

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Local Wildlife...

Did you know that birds and other wildlife use hedgerows in much the same way as humans use roads? Or that this part of Sligo is now home to one of the country's most invasive alien plant species?

Here's your chance to learn more about the wildlife, native flora and fauna, and the natural environment outside your door. The North Sligo Wildlife Programme, hosted by the Rathcormac Tidy Towns committee, consists of two talks on the wildlife of North Sligo. The talks will be given by Will Woodrow, an expert in wildlife and environmental projects, on two consecutive Thursday evenings, November 22nd and 29th at 7.30pm in Rathcormac school hall. The programme is supported by Sligo County Heritage Office.

500 Club Update...

October Results:

- 1st - Charlie & Catherine Kelly - €500
- 2nd - Joe Shannon - €200
- 3rd - Gerry Ferguson - €100
- 4th - Maureen Ntamina - €100
- 5th - Derek & Avril West - €100
- 6th - Niall Considine - €100 SuperValu voucher

Thanks to our October Sponsors:



A big thanks to Mattie and his staff at Henry's Bar & Restaurant for hosting the draw, to Martina Mullaney of SuperValu in Grange for sponsoring 6th prize, and to Brian Drury who acted as independent observer on the night.

N15 Resurfacing...

Resurfacing works will continue on the N15 between Rathcormac and Drumcliffe until early December. Traffic Management will be in place with significant delays expected.

Jaws (in Rathcormac!)



Calling all 'would-be' musicians... here's your chance to learn the Jaws Harp. Three Wednesday workshops for adults will be given by the one and only Rick Epping and will take place in the Old School in Rathcormac on November 14th, 21st and 28th, from 2 to 3pm. The workshops are being run as part of the Bealtaine Intergenerational Project. For more details contact Brenda on 086 1925988 or Leonard Cohen on +1-480-LEG-END.

Someone is Going Home with €10,000

It's here at last...the big one! The final draw of the hugely successful Oxfield 500 Club takes place in the Yeats Tavern on Friday November 30th at 10pm. The final ticket pulled will win the top prize of €10,000.



The draw takes place during the annual Oxfield Table Quiz which starts at 9:30pm, so why not make a night of it - gather a few friends or family, enter a team and have great night out with the locals! All welcome.

Social Night...

The Drumcliffe Development Association presents a social night of fun and laughter for one and all - 'The Ultimate Alternative Xmas Menu' - demonstrated by TV3 Celebrity Chef Joe Shannon and local Chef Ian Flanagan, takes place in the Yeats Tavern on Thursday December 6th at 9pm. There will be a complimentary Recipe Booklet for everyone on the night, and the cooking demo will be followed by live music and dance, a bumper raffle with spot prizes galore. All proceeds will go towards the Drumcliffe Development Association.

Busy Scouts...



The 11th Sligo Benbulbin Beaver Scouts who earned their Air Activities badge when they visited Sligo Airport recently.



Congrats also to the 11th Sligo Benbulbin Scouts quiz team who were runners-up in the recent Yeats County Quiz.

Car Boot Sale...

The Rathcormac NS Parents Association is running a car boot sale on Sunday 2nd December in the school yard from 11am to 1pm. Browsers and buyers welcome! For details contact Michelle on 087 9692502. All proceeds go to the PA in their efforts to support the school.

With thanks to this month's Newsletter sponsor...



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News Bites...

A Good Laugh - The DRP GAA Club would like to thank all those who attended 'For Club and Country' comedy play in Rathcormac Hall. A hilarious night's entertainment in support of the local GAA Club.

Santa's Date Announced - this year's Santa Wonderland at Oxfield is being held a bit earlier than usual - Sunday 9th December is the date. A great family event, not to be missed. (If anyone can help out on the day, please call Michael 087 6755753).

Carney Bridge is being returned to its former glory by great work being carried out by Sean Watters and crew.

The Drum Road got a little bit busier last week, with the arrival of new babógs in both the Percy and Carroll households. Congratulations to all!

Best Wishes to Michael Farrell with his 'Five Star Fun' indoor play centre which opens in Grange next month.

A Halloween Thank You to everyone who supported the Oxfield Halloween Party for kids, which went down a 'treat'. Well done to all the kids and their parents on all the great costumes. Thanks also to DJ Michael 'Mario' Farrell, to those who loaned their playhouses for the 'trick-or-treat' village, and of course to our trusty team of volunteers for all their time and effort.

Sean Nós dance classes for both adults and kids continue in Rathcormac Hall. Kids classes take place on Mondays (U9s at 3:15pm, over 9s at 4pm). Adults classes take place on Wednesdays, from 8 to 9pm, followed by set dancing at 9:15pm. Enquiries to Brenda on 086 1925988.

Local Brains - Congrats to Rosaleen Holland, Josie Waters and their team 'the Brains of Drumcliffe' who won the recent North Sligo Athletics Club table quiz in McClean's pub recently. Thanks to everyone who helped out and supported the event!

A successful Sligo County cross-country event was held in Oxfield last month with over 100 young athletes participating. Well done to Brian McBride and Tim McCarthy who set out the course and well done to all the kids who gave it their all on the day.

Little Athletics - if anyone is interested in helping to run 'Little Athletics' for young kids in Oxfield, please contact Marie Mullen of the North Sligo Athletics Club.

Kids Basketball...

Kids basketball coaching continues with the North Sligo Basketball Club every Sunday at the Oxfield Community Centre. Boys and girls 6 to 8 from 2-3pm; Boys 8 to 12 from 3-4pm; Girls 8 to 12 from 4-5pm. All welcome.

Rathcormac NS...

A big thanks to all the mums, dads, grandparents and siblings who supported the school's recent annual coffee day in aid of the North West Hospice. Thanks also to all who helped to make this event a huge success which raised €1,025.

Pupils in 5th and 6th class are currently involved in a lunch time initiative, through which they organise games and activities in the yard for the junior classes at lunch time. This is proving to be very popular with all the children and adds lots of colour to the yard.



The school was privileged to welcome Ian Barraclough, Gerry Carr, Keith O'Dwyer and Gavin Peers of recently crowned FAI League of Ireland winners Sligo Rovers, who visited the school with their trophy on November 6th.

The visit, the first to a school since becoming champions, caused great excitement. Ian, Gerry and Keith spoke to the assembled children and thanked everyone for their support all season. They also stressed the importance of physical activity and sport for all. The school would like to thank the lads for their time, and for signing autographs and staying on for photos.



Sha-Na-Na-Na! The kids of Rathcormac NS Sligo welcoming Sligo Rovers and their League trophy to the school earlier this month

Community Walks

The North Sligo Community Walking Group in partnership with Sligo Sport and Recreation of the 'Want 2 Move' project, continues its hugely successful walking series with 3 more walks planned for the North Sligo area. They last for about 1 to 1.5 hours, all are welcome, and a cuppa will be served afterwards.

Wed 14th - Rosses Point - starts at promenade beside church @ 10:30am (Dolores Rooney 087 7789754)

Wed 21st - Raghly - starts at Raghly Harbour @ 10:30am (Una Gillespie 087 7930075)

Wed 28th - Benwicken Centre Loop - starts at Benwicken Centre @ 10:30am (Sheilagh Banks 087 2037019)

For Your Diary...

Teahouse Christmas Shop Opening - Drumcliffe, Fri Nov 16th

North Sligo Wildlife Programme - U20 GAA Championship 1/4 Final - D'cliffe Rosses Point v Calry/St Jo's Hazelwood, Sun Nov 18th, 2pm

Jaws Harp Workshops (adults) - Old School, Rathcormac -
Wed Nov 21st, 2 to 3pm
Wed Nov 28th, 2 to 3pm

North Sligo 'Want 2 Move' Walks - Raghly Hbr, Wed Nov 21st, 10:30am
Benwicken Ctr, Wed Nov 28, 10:30am

North Sligo Wildlife Programme - Rathcormac School Hall
Talk 1 - Thurs Nov 22nd, 7:30pm
Talk 2 - Thurs Nov 29th, 7:30pm

Oxfield 500 Club November Draw - Yeats Tavern, Fri Nov 30th, 10pm

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

Car Boot Sale (Rathcormac NS PA) - School Yard, Sun Dec 2nd, 11am-1pm

Ultimate Xmas Menu Cookery Demo - Yeats Tavern, Thurs Dec 6th, 9pm

Santa Wonderland - Oxfield, Sun Dec 9th, 2:30 to 6:30pm

Thanks again to



Drumcliffe
TEA HOUSE & CRAFT SHOP

Christmas Shop Launch

Friday 16th November

Complimentary hot punch & mince pies
20% discount on the night!

All welcome