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Thoughts for the Day - The Trees of Spring

A wave of green has broken on the April countryside sweeping round the woods and hedges like a rising tide. A mounting wave of living green goes rolling round the world, as on twig and branch and bough the new leaves are uncurled. Lovely at this season is the flowering cherry tree like a white-sailed galleon upon a restless sea: a ship adrift before the wind, a fair and graceful thing riding on the full green waters of the tides of Spring.

LOCAL news:

CAKE SALE IN AID OF CUISLE CENTRE: Durrow Development Forum wishes to express their thanks to everybody who supported their cake sale for The Cuisle Cancer Care Centre in Portlaoise. To everyone who made cakes and bought them, it was very much appreciated. Your contribution made a whopping €658.40 and DDF have contributed to this to bring the total raised for the Cuisle Centre to €800. The raffle winners are as follows: First Prize - Mt. Juliet Voucher: Roisin Kenny, Coole, Ballyragget; Second Prize - Bottle of Champagne and Box of Chocolates: Stephen Murphy, Derry Rd, Durrow; Third Prize - Bottle of Wine: Patrick Woods, Barnhill, Durrow; Fourth Prize - Box of Chocolates: Eddie Clancy, Fermoy; Fifth Prize - Box of Chocolates: Tony Clancy, Barnhill. Well done everybody!

USED CLOTHES COLLECTION IN AID OF DURROW COMMUNITY CENTRE: The committee are holding a used clothes collection which will be collected from the Community Hall at the end of April. Bags of used clothes can be left into the Hall each morning, 9.00am to 1.00pm from now until the end of April. No duvets, pillows or cushions to be included as they will not be accepted. This is an opportunity to do a clean-out of used clothes and by doing so, you will be supporting the Community Centre and The National Council for the blind - and this would be very much appreciated!

DAWN CHORUS 2017: The Annual Dawn Chorus will take place this year on Sunday 30th April in Dunmore Wood. Meet in the car park at 4.45am and the walk starts at 5am sharp. Pat Durkin from Birdwatch Ireland will lead the walk. Wear warm clothes as the nights are still cool. Please bring your own refreshments. For more information contact Noeleen on (087) 9636460.

GIVE BLOOD: The Mobile Unit of the Irish Blood Transfusion Service will be in attendance at the Castle Arms Hotel on Thursday April 27th from 4.30pm until 8.00pm. As this is the first visit for the New Year we appeal to have a good attendance at this clinic. Please give one hour on the 27th to help save lives.

CULLOHILL ICA: The ICA group held their last Annual General Meeting in Cullohill Community Centre following the Pilates Class. Noreen Byrne attended and announced the details of the Federation trip to Donegal at end of June. Booking through any Guild member for deposit of €100. This trip has been a very enjoyable trip every year and very good value. The Pilates classes ran by the guild had twenty three people attending and have two more classes to go. These are free classes and all are welcome. Our teacher Julia McGuire is going to do voluntary work in Uganda from June to November. We held a fundraiser to help with her work at an all-girls school. We wish Julia a safe journey and we look forward to Pilates Classes on her return. Charities supported during the year were Cuisle Walk, Federation Charities and the Homecare team. We also supplied plants for the Community Centre window boxes. The guild had a most successful year and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 2nd.