

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## The Big 'One'...



The Oxfield Community Newsletter was born this month last year, and has gone from strength to strength since. So, just to say thanks again to all those who contribute, sponsor and help out with this local (and we hope worthwhile) publication.

## Take a Bow - Our Community Games Organisers...

Anyone who has ever been involved in running the Community Games in any area knows the sheer effort required from the organising committee. Therefore would this year's committee please stand up and take a well deserved bow for a fantastic year's work...well done all and thank you!

2011 Drumcliffe CG Committee:

- Chairperson: Jacinta Monaghan,
- Treasurer: Pauline Flannery
- Secretary: Brian McBride
- Assistant Secretary: Margaret Regan
- Children's Officer: Martina Henry
- PRO: Christine McBride

## Doors Re-Open at Lissadell House...

In order to preserve its heritage status, Lissadell House has been re-opened to the public for a limited period, from August 19th to October 21<sup>st</sup>. Its open daily from 9am to 1.30pm, and admission is €6 (house), €10 (house & gardens), while Children are €3.

## Jumping for Gold...

Well done to Philip Hamilton from Carney - officially the best U14 hurdler in the country - after winning his gold medal at the National Finals of the Community Games in Athlone recently.



Philip, representing Drumcliffe and Sligo, in full flight at the National Finals

## Tidy Results...

The people behind the Carney and Rathcormac Tidy Towns initiatives deserve great credit on their marks in this year's National Tidy Towns competition. Carney scored 241 points, (up from 238 in 2010), while Rathcormac earned a very respectable 223 points on this their first outing. Both villages got some glowing comments from the judges - even Oxfield got a mention! Have a look at the scoring reports at [www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie).

While both Groups are keen to thank those who helped out this year, much more help is needed from the wider Community to make some real progress. So here's looking forward to seeing a much bigger effort from everyone for the 2012 competition!

For further info please contact 087 7834194 (for Carney) or 087 9973558 (for Rathcormac).

## Coffee Anyone?...



You are invited to take part in Ireland's biggest coffee morning on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and 12 noon in the Oxfield Community Centre in aid of the North West Hospice. Over 850,000 cups were served last year, which is sure to be surpassed this year now that Oxfield has the kettle on! Any donations of sambos, scones or biscuits on the day will be gratefully received.

## For the Diary...

**ICA Guild Meeting -**  
History Centre, Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sep, 8:30pm

**Boxing Coaching -**  
Oxfield, every Thursday, 7:30pm

**Yeats Utd Soccer Coaching (6-9 yrs)-**  
Oxfield, Starts Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Sep, 6pm

**Junior Karate Classes -**  
Oxfield, Resumes Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Sep, 6pm

**Kids GAA Coaching (5&6 yr olds) -**  
Oxfield, Back Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Sep, 9:45am

**Circuit Training Resumes -**  
Oxfield, back Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Sep, 6:30pm

**Coffee Morning (in aid of NW Hospice) -**  
Oxfield, Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Sep, 10am

**Kids Tennis Coaching -**  
Oxfield, Starts Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Sep  
6-7pm for 5-8 yrs, 7-8 for 9-13 yrs

**Intermediate Ladies County Final -**  
D/RP v's Curry, Tubber, Sat 17<sup>th</sup>, 3pm

**Sligo 8k Road Race & Fun Walk -**  
Rosses Point, Sat 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

**Arthur's Day -**  
Your Local, Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep, 17:59

**Yeats Utd Fundraising Auction -**  
Collins, Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, 3pm

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## New ICA Season...

The local ICA Guild is already looking forward to a new season of activity. This year the group is supporting the 11th Sligo Benbulbin Scouting Group through various fundraising drives.



Members of the Drumcliffe ICA presenting a cheque in support of the Drumcliffe Development Association

The ICA is a very welcoming group. Fun, friendship and support are at the centre of everything that they do. Anyone interested can come to an 'open night' to be held in early October in the History Centre in Rathcormac, where you can chat to members etc. The guild meets in the History Centre on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30pm.

## Supporting Cregg

A group of about 10 Sligonians, including Rathcormac's Jim Doherty, will climb the highest peaks in the 4 provinces in early October to raise much needed funds for the Wisdom Services in Cregg House. The event will take place over 3 consecutive days and the volunteers will be joined by a larger group for the final climb on Mweelrea mountain in Mayo. For further info or to support this event contact Angela Tonry 087 7985202 or Jim Doherty 087 2479756.

## Yeats' Young Guns

Yeats Utd soccer coaching for kids aged 6 to 9 re-commences on Friday 9th September from 6 to 7pm at Oxfield. New players always welcome. Emphasis will be on fun and participation as well as learning some basic soccer skills. Registration fee €30 for 10 weeks with a family rate of €45. Forms will be available from coaches at the sessions.

The club would also like to say a most sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to their recent 'Scrap Saturday' collection. Finally, a date for the diary - the Yeats United Fundraising Auction takes place on 16th October in Collins Lounge at 3pm.

## Fitting Circuits...

The hugely popular Circuit Training sessions in Oxfield will be resuming on Tuesday 13th of September. In addition to the regular Tuesday and Thursday sessions (which run from 6:30pm to 7:30pm) Sean and Mac will be running a Saturday session starting at 12 noon until the end of September and possibly further depending on demand. See you there!

## Girls Do Double...

Yet more success for the footballing girls of the area! This time it's the Drumcliffe/Rosses Point U12 girls who completed a double when they won their "A" County Championship. They defeated Eastern Harps by 6 points in the final on a score line of 5-4 to Eastern Harps 2-7. Congrats to Sean Cunningham and his back room team on a job well done.



The DRP GAA U12 Girls County Champions 2011

## Tennis Coaching...

Tennis coaching in Oxfield for boys and girls resumes on Friday 16th September from 6 to 7pm for kids 5 to 8yrs, and from 7 to 8pm for kids 9 to 13yrs. The cost will be €30 for the six week term. Adult coaching will also be running from 8-9pm, also on Fridays. For inquiries, please contact Olwyn on 086 3514123.

## Junior Karate...

Junior Karate returns on Friday 9th September. After a fantastic first year with over 30 students achieving their white belts, this year looks set to be just as successful. Classes run from 6-7pm and 7-8pm every Friday evening in the main hall at Oxfield and instruction is by qualified instructors (IMAC, IKAB & HKK). So if you want to learn a Martial Art while having loads of fun, why not give it a go. New members can be enrolled from Friday 9th. Contact Colin on 087 6680967 for info.

## Oxfield Centre News...

Keeping you up to date with what's going on behind the scenes at Oxfield

**Roof Repairs** - a group of locals are giving up their time to help us re-roof a section over the dressing rooms building. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Sep from 9am. All and any help appreciated.

**Caretaking** - Oxfield hopes to sponsor a new part time TUS worker in the coming weeks who will help us make some real improvements around the place.

**Paint Job** - Dulux are still processing 250 community projects, and so we eagerly await our consignment of paint with brushes and rollers in hand.

## Evening Walkers and Joggers...

Now with the days getting short again, the Oxfield evening walking club is set to resume service this month, with the floodlights lighting the track from 8:30pm to 10pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening. It's open to all so why not pop down and keep those feet moving. (Note that to cover the cost of the lights, a fee of €10 is being asked for, which will cover you for 3 sessions a week from September to Christmas - unbeatable value!)



Did you know that 8 laps of the Oxfield track represents a very healthy 5km walk / run?

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