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## ROUNABOUT OR TRAFFIC LIGHTS ?

Given so many in our community commute out of Ratoath on a daily basis, it is vital that our traffic management systems support constant reductions in commuting times and prevent any lengthening of them.

In our June issue, we featured a piece on the proposed new junction between the Ashbourne Road (R155) and the Kilbride Road (L1007) which would be controlled by a set of traffic lights. A second low key proposal has since appeared from Meath County Council to instal a further set of (synchronised) lights some 83 metres nearer to Ratoath than the proposed Kilbride Road Junction traffic lights, this time at the planned intersection of the Ashbourne Road with the currently under construction outer relief road to go over to Ratoath College (and ultimately the Fairyhouse Road) and the entrance/exit at the Moulden Bridge estate.

Unlike the Kilbride Road Junction Proposal, this second proposal is not being accompanied by drawings or an open consultation process with backup documentation.. It appears to be subject to a separate planning application reference number to the Kilbride Road junction application and is a revision to the original planning permission approved for the overall Broadmeadow development which included a roundabout at this junction rather than traffic lights. That planning permission RA150993 mentioned 'a 1km outer relief road and roundabout to serve housing, school and community facilities at the junction with Ashbourne Road (R125) at Moulden Bridge.'

Our understanding is that any observations on the new proposal must be lodged with Meath County Council by Friday August 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. As many people have pointed out to us, commenting about this situation on social media is totally ineffective when it comes to having an influence on the planning process and *the only effective say one can have is to make a written comment / observation on the proposed development addressed to the Meath County Council Planning Office* (email [planning@meathcountycouncil.ie](mailto:planning@meathcountycouncil.ie)) by the due date and to pay a €20 fee for so doing.

The proposal is referenced as PL 17 247003 /RA150993.

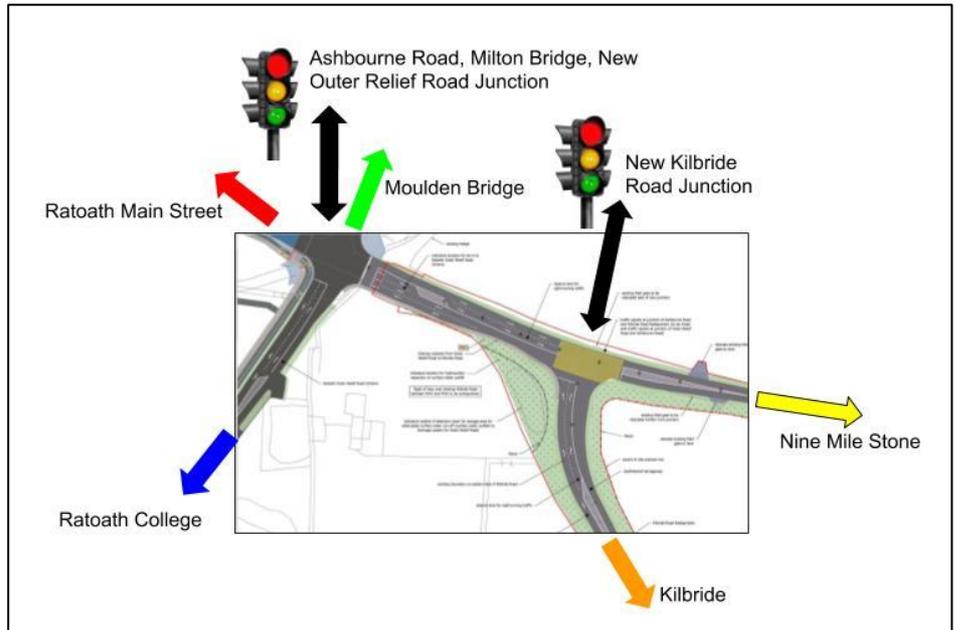
The 2019 Kilbride Road Proposal clearly states that 'the junction of the Ratoath Outer Relief Road and the Ashbourne Road will be signalised'. It also states that 'it is expected that the signals for the Relief Road Junction and the Kilbride Road Junction will be synchronised. In this way the two junctions will in effect operate as a single junction.'

Despite our best efforts the maximum information we could obtain at the time of publication has been the diagram in the Kilbride Road Junction Proposal which shows a partial view of the proposed new signalled junction at Moulden Bridge. Overleaf on page 2, we have done our best to better highlight what is a partial view in the Kilbride Road Junction Proposal. Various views have been expressed on social media in Ratoath about the pros and cons of Roundabouts versus Traffic Lights and we are not experts in this area and so will not make comments either way as we simply do not know. However one would expect Meath County Council Traffic Engineers to be fully competent in this whole area and to have modelled the huge array of variables that would influence traffic flows in the Ratoath area.

# RATOATH TRAFFIC POLICY : ROUNDABOUT OR TRAFFIC LIGHTS ?

Already a number of Kilbride Road residents have begun to have serious doubts as to how thorough the proposed application has been tested. They have begun organising petitions for objections to be made to the proposal before August 9<sup>th</sup> and are pointing out their belief that the proposal throws up a number of major negatives.

- That the new junction design focuses primarily on pedestrian and cyclist usage with little thought for motorists
- That an unintended consequence will be a huge increase in traffic on Glascairn Lane
- That the positioning of so many traffic lights in the general area will lead to major traffic congestion with a resultant increase in vehicle emissions and Ratoath becoming a traffic black spot at peak times and thereby increasing the overall commuting time of the majority of Ratoath residents



We have seen in previous issues of this community newsletter both the importance of cars and the reliance on cars in the Ratoath community and most definitely a thorough and comprehensive analysis of traffic patterns is critical and particularly as the volumes of traffic can only increase from additional new housing in Ratoath and Dunshaughlin over the next few years. Perhaps this has already been done, unfortunately we do not know. If you feel doubtful about this proposal, then we would suggest you let your doubts be known by making a personal or group observation to Meath County Council Planning Office and if you are comfortable with the proposal then there is no need for any action on your part.

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# RATOATH : CELEBRATING IRISH-POLISH FRIENDSHIP EVENING

Building on the success of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the fatal crash landing of Polish born pilot Boleslaw Josef Sawiak in Ratoath during World War Two, Ratoath Community Centre in conjunction with the Polish Embassy in Ireland are pleased to announce a special 'Celebrating Irish-Polish Friendship Evening' on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> in Ratoath Community Centre.

The Evening will include a short Ceremony to honour Flight Pilot Sawiak's 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, an Exhibition covering different strands of Polish – Irish interaction through the years including the Sawiak incident and the life in Ireland of the Polish diplomat Consul Dobrzynski and the great work during the Famine of Count Paul Strzelecki and finally a 2 hour Concert of Polish and Irish music and dance.

Indeed it is hoped to extend the event through the rest of the weekend by firstly keeping the Exhibition open for viewing on Saturday and Sunday and planning is also underway for a Polish – Irish soccer tournament on the Saturday to be held at Ratoath Community Centre's new Astro Pitches in Jamestown. Further details will be announced closer to the event.

The August 23<sup>rd</sup> Evening will commence at 7pm with the opening of the Exhibition, followed by the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony at 7.30pm and the concert in The Venue Theatre from 8pm. The concert will feature the Polish SuperTonic Orchestra and their leader Przemek Lozowski playing their repertoire of Polish music, local resident and TG4 Gradam Ceoil Musician of the Year, Catherine McEvoy and Friends with her repertoire of Irish Traditional Music, award winning dancers from Poland and Ireland featuring our own Tegan Rodden and a finale of one great celebratory jam with all musicians on stage. Tickets are only €10 and can be purchased online at [www.venue theatre.ie](http://www.venue theatre.ie) or by calling the Box Office at 01 6895600.

The event aptly coincides with National Heritage Week 2019 (17th-25th August) and we would urge all readers to participate in the weekend's events and to help Ratoath to further strengthen its ties with the Polish community in Ireland and with Poland itself and in some small way help to further establish our community as a new town seeking to forge its own identity within the new Europe.

## A Night Of Polish & Irish Music

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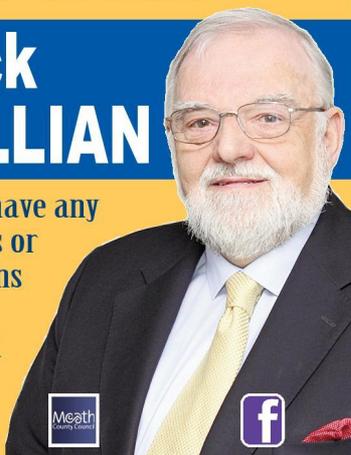
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# RATOATH FORÓIGE BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

You cannot but admire the great work being done through the years by our Ratoath Foróige Youth Club. Over the past 5 years and with constantly changing membership the club have consistently excelled in creating innovative projects that keep on adding immense value in our community whilst receiving recognition in the form of National Youth Citizenship awards and certificates.

For their 2019 project, the club took on a Community Action project in Ratoath focused on Bat Conservation in Ratoath. Bats are now an endangered species in Ireland. Bats are valuable indicators of the condition of the wider countryside owing to their dependence on insects, their specialist feeding behaviours and their habitat requirements. Their contribution was to build a number of Bat Boxes using local wood sourced from Donnelly's Providers in Ratoath and using the valuable assistance of Mark Webster from local business Webster's Wood. These Bat Boxes are pivotal in creating a safe place for nearby bats to roost, thereby conserving and growing the bat population in our community.

Then with the help of the club leaders, a Ratoath Mens Shed team and a Ratoath Tidy Towns team, the club members installed the Bat Boxes in Ratoath's Riverwalk area on July 16th last.

Such integrated community activity is a model that deserves the highest praise. This initiative by Ratoath Foróige Youth Club contributes enormously to Ratoath's Tidy Towns progress by enhancing the town and improving its environment by increasing its biodiversity, an area that is a major part of the Tidy Towns evaluation process. Furthermore the experience gained by members in working with other community groups such as Tidy Towns and Mens Shed helps develop friendships and builds community spirit. Whilst sourcing local materials and skills and interacting with local businesses helps members see the wider benefits of maximising local employment and added value.



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# PUBLIC EDUCATION LECTURE : TRANSITIONING FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY – AUG 20TH

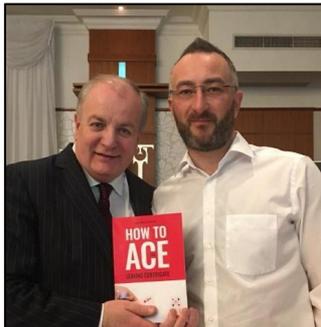
Following on from the great success of Dr Mary O’Kane’s talk last April on Childhood Psychology and Education, Ratoath Community Centre have invited well known education expert, Joe McCormack to give a talk on ‘ Transitioning from Primary to Secondary – Parents, What You Must Know !’ in the Venue Theatre on Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm. Tickets are only €5 and are available online at [www.venue theatre.ie](http://www.venue theatre.ie) or from the Box Office by calling 01 6895600.

Joe will talk parents through what they should expect as their child makes the daunting change to secondary school. Joe will discuss, give his expert advice and listen to audience questions on topics such as:

- The main difference between Primary and Secondary School
- The key transition difficulties
- The day-to-day challenges your child will face as they start in first year
- What an average day in secondary school will consist of
- Tips on how to support emotionally and physically your child during the all important first month
- A brief synopsis of secondary school subjects and how a weekly timetable operates
- Advice for helping your child if they are vulnerable / have special needs
- Dealing with homework, bigger classes, new friendships, subject teachers, parent-teacher meetings and social media
- Specific advice for children to help them make the leap with confidence
- Starter tips about learning how to study in first year.

The talk will be followed by a question and answer section for parents to ask questions on any aspects of secondary school the may be concerned about or interested in.

Joe McCormack ( Career Coach, B.A., H.Dip.Ed, H.Dip.IT) has 17 years experience in teaching Mathematics, Geography, ICT, ECDL, Web Design, Technical Graphics, CSPE, Woodwork and Science in secondary schools and has corrected Maths Exam Papers. He has tutored Maths and Geography in the Dublin Academy of Education, he is a qualified Career Coach and in September will receive accreditation as a ‘ Thought Leader in Education and Career Development’ with the All-Ireland Business Foundation at a ceremony in Croke Park. Joe also operates ACE Solution Books and ACE Tuition and through his Facebook page provides ongoing support to students and parents as they work towards achieving their maximum potential as they progress through secondary school.



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# WHAT'S ON IN RATOATH

## Thursday 1st August

## Friday 2nd August

Zumba Gold RCC 11 am  
Ratoath BMX Club, Summer Racing

## Saturday 3rd August

Dance With Me RCC 10 am  
Fairy Festival, Loughcrew Gardens

## Sunday 4th August

Fairy Festival, Loughcrew Gardens  
Bingo RCC 8pm

## Monday 5th August

Slimming World 4:30pm  
Zumba 8pm

## Tuesday 6th August

Stage Performers Camp 10:30am - 3:30pm  
Taekwondo 4pm

## Wednesday 7th August

Stage Performers Camp 10:30am - 3:30pm  
Zumba 7:30pm  
FREE Community Football. 2-4pm  
Jamestown Sports Campus  
RDS Horse Show, Ballsbridge

## Thursday 8th August

Stage Performers Camp 10:30am - 3:30pm  
FREE Community Football. 2-4pm  
Jamestown Sports Campus  
RDS Horse Show, Ballsbridge

## Friday 9th August

Zumba Gold RCC 11am  
RDS Horse Show, Ballsbridge



## Saturday 10th August

Dance With Me RCC 10 am  
RDS Horse Show, Ballsbridge

## Sunday 11th August

Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival  
Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann, Drogheda  
RDS Horse Show, Ballsbridge  
Ratoath Harps Fundraiser 7pm  
Bingo, RCC 8pm

## Monday 12th August

Star Camp Summer Camp 9:30am-2:30pm  
Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann, Drogheda  
Mindfulness and Well-being 9:30am  
Slimming World 5:00 pm  
Zumba 8pm

## Tuesday 13th August

Star Camp Summer Camp RCC  
9:30am-2:30pm  
Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann, Drogheda  
Tattersalls NH Sale  
Taekwondo RCC 4pm

## Wednesday 14th August

Star Camp Summer Camp 9:30am-2:30pm  
Tattersalls NH Sale  
Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann, Drogheda  
Zumba 7:30pm

## Thursday 15th August

Star Camp Summer Camp RCC  
9:30am-2:30pm  
Tattersalls NH Sale  
Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann, Drogheda

## Friday 16th August

Star Camp Summer Camp 9:30am-2:30pm  
Zumba Gold RCC 11am  
Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann, Drogheda  
Ratoath BMX Club, Summer Racing

## Saturday 17th August

Dance With Me RCC 10 am  
Soccer Blitz, Jamestown Sports Campus  
Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann, Drogheda

## Sunday 18th August

Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann, Drogheda  
Bingo 8pm

## Monday 19th August

Mindfulness and Well-Being 9:am  
Slimming World 5:30pm and 7:30pm  
Zumba 8pm

## Tuesday 20th August

Stage Performers Camp 10:30am- 3:30pm  
Digital Skills 1pm - 3pm  
Taekwondo 4pm  
Parental Talk- Transition From Primary to  
Secondary School 8:15pm

## Wednesday 21st August

Singaling 10am  
Stage Performers Camp 10:30am- 3:30pm  
Zumba 7:15pm

## Thursday 22nd August

Stage Performers Camp 10:30am- 3:30pm

## Friday 23rd August

Zumba Gold 11am  
Polish - Irish Friendship Evening 7pm  
Commemoration Ceremony 7.30pm  
Concert 8pm

# WHAT'S ON IN RATOATH

## Saturday 24th August

Dance With Me 10 am  
Ireland Vs Poland Friendly match - FAMILY  
EVENT, Jamestown Sports Campus 2pm  
Polish - Irish Exhibition , RCC All Day

## Sunday 25th August

Community Centre Classes 2019-2020  
Showcase 12 to 3pm RCC  
Trim Salmon of Knowledge Festival  
Bingo 8pm

## Monday 26th August

Mindfulness and Well-Being 9:30am -  
11:30am  
Slimming World 5:30pm and 7:30pm  
Zumba 8pm

## Tuesday 27th August

Digital Skills 1pm - 3pm  
Taekwondo 4pm

## Wednesday 28th August

Singaling , RCC10am  
Horse Racing Bellewstown 4.05pm  
Zumba RCC 7:15pm

## Thursday 29th August

Horse Racing Bellewstown 4.40pm

## Friday 30th August

Zumba Gold RCC 11am  
Ratoath BMX Club, Summer Racing

## Saturday 31st August

Dance With Me , RCC 10am  
Cycling : Skoda Tour De Boyne Valley,  
Drogheda



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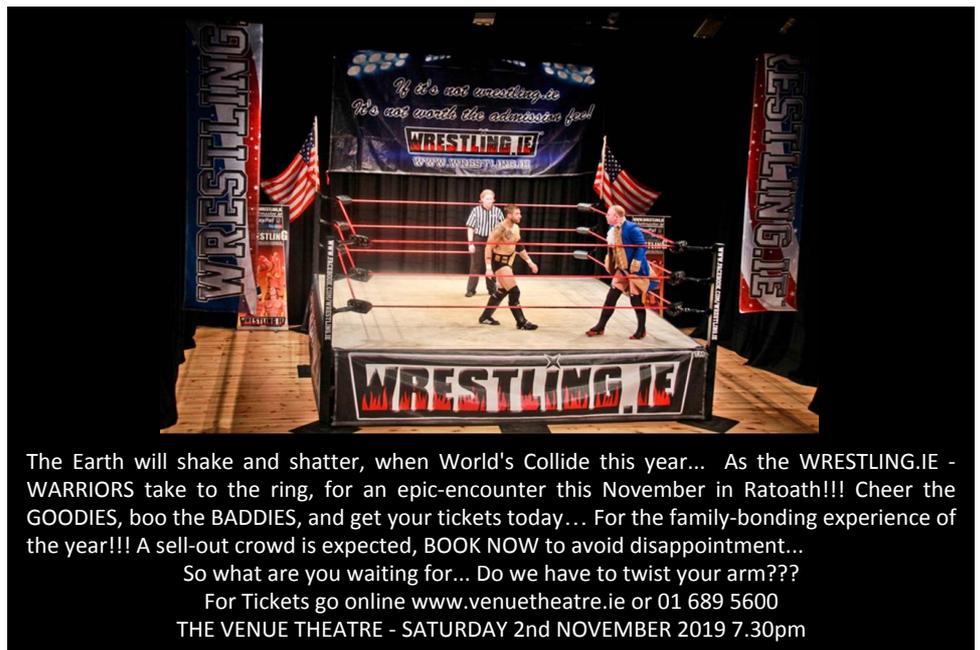
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|             | Eddi Reader & Alan Kelly Gang  | Fri 13th             |
|             | Goldilocks and the Three Bears   | Sun 15th             |
|             | Fred Cooke   | Fri 27th             |
| <b>OCT</b>  | Niamh Kavanagh (with Paul Megahey of The Illegals)                         | Fri 4th              |
|             | Deirdre O Kane   | Sat 5th              |
|             | Declan O'Rourke  | Fri 11th             |
|             | Pilgrim Street   | Sat 12th             |
|             | David O'Doherty  | Fri 18th             |
|             | Bosco and Sleeping Beauty  | Sun 20th             |
|             | Sean Keane   | Fri 25th             |
|             | Joxer Daly Esq - Performed by Phelim Drew<br>Stephen Mullan (Venue Studio) | Sat 26th<br>Sat 26th |
| <b>NOV</b>  | Enya Martin (Giz a Laugh)  | Fri 1st              |
|             | American Wrestling   | Sat 2nd              |
|             | Dirty Dusting starring Mary Byrne  | Sun 3rd              |
|             | The Fureys   | Sat 9th              |
|             | Des Bishop   | Fri 15th             |
|             | Johnny Mc Evoy   | Sat 16th             |
|             | An evening with Leah Barnville & Guests                                    | Fri 22nd             |
|             | Phil Coulter   | Sat 23rd             |
| <b>DEC</b>  | Dirt Birds   | Fri 6th              |
|             | Tommy Fleming  | Sat 7th              |
|             | The Rat Pack Christmas Show 1pm  | Fri 13th             |
|             | Abba Forever Christmas Show  | Fri 13th             |
|             | Don Baker Band   | Sat 14th             |

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Anyone who witnessed Pilgrim Street's sold out show at Navan's Solstice Arts Centre in June will be keen to come along to The Venue Theatre on October 12<sup>th</sup> when the band return to Meath for another night of great entertainment.

Strongly influenced by Bluegrass, Old Time Country and Folk Music, fused with traditional folk songs from this side of the Atlantic, Pilgrim St bring a warm and lively atmosphere to their music and have garnered a glowing word of mouth endorsement from venues around the country with their powerhouse live performances. Drawing from fellow luminaries such as Hank Williams, Woody Guthrie, The Pogues and Bruce Springsteen's Seeger Sessions outfit, Pilgrim St bring their infectious melodies, harmonies to Ratoath with a setlist made up of covers and their own original songs.

Pilgrim St is comprised of Peadar Farrelly on Guitar and Vocals, Singer/Songwriter Eugene Donegan on Banjo and Vocals, Eoin McDonnell on Mandolin and Vocals, Francis McGinn on Bass, Mark Lynch on Dobro, Brendan Kelly on Accordion and Vocals and and Cathal McQuaid on the Fiddle.



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## Lilly's Pharmacy Ratoath raises €3,170 for Meath's Women's Refuge

Pictured are Deirdre Murphy, Meath Women's Aid with Ola El Garawany, Lilly's Pharmacy, Ratoath, who was presenting the cheque for the grand total of €3,170 to the Refuge, following the charity event for women, *Taking Care of Me*.

The event took place in the Venue Theatre, Ratoath, Co. Meath on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and was a great success, with many of the attendees asking when the next one will be held. Proceeds have been donated to the Meath's Women's Refuge & Support Services, a refuge based in Navan that provide services to women and children experiencing abuse.

Owner of Lilly's Pharmacy Ratoath, Ola El Garawany says, "We are so grateful to everyone who supported this amazing event from speakers, to volunteers, to all who purchased a ticket and also to our sponsors. We as a team are so privileged to have been part of it. The audience was something else! A very special group of ladies who participated in everything from Zumba to fitness challenges. We covered many topics, from fertility to menopause and there were tears and laughter. Most importantly, everyone who was involved felt very proud to be giving something back, knowing that the money was going to such a great cause."

Meaths' Women's Aid was established in 1987, and Manager Deirdre Murphy says "We are delighted to have been chosen as the beneficiary of this gift, which will assist us in our work with women and children who experience domestic abuse."



For information on Meath's Women's Aid please see:  
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# RATOATH ATHLETICS

Congratulation to all Ratoath AC athletes on a very successful day at a very competitive All Ireland Relays and B Championships in Tullamore, with what started out as nice morning the weather swiftly changed in the afternoon to dreadful conditions testing each athlete with a head wind on the back straight and torrential rain! Well done to all competitor and officials showing great character to stick it out until the end.

First up our U18 boys of Matthew Hayes, Stephen Kiernan, Marcus Clarke and Ben Toole took the gold in the 4 X 400m relay  
5th for the U15 Girls 4 x100m Aobh Forde, Eve Mooney, Laura Kelly, Niamh Murphy,  
5th for the U17 Girls 4 X100m Eabha Toole, Sara Sheehan, Lili O'Connor & Aimee Doherty,  
Sliver for our U19 boys 4x100m. Matthew Buckley, Daragh Casey, Kevin Dat Conway, Rafa McCaffrey & Diarmuid Stoney.  
U18 Boys 4 X 100m came in 6th positon, Cian Agar Finlay, Oisín McKenna, Matthew Buckley & Raffa McCaffrey,  
U14 girls 3rd in Relay 55.23

Fantastic run in terrible conditions, well done Caoimhe Fitzsimons, Niamh Murphy, Katie Doherty, Amelia Holland & Eve Mooney  
The last and most exciting race of the day was our U16 Girls 4 X100m relay the girls all ran a seamless race to take the gold! Fantastic running and posting a very impressive time of 51.1s considering the yellow rain warning conditions, well done Aimee Doherty, Sara Sheehan, Aobh Forde and Laura Kelly

The All Ireland B championships were also taking place and our athletes all competed very well. Well done all.

#### U12 GIRLS:

Ava Doran and Claire Rogers competed very well in the 60m.

Pb's for all in the 600m with Amber Lane 4th, Ava Doran 8th and Claire Rogers 15th

#### U13's:

Fionn Heffernan 1st in the Long Jump 4:18

James Kelly 2nd in the boys 600m 1:48.02

Kate Doherty a very close 4th in the Girls 600m 1:50.39

#### U14 :

Niamh Murphy 4th 4.28 & Kate Raftery 3.65 in the Long Jump

Eve Mooney & Kate Raftery both ran very well in the u14 800m with Eve just missing out on a medal with a 4th place finish.

Caoimhe Fitzsimons 8th in the shot putt 7.74

#### U15:

Amy Forde 1st in the High jump 1:45

Lily Nannery 11th 800m 2:48.75

Stephen Walsh 3rd in the shot putt and 8th in the 800m



Thanks to all the athletes, coaches and parents for your support and commitment thought this very successful 2019 track & field season for Ratoath AC

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