Well done girls on another fantastic performance. This team now go forward to the All-Ireland Indoor Relay Finals which will be held in Nenagh on Sunday the 3rd April 2011. Our girls U12 and U13 relay teams also go forward to the All Ireland Finals they received silver and bronze medals respectively on 19th/20th February 2011.

Training on Thursday at 7pm in the Astro turf Pitch in the soccer grounds and at 11am in the Bog Garden GAA field on Sunday morning.

Rathkeale Boxing Club

Club Takes Home 5 Munster Titles



**Munster Champions 2011
Micky Harty and Joesph Sweeney**



**Paddy McDonagh Munster Champion 2011
with his proud Dad Paddy Sr.**

Last weekend we made the trip to Watergrasshill in Co.Cork for this year's Munster Championships for boy/girl 4 and juniors 1 and 2. Saturday saw quarter finals and semi finals with finals on Sunday and some on Monday night.

First into the ring was Willie Harty against Loughmahon's Michael McDonagh. Harty started well using his jab and straight left but started to fall back in the last two rounds and unfortunately losing this one on a score of 6-2.

Next in was Paddy McDonagh in his semi - final against Gearoid Phelan of Macroom in a very cagey fight with both lads using their guard very well but McDonagh winning this one on a score of 2-1. Next was Steve O' Sullivan in this 57kg contest against Sean Daly of St. Coleman's which saw Sullivan starting very well but just hadn't the experience this time and just losing out.

Next was Padraig O Gorman against Tipperary's John McKenna which saw Gorman box very well and take this on a score of 6-2.

Steven Casey was next in against Patrick Flynn in this semi-final contest and straight away Casey caught his man with a trademark body shot which his man couldn't recover and Casey took this on a KO.

First final of the day was Paddy McDonagh against Paul Kiely of Nenagh in what was another cagey fight as both boys looking to counter punch the others mistake's but McDonagh just nicking it at the end to become Munster champion 2011.

Next was fight of the day with Liam Chalky Chalke against Jordan McDonald of St. Paul's, in a cracker with both boys throwing some serious leather, end of the first saw Chalke up 2 points and boxing brilliant, next round was much the same and saw Liam up 2 more points going into the last round, but unfortunate for Liam the ref not having much experience saw him giving Liam 2 standing counts much to the amazement of everyone and stopping the fight in favour of McDonald, Chalky did no wrong in this fight so can hold his head high and everyone in the club couldn't be prouder, well done Liam.

Micky Harty got us back to winning ways in the next fight against Luca Lawless of Slieve Luachra in a fight that didn't last very long with Harty proving why he's a multi champion stopping his man in the first round forcing his corner to throw in the towel and stopping the fight with Harty retaining his Munster title.

Next in was the big hitting hard man Joesph Sweeney against Ennis Gary O'Grady in which saw the power of Sweeney stopping his man in the first round to bring another title to Rathkeale.

So next weekend will see the 5 Munster Champions head to the big smoke, and the home of boxing, at the National Stadium in a bid to make it 5 National Champions. The club would like to thank all the coaches and officials and everyone who travelled to show their support in the long busy weekend. The club would also like to say a massive thanks to the public who gave generously to the church gate collection over the weekend to help support the clubs much needed funds. Well done again to all boxers and coaches.

St. Mary's / Sean Finns GAA Club

Bord na nOg Awards Night

The annual awards night for our Bord na nOg members will take place this Friday night at Davy Mann's Hotel beginning at 7.30pm. This is always a highlight in the GAA year for our younger members and promises to be a great night once again this year. Parents may find it a convenient time to pay the membership fees for this year as the Club Registrar will be in attendance. Fees remain the same as last year with the fee for an individual Adult as €20, individual Under 18's as €10 while a Family may join for €50. These fees need to be paid by the end of March and /or before playing this year for the club.

Would you like to buy a personal Club Jersey?

In the near future an order will be placed with manufacturers for individual jerseys for anyone who places their order. Various sizes are available for purchase. The prices will range from 27.50 for the smallest sizes, while jerseys for Under 14- medium will cost approximately 35 euro and larger sizes (Adult) will cost 38 euro. Any person may place an order and the younger teams will be welcome to play matches wearing their own jersey if they wish. With the under 8's and Under 10's playing mixed teams and often a shortage of changing rooms, this might suit many children as they may be ready leaving home for their games. Please place your orders with Mike Sheahan 087- 6136475 or Fiona Dalton 086- 1593996. They will be available to give further details at the Awards night.

Bord na nOg Church Gate Collection

The annual Church Gate Collection for Bord na nOg will be taken up at Masses in Rathkeale this Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March. Your support is much appreciated as always.

Return to games: Under 14 Football

Our Under 14 Football team will lead the club this year with their first game this Sunday 6th March at 11.00am. The game will be played in Ballingarry with Granagh/Ballingarry providing the opposition at 11am. Best wishes to Paddy O'Grady and his team as they start a new season.

Sarsfield Cup

The final of the Sarsfield Cup (Primary Schools Interdivisional Football Championship) takes place in the Gaelic Grounds this Wednesday evening (2nd March) at 6.30pm. The Local school are well represented on the team with 3 students. All in the club would like to wish the best of luck to Darragh O Grady, George Mulcahy and Seamus Keating who are representing their school and our club on the West Team.

Fixture list for 2011 Season

Avery competitive list of games have been fixed for our club. First out of the blocks for 2011 will be our Under 21 Hurlers who travel to Monagea to play the locals next Saturday at 3pm.

The following is a detailed list of all upcoming games for our Juniors, Under-21s and Minor football and hurling teams.

Players/Managers are advised to take note of their games

Minor Hurling Championships (All-County 12-a-side).

Group-1: Newcastlewest, Feenagh/Kilmeedy, Monagea, St Kierans, St Marys.

Group-2: Na Piarsaigh, Caherline, Fedamore, Knockainey, Monaleen

Our Group Games:

Away V Feenagh/Kilmeedy (5th May 7pm)

Home V Monagea 5th July 7.45pm

Home V St Kierans 5th Aug 7.15pm

Semi-Finals 19-Aug

Final 2-Sept

West Minor Hurling Championship (12-a-Side Knockout).

Teams: Newcastlewest, Feenagh/Kilmeedy, St Kierans, St Marys.

Feenagh/Kilmeedy v St-Kierans (Semi-Final) 1/5/11
7.30pm

St-Marys/Sean Finns v Newcastle West (Semi-Final) 1/5/11
7.30pm.

Final 25/8/11 or 28/8/11.

U21 Hurling Championship (All County 12-a-side)

Teams: Caherline, Monaleen, Castletown/Ballyagran, Knockainey, Monagea, St Marys.

Our Games

Away V Monagea (Sat 5-March 3pm)

Home V Castletown/Ballyagran (Sat 12-March 3pm)

Away V Knockainey (Thurs 17th March 12am)

Semi-Final 17-April

Final 24-April

Junior-A Hurling Championship.

Group-1: St-Kierans, St-Marys, Tournafulla, Killeedy, Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Feenagh/Kilmeedy.

Group 2: Adare, Croagh/Kilfinny, Drom/Broadford, Askeaton, Templeglantine.

Our group games (Neutral Venues)

11-June v St-Kierans.

18-June v Feenagh/Kilmeedy.

2-July v Killeedy.

16-July v Feohanagh/Castlemahon.

30-July v Tournafulla

N.B. Top team in each group qualifies for Semi-Finals.
Second and third placed teams in each group qualifies for Quarter-Finals.

Quarter-Finals 20/8/11. (With extra time if necessary)

Semi-Finals 10/9/11 (With extra time if necessary)

Final 24/9/11.

West Intermediate Hurling. Championship.

Teams – Tournafulla, Monagea, Drom/Broadford, St-Marys, Killeedy, Croagh/Kilfinny, Newcastle West, Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Askeaton, Feenagh/Kilmeedy.

Round 1 - Tournafulla v Monagea (8/5/11). (With extra time if necessary)

Round 1 - Drom/Broadford v St-Marys (15/5/11) (With extra time if necessary)

Quarter-Finals. (With extra time if necessary)

Drom/Broadford or St-Marys/Sean-Finns v Monagea or Tournafulla. 22/5/11.

Killeedy v Croagh/Kilfinny
22/5/11.

Newcastle West v Feohanagh/Castlemahon
22/5/11.

Askeaton v Feenagh/Kilmeedy
22/5/11.

Semi-Finals. (With extra time if necessary)
5/6/11.

Final. 11/6/11 or 10/7/11.

Junior-A Hurling League.

Group-1. - St-Marys, Adare, Knockaderry, Tournafulla

Group-2. - Croagh/Kilfinny, Templeglantine, Killeedy

Our group games:

7-Apr Home v Adare.

21-Apr Home v Knockaderry

12-May Away v Tournafulla

Semi-Finals (With extra time if necessary) 26/5/11.

Final

Minor A & B Football Championship.

Teams: Adare, Cois Sionna Gaels, Sean-Finns, Newcastle West, Shannon Gaels, Na Fianna, Feale Rangers, Drom/Broadford.

Our games

Home v Newcastle West. 1-April

Away v Cois Sionna Gaels 15-April

Home v Na Fianna 1-July

Away v Drom/Broadford 15-July

Away v Adare 29-July

Home v Shannon Gaels 12-Aug

Home v Feale Rangers 23-Aug

N.B. Top 2 in A Final 30/8/11 or 4/9/11.

2nd & 3th plus 4th & 5th in B Semi-Finals 30/8/11.

Minor B Football Final 2/9/11 or 4/9/11.

U21 A & B Football Championships.

Group-1. - Sean-Finns, Cappagh, Drom/Broadford, Adare, Monagea

Group-2. - St-Senans, Feale Rangers, St-Kierans, Ballysteen, Deel Rangers

Our Games

Home V Cappagh 6-Sept

Home V Adare 13-Sept

Away V Monagea 25-Sept.

Away V Drom/Broadford 1-Oct

Top 2 in each group in A Semi-Finals 15/10/11.

3th & 4th in each group in B Semi-Finals. 15/10/11

A & B Finals 22/10/11.

Junior-A Football Championship.

Group-1: Fr-Caseys, Granagh/Ballingarry, Sean-Finns, Monagea.

Group-2: Drom/Broadford, Glin, Cappagh, Feohanagh/Castlemahon.

Our Group Matches (Neutral Venues):

25-June v Monagea,

10-July v Fr Caseys,

24-July V Granagh/Ballingarry

Top team in each group qualifies for Semi-Finals.

Second and third placed teams in each group qualifies for Quarter – Finals.

Winners of each group to be guarded in Semi-Finals.

Quarter-Finals 27/8/11 (With extra time if necessary)

Semi-Finals. 17/9/11 (With extra time if necessary).

Final. 2/10/11.

Intermediate Football Championship.

Quarter-Finals. (With extra time if necessary)

St-Marys/Sean Finns v Glin. 27/3/11.

Fr-Caseys v Athea 27/3/11.

Feohanagh/Castlemahon v Cappagh 27/3/11.

Gerald/Griffins v Mountcollins 27/3/11.

Semi-Finals. (With extra time if necessary)

St-Marys/Sean Finns or Glin v Fr-Caseys or Athea 8/4/11

Feohanagh/Castlemahon or Cappagh v Gerald/Griffins or

Mountcollins 9/4/11.

Final. 17/4/11.

Junior-A Football League.

Group-1: Cappagh, Granagh/Ballingarry, Monagea, Sean Finns

Group-2: Fr-Caseys, Glin, Drom/Broadford

Our group games

Away V Monagea 31-Mar

Away V Granagh/Ballingarry 14-Arpil

Home V Cappagh 28-April

Semi-Finals (With extra time if necessary) 5/5/11.

Upcoming Fixtures:

Wed 2nd March - Sarsfield Cup Final at 6.30pm in Gaelic Grounds.

Sat 5th March – U21 Hurling Away V Monagea at 3.00pm

Sun 6th March – U14 Football Away V Granagh/Ballingarry at 11.00am.

Sat 12-March – U21 Hurling Home V Castletown/Ballyagran at 3.00pm

Thurs 17th March – U21 Hurling Away V Knockainey at 12.00am

Sun 27th March – Intermediate Football Home V Glin

