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Night Time Walk a Big Hit...

An unprecedented crowd turned up in Oxfield at the end of July to join the Sligo Leitrim Mountain Rescue Team for a guided night time walk up Benbulbin. Over 220 people participated, of all ages and abilities, and they were rewarded for their efforts by the amazing bird's eye vista of Sligo at night.



Orderly queuing in Oxfield as the huge crowd register for their night time hike up Benbulbin.

The money raised now goes towards the vital service which the mountain rescue team provide in the Sligo/Leitrim areas. For those who missed out, the good news is that the mountain rescue team hope to make this an annual event, so here's already looking forward to July 2012!



Light trails from the torches of over 200 hikers during their descent from Benbulbin (they weren't birthday candles after all, Miriam!) - Photo by Ciaran Davis.

Schoolbook Lists...

How time is flying! Rathcormac NS reopens on Thursday 1st September. Just in case you've mislaid your schoolbook lists, they are available on the school's website at www.softwarecentral.ie/rathcormacns

Horseshoe Run...

Continuing the country's current obsession with running and all things active, over 200 walkers and runners took part in the spectacular Gleniff Horseshoe 10k event on 5th August. Despite a gruelling 2km uphill ascent at the start, it is quickly becoming one of the most popular road races around. Emmett Dunleavy of the Sligo AC was first (33:52), while the fist lady in was local girl Una McCool of the North Sligo AC (42:57). Well done again to Mell and the North Sligo Playground Group for organising!



Some of the hardy runners reaching the top of the gruelling 2km ascent. (Photo courtesy of www.legginit.com - track your fitness online)

Carney Ladies Give Again...

The Carney Ladies Mini Marathon Team handed over a cheque of €12,281 to the St. John's Hospital Garden Room fund recently, bringing the total for the project to nearly €250,000. Congrats to the local ladies and to all of their sponsors and supporters for a great fundraising effort.

ICA Guild Hit Galway...

Over 30 members of the Drumcliffe ICA guild went on a hugely successful trip to Galway recently. By all accounts the highlight was attending Daniel O'Donnell's concert in the Leisureland Arena. One report we've heard is that Daniel knew most of the Drumcliffe ladies by first name - real fans!

Keepin' it Tidy...

August is the last month for judging in the 2011 Tidy Towns competitions, so everyone in the Rathcormac and Carney areas are being asked to do their bit to help keep the villages looking in tip top shape. Results will be announced in September.

Scouts Year Ends...

The scouting year has come to an end and what a year it was! The recent Cub BBQ at Lissadell proved to be a great event - the older scouts helped run the day and also received their 'Camping 1' badges after their adventurous camp at Lough Keel. The younger Beavers had a great evening of backwoods cooking at the scout den.



The 11th Benbulbin Beavers Group enjoying their backwoods evening at the Scout Den.

After a very successful first season back the 11th Benbulbin Scout Group would like to thank all the leaders for all their time and effort throughout the year, and to the Parents and helpers for all their support. And already everyone is looking forward to getting back into full swing again in September.

70k Charity Cycle Heading this Way

Rathcormac and Glencar form part of the 70km route which the North West MS Therapy Charity Cycle will take on Sunday 21st August. Anyone interested in doing the spin can register on the morning from 9am at the MS Therapy Centre in Ballytinvnan. The cycle starts at 10am.

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Our GAA Future...

The recent GAA VHI Cúl Camp in Oxfield drew a huge number of kids, both girls and boys aged 6 to 13, to develop their skills in Gaelic football and hurling. Going from reports, the future of the Gaelic games in the area is bright. And it seems Drumcliffe is set to become a hurling hotspot (although we're told this may have something to do with the strong representation of Cork people on the Club's current coaching staff!).



The Drumcliffe / Rosses Point girls and boys on the last day of their 2011 Cúl Camp in Oxfield.

Also, a word of congrats to the Girl's U12 team who recently won their League with a string of fine performances. Well done to all involved.



The Drumcliffe / Rosses Point U12 girls team and their coaches.

Yeats Want Scrap...

Scrap Saturdays are back! Yeats United have just launched a novel fundraising effort. Every Saturday (up to 27th August), they will collect any unwanted metal objects from the around the house or yard, including aluminium, tin, steel, iron, copper or brass. If you have some scrap to donate, just contact one of their 'scrap merchants' - Michael Glennon 086 3717204, Breege Logan 086 4082553 or Fergal Henry 086 8394777.

Yeats Girls in Italy

The Yeats United girls U17 side took part in the 2011 San Marino Cup last month, the first girls team from the

Sligo/Leitrim league to play in a European tournament.



The Yeats Utd girls under 17 squad at the prize giving ceremony at the end of the San Marino Cup.

The trip saw 18 players and 5 coaches travel, after a full year of planning. The team competed in a tough group with 2 American and 2 Italian teams. Although they didn't make the final stages, the whole experience was an unqualified success in every way. Well done to the Club, the girls who took part, the coaches, the mums and dads, and the many others who contributed through sponsorship and fundraising activities.

Running For Ireland...

The North Sligo Athletics Club had a very successful end of season at the Woodies DIY Juvenile athletics championships in Tullamore recently. There were many individual and team Gold, Silver and Bronze medals won by Sligo athletes and also many more athletes performing very well for top 8 finishes. Congrats to all athletes for all their effort, and to the coaches, parents and supporters who made it all happen.



The North Sligo AC U15 Boys team on the podium after taking gold in the 4x100m competition.

Best of luck also to two young North Sligo AC athletes, Cian Mc Bride and Kieran Elliott, who have been selected on the AAI juvenile team to represent Ireland in the 2011 Celtic Games on Saturday 13th of August in Antrim where 17 countries will compete.

Gold in the Water...

Congrats to local lads Joseph Mooney (Drumcliffe) and Ronan Anderson (Ballincar) on their outstanding successes at the Irish Age Group Division swimming championships recently. Joseph won no fewer than 5 gold medals in the short course freestyle and backstroke events, while Ronan also won 5 gold and a silver in various medley, breaststroke and freestyle events. Maybe Oxfield should be looking at a swimming pool?

Oxfield Centre News...

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

Yellow Box - has been marked at the gates into the playing fields. We would ask everyone to keep this area free from parking to allow access in the event of an emergency on the pitches etc.

Railings - A temporary barrier arrangement has been set in place to help avoid conflicts between kids using the dressing rooms and vehicles using the car park.

Paint Job - We are just waiting for Dulux to deliver our paint and then it's on with the power-washers and painting clothes!

Funding Avenues - Oxfield is hoping to submit a funding application this month for a new insulated roof on the main hall, a new heating system and also to convert the existing squash court into new community spaces.

Caretaking - Oxfield is also applying for a part time caretaker under the Government's TUS community work placement scheme.

New Timetable - currently being prepared for September. Just a reminder that Circuits (Tues & Thurs @ 6:30pm) and Boxing (Thurs @ 7:30pm) continue as usual in August. Karate starts back on Friday 9th Sep. Watch out for new spinning classes - coming soon.

Next Committee Meeting - Set for Monday 5th September at 9pm. All welcome!

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