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DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thoughts for the Day - The Year is half gone

The Year is half gone. For a few more weeks we shall keep the sweet illusion of high summer, but gradually now the songs of the birds will fade into muted twitterings. There will be a feeling of heaviness in the thick woods, the deep drowsiness that follows upon fulfillment. There is still much to anticipate: the pageantry of the mid-summer garden and the harvesting of corn and fruit, but he who is in tune with the moods of the earth will experience a sense of impending change. The blaze of noon has passed, and imperceptibly we have turned our faces towards the sunset of the year.

LOCAL NEWS:

THIRD LAOIS DURROW SCOUTS: *The Beavers and Cubs* sections have now finished their weekly meetings for the season and they also really enjoyed their recent summer camps in Portlick and Larch Hill respectively. **Scouts and Ventures:** Scouts are heading off on their Annual Summer Camp on Wednesday July 12th. This is a series of camps run by Scouting Ireland in the Run up to Stradbally in 2018. Our Scouts attended Camp 2 in Lough Dan while a small number attended Camp 3 in Limerick, Camp 4 in Cavan and this year's is in Mountmelera, Co. Waterford. All camps were very enjoyable, and this promises to be also. Our Ventures and two of our scouters are staffing this camp.

ROUND BALE DECORATING COMPETITION: Open to Clubs/Families/Groups of Friends. Book your pitch and hay bale on (086) 8320139 or (087) 2319393 and join in the fun on competition day, Bale decorating will start on Saturday 29th July and be completed on Sunday 30th July by 12 Noon ready for the opening of The Scarecrow Festival. Entry Forms on Website www.durrowscarecrowfestival.com - it costs €10 per entry with €300 in prize money. Spaces are limited so book your pitch early!

SCARECROW FESTIVAL TEEN ZONE: Our Teen zone runs specifically for ages 13 to 17 years on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for teenage boys and girls and includes, teen makeup and hair, kayaking and archery. This year by request and on feedback, theres a pre-teen zone night for 10 to 12yrs for hair. Teen-Zone is by booking only and details are available on our brochure which is now up online and being environmentally aware for tidy towns, this can be saved to your phone for easy access.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS: The 2017 festival brings many workshops both old and new. The following workshops must be pre-booked: Basket Weaving with Gerardine Wisdom; Ceramics with Seven Sisters; Youth Theater with Sarah Gaughan; Art Class with Marie Moylan; and the exciting Herb & Vegetable Discovery Trail with Dunmore Country School. We also have the following workshops which are drop in on the day: Crochet with Gabby Dunne-Das; Scarecrow Workshop; Fairy Door Making and Scarecrow Childrens dress-up Story-Telling. Demonstrations will also be given by: Clancy Hurleys; Pdraig Phelan Woodwork; and Butter Making with Susan Carter.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION AT SCARECROW FESTIVAL: This Annual Photography competition has a Junior and Senior Category. Entry Fees: Senior €8, Juvenile (U16s) €5. Print sizes allowed for both competitions - Standard size to Maximum 12" x 10". Entry Dates: Monday 31st July and Tuesday 1st August from 3pm-6pm both days in Durrow Community Centre. Maximum of 3 photos per entry. For further information contact Andrew Walsh (086) 3791904 or see www.durrowscarecrowfestival.com - Entries do not have to be of scarecrows, this is a general competition and all entries are welcome.

SCARECROW ENTRIES: Please have your scarecrow entry into the Scarecrow festival team as soon as possible. There is a lot of background work to be done in relation to signage and it really helps if we have the applications in early for our volunteers. Your entry is kept confidential so please don't worry about sending in the entry early!

ARTS AND CRAFTS: As part of the Durrow Scarecrow Festival, the Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition & Sale will be held at Durrow Community Centre, from Sunday 30th July to Monday 7th August inclusive. Items will be displayed throughout the venue including Photography, Knitwear, Pottery, Artworks including Oils & Acrylics. Anyone interested in exhibiting should contact Mary on (087) 2200199.