



# ratoath

## news and views

your free community newsletter

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023

### NEW BEGINNINGS



As we all head back to our September routine, we are delighted to share first day photo of our Happy Days Community childcare team. We would like to wish parents and children a productive and fun term ahead.

They can also be viewed online at [www.consult.meath.ie](http://www.consult.meath.ie) where you can make a submission and/ or complete the questionnaire. We urge you to complete this questionnaire - Your Voice Matters.

### HAVE YOUR SAY...

on the future use of town centre lands in Ratoath, opposite SuperValu.

The drop in information evening on September 5th in As You Like It, Ratoath Community Centre.

Phase 1 of Meath County Council consultation material will remain on display in Ratoath Community Centre until Friday 15th September.



**Independent Councillor**  
Ratoath Municipal District  
& Peace Commissioner

**Nick KILLIAN**

If you have any queries or concerns please contact me.

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# HONOURING OUR HEROES “THE RATOATH PEOPLE AWARDS” ...

will provide a unique opportunity for residences to celebrate or remember a person or group of people for their achievements, dedication, enthusiasm in “going the extra mile” towards making a difference in our community.

So here is your chance to nominate an individual, team or organisation you believe deserves recognition. Get your nominations in today! You can send your nomination to [info@ratoathcc.ie](mailto:info@ratoathcc.ie) Closing date 31st October.

While there are many different awards ceremonies and acknowledgements over the years through clubs and associations, we are aiming for an all-inclusive opportunity to honour and recognise people chosen by their peers from all ages and walks of one community.

Remember when filling in your nomination, the judges are independent and won't know your nominee like you do, so please be specific about your reasons for nominating, the category descriptors may help you.

**We are inviting nominations under the following categories:**

- ❖ **Spirit of Ratoath**
- ❖ **Contribution to Sport**
- ❖ **Team or Group Award**
- ❖ **Volunteer of the Year**
- ❖ **Unsung Hero**

**RATOATH COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**Autumn Festival**  
**MARKET, ART EXHIBITION, ART'N' CRAFTS AND FAMILY FUN**

**October 28th 2023**  
11 AM until 3 PM

**PLEASE EMAIL**  
[info@ratoathcc.ie](mailto:info@ratoathcc.ie)

## The Ratoath School of Music is now enrolling for September! 2023/2024

Lessons for all ages in Piano/Keyboards, Guitar, Drums, Violin, Vocals, Bass, Ukulele, Sax/Clarinet and Leaving/Junior Cert Theory.

**RATOATH SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

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[info@ratoathschoolofmusic.ie](mailto:info@ratoathschoolofmusic.ie)  
[www.info@ratoathschoolofmusic.ie](http://www.info@ratoathschoolofmusic.ie)



Ratoath School Of Music has established for over 18 years of excellence in Music Tuition. They have a wide variety of

Music Classes to suit all ages in Piano, Keyboards, Guitar, Ukulele. Drums, Vocal, Violin, Sax, Clarinet. The classes run 6 days a week from 1-10pm. All classes are taught in a relaxed, friendly and fun atmosphere but this does not take away from quality and excellence.

All of the music teachers are of the highest calibre which is reflected in the excellent exam results of their students who choose to sit exams. Learning a musical instrument is a wonderful experience and it is never too late to start.

The Ratoath School of Music have many adult students who thought it was too late for them to learn but once they joined the school they realised the joy of music. The lessons take place over 6 days a week so there is a large choice of times available.

The Group lessons are proven to be very popular and last 45 minutes for a 10 week course.

There are also Private lessons which are for 30 minutes. Walking in the door of the Ratoath School of Music and hearing the music coming from the various rooms is truly a relaxing and happy experience. The enthusiasm and friendliness of all of the staff is infectious. Music is a wonderful gift to give your children or the special people in your life and if you are thinking of a present Gift Vouchers are available. Check out their website at [www.ratoathschoolofmusic.ie](http://www.ratoathschoolofmusic.ie)

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

For more information Tel. Ratoath School Of Music on 01 825 7322 or call in to the school at the Courtyard, Main St, Ratoath or email: [info@ratoathschoolofmusic.ie](mailto:info@ratoathschoolofmusic.ie)



# WHY THE LEMONADE KART?

The old saying goes that when life gives you lemons you make lemonade and that there the Lemonade piece comes from. The Kart bit is a little more complex. Imagine one of the trams that you see in San Francisco, well I always imagined that The Lemonade Kart was a trolley that you could jump on if you are looking for a little positivity. You can hop on and off as often as you like.

A number of years ago I was volunteering with a local rescue organisation. Our work never involved actually rescuing people it was always more of a recovery operation. I began to think that maybe it would be a good idea to spend my efforts on prevention rather than being at the end of the line when someone was successful in taking their own life. While this may sound morbid it actually was a reality.

Since I had struggles with my own mental health since a very early stage, and I am a very open individual. I thought that if I was to openly speak out about my mental health that it may encourage others to have the conversation.

If others were to speak about their struggles it may allow intervention and

hopefully prevent someone coming to physical harm.

A key concept of The Lemonade Kart is that we are all part of a team and as such we have a responsibility to look out for our team members. We are parts of many different teams, Family Team, Friends Team, Work and sports. When you are part of a team it is important that everyone on that team is fit and healthy for the team to function properly.

Therefore we should be on the lookout for someone on our team who is not doing good – check in with them and see what we could do to help. Also as part of a team we should be able to reach out and ask for help when we need it. Even if it's just to have the conversation.

The Lemonade Kart is my full time passion outside of my regular working life. I work in the charity area but one day hope that The Lemonade Kart could become my full time job.

For the last five years I have been posting on social media. I have a daily video that I publish every morning. These videos are mostly things that I have just picked up so I share them in the hope that someone out there might also get a lift or learn something new too.

More recently, I have been converting an old van into a mobile information hub and a way to raise awareness around the services that are available to people who are struggling with mental health issues. I'll be visiting communities and clubs advocating for positive mental health, so keep an eye on our social media pages for updates on that.

All of my efforts have a financial implication and any of the work that I do is self funded, although I ran a very successful GoFundMe to raise the money to have the van repaired and prepared for it's roadworthiness test.



I pay for website hosting and the running costs of The Lemonade Kart. Hopefully I will get some sponsorship from local businesses looking to do their bit for mental health awareness and I am open to any offers!

The Lemonade Kart is a community where everyone is welcome, you can dip in and out as often as you like.

Thanks for reading and I hope that you might check the community out for yourself.

- Instagram - @lemonadekart
- Facebook - @lemonadekart
- Twitter - @lemonadekart
- TikTok - @lemonadekart




**Are you looking for change?**  
**Would you like to upskill?**

If you are in receipt of a payment from Department of Social Protection for more than one year, we can help you!

**We have the following positions available:**

- **General Domestic**
- **Care Taker**
- **Grounds Keeping**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE POSITIONS PLEASE CONTACT [ken@ratoathces.ie](mailto:ken@ratoathces.ie) OR 086 - 158 5854

## ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED?



Hi, my name is Renate. I am working in the Ratoath Community Centre under Community Employment Scheme (CES).

After having my second child I had concerns about getting back into jobs market. The anxiety about how to manage my time and who is going to mind the kids was overwhelming. So, after some time on the Jobseekers Allowance, I got a letter from TUS inviting me to an interview. On the interview I realised that the job I could be offered has very flexible working hours and I could easily work the 19.5 hours around my daily routine.

I started as a Covid safety officer in Ratoath Community Centre in August 2020 which meant I had to make sure the premises were

sanitised, appropriate signage and hand sanitising stations were in place, ensure the one-way system and do the temperature checks.

Because of Covid my contract extended and my responsibilities changed as the rules of Covid eased.

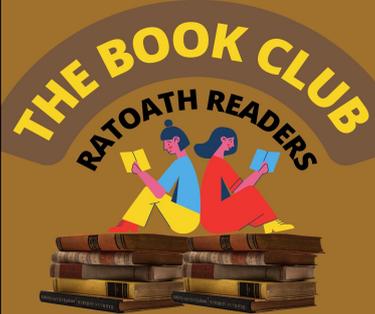
For two years then I had a variety of roles in Ratoath Community Centre. I was running a Parent & Toddler Group and helping on Bingo nights selling books or calling numbers. You might have seen me on the theatre door before the shows, cleaning or setting up rooms for the activities happening in the centre. The best part about the job is that I have met so many nice and inspiring people here and learned about new opportunities that lay ahead.

During the time on these schemes I have done following courses paid by schemes: Customer Service, HACCP, First Aid, Manual handling, Fire safety, PSA Security Guarding License and ICDDL.

This year my role was changed and now includes creating the Ratoath News & Views newsletter, gathering

interest in advertising, interviewing local people, and working on Ratoath Notice Board. Also, I am back on Bingo nights and occasionally Front of House on the show nights.

I would like to thank the Community Employment schemes and my colleagues for the opportunities, and encourage everyone who is unemployed to explore the Community Employment Scheme and give yourself a chance to upskill and get back out in the workforce.



**Monday**  
**11th September 2023**  
**8PM**

COME AND JOIN US IN OUR MONTHLY GATHERINGS IN RATOATH COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONTHLY PICKS, RELAXED CHAT, OPINIONS, SHARING

**Ratoath Parent & Toddler**

Ratoath Community Centre  
 Monday's  
 9.30am- 11am

**Knit & Natter**  
 the kettle is always on  
**Every Tuesday**  
 from 11:00am  
 All welcome





# UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO “SPONSOR A SEAT”

## 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-



Since 2006 The Venue Theatre, Ratoath Co. Meath continues to proudly support the arts at local, national and international levels. Our beautiful theatre space provides the opportunity to encourage, art, drama and music, first and foremost amongst the community of Ratoath. Our patrons tell us it is the one of best theatres to sit and enjoy a play, show, concert or gig.

Following 17 years of audience enjoyment and thanks to the support of the Department of Arts Cultural Capital Grant Scheme 2022, we have been able to carry out a recent renovation of our theatre with new state of the art lighting, sound and seating.

Now!! our new seating permits 244 patrons to enjoy their experience at The Venue Theatre and we want to continue to build on these fabulous improvements.

### Would you like to enhance your experience by sharing in on a piece of The Venue Theatre?

We are offering you, your family, group, business or club a unique opportunity to sponsor one of our brand-new seats for the next 10 years. This will enable us to be a theatre where we continue to inspire and nurture the arts, while also supporting our nonprofit activities and ensuring we grow as an inclusive and welcoming centre for all.

Some of the reasons you may want to sponsor a seat?

- ❖ Support & encourage the arts in Ratoath and surrounding areas
- ❖ Celebrate an important milestone in your life or in a loved one
- ❖ Pay a loving tribute to someone special
- ❖ The perfect big Christmas or Birthday present
- ❖ Advertise your business/ club

By sponsoring a seat with your name, you will play your part in allowing Ratoath Community Centre to continue to support the arts for many more years.

If this is something you might like to hear more about sponsoring a seat in the Venue Theatre, please feel free to contact us at [info@ratoathrcc.ie](mailto:info@ratoathrcc.ie)

The cost of sponsoring a seat with your own dedicated plaque on the back is €250, with an option to pay in instalments over 12 months. You will have a plaque on a seat of your choosing (based on availability) in the theatre. You can personalise the text using 30 characters with a message, quote or personal dedication.

It is possible to sponsor more than one seat, which will last 10 years. Your club or company may want its own row, note there is tax relief available on donations over €250.

As we are a registered charity all money donated will all go directly towards supporting the arts in Ratoath Community Centre.

### Cllr. Gillian Toole

Local Issues Let's Talk  
Community Clinic

The Yoga Room, Ratoath  
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# PAT GLEESON RIP



Widespread shock by all in Ratoath at the sad news that our

local solicitor Pat Gleeson had passed away suddenly. Pat who along with his wife Maeve were the principals of Gleeson & Associates, Main street ,Ratoath. Pat came to Ratoath 17 years ago and set up his practice, which had grown and was very successful under Pats stewardship.

Pat was a kind and considerate man who assisted many residents in Ratoath often without charge.

He was a valued member of the

Ratoath College Board of Management where his knowledge and advice was often sought. He was a great GAA man hailing from the hurling county of Tipperary, bringing his knowledge to underage hurling of Ratoath GAA.

Pat will be sadly missed in Ratoath. To his wife Maeve Carbin, his four Children and his Dad Jimmy we extend our deepest sympathies and to his wider family and friends.

Go dheis de an anam dilis.

## Ratoath Alzheimer Social Club



once a month on the last

Friday 29th September  
11AM-1PM

JOIN US!

Ratoath Community Centre  
Ratoath Co.Meath  
Contact - Liam Burke



phone number- 087 9740871

email address -liam.burke@alzheimer.ie

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DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN MUSIC?

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28th August - 25th September

Participant Information Sheet  
Info:  
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# THE VENUE THEATRE CINEMA CLUB

**The Commitments**

Thursday  
28th September 7pm

**Citizen KANE**

Thursday  
26th October 7pm

**Ratatouille**

Sunday  
29th October 3pm

**China's Van Goghs**

Thursday  
16th November 7pm  
Documentary

**FREE**

Tickets must be booked in advance.

Box Office 01 689 5600  
[thevenueratoath.ie](http://thevenueratoath.ie)

Donations will be kindly accepted

## ICONIC BORDELLO CHAIRS IN RATOATH

The headline on social media read “Chairs from iconic Dublin nightclub Lillie’s Bordello up for grabs”. After moving to Ireland in the mid-90’s I spent many a night & the early hours of the next morning ensconced in these chairs before the clubs closure in 2019. So to cut a long story short I decided to ‘grab them!’ (well a few of them anyway.)

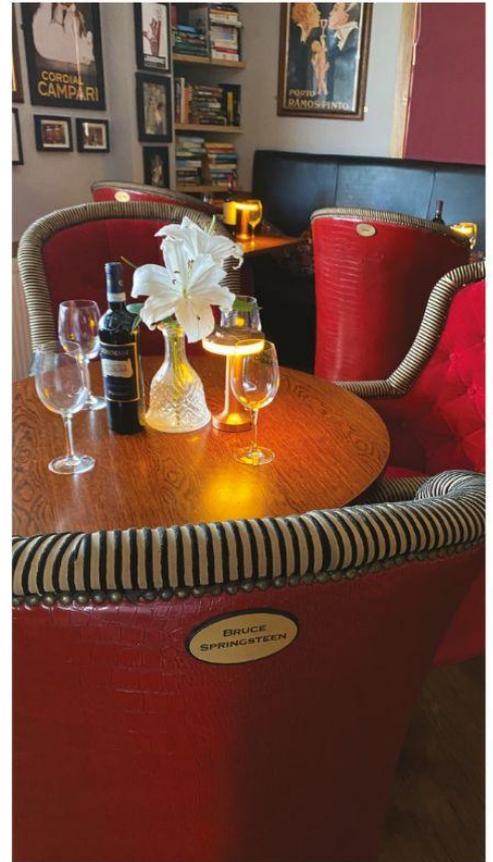
The Grafton Street location was the number one VIP-haunt in Dublin for over two decades. Over the years just about every visiting celebrity would have graced the dance floor of Lillie’s & relaxed in the famous red velvet & faux leather chairs.

We now have 11 pieces of Dublin nightlife history spread between Café Novello & La Bucca Ratoath and after careful consideration we have given each

chair a plaque and named each of them after one of the celebrities who have sat on them.

In Novello you can now enjoy a flat white while sitting in Julia Robert’s chair or an iced latte in Liam Neeson’s. In La Bucca you can enjoy a rib-eye steak in Bruce Springsteen or Mick Jagger’s chair or tuck into freshly made pizza or pasta in Tom Jones’ or Rod Stewart’s chair.

Unlike Lillie’s, we don’t have Paul Harrington as our resident pianist belting out ‘Rock & Roll Kids’ until the early hours of the morning, but he is booked to perform in The Venue on Saturday 16th December, so why not begin a night of nostalgia in La Bucca’s historic chairs before heading up to the show!



Easter Bonnet Comp



Charity Dog Walk



Wine Tasting Trip



Bucca BBQ



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Corballis Demesne, Ratoath, Co. Meath

Tel: 01 689 6040

The Green Centre, Dunboyne, Co. Meath

Tel: 01 825 2233



# SEVEN DAYS WITHOUT PIZZA MAKES ONE WEAK

Prior to the pandemic, which now feels like a distant memory, we opened a pizza dough factory on the Ballybin Road. We began by making our own dough for La Bucca and then tentatively branched out to third party sales. Just as the business was starting to get established Covid came along and we lost our customer base.

Over the last couple of years we have started to rekindle the business and have been busy all summer making pizza dough for the seemingly ever expanding concert and festival scene in Ireland. If you were at Harry Styles, Bruce Springsteen, Electric Picnic or any of the Malahide Castle events this summer and ordered a pizza from one of the festival vendors, the chances are the pizza base came from our dough factory just outside Ratoath.

The original recipe for our Batch#10 dough dates back to 1965 in London's Soho where Peter Boizot opened his first pizza restaurant on Wardour Street. I was privileged to work with Peter for a few years and was entrusted with his recipe. We have adjusted it slightly to allow for the different components of Irish Springs flour & the Meath water supply (when we have one) but we are very happy with the end result.

We have decided to promote our pizzas every Wednesday in all La Bucca restaurants by giving 20% discounts off all pizzas ordered whilst dining in. We've been running the promotion for a few weeks now and it has proved very successful, so we would recommend advance bookings.

**LA BUCCA RESTAURANTS**

**SPECIAL OFFER**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS PIZZA NIGHT!**

**20% DISCOUNT**  
off all dine-in pizzas every Wednesday

Offer does not include Calzones or Kid's menu pizzas.

Our hand-stretched pizzas are made with our own secret recipe batch#10 pizza dough using only the best quality Irish Springs flour.

All our pizzas are made to order as you order!

Offer available from 4pm to 8.30pm in all three of our restaurants for dine-in customers only. Bookings strongly recommended.

**LABUCCA.IE**

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## DOES THE WEEKEND START ON THURSDAY?

One of life's most debated questions is when does the weekend actually start? It's up there with whether the chicken came before the egg, how many shots were fired at JFK's assassination, did Apollo 11 actually land on the moon in 1969 & will Ratoath ever have a guaranteed supply of water?

At La Bucca we have made the controversial decision that the weekend starts on a Thursday and in order to celebrate this we have introduced 'Fizzy Thursdays' for dine-in customers. You can enjoy a glass of prosecco every Thursday for only €5 or splash out on a bottle for only €19. We just ask that you all enjoy your prosecco in a responsible manner.

€5

€19

**AVAILABLE EVERY THURSDAY AT ALL LA BUCCA RESTAURANTS**

**LA BUCCA**

**€5 OFF**

**ANY BOTTLE OF WINE ON TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS**

**LA BUCCA**

Available until 31st October 2023, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only. Applies to dine in customers only, please drink as many bottles as you like responsibly.

La Bucca continued its association with Fairyhose Racecourse this year with the La Bucca Restaurants Handicap flat race in June.

Pictured here are the La Bucca Team presenting the La Bucca Vase to the owner of the winning horse Night Sparkle.

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**EDDI READER & THE ALAN GANG  
SEPTEMBER 2ND & 8th**

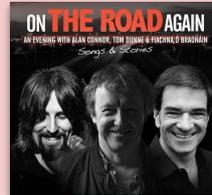
Scotland's internationally acclaimed and mesmerizing songstress, Eddi Reader, of Fairground Attraction fame teams up with Ireland's own piano accordion maestro, Alan Kelly with his gang of acclaimed musicians featuring Steph Geremia on flute and vocals, John Douglas (Trashcan Sinatras) and Shane McGowan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



**THE VENUE PLAYERS  
RAGMAN  
SEPTEMBER 15TH**

This powerful play tells the story of Christy Mullins, a homeless alcoholic in London who receives news from Ireland that his only daughter is getting married.

Christy journeys home to see his wife and daughter for the first time in 25 years, only to discover that their lives have moved on without him.



**ON THE ROAD AGAIN  
SEPTEMBER 16TH**

AN EVENING WITH FIACHNA Ó BRAONÁIN, TOM DUNNE & ALAN CONNOR

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



**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.



**AN EVENING WITH RORY'S  
STORIES AND SPECIAL GUESTS-  
CHARITY SPECIAL  
NOVEMBER 6TH & 7TH**

Join Rory O'Connor for an intimate evening of comedy and honest conversations with some well-known friends, as he brings this charity special of his sell-out show, *An Evening with Rory's Stories and Special Guests*, to The Venue Theatre Ratoath on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th of October

All proceeds of these shows will be going to Ashbourne Suicide Awareness & Protection.

Come join Rory for a night of laughter, inspiration and joy that will leave guests on their feet cheering for more.

Over 16s Only

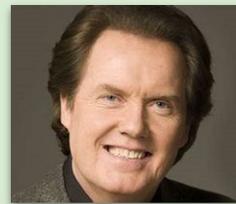


**SEÁN KEANE THE DISTINCTIVE  
VOICE OF IRELAND  
OCTOBER 14TH**

Seán Keane was born in a small village called Caherlistrane near Tuam, Co. Galway and grew up in a family of singers and musicians.

Seán's musical voice is unique and his songs encompass a mixture of traditional Irish folk music, blues, and country. His voice lends itself beautifully to many different genres and his skill on the flute, whistles and pipes with which he punctuates songs, make his work unforgettable.

In 2020 he connected with audiences all over the world with his weekly Facebook live performances known as the Carragh Sunday Sessions.



**RED HURLEY  
NOVEMBER 10TH**

Red has a great set list including his many chart Hits while also interpreting beautiful and moving performances of Inspirational classics such as 'How Great Thou Art' and 'Amazing Grace' and of course some songs from the big shows. This man is quite simply not just one of our best singers but also one of the finest interpreters of popular song.



**BEYOND THE HORIZON  
IRISH PINK FLOYD TRIBUTE  
SHOW NOVEMBER 18TH**

Playing songs from the psychedelia of the '60,s through to The Division Bell, and all performed by a talented Tribute band of lifelong Pink Floyd fans with our own amazing Theatre Light/Laser and Video Show.



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

Karl Spain has long been established as one of Ireland's most popular comedians, from his own tours and touring with others, and has appeared at festivals all over the world. Karl has worked with some of the world's greatest comedians (his peers ahem, cough).



**MEGASLAM TOUR WRESTLING  
SHOW 2023  
NOVEMBER 19TH**

THE ULTIMATE BATTLE - WHO WILL WIN?!

Team Megaslam take on Team Nasty in a series of high-energy spectacular matches, designed to get the little ones out of their seats and cheering on their favourites!

THE KIDS WILL LOVE THIS!

Tickets available on <https://thevenueratoath.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows> or contact the Box Office: 016895600



# THE VENUE | THEATRE & COMMUNITY CENTRE

## RATOATH

## The Venue Ratoath 2023/2024 Show Schedule

Date	Time	Event
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> September	8pm	Eddi Reader & The Alan Kelly Gang - 2023
15 <sup>th</sup> September	8pm	The Venue Players – RAGMAN
16 <sup>th</sup> September	8pm	“On the Road Again “an evening with FIACHNA Ó BRAONÁIN, TOM DUNNE & ALAN CONNOR
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	8pm	Tommy Fleming
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> October	8pm	An Evening with Rory’s Stories – Charity Special
14 <sup>th</sup> October	8pm	Sean Keane - The Distinctive Voice of Ireland
10 <sup>th</sup> November	8pm	Red Hurley
11 <sup>th</sup> November	8pm	Karl Spain – Well, what did you expect?
18 <sup>th</sup> November	8pm	Beyond the Horizon – Irish Pink Floyd Tribute
19 <sup>th</sup> November	3pm	Megaslam Tour Wrestling Show 2023
14 <sup>th</sup> December	8pm	Amazing “George Michael” Tribute featuring James Bermingham 2023
16 <sup>th</sup> December	8pm	Paul Harrington – The Lyric’s The Thing
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	8pm	Dublin Gospel Choir Christmas
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	8pm	David O’Doherty – Tiny Piano Man
15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	8pm	Neil Delamere – Neil by Mouth
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	8pm	Chris Kent – Back at it!

To book tickets please visit [www.thevenue ratoath.ie/theatre](http://www.thevenue ratoath.ie/theatre) or contact the Box Office: 01 689 5600

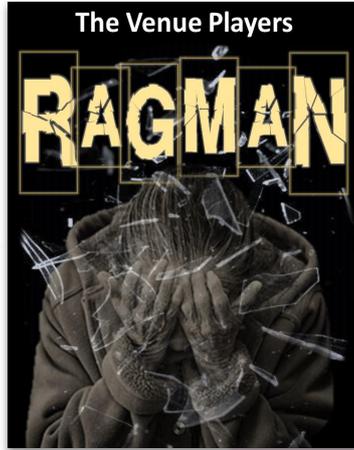


# THE VENUE PLAYERS - RAGMAN

The Venue Players are performing their award winning one act play, Ragman on Friday the 15th September 2023 in The Venue Theatre.

Ragman is written and directed by local playwright Eileen Kavanagh. The two actors in Ragman, are Ray Hoare and Amanda Doherty.

Before we meet Ragman, we will be entertained for the first half of the show by the wonderful vocal group **MAIN ATTRACTION**, singing songs from the swing era - great songs that we all know and love!



The show promises to be a great night's entertainment.

Synopsis of Ragman  
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*This powerful play tells the story of Christy Mullins, a homeless alcoholic in London who receives news from Ireland that his only daughter is getting married.*

*Christy journeys home to see his wife and daughter for the first time in 25 years, only to discover that their lives have moved on without him.*

*Christy makes his way to the church on the day of the wedding to tell his daughter he is sorry for the mistakes he has made and to tell her that he loves her.*

*A forgotten, beaten man - a Ragman - Christy attempts to reminisce about the good times the family had together, before he was cast out.*

*The play admits the audience into the lives of a family who are torn apart by alcoholism and are forced to view their history, values and shared experiences from a different perspective.*



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# RUGBY'S BACK AT RATOATH RFC

As the Rugby Season kicks into gear, our senior team is back in pre-season, aiming to repeat the highs of last season's McGee Cup win, with our Under 18s training alongside. Numbers continue to grow at senior level, and we're very pleased to be able to introduce a 2nd XV for the upcoming 23/24 season, which will be the first time in our history we have fielded two senior teams.

We're really excited and proud that our girls tag team received an invitation to showcase their skills during half-time of the Women's Leinster vs. Munster Interpro at Energia Park on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Tuesday Summer Tag has been enthusiastically attended, and will continue through to the return of the minis on September 9th.



While minis will be temporarily stationed in Jamestown until the roadworks on the Curragha Rd have completed – we're eagerly anticipating a returning to Curragha Road within a week or two.

Our new Club Community Rugby Officer - Jack Nelson (all the way from New Zealand) will also be busy in local primary and secondary schools across Ratoath and Dunshaughlin from September, introducing budding new players to the game, honing their basic skills and generating enthusiasm for the game in a fun environment.

The annual Ratoath RFC Golf Classic takes place at Killeen Castle on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>. A team of 4 costs €500, which include a steak dinner in the Nicklaus Room after the round. Tee Box Sponsorship is also available. Please contact Conor Kiely on 0872499325 for further details.

The new pitch at Curragha Road has developed really well and will soon be ready to play. And - after years of waiting – our new clubhouse is



### Rugby Contacts:

- Minis:**  
Donal Moore – 0876180468
- Youth:**  
Damien McCarthy – 0868146996
- Senior:**  
Darragh Grehan – 0851471339

currently undergoing finishing touches before opening its doors next month. It's been a long cherished ambition and we want to thank all the local business who have supported us in completing this project, and indeed those friends who have gone above and beyond for us to help turn our dream of a clubhouse into a reality.

As we look forward to supporting Ireland in the Rugby World Cup, we're really looking forward to getting a crowd in to cheer on the Boys in Green on the big screens in our new home they take on all-comers in France. All will be welcome to come down.

A reminder that everyone is welcome to come down to training and try out rugby. Previous rugby experience is not required – and our experienced coaches will gently introduce you to the game in a safe and fun environment.

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# RATOATH GOLDEN GLOVES BOXING



Ratoath Golden Gloves boxing club has had a successful year winning seven all Ireland titles, and the club is now recognised as one of the best and most progressive boxing clubs in Ireland. Boxing builds children's self esteem, physicality and is proven to promote positive mental health. We have now expanded our team of coaches and therefore can offer places to boys and girls between the ages 8 to 12 years to join our boxing team.

Training is Monday and Wednesday 6-7pm. We would ask for full commitment. Please contact Michael Holahan if your child is interested in boxing on 0863356702

In the meantime the club continues to achieve success at local and national level.

Over the summer local lad Jake Kelleher won his 4th Irish title while most recently Daniel Philips and Gavin Ryan emerged triumphant in the Emerald Box Cup last weekend.



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## RATOATH ATHLETICS CLUB

A busy few weeks ahead for Ratoath Athletic Club after taking the title as top club at the National U20 Junior Track & Field Championships in July.

Ratoath have qualified to represent Ireland at the European Athletics U20 Clash of the Clubs Championships, a fantastic honour and opportunity for these talented athletes and coaches to compete against the top clubs in Europe, the

group will travel to Rome, Italy on the 14th of September.

Ratoath Half Marathon takes place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September in Fairyhouse racecourse, a very popular race with over 1,000 runners taking part on the day.

The Ratoath AC would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses in Ratoath and the

surrounding area who have sponsored the club in both our half marathon and donating prizes to the U20's teams fundraising music bingo night.

Ratoath AC have a Go Fund me page set up to help towards the costs of traveling to Rome any donations will be gratefully welcomed.

Full details for both events can be found on [www.ratoathac.ie](http://www.ratoathac.ie)

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