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SEPT/ OCT 2024

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RATOATH "DEMENTIA FRIENDLY INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY"

A dementia inclusive community is one in which people living with dementia and their families fully participate in society, it is one where the community is aware of and understand dementia.

Photos of our recent launch in The Venue Theatre and in partnership with The Alzheimer Society. We were delighted with the huge turnout and look forward to watching this wonderful community initiative grow in Ratoath.



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A WARM WELCOME BACK TO SEPTEMBER...

and for many our dear friend routine, whether back to school, sports, drama, it is good to be back.

Since our last News & Views in June so much has happened in our village. In this edition we get to say "Hello!" to some while we wave "Goodbye!" to others.

On the global stage we saw Ireland experience their most successful Olympic games. Closer to home we had our own successes. Ratoath Harps Football Club were presented with the FAI Club 1

Star Award. Ratoath Tennis Club had its first ever Tennis Open. Ratoath Boxing added to their array of medals. Ratoath GAA ran its hugely successful "Rockets". Ratoath Athletics for the 3rd year running won the top Club Award.

Still to this day many of you are surprised to hear Ratoath Community Centre, Ratoath Community Sports Campus, Happy Days Childcare and The Venue Theatre all come under the one umbrella of St Olivers Community Centre CLG.

This edition we take this opportunity to put the spotlight on our voluntary board of directors, led by Chairperson Anne Scott.

We are always on the look out for new members with key skills, please feel free to contact CEO Laura Murphy on: lauramurphy@ratoathcc.ie if you are interested in hearing more.

To the many new businesses in Ratoath we wish you a warm welcome - Grainger's Ratoath Inn, TK Barbers, Gents & Jockeys.

Congratulations to the team in Sweeney's Centra on their wonderful new look.

While we welcome so many we also bid a goodbye to John Murphy and team from Ratoath Inn and Conor Irwin although reading in the article below he is not going too far.

Additionally we take this opportunity to welcome new Parish Priest, Father Michael Cahill to the Parish and he will continue to be supported by Father Gerry Stuart.



A reflection on twenty five years in Ratoath.

I could never have imagined in 1998 how the village of Ratoath would develop into the small town it is today. It was then a population of just 1,300 residents. Today it is home to nearly 12,000 residents and continuing to grow.

The friendly Dublin Meath rivalry and shared aspirations for its development are part of its charm. It has great sporting, cultural and community activities and facilities unimaginable in 1998. The sense of optimism and community spirit in the Village is outstanding. Ratoath is a wonderful place to live.



From the day I saw my first patient in Ratoath I never looked back. My move here was the second-best decision I ever made. The best years of my career have been spent in this village and I have always strived to provide the very best our profession has to offer and make Ratoath Dental one of the finest around. But just like our village much has changed in dentistry over that time. Standing still was never an option.

I used to marvel at how my father did things. He qualified in 1953. Dentistry then was mostly about extracting teeth and swapping them for false ones. I was the next generation dentist, full of bright ideas and new techniques. I was sure I would be a better dentist.

NEXT GENERATION DENTISTRY

But my confidence was somewhat ill placed. Good dentistry always starts with kindness and empathy. And listening helps too. With friendly professional staff, comfortable surroundings and a friendly welcoming smile the patient might feel less nervous. We try to get the little things right. I'm still in agreement with my father. 'All you really need is kindness and a sense of humour and you're on the way to being a dentist.'

Ratoath Dental and Implant Centre is now a five-surgery practice with a team of sixteen. As well as the traditional we have moved into the digital era. Smile design including facial aesthetics, composite bonding, Botox/ fillers, teeth whitening, etc are entirely normal.

We can use predictive technology to show the result before we begin. CT scanning and guided technology can help guide Implants into the perfect final position. Bone can be generated where there may be little or none. There is now almost no mouth that cannot be restored. The most nervous patients can be sedated in a safe and comfortable environment.

I graduated from Dublin University in 1984. I have had the most wonderful career in dentistry and I am so grateful to all our patients. I'll still be around the place, keeping an eye on all things in Ratoath Dental and Implant Centre. But now it is time for the next Generation. Thank you for everything.

Dr Conor Irwin (Ratoath Dental and Implant Centre)





Fashion Extravaganza

Friday 20th Sept 2024

Our Salon
ladies night fashion show

Location:
The Venue Ratoath

Show starts : 7.30pm
Drinks reception
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OUR SALON FASHION SHOW 2024

After last years huge success Our Salon are delighted to welcome all back to join them for a night of glamour, bubbly, fashion, music and fun and a prize for best dressed lady will be up for grabs worth €500.

Derek, Fearghal and The Our Salon Team are delighted to continue supporting "Too Into You" campaign for Women's Aid.

At last years event Our Salon raised an incredible €6,675 thanks to everyones support. This year they hope to exceed this amount.

All funds raised from Fashion Extravaganza will be donated to their chosen

charity - "Too Into You". It teaches young women about intimate relationship abuse. This can include emotional, physical, sexual and online abuse. 1 in 5 young women aged 18 to 25 have been subjected to abuse by a current partner or an ex in Ireland.

Tickets available from The Venue Theatre, Ratoath, by calling Box Office: 016895600 or book online: www.thevenueratoath.ie

Any donations/ spot prizes from Local Businesses are very much appreciated for the Raffle. Please drop any donations to Our Salon during their opening hours.

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Gents and Jockeys opened their business on 15th August 2024.

John Smyth has been living in Ratoath for 20 years and has extensive knowledge of the retail industry with over 30 years experience to date. It had always been a dream of his to open his own Menswear business. When the opportunity arose in such a prime location as Ratoath where there were no Menswear shops John decided to fulfil his dream and made the call to Pauric in SherryFitzgerald.



John is delighted with the way business has taken off already and appreciates the support of friends, locals and surrounding areas.

He is very happy to welcome all customers and wish you all an enjoyable experience when you visit Gents and



Jockeys Menswear. John caters for all occasions such as Suits, Black Tie, Weddings, Purchase Hire, Funerals and Smart Casual Range.

We take this opportunity to wish John great success with his new business.



Mark Grainger(jnr) with daughter Shauna and sons Kyle and Jack



Left to right, Mark Grainger(snr) with sons Mark Grainger(jnr) and Richard



GRAINGERS RATOATH INN



The Grainger family have over 60 years experience in the pub trade and they are delighted to add this fine establishment to their ever expanding group which includes Grainger's The Manor Inn (Swords) and Grainger's Hanlon's Corner (Cabra). They have introduced live music back every Saturday night which has been going down a storm with locals and now every Sunday they are starting Speed Quizzing - a Pub Quiz with a twist.

Local lad Pat Costello formerly of Ryan's is the manager so customer's are delighted to see a familiar face behind the counter.

Renovations are currently ongoing, as they are building a brand new kitchen and will have a full lunch/ala carte plus Sunday Carvery menu once that is completed.

They have been so welcomed by the whole community and are looking forward to serving you all for years to come.

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4	€20 x 2	€60	10	€20 x 2	€200
5	€20 x 2	€60	11	€20 x 2	€60
6	€20 x 2	€60	12	€20 x 2	€60

*Jackpot Game

*Quick Lotto is played after the Jackpot Game. €500 to be won for 4 matching number. €100 for 3 matching numbers (divided if more than one winner).

LASH DOLLS ACADEMY OF BEAUTY



Commenting on the announcement, Mark Moloney, Managing Director of the Professional Beauty & Hairdressers Journal Ireland Beauty, Hair & Spa Awards, says: "We are delighted to see Karen Grehan recognised as a finalist."

The spotlight shines brightly on Karen Grehan from Lash Dolls Academy of Beauty as they secure a coveted spot on the shortlist for the esteemed Educator of the Year at the Professional Beauty & Hairdressers Journal Ireland Beauty, Hair & Spa Awards 2024.

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INTRODUCING BOARD MEMBERS



Anne Scott

Anne is Professor Emerita University of Galway. Since January 2024 Anne is Chair of the Board of Directors of St Oliver's Community Centre CLG, she is also a member of

the Board of the Higher Education Authority. Anne is the former Chair of the HEAnet Board of Directors and the CervicalCheck Steering Committee. She is an RGN and holds a BA in Philosophy and Psychology from Trinity College, Dublin, MSc from the University of Edinburgh and a PhD in Philosophy from the

University of Glasgow. Anne has worked as a clinician and academic in Ireland, Scotland, Kenya and England.

Over her career she has held a variety of leadership roles in universities including Head of School, Executive Dean, Vice President for Equality and Diversity (NUI Galway 2016 – 2021), Deputy

President and Registrar (Dublin City University (DCU) 2006-2012) in both Irish and English university sectors.

Anne was appointed to NUI Galway (now University of Galway) in June 2016 as the University's first Vice President for Equality and Diversity, and retired from the University in 2021.



Susan Clegg

Susan joined the board in April 2023. She is a Chartered Certified

Accountant and works locally with DBASS Chartered Accountants in Ashbourne. She qualified in Ireland over 30 years ago and worked for a number of years in banking before heading to New York to work in

practice for over 10 years. Having settled back in Ireland in 2005 she moved to the village of Ratoath to be near her 3 brothers.

Outside of work Susan is a member of Ratoath

Wheelers Cycling Club and Ratoath Athletics Club. She is a past treasurer of the Ratoath Musical Society and has also been a member of the church cleaning team for the past 14 years.



Jillian O'Sullivan

With over 20 years of experience as a Senior Executive at a Leading Professional Services Firm in governance and compliance, Jillian's career has been dedicated to ensuring that

organisations operate with the highest standards of integrity and effectiveness. As a Chartered Governance Professional, she brings expertise in corporate governance and risk management. Her current role in a large professional services firm has honed her skills in navigating complex regulatory environments, advising best practices and driving

organisational excellence.

Jillian believes in the power of collective effort to create meaningful change and is eager to apply her skills and experience to a charitable cause. Her professional background equips her with the ability to support the Community Centre in achieving its mission through robust governance and strategic oversight.

Joining the board represents a unique opportunity to blend her professional skills with personal interest in community service. Jillian is excited about the prospect of working alongside like-minded individuals to make a tangible difference in the Community. "Together, we can create a brighter future for our community".



Raymond Hoare

FCIPD, BBS Hons, Post Grad. Dip. Employment Law, CEDR Med.

Ray Hoare is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. A seasoned Human Resources practitioner with over 25 years HR experience. He

established Career Dynamics – a HR and Training Consultancy in 2023.

Throughout his career, he has worked in both private and public sector environments and has worked with individuals and teams on such topics as Recruitment and Selection, Performance Management, Change and Transition Management, Employee Relations and Employee Engagement. An accomplished TEDx speaker.

More recently he has focussed on Talent Management, Workplace Wellbeing and Engagement, Succession planning, workplace performance management and communication skills development.

A native of Dublin, Ray holds an honours degree in Business and Human Resource Management, as well as a Fellowship with the CIPD (The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development).

He is a trained Mediator, having completed training with CEDR, (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution), London. Ray also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Employment Law (Law Society of Ireland). He lives in Ratoath, with his wife, Lesley and family, his hobbies include Acting, Singing, Running, Gaelic Sports (GAA) and as an accomplished local artist he has exhibited his work throughout Ireland.



INTRODUCING BOARD MEMBERS



Brian Healy

Brian is founder and principal of Atlantic Vantage Advisory, since October '18, providing consultancy services focused on governance, risk management and strategy formulation, mainly in capital markets, as well as

non-executive services.

Over 20 years in the Irish Stock Exchange Plc he was responsible for the integrity, efficiency and development of the Exchange's equity and fixed income markets. As Group COO and CFO Brian built and oversaw the Exchange's operations, finance, IT, risk management and company secretarial functions, managed the

relationships with strategic partners and took the lead on development of the risk management framework for a fundamental market infrastructure.

An experienced and effective non-executive director in the financial services, insurance and health sectors. Key current roles include Chairmanship of the cross-industry Irish Market Committee of Euroclear Bank SA/NV,

Chairman of the Board/INED of Situs Asset Management, Chair/INED and OED of HANetf Management Limited and Chair/INED of Numis Europe Limited. Also completed terms as a non-executive director and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Irish Investor Compensation Company and as INED and Chair of the Audit Committee of Beaumont Hospital, one of Ireland's leading acute hospitals.



Ursula Ryan

Ursula brings to the Board of SOCC a distinguished background in medical ethics and law, augmented by her recent tenure at

Tallaght University Hospital.

In her capacity at TUH, Ursula served as the Board Secretary for both the Medical Board and the Research Ethics Committee, encompassing responsibilities at Tallaght University Hospital and St. James' Hospital.

Subsequently, she contributed to the HSE's Healthy Ireland Project within the Quality, Safety and Risk Management Directorate.

Ursula made the decision to pause her professional career to dedicate time to her young family, a choice that fortuitously enabled

her to engage deeply with her local community. As a lifelong resident of Ratoath, familiar with the various incarnations of SOCC, she cherishes the chance to contribute to the Community Centre's development as it evolves to accommodate the needs of a rapidly growing village.

The Ratoath School of Music is now enrolling for September 2024/2025

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We look forward to greeting all our existing students back and welcoming our new students for the year ahead.

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Ratoath Community Centre





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The Venue Ratoath 2024/25 Show Schedule

Date	Time	Event
14 th September 2024	8pm	"On the Road again" - An evening with TOM DUNNE, FIACHNA ÓBRAONÁIN & ALAN CONNOR
20 th September 2024	7:30pm	Our Salon – Fashion Extravaganza
27 th & 28 th September 2024	8pm	Jason Byrne in Paddy Lama – Shed Talks
29 th September 2024	8pm	Irish Traditional Music Archive - Drawing from the Well Tour 2024
4 th October 2024	8pm	Gearóid Farrelly - Gearóid Rage
18 th October 2024	8pm	Paul Brady – <i>Sold Out</i>
19 th October	8pm	Paul Brady – <i>Extra Date Added</i>
25 th October 2024	8pm	Bernard O'Shea – Desperate House Husband
8 th November 2024	8pm	ABBA Forever 2024
10 th November	3pm	Megaslam Wrestling 2024 Live Tour
16 th November 2024	8pm	Des Bishop – Lately – <i>Sold Out</i>
23 rd November 2024	8pm	Jack Lukeman - "Northern Lights - Songs of the Solstice"
28 th Nov – 8 th Dec	Tbc	Jack & The Beanstalk –Ratoath Musical Society – <i>On Sale Soon</i>
12 th December 2024	7:30pm	Shooting Stars Choir – A Winter's Story Special Guests Leah Barniville and Pat Coldrick
13 th December 2024	8pm	Ennio Morricone Experience
14 th December 2024	Tbc	Talisman Theatre Company Presents - Santa and The Three Little Pigs
3 rd January 2025	8pm	David Mc Savage - MCSAVAGE RULES & special guest from THE BULL MICK
13 th February 2025	8pm	Neil Delamere - Achilles Neil
22 nd February 2025	8pm	The Fureys
15 th March 2025	8pm	Chris Kent - Offline

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RATOATH HARPS FAI CLUB MARK 1 STAR AWARD



Congratulations to Ratoath Harps Football Club, they were presented with the FAI Club Mark 1 Star Award by Minister for Sport Thomas Byrne. They now proudly join a small group of clubs around Ireland with this award. This is recognition to the huge amount of work done by the Ratoath Harps family.



RATOATH RUGBY CLUB

It has been a very busy summer for everyone at Ratoath Rugby Club.

Both wrapping up the season and celebrating its end with their Family Fun Day. This day was an opportunity for members, family, friends and the wider community to come up to the club and just have some fun.

They had a visit from Leo the Lion and he certainly was a hit with all who were in attendance, especially the younger ones.



In the meantime the Ratoath RC was busy planning the season ahead – which kicks off this September.

They had new sponsors come on board and they are especially delighted that Emerald Park has joined as the main sponsor of their Senior First XV team. The Ratoath Rugby Club are so proud to have Emerald Park's name on their jerseys as they have done so much for the community of Ratoath with business and employment opportunities.



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MINI'S TRAINING RETURNS
SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
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The main focus over the coming weeks is the resumption of Minis training in Curragha.

A focus of the club is on introducing new and younger players to the game of rugby and showing what it has to offer.

Minis Training takes place during training sessions every Saturday at 12:30PM at and on match days.

the club. Anyone that is interested in coming along is more than welcome to show up on the morning or you can message on any of their social media channels @ratoathrugby and you will be put in contact with Minis Coordinator Donal Moore.



RATOATH ATHLETICS CLUB

Ratoath Athletic Club have done it again! For the third year running they have won the top club award at the All Ireland U20 Track & Field Championship and will now go forward to represent Ireland in the European U20 Club Championships in Pombal Portugal on the 21st and 22nd of September. The club defeated the best athletics clubs from around Ireland to take this title a fantastic achievement by Ratoath AC's athletes and coaches.



To help towards the travel cost a go fund me page has been set up and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

<https://gofund.me/a34a829f>

RATOATH TENNIS CLUB

To all who read this article, Let me introduce myself, my name is Fran O'Connor chairman of Ratoath Tennis Club. I am happy to share this article to all who have an interest in retaking up tennis or starting as a new sport/ exercise.

We at Ratoath tennis club would like to welcome you to our open day on Saturday 21st September from 1.30pm to 5.30pm to see what benefits and fun

tennis can be for both
adults and children.

We cater for all from age 5 upwards and through our great coaching and members willing to help out we can ensure a fun afternoon for all who come down to the tennis club on Sept 21st. So come along with partners, friends , kids etc and enjoy it all!

*Yours in tennis Ratoath
Tennis Club*





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