



Congratulations SuperValu

At the recent state of the art SuperValu re-opening, owners Rory & Raymond proudly had their parents, Camilla and Joe Hannon cut the ribbon. Family at the heart of providing good food to the community of Ratoath.











Hi all.

Happy new year to you and your loved ones from all the team in Ratoath Community organise for the big red fella Centre, The Venue Theatre, Happy Days Childcare and Jamestown Sports Campus. Since the last edition of Ratoath News & Views so much has happened both around the village and within the community centre.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to extend an enormous thank you to our outgoing Chairperson, Tom O'Connor and Board Director, Paul O'Brien. Both Tom and have volunteered tremendous amount of their personal time over the last number of years to the strategic direction of Oliver's Community Centre. We are extremely grateful to them both for all support. Since our AGM we By the time the annual have welcomed a number of Board Directors incoming Chairperson, Anne Our current board is made up of the following local Ratoath residents, Susan Clegg, Ray Hoare, Brian Healy Ursula Ryan, Jillian O'Sullivan and Anne Scott. I look forward to working closely with them all as we endeavour to enrich and enhance the quality of We've residents in Ratoath.

December was a bumper

month with much were happening and we delighted that local resident Jimmy Lynham was able to himself to visit us. It was a Community truly magical evening with Santa arriving in a Garda car, not even the rain stopped the crowds. The Christmas tree lights were turned on by Megan from Rehab with Claire Dolan retiring postmistress completing her final duty as she stamped Zoe's letter to As you like it's Post Box that goes directly to the North Pole, Ita ensures money raised is presented to our wonderful Tidy Towns group. And it didn't stop there. Next the crowds moved to the Venue Theatre to a packed wonderful Christmas Gift Market under the leadership of Liz Rigby, a super champion of local business in Ratoath.

> Ratoath Musical Society panto, Snow White took its final curtain call they performed to just shy of 2,500 patrons. We do not know how they do it, year after year they surpass the previous panto, a huge well done to the committee, volunteers, cast and crew.

seen the total community life for all our refurbishment of SuperValu to a state of the art store serving all the community and now housing the Post office.

> "As You Like It" post box raised over €300 for the hard working Tidy Towns Committee; Loads of kids posted their letters and got delicious Cookies and chocolate sauce in what is now becoming a family tradition at Christmas time in Ratoath.

Ratoath our newest restaurant forward to welcoming the very best of luck.

amongst our many sporting organisations, schools and associations, we take opportunity to thank all the As I come to the completion of my continued success for 2024. thank your news.

Back to our first edition of 2024, so much is happening as we attempt to enrich and enhance the quality community life in Ratoath for all our residents. Diversity and All feedback is welcome, so please and we will continue to offer a thoughts, ideas and interests. large variety of activities and events that focus on involving

Rory, Raymond members of our community of Hannon, Colin, Derek and the mixed ages, beliefs and abilities. team continued success. In We will continue to remain open addition, we welcomed 04 100 hours per week and look to the village, we wish them all existing and new friends. One of our aims which you can read more about inside this edition is to try So much has been happening in 2024 to make our village a dementia inclusive village, but we will need your help.

volunteers and wish everyone 1st year as CEO I would like to the team for Contact us if you wish to share continued support and hard work. We do not always get it right, we try our best and we have some laughs along the way. But rest assured you continue to remain at the heart of what we are trying to achieve.

inclusion remains paramount ensure to let us know your

Best wishes, Laura







DEMENTIA IS NOT SIMPLY A HEALTH ISSUE BUT A SOCIAL ISSUE THAT **REQUIRES A COMMUNITY RESPONSE!**



DEMENTIA INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY?

A Dementia Inclusive Community is one in which people living with Dementia and their families fully participate in society and is one in which the people in the community are aware of and understand Dementia.

63%

OF PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA CURRENTLY LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

HOW CAN YOU HELP TO CREATE A **DEMENTIA INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY** IN YOUR LOCAL AREA?

Check out potential ideas to explore how you can help to build

www.alzheimer.ie

How to get involved?

Each Dementia Inclusive Community is as unique as the communities in which they operate in. There are many opportunities for you to get involved.

What can you do as a volunteer....

Alzheimer Society Of Ireland for support

participate in National Alzheimer Society of Ireland events

Alzheimer Society Of Ireland event

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Are you a business, sporting organisation, association, school or individual interested in getting involved with us to help create a dementia inclusive community in Ratoath?

A dementia inclusive community would allow those living with dementia and their families to fully participate in society, surrounded by us all having a better awareness and understanding of dementia.

Watch this space for more information on how together we can make this happen in

Ratoath 2024 with the support of Alzheimer's society of Ireland.

A reminder - all are very welcome to attend our Alzheimer's Social Club, the last Friday of each month at 11am, the kettle is always on.

Dementia is not only a health issue, it is a social one too, one that requires a community response.

Ratoath Alzheimer Social Club Friday 23rd February 2024 JOIN US! from 11am - 1pm Ratoath Community Centre Ratoath Co.Meath

Contact - Liam Burke phone number - 087 9740871 email address - liam.burke@alzheimer.ie

Our Club is a fun social gathering where anyone affected by Alzheimer's can access information and support each other and exchange ideas/experienc

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Some of the many women We are also so very proud attending our social groups. of all the wonderful Rita joined the Knit & Natter students from Ratoath group to meet new friends, College who join in each she sells her crochet hats week. and blankets and donates the monies raised Alzheimer's society Ireland. In the last two years the kettle is always on. she has raised an impressive €1,400.

Ashley Rose, who is also a painter, comes each week to meet like minded people who together share stories and help her to learn crochet. Some weeks they play games, plan day trips and there is always tea and an array of treats.

to All are very welcome to of come in and try it out...







04 RATOATH



Congratulations and welcome to new business and a great addition to our beautiful village 04 Ratoath.

Hello Ratoath,

We are Alessandro, Marco, Carol and Tiziana or the 04 Ratoath Restaurant.

Four people with different personalities and backgrounds sharing one dream - to open a restaurant with an international vibe putting together our previous experiences from

around the world.

Our vision is to offer a warm and friendly place where food and wine are an unique experience for all the senses.

We believe in fusion, so our recipes are combined to enjoy Italian food of course, but including ingredients from all over the world, accompanied by a wine list selected to enhance the flavours. We also add different daily specials to our food and wine menu to tickle your taste buds and curiosity.

We thank each and everyone of you for the warm welcome to Ratoath community and we love the sense of belonging here in the village.



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Sponsor a Seat

"I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being."

-Oscar Wilde-



If this is something you might like to hear more about sponsoring a seat in the The Venue Theatre, please feel free to contact us on info@ratoathcc.ie

WE HOPE YOU CAN MAKE OUR FIRST TEA DANCE.





SUPPORTING WOMEN FOR ELECTION



Meath Women Caucus have partnered with Women for Election bring comprehensive in-person and online training programme to women Meath, Westmeath, Louth, Cavan, and Monaghan throughout the month of February.

initiative aims empower women in region to take up leadership roles in their communities, fostering inclusivity diversity in local governance.

Meath County Council and Women residing in Meath and its surrounding counties, local community leaders activists, and representatives from community organisations are invited to register for, free, one or all of the training events.

> The first of the online training events, 'Why Local Politics takes place Matters,' Thursday, February The 8. second online session. 'Maximising Social Media for Local Politicians,' takes place on Thursday, February 15, with

the final online event, 'Canvassing Strategies and Door-to-Door Dynamics, taking place on Thursday, February 22. Each online event commences at 7.15pm and concludes just over one hour later at 8.30pm.

For more details on each of the training sessions and to register for free, visit www.womenforelection.ie/meath.









THE VENUE PLAYERS "BIG MAGGIE"



"Greed, Land and Sex.

All played out on The Venue Stage.

Big Maggie, written by John B. Keane, set in 1960's Ireland.

Recently widowed Maggie Polpin, is a mother of four grown children living in rural Ireland.

Maggie, is now the sole owner of the family shop and farm. A hard spiteful, woman who puts her own needs above all other concerns.

John B. Keane, writes about vivid characters and powerful words.

A wonderful compelling play full of quips, laughter and sadness.

Directed by Eileen Kavanagh."

Featuring:

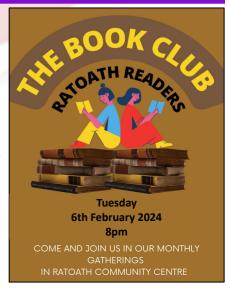
Danielle Dormer as Maggie,
Jennifer Cowley as Katie,
Meg Jonson as Gert,
Aaron Prendergast as Mick
Luke McMahon as Maurice
Larry Farrell as Byrne
Alan Frawley as Teddy Heelin
Laoise Power as Mary Madden
Angela Colgan as Mrs Madden
Bridget Burke as Old Woman
Peter Finnegan as Old Man

RATOATH COLLEGE

It's been a busy new year so far in Ratoath College, our students have been busy with January assessments for 1st, 2nd, 5th years and mock exams for our 3rd and 6th year students. Meanwhile our TY students have been on their second block of work experience since Monday January 15th and return to us

next week. Our Leaving Cert students
Applied students have also Merchan
been on their second block of music trip
work experience. Both groups and Roll
have been exploring many end of a
spects of the world of work forward to
from retail to design to incoming
charity work. Many trips and students
activities have also taken complete
place since Christmas such as assessme
a theatre trip for our 3rd year ahead.

students to see the Merchant of Venice and a music trip to the Irish Rock and Roll museum. At the end of January we look forward to welcoming our incoming first year students to the school to complete their entrance assessment, exciting times ahead.





COMEDY NIGHTS

DAVID O'DOHERTY -TINY PIANO MAN

JANUARY 27TH



The dishevelled prince of €10 eBay keyboards tries to make you feel alive with a new pageant of laughter, song and occasionally getting up from a chair. It's gonna be a big one.

NEIL DELAMERE -NEIL BY MOUTH

FEBRUARY 15TH & 25th



Catch the usual, hilarious tall tales, razor sharp observations and quick-witted improvisation for which this awfully funny Offaly funnyman has become well known.

DIRTBIRDS GIRLS WORLD TOUR

MARCH 29TH & 30TH



Ireland's Queens of Comedy are back with their brand new show "Girls World Tour".

CHRIS KENT BACK AT IT!

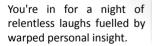
APRIL 19TH



After a dose of the real world (having gone back to the day job as an electrician), Chris found himself with two jobs and the ridiculous notion of trying to buy a house. It turns out he did not have enough jobs.

DEIRDRE O'KANE O'KANING IT

APRIL 20TH



EMMA DORAN Dilemma

MAY 9TH



It's the post - apocalyptic world. There's only one contraceptive pill left. Do you give it to your 20-year-old daughter or keep it for yourself?







JASON BYRNE - PADDY LAMA SHED TALKS SEPTEMBER 27TH & 28TH



Set in 1960s rural Ireland, Big Maggie is a compelling portrait of a woman who is determined to take control of her life following the death of her husband.

The story centres on Big Maggie Polpin and her attempts to keep her family together after the death of her husband is an enduring theatre favourite. The dialogue crackles with hilarious, caustic put downs as the indomitable Maggie deals with her feckless family and unwanted suitors. Everyone wants a part of Big Maggie and her property but she has other ideas.

PILGRIM ST 2024

MAY 3RD



A collective of musicians that 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.

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MARCH 22ND





DUNSHAUGHLIN PLAYERS "BEDTIME STORIES"

many ailments, so get your healthy dose this spring with Dunshaughlin players production of the adult comedy drama Bedtime Stories by Norm Foster, directed by Gerry Herbert.

Bedtime Stories is a zany comedy that brings together six funny and touching tales presented loosely related vignettes, featuring playwright Norm Foster's signature comedic debacles laced with mild sexual innuendo. Α cavalcade characters with their stories linked by a late night radio contest, a rock and roll concert, a taxi and, of course, a bed.

Scene 1

Betsy played by Joan Powell Lou played by Macarten McGroder Eddie played by Nick Storey

Scene 2

Derek played by Ray Lowry Susan played by Amanda Doherty

Scene 3

Davey played by Greg Marks Nick played by Jim Smyth

A good laugh is known to cure Six different scenes which all feature a bed as their primary focus. A shock radio jock pays a couple five thousand dollars to make love on air. A woman visits a dying man she feels she hurt years ago. Two men rob a house and discover a shocking secret. An aging rock star is confronted by a groupie. An accident-prone meets with no-nonsense boss. A woman leaving her husband lectures the movers on the proper way to treat a lady.

> Enjoy a night of local comedy and be as fit as a fiddle.

Scene 4

Melody played by Ruth Corrigan Tommy played Alan Frawley

Scene 5

Sandy played by Cecily Gibbon Charlie played by Cormac O'Reilly

Scene 6

Yolanda played by Cora Rathborne Jerry played by Martin McGuane Steve played by Ray Lowry Laura played by Melissa Dunne

DUNSHAUGHLIN PLAYERS ADVISORY An Adult Comedy/Drama directed by **Gerry Herbert** by Norm Foster **Venue Theatre** Ratoath Thurs - Sat 25-27th **April 2024** at 8pm Admission €17 (Includes Booking Fee) Tickets available at the door or online at www.venuetheatre.ie (01) 689 5600

Dunshaughlin Players was formed in October 2000. They endeavour to stage two productions each year. Apart from staging theatre productions, other activities organised by the group include play readings, theatre visits and drama workshops. If you are interested in becoming a member or a patron of Dunshaughlin **Players** please contact: 089-9585096, committee any member email: dunshaughlinplayers@hotmail.com to be included on our mailing list for future productions.









The Venue Ratoath 2024 Show Schedule

Date	Time	Event
26 th January 2024	8pm	Pat Shortt & Faye Shortt Comedy Show – Sold Out
27 th January 2024	8pm	David O'Doherty – Tiny Piano Man – Sold Out
3 rd February 2024	6pm	Ratoath Golden Gloves – Fight Night 2024
10 th February 2024	8pm	Route 66 Big Band 2024
15 th & 25 th February 2024	8pm	Neil Delamere – Neil by Mouth
22 nd – 24 th February 2024	8pm	The Venue Players – Big Maggie by John B Keane
22 nd March 2024	8pm	A Close Encounter with Mary Coughlan & Ultan Conlon
29 th & 30 th March 2024	8pm	DirtBirds –Girls World Tour
11 th – 14 th April 2024	TBC	Ratoath Musical Society Spring Show – Young Frankenstein
19 th April 2024	8pm	Chris Kent – Back at it! - Sold Out
20 th April 2024	8pm	Deirdre O'Kane – O'Kaning it - Sold Out
25 th – 27 th April 2024	8pm	Dunshauglin Players – Bedtime Stories by Norm Foster
3 rd May 2024	8pm	Pilgrim St
9 th May 2024	8pm	Emma Doran - Dilemma
27 th & 28 th September 2024	8pm	Jason Byrne – Paddy Lama – Sheds Talk
18 th October 2024	8pm	Paul Brady
23rd November 2024	8pm	Beyond The Horizon - Pink Floyd Tribute

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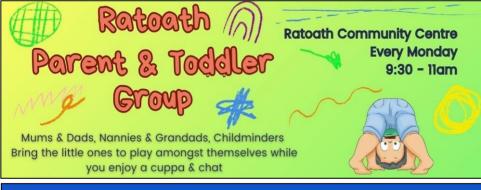
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TOP AWARD FOR RATOATH ATHLETICS CLUB



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National Awards ceremony in Photo Crown We have the pleasure to presented by Greg Allan.

announce that Ratoath Athletic This tops of a hugely successful McGoldrick, Club are the recipients of the 2023 for Ratoath Athletic Club Quigley (Chairman) Peter Athletics Ireland Development and is a fine testament to all Doherty, Siobheal Murray Club of the Year. The Ratoath the dedication and efforts put and Minister for Sport club received this award at the in to the club by its coaches Thomas Byrne who was and committee.

Ratoath Plaza, Santry Coaches: Left to right: Hugh Kellv. Sinéad in attendance.





Cllr. Gillian Toole

Local Issues Let's Talk Community Clinic

The Yoga Room, Ratoath Dunshaughlin Pastoral Centre

Dates & Times of Clinics as per Facebook Page or contact me for details: illian.toole@members.meathcoco.ie 086 2441973

