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BEYOND OUR COVID SHUTDOWNS

We are back. 19 months after lockdowns first began, October 22nd 2021 has hopefully become the transition point back to a new normality and so we feel it appropriate and safe to resume production and distribution of your community newsletter.

In this issue we feature some positive 2021 developments beginning with the potentially significant impact of the brand new Ratoath Community Employment Scheme which can hopefully bring 25 mainly new community jobs into Ratoath and visibly improve daily life in our town. We also set out some new daily community events being put in place in our Venue Theatre and Community Centre.

Our cover photo below records Sunset looking west from the western side of Steeplechase Ratoath and was taken by local resident Daragh Casey. Let's hope that we are also marking the sunset of lockdowns in our everyday lives. In so doing we also look in this issue at how as a community we might address new emerging needs that have arisen as a result of Covid's impact and also we point out that the time is now at hand when we need to begin planning how our community assets are next developed to meet the needs of our community through the 2030's.

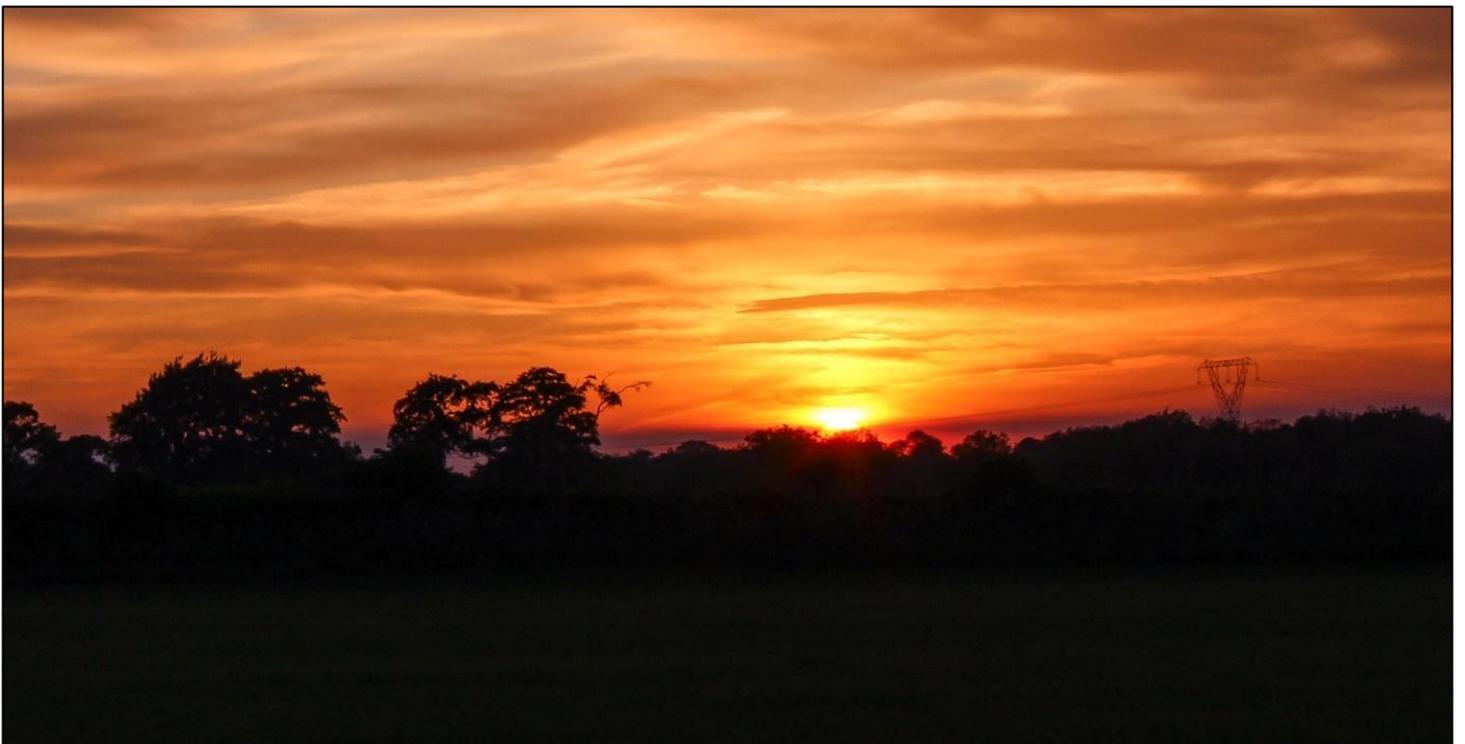
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NEW RATOATH COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

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As the Joni Mitchell song says : 'You don't know what you've got, till it's gone'. And that was the harsh reality that greeted most of the sports and community organisations in Ratoath, Dunshaughlin and Dunboyne in January 2021 when out of the blue they were informed that the Dunboyne & District Community Employment Scheme was having to closedown with immediate effect and go into liquidation. Overnight the 25 plus people on the Scheme were back on the dole and their training programmes were ended. Their loss has seriously impacted on the sports and community organisations in the 3 towns putting major pressure on volunteers to temporarily fill the gaps caused by the Scheme's demise.

Recognising the need to address this critical community deficit, St Olivers Community Centre CLG (SOCC) quickly commenced work on establishing a new Ratoath CE Scheme in conjunction with the Department of Social Protection and in July received permission for the Scheme to proceed and to have a maximum of 25 participants in Ratoath. The end result is that on Sept 20th 2021, the new Ratoath CE Scheme commenced and we have been most fortunate to secure the services of a vastly experienced CE Supervisor to run the Scheme whilst a strong CE Project Management Committee has been appointed from SOCC Members. Over the first year the Scheme is expected to put in place participants with a wide range of so-called Sponsor organisations including Ratoath GAA, Ratoath Harps, Ratoath Tidy Towns, Ratoath Parish, Ratoath Pitch & Putt, SOCC itself, Ratoath BMX, Ratoath Rugby, Ratoath Independent Living and other community / voluntary organisations in the parish.

From the participant viewpoint, CE Schemes are designed to help long term unemployed people get back into the workplace by offering part-time and temporary placements in jobs based within local communities. They provide a framework where a participant will get work experience, on-the-job training and can work towards obtaining QQI Quality Assurance Certified Educational Awards. They are also able to apply for external work experience during their time on the project and on completion, participants are fully supported to progress to employment / self-employment or further training and education. In some cases they become such valuable workers that the sponsor will retain them as long term employees.

We feel that our new CE Scheme can be a great success. All roles will be within a radius of less than 2 miles, we have an experienced Supervisor in place, we intend to have a very focussed Participant Development Programme and to work on building up the confidence of participants and ensure they keep progressing whilst on the Scheme. There will be a diverse range of roles for participants from the more usual Caretaker, Groundsperson, Office Admin roles to those of Researcher, Stage Set Developer, Events Assistant and others that will arise as sponsors realise the huge potential of the CE Programme.

There are three main age groups in CE : 21-55, 56-61 and 62+ and while the eligibility criteria are strict, nevertheless they cover a very wide range of routes into CE for those aged 18 and over. The basic eligibility requirement is that you are unemployed for more than 12 months and you are in receipt of a payment from the Dept of Social Protection. I would encourage anyone who thinks they might be eligible to contact the CE Supervisor, Ken O'Shea on 086 1585854 or by email at ken@ratoathces.ie and Ken will be more than pleased to answer your queries and help you check out your eligibility.

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THE VENUE RATOATH : NEW AND RENEWED ACTIVITIES

The Venue Ratoath Theatre and Community Centre are excited to more fully reopen from October 22nd and have an exciting and comprehensive set of events and activities scheduled for November and December and through 2022.

The Venue Theatre itself will have a strong mix of acts over these next two months including Ratoath's homegrown musical prodigy, Leah Barnville as well as the likes of Phil Coulter, Eilish O'Carroll, Dirt Birds, Tommy Fleming and coming up to Christmas, some shows for young children.

We are piloting our new **Thursday Night Talks** slot in November with two talks, one on Nov 4th when Catherine O'Keeffe, Ireland's first menopause coach, speaks on Menopause and then on Nov 18th when Fiona Ferris addresses Autism with practical advice on supporting our autistic community to meet their own individual potential. We plan to hold regular Thursday Night Talks through 2022 and we welcome your suggestions as to guest speakers we might try to secure for these Thursday Night Talks.

Our various rooms will see most of our regular class providers return to provide our community, young and old, with an array of classes – Zumba, Slimming World, Singaling, Stage Performers, Addicted to Dance, Ace Solutions, Art with Clare, School of Speech & Drama, Attack Maths – to mention just some. Taekwondo, Kombat Martial Sports and Ratoath Bridge Club also get back to a greater normality and we expect Irish Dancing and Ballet to return in early 2022.

We are putting a major emphasis on **Community Groups and Activities** post lockdown. Ratoath ICA, ASK and Ratoath First Responders all return to their regular times from November. Mondays will see the return of **Parent & Toddler** and Tuesdays the return of **Knit & Natter**. Wednesdays will see a focus on the **Arts** and we are aiming it to be the day for our planned Local Arts / Creative Group to meet but also that more specific arts interest groups can be established such as a Book Club, a Film Club, etc. Thursdays will see a new **Womens' Group** emerge. The form this Group takes is really in the hands of those who would like to become involved but the intention from the outset is to have it as inclusive as possible, thereby accommodating someone who would just like to meet and socialise as well as someone struggling in the present. This may well lead to weekend and evening extensions if the demand for same exists and this will be facilitated. Fridays will see **Active Age** return on every second Friday. And last but not least, Sundays will see the welcome return of **Bingo**.

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Sienna is 4 years old with a diagnosis of cerebral palsy. Sienna has been accepted to the St. Louis Children's Hospital in the US for life changing SDR surgery. Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR) is an operation used to reduce spasticity (muscle stiffness) in some children with cerebral palsy.

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NOVEMBER

NEW Thursday Night Talks - Catherine O'Keeffe (Menopause)	Thursday Nov 4th
Route 66 Big Band	Saturday Nov 6th
Sienna's Steps - Music, Various Artists - Charity Fundraiser	Thursday Nov 11th
Phil Coulter	Friday Nov 12th
Pink Floyd Tribute	Saturday Nov 13th
Ratoath Christmas Fair	Sunday Nov 14th
Thursday Night Talks - Fiona Ferris As I Am (Autism)	Thursday Nov 18th
Robbie Williams Tribute	Friday Nov 19th
Eilish O'Carroll in Live, Love, Laugh!	Saturday Nov 20th
The Bob Dylan Roadshow	Thursday Nov 25th
Leah Barniville & Guests	Friday Nov 26th
Adventures on Old MacDonald's Farm	Saturday Nov 27th

DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Lighting - Happy Days Show	Thursday Dec 2nd
Dirt Birds	Friday Dec 3rd
Dirt Birds	Saturday Dec 4th
Seamus O'Rourke	Friday Dec 10th
Tommy Fleming	Saturday Dec 11th
Abba Forever	Thursday Dec 16th
Childrens' Show - see website for details	Sunday Dec 19th

JANUARY

David O'Doherty	Thursday Jan 6th
Bosco	Sunday Jan 9th
Sean Keane	Saturday Jan 15th
Stockton's Wing	Saturday Jan 22nd

FEBRUARY

Damien Dempsey	Saturday Feb 5th
Des Bishop	Thursday Feb 10th
Hot House Flowers (Acoustic)	Friday Feb 18th
Joanne McNally	Friday Feb 25th
Joanne McNally	Saturday Feb 26th

MARCH

Premiere of Most Peculiar Dreams Show	Saturday March 19th
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APRIL

Paul Brady	Friday April 15th
Paul Brady	Saturday April 16th

MAY

Don Baker	Saturday May 7th
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ST OLIVERS COMMUNITY CENTRE CLG SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The next three to four years mark a time for forward thinking in our community when our ever more diverse community of the 2020's need to plan for the additional community assets and services needed for the period out to 2040.

This repeats the same issue that faced our then communities in the early 1980's and the early 2000's and to be fair to them, on both times they fully rose to the occasion, making very significant advances.

Back in the early 1980's following the tragic Stardust fire, communities throughout Ireland had to face up to the fact that as in Ratoath their community halls were not fit for purpose. And so the then Community Centre Committee worked on plans to replace the old Parish Hall with a new larger Community Centre building which opened in 1984.

Then by the early 2000's Ratoath had become a high growth village and was projected to grow, as it did, to over 6,500 residents in 2006 from the historic base of 1,000 up to the early 1990's. And so our community began planning for our current community centre and community sports campus, both of which were put in place and became operational from 2006/7 and are now reaching full capacity in 2021.

And so here we are another 20 years later in the early 2020's and the time is at hand when today's community need to begin that process of deciding upon what additional facilities and services can be put in place to adequately meet the needs of the much larger town of Ratoath that will undoubtedly exist in the 2024-2040 period.

It is perhaps timely therefore that as we hopefully exit Covid that we quickly now begin this process of looking forward. To that end, St Olivers Community Centre CLG (SOCC) will be holding its 2021 AGM in The Venue on Wednesday November 10th and this provides an opportunity for residents to attend and perhaps gauge their interest in becoming members of SOCC and making their contribution to the forward development of our community assets and services.

SOCC seeks to have a broad representative membership base, reflecting the many diverse elements within our community. In the past 3 years the number of Members has been increased to 20, it is planned to grow that to 30 by the end of this year and to then grow it further in 2022. Members need to be resident in Ratoath Parish and have interests which are community oriented and where the addition of a new Member contributes to a balanced mix of Members. It is critical that no one organisation would dominate SOCC. We need to reflect our diverse existing and forward activities – in the arts, sport, business, health, youth, elderly, ethnic, gender and overall voluntary community services.



ST OLIVERS COMMUNITY CENTRE CLG SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Now that the Meath County Development Plan has been finalised and is expected to be in place from November, attention turns in the coming months to the development of a Ratoath Local Area Plan and it is critical that our community needs and plans get fully incorporated into the so-called LAP. It is very important that residents be informed on the ongoing discussions, submissions, considerations, etc associated with the overall County Meath and Local Area Planning and this is an area we intend to feature from hereon in this community newsletter with regular monthly updates.



Pictured in September 2006 are President Mary McAleese and her husband Martin on the occasion of the opening of the newly built Ratoath Community Centre together with Nick Killian (General Manager) and Directors, Trustees and Committee members of St Olivers (Ratoath) Community Centre.



SOCC 2021 AGM

The Venue

Wednesday 8pm

November 10th

ALL WELCOME

The AGM will commence at 8pm with a series of procedural resolutions where voting is only by existing Members. This will take not more than 20 mins. The meeting will then be open to contributions from all attendees on the topic 'forward plans for our organisation'.

Pictured at the opening of the expanded Ratoath Community Centre town centre site in September 2025 were the Board and Members.



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FACEBOOK CLONEE : COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS 2021/2

Lately Facebook as an organisation tend to be on the receiving end of very unfavourable headlines in the media. They are by now a truly massive organisation and one has only to drive along the M3 at Clonee to see the extent of their Facebook Data Centre there and maybe begin to understand their scale. Since coming to Clonee and Co Meath, local communities have begun to benefit from various community grant initiatives that are part of Facebook's commitment to playing a positive role and investing in the long term vitality of the communities in which they operate.

In 2021, St Olivers Community Centre CLG (SOCC) became the first Ratoath organisation to be awarded a Facebook Community Action Grant for its project entitled 'Ratoath Inter-Generational Technology Community Connection Programme' which in Covid times, recognised a critical need to introduce the mindful use of technology into our Happy Days pre-school childcare service and for technology to assist maintaining both inter-generational links and services to the elderly in our community and most especially to the residents in Ratoath Manor Nursing Home and their previous on-going connection with the children in Happy Days.

The term 'mindful use' we see as highly significant. Previously the pre-school childcare curriculum tended to ignore technology and the STEM subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. However as the project began, our teachers quickly realised that sampling STEM aspects into the curriculum really enhanced the learning of the children and this was further improved by local connections that introduced our teachers to STEM third level lecturers in DCU who in turn were delighted to get involved in the project. The mindful use of technology involved a process of investigation, learning, seeking out truth and decision making and with Covid restrictions in place, it meant that the technology was almost immediately implemented to ensure continuing integration and an even learning path for children learning in school and remotely at home. Zoom was used to keep every child involved and ensured that development milestones were not lost.

The grant monies were used to introduce small-scale STEM related tools throughout the year. And these in turn were incorporated into a number of special projects which yielded some really positive results. We look at 3 projects in particular to illustrate some of the great benefits generated.

The Leaders' Pursuit. The children used various aspects of technology (iPads, internet, Facebook, You Tube) to research the personal lives of some leaders who they had become slightly aware of from their parents including President Michael D Higgins, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern , the Duchess of Cornwall (Kate Middleton). Letters acknowledging the good they were doing were sent to these people and responses were received from all including a personal note from Jacinda herself.



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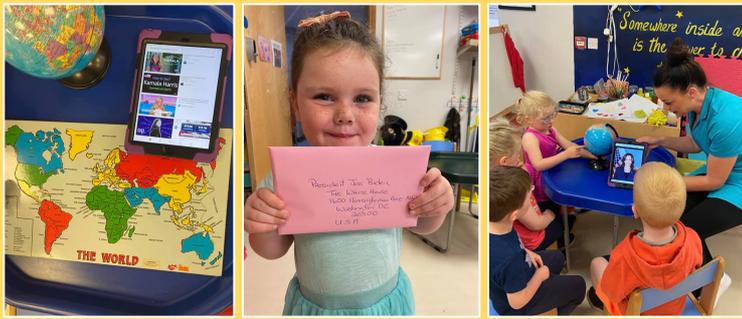
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MINDFUL USAGE OF STEM TECHNOLOGY FOR EARLY AND LATER YEARS EDUCATION AND CIVIC BEHAVIOUR IN RATOATH



Safe Code Cross Communication. The children, irrespective of technology, are taught the Safe Cross Code and practice it when visiting the nursing home or doing their Tidy Towns duties. An added dimension arose when they noticed a broken traffic light. The children then used the internet to research this, they constructed their own email to Meath County Council, got a response and remedial action was taken. This provided the children with an e-communication learning and enhanced civic responsibility and pride at their little achievement.

Photo-Plus. Working with a green screen where the children could add say a dinosaur to a photograph of themselves or a friend. This was a type of role play that linked learning to the real world with technology enabling more than print alone and all in a positive fun educational way.

Zoom was used to maintain contact between the children and their friends in Ratoath Manor Nursing Home.



Covid undoubtedly has curtailed though the programme reaching its full potential in 2021 and most especially some of the activities and learning we had planned for the older people in our community. Many of you will remember recent news headlines concerning a 2021 national study which concluded that 275,000 people over the age of 65 in Ireland are not using the internet for a variety of reasons, and hundreds of thousands of others are counted as 'online' but lack the basic skills required to allow them to make meaningful use of the internet, to access publicly funded services or to be safe from criminality online.

SOCC intends therefore in 2021/2 to tackle Digital Exclusion in our own community. The recent closure of the Ratoath Bank of Ireland branch only further emphasises this need. We intend to shortly announce a first Digital Inclusion for Older People course for Nov / Dec 2021 with 15 participant places available. If it goes well, we intend to make this course available every quarter in 2022. Each course will comprise 4 sessions, 2 hours per session, given by a qualified IT Professional and focussed on the internet, email, shopping online and using your smartphone and its apps.

We also intend to further expand STEM integration into the pre-school education and inter-generational activities in 2022 and we are giving our 2022 Programme the working title of MINDFUL USAGE OF STEM TECHNOLOGY FOR EARLY AND LATER YEARS EDUCATION AND CIVIC BEHAVIOUR IN RATOATH. We are hopeful that Facebook and other local organisations will help us financially to expand these activities in 2022 such that they can become financially sustainable in future years as our community continues to grow. Projects for 2022 are planned to include

- More interactive STEM learning with our pre-school children including the further progression with equipment first used in 2021 and expanded into additional equipment such as use of green screens, cameras, writing pads, etc. This will be based also on evolving pedagogical practice which we are undertaking in conjunction with third-level DCU lecturers in STEM, a group we joined in 2021.
- An interactive programme where a games console for healthcare facilities is introduced and where children and dementia patients in the nursing home may play and interact
- ongoing hiring of specialised equipment to generate a regular flow of new STEM experiences and technology training, software, licences, etc that enable our staff and volunteers to implement the above programmes.

We will continue to keep you our readers regularly updated on the 2022 Programme and for those interested in participating in the pilot course for Digital Inclusion for Older People in Nov / Dec, please register your interest at Reception in the Community Centre or by phone on 01 6895600.

All Ireland Minor Champions students of Ratoath College.



Pictured at Ratoath College with Ratoath GAA Members of the Meath Minor All Ireland and Leinster Champions where they brought the Tom Markham Cup. Team captain Liam Kelly is pictured with Ratoath College Board of Management Chair, Nick Killian and College Principal Seamus Meehan.

RATOATH SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Ratoath School of Music, situated on the first floor of Donnelly's Village Centre complex, provides musical education of the highest standards to its pupils. Having identified a need for both Music Tuition and a Music Exam Centre in the Ratoath area, Tommy and Stephanie opened their school in 2005, building on Tommy's extensive experience in the industry including introducing the Yamaha Music teaching system and schools into Ireland. Ratoath School of Music provides tuition in a wide range of instruments including piano, keyboards, drums, bodhran, guitar in all styles, ukulele, violin, saxophone, clarinet, vocal, musical theatre, tin whistle as well as morning classes for keyboard and piano, Junior Music course, Leaving and Junior Cert Music and Music Theory. Adults, Teens and Children all experience the joy of music in a relaxed environment under the watchful eyes of teachers of the highest standards and experience. Tommy is proud to emphasise the importance of his Junior Music course which allows children aged 4-6 to experience the joy of music and different musical instruments through games and dance. Children of this age are too young to sit in a classroom and learn an instrument and often their fingers are just too small to enable them to play certain instruments. The Junior Music course gives them an introduction to music and allows them to try instruments such as drums, ukulele, singing and keyboards. Before the establishment of the Ratoath School of Music local students had to travel to Dublin but no more. Nowadays the Ratoath School of Music is a fully fledged Exam Centre with affiliations to the Royal Irish Academy, the London College of Music (RGT@LCM)) and Rock School. Complementing music lessons is Rock Jam which places students in small ensembles under the instruction of an experienced Rock Jam Coach. These ensembles learn how to play modern music and classic hits as a band and the resultant groups then perform at a Rock Jam Live Show held in a top Dublin music venue. Age groups are 8-12, 13-15 and 16-18 and for more information see www.rockjam.ie Each year in July, the School runs their annual one week Summer Camp for beginners where participants experience Guitar, Drums, Keyboard and Vocal classes. Regular lessons can be group or private and tend to be of 10 weeks duration. For full details on all the activities that are of offer, why not look on their website www.ratoathschoolofmusic.ie or on their Facebook page.

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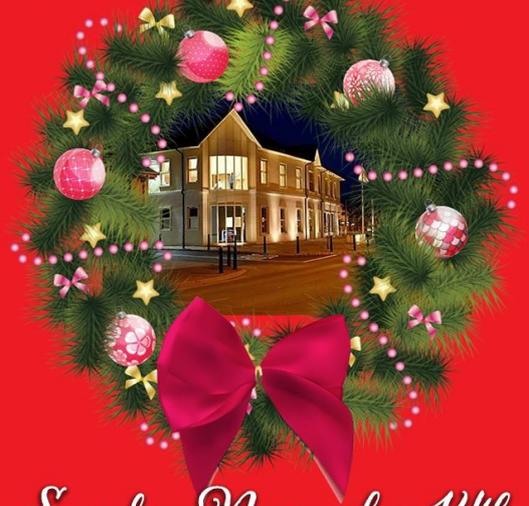


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Councillor Gillian Toole

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Should you need my assistance please contact me as below.



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NEW RATOATH LOCAL ARTS / CREATIVE GROUP

The Venue Ratoath are keen to establish a Local Arts/Creative Group to ensure that all interested can maximise the benefit from the theatre, room facilities, and resources available. We are determined to assist and support individual effort, but also that local artists might be more encouraged to work together towards shared aims.

Involvement is sought from the broad spectrum of creative artists in the Ratoath area including those engaged in film, dance, theatre, writing, music, sculpture, painting, photography, print, design, and other pursuits.

We suggest a Local Arts/Creative Group will lend combined strength to shared ventures, publicity, and promotion, but also indirectly to individual pursuits. A collective effort will maximise the ability to utilise facilities and access opportunities; and may enable the establishment of a local artist/creator development programme. It may also assist in improving access to grants and financial support from the State.

We would like the opportunity to meet and have a chat with all who have a creative interest, and if you have any ideas or suggestions well, that would be fantastic. Mark Mulholland will be managing this project for The Venue, so please contact Mark at 01 6895600 or on email markmulholland@ratoathcc.ie



Once Upon a Chopping Board is a new wine and cheese bar open in the courtyard. With a menu ranging from a delicious hot brunch range to a large tapas menu that suits all taste buds - everything from wings to flat bread you don't have to be a lover of cheese to enjoy this great new addition to the village.

Open from 12 - Late from Wednesday to Sunday with a large wine and beer selection it's a great night out for all. Take away and event catering also available.

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