

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY THE DURROW SCOUTS

Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

THE LONG FINGER

It's a well known medical fact that one of our legs is slightly longer than the other. Regardless of who you are - priest, pope, pauper or poet - one leg is always that bit longer than the other.

It is also a fairly well known fact that one of our fingers is much longer than all the others.

Some of you are probably examining your fingers right now to check that out. If so - I'm afraid you're going to be disappointed. You won't find it.

You see the finger I'm referring to is that mythical - THE LONG FINGER. A lot of us - and I include myself - have gotten into the habit of "putting things on the long finger". For instance:

- those books which we keep meaning to return to the library..
- that little bill we keep meaning to fix up..
- the outhouse we keep meaning to clean up...
- or that tiff with our friend which we keep meaning to patch up...

This famous Long Finger of ours reminds me very much of an equally famous long nose. Every time poor old Pinocchio, the puppet, told a lie - his nose grew longer. Seems to me that the more we put on this "long finger" of ours - the longer it grows also.

Tonight I am making a simple plea to you all -  
LET'S SHORTEN THE LONG FINGER.

Now I'm not calling for major surgery, by any means. But if we were to reduce the load on this poor finger just a little - we'd be doing very well.

So - let's make a definite decision that tomorrow, for certain, we'll ...  
...pay that little bill  
... or visit that old friend  
... or write that well-overdue letter...

We'll be doing ourselves and others a great favour.

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INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Indoor Soccer Tournament in Cullohill Community Centre starting on Friday 11th January. Team of four players and one sub.  
Closing date for entries is Wednesday 9th January.  
Enquiries and entries to David Holland, phone 0502 - 37115.

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

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## SCOUT NEWS

The visit to the Pantomime in the Gaiety proved to be a resounding success with virtually everyone enjoying the experience. Characters who appeared ranged from the King of Tanga to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (this must be their first Panto appearance!). A drawback to the event was the sound in the Theatre which made it difficult for some to hear clearly but the spectacle of the event more than compensated for this.

Sixty three Beavers, Cubs and Scouts travelled along with seven Leaders. Thanks is due to Maura Rafferty (Group Leader) who was responsible for arrangements for the entire event.

Insurance premiums are now overdue. At the beginning of the Scout Year (Sept.) we had hoped to have all insurance paid before Christmas so as we could begin to start a Camp Bank with the intention of saving towards the 1991 Summer Camp. Unfortunately only a few have paid insurance in full. If possible, we would be grateful if Parents could ensure that the premium £7-50. is paid before the end of January.

The Cabaret in aid of the Scouts, which was held on Saturday 22nd December, was a great success. Our thanks to the public for their generous support and to all who sold tickets. The winner of the £20 door prize was Mrs Kearney, Snr., Erkindale Drive.

Scout meetings will resume in the Convent Hall on Friday 11th January at 8.00p.m. Cub Scout meetings will resume also on January 11th at 7.00p.m. in the Convent Hall. All Scouts please attend.

### BEAVER NEWS:

The Beavers went Carol Singing with the Cubs before Christmas and raised over £30 for the Senior Citizens Party. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

On December 24th we travelled to Dublin to see the Pantomime "Dick Whittington". The children enjoyed their trip immensely.

We will return to our meetings on Friday 18th January in the Convent Hall. Please pay any outstanding Insurance as soon as possible.

Happy New Year to all our friends.

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### FEM SCREEN:

FEM Screen have confirmed that they will hold a screening service for Cervical and Breast Cancer in the Castle Arms Hotel on Monday 28th January. No appointment necessary.

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### HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

The Club and it's Officials would like to take this opportunity to wish all it's members and supporters a Happy New Year. We also wish to thank those who bought tickets and attended our cabaret on 23rd December. Due to your attendance it was a great night and enjoyed by all. Again our thanks.

We would also wish to remind you of the next forthcoming event on the Harps calendar which is the adjourned convention. This will take place on Friday 11th January in the C.Y.M.S. Hall at 8.30p.m. Your commitment to the club will be shown by your attendance at this meeting.

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### LIONS SOCCER CLUB

The Lions Christmas Draw winners were as follows;

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| 1. John McEvoy, Cork Road,                  | 2. John Moore, Ballinaslee,              |
| 3. Margo McKenzie, St. Flintan's Tee.,      | 4. Paul Cleere, Meadow Hill, Fikenny,    |
| 5. Tommy Walsh, Mary Street,                | 6. Tommy Walsh, Mary Street, Durrrow,    |
| 7. T. Jacob, Jnr., Newtown,                 | 8. Evelyn Clancy, The Square, Durrrow,   |
| 9. Liar O'Brien, Borris-in-Ossary,          | 10. Jim Dwyer, Cork Road, Durrrow,       |
| 11. John Phelan, Castle Street,<br>Durrrow. | 12. Donic Phelan, Ballinaslee,           |
| 14. Eddie Moore, Ballinaslee,               | 13. Kieran Dunphy, Patrick St., Durrrow. |
|   | 15. Donal Dunne, C/O Avonmore.           |

The Lions committee would like to thank everyone who supported our draw especially the sponsors - Martin Keenan, Carrolls (Nore Nets), Joe Murphy, Mary Lennon, Michael Gaughan, Irish Distillers, Avonmore Creameries, Jimmy Ryan, M.B. Lawlor, Jack Murphy, Alleys Drapery, Woods Bakery, Donal Carroll and Bankers Florists.

#### Soccer Result;

The Lions were defeated 1 - 0 by East End United in Premier Division game in Durrrow.

Some poor refereeing decisions denied the Lions a share of the points which they deserved. One hopes that these bad decisions will not prove very vital at the end of the season.

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### POKER NITE

The Weekly Poker Classic in the C.Y.M.S. small Hall resumes on Tuesday night 8th January and every Tuesday night from then. First hands will be dealt at 9.00p.m. sharp. Admission £5.

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### HEYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

We hope that our pupils had a well deserved rest over the Christmas break and that they will come back refreshed on Monday 7th January.

#### Parent/Teacher meetings;

We remind parents of 3rd and 5th Year students that there will be an opportunity to discuss progress of their children at the parent/teacher meetings next term.

3rd Years on Friday 18th January '91

5th Years on Thursday 7th February '91.

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HEWYWOOD Community School continued;

Talk with Parents:

We have organised a talk for parents of 1st Years on "Understanding your Adolescent Child" which will take place in the school on Tuesday 22nd January at 8.00p.m. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this very helpful talk and discussion.

School Tour:

It is proposed to organise an 8 day school tour to the Rhineland (Germany). The tour will take place during the mid-term Oct/Nov 1991. The tour will be of particular benefit to students studying German or Geography. For further information on the tour please contact Mr G. Dunphy or Mr H. Fogarty before 14th January as this is closing date for those interested.

Adult Education:

The following Night Classes will be available in the school;

- A. Aerobics & Games on Monday nights from 8-9p.m.. Fee £22. for 10 Sessions
- B. Local History on Tuesday nights 8-9p.m. Fee £22. for 10 Sessions,
- C. Maths Revision on Monday nights 8-9p.m. Fee £30. for 10 Sessions.

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DURROW BRIDGE CLUB

Winners of the Durrow Bridge Club Christmas competition as follows;

N/S, 1, J. Dowling, M. Brophy, 2, F. Campion, A. Fitzpatrick.

E/W, 1, A. Doherty, A. Hyland, 2, M. Moran, P. Kingston,  
3, B. Cashin, M. Hovenden.

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CABARET

Cabaret in Hawthorn Lounge, Ballacolla on Saturday 12th January for the Ladies Association in London for Destitute Emigrants.  
Music by Midnight Dynamo. Great raffle prizes. Your support is requested.  
Admission £1.

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DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB will hold their next meeting on Monday night next January 7th at 8.30p.m.  
New members welcome at all times.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Gearoid Ryan and Teresa Lawless on their recent marriage.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marie Dollard, Dereen on her engagement and passing her S.R.N. in Romford, England.

CONGRATULATIONS to Micheal Carroll and Angela Bane on their recent engagement.

GOOD LUCK and best wishes are extended to Sharon Sheppard who left for England this weekend to take up nursing.

SYMPATHY is extended to Sr Imelda Carew, Presentation Convent, on her recent bereavement.