

WHIST: The March Whist Drive was held in the Parochial Hall, Cork Road, Durrow recently. Top Score - Elizabeth Cooper; First Lady - Nancy Ryan; Second Lady - Ed. Slevin; First Gent - Liam McCartney; Second Gent - A. Doheny; Quarters - Mick Scully, Bridie Metcalf, Valerie Stanley, Mary McCabe and Rory O'Shea; Juveniles - Erin Lalor and Coleen Lalor; Low Score - Nancy Keogh. The raffle winners were - Henry Miller, Pat Fanning, Irene Delaney, Coleen Lalor, Erin Lalor, Lena McEvoy and Mick Kelly. The next Whist Drive will be held in the Parochial Hall, Durrow on Thursday April 28th at 8.30pm.

LIP-SYNC FUNDRAISER FOR THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY: Locals Karen Scully and Lisa McDonald are trying to organise a charity event for the Irish Cancer Society and are looking for people to participate in a Lip Sync Battle. You can choose your own song to mime on the night and it's only 60 to 90 seconds, so it's not as scary as it sounds! The only way that this can go ahead is with the help of you - because without participant's the show cannot go on! It's a really good cause and you are not only supporting the fight against cancer but you are also providing funding for areas such as night nurses, care to drive and cancer research. So why not get your hairbrushes out and start practicing! If all goes well, a great night of fun & laughter is sure to be had. Contact Karen Scully or Lisa McDonald if you are interested in taking part or have any queries. We look forward to hearing from you - thanks in advance!

CRAFTERS, FOOD MAKERS AND STALLHOLDERS: The Summerhill Family Fun and Fair Days' second annual event will take place on Sunday 29th May at the Summerhill School's Campus in Portlaoise from 1pm to 5pm. Crafters, food vendors and stallholders are now invited to apply for their stalls at this event. Please note that stalls are on a first come first served basis. For an application form or more information you can contact summerhillcraftandfoodfair@gmail.com by email. You can also find SummerhillFairPortlaoise on Facebook.

DURROW ONLINE: View your local community's latest news, sport, notices and much more by logging on and visiting www.durrow.ie online.

FISHING: Durrow-Cullohill Parish Anglers are holding a trout fishing competition for the Mick Monahan Memorial Cup this Sunday April 24th, 2016. Entries taken at Lawlor's Flower Shop from 9.30am with the weigh-in at The Durrow Inn at 6.00pm Sharp. Usual rules apply. All members will have receive a text with full details of the competition during the week.

LAOIS KAYAK & CANOE CLUB: *Open Night* - Please join us for the Laois Kayak and Canoe Club Open night on Wednesday 27th April from 7.30pm at the Bridge in Durrow. All are most welcome to come and see the new clubhouse, enquire and try out some kayaking. Current members or anybody who would like to join are welcome to pay their membership on the night. All age groups are welcome. More information on LKCC Facebook page or www.laokayak.com online.

AGM - The Laois Kayak and Canoe Club AGM was held at the new clubhouse on 22nd February and the following officers were elected: Chairperson - Vincent O'Brien; Vice-Chairperson - Ruth Cronin; Treasurer - Enda Whelan; Secretary - Emer O'Brien; Assistant Secretary - Brenda Murphy; PRO - Brian Ogilvie; Child Protection Officer - Debbie Whelan; Club Meets Race Officers - Matt McGrath and Fergal Hill; Safety Officer - Mick Malone. Committee Members - Karl Rafferty, Paul O'Brien, Andrew Carroll, Eugene Meehan. LKCC wish to thank all who attended the AGM and look forward to another year on the water.

European Freestyle Championships - Training continues for Mikie Murphy who will compete with the Irish Junior Freestyle team in Germany this month and we are all delighted for his qualification.

HARPS CAMOGIE: We are missing some team jerseys at all ages and would appreciate if parents would check to see if they have any team jerseys. Contact Vera on (087) 1359333 if any are found. Many thanks.

HARPS GAA CLUB: On Tuesday, April 12th the National Hurling Coach - Paudi Butler visited the Harps GAA grounds in Durrow to give a ball wall session with both juvenile and senior teams. Everybody was put through their paces and new skills were learned. It was a fantastic occasion for the club and was the first major use of the facility since it's completion at the start of April. Great thanks to everyone who helped make the night a great success.