

BRIDGE: The Results of the of Durrow Bridge Club's last meeting on March 15th is as follows: First - Ann Fitzpatrick and Dolly Harding; Second - Babe Duggan and Phil Mahony; Third - Josie Murphy and Bridget Nolan. Durrow Bridge Club continue their Bridge Club meetings every Wednesday night at 7.45pm in the Presentation Centre, Durrow. All are most welcome.

FOUND: Ladies spectacles in Dunmore wood car park a few weeks ago. Contact (086) 8263368.

CULLOHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE: *Progressive 25 Card Games* are held in the hall every Sunday night at 8.30pm sharp followed by tea and sandwiches. Please support!

APPEAL: This year, 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the O'Brien's starting their Headstone business in Durrow. If anyone has any old pictures of the Quarry on the Derry Road, Sean would be delighted to hear from you. You can email them to seanobrien1957@eircom.net or phone Sean on (086) 2656657 if you have them in paper form. Any additional details such as the names and date of the picture would be greatly appreciated.

DURROW-CULLOHILL PARISH ANGLERS: The Anglers held their first two trout fishing competitions of the season. On St. Patrick's Day they held their first competition of the season for the Michael Walsh Cup. First was Seanie Delahunty, Second - Seamus Coffey and Third - Jonathan Stapleton. Juvenile - First: Keelan Carroll, Second: Shane Shortall and Third: Ryan McDonald. On Sunday March 19th they held a trout fishing competition for the Billy Lawlor Memorial Cup. First were Tommy Coffey, second - David Walsh and third - Pat Dunphy. Juvenile: First - Keelan Carroll and second Shane Shortall.

Membership cards are available in Lawlor's Gala, Daybreak, Lawlor's Flower Shop and from Michael Walsh. Membership cards are available in Lawlor's Gala, Daybreak, Lawlor's Flower Shop and from Michael Walsh. Membership Fees for the year are as follows: Senior €40, OAP and Juveniles €5. Day permits will cost €15. Grantstown Lake: Senior €30, OAP and Juveniles €5 and Day permits will cost €10.

The next competition for the Anglers will be on Easter Sunday, April 16th. All members will receive a text outlining full details of the competition. Members will fish for The Mick O'Rourke Memorial Trophy.

MINI-MARATHON: The Ladies who compete every year in the Mini-Marathon on the June Bank Holiday Monday are reminded to register now as demand for places on the starting line is very high and will fill up very quickly. This year the funds raised will go to Motor Neurone Research. Sponsorship cards and t-shirts are available from Susan Lawlor.

LAOIS KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB - Club AGM: The Club AGM will take place in April, please see our Facebook page for confirmed date and time.

Membership Renewal: Annual Membership is due in April, please check your email, our Viber or our Facebook group chats for details. If you would like to join, the membership form is available on our website, or contact any member, or message through our facebook page for more details.

Level 2 Kayaking Training: We will be running a Kayaking Training session on the weekend of 27th and 28th May. A fun 2 days of weekend paddling, games and on-the-water instruction for both adults and juniors (U18) who want to learn the basics of kayaking with qualified Canoeing Ireland instructors. This course is part of Laois Kayak and Canoe Club's Summer Development Programme. What you will learn:

- To kayak safely & competently on flat water
- An understanding of the Basic Paddling Techniques and Safety Rules of canoeing
- An ability to Enter and Exit a kayak correctly
- Forward Paddle, Reverse Paddle, and Stop
- An ability to turn while stationary using Forward Sweep Stroke, Reverse Sweep Stroke and a combination of Forward and Reverse Sweep Strokes
- Simple Draw Stroke
- Low Brace
- Turning on the Move
- Edging while the kayak is moving
- Capsize Drill
- An ability to assist in an Assisted X Rescue and/or an H Rescue.

Group sizes are limited to a maximum of 12 persons. Booking details are on our Facebook page.

Durrow Scarecrow Festival 2017: LKCC are really excited to again be involved in this years scarecrow festival. It's an event not to be missed and is a huge asset to the community as a whole. We look forward to assisting Durrow Development Forum in the different events and to seeing you all over the festival.

Interested in Kayaking: Our summer kayaking training and introduction sessions are now booking. Mid-Week Paddling will start again on Wednesday evenings, once the evenings are longer. If you are interested in taking up paddling please keep an eye out on Facebook and on our website for introduction nights, training sessions and events for Junior and Senior paddlers, details at www.laoiskayak.com online.