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RATHCOOLE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2012

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Mary McNally and Seán Nolan R.I.P.

In October we said our final goodbyes to Mary McNally and Seán Nolan, both founder members of our Community Council back in the late 1960's.

For several years they served with great enthusiasm and purpose for the betterment of our local community. They were always conscious of the fears, concerns and needs of our residents and spared no effort to bring to Rathcoole and Saggart, services that we all enjoy today.

Although he did not do it on his own, it is widely accepted by all involved that Seán as well as being an absolute gentleman, was the real driving force behind the council. Acquiring the site where the Community Centre and Catholic Church now stands is one of his many achievements. While walking through the Park, you should ponder the thought of Seán and other Council members at the time, protesting outside Dublin County Council offices on O'Connell St. looking for Playing Fields for the Community. Places like the Park generally don't just happen, they are caused.

One of Mary's real passions was history and in particular history of people and how they were related or connected to each other. One of her legacies/achievements is the publication of two volumes of 'A Pictorial History of Brittas, Saggart, Rathcoole and Newcastle', the proceeds of which went to support the Day Care Centre.

In thanking them for their Trojan work, the Community Council and the Community at large would like to express our sincere condolences to the McNally and Nolan families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

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Day	Time	Activity	Location
Monday	8.00am-6.00pm	Irish Pre school and After School	Crèche and Boardroom
	9.15am-12.15pm	Little Rascals Pre-School	New Building
	10.00am-1.00pm	Thatch Bridge Club	Main Hall
	2.00pm-3.00pm	Active Retired Meting(1st Monday of every month)	Room 2
	3.00pm-4.15pm	Speech & Drama	New Crèche
	3.30pm-7.00pm	Irish Dancing	Main Hall
	6.00pm-8.30pm	Karate	Sports Hall
	8.30pm-9.30pm	Krav-Maga	Sports Hall
Tuesday	8.00am-6.00pm	Irish Pre School and After School	Crèche and Boardroom
	9.15am-12.15pm	Little Rascals Pre-School	New Building
	9.10am-2.40pm	Scoil Chronain	Sports Hall
	10.30am-12.30pm	Parent & Toddler group	Room 2
	2.30pm-4.30pm	Dance Rite	Main Hall
	4.30pm-8.00pm	Weight Watchers	Crèche
	6.15pm-7.15pm	Fit Camp	Sports Hall
	6.30pm-7.30pm	Karate (Louie)	Sports Hall
	7.30pm-8.30pm	Kettlebell Classes (Joe)	Old Library
	8.00pm-10.00pm	Community Council Meeting (Every 2nd week)	New Boardroom
Wednesday	8.00am-6.00pm	Irish Pre School and After School	Crèche and Boardroom
	9.15am-12.15pm	Little Rascals Pre-School	New Building
	10.00am-1.00pm	Active Retired	Sports Hall
	3.00pm-4.00pm	Speech & Drama	New Crèche
	3.30pm-7.00pm	Irish Dancing	Main Hall
	6.30pm-7.30pm	Karate	Sports Hall
	7.30pm-8.30pm	Unislim	Room 2
	7.30pm-9.30pm	Youth Café	Youth Café
	8.00pm-10.00pm	Bowls	Sports Hall
Thursday	8.00am-6.00pm	Irish Pre School and After School	Crèche and Boardroom
	9.15am-12.15pm	Little Rascals Pre-School	New Building
	9.10am-2.40pm	Scoil Chronain	Sports hall
	4.00pm-6.30pm	Dance Rite	Main Hall
	6.15pm-7.15pm	Fit Camp (Danny)	Sports Hall
	7.30m-9.00pm	Baton Twirling	Sports Hall
	7.00pm-11.00pm	Bridge Club	Main Hall
Friday	8.00am-6.00pm	Irish Pre School and After School	Crèche and Boardroom
	9.15am-12.15pm	Little Rascals Pre-School	New Building
	10.30am-12.30pm	Parent & Toddler group	Room 2
	12.00pm-1.00pm	Frances Fitzgerald Clinic(1st Friday of every month)	Boardroom
	3.15pm-4.15pm	Tae Kwondo	Sport Hall
	3.00pm-4.00pm	Tae Kwondo (beginners)	Main Hall
	4.00pm-6.30pm	Irish Dancing	Main Hall
	5.00pm-5.30pm	Angelina Ballerina Dance	Old Boardroom
	6.00pm-8.30pm	Kettlebells	Old Library
	6.00pm-7.30pm	Karate (Kieran)	Sports Hall
	6.30pm-7.30pm	Karate (Louie)	Main Hall
	7.30pm-9.30pm	Youth Café	Youth Cafe
Saturday	11.00am-1.00pm	Baton Twirling	Sports Hall
Sunday	10.30am-1.00	Church Service	Old Library
	2.00pm-5.00pm	Baton Twirling	Sports Hall

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Dump Approved

Behans Quarry

Public meeting 12th November 2012
8pm Rathcoole Community Centre

A new Application reference SD12A/0059 has been approved by the South Dublin County Council (SDCC) in respect of a Dump in Behans Quarry.

We are bringing this to a further planning appeal and we need your support

It is our belief that this is the thin end of the wedge and few controls will be imposed on the dump and it will gradually descend into a similar situation to that of an Incinerator that was proposed on this site a few years ago.

Rathcoole is not a place for landfill or a dump, the associated runoff and dust is not in keeping with a residential area.
There is a real risk of contamination of water & groundwater with this new Dump



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**In the first instance, contact Anne at the
Community Centre on 01 4586134**



Volunteers very badly wanted for Day Care Centre.

The Four Districts Day Care Centre began 30 years ago to provide a place where the senior citizens of Saggart, Rathcoole, Newcastle and Brittas could meet old and new friends in a safe and friendly environment. Over the years it has provided a fantastic service to the area and has been a great success. It now needs your help to continue with that success. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to assist in any way please contact Christy on 086 4065656 for further details. Remember, with a bit of luck, we will all want to use the Centre one day.

Pieta House

Local Businessman **Tom Moran (red cow inn)** and friends walked 250km from West Limerick to Dublin 12th – 21st September on behalf of **Pieta House**; a charity dedicated to suicide and self harm prevention.

Pieta House estimates that **for every €1000 raised**, they can provide the help and treatment needed to **save a life**. The “Tomathon”, is committed to saving as many lives, by raising as much money, as it possibly can. It also aims to raise awareness for suicide and to let people in distress know where to go for help.

We would like to thank The Rathcoole Inn for their refreshments of tea, coffee, sambos, and snacks and also a thank you to Kevin Hoyle, Crystal Daly, and Michelle O Keefe Rathcoole Inn.

We would also like to thank you to Paddy Byrnes, J.Ds. Spar, Tesco's and Centra for their contribution.



Rathcoole Tidy Towns

You may have noticed that Rathcoole Village is looking cleaner as some areas have been tidied up by a very small, but dedicated, team of volunteers. This is the work of Rathcoole Tidy Towns Group. Progress is slower than expected as the support that we know is available for such a worthwhile cause, has not yet been received.

For Rathcoole to enter into any competition next year, a lot more help is needed and soon. The initial goal is to have Rathcoole looking really well for Christmas to compliment the magical look created by the Christmas Lights Group.

If you have an hour to spare to help make Rathcoole a nicer place to live please contact the Community Centre on 01-4586134 or email tidytowns@rathcoole.info

Beyond the Pale Players

The Vibrant Proposal, written and produced by John O'Connor was recently performed by Beyond the Pale Players in the Old Library (The Court of Petty Sessions). It ran from Wednesday to Sunday and was a great success. Well Done to all involved.

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green baize of the pool table nor the green tops of the table tennis tables this time we were off to pastures new. We were heading for Clare. Punctuality was the keyword for most of this trip. Our bus driver arrived at the appointed time and the flock was counted on. The trip had begun. First stop today was for a little nourishment and to rub shoulders with Barak Obama in Olly Hayes's pub in Moneygal. Pictures taken with our honorary "paddy" and we were on our way again.

Next stop was our pen for the night, the Armada hotel in Spanish Point. They had a beautiful lunch ready for a hungry group which was very much appreciated. All checked in and sorted with our stalls for the night we were back on the bus and headed for the Cliffs of Moher. The good Lord smiled on the RAMS and blessed us with beautiful weather. The interpretive centre was a breathtaking experience, sitting amongst the wildlife of the region. Some of our group thought a screen like this would be nice in our own living rooms, what a lot of wallpaper it would save. Mission accomplished we headed back to our home for the night, the Armada. A beautiful dinner was provided by a very friendly staff of the hotel. Despite a wide choice on the menu lamb seems to have been very popular amongst the RAMS. Later it was off to the bar for some refreshments and a little music from a few ladies who would have graced the Kilfenora Ceili Band. Not to be outdone by these wonderful musicians the RAMS threw in a few songs and stories. Finishing up early, we won't say morning or night it was off to bed for a well earned rest and battery charge for another busy day.

Still punctual all the flock was fed their morning feed and were ready for a spin on the wonderful unique Burren. All counted on the bus we were on our merry way ,after the night before, again. Our first stop today would be to play a little trick on a relation of one of our crew who owns a barbers shop in Ennistymon. I want you to picture the face of the lone barber in his shop, not to mention the victim in the chair, when a busload of RAMS pile into the shop looking to be neatly shorn on their way to an imaginative wedding. This worked a treat. A great laugh was had by all concerned. The level of planning that went into this trip was evident again when we got to

Ballyvaughan we were joined on the bus by the David Bellamy of the Burren. This young man, Oisín Moran was a real gem as he brought a rocky historical landscape to life for a captive audience. His first story began with a beautiful church across the road where he joined, which was one of hundreds built by a Cardinal Cullen from Dublin. Further on he told us about the various dolmens and their history.



A Men's Shed is any community-based, non-commercial organisation which is open to all men where the primary activity is the provision of a safe, friendly and inclusive environment where the men are able to gather and/or work on meaningful projects at their own pace, in their own time and in the company of other men and where the primary objective is to advance the health and well-being of the participating men. Men's sheds may look like a shed in your back yard yet they innovatively share some characteristics of both community education and health promotion projects.

Anybody interested in setting up a Men's Shed in Rathcoole Newcastle area please contact Stephen at gaspartsonline@gmail.com "

Village Design Statement ,

Rathcoole Community Council are hosting an information Night on the proposed Village Design Statement on 28th November



It has been a long time objective to present a local plan which will determine how our village and will grow into the Future.

Rathcoole Community Council has teamed up with the Planning department of South Dublin County Council to bring this initiative to a reality. We shall be inviting submissions from the residents and local community and we are currently drafting a scoping exercise for a consultant to assist and support our community on the preparation of a Village Design statement.

We invite all interested persons and groups to assist us and we shall be inviting members of our community to make submissions.

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Then Poll Na Bron dolmen. A dig here yielded the remains of thirty people who had found this burial place over a six hundred year period. Onwards again and more nuggets of information like the birthplace of Michael Cusack founder of the GAA and also a mention for Merriman, a great Irish writer. The Rams really appreciated their belles at home when he told us the story of Maire Ruadh O'Brien at the wonderful Leamanagh Castle and how she dealt with her husbands. Some stories tell how she got rid of one by throwing the poor man from the roof of the castle and in order to save her vast estate she then married one of Cromwells generals. What a girl. Another story from Ennistymon told of how two IRA men shot six black and tans only to have the tans come back and burn the town that night. A deed not forgotten to the present day. He then took us to Kilfenora to see its wonderful High Crosses, every town on the way having a great story which was made even more interesting by his telling. This young man really had the RAMS eating from the palm of his hand and we were richer for having met him.



Next stop Doolin. Here we were booked into a thoroughly Irish Doolin Riverside Bistro. The home fire burning was a real welcoming statement. The noticeboard at the door also announced to all in Doolin that the RAMS were in town. Things were so good here you would think we were at home but then we were as we were greeted by five of our leaders(king puck) sisters. His daughter prepared the beautiful food which was served with a smile by his sisters. Then his granddaughter and niece and nephew mingled with the flock. The food was enjoyed with copious amounts of wine which loosened the vocal chords of the RAMS for a few songs after we were treated to an afternoon concert with the "Dowling Sisters". This stop was where we fell badly behind on our schedule but what the heck we were having a ball. Eventually we regretfully took our leave of this little gem of Clare. Pictures taken as a memory the flock was counted back on the bus and away for the next stage which took us back to Olly's again where we were well foddered for the final stage. Home RAMS home for Newcastle and in to our home watering hole to finish a memorable few days. Well done to all. Isn't it great to be old.



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Klaire's Nails	Shane Brady	Thump, Dublin
Kim's Nails	Mac's Veg & Fruit	Lime, City West
Lemon Grass, City West	JD's	DJ, Glen

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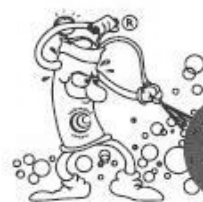
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Over 70 million people worldwide claim Irish ancestry. The Gathering Ireland 2013 provides the perfect excuse to reach out to those who have moved away, their relatives, friends and descendants, and invite them home.



The Gathering is the people's party. It will kick off in spectacular style at the New Year's Eve Festival in Dublin and will be celebrated through gatherings of the people and Ireland's major festivals during 2013. After that it is over to you. It is in your hands. Be part of it.

List of Partners

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Some Examples of Funded Tournaments

Cricket – Partners: Cricket Ireland, SDCT and SDCOCO and Leader

2 x international tournaments – youth and adult

Irish team v 5 international visiting teams

Duration of tournament 1 week

Number of visiting participants approx. 150

Number of bed nights approx.. 1000

Venue: Corkagh Park

Admission Free

Tiered seating secured for 500

Bunting and Pavilions



Funding for event: Leader, Private sponsorship, Commissions, Revenue share

Note: Due to funding received under Capital Expenditure, a second run will be installed in Corkagh Park that will allow for additional matches to be played.

Values of 2nd run approx. €8000. Tournament funded 75% through Leader, match funding required of 75%

Example of Funded Tournament

Basketball – Partners: SDCT, Basketball Ireland, National Basketball Arena, US Tour Operator

2 x Tournaments

Irish Men's Representative team v 3 visiting international teams

Irish Women's representative team v 3 visiting international teams

Note: Possibility of running 4 tournaments

Duration: Each tournament to run over 3 days

Expected number of visitors 150 per tournament

Number of bed nights 900

Venue: National Basketball Arena

Admission Free

Venue Capacity 1900

Funding: Failte Ireland, TBC, Private Sponsorship, Tour Operator commission, On Site revenue share

Merchandising, Service Level Agreement

South Dublin County Tourism is looking for volunteers from Rathcoole, Saggart, Newcastle & Brittas to be ambassadors at The Gathering Dublin.

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Kids Olympic Boxing



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CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

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Saturday 10am, 10.45am & 11.30am

At Citywest Health & Leisure we pride ourselves on the finest swimming instruction in Dublin. We have created a bright and positive learning environment for children, not only teaching them to swim but also to help them develop an understanding of the water and promote overall confidence & self esteem.

Our instructors are of the highest quality and are professionally trained as swimming instructors. We believe that each individual child has their own learning ability and will progress at their own pace. Classes are kept small so each child gets the attention they require during their lesson.



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