

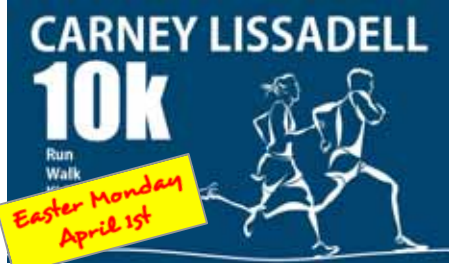
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Carney Lissadell 10k Road Race...



Online entries for the 2013 Carney Lissadell 10k Road Race are now open (see www.oxfield.ie). This year includes the usual 10k run, 10k walk and kids fun runs. Details as follows:

Entry - €12 online, €15 on the day
10am - Registrations (Oxfield)
11am - Kids Fun Run (Oxfield)
11:30am - 10k Walk Starts (Carney)
12 noon - 10k Run Starts (Carney)

Proceeds this year will go to the Oxfield Community Centre and the local Care of the Elderly Group. Volunteers are being asked to help out on Easter Monday (10am to 1pm). A meeting of race volunteers is being held on Wed 20th March at 9pm in Oxfield - all welcome.

Parents Quiz...

The Rathcormac NS Parents Assoc are holding their annual table quiz on Friday 22nd in Collins Lounge at 9:30pm. The proceeds from the event, which is being run on behalf of the school, will go towards this year's school tours. All welcome!

Every Cent Counts

The Carney Ladies Mini Marathon Team has launched its 2013 "Every Cent Counts" campaign. Please put all that loose change to good use and donate it to Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit at Sligo Regional Hospital (chosen charity for 2013). Please drop off your donations to the Drumcliffe Tea House & Craft Shop. "No coin too small, we will count it all".

Community Alert Update...

Coordinators Meeting: A meeting of the Drumcliffe/ Rathcormac Area coordinators took place on Tues 12th March at which training was given by Vanessa Clarke from Muintir na Tire. At the meeting it was unanimously agreed to implement a new signage programme as soon as possible together with the launch of the "Text Alert Programme".



In order to fund these two initiatives it was decided to ask each household in the area of responsibility to make a contribution of €5. This will initially replace twenty of the existing signs with new highly visible signs warning of the existence of a "Text Alert Area" and it will also cover the cost of signing up to the "Text Alert" Service Provider. It is hoped that the Area Coordinators will call to each household in their area over the next number of weeks to collect this contribution and to explain the "Text Alert" system. The committee would be grateful for your cooperation in helping them to carry out this task.

Keeping You Informed: The committee hope to make the monthly Oxfield Newsletter their main vehicle for regular and helpful updates.

Ideas Welcome: The committee hopes to create a register of all those living alone or who are vulnerable with a view to creating an active means of communication for them with their closest neighbours. This is just one idea with many more to follow. As always the group is open to any good suggestions other people may have.

Local Gathering Events Update...

Official Launch: Congrats to both committees of the CosCos Festival and Benbulbin Speaks Gathering events (pictured below), which were launched by Fr. Michael Donnelly in front of a great crowd of supporters in Collins' earlier this month.



St Patricks Day Parades: Both committees participated in the Sligo and Grange St Patricks Day parades, and their highly colourful entry won the 'Community Prize' in the Sligo parade, and the 'Most Creative and Colourful Prize' in the Grange parade. Well done again to all involved.

CosCos Gathering Festival Update:
Event Date: Mon 6th to Sun 12th May
What is it? A week long festival celebrating the return of St Colmcille to Drumcliffe combined with the annual CosCos Sean Nós festival. It includes 10 workshops, 10 competitions, 10 sessions, 8 writers and poets, 4 Walks' Talks, 3 Concerts, 3 Ceili's, 2 'Cafe na Gaeilge', 1 Ballroom of Romance, 1 'Return of Colmcille' Spectacular Story Pageant.
More Info: www.coscos.ie or call Brenda on 086 1925988

Benbulbin Speaks Update:
Event Date: Fri 2nd to Mon 5th August
What is it? A weekend of events and activities culminating in two thousand and thirteen people walking to Benbulbin and choreographing a message of hope.
More Info: Contact Hubert on 087 6892610 or see www.benbulbinspeaks.com

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News Round Up...

Comedy Night - A big thanks to everyone who attended the annual Oxfield Paddy's Comedy Night last Saturday night where the one and only Frank Forde, once again, brought the house down. The Oxfield committee would like to express its appreciation to Mattie and his staff at Henry's for hosting the event and for putting on fantastic spread of food.

Rathcormac Tidy Towns - Many thanks to all who supported the recent Rathcormac Tidy Towns Coffee Morning/Bake Sale, especially the legion of supporters who provided an abundance of baked goods on the day. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! (Rathcormac Spring Clean in April - date tbc).

Carney Tidy Towns - In the coming weeks there'll be a spring clean of Carney village also, so keep eyes & ears open for the date.

RNLI - Many thanks to all who supported and sponsored the Sligo Yacht Club's recent RNLI fundraiser which raised almost €2,000 for the Sligo Bay RNLI station.

Social Dancing - The Drumcliffe Development Association runs a social dance each Sunday in the Clarion Hotel from 3 to 6pm. There is a different live band each week and the music includes waltzes, quick steps etc. Teas and coffees included and there is also a free door prize. All welcome.

Scór Sinsear - The 2013 GAA Scór Sinsear (for over 17s) takes place in Mullinabrena Hall on Saturday 23rd March. Best wishes to everyone representing the Drumcliffe Rosses Point GAA Club.

Zumba - Continues on Mondays in Oxfield 8-9pm, and Wednesdays in Maugherow Hall from 7:30-8:30pm. To book contact Amanda on 086 8770525. Ditch the workout and join the party.

Badminton Ladies - Congrats to local girls Rebecca McGillen and Siobhan Parker who continue to blaze a trail on the badminton circuit. They were part of the Sligo Team which won an Irish Graded C Cup and an inter-county competition in February. Wishing them continued success.

Circuit Training - Circuits continues in Oxfield every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6:30pm. All welcome. For info contact Sean on 087 9784628.

Miriam Makes Summit - Well done to Miriam Connaughton Jones who successfully reached the summit of Kilimanjaro earlier this month for the Laura Lynn Childrens' Hospice.

Cross Country Ladies - Big Congrats to the North Sligo Athletic Club's Women's Intermediate Team on achieving 3rd place in the National Intermediate Cross Country Championships in Derry last month, which included local girls Una McCool from Carney and Linda Lally from Rathcormac.

Tennis Returns - Tennis coaching kicks off again in Oxfield after Easter on Fridays from 5-6pm for 5 to 9yrs and 6-7pm for 9 to 12yrs. For more info check out www.allwintennis.com.

Rathcormac 8k - Preparations are well underway for the Rathcormac 8k event which takes place in a new Spring slot on Sunday April 14th. Online registrations can be made at www.runireland.com.

Little Ninjas...

Congrats to the 25 karate students who attended their recent grading exam. A big thanks to all parents who came along to support their little Ninjas on this big occasion. Everyone put in a great effort with all passing the skill tests with flying colours. The Instructors at the North Sligo Higashi Karate Club are very proud of you all. Training continues on Fridays in Oxfield. New starters welcome to try it out.



Little Ninjas from the North Sligo Higashi Karate Club at Oxfield following their recent grading exam.

Playtime Markings

The playground at Rathcormac NS has received a colourful facelift lately, with new playground games, a basketball court and football pitch marked out. Well done to the Staff, Parents Association and Board of Management who paid for the paint. A particular word of thanks to Sean and the parent volunteers who helped to paint the yard, and to Edward Kisby who painstakingly cut out all of the stencils.



Staff & volunteer parents applying the markings.



Michael Bell giving nature workshops to students at the school recently.

For Your Diary...

North Sligo Walking Group - Grange Loop, Wed 20 Mar, 10:30am
B'wisken Loop, Wed 27 Mar, 10:30am

Rathcormac NS Easter Holidays - Closes Fri 22nd Mar @ 12.30pm.
Re-opens Mon 8th Apr.

Rathc NS Parents Assoc Table Quiz - Collins, Fri 22nd Mar, 9:30pm.

Carney Lissadell 10k Run & Walk - Oxfield/Carney, Mon 1st April

Pageant Costume'n'Prop Workshops - Old School, 2nd to 6th Apr, 10am to 12pm, 1 to 3pm, 4 to 6pm

M'row Community Games Athletics - School Field, Sun 7th Apr, 2pm

Gala Spring Concert (for RNLI) - Radisson Hotel, Sat 13th Apr, 8pm

Rathcormac 8k Run & Walk - Rathcormac School, Sun 14th April

Music in Drumcliffe - Drumcliffe Church, 3rd to 6th May

CosCos Gathering Festival - Rathcormac/D'cliffe, 6th to 12th May

D'cliffe Community Games Athletics - Oxfield, Sun 19th May, 2:30pm

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