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## DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

The first to come, the yellow crocus thrusting boldly up as if to catch and hold the sunlight in its painted cup. The first one out to shout a salutation of good cheer, making haste to show itself before the rest appear. For soon will come the other members of the family, robed in deepest purple, palest mauve and ivory and dazzled by their beauty we'll forget to say goodbye to the first that took the risk and braved the wintry sky.

### **LOCAL news:**

**CAKE SALE:** The Community Council wish to thank everyone who supported the Cake Sale held recently, our thanks also to everyone who baked cakes, gave prizes for the raffle and anyone who helped in any way, your support and help was very much appreciated. The winners of the raffle were: First prize - Large Hamper won by Fiona Donohue, Castlevue, Durrow; Second prize - Nivia Hamper won by Ciaran Flynn, Derrywood, Durrow; Third prize - Bottle of Red and Bottle of White Wine won by John Freeman, Mary Street, Durrow.

**DURROW-CULLOHILL SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY 2017:** The Senior Citizens' Party was held on 25th February in the Castle Arms Hotel. It was great to see the biggest attendance in recent years enjoying a wonderful day. Our thanks to the following: Seosamh and Staff of the Castle Arms Hotel for the excellent food served, to Andrew Walsh who provided the music for the afternoon and also to Rev. Canon Harvey for his attendance, everyone who donated the many prizes for the raffle on the day. A special word of thanks to all the helpers who never let us down, it's great to be always able to count on your help. Thanks to everyone for the lovely comments of appreciations.

**CAKE SALE IN AID OF CUISLE CENTRE:** Durrow Development Forum will hold a Cake Sale to support the Cuisle Centre, Portlaoise on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of April after both Masses. Cakes can be dropped in for sale before Mass on each day. Please do call in for a cup of tea, coffee, cake and a chat to support this very worthy and local cause.

**TIDY TOWNS MEETING:** DDF will hold a Tidy Towns meeting on **Wednesday 22nd March** at 8.00pm in the Library. Please do come out and support as all community assistance is required. Every person, business, adult and child can do their little bit in their own way to better the area and community that they live in.

**SCARECROW VOLUNTEERS MEETING:** There will be a Scarecrow volunteer meeting in the Library, Durrow at 8.00pm on **Wednesday 5th April**. If you would like to be involved in the festival, be it for an hour or more, please do come and meet on the night. Also if you have an idea for a scarecrow but are unsure of how to put it all together, please do come to the short meeting and our committee will be happy to discuss and assist you with same.

**SCARECROW CAMP VOLUNTEERS:** For any young adult or college student - are you interested in working with young people? Now is your chance to see if this is a career path that will suit you. If you would like to volunteer for the annual Scarecrow Summer Camp, please contact us through our Facebook Scarecrow Page as soon as possible so we can arrange Garda Vetting and bring you on board for the 2017 Scarecrow Festival!

**CULLOHILL NATIONAL SCHOOL:** The School is now enrolling new pupils for the 2017-2018 term. Please contact the School at (057) 8737281 for further details.