



Rathcline GAA – Weekly Club Newsletter							
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### **Congratulations Mark Glancy**

Rathcline GAA would like to wish our Clubman - Mark Glancy the very best with officiating proceedings in this year's county final on 9th October.

Mark will referee the Senior Championship County final between St. Columba's Mullinalaghta and Colmcille in Glennon Bros Pearse Park. Throw in time is 4pm.

Well done on selection for the big game and best of luck in your preparations.





# Special Junior Competition 2022

After the first-round loss to Carrickedmond, Rathcline were scheduled to play Kenagh in Round 2.

The game was rescheduled to be played on Wednesday evening last however Kenagh were unable to field a team thus forfeiting the game to Rathcline.



The last round game of the competition took place on Sunday morning versus Cashel in Páirc Chiarán. Rathcline were well beaten by a strong Cashel team on a final score: Cashel 4-16, Rathcline 0-13.

This game brings the curtain down on all junior involvement for the 2022 season. Carrickedmond will go forward as group winners to play Dromard in the final of this competition

#	Team	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts.
1	Carrickedmond	3	3	0	0	37	2	6
2	Cashel	3	2	0	1	44	49	4
3	Rathcline	3	1	0	2	27	47	2
4	Kenagh G.A.A	3	0	0	3	18	28	0



## Under 21 Championship

Commiserations to our Under 21 Championship team who lost the first-round group game in the competition on Saturday evening away for Ardagh / Moydow in Keenan Park.

Final Score: Ardagh / Moydow 4-12, Rathcline 2-05

An unexpected result of sorts where expectations are high within the parish to progress to the knockout stage and beyond in this competition.

The result can be explained by the numbers on Saturday. Work priorities on Saturday evening meant just 14 players turned up with no subs. There is a sense that this competition started just one week too early to properly organise ourselves for the campaign.

There is no doubting the talent at our disposal at this level and there is plenty of time to recover our position as a contender for the Under 21 championship in the forthcoming games.



Round 2 takes place next weekend (Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October @ 5pm) with a home game to Fr. Manning Gaels in Clonbonny. Hopefully Joey will get his full complement of players to kick start this championship campaign. Please come out and support the lads.







# Table after Round 1 of the Under 21 Championship

#	Team	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts.
1	Ardagh Moydow GAA	1	1	0	0	24	11	2
2	Carrick Sarsfields	1	1	0	0	22	11	2
3	Grattan Óg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Fr Manning Gaels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Cashel / St. Brigid's	1	0	0	1	11	22	0
6	Rathcline	1	0	0	1	11	24	0



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## 50/50 Lotto Draw Winner

Congratulations to Finn Fallon, Lismacmanus who was last week's winner of our 50/50 Lotto Fundraiser with a jackpot total of €518. The draw took place in the Yacht Bar on Tuesday night last 27<sup>th</sup> September and was coordinated by Louis Skelly and Brendan Rhatigan.

Online Sales are now open for next week's draw and can be played at the following link: <u>ClubSpot</u>

Great work continues with our Saturday shop sales, weekend pub sales, a functioning online sales system and indeed every local outlet making a fantastic effort to drive up our profits. Your contributions have made a massive difference and are invaluable to the day-to-day operations of our club. Thank you very much.



Improved sales add value in three different ways:

1. "Our club benefits" with improved weekly profits which is necessary for the day-to-day activities. There is a lot of activity planned in Clonbonny this year, both on and off the field so the extra profits are most welcome at this time of the year.

2. "Our Fundraiser benefits" with higher jackpot totals. There is a natural incentive for continued improvement on sales when there is meaningful pot to play for. Everyone loves to win more! The more that plays; the bigger the jackpot!

3. "Our winner benefits". With one guaranteed winner every week, it is brilliant to see a cheque being handed to one lucky winner. It brings a feel-good factor to our weekly operations in the club.

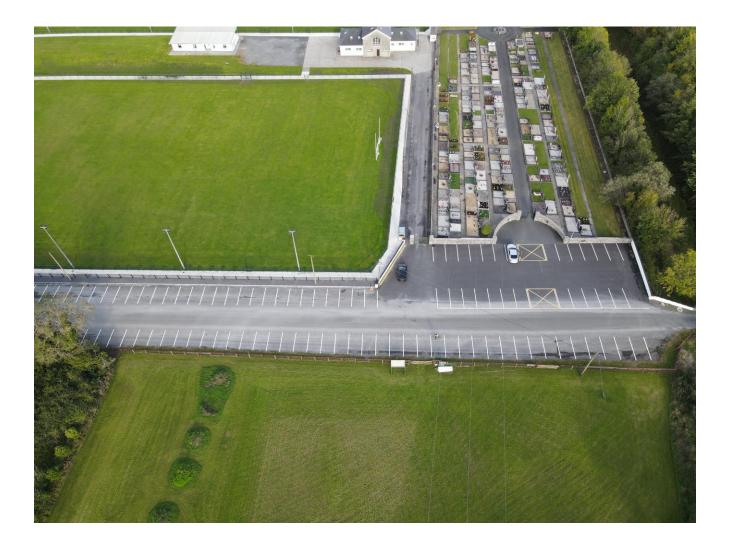


### New parking area outside Clonbonny

Over the last two weeks the parking area in front of the cemetery and football pitch has been overhauled with new look parking segregatations. The work which was corordianted and completed by Longford County Council brings a welcome addition to our GAA facility.

The demarcated parkign spaces will be invaluable when coordinating match day events going forward.

Thanks to our local councillors for lobbying this work and completion of the same.





# Rathcline GAA – Clonbonny Development Update

Our community walkway is as good as finished at this stage. With a few minor works to tidy up; the walkway is now open for use.

Some of the lasty remaining duties includes:

- Landscaping on brow next Reilly's Field
- Landscaping on Road verge next training field
- Removal of Spoil from the behind goals on Gallagher's end.

The project has delivered a state-of-the-art concrete perimeter with mesh railing around both pitches. It provides a fantastic safe outlet to our community, supporters and parishioners to walk around our GAA facility or simply watch matches / training session with comfort.

The addition of the railing is a defining factor on receiving / hosting club championship games in the county as well as accommodating intercounty challenge matches etc.

This is a project which we should all be proud of and well done to our development committee for delivering to the club.



Rathcline GAA 2022 Clonbonny, Lanesboro, Co. Longford

Just a reminder about how all this was brought about; Rathcline GAA was successful in securing Leader funding (€177,300) for this "all-community project". This was a "part-funded" project with the deficit coming from the community contributions / sponsorship for the pitch railing poles.

One and half years ago, the club pioneered a fundraising campaign to bridge the difference on the part funding deficit. This fundraising was in the form of selling pole sponsorship which has allowed our community and supporters to contribute to the development. This was a highly successful venture and showed the generosity of the public towards to the development project in Clonbonny.

Over the course of the next couple of weeks, the development committee will put in place plans to assign poles to the patrons who paid their €100 donation.

The poles will be numbered and mapped in advance of a live draw to determine locations.

The patron's customised sign will then be installed on the allocated pole. More details of the allocation process will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Click on the following schematic to play a video of our finalised developed walkway project:





## **Rathcline Ladies in Final**

Best of luck to our Rathcline Ladies Junior team who play St Columba's Mullinalaghta in the County Junior Championship Final this coming Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Final details of the venue have yet to be confirmed but the game is expected to be played in Pearse Park at 12:00.

Please keep an eye on social media for more details of the game in advance of next Saturday. The senior executive would like to wish the team the very best of luck in the final and hope that silverware will be paraded in Lanesboro this coming weekend.





### Senior Management team confirmed for 2023

Rathcline GAA is proud to the announce the re-appointment of Enda Lyon's, Stephen Rooney and Neill O' Connor as our senior management team for the 2023 season.



Securing the services of this management team is a massive boost for the club and community. The speculation and gossip that passed through Lanesboro on Saturday is a testament to the high regard in which the management team is held. The appointment of Enda and Co brings a level of consistency which is needed to develop the current bunch of young players.

We can look forward with anticipation to next years challenges in the hope that we will go one step further. Best of luck lads and we are delighted you are back in the hot seats again.



### New Executive takes over

Our club AGM was held last Saturday night 1<sup>st</sup> October in the clubhouse. A great turn out has had on the night with club summaries and appreciations from our outgoing executive members – Pat Connerton (Club Chairperson), Jimmy Flood (Club Secretary) and Marie Farrell (Club Treasurer).

The reports detail the achievements of the club since last October. It was clearly evident that massive amount of work was completed in recovering our finances and turning around the club fortunes on the field of play.

The outgoing executive has a lot to be proud of with the hand over of very strong structures to the incoming executive which will be led by Seadna Ryan.

A full list of executive changes is detailed as follows:

Position	Outgoing Executive member	Incoming Executive member			
Chairperson	Pat Connerton	Seadna Ryan			
Vice Chairperson	Louis Skelly	Sean Kenny			
Secretary	Jimmy Flood	Ciaran Prior			
Assistant Secretary	Neill O' Connor	Sean Casey			
Treasurer	Marie Farrell	Mary T McGrath			
Assistant Treasurer	Albert Cooney / Stephen Rooney	Brendan Keane			
Registrars	Peter Skelly / Brendan Rhatigan	Peter Skelly / Brendan Rhatigan			
Players Registrar	Neill O' Connor	Neill O' Connor			
PRO	Cathal Chapman	Michael J O' Reilly			
Assistant PRO	N/A	Cathal Chapman			
Dev / Finance Comm	Misc	Same			
Healthy Club Officer	N/A	TBC at first Exe meeting			
Irish Officer	Shannon Gaels Minor Club	Shannon Gaels Minor Club			
Coaching Officer	Seadna Ryan / Sean Kenny	Seadna Ryan / Sean Kenny			
Field Committee Lead	Johnny Hanley	TBC at first Exe meeting			
County Board Delegates	Louis Skelly, Peter Skelly and Seamus Flynn	Louis Skelly, Peter Skelly and Seamus Flynn			
Minor Board Liaison	Sean McDermott	Sean McDermott			
Ladies Board Liaison	Collette Wyse	Collette Wyse			
Club's Children Office	Carmel Hayes	Carmel Hayes			
Insurance Officer	Neill O' Connor	Neill O' Connor			





# Sympathies

Rathcline GAA would like to extend its sympathies to Wynn Fox and the Heneghan Family, Lanesboro on the sudden passing of John Heneghan on 25<sup>th</sup> September. May he rest in peace. <u>Death Notice of John Heneghan (rip.ie)</u>

Rathcline GAA would like to extend it sympathies to the Chapman Family, Lisnacusha and Edgeworth Family, Killashee on the passing of Donal Chapman on 24<sup>th</sup> September. May he rest in peace. Death Notice of Donal Chapman (rip.ie)

### Goodbye and thanks

On behalf of our outgoing club executive, I want to thank all our players, supporters, club members for all their support and help this season.

It has been a joy to re-establish a PRO connection with all our supporters far and wide.

I hope you enjoyed our weekly notes and social media updates.

Finally, best of luck to our new incoming executive and our new PRO Michael J O' Reilly.



It is a fantastic to have new faces with new ideas and freshness coming to the club. We all know that our club is in safe hands and will do us all proud over the next twelve months.