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DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Ministry of Communion

Again I begin by thanking God for the number of dedicated Parishioners who have come forward to take their place in participating in this beautiful Ministry.

We easily think of the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist as something holy, as something filled with God's life and rightly so. For special ministers of Holy Communion there is another dignity and responsibility. You must become what you give. You must become and live as the Body of Christ that you give to your brothers and sisters. God the Father gives you a share in a ministry that humans could not deserve and would not dare to ask for on their own. Your call to serve is as unexpected and as undeserved as the young boys at the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Thro' your humble service as a minister of Communion, God unites you to your fellow members of the Body of Christ and fits all of you into that Body. As you wait to begin your service the Lord Jesus gives you a special gift of strength. At that moment look out over the congregation and say to yourself "This gathering of God's holy people of which I am a part is the Body of Christ made visible now in this place, in this time". Everything I do and say should help them to receive the Lord Jesus more reverently and lovingly.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

The Harps Senior Hurlers got off to a flying start in this years Championship by beating St. Patrick's 6 - 21 to 0 - 2. This was surprisingly a very one-sided affair because these sides drew this match last year with the Harps winning the replay. The Harps totally dominated this game and now go on to meet Rathdowney in the next round of the championship.

The Harps Intermediate Hurlers drew with Camross in their first championship outing. The final score was Harps 3 - 9, Camross 2 - 12. The Harps had to withstand a very strong Camross challenge in the second-half. Philip Monnelly scored the equaliser for the Harps with a long distance free. This will be a hard match for the Harps to win next time as there are several Inter-players upgraded to the senior ranks.

The Junior B Hurlers completed a very satisfactory week-end for the Club when they travelled to Colt to play Mountrath in the first round of the championship. This match was a replay but this time the Harps made no mistakes and comprehensively beat Mountrath. Harps 3 - 8, Mountrath 2 - 2. This match ended with some tempers rising. Ger Maher received a serious facial injury and hopefully will recover fully.

The Junior B Hurlers were also out last weekend when they played Craiguecullen in the League.

All in all it has been a good start to the year and hopefully it will continue on a high note.

CONGRATULATIONS to Noreen and Jimmy Joyce, The Square, on the birth of a daughter.

HARPS JUVENILE G.A.A.

The Harps are pleased to announce the start of their Summer Coaching Course in Hurling at the venue Durrow G.A.A. Grounds. Starting date Sunday July 12th for ten Sundays. Time 12 noon - 1.00p.m. Age 7 - 10 year olds. This is an intensive, supervised course in hurling skills. Coaches; H. Sheppard, B. Campion, M. Lanigan, M. Brophy, N. Delaney and G. Brophy.

FEE:- Including Insurance £1-50 plus 20p per session. Family £2-50 plus 30p. Application forms at Tommy Walsh's Shop, Durrow and Donal Deegan, Cullohill.

Harps U/14 Football Team is through to the County semi-Final where they will play either St. Colman's or Killeshan. They overcame a very strong St. Mannan's team to reach the semi-final. Lots of dedication and training is needed if they are to reach the final.

DURROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/LIONS SOCCER CLUB

Monster Sports and Field Day to be held on Sunday August 9th in Boy's School Grounds, Durrow. Featuring open children's sports, wheel of fortune, bottle stall and numerous side shows. Great day assured, commencing 2.00p.m. Cabaret in Durrow Inn on same night.

DURROW C.Y.M.S. BILLARDS

Kieran Soame -175 beat Tom Roche -50 in the Semi-Final of the Quinn Cup in Kilkenny recently. Kieran now goes through to the final against the winners of Larry Drennan and Tommy Deniff and this game is scheduled to be played next week. Larry Drennan has won the Irish Championship six years running. Kieran is wished the best of luck in the final.

DURROW TIDY TOWN

FAS HAS ENDED.

Please KEEP your own AREA CLEAN and TIDY.

Voluntary HELP will be needed to keep grass cut in the town and on approach roads.

It would be nice to see more flower baskets and flower boxes.

YOU LIVE IN IT → PLEASE HELP KEEP IT TIDY.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Kenna family, Derry Road, on their recent bereavement.

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LIONS SOCCER CLUB

The Lions Soccer Club held it's A.G.M. in the C.Y.M.S. Hall on Friday 26th June. The following officers were elected;

President, Eugene O'Halloran	Vice-President, Harold Lawlor
Chairman Martin Lawlor	" Chairman, Michael Lanagan
Hon. Secretary, Philip Monnelly	Hon. Treasurer, Tomas Kenna
Ass. Treasurer, Kevin Kelly.	

Committee: Pat Buckley, Enda Murphy, Colin Lawlor, Noel Cunnins and Liam Campion.

The club's annual Field Day will be held on Sunday August 9th and there will be lots of activity for everyone to enjoy.

OUR LADY'S MEADOW GIRL'S P.S.

On Friday last a presentation was made to Sr. Mairin by the Parent's Council of Our Lady's Meadow school on behalf of all the parents and children to mark her departure from Durrow. A large number of parents turned out for the occasion. She was presented with a camera and a floral arrangement. Great credit is due to Sr. Mairin for her management and dedication to the school over the past ten years. She now goes to Dungarvan, Co. Waterford where she will be Principal of a twenty-two teacher school, and she is wished every success.

Results of June Draw as follows;

1st	£100	Julianne Walshe, Bishopswood, Durrow.
2nd	£ 50	Sr. Marie Therese, Presentation Convent, Durrow.
3rd	£ 10	Tomy Thornton, Mary Street, Durrow.
4th	£ 10	Susan Purcell, Ballyragget.
5th	£ 10	John and Willie, c/o Avonmore, Ballyragget.
6th	£ 10	Donal Bowe, Capponellan, Durrow.
7th	£ 10	Christopher Kelly, Closheen, Attanagh.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

Work has started on the River Erkina at the New Bridge. The Fisheries Board started the work last Wednesday and it should be finished in a short time. Three people will be employed on the scheme for four weeks, wages is £158 per week. Any person interested should contact the committee. They must be able to follow a chainsaw.

Competitions for July:

There will be an evening Trout Fly Fishing Competition on Friday July 10th, starting at 6.00p.m. weigh in 11.20p.m. sharp. Please note this competition is fly only.

The Brendan Sheeran Memorial Cup Competition for Pike will be fished on Sunday July 19th.

The weigh masters decision will be final in all competitions.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

The Club had it's last official outing before the Summer break when a group of members travelled to the Rock of Dunamase on Sunday 30th June last. The day was beautiful so there should be a good supply of prints from the event.

As we now enter the Summer break we would like to remind members of the following;

1. Photographer of the Year Joe Brophy Cup.

We would hope to have a large number of prints for this years competition. The competition has been a major success since it started two years ago with quite a number of top quality prints being produced each year. The Club also hold a Print of the Year competition in conjunction with Photographer of the Year. Competition date is 14th December. Winners of the competitions to date;

Photographer of the Year:	Print of the Year
1990 Eugene Meegan	Breda Kelly
1991 Pat Farrell	Paul Cashin.

2. Liam Hyland Perpetual Trophy Slide Competition.

This year sees the inception of a major new club competition, a yearly Mid-Summer Slide Competition for a Trophy kindly donated by Liam Hyland T.D. The theme of this competition is the "Environment". So again we would hope members submit a large number of slides dealing with this particular theme.

3. Club Exhibition.

The ~~Slide~~ Competition will be held in conjunction with the Club Exhibition on 3rd/4th October. Our annual exhibition attracted a large crowd last year and we expect the trend to continue this year. It might seem early to remind members of the above club events but time has a funny habit of moving quicker than we expect it to do so keep those cameras clicking over the next couple of months.

4. Lastly we would wish to remind members that membership fees are now overdue. As fees are a large part of club income we would hope that all outstanding money is paid as soon as possible.

SCOUT NEWS

The Scout Troop held a Bivi-Night in Dúnmore Wood on Saturday 29th June last, 13 Scouts attended. We hope to run a full scale Backwoods Camp in Dúnmore on 17th - 19th July. This camp will be our last weekend camp before our trip to Achill Outdoor Education Centre so all Scouts who hope to acquire the Outdoor Award Scheme Badge will have to attend.

CUBS & BEAVERS:

An outing has been arranged for Beavers and Cubs to Dublin Zoo on Saturday 11th July. The Bus will leave the Church Car Park at 10.00a.m. arriving at the Zoo at 12 noon approx. Lunch has been ordered for everyone at the Cafe in the Zoo. We hope to have the children home by 6.00p.m. Please leave your name and money to Maura Rafferty immediately as we need to know the number travelling. All Beavers and Cubs are asked to wear full uniform on the day - jumper, scarf and woggle.

WINNERS of Door Prizes at our recent Cabaret were as follows;
£10 to Sarah Phelan, c/o Clearys, Castlewood. £5 to Sarah Brophy, Swan Road and £5 to Dervil Murphy, Newtown, Cullohill.