

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Need a Laugh?...

Everything looking a bit serious these days? Well, maybe you need a bit of laugh. On Wednesday 16th March, the eve of St. Paddy's day, a one off comedy and music night takes place in Henry's Bar & Restaurant in Drumcliffe.



For a recession beating €20, you will be treated to a full buffet meal, followed by comedy from the one and only Frank Ford, and then capped off by live music. It promises to be a super night out!

Tickets are limited, so get yours now from - Henry's Restaurant 071 9173985  
- Michael Kilcoyne 087 6755753  
- Brian McNulty 087 8366562

## Rathcormac NS...

**Organic Garden** - The school has received a grant of €1,000 towards developing a school garden which will start this month. Half of this funding is from the Dept of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the matching half is from Sligo County Council.

**Green** - The school committee are very busy working towards achieving their second Green Flag for energy awareness and conservation, and they hope to announce details of related events soon.

**Vouchers & Old Phones** - The school is looking for help in collecting Tesco 'Schools & Clubs' vouchers. In addition, they are collecting old mobile phones for The Jack & Gill Children's Foundation. If you can help on either front, please drop into the school office during school hours. All support much appreciated.

## Variety Concert...

The Annual Maugerow Variety Concert takes place this Friday 11th March in Maugerow Parish Hall, at 8.15pm. Admission is €5 (adults) and €3 (kids). The money raised at the Raughley St Stephens Day Swim and Fun Run will be presented to Cregg House and the MS Therapy Centre at the interval. All welcome!

## Speed Cameras...

New speed camera signs have been erected on the N15 on the approaches to Drumcliffe/Rathcormac and Grange recently as part of An Garda Síochána's safety cameras scheme. These locations were identified as having a history of speed related accidents, therefore mobile cameras will now be more regular visitors. So watch your speed and drive safe!



## Dragons Den Win...

Congratulations to Patrick Leonard from Carney who won first prize of €1,000 at the finals of the Sligo VEC Dragons Den competition. The final was held on Tuesday 1st March in IT Sligo and Patrick, representing Grange Post Primary School, won with his innovative design for a cable tower unit. This is Patrick's second time to claim the title for his School having won it last year with his student locker organiser. An entrepreneur in the making!

## Community Art...

Well done to all of the budding 'artistes' who took part in this year's community games Art and Modelling events. The standard this year was as high as ever!



The results are available on the Community Games section of the Oxfield website ([www.oxfield.ie](http://www.oxfield.ie)). Best of luck to those who will now go on to represent the area in the County Finals later this month.

## Carney's New Gala...

Carney's local convenience store is now under new management, the same people who run Tuffy's Gala Store, Ballina.

## Who's Got Talent?



You are invited to step up to the plate and use your talents to help others. The Drumcliffe "Who's Got Talent" event is on Saturday 9th April in Collins Pub, Rathcormac. All types of acts are welcome, however please note that the number of entries will be limited, so contact Dymphna (086 8358679) or Mary (087 6546580) as soon as possible to enter your act. Proceeds will go towards Sligo Hospital Oncology Unit Trust (SHOUT).

## Carney 10k...

The Carney 10k Road Race, now in its fifth year, has become one of the cornerstones of the running/walking calendar of North Sligo in recent years. This year promises to take the event to a new level, with chip timings, kids and walking events, and post event catering.

**Date** - Easter Monday 25th April

**Registration** - Either online at [runireland.ie](http://runireland.ie) (€12) or on the day at Oxfield (€14).

**Times** - Kids Fun Run at 11am in Oxfield; 10k Walk starts in Carney at 11:30am; 10k Run starts in Carney at 12noon.

**Proceeds** - proceeds of this year's race will go towards the Oxfield Community Centre and the Sligo Family Resource Centre. If anyone would like to run or walk for Oxfield, please pick up a sponsorship card from Oxfield or download one from [www.oxfield.ie](http://www.oxfield.ie).

## Style Advice?...

Bernie Delaney, Style Coach, will be hosting a unique top to toe styling advice night on Wednesday 23rd March at 8pm in the Sligo Tennis Club. All welcome! Proceeds are in aid of the 2011 CosCos Sean Nós Festival which takes place in Rathcormac in May.

## Karate Grading...

The North Sligo Higashi Karate Club held their first ever formal Karate grading last month. Some 24 students were assessed on the skills including kicks, punches, blocks and combinations. 23 students received 8th Kyu (white belt) and 1 receiving a second grade of 7th Kyu (yellow belt).



Everyone showed great spirit and discipline making all present very proud indeed. Once again a big 'Congratulations' to all the new Karate-Ka at NSH from your Sensei Nolan, Noone and Willis.



Why not give Karate a go? If you are 7 or older and want to try out the martial art of Karate and meet new friends, come down to Oxfield any Friday at 7pm. Remember, first class is free of charge! For further information contact Colin on 087 6680967.

## Scór Na nÓg...

The Drumcliffe Rosses Point GAA Club had great success at the County Scór competitions recently.

County titles were won by Sean Nós dancer Eileen Leonard, the Club's music group (Noelle Carroll, Ray Slevin, John Henry, Mairin Mannion and Mairead Clancy), and by the Club's instrumental group (Denis Regan, John Scott, Niamh Mooney & John Henry). The table quiz team of Shane Nealon, Gerry Creamer and Tony Hallissy were narrowly beaten.

The winners will now go on to represent Club and County at the Connaught Finals.

## Some Dates for the Diary...

**Annual Maugerow Variety Concert** - Maugerow Parish Hall, Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Mar, 8:15pm sharp

**Yeats United Table Quiz** - Collins, Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Mar, 9pm

**Oxfield Comedy & Music Night** - Henry's Restaurant, Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Mar, 8pm

**Style Advice Night** - Tennis Club, Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar, 8pm

**Rathcormac Tidy Towns Quiz** - Collins, Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mar, 9pm

**Earth Hour** (just turn off all lights!) - Your home, Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Mar, 8:30-9:30pm

**Rathcormac NS Parents Table Quiz** - Collins, Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Apr, 9pm

**Drumcliffe's 'Who's Got Talent?'** - Collins, Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Census 2011** - Your house, Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Carney-Lissadell 10k** - Carney & Oxfield, Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Community Games Athletics** - Area: Oxfield, Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> May (2.30pm)  
County: Sligo IT, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Jun

**Community Games Swimming** - County: Sports Complex, Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jun

## Grow Your Own...

**Want to learn how to grow your own food?** Here's your chance. Martin Byrne, an experienced organic garden tutor from The Organic Centre, will be running sessions at the Rathcormac community garden on the grounds of the old National School. The sessions will run every Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm from March until October. Note there is a contribution of €40 for the year.



You will learn how to grow organic vegetables, and you can take home what you grow. There will also be cooking sessions run by an experienced chef. For info and application forms, contact Hans: 071 9854338 / hans@theorganiccentre.ie.

## Circuit Training...

Circuit training in Oxfield is going from strength to strength... literally... with both Tuesday and Saturday sessions now almost full. If you haven't already tried it, you really should. For fitness, strength, and conditioning, you couldn't do any better.

The sessions run on Saturdays from 12 noon to 1pm, and on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. It costs €5 per session, and also includes advice on exercise, nutrition, equipment etc. All welcome! For further information, contact Sean on 087 9784628, or check out online at www.oxfield.ie.

## Scout Hikes...

11th Sligo Benbulbin Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts are both looking forward to their first county hikes this month. The Beaver Scouts will be tackling the Barnaribbon walk while the Cub Scouts will be challenged on the Glencar trek.

## Boxing Report...

Two of the lads from the new Maugerow Amateur Boxing Club weighed in for last month's Sligo / Leitrim / Roscommon boxing championships which took place in Manorhamilton. Arron Fallon got to the final but in the end had to settle for silver as he met a very strong opponent from the Drumsna boxing club. Unlucky Declan O'Brien did not get to fight on the day due to a lack of suitable opponents.

The club trains every Monday and Wednesday in the Grange sports complex from 7 to 9pm, and new members are always welcome!

## Hurling Coaching...

Hurling coaching for children aged 6 to 12 years (born 2005 - 1999) is now running in Oxfield every Saturday morning from 11.45am to 1.00pm. New children are always welcome, and remember there is no need to purchase helmets or hurls for the first few weeks. Come along and see if you like it! For further details contact Aidan on 087 9785311.

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