



DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Thoughts for the Day - At the Stile

There's nothing half so lovely as to lean against a stile. Lost in thoughts of sweet contentment, resting for awhile. Breathing in the country air and listening to the birds, conscious of a peace of mind too deep for spoken words, thinking of the people who have sat on those same bars - lovers who have lingered there beneath the evening stars - sun-tanned workers from the fields upon their homeward way - young folks strolling back from church upon the Sabbath day.

LOCAL news:

THIRD LAOIS DURROW SCOUTS: *Our Ventures* are busy making plans for their Summer Camp when they will travel to Tramore Co. Waterford - all are looking forward to this camp. The Ventures are also booking into Jamboree 18 which will be held in Stradbally Co. Laois and it will be a great opportunity and experience - one that should not be missed. The Ventures will be running a few fundraisers over the rest of this year to help cover costs, all support would be greatly appreciated in order for us to facilitate our youth in attending.

The Cubs have taken part in the recent County Cub Camp which was themed "Pirates". They had a blast and even learned how to cook pizza in a cardboard box! Arrrgh!!! They are now off to Larch Hill for the June Bank Holiday weekend, hoping that the weather will stay fine.

Congratulations to our **Scouts** member Oisin Dunne on competing and winning a Gold Medal at the European Kettlebells competition held in Athens last weekend - a fantastic achievement!

CLUB SCARECROW WORKSHOP: On behalf of DDF we'd like to celebrate this 20th year of Durrow Development Forum working in the community by asking all clubs and organisations to display a scarecrow for this year's festival. Entry prices have been halved to entice all to participate in this fundraising event. We will be running a workshop specifically for the clubs on Wednesday 7th June from 7.30pm in the ICA hall and we will be there to assist you with your scarecrow and get you started. All are most welcome to attend.

DURROW TIDY TOWNS - *Work Night*: A work night will take place on Wednesday next, June 7th at 7.30pm. Please meet in The Square to help out with some urgently needed work planting flowers, edging flower beds, etc...

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 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 assistance would be greatly appreciated in this.

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 must be completed on Sunday 30th July by 12 noon - ready for the opening of The Scarecrow Festival. Entry Forms are on the website: www.durrowscarecrowfestival.com - €10 per entry, €300 in prize money - Spaces are limited so book your pitch early!

SCARECROW FESTIVAL TEEN ZONE: Our Teen Zone runs specifically for ages 13-17 years on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for teenage boys and girls and will include: teen makeup and hair, kayaking and archery. This year by request and on feedback, there's a pre-teen zone night (10-12yrs) for hair. Teen Zone is by booking only and details will be available on our brochure and online in the coming weeks - keep an eye out on durrowscarecrowfestival.com