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Tidy Towns...

A new Tidy Towns initiative is starting in the Rathcormac area next month. Rathcormac is looking to join over 1,000 other communities across the country - urban, rural, big and small - who have participated in Tidy Towns at one time or another over its half-century existence.

A general meeting has been set for Tuesday 1st March in the History Centre, beside Rathcormac Church. Anyone interested in hearing about this initiative would be welcome to attend.

Rathcormac NS...

The Green Schools committee in Rathcormac NS are aiming for their next green flag on the theme of Energy Conservation, so watch out for 'energy themed' events during the year.



They mean business - the Rathcormac NS Green Schools Committee

As part of the recent Catholic Schools Week there was a very enjoyable service for Grandparents Day on Feb 2nd. Thanks to all the 'Nanas and Grandads' for attending!

Also, don't forget, the mid-term break is on the 24th/25th of February.



Sha-na-na-nah: Conor O'Grady and Paul Carr of Sligo Rovers with the FAI Cup were welcomed by jubilant fans in Rathcormac NS recently.

Carney 10k Date...

The date for this year's Carney 10k event has been set for bank holiday Monday 25th April, and will include a 10k run, 10k walk, and a kids fun run.

Circuit Training...

Circuit training started in Oxfield earlier this month, and is already proving very popular. It's a highly sociable and efficient way of getting fit. Moving quickly from one exercise station to another keeps the pulse high and promotes overall fitness by working all muscle groups as well as the heart and lungs.



Qualified instruction is by Sean Flannery and Ronan McNamara from Joe2Pros. It's on every Saturday from 12 noon to 1pm, and every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. It costs €5 per session, and also includes advice on exercise, nutrition, equipment etc.

All welcome! For further information, contact Sean on 087 9784628, or check out online at www.oxfield.ie.

Scouting Wins...



Members of the 11th Sligo Benbulbin Scouts quiz team, which won the recent Yeats County Scout Quiz.



Megan Copeland, winner of 11th prize in Scouting Ireland's National '12 Days of Christmas' draw, pictured with the rest of her Beaver Scout Colony.

Philadelphia's a Coming...



The award winning drama group, the Cloonacool Players, are bringing their current production of 'Philadelphia Here I Come' to Rathcormac Hall on Friday 4th March. This famous Brian Friel play covers age-old themes of father/son relationships and emigration in the 1960's. The show starts at 8:30pm, with tickets on the door at €10 each. All proceeds will go towards the Sligo Talking Newspaper (benefitting the blind) and the local CosCos Festival. It promises to be a great night!

Dartry Benefit Gig...

The Dartry Céilí Band are playing a one off benefit concert in aid of MS in Rathcormac Hall on Friday night 18th February. It promises to be a great night's entertainment, so why not get along and support a worthy cause

New Surface for Running Track...

Some 3 tonnes of surfacing stone has been laid on the running track in Oxfield over the last few weeks, greatly improving this valuable athletics and walking facility. Well done to all involved!

Lissadell for Supreme Court...

Recent media reports indicate that the Lissadell public rights of way case is to be appealed to the Supreme Court by the Owners. It is hoped this appeal could be heard within a year, but it could take considerably longer.

Local Salmon Fishing Restrictions

To allow stock recovery in Drumcliffe River and Glencar Lake, Inland Fisheries Ireland have restricted the number of salmon (and sea trout >40cm) that can be fished in 2011.

All salmon and sea trout >40cm must be tagged on landing with both brown and blue gill tags. Without a brown tag specific for the Drumcliffe/Glencar system, anglers must release such fish immediately to the water.

More details and application forms for brown tags are available online at www.fisheriesireland.ie or 096 22788.

Oxfield Update...

Here's a snapshot as to what's going on behind the scenes at Oxfield...

- New subcommittees have been established which will focus on key areas:
 - (i) Finance
 - (ii) Day-to-day Operations
 - (iii) Events & Fundraising
 - (iv) Redevelopment
- Repairs being made following pipe damage during the cold snap.
- All bookings are now going through Margaret Regan (087 0669516).
- New activities being explored and set up (e.g. circuit training, tai chi, etc).
- Funding sources being investigated.
- New arrangements being made with our various Clubs/Groups to cover the costs of using Oxfield.
- Fundraising events being planned.
- Continual additions to the Oxfield website (timetable, booking rates, Community Games page, and much more...)

Remember, if you have any ideas or suggestions for Oxfield, we'd love to hear from you - Email us at oxfieldcentre@gmail.com or call Michael on 087 675 5753.

Finally, a belated 'thank you' to all of our Santa Wonderland 2011 sponsors and suppliers, a list of whom is available on www.oxfield.ie/news.

Carney Carols TY...

Thanks to everyone who supported the Drumcliffe/Lissadell parish carol singing around Carney village just before Christmas. Despite the freezing weather people gave generously and the group was able to make a donation to St John's Hospital, Sligo. Thanks again to the singers and supporters!

Some Dates for the Diary...

Community Games Art - Rathcormac Hall, 7pm to 8:30pm
 Wed 16th Feb - Girl's Art & Boy's Modelling
 Thur 17th Feb - Boy's Art & Girl's Modelling

Dartry Céilí Band: MS Benefit Concert - Rathcormac Hall, Fri 18th Feb

Celebrity Jigs & Reels - Radisson Blu Hotel, Fri 25th Feb

Rathcormac Tidy Towns Meeting - History Centre, Tue 1st Mar

Philadelphia Here I Come - Rathcormac Hall, Fri 4th Mar (8:30pm)

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

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

Birthday Parties...

Almost all February slots for birthday parties in Oxfield have been booked. An ideal venue for a weather proof and action packed kids birthday party. Bring your own bouncy castle, food, etc. For info or bookings, contact Margaret on 087 066 9516.

Oxfield Wedding?

Speaking of functions, did you know that Oxfield almost became a wedding venue last year? A couple getting married in the Sligo area were looking at Oxfield as a potential setting for their civil ceremony and reception. While it didn't come off in the end (the Oxfield bit that is), perhaps there is niche market here for these kinds of 'matches'...

Pottery Classes...

Now running at Bunbulben Pottery (Branley's Yard), Rathcormac. The classes, which are suitable for beginners and all levels, cover all aspects of pottery making including hand building, wheel work and sculpture. Why not have a go? For info, contact Dave on 086 2155234.

Local Lads Shine in Schools' Cross Country...

The North Connaught schools cross country championships were held in Sligo Racecourse on Thurs 27th January, and some of our local athletes rose to the occasion. Ronan Anderson won the Minor Boys race, while William Crowe and Cian McBride took 1st and 2nd in the Junior Boys race.



Congrats to all three, who are members of the North Sligo AC and train regularly on the Oxfield running track. The lads will now travel to Galway on Tues 8th Feb to compete in the Connaught Schools event.

County Ladies...

The Sligo Senior Ladies squad has a distinctly 'Drumcliffe/Rosses Point' look to it this year, with 7 girls currently involved, including Rachel Monaghan, Noelle Carroll, Aisling Ewing, Andrea Horgan, Sinead O'Sullivan, Nicole Fowley and Lindsey McManus. And with 6 of these having played in the first NFL match, maybe Sligo should just wear the DRP jerseys this season!

New Railing for GAA Pitch...

In order to meet GAA regulations governing inter-club championship matches, a new railing has been installed around the GAA pitch in Oxfield. Some sections are removable and these will only be in place during championship matches etc.

Evening Walk/Jog...

Evening walking and jogging under the floodlights continues every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening from 8:30pm to 10pm at Oxfield. It's open to all, however to cover the cost of the lights, a fee of €10 is being asked for, which will cover you through to the end of March.

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