



DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Thoughts for the Day - Oiling the hinges...

Do not bolt the door of your mind and then wonder why nothing lovely ever happens to you. You must give free access into the house of your life if you want to receive God's blessings. You must live in a state of happy expectancy of good. Optimism is not just a cheery frame of mind, it is a spiritual attitude towards life and it is essentially Christian. See that the hinges on the doors of your mind do not get rusty through lack of use. Oil them with prayer and keep them swinging, so that they offer no resistance to angels passing by in the traffic of daily experience.

LOCAL news:

THIRD LAOIS DURROW SCOUTS: Our scouts are heading off to Tullamore this weekend to take part in the SlieveBloom County Challenge. This is a pre-qualifier challenge for the National competition "Phoenix" which is held in August. We have put in a lot of work this year and we are hoping to do well. Over the weekend their scouting skills will be tested by setting up a camp site, cam-craft, cooking and adventure skills. Also their ability to work in a Patrol is very important. We wish them the very best of luck. For the group, this is what it's all about!

COFFEE & CAKE SALE for CUISLE CENTRE: A Huge thanks to everybody who both baked and supported the Durrow Development Forum Cake Sale on the May Bank Holiday Weekend for the Cuisle Centre, a massive €800 was raised which included a donation from Durrow Development Forum and a further donation of €100 from Durrow Craft Fairs along with a hamper donated by Mary Walsh for the Raffle and a further €20 donated after the event bringing a total of €920 going to The Cuisle Centre Cancer Support, Well done to everybody who gave so much to a hugely worthy amenity in our area.

DURROW TIDY TOWNS: The committee are holding a Church Gate Collection on next week end before Mass on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May. Funds are required annually to supply flowers and plants for the summer months and for general expenses. We are depending on your generous support. Thanking you in anticipation of your ongoing support.

CULLOHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Cullohill Community Council was established in March 2016 in response to the identification of Cullohill as an area for development under the Laois Local Development Strategy Action Plan (LDS). Cullohill has been identified as one of the 6 areas in Co. Laois which has not engaged with public funding programmes. The purpose of this council is to assist and support clubs and groups operating in the village (including Tidy Towns, Community Alert, Cullohill Handball Club, Community Centre, Board of Management & Parents Council of Scoil Tighearnach Naofa) to access the funding available.

Members of the council are as follows: Chairperson - Jimmy Walsh, Secretary - Marian Mahony, Treasurer - Billy Holland, Liam Dunphy, Eamonn Fitzpatrick, Elaine Maher, Martin Muldowney, John Scanlan, Brendan Gibbons, Tony Dunne, Vincent O'Sullivan and Paddy Dunne.

Following meetings in recent weeks with Laois County Council the Cullohill Community Council are delighted to confirm the following upcoming works:

*Works will take place on the mountain road to address subsidence issues. These limited works will constitute phase one of the project with more extensive works being carried out in 2017.

*Remedial works will take place to address drainage issues at Cullohill Castle.

*Removal of stone obstruction on Belmont Hill.

*Review of works at the Five Crossroads to address ongoing drainage issues.

*Introduction of Speed Radar Signs on the main road similar to those in Abbeyleix and Rathdowney.