

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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500 Club Draw...

A huge thanks to everyone who has supported the Oxfield 500 Club Draw so far. The reception at the doors all over the area has been very positive, which shows how much people value the existing Centre and also how much they want to see an improved community facility for the future. The good reception to date gives us hope that we can reach our target of 500 members.



For those who have not yet got their tickets, remember there are 66 great prizes - including €1,000 in cash prizes every month, star prizes of an iPad2, a family holiday in Marbella, 500 litres of home heating oil, a suite of garden furniture, as well as a grand prize of €10,000.

Tickets will cost €10 per month (or €100 up front) which equates to as little €1.92 per week (based on the €100 option). Contact any of our ticket sellers or enter online at www.oxfield.ie.

Sculpture Club...

A local Sculpture Club starts on Wednesday December 7th in Rathcormac, from 7pm-9pm. Adult classes with Jerusha Vaughan (€15 per person) will cover hand-building with clay. The joy that comes with working with clay and creating through your own imagination that final ceramic piece to take home will be so rewarding! Why not give it a go?

No.1 Halloween Party...



Number One! DJ Michael 'Mario' Farrell spinning the discs at the recent Oxfield Halloween Party

Oxfield's recent 'happy Halloween party' for kids was a rip-roaring success with hundreds of costumed kids and parents from all over the area enjoying the event.

Thanks again to everyone who attended, supported, sponsored, and helped out on the day! A special word of thanks to Margaret Regan and her team for superb catering, and also to Michael 'Mario' Farrell of Generations Discos who put on a great 'light and sound' show! (Generations Discos 087 2566526).

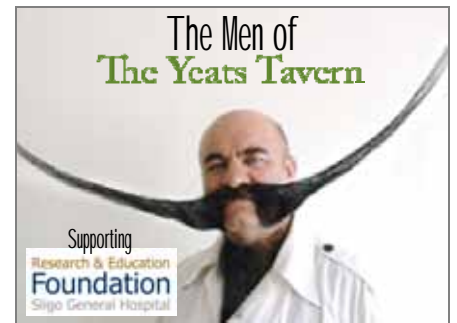


Active Age Social...

Thanks also to everyone who attended the recent Social Evening in Oxfield to celebrate positive ageing week 2011. Tom Campbell provided his usual mix of tunes for the dancers, while other activities included bowls, putting, a world-wide-web corner and of course the usual spread of refreshments. Watch out for more events, services and activities coming soon to Oxfield catering for the 'slightly' more senior members of the community.

Season of Growth?

The men of The Yeats Tavern restaurant are growing moustaches for men's health awareness in Sligo in association with The Research and Education Foundation charity at Sligo General Hospital. Join them for the "Shave Off" in WB's Bar @The Yeats Tavern on Saturday 3rd December for some skilled 'de-bearding' and entertainment on the night.



Evening Walks...

The Oxfield evening walking club continues every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening under the floodlights from 8:30pm to 10pm. So get active...all welcome as usual.

New Playground...

Congratulations and well done to everyone involved in fundraising, supporting and developing the brilliant new 'North Sligo Playground' in Grange which has just opened to the public. It's a fantastic facility, with all sorts of play equipment for kids, and all set around the existing trees in the centre of the village. It's a great example of what a community can achieve with a shared vision, determination and hard work.

Creative Writing...

Given that we are in the heart of Yeats Country, it's no wonder the recent creative writing workshops at the Drumcliffe Teahouse were a great success again. Watch out for details of new workshops kicking off again in late January.

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4 Peaks for Cregg

15 volunteers, including local men Jim Doherty and Trevor Ferguson, completed the 4 peaks challenge recently to raise funds for Cregg House. They climbed over 2,500 metres and travelled over 800 miles in just 3 days! Money is still coming in - so the team will announce the total raised at a later date. Well done guys!



The Cregg Group near the summit of Ireland's highest mountain, Carrauntoohil.

Xmas Day Swim...

Brrrrrrrrrrrr...a festive fancy dress Christmas Day swim will take place at Lissadell beach at 12noon on the big day in aid of the Irish Motor Neurone Disease. Hardy souls interested should contact Ian Flanagan for sponsorship cards on 087 6220116.

Local Baby Group

Carrigans Baby Group has been busy in recent weeks, including a coffee morning to celebrate National Breast Feeding Week and an information / demonstration session on first aid for babies and toddlers. Both events were well attended.

The Baby Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month in Carrigans Health Centre from 10.30am to 12 noon - all are welcome! For more information contact 087 7930075.

Local Walk Makes Sligo Walking Guide...

The recently developed 4km Gortarowey looped walk along the foot of Benbulbin has been featured in a new 48 page publication covering all the best upland, coastal and forest walks in the county. Pick up a copy in the tourist office or check out online www.sligowalks.ie.

A BIG Thanks...

A huge thanks goes to our team of volunteer ticket sellers who are giving up their evenings to go door to door to sell 500 Club tickets. It's not an easy task, but they are doing it with a quiet determination and a smile on their faces, and all for a worthy cause which will ultimately benefit the entire community. Again thank you, thank you, thank you!



Oxfield 500 Club Ticket Sellers Survival Kit?

Tennis Update...

Tennis continues on Fridays in Oxfield from 4-5pm for U8s and 5-6pm for 9-12s. The adult cardio tennis is over now until spring. For info contact Olwyn 086 3514123.



Frightening tennis - one of the young players from Oxfield at the recent Allwin junior Halloween festival.

St. Stephen's Tag...

This year's annual Drumcliffe/Rosses Point GAA club's St. Stephens day charity fundraiser will have a twist...Tag Gaelic. This is a game for everyone from 16 years and up, and all are welcome to participate! Teams of 10 will play a mini tournament at Oxfield on St. Stephens Day starting at 1pm. All

proceeds go towards Motor Neurone. Entry is €100 per team with soup, sambos and a presentation after in Henrys Bar/Restaurant. Anyone interested please contact Hughie Slevin 0860524629.

For the Diary...

Boxing Coaching - Oxfield, Thursdays @ 7:30pm

Junior Karate Classes - Oxfield, Fridays, 6-7pm for 7 to 9 yr olds, 7-8pm for 9+

Tennis Coaching - Oxfield, Fridays, (see item across)

Circuit Training - Oxfield, every Tue & Thur, 6:30pm

Sean Nós Dance for Kids - Rathcormac Hall, Mondays, U9s @ 3:15pm and Over 9s @ 4pm

Sean Nós Dance Classes - For Adults & Teens - Rathcormac Hall, Wednesdays @ 8:15pm

Set Dancing - Rathcormac Hall, Wednesdays @ 9pm

Volleyball for Mums - Oxfield, Wednesdays, 8:30pm

Basketball for Kids - Oxfield, Sundays, 3-4pm for 8 & 9 yr olds, 4-5pm for 10 & 11 yr olds

25 Card Game - Henry's Bar & Restaurant, Wed @ 8pm

Public Info Evening on 'Fracking' - Cliffoney Hall, Mon 14th Nov, 8pm

Christmas Shop Launch - Drumcliffe Tea House & Craft Shop, Fri 18th Nov, 7 to 9pm

Oxfield Annual Table Quiz - Yeats Tavern, Fri 18th Nov, 9:30pm

Rathcormac NS Parents Assoc - Davis's, Thursday 8th Dec, 8:30pm

Santa Wonderland - Oxfield, Sunday 18th December

School Xmas Holidays (Rathcormac) - Closes 23rd Dec - ReOpens 9th Jan.

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