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### END OF AN ERA - LOCAL BUTCHER TONY DARBY RETIRES

Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> will mark the end of an era for the community of Ratoath when local butcher Tony Darby and his daughter Andrea serve their customers for the last time. Tony recently celebrated his 42<sup>nd</sup> year as an independent butcher in Ratoath having first opened for business on August 17<sup>th</sup> 1977. And for the last 22 of those years, he has been ably assisted by his daughter Andrea who has also decided to give the butchering business a break as she looks forward to the imminent arrival of her first child.

Tony has always been more than just a butcher to his local community. At 17 he won a county senior hurling medal playing for Ratoath, he also played on the county team and began a part-time career as a lead guitarist in local bands. Alongside life as a butcher and local historian, Tony has always had a great love of life itself encompassing his passion for family, fly fishing, hurling and music. We wish Tony and Andrea every happiness.

This end of an era coincides with a new project that Ratoath Community Centre have been planning which is the organising of Exhibitions of Photographs of Ratoath Through The Years. So we are inviting local residents to submit their photos during October. From those submitted we aim to put together the first Exhibition to coincide with our upcoming Christmas Craft Fair on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Any photos submitted will be catalogued and returned within 7 days.



Interested parties can hand old photographs into reception at the Community Centre in care of Saoire O' Brien

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# 2019 COMMUNITY SURVEY BY GILLIAN TOOLE - THE RESULTS

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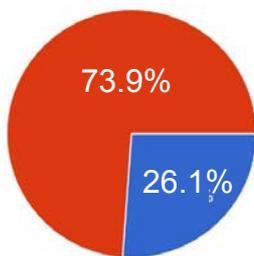
I asked and you answered. Earlier this year I distributed a survey both to your doors and online, for you to take the opportunity to have your say about the needs of residents of the local area. I want to ensure local requirements are taken into account, where possible, during the preparation of the County Development Plan and Local Area Plans.

Thanks to Andrea & Tony Darby, Flowers by Moira Dunshaughlin & Euomart Dunshaughlin for being survey drop- points! Liz Rigby & Saoire O'Brien for compilation of data.

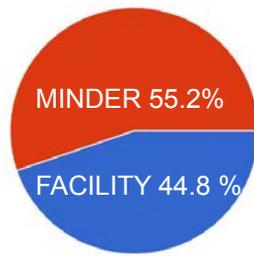
Thank you everyone who took the time to complete the survey, the results of which are detailed below:

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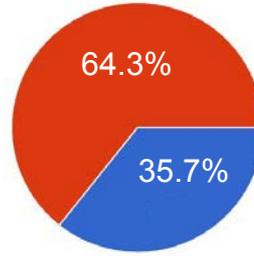
Is childcare an issue for you?



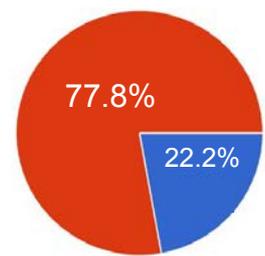
If choosing childcare do you prefer a Childcare facility or a Childminder?



Do you think there is enough childcare facilities in our local area?

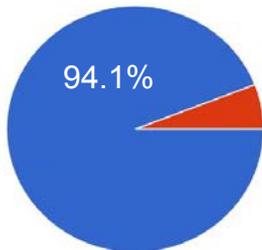


Have you had an issue finding suitable childcare in the last 12 months?



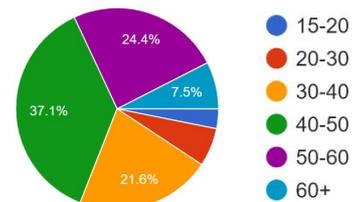
## 2. Transport & Travel

Is there a need for extra trains and buses to bring people to and from Dublin?



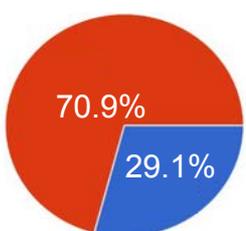
Question	YES	NO
Are there enough hackney's and taxis in your local area?	24.9%	75.1%
Are there sufficient parking spaces in your local urban areas?	26.1%	73.9%
Would you use a feeder bus to and from the local train stations if one were provided?	15.9%	84.1%
Would you use cycle lanes if more were provided locally?	53.7%	46.3%

## Age Profile Of Participants

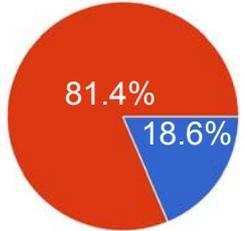


## 3. Resources for Children and Teenagers

Are there sufficient resources for children and teenagers in your local area?

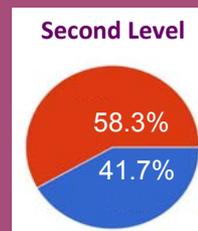
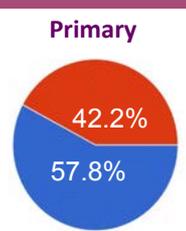


Are you aware of any teenage or family support services available locally?

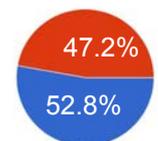


## 4. Education

Are there sufficient school places in your local area? Primary? Secondary?



If you have a child in primary education, are you concerned whether they will be able to attend the secondary school of your choice?

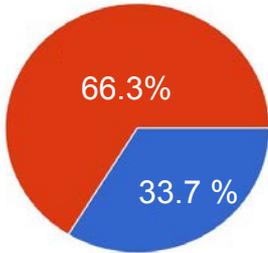


■ YES ■ NO

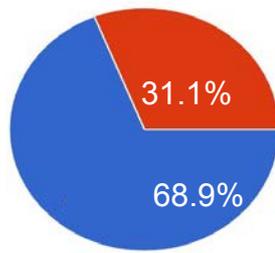
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## 5. Adult Education

Are you aware of any free/low cost, Adult Education classes available in your local area?

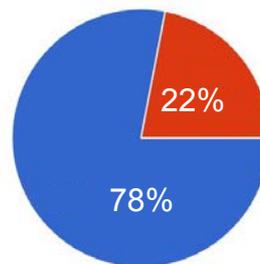


Would you be interested in attending free/low cost Adult Education classes if they were provided locally?

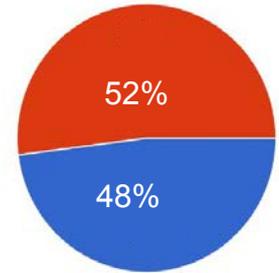


## 8. Law & Order

Do you feel safe in your home?

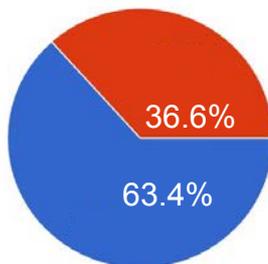


Do you feel safe when walking the streets in the local area at night-time?

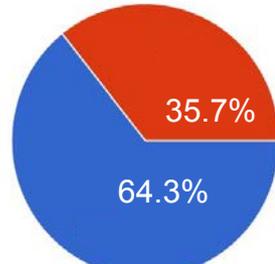


## 6. Recreational Activities

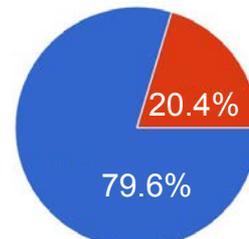
Do you take part in any local sports or leisure activities?



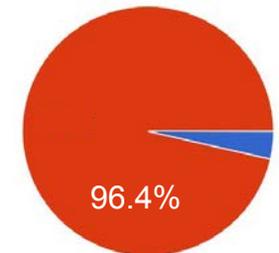
Are there sufficient facilities for your chosen activities?



Do you think increased lighting would improve the safety of the area at night?

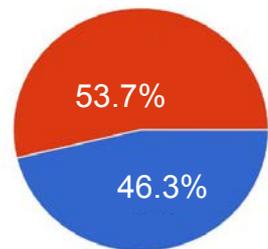


Do you think enough Garda are on duty in the local area?

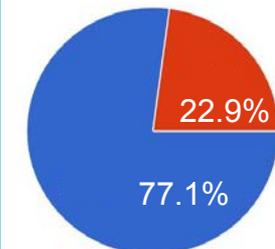


## 7. Healthcare

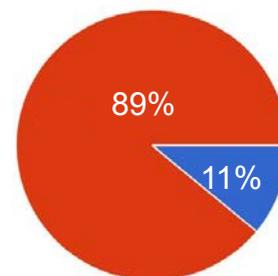
Are you happy with the current level of services available in your local area?



Do you access GP facilities in your local area?



Have you been the victim of crime in the last 12 months?



# Councillor Gillian Toole

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## VENUE THEATRE - 3 RECOMMENDED ACTS FOR YOU

### Sean Keane Friday 25th October 8pm

Seán Keane will bring his Music tour to the Venue Theatre on October 25 2019. Seán will be accompanied by Pat Coyne, Fergus Feely, and together they will perform many of Sean's classics like Isle of Hope Isle of tears, Galway to Graceland. He will also be singing some of the new songs from the Gratitude album that he recorded in 2018 with the RTE Concert.



### Joxer Daly Esq - performed by Phelim Drew Saturday 26th October

Sean O'Casey's playful scrounger from the classic, Juno and The Paycock, takes centre stage in this intriguing new play from the pen of Eddie Naughton (Inishfallen Fare The Well).

With events that were to alter the course of Irish history as a backdrop, Joxer Daly Esq. charts an everyman journey from respectable member of The Foresters Association to a vagabond scraping by with only his wit to use as collateral.

From the 1913 Lock Out, to the Rising - and the events of O'Casey's classic The Plough and the Stars - to the birth of a new divided Nationalism, in Juno and The Paycock, we see it all through the eyes of a survivor like no other.

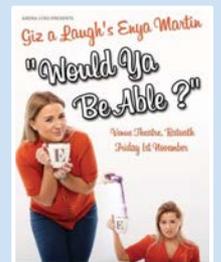
Joxer Daly is an ordinary person trying to navigate the difficult waters of what was Dublin in the period leading up to the birth of a Republic. **Photo credit Beta Bajgartova**



Phelim Drew's powerhouse performance as the wild-eyed, shambling figure - **Sunday Independent**  
 Phelim Drew is convincing as Joxer – the archetypal, gravelly Dub - **Sunday Times**  
 Phelim Drew is perfect for the part. He is every inch a Joxer - **Irish Independent**

### Giz A Laugh - Enya Martin Friday 1st November, 8pm

Enya Martin's Comedy Show "Would Ya Be Able?" is coming to the Venue Theatre in Ratoath County Meath. Stand up comedian Enya Martin, writer and creator of the very famous comedy video Facebook page "Giz a laugh", has successfully made the transition from creating comedy videos online to performing on the live stage. Enya is the best selling female comedian in Dublin's Vicar Street venue, having sold out 3 shows this year. Her Giz a laugh Live Theatre show sold out its eleven date tour in 2017. She has performed successfully in the Laughter Lounge, Vodafone Comedy Carnival, Vodafone Comedy Festival and also sold out at this year's Jest Fest in Wexford. Enya's stand up show is pure comedy dynamite. Family, boyfriends, nshop assistants, self serve scanners and taxi drivers are on her hit list ... plus many many others. But does she have a soft side? Treat yourself to this brilliant stand up comic. Strictly over 18



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 Sat 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2pm  
 Sat 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 7:30pm  
 Sun 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2pm

Tickets priced €15  
 Family tickets €60 - 2 adults & 3 children

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## VENUE THEATRE - 3 MORE RECOMMENDED ACTS FOR YOU

### Dirty Dusting Sunday 3rd November 8pm



Hold onto your seats, arriving with a bang this wild new comedy about a trio of 70-something cleaners face the axe....Well instead of taking threats of redundancy lying down, these game girls set up a phone sex service, that's when the fun begins!

"A great piece of feel-good entertainment-you can't help but be won over!" - The Metro

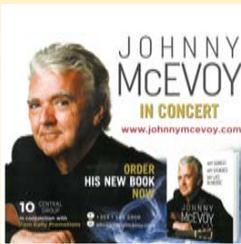
These three girls will have you rolling in the aisles as they turn into 'telephone belles' - their bosses don't know about it, their families would never guess and their very willing customers are none the wiser!

"A dazzling, laugh-a-minute comedy....this theatrical treasure will have you in stitches from the opening to the closing lines" - Newcastle Evening Chronicle

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Crude? Yes! Funny? Absolutely! If you love Mrs Browns Boys come and meet their match in this must-see comedy

### Johnny McEvoy Saturday 16th November



Johnny McEvoy has always been highly acclaimed for his excellent shows and his recent nationwide concert tour received a huge response from his legion of fans. This nostalgic evening of 'Song and Story' features all of Johnny's many 'Hit Songs', including Muirsin Durkan-Boston Burglar-Those Brown Eyes-Long Long Before Your Time etc plus some songs from his new album. His songs are haunting, evocative and beautifully presented with many in the folk and ballad style.

Johnny McEvoy has been one of the most enduring and talented singer/songwriters in these islands over the past 50 years. His concert performance is second to none with his songs beautifully delivered in truly artistic fashion and story telling of the finest order.

### Tommy Fleming Saturday 7th December



While Tommy's music may be difficult to classify, fans use such words as "deeply emotional, romantic and sincere" to describe the feelings it evokes. One reviewer described his music as falling into a genre of Symphonic Pop that still awaits a name. A Tommy Fleming concert is a musical experience not to be missed that has a universal appeal to all ages and backgrounds.

Tommy is famous for his own arrangement of "Danny Boy", "Isle of Inisfree" and "Hard Times" - all songs that you know and love but have never heard until you hear Tommy Fleming's versions. He also covers songs from "You Raise Me Up", "Bridge over Troubled Waters", "From a Distance" and "Something Inside so Strong" along with many more contemporary numbers.

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# WHAT'S ON IN RATOATH

## Thursday 24th October

Zumba, RCC 10 am,  
Parent and Toddler, RCC 9.30am  
Ballet, RCC 3:00pm  
Kombat Karate, RCC 7 pm  
Bridge Club, RCC 7 pm . United Nations Day

## Friday 25th October

Zumba Gold 11am  
Speech and Drama 4pm, Glee Club 6pm  
Impact Youth Theatre 7:30pm  
Sean Keane, Venue Theatre, 8pm

## Saturday 26th October

Tidy Towns, Super Valu Car Park 10am  
Academy & Agency, RCC 10am,  
Children's Art Class, RCC 11am  
Joxer Daly Esq - Performed by Phelim Drew,  
Venue Theatre 8pm.

## Sunday 27th October

Bingo, Venue Theatre 8pm

## Monday 28th October

**BANK HOLIDAY**  
Slimming World, RCC . Times as per  
Facebook page

## Tuesday 29th October

Zumba 10am, Taekwondo 4pm,  
Attack Maths 7pm

## Wednesday 30th October

Singaling, RCC 10am  
Ratoath Youth Club, RCC 7pm  
Zumba, RCC 7:15pm  
Ballroom Dancing, RCC 8:30pm

## Thursday 31st October

Zumba, RCC 10 am,  
Bridge Club, RCC 7 pm  
Puca Illuminations, Trim 6pm

## HELPING OUR COMMUNITY PUBLIC INFORMATION TALKS AT THE VENUE

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We welcome your suggestions on possible future talks you feel would be beneficial to members of our community and we will do our utmost to follow up on these suggestions in putting together our next series of Public Talks for 2020.

Please feel free to contact us with anything that may affect you or if you wish to send us feedback on any articles that we publish. Contact [feedback@ratoathcc.ie](mailto:feedback@ratoathcc.ie)

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## NEW TO RATOATH MANOR NURSING HOME

This year alone there has been numerous changes to Ratoath Manor Nursing Home, none more significant than a change in leadership with the arrival of Gillian McDonald, Person In Charge, since April 2019.

Silver Stream Healthcare Group, the owners of the nursing home, have themselves undergone more recent adjustments with Dutch private equity group Waterland taking over in a move that will expand and enhance the group's homes. They are delighted to have Gillian on board in Ratoath as she brings with her a wealth of experience.

Previously, Gillian has managed a 117 bed facility in Trim, achieving 100% compliance with HIQA while doing so. Last year she was a finalist for the Person In Charge award at the NHI Care Awards and has led four teams to winning overall.

Making a difference to an older person's life is a passion for Gillian, but making a difference to family life is equally important. Gillian promotes a can do attitude and believes anything is achievable, which is essential for enhancing the quality of life for all involved. Her mantra, which she encourages her residents with, is to dream, believe and achieve.



How has this been put into action? Gillian herself speaks of multiple, daily examples of prioritising the wants and needs of her residents. Simple things such as having breakfast when the resident wants to have breakfast rather than when staff want to give it, or as Gillian puts it 'Naturally allowing people to live as they want to live.' One bigger moment she recalls is when two residents experienced being interviewed by Ray Darcy on his Saturday night TV show. Speaking on the impact on one resident in particular Gillian states, 'She was a different person afterwards, it changed her persona, she was such a happy person. She'll have that memory forever.'

Complaints are very much welcome as Gillian views them as a path to amending situations and facilitating residents and their families. 'I see it as something that I need to support. I see them in a positive way because it means this person needs support in one way or another. It's following feelings and emotions to fix the root of the problem.'

Gillian has already implemented a number of changes at Ratoath Manor with the reception area newly refurbished, the introduction of a Green Room - 'a quiet, calming, inviting room to sit in', as well as repainting St. Patricks Dementia Unit. An ongoing project of stimulating murals on the terraces and in one of the kitchens has multiple benefits especially for the residents with dementia. Imagination Gym, Sonas and Serenity sessions are all one to one activities that are provided to residents with dementia to promote calmness and to improve their quality of life and communication.



Helping residents with dementia, and their families, is integral to Gillian's perspective on caring for the elderly. Plans are in motion to introduce Dementia Awareness Evenings to the nursing home's calendar. These evenings are designed to support families who are caring for relatives or friends with dementia by giving them the support to understand what dementia is and how it affects people. 'Person centred care is fundamental to how we operate Ratoath Manor Nursing Home' and as Gillian states 'The foundation of nursing home care is respect.'

For more information or to make an enquiry please contact Gillian on 01 825 6101 or by visiting their website [www.silverstream.ie](http://www.silverstream.ie)





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OCT	Declan O'Rourke	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>
	Pilgrim Street	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>SOLD OUT</b> David O'Doherty	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>
	Ratoath Boxing Club Fundraiser	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>
	Bosco and Sleeping Beauty	Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>
	Sean Keane	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>
Joxer Daly Esq - Performed by Phelim Drew	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	
NOV	Enya Martin (Giz a Laugh)	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>
	American Wrestling	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Dirty Dusting starring Mary Byrne	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Ronnie Whelan & Dermot Gallagher Q & A	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>
	The Fureys	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>SOLD OUT</b> Des Bishop	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>
	Johnny Mc Evoy	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>
	An evening with Leah Barnville & Guests	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>
	Phil Coulter	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Old MacDonald's Farm	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Ratoath Childrens Choir	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	
DEC	Dermot Goode - Insurance Talk	Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	<b>SOLD OUT</b> Dirt Birds	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>
	Tommy Fleming	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>
	The Rat Pack Christmas Show 1pm	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>
	Abba Forever Christmas Show	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>
	Don Baker Band	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>
	Santa's Fairytale Christmas	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>
The legend of Luke Kelly with Chris Kavanagh	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	
2020		
JAN	Alice in Wonderland Panto	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Alice in Wonderland Panto	16 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>
	Christy Dignam	Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup>
FEB	George Micheal Tribute Show	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>
	Baby Shark	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>

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# RATOATH TIDY TOWNS

Ratoath Tidy Towns would like to say thank you to the local residents who have helped us keep Ratoath looking great throughout the summer. Local businesses have made a huge effort over the past few months with fresh paintwork, flowering tubs, hanging baskets and clean footpaths. We greatly appreciate the effort made by all.

Thank you to Glascarn Nurseries who kindly sponsored all the summer bedding plants in our 19 recycled plastic planters throughout the town, they add a lovely splash of colour.

Thanks to Ratoath Garden Centre for sponsoring garden materials. Thank you to Eilish and her fab team who assist the children of Happy Days with litter picking. Thank you to the Men's Shed who assisted us with a massive clean-up of the Broadmeadow Riverwalk and also to Ratoath College Transition year students, Foroige and the Scouts.

We would like to announce that our next big clean-up day in Ratoath will take place on Saturday the 12th of October. We will meet in SuperValu car park at 10am and everyone is welcome.

And just as go to press, comes the great news that for the fifth year in succession, Ratoath has increased its marks in the annual Tidy Towns rankings with its highest ever score of 293 marks, a commendable increase of 5 on its 288 score in 2018. Particular praise was given for raising awareness of local wildlife and enhancing their habitats. The detailed report highlights yet again how great this achievement is given the relatively small number of committee members in Ratoath Tidy Towns and again we urge everyone in our community to increase their support for this critically important group.



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## RUGBY'S BACK AT RATOATH RFC !

While Joe Schmidt's team jetted off to Japan for the Rugby World Cup, the Ratoath RFC Minis started back with a bang in early September. It was great to see a dozen new starters for Leprechaun non-contact rugby for Under 6s and 7s. All minis rugby is open for anyone to try any Saturday at 1pm at the club's Curragha Road. A big thanks to all volunteers who turned out for the start-of-season clean-up. Many hands make light work and the place is looking spick & span thanks to their efforts.

The club are currently assessing the viability of launching an Assisted Needs tag team for players between 10 and 15. Any parents who are interested are invited to contact Conor Kiely (conor.kiely@gmail.com / 087 2499325).

At youths, the under 14s and 13s are back playing pre-season games, building a strong team to compete in the 15 man game. The Under 15s have started strongly in the North East League, notching up a fine away 0-34 win against Boyne. The Under 17s started pre-season with a convincing win over Ashbourne before losing narrowly to a late try after a barnstorming comeback under Friday night lights at Navan. All youth teams are actively recruiting new youth players – check out the training times on our website.

The 1st XV got the season off to a fun start in the annual Beachy Cup - going down to Athboy in the Beachy Bowl by 3 tries to 2. The lads will now get down to the slightly more serious business of defending their Dunne Cup (J4) trophy, which they won last April against Carlow RFC.

### Leprechaun Rugby



### Non-Contact Rugby

for 5/6 year olds (born 2013 / 2014)  
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The club are currently seeking to build on recent investments of a new state-of-the-art pitch and match-grade floodlights by developing a new Clubhouse. To support this – Car Draw tickets are available on the club website [www.ratoathrugby.ie](http://www.ratoathrugby.ie) or from any coach or committee member. If you fancy a brand new VW Golf (or €20,000 cash) a holiday (or €3,000) or a Shopping Voucher (or €1,000 cash) – tickets are €50 each and there is a limit of 1,000 tickets.

The Annual Ratoath RFC Golf Classic is on in Killeen Castle on October 5<sup>th</sup> – with a shotgun start at 12:30. A team of 4, including a steak dinner in the Nicklaus restaurant, costs €500. Contact Dominic Kenna (dominic@kenna.ie / 086 2594548) to reserve your spot. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

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# UPCOMING RATOATH SPORTS FUNDRAISING EVENTS

## Ronnie Whelan & Dermot Gallagher Q&A Friday 8th November 8pm, The Venue



Ratoath Harps presents Liverpool and Ireland soccer legend Ronnie Whelan and Premiership Referee Dermot Gallagher for a Questions and Answers Night.

Listen to both men relating stories of their life experiences both on and off the pitch of their heyday in one of the most competitive leagues in the world. Hear their stories of

where they grew up, both the good times and the bad, the highlights and successes and the failures, the people who influenced and helped them in their careers and those who they would rather forget. You will also get a chance to get some of your own questions answered on the night. If you love soccer or indeed any sport this is a night you will truly enjoy.

FREE Five Week Basic iPhone, iPad, Tablet and Smartphone class commencing in Ratoath Community Centre on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 1.30 – 3.30pm If you would like to book a place please call Angela, Meath Partnership on 046 9280790.

## Ratoath Golden Gloves Fundraiser Saturday 19th October 6.30pm. The Venue, Ratoath



This is a fundraiser for our club as we look to finance a ne permanent premises for the club to train in. We are a club 7 years in existence and have grown to be one of the most successful clubs in the country at underage level . We currently boast 7 All Ireland titles and we also have 11 Leinster Champions ( pictured above) .

We have currently around 45 members and hope to expand those numbers if & when we move to a new facility and give all our boxers the opportunity to maximize their potential . We also have many coaches & volunteers who the club is grateful for in giving of their time to help all our boxers in their development

This show will feature 20 of our best boxers putting their wits against pugilists from other clubs.

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