

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## A Fab FunDay...

Defying the science of weather forecasting might be something the annual Oxfield FunDay will become famous for! Thankfully the rain stayed away for most of the day to allow this fantastic community event take place.

A few new angles were added this year, with an even bigger bouncy castle arena, pony rides, art workshops, walkabout Disney characters, and a mini-digger challenge for the 'bigger kids'...and that was on top of everything else!



*The Sack Race in full flow (Photo by Dickon Whitehead)*

It was a magical day, and the great community support shown has helped to raise some much needed funds for the Oxfield project. While we simply don't have the space here to name everyone, we would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who helped out - our generous sponsors, supporters, donors, performers, service providers and volunteers. It was a classic example of how a community can come together to put on something special.

For anyone who'd like a reminder of the action from the day itself, take a look at the 'Gallery' page on the Oxfield website for some photos (courtesy of Dickon Whitehead) and a whirlwind video (by the brilliant Patrick Leonard). A 'thank you' list of sponsors etc is also posted on the website - thanks again!!!

Finally, congrats to the Abtech Precision tug-o-war team which, despite poor conditions underfoot, won the 'Ox of Oxfield' cup after beating Team Slevin in the final.

## Maugerow 10k...

The annual Maugerow 10k Fun Run and Walk takes place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The 1.5k kids run and the 10k walk start at 6:30pm sharp at Maugerow Hall, with the 10k run starting at 7pm. The scenic route runs past Maugerow school, around Raughley Harbour and back via Ardtarmon Castle, finishing at Maugerow Church. There will be refreshments and prize giving back in Maugerow Hall after the event.

## Some Diary Dates...

**Maugerow 10k Fun Run & Walk** - Maugerow Hall, Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jun, 6:30pm

**DRP V St Pats Intermediate C'ship** - Markievicz Park, Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June, 5:45pm

**World Fireball Sailing C'ships** - Yacht Club, Rosses Pt, Starts 13<sup>th</sup> June

**NW Hospice Midsummer Fun Walk** - Oxfield, Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun, 7:30pm

**Dip in the Nip** (for Irish Cancer Soc) A beach near you, Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Rathcormac NS Closes for Summer** - Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Jun

**Neil Egan Memorial Run** - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July

## Hospice Walk...



You can't beat a good walk on a summers evening, especially when you are walking with friends and community in support of something we all share. This year's local North West Hospice Midsummer walk takes place in Oxfield on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7:30pm. Teas/coffees will be served after, so please come along and support a great cause.

## Community Buying Group...

A new local initiative proposes to form a North Sligo Community Buying Group with the aim of utilising the collective purchasing power of our community to leverage lower prices from suppliers on certain commodities such as Heating Oil and Coal. It is planned to have a meeting in the near future to assess the feasibility. Any initial feedback prior to this would be welcome. Please contact Rory Kivlehan on 086 3472511 or northsligo@gmail.com.

## Quoted Moment...



The above photo from last year's Oxfield FunDay has been featured in a book which has been published to raise money for the Irish Cancer Society. The photo, taken by local photographer Dickon Whitehead, is accompanied by the famous Churchill quotation "If you are going through hell, keep going". Copies of the book can be bought online at [www.quotedmoments.com](http://www.quotedmoments.com).

## Dulux Shortlist...

The Oxfield Community Centre has been shortlisted in the Dulux 'Lets Colour' Project, through which Dulux are working together with local communities across the globe to add some colour to otherwise drab community spaces and buildings. (We have our fingers and toes crossed!). If it comes off, we'll be looking for everyone to grab a brush and give us a hand in transforming the existing Community Centre at Oxfield.

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## New Businesses...

Best wishes to a number of new local ventures:

"Little Learners Pre-School" opens in September in the Drumcliffe area. For details contact Karen (087 9680744).

"Kraffy Korner" recently opened in Branley's Yard in Rathcormac with a new Gift Shop and also serving fresh scones, tea and coffee.

"Art Junky" opens soon, also in Branley's Yard, Rathcormac.

"AVA Audio Visuals & Acoustics" have just launched a new design service which brings a new level of innovation to their audio visual service. See [www.ava.ie](http://www.ava.ie) for details.

## Smiles Charity...



(Front row) Anne Williams, Julie Patterson, Shauna Williamson, Amanda Linton, (Back row) Peter Langan, Revd Ian Linton, Glenn Patterson

Pictured above is the Drumcliffe team which has raised over €7500 for the Smiles Foundation and will now travel to Romania to assist that charity in making a real difference in the lives of ordinary people. The group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported their recent fundraising activities.

## Rathcormac NS...

The school received its 2<sup>nd</sup> An Taisce Green Flag, this one for energy. Well done to all involved! The school's 'green school' garden is blooming at the moment, and the junior infants and second class kids have been busy planting Nasturtium seeds around the village in preparation for the tidy towns competition.

Thanks again to everyone who sponsored the school's recent walk up Tully Hill. Thanks to the parents who helped marshal the walk, the local Gardaí and the 11<sup>th</sup> Sligo Benbulbin Scouts group who donated the high visibility jackets. A total of €1,471 was raised on the day.

Finally, Bus Eireann has informed the school that school bus transport will cease on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. Therefore Parents will have to organise their own transport for the remainder of the term until the school closes for the summer holidays on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

## Good Luck Mary...

Good luck to Mary Cullen who takes part in the 3000m event in the European Team Championships in Izmir, Turkey, on the 18th and 19th of June.

Best wishes also to Oxfield's own 'Iron Man' Sean Flannery who competes in a full Iron Man event in Austria on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Also, well done to the North Sligo AC athletes who did very well at the recent All Ireland Schools Track & Field championships in Tullamore.



Cian McBride (left) who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the recent All Ireland Schools T&F Junior 1500m event, pictured with former International athlete, Marcus O'Sullivan (right). (Photo North Sligo AC).

## Community Games

Pictures taken at the recent local Area community games are now up on the Gallery page of the Oxfield website - [www.oxfield.ie](http://www.oxfield.ie).



Some of the Tiny Tots in action at the recent Drumcliffe Area community games in Oxfield.

## Karate Kids...

Karate will continue as normal until the end of July in Oxfield on Fridays from 6pm. Beginners are welcome to try it out, with the first class free. Contact Colin on 087 6680967.

## Tidy Towns...

**Rathcormac Village** - Judging for the 2011 Tidy Towns Competition takes place in June and early July so please help us achieve maximum points for Rathcormac by ensuring that the areas around your own home, and throughout the village, are tidy and presentable. Many thanks to all who have contributed, and are continuing to help with this year's efforts. Also, congrats to Mary Power and the staff and students of Rathcormac NS in being awarded a second An Taisce Green Schools' Flag. Well done!

**Carney Village** - Thanks again to all those who have done such great work so far, and we would appeal to any new volunteers to get involved and who are always welcome to join in on a Tues/Wed/Thurs evening from 7pm. Every little helps, even if its only watering the flower boxes!

## Summer Camps...

You know the school holidays are around the corner when you start hearing about summer camps...

**Yeats Utd Soccer Camp - 27th June to 1st July**

Carney, from 10:30am to 3pm, for boys aged 4 to 7. For details, contact Darryl Keaney 087 0684107.

**Art, Sport & Drama - 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Rathcormac, from 10am to 2pm, for primary school kids. For details, contact Olivia Flannery 087 7782233.

**VHI GAA Cul Camps - 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul**

Oxfield, from 10am to 2:30pm, for boys & girls aged 6 to 13. For details, see [www.vhiculcamps.gaa.ie](http://www.vhiculcamps.gaa.ie).

**Allwin Tennis Camp - 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Jul**

Oxfield, from 10am to 3pm, for kids aged 7 to 14. For details, check out [www.allwintennis.com](http://www.allwintennis.com).

**FAI Soccer Camp - 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Carney, from 10:30am to 3pm, for boys & girls aged 6 to 14. For details, see [www.fai.ie](http://www.fai.ie).

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