

DURROW PARISH LOTTO: The Annual Parish Lotto Christmas Raffle will take place on Monday, 14th December in The Castle Arms Hotel. All lotto tickets purchased for that night will automatically be included in the Christmas Raffle. The raffle will be held immediately after the lotto draw. Best of Luck to everyone - make sure to have your name in!!!

BLOOD CLINIC: The Irish Blood Transfusion Service Mobile unit will be in the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow on Wednesday December 9th from 4.30pm to 8pm. We appeal to everyone who can donate blood to come along and give the gift of life. The supply of blood is quite low due to the temporary ban on women giving blood but this ban is now lifted and everyone over the age of 18 years both male and female can attend and give blood. The demand for blood coming up to the Christmas period is always high and would it be a super gift to give by donating blood and saving lives at Christmas time.

Thank you to all attended at the recent Rathdowney clinic. A total of 96 attended including six new donors and eight lapsed donors. Congratulation to Seamus Brophy, Aughmarcart, Cullahill on receiving his Silver Award (10 donations).

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... with Bernie. Do come along, great value on offer! **Extra stalls from now until Christmas!**

CULLOHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE: The Cullohill Community Centre Committee would like to extend a huge thanks to all our current members on what has been a busy year. The past twelve months have seen many improvements from the completion of a Glass Wall Handball Court, a new One Wall, newly refurbished showering facilities and the upgrade of a number of other facilities in the hall itself.

These continued improvements are thanks to your ongoing support. Annual Membership is now due for 2016 and rates remain unchanged: Family Membership: €40; Single Person Membership: €30; Retired Household Membership: €20. You can give your membership fee to any member of the Community Centre Committee, alternatively a member of the Committee will be calling to you in the near future to collect this fee. Payments can be made by cash or cheque (payable to: Cullohill Community Hall).

CULLOHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE SQUASH COURT: We hope to commence a Squash League/ Tournament in the very near future and are looking for players!!! All levels of experience are welcome as everyone will play against opponents of their own standard. Squash is a game that can be enjoyed by all - it is great fun and great exercise. If you are interested, please contact any member of the Cullohill Community Centre Committee.

LAOIS KAYAK & CANOE CLUB: Munster Polo League: Well done to our polo team who competed last weekend in Limerick, though we were short on players we were grateful to Kilkenny Aqua and Canoe Club for assisting us.

Fundraising Bag Pack: We have been lucky to secure two fundraising bag packs at Dunnes Stores, Portlaoise on Saturday 28th November and Sunday 20th December, if you are around please do come in and support us, every cent helps and we are happy to assist you in packing your groceries in our fundraising events.

Junior Polo: The annual Sluice Rodeo is back and starting this Saturday 28th November in Lucan, Co. Dublin and we wish club members competing, the very best of luck at the event.

Interested in Kayaking: With the short evenings, paddling is now only on at weekends. Please check our website and Facebook for details on kayaking lessons and also for details on upcoming trips and competitions. Please visit www.laoiskayak.com online.

LIONS AFC: 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.

CULLOHILL TIDY TOWNS 2015 REPORT (continued): Landscaping and Open Spaces - Planting, hedging and verges on approaches were generally well maintained. The tubs of pansies opposite the garage were admired. The Millennium Garden by the Church and graveyard were beautifully maintained. Restoration of the castle and its courtyard is commendable and its use as a local facility as well as tourist amenity is laudable. The development of a community garden at that prominent location at the cross-roads will provide another fine facility for the local community. The Fair Green is obviously well used and a great facility to have in the village. Landscaping in the vicinity of the castle and chapel looked quite magnificent, with attractive picnic tables and well cut grass verges and village pump.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities - The ongoing maintenance and development of indigenous hedging is commendable. Well done on your participation in the ESB National Tree Week. The ongoing development of the nature walk is a marvellous idea in this category of the completion...