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Patrick's Clickin N' Shootin...

Congrats to Patrick Leonard of Carney (representing Grange Vocational School) who came 3rd in the Senior Individual Technology category of the 2013 Young Scientist Exhibition earlier this month in the RDS with his innovative 'Click N' Shoot' lens switcher. Patrick has been Oxfield's videographer for the last number of years and has a bright future ahead of him.



Patrick Leonard (on the other side of the camera for a change) - pictured with Micheál Martin TD and Eamon Ó Cuív TD at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition.

Máirín's Song Wins



Máirín Mannion (3rd from left) winner of the recent Allingham Arts Festival Song Contest

A belated congratulations to local girl Máirín Mannion whose self-penned song won the renowned Allingham Arts Festival Song Contest in Ballyshannon in November last. The song called "A town on a hill" was selected by a judging panel of industry professionals and took top prize of €1,000. Well done Máirín!

Pure Comedy...



The well known Skreen Dromard Drama Group will be performing 'Widows Paradise: A Comedy in Three Acts' by Sam Cree. The show will take place on Friday January 18th in Rathcormac Hall, starting at 8pm. Tickets cost €10 each and are available from Michael on 087 6755753 or on the door. It promises to be a great night - all welcome!

Community Alert...

There is a renewed energy behind local Community Alert groups. A new group was recently established for the Cregg, Ballincar, Springfield, Kintogher and Lower Rosses areas. The group held a meeting in Cregg earlier this month and approx 100 local residents attended. There are many other similar groups in the area doing great work in crime prevention, neighbourliness, and promotion of community and personal safety. If any group would like to make information available through the Oxfield Newsletter, please contact us at oxfieldnewsletter@gmail.com.

Creative Writing...

Ever feel you would like to write but don't know where or how to start? A new 8 week workshop begins on Jan 23rd at the Drumcliffe Teahouse. The workshops run every Wednesday evening, from 7 to 9:30pm. This is a chance to write in a stimulating, supportive and relaxed environment where you will feel free to develop and share your writing. All experience levels and new participants very welcome. For information contact Berta at 087-2712313.

25 Drive...

The annual CosCos 25 Drive takes place in Collins Lounge on Thurs 17th Jan starting at 8:30pm. Entry €10 and all are welcome!

Paint for Leisure...

Why not make 2013 the year you take up painting? The Rosses Point Art Group invites you to join their friendly group which caters for all levels. For details contact Michael on 087 2026735.

Tidy Towns...

The first meeting of the year of Rathcormac Tidy Towns will be held in the Rathcormac History Centre on Tuesday January 22nd at 8:30pm. Anyone interested in helping to enhance the greater village area, biodiversity, heritage, etc is warmly invited to attend. For further information call 087 99723558.

Gathering Events...

Two of Sligo's most high profile Gathering events for 2013 are set to take place on our doorstep later this year. In early May a Community Pageant will depict the life of our local Saint, Colmcille, and will represent the largest community arts project ever undertaken in this part of Sligo.

Then at the end of May the Benbulbin Speaks event takes place and will, thanks to the goodwill of local landowners, involve a spectacular scene of some 2,013 hill walkers climbing Benbulbin and spelling out a choreographed message for all to see.

If you would like to help out with either of these events please contact Brenda on 086 1925988 (Pageant) or Hubert on 087 6892610 (Benbulbin Speaks). Otherwise we trust you will be inviting your friends and relations to come and visit the area and enjoy these unique events.

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Check It Now...

If you do one thing this month, check your smoke alarms. Approx 46 people die in Ireland in fires each year. Checking your smoke alarms right now will only take a few seconds, but it might save your life!



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.

Fire Safety Tips...

- **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'

Scouts Luck...

The 11th Sligo Benbulbin Scout Group have been lucky for the second time in Scouting Ireland's annual 12 Days of Christmas Draw. Congrats to M. Rowe on winning 8th prize of a week's holiday in a luxurious west of Ireland holiday cottage. The ticket was sold by one of the group's Beaver Scouts. Well done again to all the ticket sellers, and especially to everyone who supported the draw.

Oxfield Update...

AGM - The Oxfield Centre AGM will be held in the coming weeks (stay tuned for arrangements). After a momentous 2012 for the Centre, 2013 looks set to see further improvements to operations and facilities. If you are interested in getting involved or lending a hand to this worthwhile redevelopment project, we'd love to hear from you!

500 Club Contributors - Now that the 500 Club draw has concluded, we would like to remind our monthly subscribers to ensure that you instruct your bank to cease monthly payments. Unfortunately Oxfield

cannot do this on your behalf. If you have any queries, please contact us at oxfieldcentre@gmail.com.

Compiling Local News - In addition to our regular Community Newsletter, the Oxfield Centre also compiles the local community news for both the Sligo Champion and Sligo Weekender newspapers. So if you have anything you want included, please email us at oxfieldnewsletter@gmail.com.



The North Sligo Higashi Karate Club in action on the new martial arts mats which arrives at the Oxfield Centre just before Christmas

Puddleducks...

The Puddleduck's Playschool continues to flourish at the Oxfield Community Centre. It operates from 9am to 12pm Monday to Friday during school terms. For bookings and information contact Margaret Holland on 087 9780896.

GAA News...

New Manager - Best wishes to Liam Gilmartin who takes over as new Team Manager for 2013. Liam has been a member of the Melvin Gaels management team for the last number of years which included County Leitrim honours in 2011 at Intermediate level, and in 2012 at senior level.

A Presentation Night - will take place on Saturday night 26th January in the Yeats Country Hotel Rosses Point at 8pm where the Club's hurlers, U12 Girls, U16 Boys, and U20's from 2011 will be honoured. All welcome.

Registration - for 2013 is now due and can be paid to Club Registrar Hughie Slevin.

New Year - New You - Get Active...

BOXING - takes place every Thursday night at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome!

CALLANETICS - gentle exercises that are easy to do, tone you up fast and are great for bad backs. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Nice diets too! Mondays at 6pm at Oxfield (contact Cass on 086 8427426).

MIXED LEVEL YOGA CLASSES - on Saturdays from 12 noon to 1:30pm, Starts Jan 19th. Highly trained Instructor. Blending Hatha, Classical, Ashtanga and Vinyasa for both physical and psychological benefits! Contact Matthias on 086 81 58181

ATHLETICS (9+) - Oxfield on Mon & Wed evenings from 7-8pm. Enquiries to Brian on 087 61 81439

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

ZUMBA FITNESS - Oxfield on Mondays at 8pm and Maugherow hall on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Ditch the workout and join the party! Numbers limited so book with Amanda on 086 8770525

JUNIOR KARATE - Oxfield, Fridays, 6-7pm for 7 to 9 yr olds, 7-8pm for 9+. New members welcome. First class is free!

BASKETBALL FOR KIDS - Oxfield, Sundays, Under 8's from 2-3pm, National School Boys 3-4pm, National School Girls 4-5pm.

ADULTS BASKETBALL - in Oxfield on Wednesday evenings at 9pm. All welcome!

KIDS GAA COACHING - Saturday morning coaching from 5 years and up, re-commencing shortly at Oxfield.

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

25 Drive - Collins Lounge on Thurs 17th Jan, starting at 8:30pm

'Widows Paradise' Comedy Play - Rathcormac Hall, Fri 18th Jan, 8pm

Rathcormac Tidy Towns - Rathcormac History Centre, Tue Jan 22nd, 8:30pm

Creative Writing Workshops - Drumcliffe Teahouse, commence Wed Jan 23rd, 7 to 9:30pm

GAA Club Presentation Night - Yeats Country Hotel, Sat 26th Jan, 8pm

Trad Sessions - with Philip Duffy, Declan Payne, Theresa Payne, & Declan Courell - Laura's, first Saturday of every month, from 9pm