



## DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### **Thoughts for the Day - Nothing stands still...**

Mourn not the fading of leaf, fruit and flowers. Life is transition. With each passing hour we, too, are moving, for nothing stands still. All things are changing for good or for ill. May every change be a change for the best. When you look back may you find you've progressed, reaching your goals and achieving your ends, gaining new wisdom and making new friends. "Though the life of a man be short of a hundred years, he gives himself as much anxiety as if he were to live a thousand."

### **LOCAL news:**

**THIRD LAOIS DURROW SCOUTS:** Our scouts had a great day on Good Friday, building a campsite, pitching tent and building gadget (camp craft). All practice for the Slievebloom County Shield which will be held in Tullamore on May 6th. Next weekend the 9th and 10th of April we will have a full practice camp locally in Dunmore, by kind permission of Leanne Fogarty Scouter. We look forward to this and hope all will work hard and put in the effort. This year we are giving it our all and hope to qualify for Phoenix which will be held in August in the townland of Castlesaunderson in Cavan County. From now until the end of June our Scouts will meet from 7pm to 8.30pm every Thursday. Busy times ahead....

**DURROW TIDY TOWNS:** Clean Up Laois Week is being held from 11th to 15th April. We are asking everyone to organise a clean up in your own area during that week. Please segregate clean and dry recyclable goods as you pick them into separate bags from wet litter items. Standard black sacks only to be used, they can be got to use at your area clean up from the local FAS Office between 10am and 1pm Monday to Friday. Full sacks can be brought to the Community Centre from now until Thursday 14th April for collection by Laois County Council. Please note that only properly bagged hand picked litter and litter related items will be taken.

**Swan Road Area:** Ann Lanigan is doing a Clean Up on 11th, 12th and 13th of April on the Swan Road and surrounding roads also as part of Laois Clean Up week. Rubbish will then be collected by Laois County Council. If anyone would like to join her to give a hand... give her a call or text on (087) 7749281.

**LADIES MINI MARATHON:** Ladies - it's Mini Marathon time again! Registration is urgent at this stage. Register on line at VHI Women's Mini Marathon or by registration form in every Wednesday's Evening Herald newspaper. We are raising funds this year for the Durrow Meals on Wheels and we are looking for ladies to join us. You can contact either Marie Clooney on (087) 7742506 or Susan Lawlor on (087) 2574477 for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR SCARECROW FESTIVAL - MEETING:** There will be a meeting this Wednesday 6th April in the Library on Chapel Street, Durrow at 8.30pm. If you would like to, or are wondering about getting involved in making scarecrows for the festival, we would be delighted to have you come on board. Rumours are around that we bite, but we assure you that we just sew, hammer, cut, chop and stitch to create scarecrows. Every now and again, you get a cup of tea and if you are really lucky you will get a biscuit and a laugh. Please do come and join us, we would be more than happy to have you come on board for the 2016 Durrow Scarecrow Festival! For more information contact Evelyn on (087) 9194428.

**ADULT HURLING FIXTURE:** The Harps Junior Hurlers play Park-Rathineska at 6.30pm this Sunday, April 3rd in Rathineska. Please come along and support - *more hurling news inside!*