

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

Compiled by Durrow Scouts

CARPENTER'S SQUARE

There are angles in our lives
walls
and rooms
and doors
that are not square
or straight
or true
But all our world leans just a little
one way or another;
We make our mental compensations,
call it normal and go on
Until the Carpenter walks in
and hangs God's plumbline in our hearts,
Show us all true verticals
and just how close we've come
to falling on our faces.

SCOUT NEWS

At this stage the Summer Camp is just around the corner - next Saturday 8th August in fact and with this in mind we will be having an important meeting in the Convent Hall at 6.30p.m. sharp on Tuesday next 4th August. Info on trip will be given out on the night.

N.B. 6.30p.m. SHARP in Convent Hall.

The last event in the National Outdoor Award took place last weekend in Dunmore Wood when 16 Scouts, 5 Instructors and 4 Leaders took part in an overnight camp with a difference - no tents were used - shelters were constructed of rope, lengths of timber, plastic and leaves and branches and despite the primitive sound of all this no rain got through.

The activity night consisted of a game of football for starters, followed by the traditional campfire when darkness started to fall. After dark we had an activity course thro' the wood, this consisted of a couple of initial exercises plus morse code and so on.

Well done to Valarie and Vicky who ran the campfire and also thanks to Andrew Walsh who provided the back-up music. Thanks also to Ned Gee who gave us the use of his field again, his support is greatly appreciated.

At this stage it seems that 10 Scouts have qualified for the special Outdoor Award badge. They are; Karen Stapleton, Mark Donohue, Niall Donohue, Jason Walsh, Kevin Donohue, Eoin Lalor, Seamus Doyle, Seamus Stapleton, Lorraine Lawlor and Conor Doyle.

If any Scout feels their name should be included in the above list please contact Martin Walsh where the attendance record can be obtained.

N.B. If any parent is available to transport Scouts to Portarlinton to catch the 1.45p.m. train to Westport on Sat. 8th August can they please let Mary Walsh, phone 36327, know by Monday 3rd August. Price of transport to Portarlinton is not included in the camp fee so any effort to transport scouts would be greatly appreciated.

RORY O'MOORE PIPE BAND

The 23rd Annual Pipe Band Contest on Sunday last was a great success with 15 Bands competing. We would like to thank the Business people and all others who sponsored it and everyone who helped in anyway to achieve this success.

The Committee of the Rory O'Moore Pipe Band would also like to thank all who supported their venture to raise money for the Band.

FAS SCHEME

Durrow Community Services are delighted to announce the Union approval of yet another FAS Work Scheme for the area. It is hoped to obtain grant assistance for up to twenty people on the Scheme. To be eligible for the scheme applicants must be in receipt of social assistance for one year and must be over the age of 25 years.

Durrow Community Services are an equal opportunity employer, so both male and female may apply. All eligible persons are asked to contact Billy Lawlor for application forms. It is hoped to start the scheme immediately.

DURROW TIDY TOWNS

With judging for the final time taking place within the next few weeks Durrow Tidy Towns Committee appeals for an extra effort from everyone to keep their area extra tidy, clean and litter free.

The Committee also appeals for the window boxes to be planted up and displayed. Only a small number of the boxes made last year are on display. Bord Failte recommended that extra colour such as window boxes and baskets were needed in Durrow. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST to improve YOUR AREA immediately.

CEMETERY MASS

The Annual Cemetery Mass will be held on Tuesday night, 4th August at 8.00p.m. It is hoped that everyone who has a grave in Durrow will attend and make sure that their plot is clean and tidy. The Mass has been a great occasion over the past few years and it is hoped that it will be as well attended as in previous years.

CONGRATULATIONS to Angela and John Joe Drennan, Erkindale Drive, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary recently.

CONGRATULATIONS to Katie and Jack Holohan, Earls garden, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently.

CONGRATULATIONS to Eamon Fitzpatrick, Tubberboe and Ann Ferns, Aghaboe, on their recent marriage.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Dwyer, Erkindale Drive, who celebrated his 21st birthday recently.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

Results of Trout Fishing, fly only, competition which took place on Friday 10th July as follows; winner Pat Farrell, Portarlinton,
second Pat Noonan, Templemore.

Results of Trout Fishing competition which took place on Friday evening from 6.00p.m. to 11.00p.m. first Faddy Carolan, Dublin,
second Sam Taylor, Dublin.

All Ireland Pike Fishing 3rd round will take place at Ballinasloe on the river Suck on Sunday next August 9th.

HARPS JUVENILE CLUB

Harps U/14 Footballers were defeated in a very well contested match on Friday last 24th July, against Ballyfin, playing with plenty of fire and determination.

They were defeated only in the last few minutes of the game with two late goals. But if these lads continue to play brilliant football they are sure to bring home a cup in the next couple of seasons.

Well DONE to all.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

Congratulations to the Junior B Hurlers who have qualified for both the semi-final of the League and Championship recently. To get to the League semi-final they beat Ratheniska 4 - 10 to 0 - 8.

To get to the semi-final of the Championship they beat Rosenallis. They now meet Ratheniska again in this semi-final on Saturday evening next in Colt.

The Harps would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Race Nite and hope it was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Minor Footballers and Hurlers have also been doing well in their Championships by beating Portlaois and Spink respectively.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

Congratulations to club members Pat Farrell and Eugene Meegan who came first and second respectively at the Kilkenny Show Photographic Competition (black and white section) last weekend. Pat won with an interior shot of Galway Cathedral which was taken on our recent club outing and Eugene was runner-up with a sepia toned shot of a thrashing scene.

GOOD LUCK and BEST WISHES are extended to Mrs Sheila Moylan and her family, Barn Hill, and we would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Moylan a long and happy retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS to Michelle and Howard Ferguson on the birth of a daughter.

Song Spot;

THE OLD THRASHING MILL

As I walked down the road on the spine of the morn'
I see the great combine collecting the corn.
And the mind wanders back in that moment of joy
To the day of the thrasher when I was a boy.

All over the valley you'd hear the great sound
Of this mighty machine on it's annual round.
All the men in the townland would follow at will
And they'd all lend a hand at the old thrashing mill.

CHORUS:

Then boil up the bacon and the cabbage that's green
With plenty of spuds laced with butter between.
For eight empty bellies will soon need a fill
Oh, it makes a man hungry, the old thrashing mill.

There were two on the thrasher and two on the stack
And the man with the fork kept the straw flying back.
There was bottles of porter and plenty of fags
And ould Larry Andy looked after the bags.

Then a few of the boys built the straw in a reek
While the young ones had fun playing hide and go seek.
Oh, myself and the brother with the dog and the cats
Had the time of our lives as we murdered the rats.

CHORUS.

Oh, the times keep on changing for nothing stands still
Larry Andy is gone like his old thrashing mill
And most of the workers I knew as a child
Have reaped the great harvest for which they have toiled.

No more in the valley you'll hear this machine
For just like the cornrake, it's gone from the scene.
Oh it makes me feel sad when I dream of it still
For I loved the dear sound of the old thrashing mill.

CHORUS.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Dillon family, Kyle, on their recent bereavement.

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