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**Drogheda and District Chamber Digest – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

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\*\*\*\*\***WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT PATRICIA ROONEY**\*\*\*\*\*

We are busy planning the 2009 AGM and my thoughts turn to my amazing team here at Drogheda and District Chamber – not our staff but our Council and Committee members. These are a great group of business people who give their time and expertise on a voluntary basis for the good of the entire business community.

Did you know that you can volunteer too? If you would like to get involved in any of our committees we would love to hear from you. Being part of a Committee or our Council is a great way to get involved, meet other people and build your company profile in the Chamber. It is also a way of giving your time and expertise to affect real change in the area. Consider the following committees – would you like to get involved:

- Marketing & Events
- Retail
- Tourism & Heritage
- Strategic Planning
- Finance

Don't be shy, we would love to hear from you. Call the Chamber 041 9833544 and tell us how you would like to get involved. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

\*\*\*\*\* **CHAMBER NEWS AND EVENTS** \*\*\*\*\*

1. **Looking for a new office? We have the answer ...**

Are you looking to expand or reduce your current working space? Are you looking for a bright, easily accessible office in Drogheda? Look no further than Chamber House on the Dublin Road. We have 3 separate offices for

rent immediately or all 3 offices to the same company. You can review the details of each office by clicking on the links below.

[Office 1](#)

[Office 2](#)

[Office 3](#)

[Entire Floor](#)

If you would like to set up a viewing or would like further information please contact Sarah on 041 9833544 or by [e-mail](#).

2. **Did you know you can use the Chamber Boardroom?**

The [Drogheda & District Chamber Meeting Room](#) is available for rent. Accommodating up to 12 people, the rental includes the use of a plasma screen and refreshments. The room is comfortable and accessible.

- €65.00 Evening Hire Rate
- €60.00 ½ Day Rate
- €110.00 Full Day Rate

Reduced rental fees are available for Chamber members please enquire for rates. Call Sarah for further details or to make a booking - 041 9833544

3. **AGM and Chamber Social – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

Please disregard the previous AGM notice. The date of the [AGM](#) has changed. It was to be 11<sup>th</sup> June at Scholars Hotel. It will now be held on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June @ 6.30pm at the d Hotel**. The AGM is open to members only.

The event will be followed by a Chamber Summer Social event at 7.30pm and both members and non members are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served and there will be entertainment. This will take place in the beautifully refurbished lounge of the d Hotel. It promises to be a relaxed and fun evening and we do hope you can join us. If you know of any business people who would like to attend but are not Chamber members do invite them – the more the merrier!

Should you have any questions or require any additional information please contact Marian Caddell on 041 9833544 or [e-mail](#).

\*\*\*\*\* MEMBERS NEWS \*\*\*\*\*

1. **Think Drogheda Shop Local – Phase II**

The “Think Drogheda Shop Local” campaign that was launched in March has been a roaring success with record numbers of Drogheda Independent readers entering the weekly competition. [Winners have enjoyed spending their money](#) in local businesses and several commented that in the process of deciding where to spend their money they discovered shops they had not known about.

The “Think Drogheda Shop Local” pages in the Drogheda Independent are a great way for the business community to showcase their good news stories. Have you got some good news to share? Tell Sarah about it by calling 041 9833544.

Phase II of the campaign launched this week with several new companies joining the promotion. Watch out for the weekly competition, pictures of the winners and for more good news stories every week in the Drogheda Independent.

2. **Millmount Design Store Celebrating 25 Years**

They say time flies when you are having fun, well in that case Elaine Hanrahan must be having a ball !!!

She can't believe it is 25 years since Lord Henry Mountcharles cut the ribbon to officially open her Craft Studio in Millmount. Since then she has been making her own original jewellery designs in precious metals and selling them to customers who have taken them all over the world. While many of her customers choose to buy from her readymade range of designs many more of them have commissioned her to design something unique to them whether it is for private personal gifts or for corporate presentations.

Now with an extra dimension to her design studio Elaine is also selling the work of other Irish Makers. Millmount Designstore is her retail outlet at Millmount where she and textile designer Mel Brdley proudly

stock a beautiful range of Irish Craft Products. With the sudden arrival of her 25<sup>th</sup> year in Millmount Craft Centre Elaine is busy dreaming up something special to mark the occasion. Watch this space or call up to see her in Millmount Designstore! Tel. 041 9841960 or [e-mail](#).

3. **Mmmmmmm ... Delicious Cake!**

There is a well worn track from Drogheda to Slane for the delicious cakes and confectionary that you find at [George's Patisserie](#). Well good news ... Georg Heise of George's Patisserie has opened a branch of his patisserie, delicatessen and cafe in the Town Centre Shopping Centre. The display cabinets are filled with gorgeous cakes and the smell of fresh coffee is wafting through the shopping mall. Over the coming week you will see organic vegetables, fresh cheeses and his home made breads fill the shelves. Drop in and see George ... he is looking forward to welcoming you.

4. **Fancy Travelling in Presidential Style?**

Our President Patricia Rooney has a bargain on offer. She is selling a '06 beautiful black BMW X5 Jeep with a fully loaded specification this is one of the most attractive versions of this machine you will ever see. Cost new €110,000, this jeep has less than 25K on the clock and was owned and driven by Patricia until she changed for her current jeep.

Air conditioned, black tinted windows and complete glass roof. Twin chromium exhausts, TV, superb sound system, chromium running boards, all the extras you could get on one of the most prestigious jeeps you could drive. Blue toothed with integrated phone system controls on the steering wheel. Anti-hijack and anti-theft devices built in – everything you could possibly need to keep your vehicle and you safe and sound. €32K priced to sell. Interested? She can be contacted on 01 8496611.

\*\*\*\*\* NEW MEMBERS \*\*\*\*\*

1 **New Members**

We are delighted to welcome the following new members since the last Chamber Digest:

- F.P. Assembly [www.fpasssembly.net](http://www.fpasssembly.net)
- Riverside Home & Gift [Mornington \(beside The Flower Yard\)](#)
- The Bagel Bar [Laurence Town Centre www.thebagelbars.com](http://www.thebagelbars.com)
- Jacquis Boutique [44 Laurence Street, Drogheda](#)
- GK Connects [gkconnects@gmail.com](mailto:gkconnects@gmail.com)
- Centra Rathmullan [Rathmullen Road, Drogheda](#)
- Online Web Accounting [www.onlinewebaccounting.com](http://www.onlinewebaccounting.com)
- The Shutter Factory [041 9872902](#)
- Special Olympics Drogheda [www.specialolympics.ie](http://www.specialolympics.ie)

2 **Online Web Accounting**

Online Web Accounting (OWA) is locally owned and managed by local Chartered Accountants. The business was established in Dublin during 2004 and opened its offices in Colombo in Sri Lanka in 2005. OWA are specialists in providing Outsourced Accounting and Bookkeeping solutions to S.M.E.'s at considerably lower costs than other services available. This is done through a combination of local bookkeepers and local professional staff, who work at the clients premises or remotely and our Irish Staff are supported by our offshore accounting team who are all Irish trained. In this way, the accounting documents does not leave the clients offices, as all docs are scanned or worked on in the clients premises and filed away.

During 2006, the Company purchased their own online accounting software program and currently have plans to expand its services to other parts of Ireland. More to follow on that initiative soon. For more information contact Nigel McAuley, Online Web Accounting, Mornington, 041-9813867 or visit their [website](#).

3 **FP Assembly**

F.P. Assembly is a Drogheda based company, owned by local builder and property developer Malachy Murphy. F.P. Assembly deliver and assemble flat pack furniture from all leading stores including IKEA, B&Q, Argos, HOMEBASE, Woodies DIY, Aldi and Lidl. With collections from IKEA Belfast twice a week and deliveries and assembly of kitchens, wardrobes and furniture nationwide, we are the number one Flat Pack assembly company in Ireland. So whether it's a new kitchen, bedroom, study, office, playroom, BBQ, shed, greenhouse or just some plain old shelving give us a call and let the professionals take care of it.

We continue to provide a large range of construction projects such as extensions, sunrooms, attic conversions, and renovations. So if you require a builder with 20 plus years of experience, why not call Malachy now. References available upon request.

Contact: Malachy Murphy:-

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Email: [fpassembly@gmail.com](mailto:fpassembly@gmail.com)

Website: [www.fpassembly.net](http://www.fpassembly.net)

#### 4 **Irish Hypnosis**

Irish Hypnosis is recognised as worldwide pioneers leading the way in the development and application of hypnosis. We are so confident in getting you results that we are the only organisation that offers a 100% money back guarantee with most of our treatments.

We have 10 offices nationwide offering Hypnosis programs for Quit Smoking, Weight Loss, Depression & Anxiety, Fears and Phobias, Public Speaking, Self-Confidence and Golf improvement. Irish Hypnosis Drogheda is offering Chamber of Commerce members a unique offer of 20% off our Quit smoking program and 33% off all of other programs. Please call on 1890-252-567 or visit our [website](#) for more information or contact us by [e-mail](#).

#### 5 **In Business Magazine**

The next edition of In Business Magazine (the magazine representing Chambers Ireland to the outside world) will be doing a feature on Fingal and Drogheda. If you are interested in advertising in this edition Aisling NiMhaoinis of Ashville Media would be delighted to assist you. Contact her by [e-mail](#) or call 01 4322253. Copies of the latest edition of In Business Magazine are available here at the Chamber office free of charge – feel free to take a copy on your next visit or at our next event.

\*\*\*\*\* OTHER NEWS \*\*\*\*\*

#### 1 **Drogheda Rotary Club Presidents BBQ – Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Drogheda Rotary Club are hosting a BBQ to say thank you to their president Mr Tom Kelly, the Rotary Club want to see out his time as president in style. The venue is Dardistown Castle, Julianstown and the aim is to have fun. The theme is 'Sport' and there will be prizes for best dressed! Tickets are €45.

Contact the following by e-mail by clicking on their names: [Alison Comyn](#), [Gail McEvoy](#), [Yvonne Brady](#), [Emmet Humphreys](#). They will be delighted to assist you with any queries or securing tickets.

#### 2 **Recycle your old toners for the Jack & Jill Foundation**

The Jack & Jill Foundation provides care and support for children with severe neurological development issues, as well as offering some respite to the parents and families. They rely on fundraising and donations from the public for this. We've all got old mobile phones stuck in drawers at home and used ink cartridges etc at work – do you know that they can really make a difference to the Jack and Jill Foundation? Here's how you can help!

They collect old Mobile Phones, Digital Cameras, Computers, Laptops, Monitors, Printers, CD's, DVD's, cables and Ink Cartridges all which can be recycled and turned into funds to support their work. Please note that they cannot accept toner bottles from Epson, Xerox, Konica, Minolta, Textronix, or Reman products. We are busy recycling for them here at the Chamber – would you consider doing the same? If you think your company could help them out in doing the same as us, please check out their [website](#).

#### **All-Island Seedcorn Business Competition 2009**

Would an injection of cash help you to grow your business? Are you an early stage/high growth company? Do you need equity funding to help your business take-off? InterTradelreland's [All-island Seedcorn Business Competition](#) has a new record prize fund of €360,000 and offers budding entrepreneurs the opportunity to:

- Develop your business idea
- Improve your business plan
- Make your concept investor ready
- Gain exposure to venture capitalists and other equity providers
- Increase the profile of your business

For details of selection criteria and entry information please visit their [website](#). Closing date 1pm Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

\*\*\*\*\* QUOTE OF THE WEEK \*\*\*\*\*

***“Do more than is required. What is the distance between someone who achieves their goals consistently and those who spend their lives and careers merely following? The Extra Mile” –Gary Ryan Blair***