

DURROW DEVELOPMENT FORUM - First Aid Training: Our local Fire Brigade are very kindly providing First Aid Training in the Library on Tuesday 2nd February at 7.00pm. This will include training in the use of the new defibrillator. This is free of charge but the numbers are limited to 12 people. If anyone is interested please contact Evelyn on (087) 9194428 as soon as possible.

St. Patrick's Day 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. Patrick's 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!

CULLOHILL CHRISTMAS CRACKER RUN: The Parents Council of Scoil Tighearnach would like to renew their thanks to everyone who supported the event. A limited number of Cullohill Beanie Hats are now available for purchase at a cost of €5 each, on a first come basis. Please contact Marian on 086 8390266 should you wish to purchase a beanie hat.

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

PUBLIC MEETING: The Erkina and Goul river action group will hold a public meeting on Wednesday 3rd February at 8pm in the Castle Arms Hotel Durrow. All public representatives along with all interest in all rivers are invited to attend. Laois against Flooding will speak about the lack of maintenance of the rivers which has led to the severe flooding of the past month. Anyone with an interest or a concern for our rivers is asked to attend and to put pressure on our public representatives to do work on all our rivers.

A WORD OF THANKS: Kathleen Bolger, Cullohill would like to thank everyone in the Parish for the wonderful outpouring of good will on reaching her 100th Birthday, the community who organised the celebration in the hall and Fr. McGree for celebrating Mass.

LAOIS KAYAK & CANOE CLUB: Meeting - There will be a committee meeting next Tuesday 2nd February at 8.30pm in the club house. We would be grateful if all committee members could attend. Agenda will be circulated on the night. Any apologies to Brenda or email info@laoiskayak.com please.

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 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.

Water Polo - The Munster Polo League continues in UL Limerick and we wish all team members the best of luck and experience in the tournament, its a great experience especially for younger members.

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

LIONS AFC: For sale: A limited number of Lions wind shearer tops and beanie hats are still available to buy. Sizes available SB (7-8 yr old), MB (9-10 yr old), LB (11-12 yr old), S (13yr old), M (14 yrs old) L (15yr old). Contact lionsafc@gmail.com for further information.

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.