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## DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

### *Thoughts for the Day - With grateful heart...*

Make the most of every moment. Seize life in its flight. Take the best from every season whether grim or bright. Be it winter, spring, or summer let each day you live yield some joy, for every day has some good thing to give. It is useless to lament the passing of the years. Time goes by and will not stop to heed our foolish tears. Round and round the clock will go whatever you may say so take with grateful heart what Life is offering today.

### **LOCAL news:**

**THIRD LAOIS DURROW SCOUTS:** Our Venture Scout travelled to Arklow Co. Wicklow last weekend to the Venture Scout Ball and had a great night. A big thank you to Paddy Lynch and Jonathan Heavy for taking ours under your wings again! All of our Venture section wish CPC Jonathan Heavy the best of Luck in the Volunteer of the year award as he has been shortlisted which is truly well deserved.

**DURROW CRAFT FAIRS:** The committee wish to thank Paddy Quinn and all the FÁS Team, Seosamh Murphy and Staff Castle Arms Hotel, Crafts people and all those who distributed posters, fliers and those who shared the Event on social media. Our sincere thanks to all who visited on the day and contributed to the success of the Fair. The raffle result was: First Prize - A Large Hamper was won by Gert Bolger, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford; Second Prize - A Bottle of Wine and Mince Pies was won by Mairead Phelan, Avalon, Castledurrow, Durrow. A donation will be made to Durrow Befriending Group.

**RORY O'CONNELL COOKERY DEMONSTRATION: Wednesday 23rd November – Cullohill Community Centre** - Rory O'Connell is to return to his native Cullohill on 23rd November to promote the benefits of preventing food waste in a free cookery demonstration, thanks to funding secured by Laois County Council via the EPA's Local Authority Prevention Network programme and additional support provided by Cullohill Community Council and Cullohill Tidy Towns. Entry to the event is by ticket only and the event is fully subscribed. The event will take place from 7pm until 9pm on Wednesday next in Cullohill Community Centre. Doors will open at 6.30pm and the event will commence at 7pm sharp. A great night is guaranteed and we look forward to welcoming everyone to Cullohill.

**EMILY DUGGAN HONOURED AT NATIONAL SAFETY AWARDS:** Congratulations to Emily Duggan, Lakefield, Dereen, Durrow, who was honoured at the Irish Safety National Awards ceremony recently. She saved her brother Justin who had fallen into an old disused septic tank. Emily used a hurl for him to grab on to and brought him to safety. It was an old disused septic tank that was covered over and the top had corroded and the family were not aware of it being there. Emily was just 8 years old at the time and Justin was only 5 years old. Well done to Emily for her quick thinking - she is an inspiration to all of us.

**A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS:** A candlelight evening of songs, words and music for all the family will be held in the Castle Arms Hotel on Friday night, December 9th starting at 7.30pm. Stars of the show will be Mary Byrne of X-Factor; Patrick Bergin - Hollywood film star, singer and poet; Michael Creagh (raconteur and poet) and will also feature the newly formed Durrow Community Choir "Vocem Daru Choir" - lots of talent to guarantee a great night! Tickets are available from €20 for adults and €10 for Students. All profits will go to The Save Our Mountain Fund and/or Community projects in Cullohill, Gathabawn and Durrow.