

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY THE DURROW SCOUTS

GOD'S WALLS

As a child of God I benefit from divine walls that not only protect my physical being, but the welfare of my soul. Unlike leaving my place of employment, I never step beyond the protective walls that God provides. God's walls not only protect me from external attacks but they protect me from myself. God's protection can never fail. Only God's walls can stand forever.

OUR LADY'S MEADOW I.S.

We would like to welcome back all our pupils, with a particular word for our 18 new Junior Infants. We ask God's blessing on our school community for the year. We would like to acknowledge our thanks to Fr. Jackie for his dedicated work as Chairperson of our Board of Management. We will miss him and wish him every success in Castlecomer.

Community Games

Best wishes are extended to the Young Durrow Singers who leave for Mosney on Friday 6th September to represent not just the Durrow area but Laois in the Community Games. The Young Durrow Singers came 2nd in the 1989 Community Games.

Recycling

We would like to remind parents and children that we are still collecting soft drink and beer cans in the school for recycling, so children if you have collected any soft drink cans over the holidays please bring them to the school.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

CLUB NEWS On Sunday 8th Sept. there is a trout fishing competition for the Paddy Holohan Memorial Cup. The Cup will be presented to the winner on Sun. by his son John, who has travelled from England to be there for the presentation.

A Juvenile trout fishing competition will be held on Sunday 22nd Sept. starting at 10.00 a.m. and finishing at 2.00 p.m. All juveniles to meet at the Durrow Inn at 9.45 a.m. on the above date.

Plans are well advanced for the clubs American Tea Party which will be held in the Castle Arms Hotel on Friday night 11th Oct. Music will be by the Mellow Cords and the subscription is £6. Bar extension. Sixteen tables have been taken to date, and there are still some tables left. Anyone wishing to take a table should contact committee members. Table takers have to supply sweet only.

All Ireland Pike Fishing results from the competition in Ballinasloe are:-

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| 1st John Quigley | 2 fish | 18-9 | 2nd George Greenhalgh | 7 fish | 17-8 |
| 3rd Les Fetherslone | 2 fish | 9-4 | 4th Mich McNally | 1 fish | 9-3 |
| 5th Declan Dempsey | 3 fish | 8-3 | All Dublin Anglers | | |

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The 4th heath of the All Ireland Pike fishing competition will be held on Lake Clea in Keady C. Armagh on Sunday 15th Sept. starting at lake car park at 11.30 a.m.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

The Harps G.A.A. Club wish Bon Voyage to their elected F.R.O. Declan Phelan who has emigrated to Australia. Declan was a dedicated player and committee member and his dedication will be badly missed by the Harps.

A combination of ill luck and inexperience in the form of a "go for goals" policy, saw the Harps Intermediate football team fall at the final hurdle again this year. In a repeat of the 1990 final, Portarlinton beat the Harps by three points at O'Moore Park on Friday night last. This was a bitter blow to players and team management alike and great credit is due here to Mick Carroll (Snr.,) and Tommy Walsh who steered this team to their second successive final. Here's hoping that they can all re-charge their batteries and make it third time lucky in 1992.

The Harps wish the very best of luck to Michael Carroll and his bride on their wedding day next Tuesday.

Hurling coaching for 8 - 10 year olds continues on Sunday mornings at 12noon.

The Junior A hurling final replay, Harps V Shanahoe has been fixed for Saturday next September 14th in O'Moore Park. Please check local papers for details.

A committee meeting of the Harps G.A.A. Club will take place on Tuesday night at 8.30p.m. in the dressing rooms. Finance committee members are requested to attend. Players are requested to return all outstanding monies or tickets for our recent Greyhound Benefit night to any committee member before Tuesday next September 10th.

Congratulations to U/16 players Hohn McEvoy and Kieran Shortall who were members of the Laois U/16 football team, recent winners of the Leinster Football Blitz held in Carlow.

The Harps U/16 football team were beaten by Abbeyleix in the championship on Tuesday night last, they now must face a play-off with St. Coleman's for the right to enter the semi-finals of this competition. Great credit is due to Dobby Campion and Jack Murphy who are managers of this team.

The Harps minor footballers are due to meet the Heath in the championship on Friday night September 6th in Abbeyleix.

Congratulations to local groundsman Pat Buckley who has the local G.A.A. grounds in impeccable condition at the moment. Pat is also wished a speedy recovery from his recent injury.

FOR SALE: Boys Raleigh Roadrunner Bicycle, suitable for 8-10 year old. Price £25. o.n.o. Apply to Dollards, Bishopswood, Durrow.

FOR SALE: 4 new C.D.'s, Kathy Durkin, Derek Davis, Duth Chapter, Logue & Macool. E L.P. Duth Chapter and I Tape, Kiev Connelly, never used. Phone 36281.

FOUND Brooch found outside Church last Sunday. Phone 36415.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

The Club held a very successful photo exhibition in the Marble City Bar during the recent Kilkenny Arts Week. The response from people who viewed the prints was very encouraging and hopefully this will be an annual feature of the clubs output.

The Club regrouped after the Summer break with a "Durrow Walkabout". The result of this should be available shortly.

Two upcoming events on the clubs programme are, on September 16th competition 7"X5" prints (mounted), theme colour. All members are encouraged to submit their prints or slides for this competition.

On September 28th/29th there will be a Public Exhibition of the members work in our premises in the Health Centre. Admission FREE.

SHOE REPAIRS

Weekly Service

Your local PICK-UP agent is The Stores
All Gents Shoes Stitched On, Large Selection in Shoe Dyes
Repairs to Belts, Bags and Straps
Specific repairs required on note with repair.

FRENCH CLASSES: French Classes for beginners to commence shortly in Durrow.
2nd Class upwards.
Saturday mornings. Contact; 36470.

FOR SALE: Second Hand Gas Cooker and Cylinder, in perfect condition.
Phone 36415.

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and Mary Kelly, Carrigan Street, on the birth of twin boys.

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Monnelly and Ann-Marie Murphy on their recent marriage.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Coffey family, Barn Hill, on their recent bereavement.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Noreen and Martin Bergin, Attanagh on the birth of a daughter.

Summer Camp 1991 Report

This year's annual summer camp was held in The Burren Outdoor Education Centre Turlaigh, Co. Clare. For the first time ever the troop decided to forsake the traditional canvas accommodation for the pleasures of staying in a purpose built centre and the general concensus was that it was probably the best decision we ever made. This was the best camp in the 10 year history of the troop. This is not just the Leaders view but the views of everyone of the Scouts. The accommodation was firstclass, the Staff - Sean, Colin, Ronan, Irene and Eilish excellent and the food second to none - thanks Brian. If we had any complaints it was that the week went too fast.

The camp started with a slight rush to the train in Portarlinton, from here we travelled to Galway where we were met by a bus and transferred to the centre. They say first impressions are lasting and when we first saw the centre we were suitably impressed. The centre has bunk style sleeping accommodation for 36 people, a fully equipped kitchen, a large lounge, a dining area, showers and a drying room. It also had a couple of table tennis tables plus a television and video. When we had our gear sorted out we sat down to the first of our very enjoyable meals cooked by Brian the chef employed by the centre. When rested we headed for the football pitch with Ronan where my team - with some questionable contributions from Debo and John O'Regan - stuffed his team by 17 goals to 8. Prior to the match there were some less than complimentary remarks about the ages of the Leaders and who was going to carry them back to the centre after the match but for the remainder of the camp we were held in complete awe by the Scouts.

Saturday was the first day of the camp proper. After a hearty breakfast we packed a lunch and went Rockclimbing and Abseiling with Colin and Ronan. The Burren is approx. 100 square miles in total area and the lunar like landscape of this area lends itself to superb climbing. We had a superb day - the weather was beautiful, the scenery likewise. For first timers these activities can be a little nerve wracking. Colin and Ronan always encouraged never rushed people on those activities, Leaders and Scouts who otherwise might'nt have the nerve to do then eventually did and for this we are eternally grateful. The satisfaction and sense of achievement when you have rockclimbed or abseiled for the first time is something to experience. For readers who are not aware of the existance of these centres, they provide all specialist equipment i.e. canoes, wet suits, life jackets, climbing and caving equipment plus fully qualified instructors, so safety is the most important single factor in the running of the centres. After we had completed the activities we returned to the centre where dinner was waiting for us, later that evening we headed to the beach, when we returned we went to Mass and then watched the best of Fawltly Towers and went to bed.

On Sunday our activities were orienteering and caving. Prior to our leaving the centre Colin gave us an illuminating talk on the pro's and con's of orienteering, then we were transported to Cregan Wood for the half day activity. The day was very misty but where we were heading after lunch made the weather conditions superfluous, personally the caving activities were the highlight of my stay in the Burren. The only other cave systems I had visited were Dunmore and Aillwee but they bear no comparison to the unique and exciting experience of caving in the Burren. We were kitted out with lamp helmets and battery packs and then descended through a tiny opening and travelled along the course of an ancient stream. Sometimes crawling on all fours, always wet but always brilliant. My group was led by Colin who is a geologist by profession and he told us some very interesting facts and showed us fossils which were once attached to the sea floor and have been extinct for several million years. To say we emerged from the cave wet but happy sounds like a very worn cliché - this time it was true. That night - showers, dinner, trivial pursuit, table tennis and Fawltly Towers, Part 2.

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