



### ALASDAIR'S BANJO LESSONS

Banjo lessons available Mon. to Fri. for beginners to advance levels. Portarlington / Killenard / Emo area. Further info. & booking contact Alasdair on 085-1157929.



### PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

2018 Pilgrimage dates: 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018. 7 nights full board Hotel Solitude. Price € 819 PPS. Booking & further details from Marie 087-7589896 / Vera 087- 9311813 or any member of the Committee.

### SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL

#### Mindfulness Meditation Practice

Evenings – Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm. Cost €5.

#### I am with you always

Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March 3-4pm. Experience the richness & value of reflective meditation in the quiet & stillness of Suaimhneas. Cost €5. All courses include refreshments & home baking. Spaces are limited so booking is essential.

#### Let Nothing Be Wasted

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." John 6:12

Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm-9pm

Facilitated by Ailish Ridgeway

In this workshop Ailish will introduce how to overcome the "Throw Away Culture" that is destroying our planet and harming our health.

Cost €10 includes refreshments & home baking. Further details contact Anne or Mai at 0578626541 Email: info@suaimhneas.ie

Visit our website [www.suaimhneas.ie](http://www.suaimhneas.ie)

### ST. PAUL'S L.G.F.C.

Registration is open to all girls in Portarlington, Rath & Emo, for the following age groups U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, Minor, Junior and Gaelic Mothers & Others.

Newcomers very welcome. Further info. contact Peadar O' Toole 0862522768.

### Fundraising

Annual sponsored walk Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Sponsorship cards available over next 2 weeks.

Table quiz in conjunction with Emo GAA takes place Fri 30<sup>th</sup> March in The Gate House. – Plenty of spot prizes.

### Annual Clothes collection

Takes place Easter Saturday, so clear out the wardrobes & donate all unwanted clothes. This has been a great success in previous years - so let's try & better last year's total.

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Weekly Lotto: Numbers 21, 26, 27, 30

No jackpot winner. Next week's Lotto €5,600

Club Membership: All Membership now due!!

Quiz Night! Table Quiz night postponed due to adverse weather conditions. A new date will be posted soon.

### LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Social Club: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2.30pm – 4.30pm in Shaen Hospital. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat. Further info. on dementia contact Ann Munnally on 057-8663398 / 086-8372168 - Email [laois.branch@alzheimer.ie](mailto:laois.branch@alzheimer.ie)

### PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band are keen to increase numbers (boys & girls - 9 years & upwards). Classes held Thurs. between 4.30 & 6.30pm. Instruments offered are: Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone & Percussion. Contact Pat Donegan 083-8510428.

### THANK YOU – PORT. SOCIAL SERVICES

Portarlington Social Services/Meals on Wheels thank all who helped during the bad weather. To the ladies in the kitchen, the people who delivered meals & to all those who offered to help. We were so sorry to have to cancel meals on Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> March. Again, sincere thanks.



Blessing & Prayer Tribute to all Mothers  
Loving God,

as a mother gives life and  
nourishment to her children,  
so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women,  
that they may be strengthened  
as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith  
and love shine forth.

Grant that we,  
their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### MEETINGS ROOMS AVAILABLE

Small and large meetings with tea & coffee making facilities. Portarlington town. Phone John on 086-2596618.

### PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Now booking Easter Swim Camps, Multi Activity camps and Soccer Skills Camps. Free Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Phone 057-8645800 to book any of our camps or book into our Easter egg hunt. Now booking new course of adult lessons + parent and baby classes starting the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> March. St Patrick's day membership offer, sign up from the 17<sup>th</sup> March till the 31<sup>st</sup> March for only €15, Only €1 a day membership!

### RATH LADIES CLUB

Makeup Artist, Roisin, in attendance at a get-together of Rath Ladies Club on Monday next, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm in the Fisherman's Inn. All very welcome.

### LOST

Opal Ring (Sentimental Value) lost in or around St. Michael's Church last Wed. week. Phone the Parish Office (057) 8643004.

### CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

A mature reliable woman available to mind children in her own home. Own transport available. Portarlington / Killenard / Emo area. Further details contact Caroline 086-1667656.

### FIERCE – PERFORMING ACADEMY

Dance, sing and drama – Tuesday at the Health & Nutrition Centre, Main St., Portarlington (Over Euro Zone) – Free class on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Booking & further info. contact Tarik on 086-8723355.



### EMO G.A.A.

Emo GAA Dinner Dance: Takes place Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> March in Judge Roy Beans, Killenard. Tickets €30 can be purchased from Emo Shop, The Gate House or from Anne Lawlor (086) 049 3035.

Laois GAA Club Membership Tickets:

Sincere thanks to all who bought and sold €130 tickets for the Laois GAA club members Draw. We had no winner this time. Next draw will take place Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Membership:

Now due €20. Anyone wishing to become a member of Emo GAA contact Anne Lawlor on (086) 049 3035

### Fundraiser:

Emo GAA and St. Paul's Ladies are holding a table quiz on Good Friday at 9pm in the Gate House Emo table of 4 is €40. Come along it will be a great night.

### SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March with Rosary at 7.10pm.  
Guest speaker: Fr. Philip Mulryne (Former Irish International & Manchester United Footballer recently ordained a Dominical Priest).  
All very welcome to attend.

### GUITARIST & SINGER

Available for all Church occasions.  
Contact Maria on 083-8778135.

### EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO - 5.3.2018

Numbers: 3, 15, 19, 20 - No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Angela Strong, Emo / Helen Langford C/o Emo Shop / Mick & Kate Lindsey C/o The Gate House / Terry Moran C/o Vera / Margaret Langford C/o Emo Shop - Next jackpot €13,600

### MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre.  
Commencing nightly at 8pm.

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> March The Good Father /  
Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> March Duet for One /

Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> March The Glass Menagerie  
Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> March unbroken Circle / Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> March Death & the Maiden / Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> March Albertine in Five Times. Tickets available from Jessie 087 7942994 or Noreen 087-4121205 or [jessieconroy61@gmail.com](mailto:jessieconroy61@gmail.com) [norsavage@eircom.net](mailto:norsavage@eircom.net)

### FRIENDS TOGETHER SOCIAL CLUB

The club meet every Tuesday & Friday in the Scouts Den from 2.30pm – 5pm offering a selection of games & activities, social outings & refreshments & play area for children.  
New members welcome.

### COMPUTER TRAINING

Computer Training on a One-to-One basis from beginners to Advanced users. All ages catered for. Choose Email, Internet, Skype, Facebook, Booking Tickets, Holidays, Shopping, Using IPads, Tablets, Kindle, Iphones, Memory Sticks, Music, Photos, Word, Excel etc. Contact 0863034540

### PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION CASH

#### DRAW (17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY) WINNERS

€10,000 Robert Doyle / €2,000 Paul Ward  
€2,000 Robert Gallagher / €1,000 John Connolly / €1,000 Demin Chen / €500 Deirdre Kavanagh / €500 Anthony Quinn / €500 Helen McMahon / €500 Geraldine Joyce

### PPN (PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK)

#### Municipal District meetings

Birr: 14<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the Civic offices /  
Edenderry 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm in the Edenderry Library /  
Tullamore 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the Tullamore Library

#### Topics: Funding Applications /

Do you wish to avail of the following training? /  
Establishing groups that are representative of specific issue in the following areas:  
Community Dev: Social Inclusion:  
Environmental: Contact Offaly PPN 087-1198591 [info@offalypnn.ie](mailto:info@offalypnn.ie)

### PORTARLINGTON

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



St Patrick's Day Parade Committee

#### URGENTLY require volunteers

to help out on the day. If you can spare 3 hours, from 2pm to 5pm, please contact 087-2638149.

Festivities due to start from 2pm in The Square. Free face painting, bouncing castles, Birds of Prey, Bumble Bee Bus, and loads more. Parade starting at 3pm from top of Station Road. Please come and join us in the festivities and pain the town green!

