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A PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR RATOATH - POSSIBLE ?

COUNCILLOR CLAIMS PESTER POWER POLITICS WOULD HELP LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES DELIVER BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RATOATH

Gillian Toole, one of our local public representatives, made an interesting comment recently when dealing with local complaints regarding the lack of certain infrastructure in Ratoath :

'It's a huge pity that more Ratoath people didn't make submissions to the draft county development plan (only 12 made excluding councillors and developers).'

The point was further elaborated that in modern politics, pester power is more effective than merit and the low level of Ratoath submissions (28 in total) was compared with the 736 Ashbourne submissions made to the draft Meath County Development Plan.

Clearly our public representatives feel that their job would be easier if Ratoath residents were to make such submissions and that greater visible public demand for action to State agencies would help our public representatives better deliver new infrastructure to Ratoath.

Over the coming months, we intend to focus each month on at least raising local awareness and knowledge of the facts concerning Ratoath Infrastructure. It is not our role to take sides but rather to inform and if residents feel strongly enough on certain issues then their opportunity will come with the Ratoath Local Area Plan in 2023 when public submissions can be made.

We begin the process this issue with a look at the lack of a Public Library in Ratoath. We were most surprised when researching this piece to discover that Ratoath , now one of 25 towns outside of Dublin with a population of between 7,500 and 14,000 in the 2016 Census, was the only one of the 25 without a Public Library. There are a total of 330 Public Libraries in Ireland, generally a minimum population of 3,000 is recommended before one is developed and yet Ratoath as of 2022 has no Public Library nor even a prospect of one. Instead the residents of Ratoath are expected to use the Ashbourne Library as their local library and so we include a profile of what is undoubtedly an excellent library facility in Ashbourne in this issue.



PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN COUNTY MEATH

All 12 Public Libraries in Co Meath are operated by Meath County Council Library Service and are located in Ashbourne, Athboy, Duleek, Dunboyne, Dunshaughlin, Kells, Navan, Nobber, Oldcastle, Rathcairn, Slane and Trim. A 13th library serving Bettystown / Laytown is about to begin construction and a much larger Trim Library is also under construction and will have a 180 seat theatre as part of its facility. As of 2022 there is no plan to locate a library in Ratoath.

It seems that Ratoath was overlooked through the years for a number of reasons : (1) originally because its population was too small at 1,000 or less (2) then because Ashbourne was a much larger town than Ratoath in the late 1990's and so Ashbourne was chosen as a key location and its current library was opened in 2004 when Ratoath's population was then only just exceeding 3,000 (3) then an unwritten but generally accepted rule in library circles that new libraries would not be built within a 10 mile radius of an existing library which left Ratoath as part of Ashbourne in library terms through the period of Ratoath's very rapid growth from 2004 to 2012 (4) and finally now given Ratoath is not viewed as a high growth town by Meath County Council, it comes well down any pecking order for new costly infrastructure.

ASHBOURNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Head Librarian Mary Murphy (pictured
on right)



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The Ashbourne Public Library is a very fine facility with a team of 7 librarians all dedicated to ensuring the library is operated to the highest standards. It has over 10,000 visits per month from library users of whom a reasonable percentage come from Ratoath. Aside from the traditional book library service, Ashbourne Library offers far more to users. Additional and more modern services available include Local History Research and Talks, E-books and Audio-Visual Books, Digital versions of Magazines and Newspapers, free E-Learning courses, Activity groups such as Parent & Toddler, Conversational Languages Meet-ups, Craft Circles, Study Spaces for Students , Book , Film and Music Appreciation Clubs. There really is something for everyone. Recent new initiatives include opportunities for musical instruments to be hired out for up to 6 month periods and use of a 'Magic Table' designed for use by those with dementia, autism or certain learning disabilities. There is free Wi-Fi, self service machines for taking out books and other services and a wide range of recreational and educational events for all ages.

Here are some examples of what is available for Ratoath residents in Ashbourne Library in the second half of March 2022 :

Adult Choir	Every Monday at 7pm	Contact Giovanna by email ashbournesinging@gmail.com
Music Appreciation Club	Every Wednesday 11am to 12.30pm	
Red Cross Meetings	Tuesdays 7pm to 8.30pm	Call Pat on 087 9286471
Beginners Italian Conversation	Wednesdays at 10am	Call Jim on 087 6781077 Free informal conversation
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MY OPEN LIBRARY

My Open Library represents the envisaged library for the future and the plan is to have up to 100 Open Library branches over the next two years.

My Open Library offers extended opening hours to library members on a self-service basis outside normal opening hours, seven days per week, from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

A full range of services are available including book borrowing, meeting facilities, study spaces and ICT facilities. Users have access to the library at times that suit them best and the library is strengthened as a focal point for community engagement.

Some initial results from libraries who have adopted the My Open Library model are most interesting. In Dungarvan, Co Waterford for example 48% of users accessed the service between 5pm and 8pm and a further 27% on Sundays and Mondays combined, two days when many traditional libraries are either fully closed or open for less than half a day.

A PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR RATOATH - COULD IT BE POSSIBLE ?

Clearly Ratoath would benefit enormously from having its own public library and most especially if such a library was to be based on the My Open Library model.

The initial problem is the usual one that is mentioned when any piece of new infrastructure is demanded for Ratoath, that Meath County Council own no land in Ratoath and the purchase of private land is too costly. A Public Library is ideally suited to a town centre location and in many ways the vacant site adjacent to the community centre would be its ideal location. The co-location of a library on that site adjacent to the community centre would be ideal on a number of fronts. The community centre's existing opening hours between 7am and 10.30pm 7 days per week would fit perfectly with the similar hours that the My Open Library model operates. The fact that many of the extra services available under the My Open Library model are capable of being provided by the community centre service working closely with the Library would mean that a smaller library could be built that would fit on the available site without any overall diminution of services. Linking the two buildings together whilst also creating a small green space and linking in with the adjacent Village Centre would create a new true town centre for Ratoath.

Building new public libraries or upgrading existing ones requires major investment but in recent years most local authorities have managed to fund such projects with the support of State agencies. And it is here that Ratoath seems to face as negative a situation as the absence of a site. Firstly Meath County Council would want to be totally supportive. And the problem at present is that MCC have chosen in their new County Development Plan to classify Ratoath as a Self-Sustaining Town whereas Dunboyne, Ashbourne and Dunshaughlin have been classified as Self-Sustaining Growth Towns. And so in the Community Building Strategy section of the County Development Plan dealing with Libraries, there is absolutely no mention of a library for Ratoath whereas Laytown / Bettystown and Kells are earmarked for new libraries, Navan library is to be enhanced, Trim library is being expanded and the feasibility study to locate a new library in Ballivor is to be carried out.

And then even if we overcame these two massive negatives, we are faced with problems in securing additional State funding because of our population size. Easiest would be getting financial support from the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) where many new libraries have received support throughout Ireland. Unfortunately the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund is for towns with a population of under 10,000 and by now Ratoath's population has grown to beyond 10,000. Strictly speaking, Ratoath would then have to seek funding under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) for towns over 10,000. But again whilst the RRDF has been used to fund new libraries in other counties in recent times, in Meath we would need Meath County Council to promote an application for funding under the RRDF or the URDF for a new Ratoath library. The RRDF looks more relevant and suited to a new library project in that it looks to support projects that address building vacancy and dereliction in order to encourage town centre regeneration, projects that deliver business infrastructure within town centres and projects that address infrastructural deficiencies in towns in relation to services, access or other infrastructure that may be needed. But can we qualify for RRDF and would Meath County Council push hard enough for funding for such a project in a town they only regard as self-sustaining when self-sustaining growth towns will simultaneously be looking for support for their projects. Unless there was seen to be a really major public demand from Ratoath residents for a new Ratoath Public Library, one would have to say that the odds are currently not looking good for Ratoath to secure its own library within the next 8 years.

BUT, IT IS POSSIBLE, LOOK AT THE EXAMPLE OF THOMASTOWN, CO KILKENNY

In 2021, Minister Heather Humphreys announced **funding under the RRDF of € 2,562,291 (yes in excess of € 2.5million)** for Thomastown in Co Kilkenny to get a new modern library that will act as a social and cultural focal point for the town and provide life long and remote learning opportunities for the local community and will integrate social, economic and recreational amenities in the centre of the town. **The population of Thomastown in 2016 was 2,445, one quarter the size of Ratoath.**

CONCLUSIONS

Clearly Ratoath would benefit enormously from having its own Public Library. Any new library would be in the My Open Library model and given the population profile of Ratoath there is little doubt that usage levels by the local population would exceed the 30% usage target very quickly.

It is surprising also that there has not been a greater public demand for a library facility for Ratoath which in turn may explain why Meath County Council appear to date to have totally ignored Ratoath's need for a library facility.

All we can do is highlight the various issues that are involved in potentially securing such a facility. And it is but one of many infrastructural deficits in Ratoath. In forthcoming issues, we will deal in a similar manner with other infrastructural areas, give readers as much information as possible and let them make their own judgments on what is needed for Ratoath. And hopefully this will enable our residents to better voice their opinions and thereby provide our public representatives with a more visible public demand impetus that will enable these public representatives in turn to deliver improved infrastructure to Ratoath.

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SATURDAY 19 MARCH	8:00 PM	MOST PECULIAR DREAMS	THEATRE
SUNDAY 20 MARCH	2:00 PM	SAX ON FIRE-WEDDING SHOWCASE	THEATRE
THURSDAY 31 MARCH	7:00 PM	THURSDAY TALKS-MARK SMYTH	THEATRE
FRIDAY 1 APRIL	8:00 PM	STOCKTON'S WING	THEATRE
THURSDAY 7 APRIL	7:00 PM	THURSDAY TALKS-NINA CARBERRY	THEATRE
FRIDAY 8 APRIL	8:00 PM	TOMMY FLEMING	THEATRE
SATURDAY 9 APRIL	8:00 PM	ELEANOR MCEVOY	THEATRE
SUNDAY 10 APRIL	3:00 PM	JOE THE MAGICIAN	THEATRE
SUNDAY 10 APRIL	8:00 PM	OVER THE MOON	THE STUDIO
FRIDAY 15 APRIL	8:00 PM	PAUL BRADY	THEATRE
SATURDAY 16 APRIL	8:00 PM	PAUL BRADY	THEATRE
SATURDAY 23 APRIL	8:00 PM	GLORY DAYS-BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN TRIBUTE	THEATRE
SATURDAY 30 APRIL	8:00 PM	THE FRANK AND WALTERS - ACOUSTIC	THEATRE
THURSDAY 5 MAY	7:00 PM	THURSDAY TALKS-MARY O'KANE	THEATRE
SATURDAY 7 MAY	8:00 PM	DON BAKER	THEATRE
SATURDAY 14 MAY	8:00 PM	PILGRIM STREET	THEATRE
THURSDAY 19 MAY	7:00 PM	THURSDAY TALKS-GEMMA KEOGH	THEATRE
THURSDAY 9 JUNE	8:00 PM	MARY BLACK	THEATRE
FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER	8:00 PM	SEAN KEANE	THEATRE
FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER	8:00 PM	EILISH O'CARROLL	THEATRE
SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER	8:00 PM	ROUTE 66 BIG BAND	THEATRE
SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER	8:00 PM	DREW HOUSE BAND-REMEMBERING RONNIE W/ PHELIM DREW	THEATRE
FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER	8:00 PM	MARC ROBERTS-JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE	THEATRE
SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER	8:00 PM	NEIL DELAMERE	THEATRE
FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER	8:00 PM	THE FUREYS	THEATRE
SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER	8:00 PM	DEIRDRE O'KANE	THEATRE
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SOME UPCOMING SHOWS AT THE VENUE, RATOATH



The Frank & Walters April 30th

The Frank and Walters are out on the road for a series of intimate acoustic gigs. With a back catalogue of hundreds of songs penned over 3 decades the band play all your favourites and some long lost classics in all their acoustic glory. Paul also shares some of the stories behind the songs and anecdotes from the hippy diddy crazy world of life in one of Ireland's most enduring bands. Expect to hear hits such as 'After All' and 'Fashion crisis hits New York' coupled with timeless classics like 'How can I exist' and 'Landslide'. Paul said "It's been a while since we'd done any acoustic gigs so we've dusted off our acoustic guitars and I can't wait to share the songs and stories with our fans, old and new". Don't miss The Frank and Walters acoustic at The Venue, Ratoath, tickets available at thevenueratoath.ie.

Stockton's Wing Commit To Select Performance In The Venue Ratoath On Friday April 1st



Following disruption and delay by Covid restrictions, the acclaimed Stockton's Wing have rearranged their concert in The Venue Theatre Ratoath to Friday April 1st. This is one of only four Irish Tour dates to celebrate the release of their live album 'Hometown.'

The line-up for this special acoustic setting performance features founding members Mike Hanrahan and Paul Roche, who are joined by fiddler extraordinaire Tara Breen, Karol Lynch on banjo, and guitarist Paul McSherry.

The Venue Ratoath remain excited to have been chosen for such a prestigious and select performance, with the intimacy and atmosphere of the Venue Theatre alluring the

celebrated band to choose it.

The acclaimed and eternally popular Stockton's Wing song 'Beautiful Affair' was voted into RTE's top Irish songs of all time. Stockton's Wing are highly respected for their innovation, musicianship, and creativity. Their sound is unique and forever stretching the boundaries of Irish music.

Concert: Friday April 1st, The Venue Ratoath. Tickets can be purchased online at: thevenueratoath.ie



Mary Black, It's Magical To Be Back. Thursday 9th June

Mary Black is coming to The Venue at Ratoath for one special performance on the 9th of June. Mary is delighted to be back on the road with her first set of performances in two years and as she says herself, 'it is magical to be back.'

Mary and her legendary band are enthralling audiences with her back catalogue. Mary Black, one of Ireland's favourite artists, is regarded as one of the most important Irish vocalists of her time with her music and performances transcending generations.

Mary's songs include: No Frontiers, Song for Ireland, Past The Point Of Rescue, Carolina Rua, Katie, and A Woman's Heart. Tickets available at the Venue Ratoath or online at thevenueratoath.ie

RATOATH NEWS

Ratoath Readers Book Club Is Up And Running

The new Ratoath Readers Book Club is up and running. The Book Club wish to say a big thank you to those who attended and contributed to what can be accurately described as grand evenings altogether.

Books read and discussed so far include 'A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings' by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Liz Nugent's early novel 'Unravelling Oliver,' and 'The Shadow of the Wind' a novel by Carlos Ruiz Zafón.

Gatherings include, monthly picks, relaxed chat, opinions, and sharing. Please come and join us. All are welcome.

The next assembly of the Ratoath Readers book club is Tuesday 5th April at 8pm in the Lagore Room (upstairs 1st Floor) in the Community Centre, Main Street, Ratoath. The chosen read for this next meeting is 'The Funny Thing about Norman Foreman' by Julietta Henderson.

Please drop in or contact Mark Mulholland at the Community Centre Ratoath.

email : markmulholland@ratoathcc.ie

Come on down and Knit & Natter!

Would you like to get out of the house and have some time to yourself or even just want to get out and socialise whilst doing something productive? Men, Women, Young Adults are all welcome to the Knit & Natter. This is a great way to get to know people in your area who want to knit and crochet together . . . and have a bit of a chat.

So please come along to the get-together and have some tea, coffee and biscuits while having a laugh.

- It takes place every Tuesday, The Community Centre, Main Street, Ratoath.
- starting the 22nd of March from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- please bring your Yarn, Knitting/Crochet Needles and Smiles 😊
- No cost or fees, but a small donation is welcome.

To get involved contact Laoise or Renata at the Ratoath Community Centre or email

ratoathcommunitygroups@gmail.com

Smile and Play at Parents and Toddlers!

To parents who are looking to meet other parents for a kind empathetic ear or voice or even to make friends or just to have a bit of a fun outing with your child amongst others in a safe friendly space, please join our new Parent and Toddler get-together. This is a great way to meet other people with children of the same age in Ratoath. These groups are traditionally aimed at mothers and fathers but we welcome babysitters, grandparents, and other guardians. We welcome you to come to The Community Centre, Main Street, Ratoath. We are starting at 9.30 am – 11:00, on Monday the 21st of March and continuing every Monday. There will be tea, coffee, and biscuits provided as well as a few toys. Toddlers are welcome to bring their own toys and snacks! **Attendance Fees** €3 – 1 toddler €5 – more than 1 toddler

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If you would like to get involved in one of these projects through the scheme or if you are already involved in one of the above organisations and wish to join the scheme, you can contact a Committee Member or the Chairperson about applying for a CE Post or, alternatively, please make contact with Ken on 0861585854 or ken@ratoathces.ie

Community Employment Schemes are designed to help unemployed people get back into the workplace. 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.

CE participants are also able to apply for external work experience during their time on the project and on completion, participants are supported to progress to employment/self-employment or further training and education.

Our scheme is unique in what it offers in terms of training, work experience and new opportunities for potential Participants. CE gives Participants the opportunity to take time and look at where they are in life and what path they want to take for the future. Education and training are lifelong interventions that give people the self-confidence to embrace change and achieve their long-term ambitions.

In order to obtain that dream job or business idea you have always wanted to develop and bring to fruition CE is a great starting point. CE has all the connections at all levels to help Participants achieve their dreams.

The basic qualifying criteria for becoming a CE Scheme Participant is that you are currently unemployed, over the age of 21 and in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment. People who are on a reduced payment due to a means test are also eligible and will return to full payment amount once they are successful in obtaining a place on our scheme. Community Employment is funded by DSP, Ireland's Training and Employment Authority.

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Ratoath Plants Orchards In The Community

Ratoath Community Centre working together in a joint initiative with Ratoath Tidy Towns have planted ten mini-orchards as part of the 'Orchards in the Community' Project under the Host in Ireland 'DCs for Bees' initiative.

Through this, Ratoath has joined the Host in Ireland project to facilitate the planting of more than 1,000 mixed fruit orchards all over Ireland. Orchards play a key role in protecting bees. This is the first time anything like this has been undertaken in Ireland and Ratoath Community Centre and Ratoath Tidy Towns are delighted to take an active part. This initiative gives us the opportunity locally to not only make an individual difference but the tools to educate, advocate, create awareness, and take action. The local project leaders are uniting to make a difference by delivering on actions to make Ratoath more pollinator friendly and ensure the survival of our pollinators for future generations. The project is delivered in collaboration with the Irish National Biodiversity Centre.

The ten local mini-orchards, each comprising three varied apple-trees, one plum-tree, and one pear-tree, have been planted at the Ratoath Community Sports Campus.

Other Community Centre/Tidy Towns landscaping work to facilitate the planting of perennial planting and wild-flower meadows is currently underway at the Sports Campus.



WoW Coffee Morning.

Last October, the Women's coffee morning started. It was an idea that had been voiced a whole year before that, during the pandemic. Eventually, it got off the ground a year later, despite the best efforts of that pandemic!

Fortunately, management of the community centre were very much in favour of the idea and were eager to provide the space. The ethos is very simple but nonetheless significant.

Women of different generations supporting each other, enjoying each other's company and everything that goes with that. All mixing together in a light hearted and positive space. It is a group for ALL ages and we are especially interested in having a spread of generations that can mix and learn from each other.

So far, we've been enjoying meeting up for tea/coffee and all the chats that naturally occur. Now that life is somewhat back to normal. We are looking forward and planning events.

We would love women of our community to know that they are welcome to drop in. The only skill you need is the ability to drink tea or coffee and maybe munch on a biscuit or two!

We are hoping to have a regular monthly event/feature. Maybe a talk or a demonstration? We are looking for anyone who would like to offer their services in the form of knowledge, expertise or maybe even something like an inspiring life story?

This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to give back to the community and share their knowledge.

Examples of talks/demos might be anything from health and well-being, technical know how, finances. We are open to suggestions.

We have had enquiries about an evening/weekend meeting. This is something that we are interested in setting up if the need/want is there.

Please feel free to contact us if this is something you would be interested in. You can be sure of a warm welcome if you choose to drop in! Please do!



Astro Pitches at Jamestown

Now that the weather is warming up, why not book our state of the art Astro turf pitches at the Jamestown Sports Campus. Perfect for birthday parties, club and group training, or just as a way for you and your friends to improve your fitness. Prices start at €25 per hour. Contact mark1@ratoathcc.ie for enquiries.

MATURE MOVERS

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24th March
Ratoath Community Centre
10am - 11am
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Pedicure Offer

We are running a brand new pedicure offer in conjunction with Once Upon a Chopping Board in Ratoath

Welcome
Sandra

Info:

Sandra is a fully qualified beauty therapist. She has a passion for skincare, nails, waxing and massage. She is so excited to start her journey with Skin and Bodyworks and is looking forward to meeting all our fabulous clients!

RATOATH

BINGO

Every Sunday Night
PRIZES TO BE WON!
Ratoath Community Centre 8.00pm

- ♣ Double Book €20
- ♣ Single Book €12
- ♣ Lucky Line

- ♣ Quick Lotto (+€20 p/w)
- ♣ Jackpot Increasing
- ♣ Spot Prizes

LINE	PANEL	LINE	PANEL
1.	€20 €60	7.	€20 €60
2.	€20 €60	8.	€20 €60
3.	€20 €60	9.	€20 €60
4.	€20 €60	10.	€100 Jackpot (+55 p/w)
5.	€20 €60	11.	€20 €60
6.	€20 €60	12.	€20 €60

Tel: 01 689 5600
www.thevenueratoath.ie

Now Enrolling!!

BALLET CLASSES

The Venue Ratoath
Thursdays

- 4-4.30pm Pre-School ballet 3-5yrs
- 4.30-5.15pm Junior ballet 5-7yrs

Email: edgedancestudioseds@gmail.com

Edge Dance Studios was founded by siblings Siobhan and John Mulligan in September 2015. Offering classes in Classical Ballet to children from 3 years to adults. Catering for recreational students as well as vocational and competitive individuals. There is the opportunity for ballet students to sit Royal Academy Of Dance Examinations. All members have the opportunity to take part in school and local performances, events and displays. Students past and present have successfully auditioned for vocational training with Irish National Youth Ballet, Ballet Boost Associate program Belfast, Edinburgh Festival Ballet school, English National Ballet Summer program, Monica Loughman Elite Ballet Company and College of Dance Dublin. With small class sizes and individual attention we are your go to dance school and **we are delighted to now have the opportunity to commence classes in Ratoath from March 24th.** For more information please see <https://www.edgedancestudioseds.com/>