

Durrow Parish Newsletter

Compiled by the Durrow Scouts

Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

LISTENING.

There's a great difference between hearing and listening.....
Listening is an art and an effort..... to listen to the children,
when they're cranky and difficult, or even more trying, when they're
full of beans, and want to tell you some school yard saga, involving
heroes called squealer, snitchy or goggles - and you're too busy;
or to you wife who wants to discuss her needs, to mutually make
decisions about the family, or just to share your companionship,
when the housework's done and the children safely in bed, but you
want to read the paper-or to your husband who wants to talk out
a problem from work-where if you could just read between the lines,
he's really looking for re-assurance- He's getting older- he's
being passed over for advancement-and you're attention seems to
be totally absorbed by the children; but you miss the unspoken cry
for help, because your favourite soap-opra is on T.V.

But when you really listen, you'll also be surprised by what you
really hear, for there are a lot of people wanting to be heard.....

God wants to be heard too, and listening to the word of God is
good although we often find it hard. Many of us hear the Word of
God, but we don't really listen to it, and yet He speaks to us so
simply and gives His message so clearly. He spells out all we have
to do, to live a good and happy life. In His little parables-the
good Samaritan-The sowing of the seed of truth- The good Shepherd
and the widow's mite. He sign-posts the way to eternal Joy. They
have stood the test of time and for 2,000 years have guided
millions. All we've got to do, is to listen and respond. Our
Preacher weekly brings the Word to us with explanations of the
more difficult passages, applying it where suitable to local
events and problems.

And even when we talk to God, we're quite often looking for some-
thing-and telling Him, he'd better listen to our demand. It's a
far cry from the old parable-'Speak Lord your servant is listening'
P.T.O.

Outlook continued:

Too often today it's a question of-'Listen Lord your servant is speaking'.

God's word can indeed be difficult and hard to follow at times. His road isn't an easy one, but it's a good one and we'll hear the way He wants us to go if we really listen.

Listening, that's the art.....

SCOUT NEWS

A party of 62 Peavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders had an enjoyable outing to the Panto in Dublin recently. The Panto in question was "Little Red Riding Hood".

The cast included Helen Jordan, Austin Gaffney and Al Banim and the excellent production went down well with all age groups.

After a period of relative inactivity a Patrol Leaders meeting will be held over the coming week to try and get the Troop back to its usual high level of outdoor activities. The meeting is provisionally set for Michaela Gaughan's on Wednesday 10th January at 8.00p.m. sharp. The item on the agenda will be to organize a Hostelling weekend in February or March.

Parents please note Insurance must be paid before the end of the month.

VENTURE NEWS: Next meeting of troop will be held in Convent Hall on Monday 8th January at 8.00p.m. sharp.

POKER NITE results on Tuesday 2nd January as follows:

1st. John O'Regan.	Julie Dollard.
2nd. Vincent O'Brien.	Sean Aylward.
Alice Furey.	Thomas Gilligan.

SONG SPOT

Try a Little Kindness

If you see your brother standing by the road
With a heavy load
From the seed he sowed,
If you see your sister falling by the way,
Just stop and say
You're going the wrong way.

CHORUS

You've got to
Try a little kindness,
Show a little kindness,
Shine that light for everyone to see;
And if you
Try a little kindness,
Then you'll overlook the blindness
Of the narrow-minded people
on the narrow-minded street.

Don't walk around the down and out,
Lend a helping hand instead of doubt
and the kindness that you show every day
Will help someone along the way.

CHORUS

Medi Screen coming to Durrow.

How's your health?

50% of all deaths in Ireland are caused by Coronary Heart Disease and Stroke. And do you know that most are preventable, by regular Medi-Screen at least annually.

Test includes: Blood Cholesterol Analysis, Blood Pressure, Heart rate record, Electro cardiogram etc.,

All results analysed and checked by Medical Officer.

Reprts sent direct to you in strictest confidence.

Test by appointment only and takes only 20 minutes.

Phone 0502-36221 or hand in your name before 15th January to Alan Newman's T.V. shop Durrow. Places limited.

PLAYSCHOOL

Playschool re-opens on Wednesday 17th January. Time 9.15a.m. to 12.00 noon.

BEAVER SCOUTS

A great day was had by all in Dublin on 29th December when we went to the pantomime "Little Red Riding Hood" in the John Player Theatre.

Beaver meetings will resume the end of January. More details later. Boys and girls between 6 and 8 years are eligible to join the Beaver Scouts.

THE HARPS G.A.A. DINNER DANCE will be held on Friday 26th January. Tickets are available from committee members. Price £12. Music by PORTEMOES.

DURROW CREDIT UNION will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 16th January at 8.30p.m. Office hours are 7.30p.m.-9.00p.m. New members are welcome.

CAMERA CLUB

The Photographic Course will resume on January 8th at 8.30p.m. sharp in the club premises at the Bridge.

SYMPATHY is extended to the O'Rourke Family, The Square on their recent bereavement.

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On behalf of the 3rd Laois Durrow Scout Troop we would like to wish all our readers a very happy and prosperous New Year.