

Underage GAA

U6, U8 and U10: Coaching takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6pm to 7pm.

U12: After an opening round victory over Ballingarry our U12 footballers have suffered 3 narrow defeats, all by only a single score. The defeats came from Carrick Swan, Kilsheelan/Kilcash and Grangemockler. All four games were played away from home. Early this week we were due to play Fr. Sheehys and on Saturday April 18th we will play St. Pats in Mullinahone at 3pm.

U14: After a narrow first round defeat by a point away to Carrick Swan, the U14 footballers defeated Ballingarry by a point during the week in Mullinahone. They play away to Killenaule on Thursday 16th April at 7pm.

U16's: The U16's went down to narrow defeats in their 2 opening games by a point to Ballingarry and 2 points to Clonmel Óg. Their next game was against Carrick Swan in Carrick early in the week.

Membership

Juvenile Membership Officer, Josephine Britton wants to finalise membership this week, so please see Josephine about any outstanding membership.

Sponsored Walk

Thanks to all who helped out on the day of the sponsored walk. Any outstanding sponsorship can be given to your team manager or left in Hickeys Shop.

Local Lotto Jackpot Draw

The last local lotto jackpot draw took place on Tuesday night last 7th April. We didn't have a jackpot winner, but 3 people shared the Match 3 prize of €150. Congratulations to Joe Tobin, John and Bridie and Daniel Luttrell. The numbers drawn were 3, 23, 26 and 27. Next draw will be on Mon. night next Apr. 20th. When the jackpot could be worth E11,500. Can you feel the excitement growing?

First Confession

First Confession 2015 will take place in St. Michael's Church on Friday night week 24th April. First Communion will follow on the 3rd Saturday in May, May 16th.

Getting Out The News

More and more people are beginning to see the decline of the spirit of community in rural places. This began, many would say in the days of the Celtic Tiger, when people retired into their little bubbles of their own houses and their own lives. Even the concept of extended family and neighbours didn't escape. Then the Downturn came and people retrenched strictly into their own lives. Did they lose interest in their communities? At local level today, it seems to be extremely hard for people to get messages out to the community at large. Some say Facebook is the way forward but most parishioners don't or can't read Facebook.

Others say the Parish Newsletter is the answer, but how many residents of the parish attend the parish each week. Some organisations have tried to bring out their own newsletters, but this is a major task requiring regular and dedicated effort. The local notes in the local paper have certainly declined in importance and are not read as they once were. The odd text message from Community Text Alert can be helpful, but does it beat the face to face message of two people meeting. Perhaps, of combination of all news outlets is required if you want to get news or details of your function out to the community at large. Certainly the day of the poster in the local gathering place is well and truly over.