

BOOK ABOUT DURROW: Julie Thorne is a historian based in Oxfordshire, England and she has wrote a book telling the story of the Cinderella marriage in 1766 of the Second Viscount Ashbrook of CastleDurrow and an Oxfordshire fisherman's daughter named Betty Ridge. This year is the 250th anniversary of that marriage. Betty's elder brother William Ridge came to live in Durrow c.1772 and took charge of the Ashbrook estates until his death in 1798. Her younger brother John became a Church of Ireland minister – with two wives living, one in England and one in Ireland! His parish was at Eirke. Julie visited Durrow in 2012 to research the story, and the resulting book is called "The Water Gypsy: how a Thames fishergirl became a Viscountess", and is available to buy from the online Amazon bookstore.

NEED A LOAN??? At St. Canice's Credit Union Durrow Branch our loan book is open and we have a loan to suit your needs. St. Canice's issued over 600 loans in July so call in and see Mary and the team. We work hard to say yes to loans!

FISHING: The next angling competition will be the last trout fishing competition of the year and it will be fished on Sunday September 11th for the Paddy Holohan Memorial Cup.

ST VINCENT de PAUL: Anyone looking for help can contact us on (087) 3476012.

LAOIS KAYAK & CANOE CLUB: Membership Reminders: For Club memberships that are up on 18/09/16 and 05/10/16 for Laois Kayak and Canoe Club members. If you wish to renew please have membership in at least a week before the renewal date to ensure your insurance is paid up to date. Membership forms are on website and at the club house but if you need one posted out please PM us as soon as possible. Membership can be given to any committee member or contact Emer O'Brien on (087) 9626350 regarding same. If you wish to join the club in this period, please also fill in the form or if you have a query please let us know.

Winter Pool Schedule: Advance notice of Winter Pool Schedule with Balto Kayak Club the following Sunday's are now confirmed. Learn to roll or just improve your skills in the warmth of Athy pool. Please confirm with Brian or Matt to reserve your place. Arrive for 5pm, on the water from 5.30pm 'till 6.30pm. The pool session dates are October 9th and 23rd, November 6th and 20th, December 4th and 18th, January 8th and 22nd, February 5th and 19th, March 5th & 19th.

Lower Liffey Descent: Nice levels on the Lower Liffey for the LKCC Kayakers who partook in the event, Well done to Matt, Finbar, Mick and Brian who were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the open canoe doubles.

Paddlefest: Best of luck to all our younger LKCC paddlers taking part in Paddlefest next weekend in Hidden Valley and also to all our LKCC instructors who will assist over the weekend, we wish you all the very happiest of paddling experience and enjoy the club BBQ on Saturday night!

Shorter Evenings: With the winter drawing in, the LKCC Kayakers partook in another Wednesday paddle at the bridge, as the evenings grow shorter, kayaking will revert to week-ends only and advance notice of events and meets will be on our Viber Group or on our Facebook page and Website. If you are interested in joining don't forget that the next membership renewal date is 18/9 and 5/10 after that it will be May of next year to keep in sync with Canoeing Ireland. We look forward to seeing you on the water and paddling together, don't forget to check www.laokayak.com for any updates or follow our facebook page online!

HARPS GAA NEWS: Congratulations - Our Minor Football Team who performed magnificently in the B County Final last Monday, 2nd September overcoming a strong The Heath side to claim the title. Well done to all the players and their mentors Gabby Irwin, Dave Finnegan and Richie Comerford for such a successful campaign.

Win €500 per Month with The Harps GAA - Third Time Lucky Lotto! The club would like to hear from supporters who may be interested in participating in our new monthly lotto. The draw will be limited to the first 47 names who sign up. Each person will get a random number between 1 and 47 which becomes their number costing €20 per month. The winner of €500 will be determined by the bonus ball in the main National Lotto draw on the **third** Saturday of the month - hence third time lucky! If interested, please contact Seamus (087) 2797214 or email the club secretary on theharpsgaa@gmail.com - further details including terms and conditions will be posted on the club's website: www.theharpsgaa.com online.