

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.

CULLOHILL AND DURROW FLOWER CLUB: The next Cullohill and Durrow Flower Club meeting will be held in Manor Stone Garden Centre on Tuesday January 24th at 2.30pm. Please do come along and bring a friend for a Gardening workshop and a cuppa. All are most welcome.

WOODENBRIDGE AGM: A very successful annual general meeting of the Woodenbridge Community Alert was held recently in Newtown Mill. The meeting which was attended by Sgt. Mark Doran held a very positive discussion on CCTV for the area. The importance of the text alert system and the continued support of all both inside and outside the area was praised. It was decided to hold a social event in the New Year. Former secretary Ann Marie Cannon who has moved from the area was thanked for all her work over the last number of years. Thanks was also extended to Tara at Newtown Mill for her continued support. Also remembered were a number of members who sadly passed away during the past year. The meeting concluded with our brilliant catering committee providing mulled wine, tea, etc... for all. The officers elected were as follows: Chairman - Michael G Phelan; Vice Chairman - Kevin Galvin; Secretary - Anne Sharples; Assistant Secretary - Kay Geoghegan; Joint Treasurers - Liam Geoghegan and Michael Broderick; Tec - Kevin Brennan.

DURROW LIBRARY: *Storytelling with Sarah* is back after the Christmas break! And Sarah has kindly volunteered her time and talents to sit in our kid's corner and tell some of the funniest and loveliest stories from our children's section. Why do Aliens wear underpants? What do you do with the world's most annoying elephant? Who exactly is Superworm? Come along on Saturdays at midday and find out! No booking needed.

Caife agus Comhrá is a new group hoping to start meeting in the library regularly. Focusing on using their cúpla focail and having chats while having a cuppa, they are looking for experienced Irish speakers as well as beginners to add some numbers to their group.

Poetry Club - there has been some interest in the area in creating a poetry group. Whether it's for the lost art of recitation, discussing your favourite poems or for the chance to read some of your own original work in front of a supportive group - Durrow Library hopes to host a one of a kind club dedicated to the spoken word!

Other News: The Exhibition on Betty Ridge and Castle Durrow's fairytale is still available to view at the Durrow Library. We also received a lot of new Adult Fiction over the holidays and it's well worth a browse - remember membership is free!

Opening Times: Tuesdays - 1.30pm to 7.30pm (closed 5.30pm-6pm); Wednesdays - 10am to 5.30pm (closed 1.30pm-2pm) and Saturdays from 11am to 1pm. Computers, printers and photocopier available for public use at a small fee. Contact Lori for more details on any of these groups or events at (083) 4274714 or contact Imoriarty@laoiscoco.ie by email.

LAOIS KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB: Canoeing Ireland Appointment: LKCC would like to congratulate our club member, PRO and canoeing instructor Brian Ogilvie on his appointment as an Executive to Canoeing Ireland. Brian has taken up his role as an Honorary Secretary but continues to work tirelessly in the development of Laois Kayak and Canoe Club. Brian and his team are responsible for the day to day financial and administrative affairs of the Union, employment of staff, and the achievement of the Union's policies and objectives. We wish him the very best of luck in his new position.

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 pool session dates are January 15th, 22nd, 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.laoiskayak.com for any updates or follow our Facebook page.

FISHING: The Annual General Meeting of Durrow-Cullohill Parish Anglers was held in the Durrow Inn on Friday January 13th and was very well attended. The officers elected were: Chairman - Philip Kearney; Vice Chairman - Tommy Coffey; Secretary - Mick Walsh; Assistant Secretary - Pat Dunphy; Treasurer - Oliver Lawlor; Assistant - Niall Donohue. Committee: David Walsh, Alan Dwyer, Ian Drennan, Simon Dwyer, Jonathan Stapleton, Seanie Delahunty, Patrick O'Regan Declan McDonald and Seamus Coffey. Membership remains the same as last year and membership cards/day permits are available in Lawlor's Gala, Daybreak, Lawlor's Flower Shop and from Michael Walsh, Erkindale.

On Sunday January 22nd the club will host their first Pike Fishing competition of 2017 on Grantstown Lake. Fishing will be from 9am to 4pm with the results and presentations in Durrow Inn at 5pm.