

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

Compiled by Durrow Scouts

THE POWER WE INVOKE

If you ask me why I go to church I could start with these reasons;

- To feel better,
- To be with people I enjoy,
- To learn about Jesus,
- To keep people from asking why I missed,
- To sing my favourite hymns,
- To be inspired, taught, challenged by the sermon.

If you ask me why I worship you raise the discussion to another plane.
 When I worship I expose myself to the power of God without control over the outcome. Sometimes it brings healing, peace, forgiveness, hope. Always it calls me to move beyond the farthest point I have yet reached. Going to church is easy, worship is another matter. It is an awesome thing to know oneself fallen into the hands of the living God.

HEYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Silver Circle results for week 2 as follows;

- 1st. £150. Brian O'Shea, c/o Avonmore.
- 2nd. £75. Esther Donohue, Greenview, Ballyragget.
- 3rd. £25. Jack Costigan, Ballypickas, Ballinakill.
- 4th. £25. Joe & Helen Kelly, Closhaun, Attanagh.
- 5th. £25. Maureen Bergin, Boley, Abbeyleix.
- 6th. Avonmore Hamper. Tom Brennan, Clonmel Chemicals.
- 7th. Scientific Calculator. P.J. O'Connor, c/o K. Bergin, Abbeyleix.

No draw took place on Monday last October 28th due to mid-term break. Two draws (week 3 and week 4) will take place on Monday November 4th. Subscription required for two weeks on Monday November 4th. Many thanks for your support in this project. Thanks to all our sponsors.

3rd LAOIS DURROW SCOUTS TABLE QUIZ

On 14th November the Troop will be holding a fund raising Table Quiz in

The Castle Arms Hotel

Quiz starts at 9.00p.m. sharp.

TEAMS of 4. £10 per TEAM. All are welcome.

This event will hopefully raise some much needed funds for the Troop.

- SYMPATHY is extended to the Lawlor family, Mill Road, on their recent bereavement.
- SYMPATHY is extended to the Lalor family, Chapel Street, on their recent bereavement.
- SYMPATHY is extended to Fr. Jackie Robinson and his family on the death of his father.
- SYMPATHY is extended to the Newman family, Swan Road, on their recent bereavement.

FOR SALE: Toys made to order include; dolls house, rocking horses, castles, forts, farms, cots etc., Small deposit will secure any item for Christmas. Contact Billy and Angela Phelan, Portlaois Road, Abbeyleix.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stella and Martin Kelly, Townspark, who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

SCOUT NEWS

On Sunday last the Troop held a cycle orienteering course, this was organised by Ray O'Sullivan as part of his Chief Scouts Award. The event consisted of the Scouts receiving a set of clues plus a map of the Durrow area from which they had to decipher the clues then read the map to discover the areas marked. Some good fun along the way ! It was also the Troops first entry in the New National Outdoor Award, which is being initiated to put the emphasis back on outdoor activities. Troops who qualify will receive a unique National Outdoor Award Trophy and Scouts who complete the award will be entitled to the Award Badge. The awards will be presented to all Troops who within a year, from 1st September '91 to 15th August '92, go on;

12 Outdoor Activities, including three weekends away hostelling, back-packing or camping.

Have an Annual Camp or Expedition of at least four nights duration.

75% of members must participate in an activity if it is to qualify and Scouts must participate in the twelve events if they are to receive the special badge. This year it is very important for each scout to take part in every activity possible - we hope to run more than twelve outdoor events to ensure that if a scout genuinely misses one he has the opportunity to catch up rather than miss the Badge. Each Scout will be issued with a special log book.

Over the last week the Scouts sold roses for the Irish Epilipsy Assoc. £229 was raised for this very worthy cause so well done people of Durrow.

Thanks to the following for their help and assistance;

Fr. O'Doherty for permission to sell outside the Church gates.

The business premises for selling and allowing to be sold.

Finally well done to sellers in Scouts, Leaders and Parents & Friends.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Durrow Fire Brigade will open it's door to the General Public on Wednesday 6th November '91, from 7.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. to discuss all aspects of Fire Safety in the home and workplace. The Brigade members will demonstrate up to date crash and rescue equipment on their new Fire Appliance Volvo V40, delivered in May of this year. There will also be a video shown on Fire Safety.

The Durrow Fire Service invites all householders, in particular house owners, to pay a visit to the Fire Station and get advice on Fire Safety in their homes.

RORY O'MOORE PIPE BAND

The committee of the Rory O'Moore Pipe Band would like to thank the people of Durrow and District for the manner in which they supported the Table-Quiz, by their attendance, subscriptions and prizes for the raffle and to all those who made it possible.

We look forward to your continued support in the coming months when we hope to run another Table-Quiz. The band will make it's re-appearance on the streets on the 17th March next D.V.

MACRA NA FEIRME

Durrow Macra are holding a pool tournament in the Durrow Inn on Friday 8th November, commencing at 8.00p.m. Subscription £2 per person to be paid on the night. The tournament is being sponsored by Michael and Patricia Gaughan. All are welcome to take part.

CONGRATULATIONS to Liz and Jim Clancy, Barn Hill, on the birth of a daughter.
CONGRATULATIONS to Stephen and Margaret Saunders, Cullohill, on the birth of a daughter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Margaret Shortall, Mill Road, who celebrated her 21st birthday recently.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Alley family, The Square, on their recent bereavement.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marion and Bobby Campion, Cork Road, on the birth of a daughter.

SOCCKER NEWS

The Lions schoolboys soccer teams again this week proved how strong the boys section of the club is at the present time. On Saturday last the Lions U/13 side defeated East End by 3 - 1. The scorers were Paul Shortall, Tommy Coffey, and Stephen Quirke.

The Lions U/15 team defeated East End by 5 - 0. Scorers were Colin Lawlor 2, Fergal Brophy, James Shortall and Thomas Bower, 1 each.

The Lions U/18 team had a great 4 - 4 draw with Evergreen in Kilkenny recently. The scorers were Sean Delahunty 2, Conor Murphy and Sennar Kenna, 1 each.

On Sunday last the junior soccer team suffered a 3 - 1 defeat by Callan United in the quarter final of the Leinster Junior Cup. Scorer for the Lions was Robbie Dempsey.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Lions Soccer Club held their awards presentation on Sunday night last in the Durrow Inn. The U/14 schoolboys soccer team were presented with their cup winners plaques and League runners-up plaques by Kevin Kelly, Vice-Chairman of Lions A.F.C.

The U/16 team were also presented with cup winners and League runners-up trophies. Player of the Year awards were presented by Kevin Kelly to U/11 Michael Dunphy, U/12 James Fitzpatrick, U/14 Fergal Brophy, Padraic Woods and Colin Lawlor, U/16 Conor Murphy.

The Club Secretary, Philip Monnelly, thanked everyone and in particular the managers, players and parents for their great support during the year. He congratulated Conor Murphy on his selection on the Leinster Senior Colleges' panel and Colin Lawlor on his selection for an U/15 soccer trial for the Republic of Ireland U/15 panel.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Elected at the A.G.M. of the Durrow Community Council were the following;

President: John Cashin, chairman: Oliver Clooney, vice-chairman: Seamus Kenna, secretary: Ann Vaugh, P.R.O. Marcella Delahunty.

Secretary Ann Vaugh gave full details of all work done by council through the year. Communications had been ongoing with Laois Co Council, Mr E. Rafter and TDs with a view to repairing roads, footpaths and replacing road signs. In most cases the work has been completed with the exception of the footpaths. It is hoped to complete these paths when money becomes available.

The E.S.B. was contacted regarding the rewiring of St. Fintan's Tc., This work has now been completed.

Following demands by the public for the erection of a Christmas Tree, a fund has been set up and a tree was erected in the Square last year. It is hoped that this tradition will last for generations.

With the remoured closure of Durrow Garda station, public meetings were held. Following those meetings, a petition was drafted and signed by each householder and handed to the Minister of Justice by the chairman and treasurer of Durrow Community Council. All concerned felt that following this meeting the future of Durrow Garda station was secure for the moment.

The Council played its part in securing an extra school bus for Durrow to Heywood Community School.

The senior citizens party organised by the Community Council was a huge success, thanks mainly to the hard work of the Council.

The National collection raised £196.86.

Durrow Community Council made a presentation of an inscribed silver tray and silver tea set to the Presentation Sisters as a token of appreciation for their services to Durrow down through the years.

The Council, with representatives of Durrow Traders' Association, made an application for an EEC leadership grant for rural development. Concern was expressed by the Council over the proposed mining in Galinoy.

Plans are in progress for the erection of a town map in the Square.

The Council organised a collection and presentation to Fr J. Robinson on his departure to Castlecomer.

Owing to the transfer of Sgt. Creegan to Portlaois, letters were written to the Dept. of Justice expressing the hope that Durrow would have a replacement sergent.

The treasurer gave his report. The balance to date is £694.73.

The chairman thanked the secretary and treasurer for their total commitment to the council and thanked all members for their years work. He expressed great sadness at the departure of Fr J. Robinson, president, during the year.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

The Harps Junior A Hurlers completed a League/Championship double when they defeated Shanahoe 1-10 to 1-4 in the League final played at Mountrath recently. The small, but loyal band of Harps supporters witnessed a game that produced everything that is good in hurling. Courage, determination, sheer grit and no little skill were the order of the day for a Harps team expertly led by team trainer Mick Bolger and captain Larry Pheelan. This was another great honour for the Harps who have now competed in nine county finals this year (5 juvenile and 4 adult) with one adult final still to be decided, which is of course the O'Bradaigh Cup final, Harps v Camross or Portlaois. The Camross - Portlaois semi-final has been fixed for November 10th so it remains to be seen when the Harps will play the winners in the final.

The Harps Minor B footballers were unable to convert majority possession into scores in their county final on Sunday last and so paid the penalty when going under to a fitter Crettyard team at Pairc Ui Mhordha, Portlaois. However, even in defeat these young lads proved that they have what it takes to bring major football honours to the Harps in the near future.

A goal, with virtually the last puck of the game, saw Borris-in-Ossary defeat a very unlucky Harps team in the U/15 hurling county final in Portlaois recently. It was tough luck on the Harps young lads who had victory snatched from their grasp in the dying seconds of the game.

Congratulations to Harps players; Tony Dunne, Noel Delaney and Billy White who have been chosen on the Laois Senior hurling panel for the League series.

Congratulations to local publican Mick Gaughan who won £50 in the first Laois Co-Board development draw on Monday night last. Tickets are now on sale (from any Harps committee member) for the November draw, from which the Harps receive 50% of their sales.

The Harps send best wishes to Thomas Kenna in his new employment in Dublin.

The Harps Minor hurlers play Castletown in the League on this Sunday at 11.30 in Durrow. Your support would be appreciated.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

Durrow & District Anglers next competition is for the Victor Dowell Trophy and is a Pike Competition. Juniors will not be permitted to fish in this competition due to water levels at this time of year. The competition will be fished on next Sunday 10th November.

The recent Pike competition in Ballinasloe was a bit of a disappointment for local anglers as they were not in the Heaviest Pike on the first day was 29-14, 28-6, 19-8. Overall winner was P. Kelleher, 34-9, second J. Chambers 32-4.

The American Tea Party held in the Castle Arms recently was a great success. The committee would like to thank the Hotel for the use of their premises, the hostesses who looked after tables and all who attended on the night.

Thanks to the following who supplied spot prizes on the night;

Avonmore Creameries, Pius Hennessy, Michael Gaughan, Billy Lawlor, Ger. Alley and Angela Carroll.

FOUR NITE RESULTS

Tuesday 22nd. results; 1st Peter Monnelly, 2nd Kieran Soames, J. Ryan, Rd. McGeagh, Nial Dollard and Sean Aylward.

Tuesday 29th. results; 1st Tom Woods, 2nd Sean Aylward, Billy White, Martin Meade, Kieran Soames and Peter Monnelly.

GYMNIQUE - Exercise to music, Aerobic and Conditioning classes resume on Monday 4th November - 9th December. Time 8.30p.m. to 9.30p.m. in Castle Arms Hotel. Fee £15. New members welcome. Fee includes membership. Instructor: Theresa Delahunty, S.R.N. I.T.E.C. NCEFI.