

**CAKE SALE:** The Community Council will hold a Cake Sale in the Presentation Centre after the Masses on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th of February. Your generous support will be most welcome as all proceeds will go towards the running expenses of the Annual Senior Citizens' Party.

**GRANT FOR REPLACEMENT OF LEAD PIPES:** Laois County Council wishes to advise that a grant is now available to assist householders with the cost of replacing lead pipes in their homes. Application forms, which include details of eligibility, may be obtained from the Water Services Department, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. Further information may also be obtained from our website at laois.ie online. If you have any queries please call the following number: (057) 8764120.

**DURROW SCARECROW FESTIVAL:** DDF will have a specialised award in this years scarecrow festival. The award which started last year saw Erkindale Drive winning same with their fantastic display of Scarecrows and this year DDF will continue the Local Community Award  
A prize of €200 will be awarded to the best area for displaying scarecrows. A minimum of ten scarecrows must be on display to be considered for this award. There is no separate entry required, the judges will consider each area in their judging process. The Square, Old Esso Station and any DDF Display Scarecrows will be excluded from this judging process. Areas will be judged as follows: Cork Road and Patrick Street, Barnhill and Carrigan Street, Erkindale Drive, Swan Road, St. Fintan's Terrace, Mill Road to include Green Display Area, Derry Road, Chapel Street and Mary Street, Sean Doire and Derry Wood. Plans are underway already for the 2017 festival and Durrow Development Forum will be looking for volunteers. We will post notices on the newsletter and on facebook seeking assistance. Any new ideas and any community involvement will be of great benefit to both DDF and the community as a whole.

**CULLOHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE:** Cullohill Community Centre Operation Transformation walk continues every Monday and Friday night, starting from Community Centre at 7pm. Adults only, please wear visible jacket. Circuit training continues on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm for ladies and 8.30pm for men - contact Shirley Bergin in Cullohill Topaz-Gala for more information. Progressive 25 Card Games are held in the hall every Sunday night at 8.30pm sharp followed by tea and sandwiches. Please support!

**DURROW AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND:** The Durrow and District Pipe Band are striking up again and are looking for new members. Pipers and Drummers are needed. There is no age limit and free training will be provided. For information call John Sheeran on (087) 2493749.

**DURROW REMINISCING GROUP:** A book with 200 pages of Photographs spanning almost 100 years of Durrow and Cullohill memories including ICA, Hurling, Camogie, Soccer, School to mention but a few. Books for sale €25 each or two for €40. Please text or call Tom on (087) 2936531 or Kathleen on (086) 8263368 for further information.

**VOCUM DARU:** The Vocum Daru Choir under Choirmaster Ann Moylan continues it's weekly practice choir sessions on Tuesday nights at 7pm sharp in the Presentation Centre. New members are welcome!

**DUNMORE COUNTRY SCHOOL** host a Horticulture Course on February 18th. For more call 087 1258002

**ENROLMENT:** Scoil Tighearnach Naofa, Cullohill is now open for enrolment for September 2017. Please contact the office at (057) 8737281 for more details.

**LAOIS KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB: REC3:** A cold but fun 24 hours updating our Rescue Emergency Care (REC3) certs with David Batt and Osier Hill Training. A big thanks to one of our instructors Fergal Hill for organising everything.

**Summer Paddling Training and Schedule:** Please keep an eye out on our website and Facebook pages for our summer training sessions. We will have beginner training courses for all age groups and if you are unsure or would like to try out kayaking, by learning and obtaining a level 2 cert you can proceed on to a lot more paddling and disciplines.

**Winter Pool Schedule** continues with Balto Kayak Club on the following Sundays will continue for kayakers to gain experience. 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 to 6.30pm, the last pool session dates are February 5th and 19th.

**Winter Paddling** at weekends only and advance notice of events and meets will be on our Viber Group or on our Facebook page and Website. We look forward to seeing you on the water and paddling together, don't forget to check [www.laokayak.com](http://www.laokayak.com) for any updates or follow our Facebook page.

**DURROW-CULLOHILL PARISH ANGLERS:** The Durrow-Cullohill Parish Anglers held their first Pike Competition of the Year in Grantstown Lake for the Brendan Sheeran Memorial Cup. First was Seamus Coffey; Second was Mick Walsh and Third was David Walsh. The next pike fishing competition will be held on February 26th. All members will receive a text message to their phones with all the details.

**THE HARPS GAA JUVENILE SECTION:** The Nursery Programme for Junior and Senior Infants Boys will start on Sunday, February 12th in Cullohill Community Centre from 12pm until 1pm.