

**TIDY TOWNS:** Assessment is carried out by an independent panel of adjudicators and takes place during the months of June, July and August each year. This assessment is always conducted in secret and on unspecified dates and Durrow Tidy Towns are appealing to everybody and to all businesses and homes to be active and keep the outside of their homes, premises and public areas clean and tidy. Extra effort has been put in for this years competition and without your help we can't achieve better marks. Your ongoing assistance would be greatly appreciated in this.

**TIDY TOWNS WORK NIGHT:** Thanks to everybody both young and old who came out for our work night on Wednesday, there was great work done and we appreciated the help. We will have another work night this Wednesday, meeting in the square at 7.30pm and all help would be much appreciated. If you can't make the work night we would ask everybody to keep the outside of their homes and businesses clean and tidy and also ask everybody to be a litter aware, if you see it - please do pick it up!!!

**COMHALTAS:** Spink Comhaltas are commencing their popular Summer Seisiún series on Wednesday nights between 8pm and 10pm during July and August. The Seisiún takes place in the Heritage House Museum, Abbeyleix, and all are welcome. There is no entry fee, but donations are accepted to cover the cost of the venue. The Seisiún has a different event every week - but it will comprise the best of Laois musicians in traditional Irish music, song, story telling and the occasional dancer. All are most welcome.

**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.

**DURROW LIBRARY: *Children's Events:*** Several events will take place at the library over the summer for the Summer Reading Challenge programme and for Heritage Week. Booking will be required so drop in if you're interested in securing a place.

***Chess Club:*** Wednesdays in July from 2.30pm until 3.30pm for eight to twelve year olds - all abilities welcome.

***Harry Potter Drawing Class:*** Thursday August 17th from 4.30pm until 5.30pm for ages ten to fifteen.

***Mr Men and Little Miss Treasure Hunt:*** Tuesday 4th July at 2pm for ages three to nine year olds.

***Children's Introduction to Irish Wildlife:*** Wednesday 23rd of August from 12.15pm until 1.15pm.

**AWARDS 2017:** Laois County Council in participation with Laois Public Participation Network are proud to announce that the Laois Community and Voluntary Awards, 2017 are being held in the autumn. Nomination Forms and details available from Claire Buckley, Community & Enterprise Section or email cbuckley@laoiscoco.ie. Closing date for Nominations is Friday 21st July, 2017.

**DURROW AND DISTRICT BEFRIENDING GROUP:** Volunteers are required urgently to help with the work of the group. All it takes is one hour of your time per week to visit somebody living alone. Its very rewarding to do this small task weekly and its so much appreciated by the recipient. For more information please contact Patricia on (089) 4649759.

**LAOIS KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB - *Club Trips:*** A great day out at Clashganny was had on Sunday 25th June and more trips will take place each weekend which will be on our Facebook page or Viber Group. Bookings for club members taking part in The Liffey Descent need to be made directly on the Canoeing Ireland Website. If any member doesn't have their membership number for booking, please PM or Viber us as quickly as possible.

***TeenZone at the Scarecrow Festival:*** LKCC are again taking part in this years Scarecrow festival with Kayaking for the Teen Zone. All bookings are taken directly through the Scarecrow Festival but spaces are limited so book early. All equipment will be supplied, just bring a wetsuit or old clothing and some old shoes and a towel. Please note that this group is limited to ages 13 to 18 years.

***Interested in Kayaking?*** Midweek Paddling is on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm, please see Facebook for details. 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](http://www.laoiskayak.com) online.

**LIONS ANNUAL BBQ and FAMILY FUN DAY 2017:** The annual Lions BBQ and Family Fun Day is in conjunction with the FAI Festival of Football. This years annual BBQ will take place on Sunday July 16th at the club grounds on the Cork Rd. The event coincides with the FAI festival of football which takes place throughout Kilkenny from July 16th to 22nd. As part of the event FAI chief executive John Delaney along with former Republic of Ireland international legends will visit our club on the day. This certainly is a great opportunity for all our members young and old to meet up with their heros and get some pictures taken. There will be plenty of other activities on the day including Bouncy Castles, mini matches, soak the coach and lots more fun! Kick-off is at 11am and we would like to extend an invite to all current and past members, families and friends to attend what promises to be a great day.