

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Talent on Show...

The Drumcliffe "Who's Got Talent" event takes place on Saturday 9th April in Collins Pub, Rathcormac. It promises to be a 'craicing' night. All proceeds will go towards Sligo Hospital Oncology Unit Trust (SHOUT), so please get along and show your support.



Spring Clean...

The Rathcormac Village Spring Clean will take place on Saturday, 9th April in preparation of the village's participation in the upcoming 2011 Tidy Towns Competition. Volunteers are needed to help make this village-wide clean-up a success.



Please join your neighbours in supporting this event by coming out and lending a hand for an hour or two. Meet in the Rathcormac church car park at 11am on Saturday morning. Bags for litter and some gloves will be provided, but please bring your own gloves if you can. For further information call 087 9973558.

CosCos Festival '11

The launch of the 2011 CosCos Sean Nós Festival takes place in the Glasshouse Hotel on Friday 15th April at 9pm.



Door dancing in the sun at the CosCos Festival

Meanwhile, the festival itself is all set for the 6th to 8th of May in Rathcormac. This year's event sees a star studded line up of top traditional performers including the hugely popular Kilfenora and Dartry Céilí Bands. For more see www.coscos.ie.

Easter Cakes...

The Drumcliffe ICA & Drumcliffe Development Association, have joined forces to run this year's "Easter Cake Sale & Raffle", which takes place on Good Friday April 22nd, after the 12 and 3 o'clock Church Ceremonies.

The Raffle promises to be very popular, with some very attractive prizes in the offing including:

- A break for 2 in a White's Hotel
- A Luxury Hamper
- A Fully Iced Easter Cake
- Brandy, Whiskey, Wines
- Easter Eggs, and an Easter Bunny!

All proceeds will go towards the charity 'Charity Begins At Home' and to the Drumcliffe Development Association which looks after grass cutting in the local Graveyard, thus enhancing the resting place of many family members of parishioners. So please show your support by buying a line, or baking a cake!

William Running for his Country...

Congrats to William Crowe, a member of the North Sligo Athletics Club based in Oxfield, who represented Ireland in a recent International Schools Cross Country athletics event in Antrim. A fantastic achievement and honour!

Well done also to William and the rest of the lads from the North Sligo AC U15 relay team who won gold at the recent Athletics Ireland Juvenile Indoor Championships and set a new Irish record for the event while they were at it!

Singing Praises...

You are invited to a special 'Songs of Praise' evening which is being held in Drumcliffe Church on Sunday 10th April at 7:30pm. Guest choirs will include the Folk Group from Rathcormac Church and the Sligo Grammar School Choir.

There will also be a presentation on the work of The Smiles Foundation, a charity working with underprivileged communities in northern Romania. A team from the area will be travelling to Romania this summer to work with the charity, and during the service an offering will be taken to support the project. Everyone is very welcome!

Carney 10k...

Its getting closer...the Carney Lissadell 10k Road Race takes place Easter Monday, 25th April. This year will be the biggest yet, with something for everyone...

- Kids Fun Run (11am in Oxfield)
- 10k Walk (11:30am in Carney)
- 10k Road Race (12noon in Carney)

You can register online at runireland.ie (€12) or on the day at Oxfield (€14).

Get Sponsored... The Oxfield Community Centre is one of the beneficiaries of this year's run, and so we are looking for people to walk or run the event for Oxfield and by doing so raise some money for the redevelopment of the Centre. For sponsorship cards, see www.oxfield.ie/carney10k

Helping Hands... We are also looking for some volunteers to help and marshal on the day, so if can spare a few hours for this great community event, please get in touch.

Scout and About...

The local Beaver Scouts got together on a recent snowy Saturday morning to hike the Barnaribbon loop, on the side of Benbulbin. Carefully following the tracking signs, they collected leaves and pine cones, and sang campfire songs. This was the first time some of the young Beaver Scouts were on County activity and they thoroughly enjoyed the social aspect of the hike.



Local Beavers enjoying a trek at Barnaribbon

The Cub Scouts also took part in the County Hike in Glencar, while the Scouts covered some serious ground after hiking some of the Sligo Way.

Please note that the 11th Sligo Benbulbin Scout Group is holding its first Investiture on Tuesday the 3rd of May at 7pm in Rathcormac Hall, and all former Leaders are warmly invited to attend.

Comedy Thanks...

A big 'Thank you' to all who supported the recent Oxfield Comedy Night in Henry's Bar & Restaurant, and particularly to all our sponsors! The positive feedback has been overwhelming...so it looks like we might have to have another go next year!



Comedian Frank Ford in full flight at the recent Oxfield Comedy Night

Rathcormac NS...

Green School Walk - The Green School's Sponsored Walk will take place on Wednesday 13th April as part of the school's "Low Energy Day". Keep and eye out for sponsorship cards. All monies raised will be used for school funds and to support a deserving charity.

Tidy Village - The School Community are getting behind the "Rathcormac Tidy Towns" initiative by growing flowers from seeds that will be transplanted to areas around the village.

As Seen on the Late Late Show...

The local Dartry Céilí Band appeared on RTE's 'Late Late Show' last month. They performed the Late Late show signature tune at the start of the programme and also performed for a 3 minute slot later on in the first half. The were joined by local sean nós dancer Edwina Guckian for their last tune. By all accounts, Ryan Turbidy was star struck when he met the band initially, but it wasn't long before they put him at his ease.



The Dartry Crew looking at home on the set of the Late Late Show

Some Dates for the Diary...

Rathcormac NS Parents Table Quiz - Collins, Fri 8th Apr, 9pm

Dartry Céilí Band - Velvet Rooms, Fri 8th Apr, from 9pm

Rathcormac Village Spring Clean - Church Carpark, Sat 9th Apr, 11am

Drumcliffe's 'Who's Got Talent?' - Collins, Sat 9th Apr

Songs of Praise - Drumcliffe Church, Sun 10th Apr, 7:30pm

Census 2011 - Your house, Sun 10th Apr

Green School Sponsored Walk - Rathcormac NS, Wed 13th Apr

CosCos Sean Nós Festival Launch - Glasshouse Hotel, Fri 15th Apr, 9pm

Community Games Swimming - (Local) Sports Complex, Fri 15th Apr, 7pm

Oxfield Community Centre Clean Up - Oxfield, Sat 16th Apr, 4:30pm to 6pm

Easter Cake Sale - ICA & Drumcliffe Dev Association Rathcormac Hall, Fri 22nd Apr, 12 & 3pm

Carney-Lissadell 10k - Carney & Oxfield, Mon 25th Apr

Cub Scouts Investiture - Rathcormac Hall, Tuesday 3rd May, 7pm

CosCos Sean Nós Festival 2011 - Rathcormac, Fri 6th to Sun 8th May

First Holy Communion - Saturday 21st May, 11am

Confirmation - Thursday 26th May, 4pm

Oxfield Family FunDay - Oxfield, Mon 6th Jun

Community Games Athletics - Area: Oxfield, Sun 22nd May (2.30pm) County: Sligo IT, 25th & 26th Jun

Community Games Swimming - County: Sports Complex, Mon 20th Jun

Fun Ahead...

Like last year's event, the 2011 Oxfield 'Funday Monday' will be a must attend event for all the family this year. The date is now set for the bank holiday Monday 6th June...you have been warned! Watch this space for further details of activities being planned and for announcements of some top class entertainment Acts who will be participating.

Circuit Training...

Circuit training in Oxfield continues to attract huge numbers, and due its popularity, another session will be running on Thursday evenings from after Easter in addition to Tuesdays and Saturdays.

If you haven't already tried it, you really should. For fitness, strength, and conditioning, you couldn't do any better. Class times again...

- Tuesdays at 6:30pm
- Thursdays at 6:30pm
- Saturdays at 12 noon

It costs €5 per session and everyone is welcome! For further information, contact Sean on 087 9784628, or check out online at www.oxfield.ie.



Sean Flannery from Joes2Pros Fitness putting his evening circuits group through their paces

Ox's Needed...

The new committee running Oxfield has been trying to breathe some new life into the place over the last 18 or so months, and they are now entering a very exciting time, but lots of things that still need doing.

The committee comprises of a mix of community people, from a variety of different backgrounds, who are giving up their time, effort and skills for the good of the community. Now the Committee is seeking the help of a number of local tradespeople to assist in getting a few odd jobs done around the place. If you have a trade, a bit of free time, and would like to give something back to your local community, we'd love to hear from you! Simply contact one of our committee members or email us at oxfieldcentre@gmail.com.

Note also the upcoming Oxfield Centre Clean Up on Saturday 16th April 4.30pm till 6.00pm. All hands will be needed on deck that day!

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