

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

www.oxfield.ie

oxfieldnewsletter@gmail.com

ISSUE 33 - JUNE, 2013

## Judging Time...

**Judging is underway** for this year's Tidy Towns Competition - good luck to the local entries! All residents of the Drumcliffe, Rathcormac, Carney and Rosses Point areas are being asked to help make the effort to keep their villages looking neat and tidy. The Carney Group meet on Tuesday evenings (7pm in the village), while the Drumcliffe Rathcormac Group meet twice monthly on Wednesdays (7pm from church car parks).

## One of a Kind...



*The one and only Margaret Regan being presented with a gift from the Rathcormac NS Parents Association to mark her unprecedented 16 years of amazing service to the school through her involvement with the PA and also for her time on the Board of Management.*

## Benbulbin Centre

**The Benbulbin Centre** (at Branley's Yard, R'cormac) is rebranding to the 'Benbulbin Craft Village & Adventure Centre'. With the Vintage Lane Café proving very popular, new carparking and outdoor seating areas have been added, and the Nature Walk is now fully open to the public. Family events are planned for the summer too including 'Craft Saturdays' with weekly vintage markets, historic talks, walking & cycling tours. For info call to the reception (next to the Café).

## Puddleducks...

**The Puddleducks Playschool** at the Oxfield Community Centre has some free ECCE childcare places available for next September. Anyone interested should contact Margaret Holland on 087 9780896 for details.

## Community Alert Update...

**Donations** - The committee and area coordinators have almost completed the task of calling to all households in the area to ask for a donation of €5. Approx €1,730 has been collected to date with a few more areas still to be completed. This represents around 350 participants which is a fantastic response.

**Text Alert Scheme** - The list of mobile numbers for the text alert system is being finalised. While every effort has been made to include each household there may be individual houses where there was no one at home when the area coordinator called or due to their isolation may have been overlooked. If anyone has not been contacted yet, please contact Eddie Sheahan, Secretary, on 086 3083178.

**Signage** - Austin O'Callaghan and his band of merry men (particularly Mick Gaughan and Eddie Savage) have erected the first 20 new highly visible signs and another batch has been ordered which will appear very soon in strategic locations.

**Personal Alarms** - We will soon be planning the roll-out of the personal alarm aspect of the Community Alert programme. Details will be circulated through the Oxfield Newsletter in due course.

**Thank You** - The committee would like to say thank you to all the area coordinators for their willing and diligent work, and also to the Oxfield Newsletter for their invaluable help.

## Night Climb...

**The 2013 Night Climb** of Benbulbin, the Sligo Leitrim Mountain Rescue Team's annual fundraising event, takes place on July 20th and once again the Oxfield Community Centre will be the parking base on the day. Online registrations now open at [www.sligoleitrimmrt.ie](http://www.sligoleitrimmrt.ie).

## FunDay Thank You

**A big THANK YOU** to everyone who attended, supported and helped out at FunDay Monday on June 3rd. It was probably our best yet, all made possible by the generosity of all of our sponsors and donors (the list is too long to mention here - so see [oxfield.ie](http://oxfield.ie)). And to our extended team of volunteers who made the magic happen... we salute you! Proceeds go towards the ongoing improvement of facilities at the Oxfield Community Centre.



*What its all about - kids having a ball watching the Puppet Show (photos by ConDoh Photo)*



*John Casserly (who seems to be doing all the work!) and Team Abtech, winners of the Ox of Oxfield Tug-O-War competition.*



*Congrats to Laurence Cassels who won the FunDay Monday Raffle, being presented a brand new Viking Shtil lawnmower on behalf of Oxfield (thanks again to Ronan and Derek of NWG for donating the brilliant prize)*

With thanks to...



**Northwest Grass Machinery**  
Supplying all your garden machinery needs

Rathcormac Village | 071 9143669 or 087 2434835

**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**

Ronan Kerrigan & Derek Chambers

## News Round Up...



Members of the Oxfield Carney 10k Organising Committee presenting a cheque for €750 to the Drumcliffe Community Care Group

**Congratulations** - to the 2nd and 6th class pupils from the local schools who recently received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation respectively.

**Shanty Festival Success** - A big well done to everyone involved in the Rosses Point Sea Shanty Festival which was a rip roaring success again this year.

**Mountain Writing** - An RTE news crew was among those who visited the 'Welcome G8' message at the foot of Benbulbin, courtesy of the local Benbulbin Speaks Gathering Event committee.

**Mid Summer Barn Dance** - Country & Western Barn Dance In Maugerow Hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Music by Brendan & Pat Magee with dancing from 10pm to 12.30am. Admission €8 and supper served. Proceeds in aid of new kitchen for the Parish Hall.

**Oxfield Improvements** - The facilities at the Oxfield Community Centre continue to go from strength to strength. This summer will see a number of improvements, including:

- Re-varnishing & re-lining of the existing indoor sports floors.
- Widening/kerbing of the outdoor running/walking track (by the North Sligo Athletics Club)
- New set-down and carparking trial layout to improve safety at Oxfield for everyone

**Carney Roadworks** - Resurfacing works will take place on the Oxfield Road between Carney Village and Oxfield in coming days, so please drive with caution. It is hoped that the widened road will be marked to cater for cyclist and pedestrians.

**Mr & Mrs** - Congrats to the Gilmartins and Carrolls, joint winners of the D'cliffe Rosses Point GAA Club's Mr & Mrs Competition in Shenanigan's on Sat June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Club would like to say a big thanks to all those who took part, supported, sponsored and helped out with the event.

**Summer Camp** - The Rathcormac Art-Sport-Drama Summer Camps return this summer, July 8th to 12th and July 15th to 19th. The camps cater for kids aged 4 to 12. Contact Olivia on 087 7782233.

**Football Camps** - Registrations are also open online for this year's GAA Cúl Camp (15th to 19th July) and the FAI Soccer Camp (19th to 23rd August), both of which take place in Oxfield.

**Sam Maguire** - A welcome visit...



Welcome to Rathcormac NS, Sam! (Hopefully you won't be a stranger in the years ahead!)



Megan Brady, Rachel Quigley, (Sam Maguire), Sinead Regan & Molly Brady who won the GAA Amigos skills competition for the 2nd year in a row with their new 'self designed' jerseys that they won for the school

**U12 Champs** - Congrats to the D'cliffe Rosses Point U12 Girls who defeated near neighbours Calry to win the County League title recently. A fantastic achievement (great to hear those car horns touring the parishes yet again!).

**Camogie Finals** - Congrats to the Rathcormac NS's indoor camogie team who made history when they became the first hurling/camogie team from the school to make it to the county finals. Well done girls!

**Youth Olympics** - Congrats and best wishes to local athletes William Crowe and Cian McBride who have both qualified to represent Ireland at the European Youth Olympic Festival, which will be held in Holland from July 14th to 19th.

**Karate Break for Summer** - The North Sligo Higashi Club at Oxfield (on the back of a successful local media campaign!) will take their summer break from July 5th and will start back again in September. Well done to all the students and their coaches for another powerful year!

**U14 Féile Girls** - Best of luck to the D'cliffe Rosses Point U14 Girls panel (and their coaches and supporters) who will take part in the All-Ireland Féile in Derry at the end of June.

**Yeats Utd AGM** - Hubert Keaney, Jean Gaule and Rosaleen Holland will continue in their officer roles at the club for the coming year.

**Yeats Girls** - Another prosperous season. The U18 Girls (pictured below) won their Shield in a local final against neighbours Benbulbin FC while the U16s reached the League Final (which was played in the Showgrounds and was a great occasion). The U14s and U12s have also had a great season with the U12s through to their league final.



## For Your Diary...

**Table Quiz** (for Irish Kidney Assoc'n) Harp Tavern, Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Jun, 9:30pm

**Grange Celtic Fringe Festival** - Grange Village, 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**Mid Summer Barn Dance** - Maugerow Hall, Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July, 10pm

**Art-Sport-Drama Summer Camps** - Rathcormac NS, weeks 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July

**Kelloggs GAA Cúl Camps 2013** - Oxfield, 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July

**SLMRT Night Walk on Benbulbin** - From Oxfield, 20<sup>th</sup> July

**North Sligo Agricultural Show** - Grange, Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> August

**Benbulbin Speaks Festival** - Rathcormac, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August

**FAI Summer Soccer Camp** - Oxfield, 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Thanks again to...



**Northwest Grass Machinery**

Supplying all your garden machinery needs

**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**

Rathcormac Village  
071 9143669  
087 2434835

Ronan Kerrigan & Derek Chambers