

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY DURROW SCOUTS

CHRISTIANITY

It's kindly words and loving deeds,
A thoughtful care for others' needs,
A trustful heart, a happy smile,
That makes life gloriously worth while.
Only God's power can give us grace
To look hard duties in the face,
To love our neighbour as we should,
To shun the evil, choose the good,
To shed His radiance and be strong,
To strengthen others, right a wrong,
The very best in all to see,
And prove our Christianity.

When your days are filled with sunshine,
Keep a little for the shade,
Keep a bit of fun and laughter
To bring cheer when pleasures fade.

THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS ASSOCIATION wish to thank everyone who supported their Poinsettia Week in December.
The amount collected was £193-32p.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL monthly meeting will be held on Monday 11th January, at 8.30p.m., in the I.C.A. Hall.

DURROW COMMUNITY SERVICES FAS Committee meeting will be held in The Castle Arms Hotel on Thursday 7th January, at 8.00p.m. All members please attend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sean O'Brien, Cork Road and Ann Geoghegan, Gurteen on their recent engagement.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anthony Phelan, Knockanoran, on winning the Lotto Jackpot.
CONGRATULATIONS also to Billy Lawler, the seller of the winning Lotto ticket.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pat Dollard, Doreen, who celebrated his 21st Birthday recently.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Kavanagh family, P. Trick Street, on their recent bereavement.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Bowe family, Capponellan, on their recent bereavement.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Farrell family, Swan Road, on their recent bereavement.

HISTORICAL SNIPPET

by John Conroy.

Durrow in Wintertime (during my late father's youth and now, one would find it hard to compare. No street lighting except for oil lamps and they only lit an area in which they were located. Ned O'Brien in his book points out the places they were situated and it's very interesting.

The lamplighter was a great granuncle of the present Drophy Bros. Building Contractors, he was actually a Civil Servant. He lit the lamps as darkness fell, they were left burning all night and his job was to clean them next morning and fill them with oil.

Dad used to say young people had great fun playing tricks, they used to tie tread on door knockers and annoy the residents. Of course in the dark the tread would not be seen.

The sound of the big steam engine driving Lord Ashbrook's sawmill could be heard all over the town. The Sawmill was located opposite Ed. O'Brien's residence, Mill Road. The sawer was Michael (Wickie) Millea, he lived with his mother Mary, where Wm. Lawlor has his fishing tackle shop. Millea's house was a great cunlooking place where everyone came together, young and old, gathered around the fire for a smoke and a chat. Dad used to say a pipe would be passed around for everyone to get a smoke and this would include the women and the young folks.

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DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

The club resumes meetings on 11th January. We are now half-way through our Advanced Photography Course, which is being run by Eamon Nolan (Carlow).

The committee would like to congratulate all entrants in our major end of year competitions, Photographer of the Year and Print of the Year. The standard of prints was the highest ever and twelve members entered, which is 2/3 of our membership.

Start shooting for next years competition now !!

WOODVIEW HOUSE

Woodview House Restaurant re-opened under new management.

Breakfast served from 7.00a.m. - 12 midday.

Lunch from 12 midday - 3.00p.m. Evening meals served from 3.00p.m.

Sunday Lunch our speciality at £6-50 per person.

Call in and see us and you will not be dissappointed. Contact 0502-36441.

INSTANT COLOUR PHOTO

Contact Ml. Conroy, Patrick Street, Durrow.
For New Job, Driving Licence, Passport.
For You in 1 minute. Phone: 0502-36227 or 37265.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year. And also to thank everyone involved in the production and selling of the Newsletter for all their help and co-operation during 1992.

SCOUT NEWS

This years Scout of the Year Competition (1991/1992) was announced at our last Troop meeting on 18th December. The winner is decided by the combined highest points total from the following categories:

- Attendance - Troop meetings earn 1 point,
- Uniform - Uniforms at Troop meetings earn 1 point,
- Outdoor Activities - These activities earn a number of points ranging from 5 points for an afternoon activity to 10 points for a weekend to 20 for attendance at Summer Camp.

When all the above is totalled we then have our Scout of the Year. This years competition was the closest for many a year, 10 Scouts were seperated only by a handful of points and in the end we had a tie for 1st place between two very deserving Scouts John Baker and Jason Walsh. Both dropped only a handful of points throughout the year so well done lads, here's to next year.....

Our last outdoor activity for 1992 was an Astronomy night which was attended by 20 Scouts. A very interesting night was had picking out the different star constellations, star clusters, etc., and a big plus for anyone interested in Astronomy is Mars, which at the moment is very prominent in the night sky. All in all a good end to what has been a very active year.

The Leaders would like to take this opportunity to thank Parents and Friends who have turned out on various Sundays (at very short notice) to transport the Troop to activities. Without this help it would be impossible to run the Troop. Thanks again.

HOLY FAMILY PLY'S H.S.

The school will re-open on Thursday 7th January.

These are some of the winning poems written by 3rd, 4th and 5th classes in a recent competition:

WINTER by David Phelan, 4th cl. WINTER by Gary Kenna, 5th cl.

Winter is cold, winter is wet
Snow and sleet is all we get.
Trees are bare here and there
Leaves are scattered everywhere.

Outside there is a storm
In our beds we are warm;
Robin red breast is here to stay
while other birds have flown away.

Winter is a time for rain
For sleet and snow and all it brings,
Squirrels and bats hibernate to sleep
with stores of food which they will keep.
Santa with his sleigh will bring
Toys and sweets and everything,
Children everywhere will smile
with presents he has left behind.
Santa at last is on his way
Murray ! Murray ! for Christmas day.

WINTER by Kevin Shortall, 4th cl.

The hedgehog and squirrel are in their winter sleep,
But the squirrel sometimes wakes up for some food
and a peek.
The snow is still falling and everywhere is white,
But it is too windy to even fly a kite.
The Christmas tree is up with the presents under it,
All that is needed now is for the lights to be lit.
Just as I was going to sleep I heard some sleigh-
bells ring,
I ran to the window and I then heard someone sing.
I looked out the window and there in the sky,
I saw Santa and the reindeer waving goodbye.

There will be more poems in the next issue.

HEYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

On behalf of the Board of Management and Staff of Heywood C.S. we wish you all a very happy and prosperous 1993.

We thank Parents and Students for their co-operation and effort over the past year and look forward to working with you in the New Year.

The school will re-open on Thursday 7th January.

A Parent/Teacher Meeting for 1st year students will be held on Monday 18th January, from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Enrolments for the 1993/94 school year will take place in the school from Wednesday 3rd to Thursday 11th February (each school day) from 10.00a.m. to 6.00p.m. Prospectus will be distributed through Primary School Principals.

An information night for parents of new entrants will be held in the school on Wednesday 17th February at 8.00p.m.

LIONS SOCCER CLUB

The Lions Soccer Club wishes to thank everyone for their support of the Christmas Hamper Draw and to the business people who donated some prizes. The draw winners included: Mick Kelly, Durrow; David Ryan, c/o East End; Declan Finan, c/o Meadow Meats; B. Keyes, Portlaoise; Mrs Redmond, Ballacolla.

The club wishes everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

DURROW HACRA CLUB

Congratulations to Tommie Maher on winning our Pool Tournament for the Durrow Inn Shield and to Teresa Donohue on winning the ladies.

Congratulations to Deirdre Mooney on winning the hamper in the County Hacra Draw.

Thanks to Michael and Patricia Gaughan for the use of their premises during the year. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th January.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

The following are the winners of the Christmas Draw which was held recently:

- 1st. £100 Paul Grogan, Ballygooney, Gathabawn.
- 2nd. £25 Joan Kirwan, Borris-in-Ossary.
- 3rd. £25. Kieran O'Shea, Tubberboe, Durrow.
- 4th. £25. Peter O'Connor, c/o Waterford Foods.
- 5th. £25. Caitriona Bolger, Cannonswood, Cullinhill.

The Club wish to thank everyone who supported this draw.

On Sunday 20th December, at the Harps G.A.A. Buffet Dances, the victorious Minor Hurlers were presented with Championship Medals, and League Players, by Michael Lawler, Chairman of the County Board. He complimented the players and the team trainer and selectors on the fine performances given by the team during the year. The Jr. B Hurling Championship winners were presented with their medals, by the club chairman, Hughie Sheppard. He thanked the players and the selectors and trainer for their achievements in 1992.

The club committee wishes to thank all the players, supporters and sponsors for their co-operation and help during the year and wishes everyone a happy New Year. The Club A.G.M. has been fixed for Friday 15th January in the Small C.Y.M.S. Hall at 8.00p.m.