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Thoughts for the Day - The Joys of Anticipation...

Just before a friend arrives I like to sit and watch and wait and listen in anticipation for the footstep at the gate. For once the visitor has come. Time hurries on, the moments fly, there's hardly time to give a welcome and it's time to say goodbye. Anticipate the happy things, thus double pleasures yet to be and live the lovely moments twice, in thought and in reality, but don't anticipate disasters, trouble, failure or distress only sunshine and fair weather, joy, good fortune and success.

LOCAL news:

FIRE SAFETY WEEK: National Fire Safety Week is from October 5th to October 12th. Durrow Fire and Rescue Service are doing a number of exercises to make everyone more conscious of fire safety in the home, at work, in the play area, etc... With this in mind the fire service are doing a demonstration on the large green in The Square, Durrow on Friday October 9th at 2.15pm in the afternoon to coincide with the children leaving school. The demonstration will include all aspects of fire safety, CPR and the AED and much much more. This event is open to children from the school and their parents as well as anyone who wishes to see this wonderful demonstration. Fire personnel will be available to answer questions as well give fire safety advice. The Brigade also hopes to hold an adult night where they will demonstrate how to do CPR and how to use the AED. The date for this is not set yet but check this space next week for all the details. In recent months the need for the use of CPR and AED meant that lives were saved by the quick intervention of CPR and the Fire Service with the AED in the Durrow area.

STRICTLY COME DANCING: Bagatelle in Concert: As part of their Final Year Tour, well known group Bagatelle will appear at The Castle Arms Hotel on Friday 23rd October from 9pm 'till midnight. The concert is for Trish and Ronnie who are taking part in Strictly Come Dancing. Tickets, €20 each, are available from The Castle Arms Hotel, Lawlors Gala and The Copper Kettle or by contacting Trish directly on (086) 8779014. A great night is assured. Your support would be most appreciated.

Monster Raffle: Claire Walsh and Rory Doyle are holding a monster raffle as part of their Strictly Come Dancing fundraiser. Tickets €5 each. First Prize: Calf (*or cash value*); Second Prize: Weekend Break for Two; Third: Monster Hamper. Please Support. Claire (087) 9800007. Rory (086) 1591903.

THIRD LAOIS DURROW SCOUTS: *As Group Leader I would like to thank all who attended our Den opening on Saturday last. A huge thank you to Paddy Quinn and the FÁS team, Marie Clooney and the hall committee, Canon O Doherty, Angela Drennan and Mary Walsh for all their hard work raising funds over the last 34 years and their invaluable work. Thank you also to Delphine for support in recent times. Thanks to Cub leaders also for their work over last few weeks. Thanks to Paddy Lynch CC and Kevin Murphy PC. This project has been ongoing over the last three years and it was a proud moment to finally after 34 years have a place we can call ours. Maureen Campion.*

Award: On Saturday our group was again presented our Standard of Excellence, for the fourth year running and is a huge testament to all involved. Raising our standard and maintaining it show the great work and commitment all put into scouting in Durrow.

Spaces available in our cub section at the moment - ages 9 to 12 and scouts 12 to 15 and a half also in Venture Scouts aged 15 and a half to 18. Anyone over 28 welcome as a Rover or Scouter. So if you like the outdoors and would like to join the adventure please contact Group Leader Maureen Campion.

HARPS GAA 5-YEAR PLAN LAUNCH: The Harps GAA Club will officially launch their 5 Year Plan on Thursday, October 1st in the new Gym Building at the Durrow grounds from 8.30pm. Former GAA President, Liam O'Neill will be in attendance to launch the plan which will outline all important aspects of development for the club both on and off the field for the remainder of this decade.

The launch night will also give Club members and supporters a chance to view the newly constructed Gym building and public toilets complex which have been recently completed to a very high standard. All are most welcome to attend on the night. Refreshments served in the Clubhouse immediately after.