

LAUNCH OF DUNMORE CCTV: A big thank you to everybody who attended the launch of the Dunmore Community Alert CCTV system. The launch took place on Wednesday 17th February at 2.30pm on the Mill Rd - Swan Rd junction with the Main Rd. Proceedings commenced with a rousing speech from Chairman, Oliver Clooney who thanked the community for their tremendous support and everybody involved in the project especially Senator John Whelan and Minister Alan Kelly for the provision of funding.

Oliver was followed by Chief Supt. John Scanlon, Laois Offaly Division, who in turn was followed by Pat Hennessy, Chairman of Laois IFA. Senator John Whelan then spoke and proceedings concluded with John Whelan cutting the tape to officially launch the system. Cameras are up and running in most locations and the project will be completed in the coming week. Those who attended were invited back to Bob's Bar for light refreshments and a big thank you to Bob and Marian and to the ladies who made sandwiches. Thank you also to Martin and Oliver Lawlor for preparing the area and to Billy White for the Provision of a PA system.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ciaran Walsh of Mary Street, Durrow and Eleanor McNamara of Southampton, England, on their recent marriage.

COMHALTAS: Seachtain na Gaeilge - Spink Comhaltas will be hosting an evening of Irish transitional music, song and story telling in Abbeyleix library on Thurs 10th March, between 6pm and 7pm ,as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge.

DURROW DEVELOPMENT FORUM - St. Patrick's Parade: Would you like to get involved with the Durrow St. Patrick's Day parade. Durrow Development Forum are looking for adult volunteers to wear a fantastic and spectacular range of costumes which will greatly enhance the parade in Durrow and celebrate our first St. Patricks Day parade after the completion of Stage 1 of the re-generation of the green. If you would like to be involved, please contact any forum member as soon as possible, you won't be disappointed!

1916 Rising Anniversary: As it is the 100th year anniversary since the 1916 rising, Durrow Development Forum are looking for old FCA uniforms that can be used for a piece celebrating same at the Durrow Scarecrow Festival. If you have a uniform that you are not using we would appreciate your donation. Please contact us by message on Facebook or info@durrow.ie

Durrow Scarecrow Festival: Anybody who would like to get involved in the Annual Durrow Scarecrow Festival or who has ideas for same, please do not hesitate to join us, many hands are needed to make the scarecrows and create the festival and we are more than happy to have you come on board the straw machine!

ST VINCENT de PAUL: Anyone looking for help can contact us on (087) 3476012.

SATURDAY MARKET: Durrow Saturday market is open every Saturday from 9am to 12.30pm in the Computer Centre beside the RC Church on the Kilkenny Rd. Potato's and Fresh Veg are available, to book your favourites please ring Marie on (087) 7742506. Home Baking from Bernie Brennan is also available with a selection of fresh breads, scones, tarts and cakes. You can also book cakes for parties etc..

LAOIS KAYAK & CANOE CLUB: Paddling - With the short winter evenings, outdoor paddling is at the weekend only, keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates. Competitions and races continue throughout the winter and will increase in spring. The club wishes to remind all local kayakers not to paddle on their own, especially with the higher water levels.

Pool Sessions - Pool sessions continue every second Sunday joining with Balto Kayak Club in Athy. This is a great opportunity to practice your rolls, rescues and general skills in the comfort of a warm pool. If interested contact Matt or Brian re same.

LIVE WEATHER DATA: Visit www.laoisweather.com for up-to-the-minute information.

LIONS AFC: Lions AFC are hosting an Easter Soccer Sisters camp for girls aged 7 to 12 years. It is on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th March from 10 to 2pm. Cost €20. Each participant gets a jersey. Limited number of spaces left so book now to avoid disappointment. Book online at www.fai.ie/soccersisters or phone (01) 8999304.

CLOTHES COLLECTION POINT: Any old or unwanted clothes or fabric can be left in the porch of the Cullohill Community Centre. All collections are in aid of Cullohill Handball Club.