

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.



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 Brian Mullins who celebrated his 38th birthday with family and friends on Saturday night.

Ratheale Youth Project

Located above Giltinanes Pharmacy, Rathkeale.

Looking to volunteer???

Ring Sasha on 087-3294304 or call in when the gates are open.

Congratulations to the youth bank who organised a soccer tournament to fundraise for the project.

Coming up we have a wake-a-thon and also a donkey derby which will be held in Rathkeale.



ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE RATHKEALE 17TH MARCH 2011 @ 12.30pm

There has been great interest in the parade this year and it promises to be a good event. The parade will start at 12.30pm, if you wish to participate please contact 087-2755735 for further details.

We are also looking for stewards; please contact us if you would like to help, call the above or tell one of the committee members.

Committee members:- Alison O'Riordan, Katie Sheehy, Sian Lewis, Anne Gaughan, Cathryn Smullen, Yvonne Mulcair, Jason Dowling, Tom Enright, Pat Dalton, Valerie O'Riordan and Noreen Hogan.

The prizes on the day are:

- Best Decorated Business, Best Decorated House - These will be judged on Wednesday 16th.

The following will be judged on the 17th:

- Best Float
- Best Walking Float
- Funniest Entrant
- Best Bike - The Jim Mulcair Memorial
- Best Horse and Cart
- Vintage Prize
- Best Sports



Rathkeale & District Historical Society

The next meeting of the Rathkeale & District Historical Society will take place at 8.30pm on Friday 11th March at the sheltered Houses Meeting Rooms, Enniscouch, Rathkeale. The topic for discussion and the speaker are: "Aspects of the land war in mid-county Limerick" by Sean Liston. All are welcome and admission is free.

Rathkeale Community Council Law & Order Committee

A Law & Order Committee was recently set-up as part of the restructuring of the Community Council process. The Committee held its first meeting this week.

The Committee hopes to update you with progress regularly, and is contactable by email on lawandorderrathkeale@gmail.com

Rathkeale Community Council 45 Drive - Card Results

1st Prize: John Mulvihill - Peg Mulvihill
John Dolan and Partner

Table Prizes: Irene Donovan - Eileen Griffin
Anthony McMahon - Willie Keating

Raffle: p40 - Denis O'Keefe
p20 - Maureen O'Shea
p10 - Gretta McKenna
p10 - Peg Mulvihill
p10 - Peter Donovan

Farmleigh House:- Sunday March 13th :- all those intending traveling must have their seat confirmed by payment beforehand. Leaving Courtney Lodge Hotel at 7.30pm sharp. We have a long waiting list. Contact Maureen at 087-9845102.

Caring In The Home Course:- The Limerick Branch Of Caring are now taking names for the forthcoming "Caring In The Home" course which will take place at St. Ita's Hospital, Newcastle West for one evening per week for 12 consecutive Thursdays commencing towards the end of March 2011. For application forms and further information phone 061-469484 or 061-469313 Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 2pm.

Saint Joseph's Young Priests Society
Rathkeale branch monthly meeting will be held in St. Anne's Convent, on Thursday March 10th at 8pm. All promoters are requested to attend. We need to pray for Vocations and for our priests. Please join us in St. Anne's Convent Chapel for 30 minutes Eucharistic Adoration, which will be followed by a brief meeting.

Afternoon Of Prayer And Family Tree Mass:- will be held by Fr. Gerard Cusack, Norbertine, Dublin at Banteer Community Centre Co Cork next Sunday March 13th at 3pm. Guest speaker Fr Michael Daly. Contact either Nora at 087-7453154 or Pat at 069-62306.

NEWS FROM COLÁISTE NA TRÓCAIRE for week ending 4th March 2011

Creative Writing

We would like to congratulate all those who took part in the creative writing competition held last term. The competition was run within the school at Junior and Senior level and the standard was extremely high. The overall winner is Declan McCarthy of First Year who shows remarkable talent at a very young age. The winners in the Senior category were Emer Stokes and Martina McMahon, and at Junior Level the winners were Ciara Dillon and Emma Flynn.

All Ireland Handball Champion

Congratulations to Martina McMahon of Transition Year who has won First Place in the all Ireland Ladies Senior 40*20 Colleges Championship representing Colaiste Na Trocaire. The competition was held last weekend in Mallow and she was presented with a gold medal on the day.

Sporting Events

Patrick Duggan Fifth Year has qualified for the All-Ireland Athletics Cross Country Finals which will be held in the National Sports Campus in Abbottstown, Dublin later in the month. U14's defeated Croom in Football last Thursday.

Maths Seminar

Junior and Leaving Cert Higher Level Maths pupils attended a two day seminar during the recent mid-term break. The seminar was held in University College Cork and they attended lectures given by experienced examiners, lecturers and the well known Mathematician George Humphrey.

RATHKEALE COMMUNITY GAMES

What a busy weekend we have just had with five different competitions being held in just 24 hours.

45 CARD GAME

On Friday evening, we were represented by Sarah Fitzgerald and Meadhbh Moran at the County 45 Card Game Competition which was held in Cappagh. Both girls had to enter as individuals as an area needs 4 participants to enter the team competition. Congratulations to Sarah who took the Gold medal on the night being the only competitor winning a total of 5 games. Many thanks to our hosts in Cappagh for a very enjoyable night and also for the refreshments provided.

MODEL-MAKING

Saturday morning saw Thomas White and Clancy McCarthy in Shanagolden to represent us in the Model-Making Competition. Well done to Thomas White who was awarded the Bronze medal for his super entry on the day.

HANDWRITING & ART

Rathkeale was one of the venues in the county for the new U/10 Handwriting and also the Art competitions. We had children from 7 neighbouring areas taking part in both competitions. Many thanks to any parent who sent in cakes, buns, etc for the very welcome cup of tea provided that morning.

U/14 TALENT

Our Semi-Finals of the U/14 Talent took place then on Saturday evening in Askeaton. Our representatives were as follows: Casey O'Riordan and Maeve Power – Solo Singing; Kelly Naughton and Casey O'Riordan – Solo Modern Dance; Rachel Lynch – Solo Music; Group Modern Dance – Lauren Barr, Kelly Naughton, Jade Bourke, Casey O'Riordan, Zoe Mulcaire and Emily Hogg; and also Eadaoin Lyons, Sinead Fitzgibbon, Sarah Fitzgerald and Kate Geary; Group Singing – Rachel

Lynch and Maeve Power; and also Lauren, Kelly, Jade, Casey, Zoe and Emily.

Each individual and group did us proud on a night of a very high standard of talent. However, we were delighted when the results were announced as we have the following qualifiers to the County Finals on the weekend of 19th/20th March: Kelly Naughton – Solo Dance; Lauren, Kelly, Jade, Casey, Zoe and Emily in both their Group Dance and Group Singing. Well done girls, and the best of luck in the County Finals.

U/13 & U/15 GIRLS ROUNDERS

Any girl interested in trials for either of the above teams, please text your name, date of birth and contact mobile number to Vera on 086 3465807 before this Friday, as teams have to be registered before the end of the month.

Tag Rugby U-14 Trails on Sunday 13th March at 4pm in the bog garden. Everyone welcome to try out.

Round 8 Registration 30th March for the following.

Any managers interested in getting teams for any of the following events contact Mossie Woulfe 069 64837.

1. Gaelic Football U-10
2. Girls Gaelic Football U-12
3. Rounders Boys & Girls U-15
4. Rounders Boys & Girls U-13
5. Girls Soccer U-12
6. Hockey U-16 Girls
7. Tag Rugby U-11 & U-14
8. Soccer Girls U-17 [county] Team of 8 Panel of 11
9. Swimming A
10. Swimming B with primary school squad competition
11. Volleyball U-16 Girls & Boys

Rathkeale Community Games would like to congratulate all the children receiving their Confirmation this week.

ST.MARY'S ATHLETICS CLUB

Training on Thursday at 7.00pm in the Astro Turf pitch in the soccer grounds and on Sunday morning at 11.00am in the Bog Garden GAA Field.

BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

1 st Prize:	Kay Cussen - Donal O'Sullivan
2 nd Prize:	Nell Madden - Mary Judge
3 rd Prize:	Eileen Kennedy - Mary Donovan
4 th Prize:	Kay Clarken - Angela Hanlon

St. Mary's / Sean Finns GAA Club

Bord na nOg Awards night

Our Bord na nOg Awards and medal presentation night was held last Friday night 4th March, in Davy Mann's Hotel and a very enjoyable night was had by all. Delicious food was served to the appreciative audience. Medals and awards were presented to various players and teams by our invited guests. We would like to thank our guests on the night Seamus Hickey, Teresa Mulcaire, Eoghan O'Connor, Ger Downes and our own Club President Tom McNamara. Tom presented the u16 football team with their County U16 Football Championship Division 2 medals. Thanks also to Davy Mann for his hospitality and to Jerry Molyneaux for doing MC on the night.

Bord na nOg Church Gate Collection

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Bord na nOg Collection at the Masses in Rathkeale last weekend. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Sarsfield Cup success for West Limerick

The West Limerick Primary schools Football Team was successful in the very prestigious competition to claim the Sarsfield Cup last week. This Interdivisional Primary Schools competition was held in the Gaelic Grounds on Wednesday night when the West team beat the South on a score line of 1:6 to 0:3. Our club and St. Joseph's Boys' N.S. were well represented with Darragh O Grady playing centre-field, George Mulcahy in the half-back line and Seamus Keating as a substitute. We congratulate them on their win.

Under 14 Football Feile Competition

Our Under 14's Football team played Granagh Ballingarry in the Feile B Competition on Sunday 6th March. This was a high-scoring game with lots of skill on display. Granagh/Ballingarry won by the narrowest of margins with 3:07 while Sean Finn's team had a very creditable score of 3:06.

Under 21 Hurling (12-a-side)

Our Under 21 Hurling team was also out on the playing fields on Sunday at 3pm, when they started the year with an away game against Monegea. This was a high scoring close game with all players getting used to the 12-a-side format. The final score showed St. Mary's losing by 1-2 points with a score of 1:14 while Monegea had 3:13. Also in last weeks notes, a couple of U21 games were omitted. The full list of U21 hurling championship matesces for the club is as follows:

Away V Monagea (Sat 5-March 3pm)

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

Away V Knockainey (Thurs 17th March 12am)

Home V Monaleen (Sun 27th March 3pm)

Away V Caherline (Sun 10th April 3pm)

Semi-Final 17-April

Final 24-April

Reminder re Limerick Coaching Conference

Just a reminder of the Coaching Conference which will be held in LIT this Saturday. Coaches please check with Pat Sheahan for further details.

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, ranging from small and medium for juveniles to large and extra-large for adults. The prices will be in the region of 27.50 for the smallest sizes, while jerseys for bigger sizes will cost from 35 euro to 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 there often being a shortage of changing rooms, having a personal jersey might suit many children as they may be togged out before leaving home to play a game. Buying these jerseys is optional. Please place your orders with Mike Sheahan on 087- 6136475 or Fiona Dalton on 086-1593996.

Limerick GAA Development Draw.

The first draw for the 2011 season takes place this Friday night at the Gaelic Grounds. The club are delighted with the recent canvass for support and hopefully we will have a few winners on Friday night. If you are not in and still want to join, contact Mary Liston or Pat Sheahan immediately. Cost is €100 for annual subscription, giving you entry into 10 draws with €18,000 first prize in each draw. By entering through the club, you are supporting your local club (50% commission) and Limerick GAA. Remember "if you are not in, you can't win."

Upcoming Fixtures:

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

Sun 27th March U21 Hurling Home V Monaleen

Thurs 31st March Jun Football League Away V Monagea

Fri 1st April Minor Football Championship Home V Newcastlewest

Thurs 7th April Jun Hurling League Home V Adare

Sun 10th April 3pm U21 Hurling Away V Caherline

Thurs 14-April Jun Football League Away V

Granagh/Ballingarry

Fri 15th April Minor Football Championship Away v Cois Sionna Gaels

Thurs 21st April Jun Hurling League Home V Knockaderry

Thurs 28th April Jun Football League Home V Cappagh