



# Gorey Chamber

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## CHAMBER NEWS

**Spring/Summer 2009.**



**Newly elected Chamber President Marian McKenna and Vice President Dave McCormack.**

Welcome to our Spring/Summer 2009 Newsletter. The past few months have been very hectic within the Chamber with the office opening its new premises in the Enterprise Block of the Gorey Business Park and a New President and Vice President at the helm. The Chamber is busy planning the delivery of a number of high profile events, which include Market House 300, the launch of Gorey a Fusion of Food and Culture, our monthly Networking Lunch, this years Shopping Extravaganza in addition to the Christmas Market. This newsletter should hopefully give you a flavour of our work and maybe enlighten you as to what we do. Remember if you need to contact us regarding any matter which is of concern to you we can be contacted at [info@goreychamber.com](mailto:info@goreychamber.com) or you can contact the office on 053-9484520, where myself, Siobhan, Bernie or Frances will be glad to assist you.

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*Dick White,  
Gorey Chamber*

### **LAUNCH OF THE NEW GOREY CHAMBER WEBSITE**

The Chamber is proud to announce the launch of its new website at

[www.goreychamber.com](http://www.goreychamber.com) check it out today.

The website is current and relevant, updated on a daily basis, keeping you informed with press releases, newsletters and our calendar of events and much, much more.

**Why not put your profile up on the Website?**

### **Membership Subscription Review.**

Our current membership level now stands at 100 members. If you are not currently a member, please have a look at the great benefits of membership. If your membership has lapsed please renew today. Remember, Gorey Chamber survives on membership subscriptions and all committee work is done voluntarily, without members, the Chamber cannot represent the Gorey and North Wexford Business Community effectively.

### **Chamber Welcomes New Members.**

- Funges of Gorey, (Joe Funge)
- Paul Williamson, Painter Decorator 53, Charlottes Grove, Gorey.
- Active Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic, The Palms, Gorey.(Ciara Mulvey)
- Fireball Media, Grove House, Ballycanew, Gorey. (Jaclyn Ward)
- AOK Mortgages & Financial Services, Killenagh, Gorey. (Philip Cullen)
- Colin Carroll & Co. Solicitors, Pearse Street.
- Safeguard Insurance, Esmonde Street, Gorey, (Dave McCormack)



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- The Money Doctor, Financial Advice, Ballymoney, Gorey (Shane Mooney)
- Complete Weed Control, Meadowgate, Gorey. (Micheál Whyte)
- Noirins Bakehouse, McDermott Street, Gorey, (Vincent Kearney)
- Corkscrew Restaurant, Wine & Café Bar. Esmonde Street, (Jimmy Mc Donald)

The Chamber would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members and look forward to working with them in the future. All new members are encouraged to participate in as many events as is possible during the year and to use the meeting and training room facilities on offer in addition to utilising our offer circulation of business information.

### Easter Windows 2009.



Gibbons Florist winner of the Easter Window 2009.

Gorey Chamber's retail committee organised a new competition for the best Easter Window display in the Town. All the local business owners were asked to enter into the spirit and we were delighted with the response. The overall winner was Gibbons Florist, on Main St, while highly recommended awards being given to La

Crème Boutique, Wades Pharmacy and La Rochelle. Gorey Chamber would like to thank Eamonn Carter from Gorey School of Art for judging the competition. Please log onto our website on [www.goreychamber.com](http://www.goreychamber.com) to view a selection of entrants.

### Lunch with the Chamber at..... Marlfield House.



Olivia Copeland, BCM Safety, Paula Carroll, Ulster Bank, James Kinsella, Sherry Fitzgerald and Pat O'Hagan, O'Hagan and Associates enjoying lunch at Marlfield House.

Lunch with the Chamber is a new networking initiative. Our first lunch was held at Marlfield on the 6<sup>th</sup> April and since then we have hosted the lunch on the first Tuesday of the month. This has proven to be a great success, with people from all walks of business having the opportunity to network with each other and make new business contacts in a very relaxed and social atmosphere. Our second lunch was held in Partridges and La Rochelle also hosted a further one.

Numbers have been good with in excess of 30 bookings per event. So put the First Tuesday in your diary.



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### Lunch with the Chamber at..... Partridges.



Mary Boland, HAB Ltd Design Studios, Dave McCormack, Safeguard Insurance and Dave Jordan, Cada Media enjoying lunch at Partridges

### Enterprise Bus, Bank of Ireland Enterprise Week. 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May 09

Start your Own Business options were the focus of both of these events in the second and third week of May. Hosted by the Bank of Ireland, Enterprise Week saw Gorey Chamber take a stand in the local BOI branch on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May offering expert advice. A number of potential entrepreneurs availed of the service on the day and it is to be hoped that some of these ideas will see the light of day. In addition the Enterprise Bus, sponsored nationally by BOI and the Enterprise Boards came to town on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Based on the Main St, in a Double Decker Bus, this service jointly offered business start up advice for the day to the general public. Gorey Chamber is pleased to have had some contribution in this information giving exercise.



Andrew Owen, manager Bank of Ireland, Kate O'Donnell, regional sales manager Bank of Ireland & Dick White, Gorey Chamber.

### Gorey/Wexford Chamber ESB Investment Briefing. 27<sup>th</sup> May 09

Gorey Chamber in conjunction with our Sister Chamber in Wexford Town hosted a Breakfast Briefing for ESB Networks on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> May. Outlining current levels of ESB investment both in the region and locally, it also covered capacity levels and risks of outages.

The morning in the Ferrycarrig was well attended and offered food for thought for all involved.

Information provided on the day seemed to indicate that capacity levels in North Wexford do not meet usage levels, but indications are that a significant investment has been made in local infrastructure but that some local access issues still need negotiating. Hopefully these will be ironed out.



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### Local Elections, Questions and Answers Evening. 25<sup>th</sup> May 09.



Gorey Chamber and Gorey Development Group hosted a public service meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> May in the Ashdown Park Hotel in relation to the forthcoming local elections.

A panel of representatives from all political parties and independents were nominated to take a series of questions asked on the night. Chaired by Chamber Executive, Dick White, the panel consisted of Robbie Ireton, Declan McPartlin, Malcolm Byrne, Ellen Lynch, and Michael McCarthy dealt with a series of questions ranging from Urban Status for Gorey, right through to housing issues in North Wexford.

While the attendance was on the small side, a good level of discussion was had on the evening with a number of issues clarified. Hopefully it was of benefit to all.

Click onto our website to see the full listing of questions asked on the evening,  
[www.goreychamber.com](http://www.goreychamber.com)

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### Gorey Chamber AGM 19<sup>th</sup> May 09.



**Paul Dunne, John Furlong, Niamh O'Byrne, Niamh O'Sullivan and Marian McKenna at the AGM**

This was a very well attended event which we held in our offices in the Gorey Business Park, the atmosphere was convivial but business like with a very positive feed back from the members. Niall Slattery President of the Chamber addressed the crowd and gave good summary on the workings of the Chamber and its future direction.

#### **Newly Elected Chamber Committee:**

Marian McKenna  
Dave McCormack  
Niall Slattery  
Ann McLoughlin  
Pat O'Hagan  
Alan Smyth  
Andrew Owen  
Niamh O'Sullivan  
James Kinsella  
Finbarr O'Donoghue  
Vincent Kearney



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**Maureen Buckley & New Member Shane Mooney enjoying the AGM**

### **Southeast Chambers Ministerial Meetings in Dial Eireann. 29<sup>th</sup> April 09.**

April 28<sup>th</sup> saw a delegation representing the nine Chambers of Commerce in the Southeast travel to meet with all elected local Oireachtas members. They presented a paper outlining issues including, Broadband, South East Structural and Educational Infrastructure, Enterprise Initiatives and Town Centre Initiatives.

Further action on these issues were agreed with an assessment of Broadband concerns to be undertaken at membership level, in addition to an agreement to prepare pre budget proposals for Enterprise Initiatives, for business start ups and expansion, in addition to Town Centre regeneration proposals.

If you have any suggestions to make on these, or if you feel other issues need to be highlighted at a National level please contact the office directly



**South East Chambers Delegation.**

### **Business /Personnel Profiling. 21<sup>st</sup> April 09.**

Ann Colgan, Director of The Haven Group, took advantage of the free training room and board room facilities that the Chamber offers to members by hosting an information evening on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. The nature of the event was to examine your business and assess how to get the best from your staff for your business. The event was well attended with a lot of interest expressed.

### **An Evening with the Chamber in the Halifax. 14<sup>th</sup> April 09.**

Paul Pascoe the Manager of Halifax opened his doors for the evening to all Chambers Members. With a significant level of change in the banking system, Paul emphasized how the Halifax has also changed to suit the needs of the business community.

In addition there were other professionals on hand to give advice, with Niall Slattery, of Warren Estates, talking on property options,



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John McDonald of Halifax gave advice on financial planning for small businesses, Roisin Markham, of RPM Consultancy gave a very good a motivational talk on “Moving Forward” in business and Linda O’Leary, of Essential Credit Control, gave Tips on Credit Control. Overall it was a very relevant and interesting evening.

### **Business Start up Workshop. 5<sup>th</sup> March 09.**

This One to One Workshop focused on business start ups, by offering free and independent advice to anyone with a business idea. On hand on the evening were a variety of professionals, including Accountants, Financial Services, Solicitors, Insurance Brokers etc who offered advice for any business in a start up situation.

### **Gorey a Fusion of Food & Culture.**

This project continues to be planned for the weekend of October the 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. A variety of restaurants are involved with the emphasis on food and culture throughout the Town. For further information please contact the office.

### **Chamber Launches New Offices in Gorey Business Park. 5<sup>th</sup> February.**

The 5<sup>th</sup> February saw Gorey Business Park as the centre of the business world in North Wexford with the launching of Gorey Chambers new offices. This move sees the Chamber operate from a new open plan office on the first floor of the Enterprise Block in addition to having access to a purpose built meeting room and training facility.

As part of the enhanced Business Support Unit, Gorey Chamber is now in a position to offer the use of these meeting room facilities free of charge to its membership. In addition to this, the Chamber also offers basic administration services and a range of other secretarial work to its membership.

The Launch was very successful with a good attendance on the night in a very relaxed atmosphere with light refreshments served all adding to the occasion.



**Jim Osborne, Robbie Ireton and Pascal Whitmore enjoying the Office Launch**



**Aine Whitty, Helen O’Sullivan and Maureen Buckley enjoying the Office Launch.**

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