

DURROW BRIDGE CLUB: The Results of the of Durrow Bridge Club's last meeting on March 29th is as follows: First - Teresa Muldowney and Jimmy Ryan; Second - Tied - Nora Fitzpatrick and Teresa Phelan; Ann Fitzpatrick and Dolly Harding. Durrow Bridge Club continue their Bridge Club meetings every Wednesday night at 7.45pm in the Presentation Centre, Durrow. All are most welcome.

ADULT ART CLASSES: Adult Art Classes for all levels with qualified Art Teacher will be held on Thursday evenings at 7pm for two hours in Durrow Library. €12 per session or €50 for block of five sessions. All materials provided (you can also bring your own). Enquiries to Marie (086) 3136028.

LAOIS PPN: Laois Public Participation Network are holding a Crime Prevention Advice Seminar and a Meet your PPN Representative Session on Tuesday 25th April from 7.30pm until 9.30pm in The Killeslin Hotel, Portlaoise. For further information please contact Pamela Tynan, Laois PPN on (057) 8665661 or visit Laois PPNs new website at www.laoisppn.ie or find Laois PPN on Facebook.

FUELLING AMBITION ROADSHOW – CALLING ALL FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS! - PLACES ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY FOR THIS FREE EVENT! Organised by Enterprise Ireland and Network Ireland, in conjunction with the Local Enterprise Office Laois and the Entrepreneurs Academy, the event will take place in The Portlaoise Heritage Hotel on Tuesday 25th April at 6pm. The Event is Free of Charge to existing and potential entrepreneurs and businesswomen and will showcase inspiring stories of female success. Event Facilitator for the evening is Mary O' Rourke, Former Minister, renowned speaker and published author. Helen Gee, founder of G's Gourmet Jams and Maryrose Simpson, founder of Ladybug, two ambitious Laois entrepreneurs will share their business journeys and 'steps to success' at the event.

DURROW LIBRARY: Durrow library would like to thank everyone for their donations of **Lego**. The Lego club will start after Easter break and will run on Wednesday after school with an additional session on Saturday should there be a lot of children interested. If anyone has any more Lego they would like to donate, please drop it in to the library at their convenience.

The **Irish Comhrá Group** meeting in Durrow Library had a good turn out for their first session. Some scheduling issues still have to be ironed out so the time and date of their next meeting will be advertised as soon as possible. If anyone would like to join the group please just contact Lori at the library.

Recent updates to the library system mean that some changes have happened. Details of these can be found online or in the library. Joining the library is still free but your library card will now work in any library in the Republic of Ireland and books/dvds/CDs/magazines can be ordered at and delivered to Durrow library from any of these libraries also.

DURROW-CULLOHILL PARISH ANGLERS: Durrow-Cullohill Parish Anglers held another Trout fishing competition on Sunday April 9th last for the Michael O'Rourke Memorial Cup. The winner with a beautiful fish was Seanie Delehunty. Second placed was Sean Geoghegan and third placed was Seamus Stapleton. The Juveniles U14 winners were - Liam Townsend, Shane Townsend, Shane Shortall and Keelan Carroll. The next Competition will be held on April 30th for the Bill Kelly Memorial Cup and again it will be a trout fishing competition. Best of luck to all!

LAOIS KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB - Club AGM: The Club AGM took place on Monday 3rd April in the Club House, Durrow. The following committee was elected: Chairperson - Vincent O'Brien; Vice-Chairperson - Donal Cronin; Treasurer - Enda Whelan; Secretary - Emer O'Brien; Assistant Secretary - Brenda Murphy; PRO - Brian Ogilvie; Child Protection Officer - Debbie Whelan; Club Meets/Activity/Development Officer - Fergal Hill; Safety Officer - Matt McGrath; Equipment Officers - Jim Tierney and Fergal Hill. Committee Members - Mick Malone, Eugene Meehan, Brendan Murphy, Seamus Byrne, Jonathon Young, Paul O'Brien and Kate Delaney. LKCC would like to thank all who attended the meeting.

Membership Renewal: Annual Membership is due in April, please have all renewal forms into Emer O'Brien by April 30th for Canoeing Ireland Renewal, please check your email, our Viber or Facebook group chats for details. If you would like to join, the membership form is available on our website, or contact any member, or message through our facebook page for more details.

Level 2 Kayaking Training: LKCC will be running a Kayaking Training session on the weekend of 27th and 28th May. A fun two days of weekend paddling, games and on-the-water instruction for both adults and Juniors (U18) who want to learn the basics of kayaking with qualified Canoeing Ireland instructors. This course is part of Laois Kayak and Canoe Club's Summer Development Programme. What you will learn: To kayak safely & competently on flat water, An understanding of the Basic Paddling Techniques and Safety Rules of canoeing, An ability to Enter and Exit a kayak correctly, Forward Paddle, Reverse Paddle, and Stop, An ability to turn while stationary using Forward Sweep Stroke, Reverse Sweep Stroke and a combination of Forward and Reverse Sweep Strokes, Simple Draw Stroke, Low Brace Turning on the Move, Edging while the kayak is moving, Capsize Drill, An ability to assist in an Assisted X Rescue and/or an H Rescue. Group sizes are limited to a maximum of 12 persons Booking details are on our Facebook page. [more overleaf >>>](#)