

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Do One Thing...

If you do one thing this New Year, check your smoke alarms! Approx 46 people die in Ireland in fires each year. And following the recent tragedies in Gurteen and Boyle, there's a need to increase peoples' awareness and knowledge of fire safety and prevention in the home.



To test your alarm, push and hold the test button for a few seconds. The detector should produce a loud noise. If it doesn't, change the batteries or get a new one.

So lets up our game this year...

- Install working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and test them regularly (do it right now!)
- Make a fire escape plan and practice it often
- Check for fire dangers in your home and correct them
- Carry out a 'last thing at night routine'

## 500 Club Draw...

Results of the December 2011 draw:

- 1st - Mary McSharry €500
- 2nd - Brian Óg Murphy €200
- 3rd - Mairead McMorrogh €100
- 4th - Cathal Hopper €100
- 5th - Eleanor Henry €100
- 6th - Declan Carroll 32" Saor View TV
- 7th - Michael McMorrogh - iPod Station
- 8th - Veronica Gillen - Coffee Maker

Results of the January 2012 draw:

- 1st - John Scott €500
- 2nd - Sean & Margaret Liddy €200
- 3rd - Ronan Kerrigan €100
- 4th - Colm Feeney €100
- 5th - D'cliffe Community Games €100
- 6th - Ciaran & Bridie Tiernan - 500 litres of home heating oil.

Congrats to all the winners. The next draw 13th of February in Oxfield at 9:15pm. All welcome!

Thanks again to everyone who has supported the draw. A word of thanks to Eugene McHale and Brian Drury who acted as independent observers for the December and January draws respectively. And finally a **BIG THANK YOU** to our sponsors for these draws:



## A Great Cabaret...

Over 240 people attended the excellent Christmas cabaret festive night in Rathcormac hall on bank holiday Monday 2nd January. Well done to everyone involved! The organisers would like to say a big thanks to everyone who attended, supported and helped out in any way. The event has raised over €4,000 for charities including the Lissadell Centre refurbishment, the Crumlin Children's Hospital, and the Smiles Foundation in Romania.



The Rathcormac Hall, transformed into a festive ballroom, awaiting the first guests.

## Hospice Gala Gig...

A great night for a great cause! A Gala Concert in aid of the NW Hospice will take place in the Radisson on

January 27th starting at 8pm. Admission at door is €10. Performers include the great Charlie McGettigan and storyteller Joe McGowan.

## County Scór...

The Sligo County Finals of the GAA Scór na nÓg Competition took place in Rathcormac Hall on Sunday 8th January. Competitors from all over the county participated in music, song, dance, recitation and Trath na gCeist. The event was a great success with over 120 people in attendance.

The local Drumcliffe/Rosses Point GAA Club hosted the event, and was ably represented by Ciara Scanlon, Charlene Scanlon, Elaine Flanagan, Laura Flanagan, Denise Regan and Sinead Ni Bhroin in various competitions. Well done to our near neighbours, St. Molaise Gaels, on winning through to the Connacht Finals in Rince Foirne.

'Go raibh mile maith agaibh' to Rev. Fr Michael Donnelly for providing the hall, to MC Mairead Ni Fhlannchaidh, to all who helped on the day, and to the organising committee of Catherine Gallagher, Bernadine Ni Gurrain and Peadar O Farrell. Well done also to all the parents for their continued support.

## Paint for Leisure...

Rosses Point Art Group would like to invite anyone interested in trying painting for leisure to join them. All standards are catered for (complete beginners to improvers) and all mediums from watercolours and acrylics to oils. They meet on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Radisson, Ballincar under the attentive gaze of their tutor.

A new 12 session course begins on 1st February costing just €70, payable on the first day. At less than €6 per lesson, it's the best value in town! Places are limited, so please contact Mona on 9177637 or Michael on 9177623 for bookings.



## Parents Assoc'n...

The Rathcormac NS PA meetings resume on 1st February in the school at 9pm. This term will see continued partnership with the school to advance the proposed book rental scheme. The annual table quiz will be held in March (date tbc). The Association looks forward to another year supporting the school achieve its goals. All welcome - for info contact 087 1733437.

## Tidy Towns...

Time again to start planning for the Tidy Towns competition. The Rathcormac Tidy Towns Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, 24th January, at 8pm in the History Centre (beside the church). Everyone is invited to attend as we hope to make a good start on this year's Tidy Towns actions. For further details contact 087 9973558.

## Peaks 4 Cregg...

The 4 Peaks Challenge, in which local men Jim Doherty and Trevor Ferguson took part late last year, has raised €13,400 for Cregg House. The lads would again like to thank all those who sponsored them.

## Gaelic Tag...

Congrats to the Festive Feckers captained by Laura Goonan, one of the local Ladies senior team, who won the St. Stephen's Day Gaelic Tag event in Oxfield in which over 130 people took part.



The Festive Feckers, winners of the St. Stephen's Day Tag Gaelic event in Oxfield.

The event, run by Drumcliffe/ Rosses Point GAA club raised nearly €1,300 for Motor Neurone. The club would like to thank everyone who participated and helped out on the day. A 'Big Up' also to Mattie Clancy and his staff in Henry's for putting on a massive après match spread.

## GAA Club News...

**New Chair** - Congrats to the Club's new Chairman, Kevin Ginty, who takes over from Gerry Creamer, who steps down after a great 3 years service. Full details of the 2012 committee are on the Club's website and Facebook page.

**Registration** - for 2012 kicks off on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January in Oxfield from 10am to 1pm. Registration fees are as follows: U10s €50, 11 to 18 yrs €60, families with more than 2 children, €25 per 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> child etc, Students €75, Playing Adults €120, Club Member €25. Please note that none of this money goes towards the running of the local club. Registration and Insurance last year was over €17k payable to the county board and club only took in €11k from registration, hence the increase in this year's fees.

**Comedy Play** - the Club presents the award winning play 'Victor's Dung' in Rathcormac Hall on Friday March 9th at 8pm. It's a hugely enjoyably show about a crude, vulgar, abrupt, un-PC Cavan farmer who gets a surprise one Friday morning. Tickets €10 available from Club members.

## Activity Listing...

**CREATIVE WRITING** - Workshop begins on Tuesday, 31st January at the Drumcliffe Teahouse. For info and bookings call Berta at 087 2712313.

**BOXING** has resumed again at Oxfield. Training takes place every Thursday night at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome!

**ATHLETICS (9+)**  
Oxfield, Mon & Wed, 7-8pm  
Enquiries to Brian on 087 6181439

**LADIES VOLLEYBALL** - Every Tuesday at 8:30pm in Oxfield. Just €2 per session. Great fun and exercise.

**TENNIS** - resumes outdoors at Oxfield on 3rd Feb from 6-7pm for U8s, 7-8pm for 9yrs plus. Cardio Tennis will return in March from 8-9pm for adults and teens. For info contact Olwyn on 086 3514123.

**ZUMBA FITNESS** - Oxfield on Mondays at 8pm and Maugherow hall on Wednesdays at 7:15pm. Numbers limited so book with Amanda on 086 8770525.

**HANDBALL** - Oxfield, Wednesdays, 8-9pm for 11 to 17 yr olds, 9-10pm for adults. All levels catered for.

**BASKET MAKING** - Maugherow hall every Tuesday. For more info and bookings please call Viera 087 1262919.

**JUNIOR KARATE CLASSES** - Oxfield, Fridays, 6-7pm for 7 to 9 yr olds, 7-8pm for 9+.

**ICA** - Drumcliffe Guild - First Wednesday of the month. History Centre, Rathcormac

**BASKETBALL FOR KIDS** - Oxfield, Sundays, 3-4pm for 8 & 9 yr olds, 4-5pm for 10 & 11 yr olds.

**ART CLASSES** - Radisson, Wednesdays, 10:30am to 12:30pm (see news item)

**KIDS GAA COACHING** - Oxfield  
Saturday morning  
5-6 year olds 9.45am to 10.30am  
7-8 year olds 10.30am to 11.30am  
9-10 year olds 11am to 12 midday  
Hurling (all ages) 11.45am to 1pm  
Sunday Morning  
11-12 year olds 11.45am to 1pm  
13-14 year olds 11.45am to 1pm

**CIRCUIT TRAINING** - Oxfield, every Tues & Thurs at 6:30pm. You won't get a better workout this side of the M50!

**SEAN NÓS DANCE FOR KIDS** - Rathcormac Hall, Mondays, U9s at 3:15pm; 9+ at 4pm.

**SEAN NÓS DANCE** - For Adults & Teens in Rathcormac Hall, Wednesdays at 8:15pm.

**SET DANCING** - Collins Lounge, every, Wednesday at 9:15pm.

**BALLROOM DANCING** for Adults - Rathcormac Hall, Thursdays, 8pm, Enquiries to 086 8445628

**EVENING WALKING** - Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening under the floodlights at Oxfield 8:30pm to 10pm.

## Dates For Your 'Shiney' New Diary

**NW Hospice Gaga Concert** - Radisson Hotel, Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 8pm

**February Oxfield 500 Club Draw** - Oxfield, 13th Feb, 9:15pm

**'Victor's Dung' Comedy Play** - Rathcormac Hall, Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Mar, 8pm

**Celebrity Trad Dance Competition** - Rathcormac, 24th March

**Rathcormac NS Easter Holidays** - Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> to Fri 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Carney Lissadell 10k Run** - Easter Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Music in Drumcliffe** - Drumcliffe, 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May

**CosCos Sean Nós Festival** - Rathcormac, 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May

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