

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

Compiled by Durrow Scouts

'The Weather Clock'

A weatherclock that once was fixed
On a farmer's barn above,
Bore on it by its owner's will
The sentence "God is love".

His neighbour passing, questioned him,
He thought the legend strange,
"Now do you think that like the vane,
God's love can lightly change?"

The farmer smiling shook his head,
"No friend, 'tis meant to show
That 'God is love' which ever way
The wind may chance to blow.

Ag Criost an Siol

Ag Criost an siol,
Ag Criost an fomhar,
In ithalann de godtugta~~s~~ sinn.

Christ is the Sowing
Christ is the fall,
Into God's barn
May He gather us all.

At the end of life
When life will begin,
Into His Paradise
May we win.

The Burden of the Hour

God broke our year to hours and days
That going on a little way
We might be able all along
To keep quite strong
And never, I believe, on all the way
Will burdens bear so deep
Or pathways lie so threatening and so steep
But we can go, if by God's power
We only bear the burden of the hour.

HOLY FAMILY BOYS N.S.

CYCLE:

Preparations are under way for the sponsored cycle to be held on May 24th. Check in at 12.30p.m. and the cycle will commence from the Square at 1.30p.m. The route is Durrow, Abbeyleix, Ballacolla, Durrow which is approximately 14 miles. The Scouts have kindly agreed to set up their camps and to help with refreshments after the race. The fifth and sixth class girls and boys are all eager to cycle and a big crowd of teenagers and adults are expected to participate. Cards available from the school or local shops.

QUIZ TEAM:

The quiz team from the boys school acquitted themselves very well in the Regional Final of the Credit Union Quiz. They were unfortunate to miss one six-mark question which denied them the chance of qualifying for the All Ireland. Great credit is due to the team of Brian Shortall, Canice Clooney, Bernard O'Shea and Michael Kennedy.

THE RORY O'MOORE PIPE BAND will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 26th May, at 8.00p.m. in the Bandroom. All are welcome.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Tynan family, Archerstown, on their recent bereavement.

MACRA NA FEIRNE

Durrow Macra would like to thank everyone who supported our recently held Variety Show. A special word of thanks to all the Artists that took part and to the Presentation Sisters for the use of the hall.

TABLE QUIZ:

The club are holding a Table Quiz in the Castle Arms Hotel, in aid of Tom Walsh's 100k Walk in Russia for the Irish Wheelchair Association, on Thursday 14th May. Table of 4 £10. Starting 9.00p.m. Spot Prizes. Your support welcome.

LIONS SOCCER CLUB

The Lions Soccer team were unlucky not to win the McCalmont Cup semi-final against East End on Sunday last. A great goal by John McEvoy looked like winning the game but a late goal by East End sent the game into extra time.

Despite great efforts by both teams no further goals were scored. The replay is fixed for Sunday 10th May at 6.00p.m. in Kilkenny.

Supreme efforts by all the Lions players resulted in this great result and they are wished the best in the replay.

DURROW TIDY TOWNS

At the Annual General meeting of the Tidy Towns the following committee were elected;

Chairman Ger Alley, Vice-Chairman John Cashin,
Hon. Secretary Helen O'Brien, Hon. Treasurer Tom Flynn.
Committee; E. Lawlor, V. O'Brien, A. Vaugh, J. Daly, R. Cleary, Mr Conroy,
E. Rafter, T. Cleary, J. Murphy, M. Mullins and N. Aylward.

~~The committee~~ have entered in the National Tidy Towns' competition for 1992.

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

Results of Draw for April as follows;

1st Prize	Sheila Kavanagh, Carrigan Street.	£100.
2nd Prize	Paul & John C/O Avonmore.	£ 50.
3rd Prize	Elizabeth O'Leary, Tinweir.	£ 10.
4th Prize	Germa Phelan, Knockanoran.	£ 10.
5th Prize	Julia Corrigan, Ballacolla.	£ 10.
6th Prize	Mrs Kavanagh, Cork Road.	£ 10.
7th Prize	Karen Holland, Mill Road.	£ 10.

Could anybody who uses Homestead Products please save the tokens for us. We can use them to get school equipment.

The First Communion takes place at 11.00a.m. Mass on Saturday 16th May. We wish everyone a beautiful day.

CONGRATULATIONS to Oisín Murphy who celebrated his 21st birthday recently.
SYMPATHY is extended to the Harvey family, Rathmakelly, on the death of Alf

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

The past week has seen the Intermediate's and Junior B hurlers performing in their respective Leagues.

The Intermediate hurlers went down to Ballyfin in Durrow last Sunday. It was always an uphill battle for the Harps after Ballyfin scored two early goals.

The Junior B hurlers were defeated by Ballypickas last Saturday evening. It was a close game throughout with Ballypickas coming on top due to their more prolific scoring.

Fortunately the Junior B hurlers salvaged their pride before the week was out. They travelled to the Rock last Tuesday to play the Rock in another League game. The Harps totally dominated the game and full credit is due to the large panel of players who travelled to the Rock to play this game.

Congratulations to Noel Delaney, Billy White and Tony Dunne who performed splendidly for Laois Senior Hurlers last Sunday in their draw match with Kilkenny. The replay of this Walsh Cup semi-final is on Tuesday evening next in Nowlan Park. Throw in is 7.00p.m.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

The theme of the last club competition, which was held on May 4th, was "Black & White". There were 20 entries approximately of a very high standard and the winners were;

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| 1st. | Clare Neegan | 44 points. |
| 2nd. | Liam Donohue | 43 points. |
| 3rd. | Clare Neegan and Martin Walsh | 41 points each. |

Another significant item on the agenda of the meeting was the handover of £750. to representatives of the Laois Hospice organization, Mary Donohue and Liam Holohan, by the four club members, Clare, Eugene, Pat and Joe, who undertook the parachute jump on 4th April last. The presentation was made by club chairman Eugene Neegan and the cheque was accepted by Mr Liam Holohan who thanked everyone concerned for making the effort to raise much needed funds for this very worthy cause.

Members are reminded that membership fees are now due. Members travelling on the club's weekend to Comerara are also reminded that the fee is due by this weekend at the latest.

DURROW C.Y.M.S. BILLARDS

In the First Round of the Quinn Cup which took place in the Snooker Club, Kilkenny on Wednesday 29th April Kieran Soames -175 beat Paul O'Rourke -175
Tom Woods -300 beat M.L. Cornally -100.
Morgan Kelly has already advanced to the second round and John Carter has yet to play his first round.

POKER NITE results for final night of this season;

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| 1st. | Kieran Soames | 2nd. | John Woods |
| | Billy White | | Philip Monnelly |
| | Ken Creegan | | Neil Dollard |

SYMPATHY is extended to the Furney family, Woodview House, on their recent bereavement.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

The results of the William B. Lawlor Cup Trout Fishing competition which took place on Sunday 26th April as follows;

1st Michael Monaghan 1-79 2nd Tony Finn 1-71
3rd Pat Bowden 1-49.

40 anglers took part in the competition. Prizes were presented to the winners in the Durrow Inn by the sponsor of the competition, William B. Lawlor.

The next competition is a Pike Fishing competition for the William Kelly Memorial Cup and it will be fished on Sunday May 17th. Usual rules will apply. The late Bill, as he was better known, was All Ireland Fly Fishing champion in the late eighties when the club ran the competition on the Nore and Erkina.

The second round of the All Ireland Pike fishing competition arranged for Sunday May 3rd at Ballyforan Bridge, Co. Roscommon was cancelled due to the river Suck going flooded. It has been re-fixed for the same venue on Sunday 14th June. As the Durrow club had a trout competition arranged for the same day, June 14th, this has now been re-fixed for Sunday 27th June. The competition is for the O'Duinn Cup presented to the club by the Dunne family, Course, Durrow.

SCOUT NEWS

The Troop held a very successful and enjoyable camp in Dunmore recently despite very unsettled weather. 18 Scouts and 4 Leaders attended what was the troop's first weekend under canvas this year. During the course of the weekend an inter-patrol competition was held. The competition was based on campcraft, gadgets etc., and the winners were the Panther Patrol led by Mark Donohue P.L. and Conor Doyle A.S.L. the remaining members Jamie Dunne (who really impressed with his skills) Seamus Stapleton, Jason Walsh, Niall Donohue and Eoin Lalor. In addition to this event and unknown to the Scouts another competition was being run. This competition was to establish which scout best epitomized the spirit of Scouting over the weekend. There were a number of scouts very close to gaining this award but at the end of the camp decisions had to be made and one person stood out, Lorraine Lawlor. Well done Lorraine. Trophies for all the above mentioned will be presented at an upcoming scout meeting.

The Troop would like to thank the following for their assistance and help over the weekend; Ned Gee, Fr O'Doherty, Oliver Clooney, Ned O'Flanagan, Dick Donohue, Woods Bakery, David Shortall and Coillte Teo.,

We wish to thank all who supported Job Week, those who gave jobs to our Scouts and those who gave a donation.

Would any Parent or friend of the Scouts like to donate a book of ISAC Stamps (collected at Woods Grocery) for the purchase of a typewriter for the use of the Scouts. At the moment the Newsletter is being typed on a borrowed typewriter and this has to be returned to the owner. 25 Books of stamps would enable us to purchase one of our own. Four books have already been donated.

TO LET: Hair Dressing Saloon at French Church Street, Portarlinton.
Fully equipped. Central heating.
Contact Deirdre at 0502-21539 after 6.00p.m.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Donohue family, Patrick Street on their recent bereavement.