

LAOIS KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB: *St. Stephen Day Paddle:* The Annual St. Stephens Day family paddle will take place on 26th December, meeting at the club house in Durrow at 11.00am, and afterwards at Bob's Bar Durrow for light refreshments. All are most welcome to attend and it is as always, a perfect get out after Christmas Day.

Christmas Wishes: Wishing all our Kayakers, both old and new very happy Christmas and new year, we enjoyed paddling together in 2016 and look forward to paddling with you in 2017. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page and website for updates.

2017 Memberships will become due from April to May and reminders will be sent out. If you are interested in kayaking please do have a look at our Facebook page and website for further details - see www.laiskayak.com online.

ATHLETICS: Well done to Avril Deegan who has been selected to run on the Irish team for the Celtic International XC in Cardiff at the end of January following a great run in the U19 All Ireland XC Championship in Dundalk where Avril came home to win the silver medal finishing 2nd overall. Avril also led the Leinster team to victory, winning the inter-provincial title.

CULLOHILL HANDBALL CLUB: 2016 has been a fantastic year once again for Cullohill Handball Club. Niamh Dunne has once again been our top performer resulting in her receiving the Laois GAA Sports Star award. Niamh won 40x20 Junior Singles and Doubles Leinster and All Ireland and by doing so have qualified to play Intermediate and Senior Handball in 2017.

Niamh also won National and US Collegiate titles representing University Of Limerick. In 60x30 Niamh reached all Four Leinster Finals Intermediate and Senior playing the doubles with Ciara Dowling. One Wall is where Niamh has done what no other Laois player has achieved when she won the Leinster Senior Open Final last month. Padraig Delaney was Leinster U17 Champion in 40x20 and 60x30 and he reached the All Ireland Final in 40x20.

The Girls had a hugely successful Championship campaign and really give confidence for the future achieving Leinster Champions in three grades, U12 Emma Delaney and Lucy O'Connor, U13 Aoife Dunne and Ruby McEvoy and at U14 Lauren McGuigan and Aoife Brophy. The Club had a very successful Feile Na nGeal achieving medals as Shield winners in three divisions along with a win in the Skills competition for Jim O'Connor.

Cullohill Handball Club would like to thank all parents for their support throughout the year bringing their children to training and to matches, it is important that parents take an active role in ensuring that the Juvenile club goes from strength to strength in 2017 and beyond.

THE HARPS GAA CLUB: *Wrenboys Hurling Tournament:* Join us for an adult hurling tournament to be held on St. Stephen's Day with four teams picked from within the club's membership. It all throws-in at 11am with the first semi-final followed the second semi-final at 11.45am. The two losing sides will meet at 12.30pm for the shield final followed by the Cup Final at 1.15pm. All games will be played at The Harps GAA pitch in Durrow. Do come along and enjoy the craic and bring the family. Admission is free. There will be a bucket collection for the Aishlinn Centre held on the day.

Congratulations: Well done to The Harps' Darragh Kelly who was part of the Heywood CS team who won the South Leinster C football final recently beating PDLs Bagnelstown.

LIONS AFC: Tickets are currently on sale for the 43rd Lions FC Annual Christmas Draw. Tickets cost just €2 each or three for €5. Please support.

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