

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Spring Clean Ups...

Team Up to Clean Up! You are invited to roll up your sleeves and give 2 hours of your time to help out with your local village's 'Spring Clean Up', in preparation for the 2012 Tidy Towns competition.

Rathcormac - Saturday 21st April, 11am to 1pm, meeting point at the Church car park. Refreshments afterwards in the History Centre. Enquiries to Michael 087 9973558.

Carney - Saturday 28th April, 2-4pm, meeting point at village park beside Carney bridge. Gloves and bags will be provided, just bring a shovel and brush. Refreshments served after. Enquiries to Niamh 087 7834194.

Please note that the Tidy Towns competition judging period runs from June 1st through July, so we need to make every effort to tidy, improve and maintain the village areas especially during this period. Thanks!

Carney 10k...

Congrats to everyone who took part in the Carney Lissadell 10k event on Easter Monday. Some 308 runners took part, in addition to 55 walkers and a huge battalion of kids. Emmet Dunleavy won the road race in a blistering time of 31:58 - some people wouldn't drive the route that quickly! Aisling Van Rensburg of the North Sligo AC was the first lady home in 39:54 - another very quick time!



Armin Phillips striding it out through the Lissadell Estate during the 2012 Carney Lissadell 10k run.

Well done again to everyone involved in organising the event. Proceeds will go towards the North West Hospice and the Rathcormac and Grange national school Parent Associations.

Comhaltas Award



Congrats to Michael Carroll who was recently awarded the 'An Gradam Seirbhís' medal by the local Fred Finn branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann for his outstanding service and dedication to traditional music. Well deserved Michael!

Countdown to Sean Nós Festival



The 6th annual CosCos Sean Nós Festival takes place in Rathcormac Village from the 11th to 13th of May. This year's festival has another action packed programme spread across the 3 days, with workshops, recitals, showcases, competitions, kids percussion, seisiúns, Céilí's, and of

course a stunning line up of musicians, dancers, lilters, singers, poets and guests. (See www.coscos.ie for full details).

Special guests this year include Johnny Connolly, Meaití Jó Shéamuis Ó'Fátharta, Sibéal Davitt (of TG4 Feis & Blood), Tura Artura (of Steip 2011 fame), Junior Davey, and so many more. Everyone welcome!

Spring Gala Show



The Rosses Point Golf Club Male Voice Choir and the Sligo Academy of Music Sinfonietta are hosting a special Gala Spring Concert on Saturday 28th April in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Ballinacra in aid of the Deferno Trust which provides support, and gathers and shares information on the Tysabri related Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (PML) illness. Tickets are €12 and are available from Declan Walsh (086 2304206), Liber Bookshop, Co Sligo Golf Club, Radisson Blu Hotel, Keaney's Newsagents. For more info see www.defernotrust.org.

Foróige Event...

The Drumcliffe Foróige youth club will be welcoming a large number of other Foróige Clubs to Oxfield on Saturday 21st April, for an action packed day of fun, games, team events, trophies, prizes, food, and all capped off with a disco. It's for all Foróige members and runs from 3 to 7pm.

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Community Games

The 2012 local games were held in Oxfield on Sunday 15th April. It was another hugely enjoyable day. Well done to all the kids who participated, to the parents who cheered them on, to the committee for all their hard work, and to the Man above for the glorious blue sky.

Director's Cut...

Well done to local budding film maker **Caroline Minshall (Nee Clancy)**, of Pink Lime Video Productions', whose short documentary titled "Under the Mango Tree", about life at St. Judes orphanage in Uganda, was screened in the The Model in Sligo over Easter to raise funds for charity.

Honouring Scottie

The Rathcormac Tidy Towns group held a small tree planting ceremony in the village green recently, as a tribute to 'Scottie Coleman' who passed away in November last year and was buried recently in Rathcormac graveyard. You might remember him... a small, elderly, white-bearded gent who used to walk between Rathcormac and Drumcliffe every evening, and as he did he would pick up any litter. He did this well into his late '80s before he moved back to the US to be with his family.



Scottie Coleman's grandson (right), representing his family, with members of the Rathcormac Tidy Towns Group at the tree planting.

Parents Quiz TY...

The Parents Association of Rathcormac NS would like to thank everyone who supported their recent table quiz which raised over €600. This will now go towards supporting school activities and resources.

The PA would also like to remind everyone that the best way to keep up with their activities etc is to link onto their Facebook page 'Rathcormac Parents Assoc'.

Table Quiz...

The mighty Carney Ladies Mini Marathon team are holding a Table Quiz in McLeans Pub on Friday April 27th at 9:30pm. All proceeds go towards the North West Stroke Group, so all support much appreciated.

GAA Lotto...

The Drumcliffe Rosses Point GAA Club lotto draw took place earlier this month. There was no winner of the €3,500 jackpot, however there was a draw for all lotto members for consolation prizes of €50, and the winners were: Fr. Michael Donnelly, Martina McCloskey, Jimmy Mulvey, Mary Slevin and Martin Reilly.

Conor Gets The Picture...

Congrats to **Conor Doherty from Rathcormac** who won the Irish heat of the Sony World Photography Awards competition. Conor's photo received the most 'likes' the Sony Ireland Facebook page, and he now goes through to the next round.

Zumba Returns...

The hugely popular 'Zumba' fitness classes return to Oxfield on Monday 23rd April for a 6 week session. It runs from 8 to 9pm. For info and bookings, contact Amanda on 086 8770525 or leave a message on 'Zumba Sligo (Amanda)' Facebook page.

Oxfield News...



Mind Your Speed - we've recently installed some warning signs on the way into Oxfield Park in order to remind drivers that there may be pedestrians and children on foot in the car park. So please keep your speed down.

500 Club - you're invited to the April 500 Club draw which takes place on the premises of Northwest Grass

Machinery, in Rathcormac, on Saturday 21st April, kicking off at 12:30pm. There will be in-house special offers available on various lawnmowers and accessories.

'Lost & Found' - if you or your kids have left something after them in Oxfield, you might find it on our new 'lost and found' rails at the back of the dressing room block.

A Big Thanks to Stephen Kivlehan of Rathcormac Steel Products who kindly donated a new handmade draw drum for Oxfield's 500 Club Draw. Much appreciated Stephen!

Bags Packed - Thanks again to our bag-packing team on their very successful fundraising at Mullaney's SuperValu in Grange over the Easter weekend.

Diary Dates...

Foróige Day (members only)
Oxfield, Sat 21st Apr, 3-7pm

April Oxfield 500 Club Draw -
Northwest Grass Machinery,
Rathcormac, Sat 21st Apr, 12:30pm

Rathcormac Spring Clean 2012 -
Church Carpark, Sat 21st Apr, 10am

Carney Spring Clean 2012 -
Village Park, Sat 28th Apr, 2pm

2012 Adult Sailing Course -
Sligo Yacht Club, starts Fri 27th Apr

Carney Ladies Table Quiz -
McLeans Pub, Fri 27th April, 9.30pm

Gala Spring Concert -
Radisson Blu Hotel, Sat 28th Apr, 8pm

Charity Poker Night
Adelaide Bar, Sligo, Fri 27th Apr, 9pm

Music in Drumcliffe -
Drumcliffe Church, 4th to 7th May

CosCos Sean Nós Festival -
Rathcormac, 11th to 13th May

Sligo AC Rosses Point 8k Run -
Rosses Point Yacht Club, 12th May,
5:30pm

Oxfield Funday Monday -
Oxfield, Mon 4th June

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