

FANCY DRESS PARTY: Cullohill Tidy Towns are hosting a Fancy Dress Cabaret in O'Connell's Lounge on Saturday night, October 31st. Prizes on the night for best costumes and with all now having three weeks to think what they might dress up as - it should be a great night! As always, all support would be greatly appreciated. Recently the Tidy Towns Group have begun work on the Community Garden in the environs of the Church. Currently the area is being mapped out and the area prepared and in time it will develop into an attractive resource in the village.

MUSIC CLASSES: Adult Music classes will be held in Heritage House, Abbeyleix every Thursday night. Beginners welcome. Flute, whistle, guitar, banjo taught. Good craic to be had by all the participants. The Tutor is highly qualified and experienced. Contact us via email on ccespink@gmail.com or directly to Heritage House or by phone on (086) 6071258.

LAOIS KAYAK & CANOE CLUB: *International Liffey Descent:* Congratulations to Brian Ogilvie and Matt McGrath for competing in another Liffey Descent. The weather was sun filled and competition was tough but both canoeists made it to the finish line!

Junior Polo: Best of luck to all club member taking part in the South East Junior Polo training on Sunday 13th in Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, it's a great opportunity to improve your water polo skills.

Interesting in Kayaking: Kayaking is now moved to week-ends due to closing evenings, if you would like to kayak, please keep an eye out on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/laoiskayak also at the website www.laoiskayak.com online.

Sports Capital Grant: Laois Kayak and Canoe Club are delighted to have been awarded €8,000 in the recent Sports Capital Grant scheme. This much needed funding will go directly towards expanding our club activities and planned programmes.

FUNDRAISER: Durrow High Nellies Club and Laois Kayak and Canoe Club presents Pedals and Paddles on the Nore Basin on Sunday November 1st. The High Nellies route is Durrow-Moran's Cross-Watercastle-Dunmore-Swan Cross-Durrow-Tallyhoe-Attanagh-Moate-Ballyraggett-Durrow. Laois Kayak and Canoe Club route is New Bridge-Durrow-Tallyhoe-Ballyraggett Bridge-Return to Durrow via Horse and Carriage with the High Nellies. Music and Barbeque at Bob's Bar. Fee €10 per participant with the proceeds going to Strictly Come Dancing. Please Support.

LAOIS 1915 WIN: On October 24th 1915 (one hundred years ago) Laois hurlers won the county's only senior All Ireland Title. The team was powered by the famous Ballygeehan team of the era and captained by John Finlay. Other clubs represented were Abbeyleix, Ballacolla, Kilcotton, Rapla and Rathdowney on the day when Laois beat a highly fancied Cork side in Croke Park. On Sunday October 18th next, Clough High Nelly Club are organising a leisurely 12km cycle through the Aghaboe parish re-enacting the players mode of transport to mark the centenary of 1915. Commencing in Clough at 1pm the route will pass The Long Meadow field where the Ballygeehan team trained. At the field the cycle will take a break for a brief talk on the story of the 1915 team before returning to Clough. Light refreshments will be served in the hall where the Bob O'Keefe cup will be in attendance. All are welcome especially cyclists. Subscription €5

SPONSORED WALK: Our Lady's Meadow National School are organising a sponsored walk through the beautiful wood at Dunmore, Durrow on this Sunday October 11th starting at 12noon. Why not join the pupils, parents, teachers and friends and have a leisurely stroll to the beautiful woods taking in the wonderful autumn color. If you are asked to give sponsorship, please be generous as all funds raised will go to the class library and other class needs. Light refreshments will be served after the walk.

HANDBALL: Congratulations to Eoghan Doheny and Padraic Dunne who have become the 60x30 under fifteen Leinster Doubles Champions. They defeated Wexford in the Leinster final which now sees them in the All-Ireland Semi Final. This makes Eoghan and Padraic the first doubles pair to win a Leinster handball Juvenile Title in 60x30 for Cullohill Handball club.

JACK'S GOLF SOCIETY: The final outing of the year will be on Saturday 31st October in Esker Hills Gold Course, home of Shane Lowry. Contact Declan on (057) 8736280 or (087) 9893044 to get your name on the timesheet. All golfers are most welcome.

LIONS AFC: The Lions U13 and U15 teams had great wins on Saturday, October 3rd in the SFAI cup. Our U13 team defeated Waterford Bohemians 3-0 in Durrow and our U15 team beat St Joseph's of Carlow 5-3. Well done to both teams and best of luck in the next round. Thanks also to the parents who provided food on the day for the teams and helped with the catering.

Unfortunately our U12, U14 and U16 teams were all beaten in their respective SFAI games the previous weekend of September 26th. Well done to all involved.

All families who have underage players in the club have been given 1 FAI draw ticket to purchase/sell and we would urge you to support this as monies raised will be spent on new equipment for the underage teams. Tickets cost €10. Anyone willing to purchase a ticket can do so from any committee member or contact lionsafc@gmail.com. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.