

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Drumcliffe Family Fun Day...

This year's Family Fun Day at Drumcliffe took place on Sunday 12th August, and it was as popular as ever. A large crowd enjoyed numerous novel events from cream cracker eating competitions to storytelling to egg throwing and the annual Duck Run. The event raised much needed funds for the Drumcliffe Development Association who do a brilliant job in maintaining the village. Well done again to the organising committee, their volunteers and sponsors, and thanks to all who supported the day.



"Winning Ducks!" - Ian Flanagan and Michael Gibbons identify the winners of the 2012 Duck Run on Drumcliffe River. Photo by Oxfield.

Benbulbin Night Walk...

The 2nd Annual Benbulbin Night Walk took place on 21st July. Organised by the Sligo Leitrim Mountain Rescue Team, 150 pre-registered hikers from near and far were bussed from Oxfield Park to Luke's Bridge where they were guided skilfully in 3 groups of 50 up the mountain.

The walk was strenuous in places, but the reward at the top as worth it all. Well done again to Ciarán and all the

SLMR Team! We're already looking forward to next year.



A 10 minute timed exposure of the final group on their descent from the 2012 Benbulbin Night Walk. Photo by SLMRT.

New Playschool at Oxfield...



Best wishes to Margaret Holland and her Puddleducks Playschool which is relocating from the old school in Rathcormac to the Oxfield Community Centre. Puddleducks opens in Oxfield on September 3rd and runs Monday to Friday from 9am to 12 noon.

Margaret, previously a teacher in Rathcormac NS, is looking forward to September, when her 'Puddleduck' kids will also benefit from the range of facilities at the Oxfield Centre.

For bookings, including details of ECCE free childcare places, please contact Margaret on 071 9163786 or 087 9780896.

August 500 Club Draw Results...

July:

- 1st - Denis Murphy - €500
- 2nd - Josie Brown - €200
- 3rd - Bridie Tiernan - €100
- 4th - Michael Stenson - €100
- 5th - Desmond Carty - €100
- 6th - Hugh Slevin Snr - iPad

August:

- 1st - Donal Harrison - €500
- 2nd - Oran McNulty - €200
- 3rd - Pdraig & Karen Waters - €100
- 4th - Kathleen Gilmartin - €100
- 5th - John McDermott - €100

Congrats to all the winners and thanks to Brian Drury for acting as independent observer. Thanks again to Jimmy Collins at Collin's Pub and to Steven Brady at Brady's Bar (reigning Ox-of-Oxfield' Tug-O-War Champions!) for hosting our July and August draws respectively.

Creative Writing...

The next Creative Writing Workshop at the Drumcliffe

Teahouse will begin on Wednesday September 26th and will run for eight weeks. New participants are as always very welcome. Please contact Berta Money at 087 2712313 for bookings.

Pilgrimages...

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine is on Sunday 19th August. Blessing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2:30pm will be followed by mass and rosary at 3pm.

The ICPT one day pilgrimage to Lough Derg is on Saturday 22nd September, with a bus leaving from Rathcormac car park. For bookings call 087 9070109.

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Leisure Painting...

The Rosses Point Art Group invites anyone interested in painting for leisure to join them on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Ballincar. All standards of painter welcome.

Also, a new course of classes begins on 19th September and runs until 12th December. 12 sessions for €75 (that's only €6.25 per lesson - the cheapest in town!). Places limited so please register with Michael Hannon on 9177623 or 087 2026735.

Knotweed...

Rathcormac Tidy Towns has recently been awarded a Community Heritage Grant to eradicate Japanese Knotweed in the village area. A treatment programme will commence before the end of the summer growing period.

Thanking TUS...

A word of thanks to Sean, Phillip and Shane for all their work over the last 12 months in the Drumcliffe area as part of Sligo Leader's TUS scheme.

Basketballers Win

Well done to the Drumcliffe U16 boys basketball community games team (pictured below) who had brilliant success in winning out the Connaught competition and who now play in the National Finals in Athlone on August 25th/26th. Good lucks lads!



Basketball training for boys and girls aged 6 to 12 will be starting up again at the end of September.

Karate...

The North Sligo Higashi karate classes will be resuming on Friday 7th September in Oxfield. New members always welcome. For further info contact Colin on 087 6680967.

Yeats Have Stars in their Eyes...

Yeats Utd are running a major fundraising event this Autumn based on the popular TV show 'Stars in Your Eyes'. With over 20 people already lined up to become their musical idol for the night, from Jonny Cash and Dolly Parton to the Spice Girls and Westlife, it promises to be a great event. Each act will be sponsored by a local business and promoted prior to the event.

Launch date: Sat 1st Sep, Collins Pub
Event date: Fri 12th Oct, Clarion Hotel
 To get involved contact Hubert (087 6892610) or Jean (086 6429669).

Yeats Girls Busy...

A big thanks to all the parents and coaches who travelled with the Yeats U12 Girls to the recent 7-a-side tournament in Buncrana. It was a great event. Thanks also to the Inishowen League and Illies Celtic FC for the invite.



The Yeats Girls also had their annual camping trip earlier this month in Rossinver. It was a great success with nearly 40 people attending.

Finally, the date for the Yeats Girls Awards Day is set for Saturday 8th September. Full details to follow by SMS.

Maugherow Amateur Boxing...

Were you inspired by Katie's Olympic success? Ever fancied giving boxing a go? Here's your chance. The local Maugherow Amateur boxing club has started back training on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in Oxfield. The club has two qualified IABA boxing coaches, and is open to anyone over the age of eight years, both male and female, and all levels are catered for. Feel free to pop down or contact Adrian on 086 1700690. The club would also like to say well done to the Irish boxing team on their results at the Olympics!

Ladies Volleyball...

Congrats to the Oxfield Ladies Volleyball Group which has been awarded a grant for sports equipment from the Sligo Sports and Recreation Partnership (SSRP). The aim of the grant is to encourage increased participation in sport, and it will be spent on some much needed nets and balls. The group plays socially every Tuesday night in Oxfield from 8:30 to 9:30pm, with a cuppa served afterwards. All abilities and levels catered for. New players welcome.

ZumbAtomic...

Zumba for adults returns to Oxfield on Mondays, starting on September 17th from 8 to 9pm. As Amanda says, ditch the workout and join the party. In addition Zumba for kids starts on Saturday September 22nd - Little Starz (ages 4 to 7) go from 12:30pm to 1:15pm, while the Big Starz (ages 8 to 12) go from 1:30pm to 2:15pm. Book now with Amanda on 086 8770525.

Free Zumba Taster: Please note that there will also be a free Zumba 'taster' in Oxfield on Monday September 10th from 8 to 8:30pm. Pop down to see what it's all about!

For Your Diary...

D'cliff Rosses Pt GAA Mens - take on St Michaels, Markievicz Pk, Sat 18th Aug, 5.45pm

Knock Shrine Pilgrimage - Knock, Sun 19th Aug

U16 National CG Basketball Finals - Athlone, 25th & 26th Aug

Yeats Utd 'Stars' Launch - Collins Pub, Sat 1st Sep

Karate Classes - Oxfield, Fridays from 7th Sep

Yeats Utd Girls Awards Day - Sat 8th Sep

Free Zumba Taster - Oxfield, Mon 10th Sep, 8 to 8:30pm

Zumba for Adults - Oxfield, Mondays from 17th Sep, 8pm

Rosses Point Painting Course - Radisson Blu Hotel, from 19th Sep

Lough Derg Pilgrimage - Lough Derg, Sat 22nd Sep

Creative Writing Workshops - Drumcliffe Teahouse, Wednesdays from 26th Sep

Yeats Utd 'Stars in Your Eyes' - Clarion Hotel, Fri 12th Oct