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## DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

### **Thoughts for the Day - Least Said...**

Least said, soonest mended. It's trite but it is true. Learn this bit of wisdom and keep it well in view. Don't let your tongue betray you. Remember when upset it's better to say nothing than something you'll regret. Never go on talking when everything's been said. That only worsens matters and brings them to a head. A little altercation can have a bitter end and make a deep division with family or friend. The less you say about it the easier it will be to forget it and to let it fade from memory.

### **LOCAL news:**

**DURROW-CULLOHILL SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY 2017:** The annual Durrow-Cullohill Senior Citizens Party will be held on **Saturday 25th February** in The Castle Arms Hotel. Invitations will be issued during mid-February and we look forward to a large attendance. **Please note the change of date from 4th March as advertised in the previous issue.**

**THIRD LAOIS DURROW SCOUTS:** Activity has started back in every section following the Christmas Break. Ventures are hoping to go to Lough Dan for a skills weekend with other Ventures in April while the Scouts are preparing for the Shield (skills competition over 3 days). Our Cubs are getting very busy getting ready to take part to the Talent Show next weekend (12th February) where four acts will be represented. Finally, our Beavers are planning hard to compete in the County Challenge. Best of luck to all in the coming weeks!

**CULLOHILL ICA:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon, February 7th at 2pm in the Community Centre, Cullohill.

**BLOOD DONATIONS:** The Blood Transfusion service visited Durrow on Christmas week and there was a great turn out of donor's despite the huge amount of illness in the area and of course busy for Christmas. A total of 107 donors attended including eighteen new donors and three lapsed donors. Many thanks for your generosity. The winners of the Silver Award were Robert Rawlison of Mountmellick, Ida Thompson of Abbeyleix and Eddie Clancy of Durrow. The winner of the Gold Award was Siobhan Manning of Abbeyleix. Well done to all!

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL:** Durrow Development Forum regret to advise that due to committee members being away they will be unable to run this year's St. Patrick's Day parade and festival. If there is any other organisation in the town that would be available to run same then the committee members that are available, would be happy to assist in the running of the parade. Please do get in contact with any committee member if interested.

**DURROW DEVELOPMENT FORUM:** This year 2017, Durrow Development Forum celebrates it's 20th year of existence and this year we will continue to strive to better and enhance the community. We would be delighted if all households took part in the Scarecrow Festival and displayed a Scarecrow outside their home or business. We will be sending out some information coming up to the festival and hope that anybody that is interested would be happy to attend some Scarecrow Making Classes which should assist in their creations!

**EMPLOYMENT:** Durrow Community Services have two vacancies for the position of General Operative on their Ballacolla operations team and one position for General Operative on the Durrow operations team. For further information or to apply, please contact Patrick Quinn on (057) 8736870 or call into the FÁS Office beside Durrow Catholic Church during office hours.