



### **EMO TIDY TOWNS**

Reminder that the hedge cutting season will close on Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> February. Hedge cutting out of season can incur a hefty County Council financial fine. We lost marks in the National Tidy Towns competition in 2017 due to out of season hedge cutting. Please be careful in 2018 so as to avoid a repetition.

### **B SHARP STUDIOS ANNUAL SHOWCASE**

B Sharp Studios presents "A Night At The Grammys" in Judge Roy Beans, Killenard on Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> March & Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm each night. A great night's entertainment guaranteed from a vast variety of talented local musicians and singers from the Studio! Tickets on sale from the Studio or Eamonn Bracken's Menswear Shop, Main St. costing €10 each. Tickets on sale at the door each night, but they are selling fast. Contact Conor 086-1639153 or Keith 085-7516595 for queries or tickets.

### **FUNDING & RESOURCES EVENT**

Laois Public Participation Network are holding a Funding & Resources Event for all Community Groups in Laois, on the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 5.30-8pm in Midlands Park Hotel. This will be an exhibition style event with different organisations providing info. on grants/funding training, insurance, advertising... Further info. & booking contact Pamela Tynan, Laois PPN on 057 8665661, find us on facebook or visit our website www.laoisppn.ie

### **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October. €689 per person sharing / Seven night's pilgrimage package inclusive, departing Dublin to Dubrovnik. Contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

### **SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL**

#### **Mindfulness Meditation Practice**

Evenings – Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm. Cost €5.  
**I am with you always** – Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. & 7<sup>th</sup>, 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. Further details contact Anne or Mai on 057-8626541 or visit [www.suaimhneas.ie](http://www.suaimhneas.ie)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT**

#### **ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD.**

#### **Celebrating the Gift of Grandparents**

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm – 9pm. During the "Year of the Family" we invite grandparents to join us to celebrate the gift that they are. Facilitated by Breda O'Shea OSU. No charge – donations at your discretion. 057-8626153  
[www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)

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

Registration is open to all girls in Portarlinton, 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. Exciting news for our U12s & u14s who will have the Heath girls with them for the coming season. A great opportunity to make new friends while being able to compete in competitions with a full squad.

#### **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.

### **PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

The 2018 Pilgrimage will take place from the **8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
7 nights full board Hotel Solitude. Price € 819 per person sharing. For booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or Vera on 087 9311813 or any member of the Committee.

### **EASTER CAMP FOR GIRLS**

#### **Easter Camp For Girls**

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March at Arlington A.F.C., Castle Park. Camp cost €30 (sibling discounts). Participants receive 2 day coaching, a soccer kit and ball. To book: [www.soccersisters.ie](http://www.soccersisters.ie) and select Arlington.

### **VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISING FOR HOPE FOUNDATION**

Margaret Kennedy is preparing to return to Calcutta in March of this year and would be very grateful for support in reaching her fundraising target. All donations can be left into the Parish Office in Portarlinton or to her home in Avondale, Portarlinton. Contact Margaret on 087 9024900.

### **BABY JAM MUSIC CLASSES**

Baby Jam Music Class take place every Monday at 11am in Portarlinton Community Centre. The class is from 1-5 years of age and it's a parents and toddler class where children get to interact with each other, explore musical instruments and different music themes while learning and singing along to songs. Further info. can be found on Facebook :baby jam music group. Or phone Carrie 085-7179963

### **START YOUR OWN BUSINESS – OVER 55's**

Have you been thinking of starting up a small business of your own? The Start Your Own Business Course for over 55s focuses on those with a business idea and are unsure as to how to develop the idea into a business plan. This course will run for 1 day a week for 4 weeks. The programme will be delivered in Laois Local Enterprise Office, County Hall, Portlaoise on March 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>; April 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9.30am – 4.30am. Further info. and to secure your place contact Geraldine Delaney on 057-8664107 or Angela Mockler on 057-8664150 by Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2018.

### **GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB**

Weekly Lotto: Numbers 14, 17, 25, 26 – No Jackpot winner. Next week's Lotto will be €5,200. All Club Membership now due. Quiz Night! A Table Quiz will be held in The Hawthorn Bar on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9pm. Table of 4 is €40 with Spot Prizes on the night. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

### **ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP**

#### **GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE**

Bowling resumes on Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 8pm. Book Club resumes on Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. New members always welcome.

### **O' DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.**

**Lotto Results: 19/02/2018** Numbers were: 06,08,10,22. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €5,400. Thank you for your continued support. **Membership:** Attention all adult members don't forget to renew membership for 2018. Membership entitles you free admission to home games and social activities in the club house. Contact Catherine on 087-6306555 or Ivan on 087-9583564 registration form.

### **ST. CONLETH'S L.G.F.C. REGISTRATION DAY 2018**

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am in O'Dempsey's GAA Club house. St. Conleth's cater for all ages from U6 right up to Seniors level plus Gaelic4Mothers and Others. We welcome all new members to our Club.

### **ST. MICHAEL'S FOLK CHOIR**

We welcome the St. Michael's Folk Choir who will sing "St. Michael's Celebration" at the 12.15pm Mass today in Portarlinton.

### **COMMUNION CALLS**



The sick and housebound will be attended during the week as follows:

#### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

Crowe Lane, Orchard Drive, Whitefields, Station Rd; St. Brigid's Sq., Bracklone St., Corrig, St. Michael's Pk., Portlaoise Road, Kilbride, Lea Rd., Ballycarroll, Canal Court

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

Ballybrittas, Bellgrove, Coolroe, Rath, Courtwood, Fisherstown, Kilbracken, Cappakeel, Morette, Emo, Portlaoise Road, Coolbanagher, Knightstown, Killeen, Tinakill, Coolaghy

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2018**

Kilmalogue Garden, Church View, Patrick Street, Assumpta Tce., St. Mary's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce., Gracefield, Avondale, Bog Rd., Kilkeeran, Garryhinch, Sweep Road, The Square, Clondoolusk, Cushina, Bishopswood, Marian Hill

### **PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE**

Meeting will take place on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> March in Our Lady's Chapel, St. Michael's Church after the 6.15pm Mass. All are asked to attend.

### **SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

**Theme: "The Family - A place of Faith, Hope & Love".**

Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin Wednesday next, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. with Rosary at 7.10pm. Guest speaker: Maria Steen, The Iona Institute. Well known writer and Broadcaster. All very welcome to attend.

### **GUITARIST & SINGER**

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

### **EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO - 19.2.2018**

Numbers: 1, 9, 11, 21 - No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Mick Behan C/o M.B. / Des O'Connell C/o Rath Cards / David Gorman C/o P. Gorman / Pat Behan, Bellgrove / Clodagh Coss C/o Emo Shop - **Next jackpot €13,200**

### **PCDA FUNDRAISING TABLE QUIZ**

Portarlinton Community Development Association / Love Port office are holding a fundraising Table Quiz in the Hawthorn Bar, Patrick Street on Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> March commencing 8.30pm. All monies raised will go towards the support of our ongoing local projects. The biggest project at the moment is the Derryounce walks & lakes. Please come out and support us on the night. Cost- €40 per table with 4 to a table. If you need to book a table PM the Love port Facebook page or call Nikki on 085 8568801.

### **BINGO**

Social Services Bingo takes place every Wednesday night at 8.30pm in the Centre, Link Road. New members always welcome.

### **MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL**

Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> March – Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> March. Venue: Mountmellick Community Arts Centre. Commencing nightly at 8pm. Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> March "Moonglow" / Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> March Abigail's Party / 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)