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Thoughts for the Day - Reconciliation...

Sweet is reconciliation, casting out all doubts and fears. Life is short, too short for quarrels. Yet we spoil the golden years, clinging to a sense of grievance, standing upon dignity. Oh, the precious time we waste in self-inflicted misery! If you feel you have been wronged, be generous – wipe off the debt. Do not try to wound or punish, but forgive and then forget. Rise above the petty wish to hurt and to humiliate. Take the opportunity. Tomorrow it may be too late. Let no bitterness remain. No grudges rankle in mind. Let forgiveness be complete; resolve to leave the past behind. Love is all that really matters, so why suffer needless pain? Sweet is reconciliation. Say the word, and start again.

LOCAL news:

PROPOSED WINDFARM FOR DURROW, CULLOHILL AND GATHABAWN AREA: A public meeting in relation to the proposed development of wind farms in the Durrow, Cullahill and Gathabawn areas will be held on Tuesday, 24th of November at 8pm in Gathabawn National School. A number of invited speakers will attend on the night. With the recent Board Plenala decision to allow for the development of fourteen industrial sized wind turbines in the Ballyroan and Timahoe area we feel that our areas will be next. If you missed the meeting in Durrow last week or the previous one in Cullohill then please attend this Gathabawn meeting to gain an understanding on how these developments will affect our area in many different ways.

STRICTLY COME DANCING: Durrow Development Forum and Harps GAA would like to express their most sincere gratitude to everyone who supported the recent Strictly Come Dancing Event. Both committees are overwhelmed by the success of the event and the fantastic €40,000 which was raised. This money will be divided equally between the clubs for their respective projects. Over 800 people came to see the amazing show and by all accounts, everyone had a fantastic night.

Congratulations to our champions; Friday night: Irene Phelan & Mick Fitzpatrick, Runners Up: Claire Delahunty & Terence Jacob. Saturday night: Claire Walsh & Rory Doyle, Runners Up: Elaine Mahony & Barry Murphy. But of course... everyone was a winner both nights. Huge congratulations to all 11 couples who have worked so hard and achieved so much over the last few months. A notable mention to their families who have been so supportive and patient! Special thanks also to our M.C. Fred Townsend, who did a fantastic job and to our judges David Finnegan, Cllr adraig Fleming and Laura Ramsbottom and Carla Barrett.

Thank you also to Claire Anne Alley of Catwalk Hair Salon for the amazing hair do's and to Louise Byrne, Freelance Make Up Artist and Claire Gilmartin and Shauna Conroy of Tír na nÓg Beauty Salon for their make-up artistry. A word of thanks also to Seosamh Murphy and Mark Lennon for providing venues for rehearsals. And a very special thanks to Andy Walsh who did such an amazing job designing the programme and creating the ads.

And last but not least... to you, the people of Durrow and Cullohill, both clubs are so grateful of your support for the event; not just the 2 shows but the countless fundraisers that have taken place over the last few months. Your support has been both unwavering and overwhelming and has made a huge difference to two projects that will benefit those within the parish.

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF TREES ON NORTH GREEN: We are sure a lot of people will be saddened to see the trees being replaced in the green. This decision was not taken lightly or without a lot of consultation with specialised people in this area. The reason for this decision is that at least two of the trees have a disease and only has an approximate four year life span left. The other trees at most, only have a twenty year life span. The roots of the existing trees are in danger of lifting the paving. It was recommended that the trees be removed and 6 new mature lime trees be planted on the road side of the green. This will compliment the trees on the smaller green.

A mature oak tree will also be planted in the green to reflect the heritage of Durrow. The idea being that all the new aspects of the green will mature together and that this would not have to be revisited in the future. The new trees will be planted immediately. Each tree will have its own power point for Christmas lights which will hopefully be sorted this coming week. Thank you for your continued support.