



## DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### *Thoughts for the Day - The Year is Half Gone...*

The Year is half gone. For a few more weeks we shall keep the sweet illusion of high summer, but gradually now the songs of the birds will fade into muted twitterings. There will be a feeling of heaviness in the thick woods, the deep drowsiness that follows upon fulfillment. There is still much to anticipate: the pageantry of the mid-summer garden and the harvesting of corn and fruit, but he who is in tune with the moods of the earth will experience a sense of impending change. The blaze of noon has passed, and imperceptibly we have turned our faces towards the sunset of the year.

### **LOCAL news:**

**LAOIS WALKS FESTIVAL 2016:** On Tuesday July 5th as part of the Laois Walk's Festival there will be a family walk through Dunmore Woods, Durrow. Meeting at Dunmore Wood Car Park at 7.30pm. This is a grade C walk of 5km with a time of 90 minutes. On Monday July 11th there is a grade B walk of 9km through Capponellan Wood taking in some of Castle Durrow estate once owned by Lord Ashbrook. The walk will take approximately two and a half hours. The meeting point is Capponellan Wood Car park at 7.30pm. All welcome on all our walks.

**SCARECROW MAKING:** Durrow Development Forum would like to ask all businesses and homes to partake in this year's Scarecrow Festival by placing a scarecrow outside their premises or homes. The festival, now in its seventh year gives a great economic boost both into Durrow and surrounding towns and villages and is gaining nationwide coverage for both Durrow, Laois and the Midlands as a tourist destination. We have a leaflet on how to make a scarecrow attached to this newsletter and we look forward to you all joining in this community event.

**SCARECROW BRING AND BUY SALE:** The Durrow Scarecrow Festival Bring and Buy sale is run each year within the Durrow Scarecrow Village from 2pm until 7pm on each weekday of the festival. The bookings spots are limited and should you wish to book a spot at the event you should contact Emer on (087) 9626350 for details. A deposit is required for each booking.

**THE ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION & SALE:** As part of the Durrow Scarecrow Festival will be held at Durrow Community Centre from Sunday 24th July to Monday 1st August inclusive. Items will be displayed throughout the venue including Knitwear, pottery, art works including oils and acrylics. Local photographer Andrew Walsh will exhibit local landscapes and wildlife. Opening times: 11am to 6pm daily. Anyone wishing to exhibit contact (087) 2200199.

**TUESDAY TIDY, CLEAN and PLANT DURROW NIGHT:** Calling all residents to come out on Tuesday night to clean and tidy outside your own home and premises, there is a lot to be done. Volunteers along with Durrow Development Forum, have been working over the past few weeks to weed, clean and plant around the town, all help is needed. If you can come out on Tuesday night to sweep and clean around your own home it would be greatly appreciated. We will also be working around the town on each Tuesday night from 7.30pm to prepare for new flowers and planters which will further enhance Durrow.

**Watering Flowers:** We ask residents to help water any flowers planted in your area either in baskets, pots or flower beds.

**THE IRISH GARTH BROOKS EXPERIENCE:** This Saturday night, July 2nd sees the arrival of the Irish Garth Brooks Experience band to Lennons Venue, Durrow. The band are a superb 7 piece band and are the best in the business! Tickets €15 are on sale with all proceeds in aid of The Harps GAA Club. Tickets are on Sale from: Lennons Bar, Durrow - (087) 8438464; The Harps GAA Club - (087) 2797214; Tommy Kennas Butcher, Durrow; Topaz, Cullohill. Doors open at 7pm with the band due on stage from 9pm. All tickets purchased will get a free BBQ burger. A raffle on the night will also take place with fantastic prizes to cater for all tastes. We hope to see you there!

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION:** A church gate collection in aid of Motor Neurone will be held on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th of July before Mass. Please support generously.

**DURROW COMMUNITY SERVICES** have vacancies for general operatives. Call (057) 8736870 for info.