



# Rathcoole Newsletter

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*Hello Spring!!!*

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## **The following shops are open as of today 1st April on Main street Rathcoole**

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**General goods and food**  
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# Holy Family Community School



A Fifth Year LCA1 student Anna Kelly and her class organised the landing of a helicopter for their key assignment in Social Education. The student's key assignment aimed to promote the theme of HELP for Wellbeing Week.

With the help of a past student Shane Cooke who is a member of the Helicopter Rescue Crew in Baldonnell, the theme was highlighted when the helicopter landed in HFCS to display to students the important work done by air and rescue services. It was a fantastic experience for the students in HFCS. Thank you to Shane and the crew for giving some of their valuable time to visit us.

Thank you to Ms Perris and Mr Meredith for organizing such a valuable week of activities.



## Bank of Ireland Challenge

A group of 5th year students took part in the Bank of Ireland Money Smarts Challenge on Thursday 27th February at Trinity College. This is part of the Bank of Ireland's Money Smarts Secondary School Programme. This is a national competition for secondary schools where students take part in a one-day interactive event that combines financial education with a fun challenge.



## Concern Collection

Holy Family Community School would like to take the opportunity to thank the local community, parish and businesses for their very kind donations in our recent fundraising for Concern Worldwide.

Thank you for you all the spot prizes as well as for all your financial donations. This year the school continued to be the top fundraising school in Ireland by raising €8,729.80.



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## NO CONTACT COLECTION MENU

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# The Johnstown Kennedy Bell

The Johnstown Kennedy Bell was donated to the Church of the Holy Family in Rathcoole to mark the church's Silver Jubilee. During the celebrations, the late Tom Cullen was invited to ring the bell for the first time. It was far from a first for Tom as he had been tasked with ringing the bell on a daily basis when it was in use on the Johnstown Kennedy estate, and had been the last man to do so before it was removed. For many years the bell's home was underneath a stage in the Community Centre, before it was removed by Sean Nolan (R.I.P.) of Crook Shane and kept at his home for safekeeping.

## The Johnstown Kennedy Bell

By,

**Niall Mansfield**

I was delighted to hear that the Johnstown Kennedy Bell is being erected in the village. It was once one of the most dominant sounds in the locality. I am not sure exactly how long it ran; it was there at least as far back as the mid-seventeen hundred's, 1745 perhaps. It was placed in a bell tower in the Johnstown estate as a means of timekeeping, on what was then a very large gentry estate. The bell rang at 8.00am and all the workers were to be in to start work before the bell rang. This not only started the day's work in Johnstown Kennedy, but it gave the time to every house and home for miles around; this was at a time when very few people anywhere would own a clock. In later years the people of Killeel would set their clocks by its ring. The sound of the bell was different to Saggart Chapel and Rathcoole Church of Ireland. It had a more-lively double beat. One little story I heard was when Tommy Cullen, who was the steward in Johnstown Kennedy, was asked by Johnny Quinn the Sacristan in Killeel Chapel to ring the bell for him as he was running a bit late with his other duties. Tommy Cullen gave the bell the double ring as he was used to doing, much to the annoyance of Johnny Quinn, who, as Tommy Cullen told me, 'danced a hornpipe with temper,' at such a sacrilegious act. It rang again at noon, this was the start of dinner break, and it also served the double purpose as a call to prayer. Every person within its sound would stand and say the Angelus. It was a moment when the countryside around would fall silent except for the bell. It then rang at 1.00pm to signal that dinner break was over and it was time to return to work. It next rang at 6.00pm in the evening, the end of the working day for some and again the Angelus was said. For the people of the area, particularly the people who lived within the radius of the sound of the bell, it was a sad loss of an old and treasured part of our lives when the bell was removed. The Kennedys were good people and good neighbours; a lot of the people living in the area nowadays are descendants of people who were once employed in Johnstown Kennedy estate. A lot of other things have gone from our pre-1968 community, without a thought for the people who cared for such things. Pumps, fountains, milestones, place names, field names, road names and stone walls.

'So welcome back to the Johnstown Kennedy Bell.'



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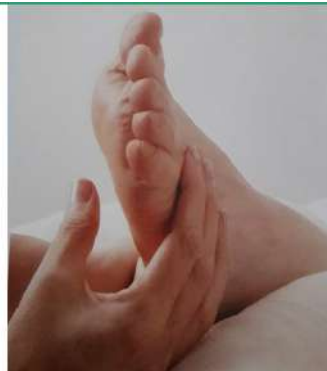
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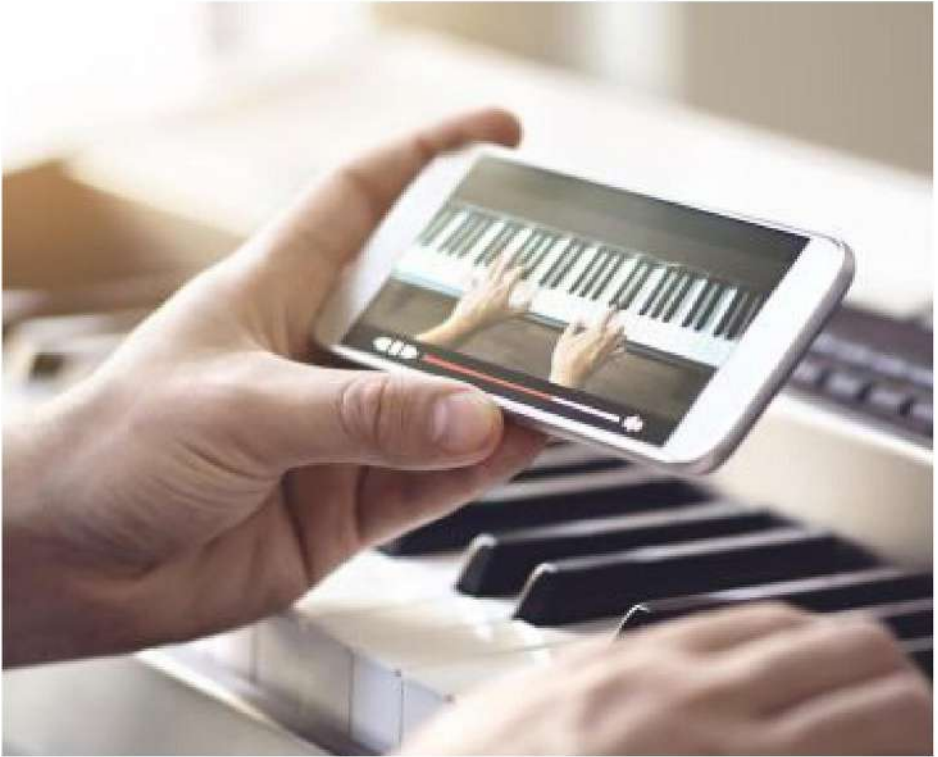
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# Study of Rathcoole Woodlands

Rathcoole Woodlands is **11.2 ha pioneer Semi-Natural Woodland<sup>1</sup>** located to the north of Rathcoole village and adjacent to the local Peoples Park. It is deciduous Woodland of:



- Predominantly **willow and downy birch trees**
- 9,876.2 m<sup>2</sup> / 0.99 ha of Scrub Land classified as WS1 Scrub/transitional woodland
- 36,595.5 m<sup>2</sup>/ 3.67 ha of Immature Woodland classified as WS2 Immature woodland with **73,190 trees whips** i.e. trees less than 4 m tall with the potential to result in a conservative **9,661 mature trees** in five to 10 years
- 36,625.9 m<sup>2</sup> / 3.66 ha of Maturing Woodland classified as WN6 of Wet willow alder-ash woodland with a conservative estimate of **9,687 mature trees**
- 1.36 km or 0.7 ha of Hedgerow classified as WL1 Linear Woodland Scrub made up of a mixed hedge and a hawthorn hedge with a conservative estimate of **2,263 trees** including Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*)
- **11,950 mature trees exceeding 4 m in height and 73,190 immature trees with a height up to 4 m**
- Other trees include Whitethorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*), Silver Willow, Mountain Ash or Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*), the naturalised Elder tree, (*Sambucus nigra*) and a specimen of Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) and Oak (*Quercus petraea*), possible indicators of new trees to come.

Native Woodlands occupy less than 2% of Irelands land mass (Cross and Collins, 2017). Rathcoole Woodland is a prime example of **re-wilding** and of natural succession in the development of Woodland from abandoned agricultural land. This is a rare phenomenon in South Dublin as most land is never left untouched for 30 years and more. The declaration of a **Climate and Biodiversity Emergency** in 2019 has put renewed focus on the importance of Native Woodlands as a response to both.



Photograph 1 Scrub area 1 in July 2019



Photograph 2 Scrub area 3 in June 2019



Photograph 3 Immature Woodland July 2019



Photograph 4 Mature Woodlands April 2019<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ronan Mac Diarmada & Associates (2020, unpublished) Rathcoole Woodland - Review of Existing Woodland. 11pp

<sup>2</sup> Photographs by Deirdre Tierney



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## I've been watching that special forces thing on RTE run by the rangers.

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### Things I have covered already.

1. The screaming into my face
2. The 'waking up' just after I've fallen asleep torture
3. The crawling on my belly
4. Having my face rubbed into the ground and then randomly kicked
5. Having to assume command but realising it's just for a short while
6. Sitting down but never relaxing as you know the next task is about to be sprung on you without any notice
7. Avoiding Eyeball contact and look straight ahead when the screaming starts.

I think I'm well qualified to go on next year's series.

I may cry on screen as the break will be so joyous.

They should have a series for parents of young children.

**We'd nail it – Right folks.**



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# Carla's Kingdom

The tragedy that shocked our community and the entire country at the end of January has brought many people together working towards a common goal.

On Thursday March 5th, an entire community came together to show their support for the McGinley, Morley and Magliozzi families, all who have lost their young loved ones far too early. Special thanks to Deirdre Duignan, friend of the McGinley and Morley family and Happy Feet parent for her wonderful idea to host a coffee morning in aid of Carla's Kingdom.

Carla's Kingdom will be a playground that was inspired by the eulogy of Andrew McGinley and the memories of the children who have passed away, including Clodagh Magliozzi from Rathcoole who passed away in 2013.

The support from the local community, communities beyond the four districts, local businesses, charities, sports clubs, and schools has been overwhelming.

We were honoured to be joined by the McGinley, Morley and Magliozzi families on the day of the coffee morning.

It proved not only to be a great fundraising success with raffles, face painting, music, cakes, and rock painting, but to bring so many people together for a lovely morning, full of love, laughter, tears, and hugs.

The idea for this project began when Andrew McGinley requested donations be made to Happy Feet, Scoil Chronain and Rathcoole Boys Football Club in lieu of flowers. Andrew McGinley supports community and is on a quest to get the message across regarding the huge impact that community, creches, schools, sports clubs, and extracurricular activities have on who our children become. It is this message that has led to the idea of Carla's Kingdom, a playground that is planned for the blackthorn hill location of Happy Feet. The playground will be comprised of Carl's castle, a Frozen themed climbing frame area, Darragh's Den, full of Marvel characters, Conor's Club complete with Lego of all kinds, and Clodagh's cottage housing a mud kitchen and dress up area.

For the families there will be a garden or remembrance complete with a bench for each family who will have unlimited access to this special space that was created through the precious memories of their children.

With the help of local businesses and community volunteers, Carla's Kingdom should be completed during the summer of 2020.

The support has been overwhelming, with far too many people to thank personally. A grand opening will be announced once all works are completed-watch this space!





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## Rathcoole Camera Club

Are you interested in photography?  
Would you like to join a local camera club?  
If you would like more information email  
[rathcoolecameraclub@hotmail.com](mailto:rathcoolecameraclub@hotmail.com)

**Our club is still open for new members.  
We are having are meetings  
online for now.  
Stay Safe Everyone**

## THANK YOU!!!

We would like to give a special thanks to the volunteers  
and the local Garda for their dedication on delivering  
the meals on wheels to our  
elderly in the local area.



## Rathcoole Community Centre

**is closed  
till further notice.**

