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JUNE/JULY 2023



YOU DON'T MISS THE WATER TIL THE RUNS DRY... WELL

It was a sunny Friday morning, Ratoath locals had begun their morning rituals, some grabbing their favourite beverage from Café Novello. It didn't last long; the next 3 days consisted of complete closure of Café Novello, lost revenue, and staff left without pay- is this what a modern business should be facing in Ratoath in 2023?

News & Views had the opportunity to catch up with local resident and restaurant business owner, Russell Bailey, we got to talking about the water situation and how it impacts not only residents but local businesses too. La Bucca restaurant, Friday - they had water in the tanks, but once that emptied they had to turn to 'Take away' only.

20 staff work in the restaurant on a normal shift, 8 of whom are in the kitchen. During water outage they keep only 6 kitchen staff on, the rest are sent home. The social media updates advise of 'Take away' only and fingers crossed customers will see it and order.

The first day wasn't too bad in terms of mood amongst staff, but when it continues into day 2 and then 3 they begin to realise this impacts their total working hours and wages. Russell employs over 90 staff, all permanent. Many rely on their wages to pay for college, others to pay mortgages & bills.

Thankfully the water outage didn't impact La Bucca in Dunboyne but it did impact Ashbourne to an extent. The local Ashbourne fire brigade helped refill their water tank.

On Friday and Saturday Russell spent most of his time driving up and down to the water collection points to carry 20l water buckets, putting them in

the back of his car and then carrying them upstairs to the restaurant. This water was used to flush the toilets and by the kitchen porters. This is time that he should be in the restaurant, managing and not driving around the village trying to get water. In this industry any sort of disruption to the running of a business drives the business closer to the edge. It is mentally draining but Russell has 90 people depending on him so there is no space for giving up.

La Bucca opened in 2007 in Ratoath, the population of the village started to boom and that is when there should have been plans made regarding the water supply. Since then local businesses have been through a tough recession, life changing pandemic and more recently a utility crisis. Sadly the one thing that has always been present is the Ratoath water crisis. 16 years later the problem is still here.

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Russell has attended numerous public meetings with politicians and councillors, most recent was before the pandemic. At that point everyone was very angry (water outage for 2 weeks) and there were many promises made back then, only now there is something being done. It is hard to believe that it takes so many years to start solving the water situation in Ratoath.

Living in Ratoath since 2001, Russell has mixed emotions on how he feels, he was definitely angry before, at this point you could nearly call it depressed, it is hard and frustrating both as a resident and a business owner. The first thing he does in the morning is check the water tap at home

to determine whether there will be water in the restaurant. "It is ridiculous to think that at this day and age this is what we are facing!" he added.

Over 20 years ago when the village was building up, it was then the necessary infrastructure should have been planned. Russell's thoughts on Irish Water, he feels they are the current scapegoat, they inherited this situation. They do however; need to have better communication, as at a highly stressful time, it is near impossible to get through to them by phone.

He strongly believes until there is a proper water supply in place there should be no further developments built. Water has to be priority over all else.

Local councillors will always take Russell's call, they will always give the information that they have, not necessarily always able to help but definitely they will hear him out and for this he is grateful.

When asked what keeps him going, Russell with conviction replied, "I'm doing this 20 years, it is not in me to give in, giving up is not an option & too many people rely on me."

Let's hope we are once and for all going to get this resolved for all both living and working in our community. Since meeting Russell we were hit again with a further water outage due to a burst pipe.

THINKING GLOBALLY... ACTING LOCALLY

RATOATH COLLEGE: "LEAD THE SCENE & KEEP IT GREEN"

The ECO-UNESCO Young Environmentalists Awards competition is an all-Ireland programme that recognizes the work of young people who act and raise awareness about important environmental issues. Students in Ratoath College who were involved in the project have been recognized for their commitment and contribution to raising awareness about the importance of acting sustainably, with the judges very impressed with the creativity at the heart of this environmental project. The product received the overall award for the 'Most Sustainable School' in Ireland on Friday 26th May in the Convention Centre in Dublin. The inspiring Ratoath College project has been produced and encouraged under the mentorship of their Sustainability Leadership Team coordinator Ms Ursula Hynes.

Student Saoirse Browne explains: "Sustainable Development Goal 3, regarding 'Good Health and Well-being' is one of the 17 sustainable development goals, established by the United Nations in 2015. The official wording is 'To ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all, at all ages'. Here in Ratoath College, we like to 'Think Globally, but Act Locally' and this slogan is an integral part of everything we do in our school. Over the next fifteen years, we as students will not only directly experience the outcome of SDGs and plans but will also be the key driver for their successful implementation. For this reason, it is vital that we build a platform for discussion and create the conditions for active engagement".

Passionate about protecting our environment, Kate Hayes (6th year Ratoath College) adds: "We believe that by acting sustainably in our school and keeping it litter free, this has a hugely positive effect on our overall health and wellbeing. So instead of waiting for grand breakthroughs to 'fix the world', we try to implement environmentally conscious and healthy solutions into everyday decisions and actions. We are challenging other schools, to do what we did, and look for ways their school promotes sustainability, healthy lives and wellbeing for their students. We created a video linking the SDGs to everyday life in our school and challenged other schools to promote their sustainability initiatives in their own schools. We really hope our video inspires others to take action now".

However, as Ms Hynes explains, their sustainability success didn't happen overnight with their 'Lead the Scene and Keep it Green' campaign starting in January 2022. She explains "This project is a culmination of dedication, perseverance and hard work from our Sustainability Leadership Team over the last 18 months. We could see the world around us changing and beginning to take note of the plastic use and we wanted to be ambassadors for change in



our community. We knew we would all have to understand our individual and collective responsibilities in order to take real action in our school and bring about meaningful change. It started with a desire to reduce the use of single-use plastics in our school. Our project started with monitoring litter within our school community and creating awareness about the damage single-use plastics can do to our environment. Our extensive research and monitoring showed us that students using single-use water bottles and teachers using single-use coffee cups were found to be the largest obstacles in relation to reducing litter and waste in our school".

In September 2022, the school supplied every student with their own RC Reusable Water Bottle and every staff member with a RC Reusable Coffee mug free of charge. The campaign has led to a complete ban on single-use plastic bottles and coffee cups in the school, saving an average of over 15,000 bottles so far from landfill.



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They also promote all our 'Keep it Green' initiatives on all our Social Media pages and we hope our campaign has helped the wider community to realise the need to reduce their use of single-use plastics for a sustainable future.

The Green Schools leadership team are aware of the importance of looking more closely at striving for a 'circular economy' and how 'fast fashion' and the production of cheap, poor-quality clothing results in overwhelming amounts of consumption and waste.

The team also coordinated a very successful 'Sustainability Action Day' in December, when they hosted their first ever 'clothes swap' event. Highlighting the important transition in awareness and attitude from a 'take, wear, dispose' approach to clothing (linear economy) to a 'care, share, repair' approach (circular economy), while shifting mindsets away from ownership and explore ideas like renting and leasing options, second hand or charity shops, as well as clothes swapping.

The team also celebrated a wonderfully exciting 'May Day for Sustainability, as part of their commitment to the Take 1 Programme. Celebrating their new garden and participating in the 'Metre of Meadow' campaign, they organized their first 'Scruffy's Electric Picnic' music festival, taking enjoyment of the outdoors to a whole new level. The Take 1 Programme promotes an Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) awareness raising campaign in schools, which includes support to engage with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in a formal way through classroom experiences.

As a school, Ratoath College are now looking at the process of embedding SDGs engagement through subject syllabuses. Highlighting with staff and students, how every student in every class, through every subject, can experience the interdependent nature and impact of education in sustainable development.



Teacher Ms Ursula Hynes, Saoirse Browne, Scruffy(Ross Fitzpatrick), Matthew Keane, Kate Hayes & Dara Kavanagh at the YEA Semi Finals in DCU

This is a vast project in which students have worked to improve climate change, raise awareness about improving biodiversity, protecting natural habitats and offer members of the Ratoath College community a place to learn together and reconnect with themselves and nature. Ms Hynes adds: "We were delighted to receive our Green Schools Flag this month, which is a now flying high outside our college, reminding everyone about our recent success and continued commitment to acting sustainably and continuously looking to make improvements in this important area".

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THE SIZE OF THE FIGHT IN LOCAL RATOATH GIRL ERYN BIRKHEAD

Speaking with Vida and her daughter, 17 year old Eryn Birkhead, a 6th year student in Ratoath College, where she recently won the 'Sportsperson of the year 2023 Award', you could tell there was a wonderful bond not only as mum and daughter, but with a joint love of many sporting and musical activities. It is quite obvious how proud Vida is of her daughter regardless of her long list of achievements, win, lose or draw it's all a learning curve.



Their family has always been fairly active in Ratoath community and involved in football, Irish dancing, singing, aikido, karate and now kickboxing. Since aged 3 Eryn has attended the many different classes on offer in Ratoath Community Centre. Later joining Tallaght Martial Arts (AMT), in fact her whole family got involved in kickboxing. Learning and competing kickboxing at world level she also acknowledges the many life skills she has gained, such as discipline, respect, quick decision making and strengthen mental health.



Eryn trains almost every evening, especially coming up to competitions. The competition list is long from Bristol Open Championship, Irish Open Championship, Hungarian World Cup, to National Champion at the Kickboxing Ireland National Championships 2023 title and Bronze at the WAKO World Championships in Jesolo, Italy last October. Eryn is not only a successful sportswoman but an excellent all rounder, having recently been awarded '2023 Civic Achievement Award' from Meath County Council and Ratoath District.



Like many Eryn follows Katie Taylor and her ultimate goal is to compete in the LA Olympics in 2028. This year's European Games in Poland Eryn is too young to compete, but she will be cheering on her teammates.



Continued best wishes to Eryn and her family, she is a wonderful role model teaching our young generation to never give up, every day is a learning and you can achieve your dreams.

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News & Views were delighted to meet with local Ratoath College student Mark Kearns who recently travelled to Africa to do voluntary work. This had been a dream of Mark's to travel and help people less fortunate. He told us, at first he had no clear plan on how he was going to achieve this dream, but with the support from his mum and many others it all became a possibility.

It was wonderful to hear how the wider Ratoath community encouraged and supported Mark with achieving his dream, it indeed does take a village. The many different fundraising ideas were put into action and a whopping €4,631 raised, Mark is extremely grateful for all the support he received. The gap year from college secured and so the volunteering experience of a lifetime began.

Preparation for the trip included many vaccinations. Packing mostly consisted of

TRIP OF A LIFETIME

teaching materials, school supplies and stationary for children. To capture the memories he brought his phone, he packed a book expecting that there would be no internet connection; this wasn't the case so the book remained unopened.

Mark flew to Nairobi, Kenya and then travelled to an animal conservation near Nakuru where he spent two weeks. He volunteered by surveying giraffes. Volunteers had to identify each giraffe by name and observe how they were doing. There was also a lake with thousand of flamingos that had to be counted. Mark had to take notes and count variety of wildlife.

The volunteers moved on to Tanzania where a really nice family with three kids hosted their stay. Here Mark was helping to build a school and was teaching children. Normally he would come 'home' around 5pm and spend time with the family and watch television. People in Tanzania were very helpful. Mark enjoyed teaching the preschool age kids the most, it was truly rewarding. He learned a lot about himself and the way people live in Africa.

"You start to appreciate things a lot more and the whole mindset changes after such an experience", Mark told News & Views.

The 'culture shock' was the biggest hit. Arusha, a city in Tanzania is overcrowded and very noisy. People in Africa use vehicles called 'dala dala's where you'd find 20 people squeezed together in the heat travelling long distances. Mark visited one of the children's homes and this took over 40 minutes. Kids would walk such distance every day to get to school, that is nearly 2 hours walk.

Mark kept a diary and wrote down his daily activities, he was also invited to attend a wedding and he is planning on including this experience in a scrapbook that he is currently creating. He would stay late building the school while other volunteers would already have gone home. Maasai (a local tribe) would come over to help out and chat with him. Some brought him gifts.

For anyone willing to do such volunteer work Mark recommends to go all in, put a big effort in and live every moment to its fullest.



On his last week he bought one of the locals a goat, if you keep cows or goats in Africa you are considered wealthy.



In future Mark would love to do some volunteer work in Ireland.

GROUP FROM RATOATH COMMUNITY CENTRE TAKE A TRIP TO MALAHIDE

With the warmer weather finally here Ratoath Community Centre launched the first age friendly group outing for people participating in various activities in the centre. On Saturday morning 10th June, members took a

private bus to Malahide where they visited many sights. There was fantastic visit to the Fry Model Railway Museum followed by a walk along the marina. The weather was beautiful.

There were some nice bits bought in local charity shops and for lunch, Fish & Chips alfresco by the sea.

A big thank you to Ratoath Community Centre staff and Flexi Bus, and the bus driver Leo, for making this trip happen. It was a fabulous day out enjoyed by all and we are told they are planning their next tour already.



HAPPY DAYS



Happy Days children from Ratoath Community Centre were delighted to help plant the beautiful flowers kindly donated by Ratoath Tidy Towns recently in the village. Keep an eye out by the grotto across from the church, you will find an array of stunning colours the budding future gardeners really enjoyed planting.



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AGE FRIENDLY RATOATH

Ratoath Community Centre and the residents were delighted to join all from around Meath at the Meath Age Friendly Alliance “Meath Cares about Older People” in the fantastic surroundings of Fairyhouse Racecourse. The event which was launched by Councillor Nick Killian Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council showcased a super range of supports and services available to the older population in County Meath. There were stands and talks with lunch provided.



The event was hugely successful and you could hear a pin drop when Sean Boylan GAA Meath legend and Age Friendly Ambassador for Co Meath shared some wonderful personal stories.



Congratulations to Meath County Council, it truly was a fantastic well run event.

RATOATH COMMUNITY MARKET



SEPTEMBER 2ND, 11AM - 1PM

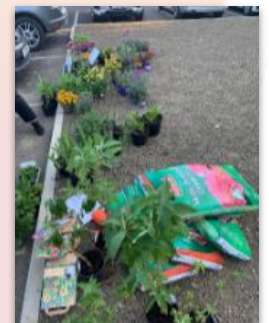
Ratoath Community Centre, Main Street, Ratoath

BLOOMING FLOWERS AT JAMESTOWN SPORTS CAMPUS

Last year Ratoath Tidy Towns in collaboration with the Ratoath Community Centre worked together to enhance the Jamestown Campus Car Park. The car park was an area of poor grass and rubble. Together the two groups worked to improve this area. We started by hiring a digger and a rotavator to dig the soil and remove any large stones. We planted a hawthorn hedge to the rear of the site on the area that adjoins The Old Mill. We cut back some briars and some dead debris. Through the ‘Orchards in the Community’ Project under the Host in Ireland ‘DCs for Bees’ initiative, we got access to 40 trees. The ten local mini-orchards, each comprising of three varied apple-trees, one plum-tree and one pear



tree, have been planted at the Ratoath Community Sports Campus. We know orchards play a key role in protecting bees. Most of these trees are planted at the edge of the Athletics track, 18 trees are planted at the car park area.



Ratoath Tidy Towns sourced pollinator friendly plants to include: Iberis, Heather, Buddleia, Bearded Iris Lily, Pink and Blue Crane’s Bill, Blue and White Agapanthus, Shasta Daisy, Aubretia, Marguerite Daisy, Foxglove, Rudbeckia, Lupin, Lavender, Campanula, Scabious, Geum, Erysimum Mauve, Erysimum Zwerg, Primula, Aubrieta, Broom, Salvia Caradonia, Verbena, Digitalis.

We carefully selected plants that will flower at different times of the year and thus provide a source of food over a long period of time, we selected perennial species. We also planted a wildflower bed with native wildflower seeds in between the trees and the fresh grass.

Tidy Towns collaborated with other groups; we contacted the local Scouts group, they provided us with 3 miniature bug hotels. We contacted the Local Men’s Shed, they provided and installed 6 handmade bird boxes and 2 information signs. We are very grateful of the assistance of John and Seán, two CE participants who have assisted us with this project in its development and continued maintenance. A year later we are thrilled with the results. Please go visit the area and have a look.

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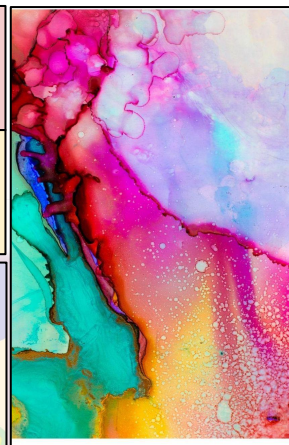




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Parent & Toddler Group	9:30am
Addicted to Dance	4pm
Kombat Karate	6pm
Ace Solutions(educational grinds)	6pm
Zumba	8pm

Saturday	
Pilates with Elena	10am

Sunday	
BINGO	8pm



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Wednesday	
Sing & Smile with Aisling	10am
Fitness for kids	2pm
Stage Performers	3pm
Scoil Rince Ni Chearra(Irish dancing)	4:30pm
Pilates with Elena	7pm
Zumba with Natasha	7pm
Conversational English	7pm
Rebecca Rodgers Choir	8pm

Ratoath Parent & Toddler

Ratoath Community Centre
Monday's
9.30am- 11am

Friday	
Alzheimer Social Club(monthly)	11am
Speech & Drama	3pm
Impact Youth Theatre	7pm
Repurposed Ethical Fashion	7pm

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Tuesday	
Zumba	10am
Knit & Natter	11am
Pickleball	11:30am
Taekwondo with Master Joe	4pm
Slimming World	5pm

THE VENUE THEATRE CINEMA CLUB

We are delighted to announce the launch of The Venue Theatre Cinema Club. As a theatre we will be showing a number of classic movies this summer. These movies are Free but we would strongly advise you to book your ticket to secure your seat.

Details of membership will be available at these viewings.

Thursday	
Mature Movers	10am
Ratoath Social Club	11am
Edge Ballet	4pm
Addicted to Dance	6pm
Kombat Karate	7pm
Bridge Club	8pm



THE VENUE THEATRE CINEMA CLUB

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The Venue Ratoath 2023 Show Schedule

Date	Time	Event
1 st July	10am	TEDx Launch
2 nd July	3pm	CINEMA CLUB – Magnificent Seven - FREE
7 th July	8pm	Leah Barniville with Friends Concert
23 rd July	3pm	CINEMA CLUB – Calamity Jane - FREE
30 th July	3pm	CINEMA CLUB – Shawshank Redemption - FREE
13 th August	3pm	CINEMA CLUB – Finding NEMO - FREE
2 nd September	8pm	Eddie Reader & The Alan Kelly Gang - 2023
16 th September	8pm	“On the Road Again “an evening with FIACHNA Ó BRAONÁIN, TOM DUNNE & ALAN CONNOR
22 nd September	8pm	Tommy Fleming
14 th October	8pm	Sean Keane - The Distinctive Voice of Ireland
10 th November	8pm	Red Hurley
11 th November	8pm	Karl Spain – Well, what did you expect?
12 th November	8pm	ABBA Forever Show
18 th November	8pm	Beyond the Horizon – Irish Pink Floyd Tribute
19 th November	3pm	Megaslam Tour Wrestling Show 2023
14 th December	8pm	Amazing “George Michael” Show
16 th December	8pm	Paul Harrington – The Lyric’s The Thing
22 nd December	8pm	Dublin Gospel Choir Christmas

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**LEAH BARNVILLE
JULY 7TH**

Leah Barnville is a 21 year old singer whose ability to captivate an audience is matched by few. Having spent the past year working on her music career in London, she is overjoyed to be back on stage in The Venue Theatre on July 7th.

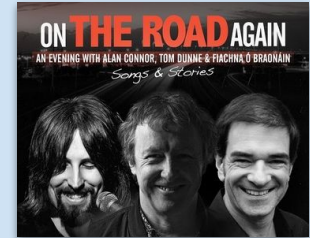
Following on from her previous sold out concerts, Leah promises to deliver a musical experience with a huge mix of genres that's sure to delight all in attendance. This is sure to be a very special evening and Leah will be joined by some amazing, well known guests. She looks forward to welcoming you all.



**EDDI READER & THE ALAN GANG
SEPTEMBER 2ND**

Scotland's internationally acclaimed and mesmerizing songstress, Eddi Reader, of Fairground Attraction fame teams up with Ireland's own piano accordion maestro, Alan Kelly with his gang of acclaimed musicians featuring Steph Geremia on flute and vocals, John Douglas (Trashcan Sinatras) and Shane McGowan (Sean Keane Band) on guitars with Jim Higgins (Christy Moore, The Stunning) on percussion.

Brimming with powerful instrumentals, alluring songs and buoyant harmonies this is a wonderful union of Scottish and Irish tradition from true masters. Alan joined Eddi's band in 2003 and since has toured and recorded by her side for the past 20 years, the two forging an enduring musical comradeship.



**ON THE ROAD AGAIN
SEPTEMBER 16TH**

AN EVENING WITH FIACHNA ÓBRAONÁIN, TOM DUNNE & ALAN CONNOR

"On The Road Again" promises to be a fun evening of songs and stories as Fiach Ó Braonáin, Tom Dunne & Alan Connor hit the road together for the very first time!

Despite having shared stages across the world over several decades, Tom Dunne of Something Happens and Fiachna Ó Braonáin of Hothouse Flowers had never actually performed together until they were invited to do so on RTE Radio 1's Ray D'Arcy show where they performed a Christy Moore song, "John O Dreams" and a Willie Nelson song, "On The Road Again". Ray D'Arcy loved it, Fiachna Ó Braonáin and Tom Dunne had a ball... and were joking they should do more of it! Or perhaps... only half-joking!



**TOMMY FLEMING ACOUSTIC SHOW
SEPTEMBER 22ND**

Tommy Fleming sings from his soul - He breathes raw emotion into each and every song, be it his own arrangement, a classic cover or a dynamic duet. Fluent and flawless his unique voice has touched the hearts of many, right across the globe and when you see Tommy in full flight with his full band and orchestra you truly have been part of a journey that has reached sublime heights yet one that has never lost sight of its roots.

For over 30 years' Tommy has shared his gift and enjoyed sharing the stage with other Icons of the industry such as Elaine Paige, Kenny Rogers, Christy Hennessy, Phil Coulter, De Dannan, Mark Vincent and Vince Gill and many more.



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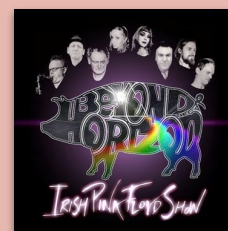
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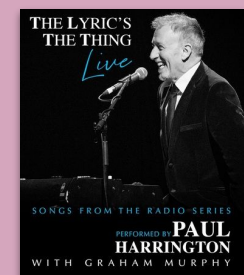
**KARL SPAIN WELL, WHAT
DID YOU EXPECT?
NOVEMBER 11TH**



**ABBA FOREVER 2023
NOVEMBER 12TH**



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Every Sunday Night!

Ratoath Community Centre 8pm

Bank Holiday Weekend Extras!!

- >Single Book: € 12
- >Double Book: € 20
- >Lucky Line Sheet: € 2 or 3 sheets for € 5
- >Quick Lotto: Single Ticket € 2 or 3 Tickets for € 5



****Lucky Lines: € 50 x 3 as Starter Game****

Game:	Double Line:	Panel:	Game:	Double Line:	Panel:
1	€ 20 x 2	€ 60	7	€ 20 x 2	€ 60
2	€ 20 x 2	€ 60	8	€ 20 x 2	€ 60
3	€ 20 x 2	€ 60	9	€ 20 x 2	€ 60
4	€ 20 x 2	€ 60	10	€ 20 x 2	€ 60 x 2
5	€ 20 x 2	€ 60	11	€ 20 x 2	€ 60
6	€ 20 x 2	€ 60	12	€ 20 x 2	€ 60

****Quick Lotto: Minimum prize € 500 for 4 numbers**
Plus Ticket draw for 5 prizes of € 20**

*Jackpot Game - Minimum amount to win is € 500 within 45 numbers and increases by € 50 and an extra number each week if not won

*Quick Lotto is played after the Jackpot game. It starts at € 500 and increases by € 25 per week. If not won on the night we do a ticket draw for 5 prizes of € 20.

www.thevenue ratoath.ie or 01 689 5600

“IT TAKES A VILLAGE...”



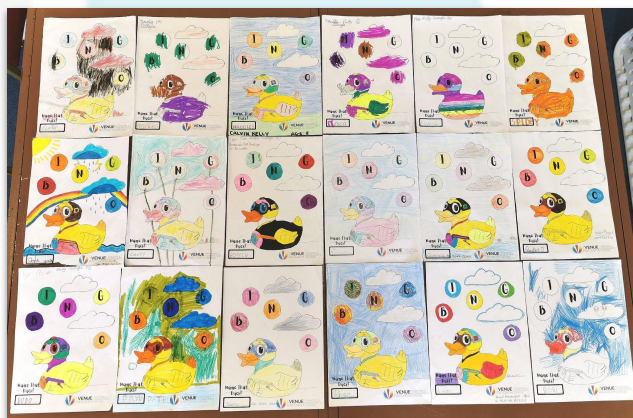
TED is a global organisation found in America in 1990. Its mission is 'ideas worth spreading'. TED Talks or TEDx is a licensed event from the main TED organisation but its run in a particular location. This year in Ireland there are four TED Talks, three of them are in universities or college of further education, and the only one taking part in a village or town is TEDx Ratoath.

For Ratoath Donie Wiley has chosen the theme "It takes a village..." from an African saying "It takes a village to raise a child". Ultimately it's set of curated short talks representing diversity of people who live, work and contributes to a village. There will be 15 speakers from which 6 are local to Ratoath and their speeches will inspire, provoke, question and definitely entertain. People will be able to meet each other and chat to the speakers. This event is about connection and coming together, and is truly uplifting. People will walk away with ideas, inspiration and questions. The talks are never meant to be controversial, there's no religion or politics, there's no bad science, and no one is allowed to promote themselves or a product or a service. It is selfless opportunity for individuals to talk about something they think is important.

Donie has been aware of TEDx for quite a while and attended many conferences. He brought TEDx to Ratoath because he saw

an opening in the village to introduce what would take people out of their comfort zone and express themselves. He thinks of it as his contribution to the village. Donie approached The Venue Theatre to see if there was an opportunity to work together and partner on this project. Laura Murphy added "we were delighted to work closely with Donie on this wonderful opportunity to bring such a wonderful global initiative such as TEDx to our local community and we encourage as many as possible to try to secure a ticket or viewing online".

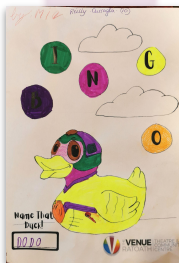
Donie while conscious of the way the village has expanded since he moved here over 25 years ago, the population was around 900 residents, he has like many of us witnessed a fast growing town in Ireland. He feels the facilities could improve hugely to service our community, strongly believing in a missed opportunity to develop infrastructure for industry. However, despite the imperfections Donie has grown to love Ratoath



DO DO THE DUCK



Congratulations to the two winners for our Mascot competition, one for colouring and the other one for naming the duck.



The winner for colouring is: **Cara Brogan(8)**

The winner for naming is: **Mia Reilly Curragha(10)**

Each winner gets €150 voucher for Emerald Park



SUMMER CAMPS AT THE VENUE

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THE VENUE THEATRE & COMMUNITY CENTRE RATOATH





because it still holds that 'village feel'.

TED is also the largest channel on YouTube; it has over a billion views. TEDx Ratoath will be available to view on the channel. There are some tickets left for this event, 1st July in the Venue Theatre, there will be a light lunch and

a diverse number of speakers to inspire, provoke but most importantly to entertain with 'ideas worth spreading'.

Tickets on the following link: <https://thevenue ratoath.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows> or contact the box office: 016895600

RATOATH SCOUTS

Ratoath Scouts Volunteers Needed

Ratoath Scouts needs your help to provide a fun safe and adventurous program to our youth members.

No scouting experience is needed

Full training provided

For information please email:

waitinglistratoathscouts@gmail.com

Places for children on the waiting list will be offered first to those parents or guardians who commit to working as a leader and after their successful completion of Garda Vetting and Training



Ratoath Scouts have five sections in their Group with nearly 200 youth members and over 40 adult leaders.

Their youth members' ages range from 6 years old to 26 years old. Many of these youth members, with a passion for scouting, have followed on to become adult leaders.

The Scouts, aged 12-15 years old, were recently involved in the setting up of over 50 glamping tents at Rock Farm for the recent Harry Styles concert

held in Slane as part of their fundraiser trip to Wales for their international camp. In addition to their weekly program, Scouts take part in Community events like care packages for Meals On Wheels clients at Christmas time and volunteer to facilitate the recent St Patrick's Festival in Ratoath.

They are currently recruiting new youth members and adult leaders to join their group.

BOXING



The photo here shows Ratoath Golden Gloves six Irish champions in 2023. Full credit must go to all the coaches in the clubs success. All their hard work has paid off.

With more than half of the year still to go, this is a remarkable achievement for the club, that celebrated its 10th birthday in February. The 6 All Ireland champions representing our club are: Michaela O'Brien, Ella Conway, Daniel Phillips, Jake Kelleher, Dylan Conroy, Gavin Ryan and Cai Duggan.

Going forward the club hopes to contest more finals, as Dylan Conroy,

Jake Kelleher & Jake Lawlor all compete in the All Ireland Senior Cadets in July

We also have boxers in the boy/girl 1-4 categories representing our club in the prestigious Monkstown International tournament at the end of June. Here's hoping that Ratoath Golden Gloves continues to prosper as it has to date.

OTHER SPORTS

Laura Murphy CEO of Ratoath Community Centre meets minister for sport Thomas Byrne at Special Olympics World Games 2023 in Berlin.



RATOATH ATHLETICS CLUB

Ratoath Athletic Club was set up in Nov 1971. For years they trained behind Ratoath National school and in 2007 the club took ownership of its current grass track in the Jamestown Sports Campus. The club has grown over the years and in 2017 developed an additional 80m tartan track with long /high jump facilities partly funded by the national lottery. Their current member count stands at 514 people and they have a busy training schedule in the Campus. They also need to hire outside training venues to facilitate all members.

This year at the Leinster awards four Track and Field awards will be presented and Ratoath AC are the recipients of all four! This is unprecedented to win all four and a testament to the tremendous work and dedication by the club coaches and athletes.

Last summer they won 'Top club' at the Irish U20 Championships and represented Ireland in the European U20 Club Championships in Spain, this was a fantastic experience and coming in 9th position against the top clubs in

Europe was commendable achievement for a small club from Ratoath Village. They have since been invited to compete in London where the club came 2nd in the recent Norman Park invitational meet.

Ones to watch:

Katie Doherty(15) and Jesse Osas(16) from their top class race results this year have been selected to represent Ireland at the European youth Olympics (EYOF) Katie in the 200m & Relay and Jesse in the 100m & Relay. The standard is high to be considered for this and for the club to have two athletes make the Irish team is fantastic.

Each September an annual half marathon is held in Fairyhouse, runners come from all over the country to participate in this popular race and it is ideal in the lead up to the Dublin marathon, and for those looking to get a half marathon PB. This years date is Saturday September 9th at 9am.

For more info please visit:

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RUGBY

Ratoath RFC recently successfully reclaimed the McGee Cup after a nail-biting 14-10 win over Balbriggan in Skerries, thanks to tries from James Duffy and Darragh Harte, and an all-team effort in defence as Balbriggan pounded the Ratoath line for what seemed like an eternity in the dying minutes.

Ratoath were not to be denied and the final whistle was greeted by a huge celebration from players and the great travelling support, as captain Alex Coakley lifted the McGee Cup last won in 2016.



At their annual awards night, the club honoured former coach Rob Kevelighan, who passed away in 2021. Rob's wife Susan, as well as a number of senior players coached by Rob, were on hand to present the inaugural "Spirit of Rugby" award to volunteer, Sue Malone. Congratulations to Sue.



Summer Tag Rugby - all are welcome - especially newcomers - just arrive down.

- Mondays 20:00 Curragha Road & Fridays 20:00 Drumree GAA club - Social adult tag
- Tuesday 19:30 Jamestown - players born between 2009 and 2014.

RATOATH HARPS



Ratoath Harps Football Club are very proud as their U15A MGL team has etched their names in the history books, becoming the first MGL team in their club to achieve the remarkable League and Cup Double!

This victory is a true reflection of their commitment and the immense pride they bring to their beloved club.

This momentous achievement is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and unwavering passion of our exceptional coaches and talented players. They have put in countless hours of training, honed their skills, and demonstrated incredible teamwork throughout the season.

Ratoath Harps has always been more than just a football club; it's a tight-knit community that celebrates success together. Today, we celebrate not only the triumph of our U15A Metropolitan Girls League & Academy team but also the spirit of camaraderie that runs deep within their parish. It's a great day for the entire Ratoath Harps family!



RATOATH RFC HIRING RUGBY OFFICER



- WORK WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS TO PROMOTE RUGBY
- INCREASE PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOP SKILLS AND GAME AWARENESS
- WORK ON YOUR OWN INITIATIVE TO LEAD AND INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE
- PROGRAM DELIVERY SUPPORTED BY LEINSTER RUGBY AND RATOATH RFC
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