

LAOIS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK: Laois Public Participation Network are holding a Funding and Resources Workshop for all Community Groups in Laois, on Tuesday the 29th of November from 5.00pm to 9.00pm in The Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise. This will be an exhibition style event with different organisations, companies etc... providing relevant information to community groups about various grants, supports, resources, training, insurance etc... Laois Partnership will also make a presentation at 7.15pm on the evening about the new round of the LEADER programme, in advance of the official call for Expression of Interests (EOI) for funding under the new Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020. This event is free and open to all.

SET DANCING CLASSES: Come on down to the Castle Arms Hotel on Monday evenings from 8.30pm until 10pm for Set Dancing Classes. Beginners and advanced levels are all welcome. For more information please contact Declan on (087) 2768680.

ATHLETICS: Congratulations to Avril Deegan on her recent cross country success. Avril recently came First in both the Laois Under 19 and Laois Junior XC and last weekend took part in the Leinster Under 19 XC in Tyrellspass winning silver. Next week sees Avril out in the Laois Senior competition and the following weekend in the All Ireland Juniors at Abbotstown, Dublin. Wishing Avril continued success in the cross country season.

YOUTH CHOIR: The Durrow Youth Choir continues on Tuesdays throughout November and December from 4.15pm until 5pm in the FÁS office (building to the right of the Church). Any boys and girls from First class up to the age of 18 are welcome. The choir will be learning different types of song, songs from the musicals, pop songs, carols, gospel etc... The fee is €10 per child until the Christmas break. If you are interested in this please contact Vicky Murphy on (086) 1000230 as places are limited.

HARPS CAMOGIE CLUB: The Harps Camogie Club are celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the 2006, 2007, 2008 All-Ireland Winning Teams on Saturday 26th November. This day of celebration will kick-off with an 'exhibition' match between the All-Ireland Winning Panels versus current players at 1.30pm in Durrow GAA Pitch. The reminiscing will continue later in Bob's Bar with video footage of the 2006-2008 games starting at 8pm, with finger food and music available. We would like to extend an open invite to all our families, friends, supporters, past and present players to join us this day. Collection buckets will be available over the weekend and all donations will go back into the club to help develop the stars of the future! Please support.

CULLOHILL & DURROW FLOWER AND GARDENING CLUB: The Annual Christmas Gala will be held on Monday 21st November at 8pm in The Castle Arms hotel Durrow. Sandra Jackson will be the guest demonstrator from AOIFA. A good night is promised with lots of brilliant new ideas for decorating at Christmas. Proceeds to Cancer Research and Parkinson's Ireland.

SUPERVISED STUDY: Supervised Study continues every Saturday in the Presentation Centre, Durrow inside Church gates on left. From 9am to 1pm. Places cost only €30 for month of November. Study skills and tuition. Limited availability. Contact Sinead on (087) 9510587.

DANCE LESSONS: Social Dance Lessons will be soon starting on Thursday nights in Abbeyleix Golf Club. For more details call Geraldine (087) 9550646 or P.J. at the Golf Club. All welcome.

LAOIS KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB: Club News - The club had another successful trip on Sunday 30th October to the canoeing course in Clonmel. Great experience was gained, especially for the new Kayakers and an enjoyable day was had by all. Pool sessions continue with Balto Canoe Club in Athy Swimming Pool, this is a great opportunity to practice rolling in the water.

Congratulations to Mikie Murphy who took part in the kayaking weekend at Cranafest in Bunclrang, Donegal.

Interested in Kayaking: As is standard and due to the shorter evenings, paddling will now be on at the weekends only. If you are interested in taking up paddling, please have a look at the event dates on Facebook and on our website for details www.laokayak.com online.

ST VINCENT de PAUL: Anyone looking for help can contact us on (087) 3476012.