**TEA DAY FOR LAOIS ALZHEIMER SOCIETY:** A Tea Day in aid of Laois Alzheimer Society will be held in the home of Lena Roe, Irey, Ballyfin, Co. Laois on Saturday 10th June from 2:30pm until 4:30pm. You can contact Lena on (087) 6368035 for more information. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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**MOUNTRATH COTTAGE MARKET:** This project is 100% volunteer lead and set up on a not-for-profit basis. We are trying to bring a sense of community back to the town of Mountrath. The Cottage Market Mountrath - Brought to you by The Community Forum, Mountrath will launch on Saturday 3rd June in The Macra Hall, Main St, Mountrath, Co Laois. There will be a large variety of marketers bringing homegrown, homemade and handcrafted goods to the Market. The Market will then take place on the first Saturday of the month. Opening times: 10am until 2pm. Contact: eMail - thecottagemarketmountrath@gmail.com Facebook - The Cottage Market Mountrath or Phone - (089) 2048089.

**VOCEM DARU CHOIR:** Our choirmaster Ann Moylan requests that for the next three Tuesday nights members attending choir practice, not to be late - even arrive ten minutes early if possible. We will have a Piano accompanist and two Musicians with us. Our first real performance on home soil will be Friday 30th June in the Castle Arms Hotel as part of a variety concert which will be a fundraiser for Community Council to provide much needed funds for our Senior Citizens party and Seniors annual outing... Please inform those who may not pick up their emails or may have been absent recently.

**CHILDRENS SCARECROW SUMMER CAMP:** Scarecrow Summer Camp booking forms are online from Tuesday 6th June on www.durrowscarecrowfestival.com The popular scarecrow camp runs from 10am – 1pm weekdays from Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August Cost:  $\in$ 50 per child,  $\notin$ 95 for two children,  $\notin$ 140 for three children from the same family. All application forms with payment to be left in a sealed envelope into Happy Days Creche, Durrow. Confirmation of places will be sent by text. Spaces are not confirmed until you hear from us. Age Limit Age 5 to 12 Years. <u>SPACES ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.</u>

**DURROW LIBRARY:** *Irish Conversation Group*: The Irish Conversation Group will meet on Monday June 12th at 8pm. All are welcome.

**Lego Club:** Both the Wednesday and Saturday session of our Lego clubs are now full up. These will definitely run until the end of June. Some summer sessions might be held so pop into the library to reserve places. Ideally suited to children aged 6 and up. We would also like to thank everyone for their kind donations to our Lego collection!

**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 year olds.

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

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

**Jane Austen:** An evening class on Jane Austen will be held over three weeks at Portarlington Library from Wednesday 14th of June from 7pm until 8pm. Its a free course but limited places so if anyone is interested please call (057) 8643751. Also if anyone would have any interest in a Jane Austen themed event held at Durrow library as part of the Austen at 200 festivities please get in touch at (083) 4221033.

**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 -** *Level 2 Kayaking Training:* The LKCC Kayaking Training session on the weekend of 27th and 28th May at Ballinakill lake was a great success with out new paddlers trying out their new skills on the Thursday after on the Erkina.

**Beginners Night**: Join us on the Erkina on Tuesday 6th June for a beginners kayaking night, meeting at LKCC Club House, The Bridge, Durrow from 7pm until 9pm. All are welcome.

*Tidy Towns CleanUp:* Calling all parents and club members - we are meeting at the Bridge in Durrow on Tuesday 6th June from 7pm until 9pm for weeding and planting in conjunction with Durrow Tidy Towns. All assistance is required and it's a perfect opportunity to assist whilst your partner or children are paddling on the same night. Bring tools and gloves!

**Interested in Kayaking?** Midweek Paddling is on Wednesday or Thursday evenings, please see our Facebook page for updated 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 online.