

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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CosCos Success...

Celebrating their 5th Sean Nós Festival, the CosCos dance group once again turned on the style and produced a most memorable weekend of music, dance and fun. Huge crowds swarmed to Rathcormac and Drumcliffe to enjoy a huge range of top class talent over 3 days - Céilí Bands, storytellers, set dancers, lilters, whistlers, fiddle and flute players, bodhrán beaters, drummers, singers and of course tea-pourers!



Door dancing, music, song and story - the scene outside the Rathcormac History Centre on the Sunday morning of the CosCos Sean Nós Festival

Well done to everyone involved, especially Brenda O'Callaghan, Dorothy Gillen, and the CosCos troupe. And also to all the performers, musicians, dancers, tutors, food vendors, vintage car owners, and sponsors for helping to make it a special occasion yet again. Here's looking forward to 2012!

Dancing Flags...



The CosCos dancing flags in Rathcormac green

There's a good chance these dancing flags caught your eye recently. They are the product of a CosCos community initiative, which saw everyone from young school kids to 94 year old grandmothers help paint and decorate them, under the guidance of Donegal artist Sherry Scott. The flags will become a landmark and dramatic feature of future CosCos festivals. Well done to all who got involved, and thanks to the Sligo Leadership Partnership which provided funding and support.

A Talented Lot...

"One of the best nights out locally in many years" is how people who attended the recent 'Drumcliffe's Got Talent' event described the experience. With a diverse range of superb acts, and a novel voting system, the night was a huge success in raising much needed funds for the Sligo Hospital Oncology Unit Trust (SHOUT).



The Benbulbin Blues Brothers - Gerry Clancy, Pdraig Fowley and Jim Doherty tune up before their live performance

Lynette Slevin was the winner on the night, wowing the audience with her singing (has anyone a number for that Simon Cowell guy?) - well done to Lynette and to all the other acts, and also many thanks to those who attended and those involved in organising the event.

FunDay Ahead...

Preparations are well underway for this year's family fun day event which takes place bank holiday Monday, 6th June. Last year it hosted over 1,000 visitors and this year promises to be just a good, and will include some new activities, one being kids pony rides. There will also be a kids fancy dress parade, the huge bouncy 'city', novelty games and races, face painting, balloons, kids drumming workshops, BBQ, live music, martial arts demos, and so much more.



The centrepiece is the 'Ox of Oxfield' tug-o-war competition which was simply 'epic' last year. Teams of 5 can be entered at €50 per team - contact Brian (087 8366562) or Damien (086 1086820) for entry forms.

A Tidy Start...

Rathcormac Tidy Towns recently held its first village-wide Spring Clean event with more than 40 residents and 50 scouts of all ages helping to tidy up the village and its environs. Thanks again to everyone who helped out!



Some of the 'tidy' neighbours who collected over 40 bags of rubbish in Rathcormac village recently

This great start will soon be followed up when approx 225 students from Rathcormac School hold a second 'Spring Clean' event as part of their Green Flag activities.

In the build up to Rathcormac's entry in the 2011 Tidy Towns competition, all local businesses and residents are being asked to do their bit in tidying up and enhancing their own properties and surrounding areas.

Proud Scouts...



Ellen and Eoin from the local 11th Sligo Benbulbin Scout Group leading the Beaver Colonies, the Cub Sixes and the Scout Patrols on their Investiture day

There was a great sense of pride at the recent official welcoming (Investiture) of the local 11th Sligo Benbulbin Scout Group back into the Scouting Ireland fold. All the hard work of dedicated volunteers came to fruition with the Investiture of 63 children and 12 adults, who now look forward to many years of Scouting adventures. The Group would like to say a big thank you to the Parent and Friends Support Group for all their help and support.

Slow Down...

A new and much needed speed ramp was installed last month to slow down cars entering Oxfield (signage to follow shortly). Drivers...please keep your speed down, particularly for the safety of young kids.



A special word of thanks to Road Sign Services and Rennicks who very kindly sponsored the ramp and warning signs respectively, and to our own Declan Howley who has now become Drumcliffe's speed ramp installation specialist.

Sleeves Rolled Up...

The Oxfield Committee hopes to apply for funding to replace the existing roof of the main hall shortly. Another proposal being looked at is to convert the existing and little used squash court into 2 floors with multipurpose community spaces. We would welcome any comments on this proposal from the community.

In the meantime, the Committee is rolling up its sleeves to carry out some remedial and improvement works on the existing buildings. And we are seeking the help of any local tradespeople who would be willing to volunteer some time to help out. If interested, please contact one of our committee members or email us at oxfieldcentre@gmail.com.

Baby Picnic...

The Carrigans Mother & Baby Group based in Maugherow invites babies, their siblings and parents to a fun picnic at Lissadell Beach on Thurs 19th May at 11am. Bring your own food and drinks. (If it rains, the picnic will be deferred to the following Thurs so stay tuned to Ocean FM). Note the Baby Group meets at 11am on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month in Carrigans Health Centre. All welcome!

Helping Ray Serve

Good luck to Ray Slevin who is raising money to help the SERVE charity which looks after the disadvantaged in Thailand. Ray is holding a race night in Collins on Sat 28th May. All welcome - people can also donate online at: www.mycharity.ie/event/raymond_slevins_event

Some Dates for the Diary...

- Baby Picnic** - Lissadell Beach, Thurs 19th May, 11am
- First Holy Communion** - Rathcormac, Sat 21st May, 11am
- Community Games Athletics** - Area: Oxfield, Sun 22nd May
- Confirmation** - Thursday 26th May, 4pm
- Yeats United AGM** - Collins, Fri 27th May, 8:30pm
- SERVE Charity Race Night** - Collins, Sat 28th May, 9:30pm
- Oxfield Family 'FunDay Monday'** - Oxfield, Mon 6th Jun, 2:30pm

10k Run Flourishes

The Carney Lissadell 10k event held at Easter was the biggest and best yet. Some 400 runners/walkers took to the main course through the Lissadell Estate, but only after kids ran their 'fun runs' in Oxfield. The chip timings and balloon wearing pace-setters were a great addition, and it was all capped off with some fine tucker back at Oxfield. Well done to Colin, Mel, Cindy and the organising committee, and a big thanks to all the volunteers, Marshalls, participants, spectators and sponsors.



And they're off - running in the sunshine at the 2011 Carney Lissadell 10k last month.

Tennis Coaching...

Adult tennis is coming to Oxfield with cardio tennis classes for all abilities on Friday evenings. The course will run for 5 weeks and the cost is €25 - all equipment is provided. The classes are a mixture of cardio tennis (i.e. tennis with plenty of drills and stations to get you into your cardio zone), and skill development. Classes start Friday 13th May at 7pm. To book a place text Olwyn on 086 3514123. Junior coaching continue on Fridays: 4-6 yrs from 4-5pm, 7-9 yrs from 5-6pm and over 10s from 6-7pm.

Yeats Silverware...

Congrats to both the U12 and U14 Yeats Utd boys teams who won some silverware recently. The U12s won the Sligo Leitrim Development title, while the U14 Boys took their league title. Credit also goes to both sets of team managers, Declan McGarry and Bill Crowe in U14, and Joe and Mickey Feeney in U12 Developments.



Yeats U12 Development League Winners

Please note that the Yeats Utd AGM takes place on Friday 27th May at 8.30pm in Collins. The club eagerly encourages all parents and supporters to attend and become involved in the running of the club.

Circuit Training...

Please note that CT in Oxfield now runs every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6:30pm. For further information, contact Sean on 087 9784628.

Basketball Title...

Give it up for the Drumcliffe U16 boys basketball team who won the Community Games county final in some style recently. A brilliant achievement - well done lads! Congrats also to Peter McHugh and his coaches



Our Local All Stars - County Sligo U14 Basketball Champions 2011

New Local Business

New venture "Little Learners Pre-School" opens up this coming Sept in the Drumcliffe area. For details contact 087 9680744. Also, keep an eye out for a new shop / café in Branley's Yard, Rathcormac, which will open soon.