

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTERCOMPILED BY DURROW SCOUTSLET ADVENT MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU

As we begin Advent 1992, each one of us will be in a different situation; different from one another and probably different from last year. So this Advent is not simply a re-union of last Advent or the one before. This Advent as we think about what the coming of Christ means to us, it's important that we relate our thoughts to what is happening in our lives right now because that is where Christ will come to us this Advent.

Jesus Christ is the Promise of God's Love:

Christ comes to try to convince us how precious we are, not necessarily in the eyes of those we share our life with but most definitely in the eyes of God, our heavenly Father. That's not an idle, pleasant thought. It is a fact. God is crazy about each one of us. He thought each person worth creating. He gives each of us strengths and weaknesses in order that we compliment one another. In that complimenting we can lose our headliness, we balance one another as we go through life. In the life and words of Jesus Christ he tells us in hundreds of ways how much he values each person - not because they have earned his love or because they have made wise, sensible decisions in life, but simply because he cannot do anything else but love us. And that's very hard for us to believe. Advent is part of working towards that belief.

Do Not be Anxious About Tomorrow:

Whatever your situation in life right now, why not accept the fact of God's crazy love for you? Whatever is happening to you, however confusing, worrying or disgusting things seem, tell yourself today that God loves you very much and he believes in you. A long time ago, St Frances de Sales wrote, "Do not be anxious about tomorrow, rather God will help you overcome it or give you the strength to bear it." Why not make that your motto for Advent? Christ really does come to make a difference in our understanding of the completeness of his Father's care for us.

UPDATE ON BOTTLE BANK

The supplier of the 'Bottle Bank' has decided to withdraw it from the town. Unfortunately the service is being withdrawn in a lot of towns. So please do not leave any more glass in the car park. IT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

ALLEYS DURROW

WE INVITE ALL OUR CUSTOMERS TO A COFFEE MORNING ON FRIDAY

11th DECEMBER FROM 10.00am.

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR CUSTOM IN '92 AND WISHING YOU

HEALTH AND PROSPERITY IN 1993.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Hilson and Donal de Roche, Erkindale Drive, on the birth of a daughter.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Walsh, 18 Erkindale Drive, on receiving a Certificate in Cookery at a Conferring ceremony at Waterford Regional College recently.

DURROW RACRA 101 FEIRIES are holding a Charity Dance in the Castle Arms Hotel on Sunday 6th December. The proceeds will go to Somalia. Music by Fiddlers Green. Admission £2. Bar extension. Food will be served. Please support this worthy cause.

LOST: Gold wedding Ring with stone inset. Of great sentimental value.
Reward offered. Contact Phone No. 0502-36327.

DURROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A delegation from Durrow Community Council met recently with a senior Executive Engineer from Lalis County Council regarding the following:

1. Dangerous condition of paths throughout the town.
 2. Bad road surfaces in the town and surrounding areas.
 3. A permanent sweeper required for the town.
 4. Recent road repairs to the bridge has resulted in flooding when it rains, causing problems for residents at the bridge.
 5. Slow signs needed on the main Durrow/Abbeyleix road leading to Newbridge Cross.
 6. Directional sign for Roscrea badly needed in the town. Sign for Mountrath required on the top of Swan hill.
 7. It was requested that the 30 mile speed limit sign on the Derry Road be moved back a little further up the road as it is considered to be too near a private entrance.
- It was also requested that the 30 mile speed limit sign on the Swan Road be moved out the road much further, as this road is considered to be dangerous for pedestrians.
8. Lights required outside chapel and also outside the masonettes in Erkindale Drive.
 9. Signposts need re-painting.
 10. Litter bin badly needed on the Cork Road and either repair or replace the bin outside the chapel.
 11. Colour strip needed on wall at Tucks Cross.
 12. Poor condition of the entrance to Tinweir caused by work carried out by Telecom Eireann.

The delegation was informed that all the matters raised will be given due consideration and were promised that the following will be looked into immediately.

1. Problem of flooding at bridge.
2. Speed limit sign at Derry Road.
3. Supplying of litter bins.
4. Telecom will be contacted regarding the entrance to Tinweir lane.

Notice to members of Durrow Community Council:

The monthly meeting of the above will be held on Monday December 14th at 8.00p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall. All members are requested to attend.

HOLY FAMILY BOY'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

Limericks

There was a young man from Attanagh
Who's mother sh. called him 'Allanah'
He got rather fed up
And he started to sulk
And called her a fat banana.

by Jason Walsh.

There was a boy named Kevin
Who couldn't go to Heaven
Because truth to tell
He was suited to Hell
And so was his brother Evin.

by Brian Shortall.

The Holy Family Boys' Football team are playing against the Heath on Sunday at 10 o'clock in Partluis. This is the final of the Cumann na nBunscoileanna League.

KEELEY'S LOUNGE: Saturday 5th December - Borderline.
Saturday 12th December - Scottish Dollar.
Thursday 17th December Lions A.F.C. Party - Soundproof.
Admission £1. Great night assured.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the Barry family, Dunmore, on their recent bereavement.

DURROW CREDIT UNION

The 11th A.G.M. of Durrow Credit Union was held on 26th November. The Chairman Peter Monnelly welcomed everyone.

The Auditor Mr Chris Bardon in his address spoke in glowing terms of the successful running of the Credit Union, the most successful in his area. The 50% increase in shares this year came from new members and the total assets stand at £310,073. The growth in loans from £197,490 to £224,132 showed the benefit and need for the Credit Union. He thanked the treasurer, tellers, supervisors and all directors to whose attention to detail is due the success. A dividend of 6% to be paid again this year.

Treasurers Report: Rita Casey thanked the Auditor for his report and his complimentary remarks. There were 82 new members during the year bringing the total membership to 760.

The Credit Committee report was given by Kathleen Gaughagan. Loans granted totaled £224,132. Heading the list of loans was Home Improvements at £99,588 and in second place car and tractor purchases at £39,450 with car tax and insurance, holidays, car repairs, medical and dental and school expenses etc., also being catered for. Anyone having difficulty meeting their repayments, were again advised to visit the Credit Committee.

Chairman's Report: Mr Peter Monnelly thanked all directors and tellers for their help during the year. Due to their increased work load it will be necessary to appoint two new directors during the year bringing the number to 13.

Following the A.G.M. the Board of Directors met on Monday 30th November to appoint a new Committee. The following were elected:

Chairperson	Marie Lalor	Vice-Chairperson	Peter Monnelly,
Treasurer	Rita Casey	Asst. Treasurer	Benny Dunne,
Secretary	Ann Rafferty	Asst. Secretary	Margaret Tobin,
Credit Committee:		Chairman	Olivier Cloney
Secretary	Kathleen Gaughagan.		Peter Monnelly, Owen Casey.
P.R.O.	Angela Drennan,	Nominations Officer	Michael Kells,
Supervisors;	Tony Dooley, Jack Phelan, Angela Drennan.		

Due to the fact that Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Friday the collections for those weeks will take place on Wednesday 23rd and Wednesday 30th December.

THE COMMUNITY ALERT GROUP

At a recent meeting of the Durrow/Cullhill Community Alert Group the following officers were elected:

Chairman	P.J. Hutchinson	Vice-Chairman	Kieran O'Shea
Secretary	Michael Donohue	Treasurer	Helen Maoney
P.R.O.	Nary Thornton	Liasion Officer	Liam Foley.

POKER NITE

Results for Tuesday 24th November; Results for Tuesday 1st December;

1st	Liz Clancy	1st	Seamus Duggan
2nd	Sean Aylward	2nd	Ger Alley
	Mary Casnin		Ken Creegan
	Neill Dillard		Ger Brophy
	John Gilligan		Sean Aylward
	Phillip Monnelly		Billy White.

CASTLE ARMS HOTEL: Saturday 5th December - Mountain Dew.
Sunday 6th December - John O'Shea.
Saturday 12th December - Mountain Dew, Sunday 13th - Slitaira.

SCOUT NEWS

At the moment deposits are finally being sent to Head Quarters for what should be one of the major events in the history of the Durrrow Troop. 'Ballyfin '93 applications are flooding in for places on this International Scout Camp which is being run by the 3 Scout Associations in the Country, S.A.I., C.B.S.I. and N.I.S.A. 6,000 Scouts and Leaders from all over the world will attend what should be a truly memorable 10 day event.

The activities for Ballyfin '93 are the most ambitious and comprehensive ever programmed for a Jamboree of its kind in Ireland. (By the way a Jamboree is an International Scout Camp).

The Camp will be broken up into 7 different sub-camps each trying to keep 850 Scouts busy and active for the 10 days. The activities will be varied but including the following.

Water - canoeing, swimming, punting and rafting.

Challenge Valley - water obstacles and muck!

Crafts - heather, clay, thatch, metal.

Hikes - senior and junior level, abseiling and climbing.

Odyssey - An interesting look at life and humanity.

Power Base - motorbikes, laser rifles, splatoon, parascending and mountain biking.

Tir Na nOg - Games of skill with an old Irish flavour.

The Challenge - It's a knockout with a difference.

Crystal Maze - Scouts version of the T.V. show.

Tours, Orienteering, Photography, Pioneering, Rock Concert (with hopefully 2 FM Beat on the Street), and lots more.....

So as you can see it should be an excellent camp. Hopefully the Gods will smile on us and the weather will be great.

On a local level, the Troop ran a Cycle/Orienteering activity on Sunday last, 17 Scouts attended which unfortunately falls short of the minimum number required to enter the activity for the Outdoor Awards:

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

All members are reminded of the club's major competition which take place on 14th December:

1. Photographer of the Year for the Joe Brophy Cup.

This competition will be judged by Alf Harvey and up to 5 10"X 8" or 10"X 7" prints can be entered. For this years competition all prints must be mounted.

2. Print of the Year.

This competition is for the single best mounted 10"X 8" print which again will be judged by Alf Harvey.

Members entering prints should be in the club premises at 8.00p.m. on the 14th December. Outstanding ticket money should be returned on the night.

OUR LADY'S MEADOW P. S.

Congratulations to Laura Flynn, who was the overall individual winner in the Avonmore Carton Craft Competition recently, with her Avonmore Dream Cottage.

Congratulations also to Aisling Ryan and Sharon Lynch who were winners in the Group Section of this competition with their Circus.

The girls received their prizes from Mary Fitzgerald R.T.E. at a Special Presentation ceremony in The Montague Hotel on 3rd December.

The Final Performance of "Peter Pan" will be on in the Convent Hall 6th December at 8.00p.m. A great night is assured and all are welcome. Don't miss it.

Congratulations to Vicki Donohue, Senior Infants, on the birth of her sister.