

Durrow Parish Newsletter

Compiled by the Durrow Scouts

Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

PRIDE:

Never have we been so conscious, so aware of what we eat. Seldom has so much been spoken and written about the food we put into our mouths. Doctors and dieticians tell us to count our calories, avoid fats and above all - swallow plenty of roughage.

Something that will never pop up on a menu but which we could all swallow and let more of is PRIDE. Swallowing one's pride is not a very pleasant task. In fact it's something like swallowing bran for the first time. However, it gets easier with practice and it's as good for the soul as fibre is for the body.

I'm talking, of course, about false pride - that brand of pride that so often comes between friends and relations even married couples. A husband won't talk to his wife because she 'hurt his pride'. Two friends fall out and refuse to make up because of a 'matter of pride'. Why should I apologise? Why should I make the first move? After all it was my pride that was hurt. It all sounds so familiar.

Two brothers I knew never spoke a word to each other for over twenty years because of a point of 'honour'. What a pity one of them wasn't capable of 'swallowing his pride'. What kind of honour or pride is it that prevents us from forgiving, from extending the hand of friendship?

It was pride, remember, that has Lucifer where he is today. And it was pride that had Adam and Eve evicted from the Garden of Eden. Whatever about swallowing the apple Adam most certainly did not swallow his pride.

Unless we learn to 'swallow our pride' we are in grave danger of becoming arrogant, childish and petty. We also run the risk of destroying that which is best within us - our potential to forgive, to love and to be compassionate - Things we could be proud of.

COMMUNITY GAMES NEWS

Congratulations to "The Young Durrow Singers" on their winning of the Silver Medals, when they represented Laois, in the Community Games Final in Mesney. The Choir was conducted by Sr. Mairin Bergin and Mrs Maureen Dunne was music accompanist.

It was a great achievement for all concerned to compete against twenty other choirs and be placed second over all.

The songs performed were "Shortnin Bread", "Barcarolla" and "The Hunters Chorus".

The Choir would like to express their thanks to all who gave sponsorship and also to the parents who travelled with them.

## SOCGER NEWS

The Lions drew 2 - 2 with Highview Athletic on Sunday 3rd September. Scorers: K. Kelly and G. Brophy. The following Sunday September 10th we played at home to Moonccin in the second round of the Maher Shield and won 1 - 0. Scorer: P. Monnelly.

The Lions have got good draws in both the F.A.I. Cup and Leinster Junior Cup with both games at home, Spa United and Bridge United respectively.

Training has commenced for all Junior players on Thursday nights at 7.30p.m.

## HARPS NEWS:

On Saturday 9th The Harps played Clonad in the quarter-final of the Brady Cup. Fielding a team short many Senior players they drew 1 - 8 to 0 - 11. On Sunday evening in the Semi-Final of the Galway Tournament they were badly beaten by Fenians (Johnstown) 5 - 10 to 3 - 1. Both teams found it hard to field a team for this match at the start.

Congratulations to J.J. Drennan, Erkindale Drive on winning £1,000 in the Piltown Hurlers Co-op Draw.

The Minor Footballers play St. Mannan's in the Minor B Championship on Saturday 23rd at 5.00p.m. in Calt.

On Saturday 23rd September the Harps hold their Annual Golf Outing in Rathdowney Golf Club. This is the third year and the previous years have proven to be most enjoyable for all who participated.

The Golf outing is open to any member of the Parish and Club.

If anyone is interested in taking part please contact Hugh Sheppard, Philip Monnelly, Liam Holland or Morgan Kelly.

When all the golfing is finished there is a Cabaret in the Golf Club in Rathdowney, where the presentation to the winners will be made.

Congratulations to Martin Lawler on being appointed Referee for the Senior Hurling County Final between Carrross and Portlaois. No doubt he will give a good account of himself.

## VENTURE - SCOUTS

Many people ask the question, what is the difference between a Scout and a Venture Scout? Well firstly Scouting is aimed at 11 to 17 year olds and Venture Scouting is for the 17 year olds and upwards. Ventures indulge in more active and outdoor activities and expand on all Scout activities such as hiking, orienteering, camping etc.,  
Any enquiries contact Sean Healy, phone No. 36299.

Venture Troop meetings will resume on Monday 25th September at 8.00p.m. in the Convent Hall. Uniform must be worn.

## SCOUT NEWS

Continued from last edition;

Our Tour was already planned for Wednesday, originally we had planned to go out to the Skellig Rock but due to the adverse weather conditions no boat could land there so we ran our alternative Tour - The Ring of Kerry again the scenery was stunning.

When we returned we had our annual visit from Ned and Claire Flanagan who stayed long enough to sample once again our superb Menu.

Thursday morning we split into two separate groups A & B. Group A went Canoeing while Group B went Rockclimbing and . After lunch both groups came together for a Hillwalking exercise in the Macgillycuddy Reeks.

That night we had our Irish/Soviet Friendship Camp fire - Campfire Leaders were Ray and David who for good measure threw in a few Rock 'n Roll numbers disguised a Scout song - the highlight of the Camp fire had to be the Robotic Breakdance performance of Max from the Soviet group complete with Ray's Flashing sun-glasses! After the Campfire most of the Scouts Bivied outside, an enjoyable end to an enjoyable day.

Sadly Friday morning started with the departure of the Soviet Pioneers, addresses were exchanged and everyone was presented with Badges and Pennants. We were sad to see them go as they were a new departure for our Troop and a lot of friendships were made. I accompanied them to Killarney Station and they were very sad to be leaving the Durrow Troop as they regarded our Camp as the Highlight of their stay in Ireland. Back in Cappanalea Group A went Rockclimbing and Group B went Canoeing.

After dinner we went into Killorglin to do some last minute shopping and that night we paid a visit to the Cinema to see the new James Bond Film "Licence to Kill". Again some of the older Scouts Bivied out and some of the older Leaders went to bed!

Saturday - most of the Group went to Cappanalea to tidy our equipment while the remainder stayed to tidy the Hostel. Our bus arrived at 4.00p.m. and we arrived back in Durrow at 10.00p.m. tired after what was an enjoyable and eventful week.

The Party consisted of 16 Scouts, 5 Soviet Pioneers, 5 Durrow Leaders, 1 Soviet Leader and a Soviet Interpreter.

The Camp was held in Cappanalea Outdoor Education Centre, Killorglin, Co Kerry from 12th to 19th August.

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Sympathy to the Kelly family Tinvier on their recent bereavement, Mrs Kelly is her daughter.

Sympathy to the Barry family Dunmore on their recent bereavement.

Sympathy to the Thornton family Barn Hill on their recent bereavement.

Sympathy to the Phelan family Derry Road on their recent bereavement.

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Congratulations to Mrs Kathleen Walsh, Mary Street and best wishes when she spins the wheel in the National Lottery on Friday evening, 15th Sept.

She won £50,000. Isn't it nice?

SONG SPOT:

Closing of Attanagh Railway Station

There are glorious spots around Durrow,  
For scenery they are renowned;  
Last year in their first entry  
They won the Tidy Town.

From our tourists' point of view,  
This surely looked a boom;  
But this year Mr Andrews  
Changed prosperity to gloom.

I never will forget that day,  
Our hearts did ache with pain;  
To see Mick Brophy raise that flag  
For Attanagh's final train.

What a sad day 'twas for Durrow,  
And its countryside likewise;  
To see the locals taking snaps  
As tears came in their eyes.

But up to 1963 everything went O.K.  
Our four-legged friend, the donkey,  
Did a double run each day.

In all sorts of weather,  
Hail, rain or shine;  
Deliveries to our town  
Were always dead on time.

Poor Neddie is now in retirement,  
And there he is going to stay;  
Not because of failure,  
But because C.I.E. are mobilised  
With truck and double trailer.

As he lazes in his pasture,  
Finishing his time;  
I'm sure he often wonders  
Why they ever closed the line.

The road he trod for many years,  
Sure footed and without a jib;  
Sure it's down in history's pages,  
His customers had no crib.

Now as the trucks go speeding by,  
He munches at his grass;  
Knowing they're all on pension,  
Except their brother, the ass.

by John Kenna.

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MAHONY'S SHOE REPAIR SHOP, Mountrath Road, Abbeyleix has re-opened for  
business - with quality of value guaranteed.

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