

**JOHNNY BARRETT BENEFIT NIGHT:** The Castle Arms Hotel hosts their Annual Johnny Barrett Night on Wednesday night June 21st. Dancing from 9pm till 1am to four top bands: Ciaran Rosney, Sam O'Doherty, Patrick O'Sullivan, Teddy and Cathal Barry. Admission is €10 and light refreshments will be served. All proceeds will be given to The Cuisle Centre, Portlaoise and Crumlin Children's Hospital, Dublin. All are welcome and your support for these worthy causes would be greatly appreciated.

**OPEN EVENING:** Cairdeas, Kilkenny Parkinson's Choir invite anyone interested in seeing the amazing beneficial this very special choir is for people with Parkinson's disease. On Wednesday June 28th we're opening our regular choir sessions to anyone who is curious or interested. The Choir meets from 7pm to 9pm at St. Patrick's Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny beside St. Fiacre's Church. All are welcome to see and hear this wonderful choir singing despite their illness.

**TIDY TOWNS: Assessment** is carried out by an independent panel of adjudicators and takes place during the months of June, July and August each year. This assessment is conducted in secret and on unspecified dates and Durrow Tidy Towns are appealing to everybody and to all businesses and homes to be active and keep the outside of their homes, premises and public areas clean and tidy. Extra effort has been put in for this year's competition and without your help we can't achieve better marks. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated in this.

**Work Night:** Thanks to everybody both young and old who came out for our work night on Wednesday, there was great work done and we appreciated the help. We have another work night this Wednesday, meeting in the square at 7.30pm - all help again would be much appreciated.

**ROUND BALE DECORATING COMPETITION:** Open to Clubs/Families/Groups of Friends. Book your pitch and hay bale on (086) 8320139 or (087) 2319393 and join in the fun on competition day, Bale decorating will start on Saturday 29th July and be completed on Sunday 30th July by 12 Noon ready for the opening of The Scarecrow Festival. Entry Forms on Website [www.durrowscarecrowfestival.com](http://www.durrowscarecrowfestival.com) - it costs €10 per entry with €300 in prize money. Spaces are limited so book your pitch early!

**SCARECROW FESTIVAL TEEN ZONE:** Our Teen zone runs specifically for ages 13-17 years on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for teenage boys and girls and includes, teen makeup and hair, kayaking and archery. This year by request and on feedback, there's a pre-teen zone night (10-12yrs) for hair. Teen Zone is by booking only and details will be available on our brochure and online in the coming weeks

**CHILDRENS SCARECROW SUMMER CAMP** is now fully booked out, unfortunately we don't have any more spaces left.

**PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION AT SCARECROW FESTIVAL:** This Annual Photography competition has a Junior and Senior Category. Entry Fees: Senior €8, Juvenile (U16s) €5. Print sizes allowed for both competitions - Standard size to Maximum 12" x 10". Entry Dates: Monday 31st July and Tuesday 1st August from 3pm-6pm both days in Durrow Community Centre. Maximum of 3 photos per entry. For further information contact Andrew Walsh (086) 3791904 or see [www.durrowscarecrowfestival.com](http://www.durrowscarecrowfestival.com) - Entries do not have to be of scarecrows, this is a general photography competition and all entries are welcome. All monies go towards the prizes awarded.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS:** As part of the Durrow Scarecrow Festival, the Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition & Sale will be held at Durrow Community Centre, from Sunday 30th July to Monday 7th August inclusive. Items will be displayed throughout the venue including Photography, Knitwear, Pottery, Artworks including Oils & Acrylics. Anyone interested in exhibiting should contact Mary on (087) 2200199.

**LAOIS KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB - Club Trip:** A Great day out was had at the River Inny in County Longford on Sunday 11th June. A new river to most of our kayakers and it didn't disappoint. Even at the low water level there was loads of fun and learning.

**Tidy Towns Clean-Up:** Thanks to all our club members and parents for their assistance in cleaning at the River Bank in conjunction with Durrow Tidy Towns. Loads of fun was had in the water too as it coincided with our kayaking night!

**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.laokayak.com](http://www.laokayak.com) online.

**HARPS CAMOGIE:** Congratulations to our June winner of Barney's Bonus Bonanza - Justin Brophy.

**HARPS GAA Race Night:** All adult players and committee members are currently selling horses ahead of our Annual Race Night which will be held on the 1st of July in Lennons Bar, Durrow. Horses are €10 each. Please support this vital fundraiser for the Club.

**U14s in League Final:** Best of Luck to our U14 hurling team who face Rathdowney-Errill in the League Final on Friday 23rd of June at 7pm in Durrow and all support would be gratefully appreciated.