

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Community Alert...

The newly elected committee of the revived Community Alert movement in North Sligo is holding a follow-up information meeting on Wed 13th Feb at starting 8:15pm. The meeting will be addressed by Ms. Vanessa Clarke of Muintir na Tire and by Sqt. Jim Fox, Crime Prevention Officer for Sligo. All those interested in this movement are welcome to attend.

Drum East Water...

Due to important scheduled maintenance work at the Rahaberna treatment plant there will be an interruption to supply to all customers on Thurs Feb 14th from 9am until approx 7pm. After supply recommences it is possible that there will be variations in water appearance due to air bubbles but this will settle within a day or two and quality will not be affected. If you experience any difficulties contact Michael Lally at 087 3308083.

Drumcliffe Birds...



A 2-3 hour guided walk looking at the importance of Drumcliffe Bay to wintering birds will take place on Feb 10th. The event will be led by Michael Bell and is co-hosted by Birdwatch Ireland Sligo. Meet at the Village Inn Car Park, Carton at 12 noon. Bring waterproof gear, footwear, and your own refreshments. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Weeknight Walk, Jog or Run?

The all-weather track at Oxfield Community Park is now floodlit 5 nights a week from 8:30pm to 10pm. It's safe and sociable, and you don't have to worry about cars or dogs! So get some spring air into those lungs! All welcome.

Glenstall Chant...

As part of preparations for the St. Colmcille Pageant which will take place in Rathcormac in early May as part of The Gathering 2013, Nóirín Ní Riain from Glenstall Abbey will be giving a workshop in chant and celtic signing on Saturday Feb 23rd from 10:30am to 4:30pm in Rathcormac. For info contact Brenda on 086 1925988.

Spring Scouts...



The 11th Sligo Benbulben Beaver Scouts had a spring in their step during their recent hike in

No Lissadell Judgement Yet...

After a lengthy wait, the now infamous Lissadell Rights-of-Way appeal case finally went before the Supreme Court in Dublin at the end of January. However the Court has reserved judgement on the appeal brought by the owners of Lissadell against the High Court ruling in December 2010. It may be a number of weeks before a decision is delivered.

Plaque is Found...

The Drumcliffe Dev Association have confirmed that the plaque which was stolen from the carpark at Drumcliffe last week has been recovered safe and undamaged. It was found by an observant farmer in the Drumcliffe/Glencar area. It is now in safe keeping as the committee decide how best to reinstall it.

A Legend is Set to Return...

He was a man on a mission. He was a warrior. He was well-built, had a mop of red hair, and had a sharp sense of humour. He wrote over 300 books...by hand. And he caused a battle which claimed over 3,000 lives...in the local townland of Cooladrumman! And now he's making his comeback! May 2013, in Rathcormac...stay tuned!

Pancakes Anyone?

Enjoy a short snack for a tall cause! You are invited to Henrys Bar & Restaurant on Tue 12th Feb to support the North West Simon Community. Pancakes will be served all day and donations will be gratefully accepted. So please drop in and support a good cause.

Tweet Corner...

Just for a giggle, here are a few gems from @sligostats (generator of 'dubious' and unscientific Sligo facts):

"78% of Sligo I.T students are wrecks if they don't get their full 18 hours of sleep".

"1 in 4 Drumcliffe inhabitants will call in sick today because their steering wheel was too cold

"In 1994 Christmas was cancelled in Tourlestrane when a boy asked Santa for a soccer jersey".

"4 out of 5 Sligo people who go into Penneys just to 'pass through' never make it to the other side ... '

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News Bites...

Comedy Night - The annual pre-Paddy's Oxfield Comedy Night is set to take place this year on Sat 16th March. One not to be missed!

Basketball - Kids basketball coaching continues with the North Sligo Basketball Club, Sundays at Oxfield. Boys and girls 6 to 8 from 2-3pm; Boys 8 to 12 from 3-4pm; Girls 8 to 12 from 4-5pm. All welcome.

Nursery GAA Coaching - The Drumcliffe Rosses Point GAA Club's Saturday and Sunday coaching for kids resumes later this month. Notes will be circulated through the schools with details. Please note that all players must wear a gumshield to take part in coaching sessions.

RNLI - Sligo Bay Station RNLI fundraiser dinner/dance takes place at Sligo Yacht Club on Sat 23rd Feb at 8pm. For tickets call 087 9973558.

<u>Lights Off for an Hour?</u> At 8.30pm on 23rd March, hundreds of millions will turn off their lights for one hour, on the same night, all across the world. Its called Earth Hour... and everyone's invited...

Mary's Back - Congrats to Mary Cullen on a brilliant run at the AXA Raheny 5 Mile event recently. Mary won the north Dublin event and in the process broke the women's course record by almost 30 seconds.

<u>Sugar Craft</u> - Want to be more creative with your baking? Check out Sugarcraft courses being run in Feb by the local 'Cake Lady' in Lissadell. info@sarahthecakelady.com.

<u>Water Babies</u> - Start them young! Waterbabies Baby Swim School kicks off in the Radisson Hotel on Thur 21st Feb at 11:30am. For details call Lisa or Jamie on 086 7924688.

April Races...

Preparations are already underway for two of the local road races of the year. The annual Carney Lissadell 10k event takes place on Easter Monday April 1st (no fools please!), and the Rathcormac 8k event has been moved to a new Spring slot of Sunday April 14th. There's plenty of time left to get that training in!

Olympic Standard!

Congrats to Cian McBride and William Crowe who came first and second respectively at in the men's 800m achieved the qualifying times for the European Youth Olympics in Athlone at the end of January.

GAA Racenight...

A fundraising race night takes place in Collins Lounge on Saturday February 23rd starting at 9:30pm. All proceeds will go towards the local Drumcliffe Rosses Point GAA Club. All welcome.

Fit for Summer?

There are plenty of local fitness and workout classes to help you get ready for the summer...

Mondays, 6pm, Oxfield - <u>Callanetics</u> (contact Cass on 086 8427426)

Mondays, 8pm, Oxfield - <u>Zumba</u> (contact Amanda on 086 8770525)

Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Oxfield - <u>Circuits</u> (contact Sean on 087 9784628)

Wed's, 7:30pm, Maugherow Hall - <u>Zumba</u> (contact Amanda on 086 8770525)

Thursdays, 6:30pm, Oxfield - <u>Circuits</u> (contact Sean on 087 9784628)

Community Games

Drumcliffe Area - AGM takes place on Wed 13th Feb at 9pm upstairs in Davis. All welcome. Don't forget to get Entry Forms to Margaret Regan 0870669516 or Brian McBride 0876181439.

Maugherow Area - Please return all entry forms to St Patrick's NS. For queries contact 087 7918438.

For Your Diary...

D'cliffe Rosses Point GAA Registration Day -Oxfield, Sat 9th Feb

Cake Sale & Cuppa Morning - M'row Hall, Sun 10 Feb, after 12 mass

Sligo Birds Guided Walk -Cartron Inn C/Pk, Sun 10th Feb, 12pm

Simon Pancake Fundraiser -Henry's, Tue 12th Feb, all day

Sligo Family Resource Centre Pancake Morning -

SFR Centre, Morning, Tue 12th Feb North Sligo Walking Group -

Deerpark, Wed 13th Feb, meet at Calry Church C/Pk at 10:15am Benwisken Loop, Wed 20th Feb, 10:30am

D'cliffe Community Games AGM - Davis's (upstairs), Wed 13th Feb, 9pm

Community Alert Group Meeting -Rathcomac Hall, Wed 13 Feb, 8:15pm D'cliffe Community Games Art -Rathcormac NS, 7pm -Feb 20th Girls Art & Boys Model Making

Feb 21st Boys Art & Girls Model Making

DRP GAA Race Night -

Collins, Sat 23rd Feb, 9:30pm.

Glenstall Chant/Singing Workshop - Rathc' History Centre, Sat 23rd Feb, 10:30am to 4:30pm

M'row Community Games Art -St Patrick's NS, Sat 23rd Feb, 11am Feb 20th Girls Art & Boys Model Making Feb 21st Boys Art & Girls Model Making

Nursery GAA Coaching -Oxfield, resumes Sat Feb 23nd

Sligo Bay Station RNLI Fundraiser -Sligo Yacht Club, Sat 23rd Feb, 8pm

County Sligo Golf Club AGM -Clubhouse, Sun 24th Feb, 7pm

Rathcormac Tidy Towns Meeting - Old School, Tues 5th Mar, 8pm

Oxfield Paddy's Comedy Night -Henry's, Sat 16th March

Rathc NS Parents Assoc Table Quiz-Collins Lounge, Fri 22nd Mar

Earth Hour -

Your House, Sat 23rd Mar, 8.30pm

Carney Lissadell 10k Run & Walk - Oxfield/Carney, Mon 1st April

M'row Community Games Athletics School Field, Sun 7th Apr, 2pm

Rathcormac 8k Run & Walk -Rathcormac School, Sun 14th April

Rathc NS Parents Assoc Cake Sale -History Centre, Sat 20th & Sun 21st Apr (after Mass)

Music in Drumcliffe -Drumcliffe Church, 3rd to 6th May

An Post Tour of Sligo IT Sligo, May Bank Holiday Weekend

CosCos Sean Nós Festival -Rathcormac, 10th to 12th May

D'cliffe Community Games Athletics Oxfield, Sun 19th May, 2:30pm

Trad Sessions -

Laura's, first Saturday of every month, from 9pm

