

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: Tom Hogan, Billy O'Sullivan
Vinnie Wrenn, Joan Fitzgibbon
- Table Prizes: Paddy Cregan - John Quilty
John and Peg Mulvihill
- Raffle: p40 - Paula Rouine
p20 - Nancy Danaher
p10 - Pauline Kerins
p10 - Nancy Danaher
p10 - Paula Rouine

Croí Na nÓg

Rathkeale Community Childcare

Croí Na nÓg, Rathkeale Community Childcare are holding their annual church gate collection on 17th April. Please support your local creche. The staff of Croí Na nÓg would also like to thank everyone who raised and donated money towards the creche pyjama day in aid of The Irish Hospice Foundation Home care for children programme on

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will finally go to print next week. Draft copies are available for you to check your ad in Wilmot's Newsagents until Sunday 17th April. We strongly advise you to call to check your ad before we go to print. No changes can be made after this date. Please contact Sian or Derek with any questions.

St Mary's Church Mass Times

Monday ó Friday: 9.30am
Saturday 9.30am and 7.30pm as normal
Sunday 9.30 am and 11.30am

Aspects of the History of Rathkeale By Patrick Coleman

The following advertisement appeared in the General Advertiser or Limerick Gazette of April 25, 1809 and deals with the preparations for Rathkeale Races which were to be held from the 18th. May of that year. It is a call for horses to compete in the various competitions and sets out the prize money for the races, how it will be raised, the length of the individual races, the weights that will apply to the jockeys for the individual races and the rules that will apply. It is interesting to note that the most valuable of the races, the County of Limerick Gold Cup which was run on Tuesday the 23rd. May, only "Gentlemen" could ride. I must say a smile crossed my lips when I saw that horses that were late for the race, had to pay One Guinea before they would be allowed to start, presumably this only applied where the race had been delayed by the late arrival of a horse. The importance of the Curragh is interesting to note in that a Sworn Judge from their had to be in attendance. One other aspect that is of interest is that the winner of the days races had a number of obligations they had to meet. Taylor and Skinners Road Map of Ireland from the late 18th. Century places the race course at that time in the field adjoining Meades Filling station at the 5 Cross Roads, though its locaqtion may have changed by this date. At this time the horses would have competed in a series of races, from the publication of the results following the completion of the races, it was two heats per day in the case of Rathkeale in 1809. My recollection from my reading of details of earlier race meetings, owners would allow their horses to be raised over three heats and over a distance of 3 or 4 miles per heat.

"Rathkeale Races

May 18,1809

Thursday 18 - Sweepstake of 25 Guineas [A guinea was a charge usually by a man of professional standing i.e. a doctor or solicitor. It was the equivalent of £1. 1s.] each. 15 Guineas Forfeit, to which the Stewards will add £60; second horse to save his stake - two miles [No reference is made to the fact that this race will be run over heats, it is only when I checked the results that I noted it too was raced over two heats]. Horses to be named on or before the first day of next April. Meeting 1809, to the Keeper of the Match Book, Kildare or Messrs. Hunter, Dublin - Weights to be fixed by the Stewards of the Turf Club, on Saturday, in same Meeting. - Four Horses to start or no Race [In fact the results reveal that only three started]

Friday 19 - £50 for all Hunters that never won any thing (a fair Hunter's Plate or Prize excepted) and that have been fairly Hunted last season - 3 mile Heats; Weight for Age viz. - 4 years old 9 st. 13 lb., 5 years old, 11 st. 2 lb, 6 years old, 12st. and aged 12st. 4l.

Saturday 20 - £50 for 3 and 4 years old - 3 years old 7 st.; 4 years old 8st. 7 lb.; 2 mile Heats.

Monday 22 - £50. Weight for Age, viz - 3 years old 6 st. 4 lb; 4 years old 7 st. 12 lb; 5 years 8st. 7lb.; 6 years old 8 st. 12 lb; and aged 9st. 2lb.; 2 mile Heats.

Tuesday 23 - Co. of Limerick Gold Cup - Weight for Age, viz 3 years old 9st. 10lb; 4 years old 11st 3lb; 5 years old 12st. 3lb; 6 years old 12st. 10lb.; and aged 13st.; 3 mile Heats - to be rode by Gentlemen.

Wednesday 24 - Sweepstakes of 5 Guineas each, to which the Stewards will add £30 - Weights and Distance to be Handicapped by the Stewards, on or before Eight o'Clock on Tuesday evening.

King's Plate Articles - 3st. to Mares and Geldings; all horses to enter with the Clerk of the Course, four clear days before their respective days of running, paying, if the property of a Subscriber of 2 Guineas, One Shilling in the Pound, Entrance - A Non-Subscriber double, and double at the Post - The winner each day to pay One Guinea to the Clerk of the Course, One Guinea to a Sworn Judge from the Curragh, and a Half-a-Guinea for scales and straw. - The Horses to start precisely (each day) at 2 o'Clock, and the Horse or Horses not ready then, to pay One Guinea before they will be allowed to start.

Every exertion shall be made by the Clerk of the Course to have the best Wines, Ordinaries and Balls.

For the Stewards,

Gerald Blennerhassett

Clerk of the Course

Stewards - John Blennerhassett, George Fosbery, Adare Farm, Hugh Massy, Gelrge Fosbery, Currabridge, Ion Studdert and Thomas Scanlan.

**ATONEMENT SUNDAY
PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

May 1st leaving the Market Yard at 8am. Contact Nora Enright 087-7453154 or Pat Dalton 069-62306 for further details.

COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

with chef Deirdre Doody in the Resource Centre, Knockaderry on April 14th at 8pm. All proceeds go to the Irish Cancer Society as part of the Pat Scully Memorial Fund. Tickets E10 are available at The Dresser and Tintean, Maiden St.

STREET STEPPING FOR WOMEN

This programme aims to encourage women to become more physically active in a supportive & social environment. The programme empowers women to choose between walking, jogging or running using the Sli Na Slainte routes. The group will meet in Rathkeale at the sli map sign every Tuesday @ 7pm (U16 years must be accompanied by an adult). Participants can get individual programme support from the County Limerick Sports Partnership. For more information contact Elaine 061-496463.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy is being celebrated in Crecora Church on Sunday 1st may at 2.00pm Confessions will be held before hand followed by mass.Sunday 1st May is also the day that Pope John Paul II is being beatified, Each member of the congregation are invited to light a candle in honour of the beatification of Pope John Paul II

BRIDGE CLUB - RESULTS

- 1st: Pat Neville - Ann Roche
- 2nd: Phil Fitzgerald - Donal O'Sullivan
- 3rd: Kay Clarkin - Mary Curtin
- 4th: Pam McNamara - Nell Madden

EVENTS IN COLAISTE NA TROCAIRE

FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 8TH

IRISH ORALS

Leaving cert students have now completed their Irish oral exam, students were relaxed and confident and they are now preparing for French and German orals which will be taking place next week.

OUTDOORS PURSUITS

L.C.A students recently enjoyed a trip to Kilfinane Outdoor Pursuits Centre. They enjoyed a different variety of sports including kayaking, mountain biking and team building exercise. L.C.A students also held table-tennis and darts tournaments as part of their Enterprise programme for the Leaving Cert.

KILLERY VISIT

A group of 30 T.Y pupils spent two days in Killery Harbour Adventure centre in the West Of Ireland. They were accompanied by Ms Geoghegan and Ms Condon. They enjoyed kayaking, gorge walking and other team-building activities which were both physically and mentally challenging. The aim of these pursuits is to encourage team work.

L.C.V.P

Students in the L.C.V.P class have to submit their portfolios by April 18. Written exams will be held on May 4th. Congratulations to 5th year pupils and T.Y pupils who were presented with their Safe Pass Cards.

SPORTS EVENTS

Congratulations to Ms Geoghegan and her team of athletes who once again were the outright winners of the County V.E.C Shield at the County Sports day which was held in the sports arena of U.L. Our Senior Ladies Football team played Hazelwood last week, they had a good match however Hazelwood won out on the day. The team was captained by Brid Hannan. Last Tuesday our Junior Hurlers won the County Semi Final against Newport. The team captain was David Condon who played a great game scoring 1:9, the final score was 3.5 to 2.10. Other outstanding performers of the day were Eoin Casey, David Lynch and Brian Hannon. They will play St. Munchins in the county finals next week.

FRENCH EXCHANGE

A group of students from the school have spent a week in Chartes de Bretagne on an exchange programme with host families. While in France they visited sites of historical interest, they attended a reception in the town hall where they are welcome by the leaders of the local council and they attended classes in the Secondary School. A return visit of these French students is taking place in the coming week 9th to 16th April. They will visit Bunratty Castle, Cobh Heritage Centre, Cork as well as Killarney and Crag Cave. They will also have an opportunity to participate in classes in Colaiste na Trocaire. For further information please contact Mr Padraig Feehan or Ms Mary Danaher

SMART CAREERS COMPETITION

The Smart Careers competition is organised by the National Centre for Excellence in Maths and Science Teaching and Learning (NCE-MSTL). Two students from Colaiste Na Trocaire were shortlisted from a very large group of entrants from the Western and Southern Region. Declan McCarthy and Chloe Condon from 1st year had to demonstrate how mathematics could influence their career choice. Declan was awarded 3rd place overall within the region which is a marvellous personal achievement, it is also an achievement for his family and his teachers. Each student had to design a poster which was basically a mathematical approach to making a career choice, they also had to display this approach artistically. Declan's poster will now appear in a maths/science calendar for 2012 which will be sent to every school in the country.

STUDENTS TEACHERS

For the past 6 weeks we have had 4 students doing their teaching practice in the school. They were Sióthán Ahern (science), Thomas Moran (metalwork), Ronan Farrell (p.e and maths) and Gary Hayes (woodwork). They have now completed their final teaching practice and return to U.L to complete their college courses.

R.T.A.G / Tidy Towns

(Rathkeale Town Acton Group News)

DAWN MASS

Now that the famine graveyard is looking so well we were wondering how we can entice people to come and have a look. In the meantime some people from town who have paid a visit suggested to us it would be a perfect setting for a outdoor mass, so we have decided to hold a dawn mass on Easter Sunday morning. We still have to work on the finer details and we will announce these in the observer nearer to the time, so please spread the word and to the best of my knowledge this is the first time that a mass has ever been held in the graveyard in modern times. Again we would like to thank everyone for all the hard work over the last couple of months. A special mention to Jason O'Grady and Anthony Hanley for planting the trees last week, your work is much appreciated.

SUMMER CLEANUPS 2011

The 1st of our summer cleanups took place last week. All of the hardworking volunteers were out and about at the entrances into the town at the roundabout, excellent job, then onto Roaches Rd later in the wk and a big cleanup also took place. Over the coming wks we will target all the little blackspots in Rathkeale. If you live in any particular area in Rathkeale and you would like our help, please do not hesitate to ask and we are more than willing to lend a hand over the next couple of weeks. We will tackle Beachmount, The Five Roads to the bypass, Ballywilliam, New Rd, St Mary's Park, Holy Cross. Due to insurance reason we are unable to carry out any work on the by-pass. All this takes time and as always we are renewing our request for extra volunteers over the next couple of months. If you want to get involved please contact Val Foley, Seamus Hogan, Caroline Sheehan, Jason O'Grady, Stephanie Dalton, Marie Brennan, Gwen McNamara, Treacy Burke, Noel McNamara or any of our volunteers, or why not come along to one of our weekly meetings at Sullivans Bar any Thursday night @ 9.30 sharp. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome. This is an ideal way to give something back to the community.

STREET BENCHES

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored the much, used street benches located in various different locations around the town and at the famine graveyard. A lot of people are using them for picnics on the new road and its great to be able to offer tourists a safe and central location to stop off in Rathkeale and enjoy what we have to offer. We do need to install a bin at this location, we will be discussing this with the council in the next couple of weeks. Due to demand we have to order more of the benches and these will be in site in the next week. Thank you to the sponsors and thank to everyone for all of your compliments in this project. anyone interested in sponsoring a bench, please contact Val Foley @ Cafe V or Seamus Hogan or any of our committee.

CINEMA PROJECT

Over the last couple of months we have worked with the producers of the TV documentary "Dirty old towns", the filming has now been fully completed and the series is due to start in the next week or so, tune in on RTE 1 to see the end result.

PAINT BANK

Following on from our very successful bank last summer we plan to hold a couple over the summer months, our 1st one will be held in early May, so now is the time to tackle the garage or garden shed and sift through all those old unwanted tins of paint which we will put to good use over the next couple of months. The paint we collected last year was used for the very colourful murals located at the derelict building around the town.

NEW IDEAS

Have you any ideas on how we can continue to improve our town, maybe there something you have thought about, and you thinks it something we should consider, please dont keep your ideas to yourself, why not share them with us.

FACEBOOK

Dont forget we have a facebook page. If you want to keep up to date on all of our activities just log on Rathkeale town action group, plenty of photos from last year projects and info etc.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Later in the summer we plan on running a photographic competition. We want everyone to get out and take photos in and around Rathkeale town. There are so many interesting subjects that spring to mind Castlematrix, St Mary's Church, Palletine, The Walkway, Famine Graveyard, Augustine Abbey etc etc. We want to see how you view Rathkeale through the lens of your camera. We will have some great prizes on offer, so get out and about and enjoy all that Rathkeale has to offer and bring that camera start taking those photos. We will publish more details very soon. This competition will be open to all and there will be different categories.

BUS STOPS

Good news for all the bus users in Rathkeale, we have now install our second bus top as mentioned a couple of weeks ago. We would like to thank Billy and Brian O Sullivan of O Sullivan Ironworks who very generously donated our second bus top, no more waiting in the rain. Anyone interested in advertising please contact Val Foley or Seamus Hogan.

DOG LITTER

Dog fowling is still a problem around town. Its disgusting, disrespect full and can cause disease. Its seems it is only a handful of people that are causing this problem. You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog We will be keeping a close eye on the streets over the next couple of weeks, anyone caught will receive a fine of E1300. It would be much cheaper to clean up after your dog - and courteous to your neighbours.

RATHKEALE COMMUNITY GAMES

Swim A next Sunday 17th April in Askeaton 3pm start can all the swimmers be their for check in for 2.30. The following childers are to swim on sunday Ashling Dalton, Orla Fahy, Emma Dalton, Ciara Dillon, Maire Sheahan and Jack Fahy good luck to all the swimmers.

U/13 FUTSAL

The first round of the 2011 Futsal competition took place in Croagh on Saturday evening with five teams competing and two teams to progress.

RATHKEALE 8 CROAGH/KILFINNY 0

Tara Coleman 4; Katie Brennan 3; Rachel Lynch 1
We got off to a great start with a big win over our neighbours, who unfortunately for them, were missing a couple of their starting team. Never the less, it was a great team performance and all the panel got to play.

RATHKEALE 2 ST. SENANS 0

Chloe Mullins 1; Tara Coleman 1
The score line doesn't give a true picture of this game. Chloe Mullins gave us the lead early in the game and Tara quickly followed with another goal. The St. Senans's keeper made some great saves and with the help of the two posts and the crossbar, the ball just would not go into the net for the Rathkeale girls for the remainder of this game.

RATHKEALE 7 ST. KIERANS 2

Tara Coleman 1; Katie Brennan 2; Maeve Power 2; Chloe Mullins 1; Kelly Naughton 1
St. Kierans gave us our hardest game of the evening. With 6 minutes remaining, the sides were level at 1 all. Maeve, Katie and Chloe scored 5 goals in the space of about 3 minutes and Kelly scored with the last kick of the game. The girls showed plenty of determination and skill to win this encounter.

RATHKEALE 3 CRECOR/PATRICKSWELL 1

Katie Brennan 1; Tara Coleman 1; Chloe Mullins 1
Our final game against Crecora/Patrickswell, who was managed by former Rathkeale man, Noel Kennedy, would decide who would top the group. Like the earlier games, we raced into an early lead with Katie, Tara and Chloe Mullins scoring 3 top quality goals. Crecora/Patrickswell managed to pull a goal back but were unable to beat Sarah in the goals for the remainder of the game. We have now qualified for the County Final as group winners. It was a great performance on the night by all 8 girls, and they represented Rathkeale with great pride and also looked very well in the new Community Games jerseys.

TEAM: Capt. Tara Coleman, Sarah Fitzgerald, Katie Brennan, Maeve Power, Rachel Lynch, Chloe Mullins, Kelly Naughton and Chloe Cunningham.

County Cross Country Last Sunday in Mick Neville Park : Well done to all the childern who took part on the day. Pdraigh Power in the U-12 400m race finished 2nd and has now qualified for the national finals in Athlone in

May and will run with the county team. Boys U-11 600m Barry Coleman took the lead from the start and held it to the finish and got gold. Jack Fahy ran a very strong race but just finished outside the medals. Girls U-9 300m in the individual race Ellen Lynch ran a very strong race and held in to the finish and for all her hard work she took first place. Claire Power getting fourth place after running a tight race. With Orla Fahy, Ashling Dalton and Megan Nolan making up the team and getting this U-9 team first place and gold medals. U-11 Girls 600m Emma Dalton finished outside the medals but put in her best as did all the children did on the day. So keep up the training as the county finals are not too far away.

Girls U/15 Soccer

- 1 Feenagh/Kilmeedy
- 2 Croom/Banogue/Mainister
- 3 Bruff/Grange/Meanus
- 4 Rathkeale
- 5 Kilmallock

First Round Matches April 21st.

Second Round Matches April 28th

Third Round Matches May 5th

Fourth Round Matches May 12th

Fifth Round Matches May 19th

All matches to be played prior to the above dates.

Top team Gold, runner up silver etc.

Skittles Workshop

Next Sunday 17th 2pm in Salesian College Pallaskenry, in the Handball Court, co-ordinator: Michael O'Brien 086 0564831

If any parents are interested in putting any team for the following please contact Mossie Woulfe 069 64837.

Judo U-16 Girls & Boys

Pitch & Putt Boys & Girls U-16

Hartcourt Tennis U-13 & U-16

Photographic Competition Boys & Girls U-14. Michael Hanley Cup.

Skittles U-12 Mixed, U-14 Mixed, U-16 Mixed

Attention for Managers that Child Protection in Sports Awareness : Code of Ethics - Basic Awareness Course 27th April 7pm tot 10pm Woodlands Hotel Adere €15pp any managers interested please contact fiona 086 1593996

Dates For Your Diary

17th April Swim A Askeaton Pool 3pm.

19th April Primary School Choir Competition Woodlands Hotel Adare 7pm.

27th - 30th May 1st Weekend National Finals Athlone.

11th June Swim B Bawnmore Swimming Pool 10am.

23rd - 25th - 26th June County Athletics Finals Mungret.

9th July Munster Finals UL Limerick.

12th - 13th August 2nd Weekend National Finals Athlone.

19th - 22nd August 3rd Weekend National Finals Athlone

Rathkeale Boxing Club



The young guns of Rathkeale Boxing Club who boxed in an under-age tournament in Cork; Josh Quill, Danny Harty, Shane Harty, Jamie Healy, Aaron Hogan and Mark Hogan who all brought home gold medals.

SEVEN MUNSTER TITLES FOR RATHKEALE BOXING CLUB

Last week was a very busy week in the club as the lads were flat out training for the Munster championships, but first it was the younger lads in the club to show their talent as they took part in the under-age tournament in the Glen Boxing Club in Cork in what proved to be a great success. We had six boxers taking part and all done the club proud, first into the ring was Jamie Healy and there was 6 in total in the ring pitted against each other in what was brilliant experience as each lad had to box a round with 5 different lads and with each having different styles each boxer had to adapt very quickly so fitness levels came into play big time here and proved that the lads weren't cutting any corners in training as it would be found out very quick in a tournament like this. Jamie boxed brilliant in each of his rounds and showed great fitness well done.

Next in was Josh Quill and boxed brilliant against 3 different opponents, well done Josh.

Next was Shane Harty against 3 opponents also and done himself proud well done Shane.

Next was Mark Hogan again up against 3 lads and was back to his best boxing brilliant, well done Mark.

Next was Danny Harty again with 3 lads in the ring and boxed brilliant also moving well around the ring, well done Danny.

Last in was Aaron Hogan in his first ever fight outside the club and boxed brilliant and was as cool as a breeze using his height and reach very well, well done Aaron.

Next it was the turn of the County Champions to try and turn that to Munster Champions as they headed for Mitchelstown last Saturday and Sunday. We had four

boxers looking for honours as we had already secured 4 titles from the previous week. It was down to the twin Harty boys to take the honours with Jamie first in, looking for the title and didn't disappoint as he boxed out of his skin to take this title and wasn't going to be denied as his hand was raised at the final bell, so it was down to Jason to bring home the 2nd title and again wasn't leaving without it as he took the title on all 3 judges scorecards, well done to the Askeaton youngsters. On Sunday we had Darragh O'Grady in his 48kg contest and didn't disappoint as he proved too good for his Kerry opponent as the ref had to step in and stop the contest in round 2 with Darragh taking the title home.

Next it was Terry O'Brien against the favoured Alex Gahan of Watergrasshill in this 48kg contest, Terry started very well using his speed and movement but Gahan was countering well and was scoring the points and unfortunately taking the title to Cork in the end, but no doubt Terry will be back to his best very soon.

So overall taking home 7 titles and just losing out by a single point to take home best club in Munster, so well done to all the boxers and coaches who will now get back to serious training again for the upcoming National Championships which are on Easter week. Also taking part in the home of boxing at the National Stadium this weekend is the senior cadet championships in which we have Micky Harty looking for national honours, weigh in takes place Friday morning and the draw after that, so more on this next week.

Best of luck to Micky from all at the club.

St. Mary's / Sean Finns GAA Club

Junior Footballers face Granagh/Ballingarry in Round 2 of the league

The junior footballers play in the 2nd round of the West Junior Football League on this Thurs 14th April when we will play an away game against Granagh/Ballingarry at 7pm. Both teams won their opening round, with Granagh/Ballingarry accounting for Cappagh and Sean Finns beating Moangea, so a keenly contested game is on the cards in Ballingarry this Thursday night. Your support would be welcome.

Junior Hurlers make a positive start.

The Junior Hurlers had a good start to their campaign in the opening round of the West League on Thurs 7th April when they won their first game against Adare in the Bog Garden. The final score was 0-15 to 0-09 in favour of St Marys. For the record, St Marys lined out as follows: James O'Connor, Brian Duggan, Patrick Enright, Gary Enright, Timmy O'Connor, Sean O'Shea, Jack Coleman, Sean Sheahan, Mark O'Sullivan, Robert White, Shane Hourigan, Darren Jones, Robert Byrnes, Eoghan

O'Connor, Kevin O'Shea. Subs: John Enright, James Chawke and Paul Sheehan.

The 2nd round of the league takes place on Holy Thursday 21st April, when they will play Knockaderry in the Bog Garden.

U21 Hurlers face Monagea in County Semi-final This Saturday

The U21 Hurling team has secured a semi-final spot against Monagea in the All-County 12-a-side competition. I will be played this Saturday 16th April at a venue and time to be confirmed. The group stages of the competition are now complete and we have finished 3rd in the table behind Knockainey and Monagea. The semi-finals will see us facing Monagea and Knockainey facing Castletown/Ballyagran. Looking at the group games, Monagea and Knockainey will be clear favourites to advance to the final but it's all about how you perform on the day. Your support for our U21s would be very welcome in on Saturday night. Check for venue and time before travelling.

U21 Hurling All-County 12-a-side table

U21HC 12-a-side	P	W	D	L	F	A	diff	Pts
Knockainey	5	5	0	0	13-73	5-23	74	10
Monagea	5	4	0	1	6-43	2-38	17	8
St Marys	5	3	0	2	10-65	12-37	22	6
Castletown Ballyagran	5	2	0	3	4-17	11-50	-54	4
Monaleen	5	1	0	4	5-21	8-51	-39	2
Caherline	5	0	0	5	1-3	1-23	-20	0

Results of Group games U21 Hurling All-County 12-a-side

Round	Home Team		Away Team	
1	Castletown Ballyagran	1:10	Knockainey	7:22
1	Monagea	3:13	St Marys	1:14
1	Caherline	scr	Monaleen	w/o
2	St Marys	3:12	C'town Ballyagran	1:06
2	Monaleen	1:10	Monagea	2:20
2	Knockainey	1:23	Caherline	1:03
3	Knockainey	5:14	St Marys	2:09
3	Castletown Ballyagran	2:10	Monaleen	1:07
3	Caherline	scr	Monagea	w/o
4	St Marys	4:21	Monaleen	3:04
4	Monagea	1:10	Knockainey	0:14
4	Castletown Ballyagran	w/o	Caherline	scr
5	Monaleen	scr	Knockainey	w/o
5	Monagea	w/o	C'town Ballyagran	scr
5	Caherline	scr	St Marys	w/o

Minor Football

Our minor footballers will play their second round game in the Football Championship on this Friday 15th April. This will be an away fixture versus Cois Sionna Gaels n Askeaton at 7pm.

Minor Hurling

The Minor Hurling Championship (All County 12-a-side) has started. We had a bye in the first round so our first game will be on Thursday 5th May when we travel to Caherline to play an away game at 7.30pm. There will then be an exam break in this competition until July 8th when we are due to have a home-game against Monaleen.

Under 16 Football

Sean Finn's Under 16 team played an away game against Ballybrown on Monday 4th April. This was a major challenge for our Under 16's who were beaten on the night by a much stronger team.

Under 16 Hurling:

On Monday 11th April, our under 16's traveled to play an away game against Askeaton/Ballysteen at 6.45pm.

Under 14 Hurling

The under 14 hurlers will be in action on today Wednesday 13th April. This will be a home game against Askeaton/Ballysteen at 7pm.

Under 13 Football

On Wednesday last we played our 1st game in the Under 13 Football Championship (13- a- side) against Gerald Griffins. We started well and led 1.6 to no score at half time, the 2nd half was more evenly contested and at the final whistle the score was: Sean Finn's 1:10 Gerald Griffins 1:5. The following panel of players represented Sean Finn's on the night: Travis O Reilly, Mark Wilmott, George Mulcahy, Adrian Brennan, J. O Connor, Seamus Keating, Barry Coleman, Eoin Kelly, Brian Keating, Jack Fahy, Eoin Sheahan, Mark White. Well done to all concerned.

Under 13 Hurling

Our under 13's will have an away hurling game against stletown/Ballyagran on Wednesday 20th April @ 7.00p.m.

Under 12's Football Blitz

Last Saturday 9th April we hosted an U12 Football blitz played in excellent conditions.

In our first game we were too strong for Mountcollins and won easily on a scoreline Sean Finn's 3:06 to Mountcollins 0:1. Our 2nd game was closely contested with St. Kierans but at the end we emerged winners. The result was: Sean Finn's 1:04 while St. Kieran's had 1:01. In the third game we played Dromcollagher/Broadford who like ourselves had won their 2 previous games. Drom/ Broadford got off to a good start however the Rathkeale team fought back well in the 2nd half but at the end we lost by four points. The Result was Dromcollagher/ Broadford 3:04 while Sean Finn's had 3:00. Well done to the Sean Finn's players who represented the club so well on Saturday. The panel is as follows: Travis O Reilly, Sean Malone, Padraig Power, Mark Wilmott, Brian Keating, Eoin Kelly, Barry Coleman, Josh O Connor, Jack Fahy, Mark White, Eoin Sheahan, Conor Glynn, Amy Harnett, Leah Wilmott, Katie Cronin, Aaron Hogan, Andrew Meade and Colin Fitzgerald.

Under 12 Hurling Go-Games

The fixture list for Under 12 games has been announced. This year the St. Mary's Under 12 hurling team will play in Group 4. We will play our first game in the Bog Garden on Thursday 21st April at 6.45pm when the opposition will be Shamrock Gaels. The Under 12 hurling games will be made up of 2 halves of 20mins per half, and the major emphasis will be on participation and enjoyment. Respect for the referee is compulsory from everyone present at a game: from players, mentors and spectators.

Do you need a new Hurling Helmet?

Hurling Helmets are available through the Limerick Co. Games and Coaching Committee at a subsidized price from now until the end of May. Any club member may order these Mycro helmets from Pat Sheahan or Tom Keating who will have order forms during this time. The prices are as follows: Small or Medium size costs 50 euro each while large size costs 60 euro. Mycro will supply helmets in a variety of colours including some faded colours and they will also put the club name on the back of the helmet if requested. Please contact Tom or Pat if you wish to order one of these helmets.

Allianz Senior Football

The Limerick Senior Football team played Wexford in Newcastle West at 2.30pm on Sunday 10th April. This was a most enjoyable game for Limerick supporters who were present in great numbers to cheer on the lads in green jerseys. Having won the game it is a great pity that relegation is on the cards. It was great to see a number of Rathkeale lads in action in Newcastle West. We had Eoghan O'Connor playing in center forward while we also had our local Sarsfield Cup winners playing a demonstration game during the half-time interval. Well done to George Mulcahy, Darragh O'Grady and Seamus Keating who were great ambassadors for their school St. Joseph's Boys' N.S.

CUL Camp 2011

This years Cul Camp will commence on Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July.

Further details later.

Upcoming Fixtures

Wed. 13th April: Under 14 Hurling at Home V Askeaton @ 7pm.

Thurs 14th April Jun Football League Away v Granagh/Ballingarry at 7pm

Fri 15th April Minor Football Championship v Cois Sionna Gaels in Askeaton at 7pm.

Sat 16th April: U21 Hurling Co Semi-final St Marys V Monagea (To Be Confirmed).

Sat 16th April: West Int Football semi-final: G Griffins V Feohanagh/C'mahon in Bog Garden 7pm.

Mon 18th April: U16 Hurling at Home V Ballybrown @ 6.45pm.

Wed 20th April: U13 Hurling: Away V Castletown/Ballyagran @ 7pm.

Thurs 21st April Jun Hurling League Home v Knockaderry

Thurs 21st April: U12 Hurling: Home V Shamrock Gaels @ 6.45pm.

Thurs 28th April Jun Football League Home v Cappagh.