

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

Compiled by the Durrow Scouts

Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOKRIPPLES

Did you ever drop a stone in a pool, and watch the ripples spread out in ever-widening, and weakening circles, until they disappear into the bank or watch the trick with tiles, or dominoes, where the demonstrator tips one til this knocks the next one, which in turn tips and knocks the next, and so on until they are all flattened. This is called, the ripple, the domino, or the knock-on effort.

People can be like that to you know. We don't live in isolation, and our words and actions can affect a larger section of people than we know.

A simplistic example of this is the man, who get an unfair telling-off from his boss, just before he leaves work, goes home seething at the injustice, and meets his wife's greeting with a snarl, this disappoints and annoys her and she flounces back to the kitchen where Junior is doing his homework, she clears him out furiously, saying she has to see the tea. He, made anxious by her sudden change of mood, goes out to the garden, and when greeted too exuberantly by the dog, gives him a kick. Meanwhile the boss is at home, sipping a relaxing aperitif, unaware that a dog is being kicked as a result of his behaviour. He must bear some moral responsibility for the temporary unhappiness of that little family.

I remember some years ago, when I told this dear old nun that I was interested in writing, and she said "Be very carefull what you write, or you could end up committing sins, even after your death. I didn't really understand her then but I do now. There are books that have an influence for evil of various kinds, and films made from them even more, and the author must be culpable for the sins incited by his words. The authors of uplifting and inspirational books, unfortunately, don't seem to reach so wide an audience, confirming what Shakespeare said one time, "The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones".

So my dear friends, even if your sphere of influence is a small one, take care that your ripples are good ones. A kind word, a shared prayer, a smile, a friendly greeting, a helping hand, can warm a heart, and pass on the joy of God's love. The lovely thing about God's love is, that the more you share it with others, the more you get yourself.

INSTANT PHOTOS; For driving licences, passport etc.,
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SYMPATHY is extended to the Tharntor family on their recent bereavement.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gemma and Tom Dume on the birth of a Baby girl.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tomas Kenna who was voted sportsman of the year for CBS Portlaoise.

HISTORICAL SNIFFET

by John Conroy.

Many changes have taken place in this area in the last fifty or sixty years. Durrow Brick Co., once employed thirty-four men. The brick yard was located beside Attanagh railway station so that Durrow Brick could be transported by rail to every corner of the country, and as a result places like the Curragh and many fine brick buildings in Dublin are built with Durrow Bricks.

The clay was mined in Tinweir and transported by overhead cable buckets. But alas this great industry is gone. A great mystery surrounds its closing. Experts say the clay is the finest in Europe.

Durrow Mills comes to mind, once a wonderful source of employment. Lord Ashbrock employed over seventy people.

Then building by concrete blocks started. The late Joe Brophy built up a fine industry, Castle Concrete Works, employing forty-five of a staff. Joe's firm was purchased by a firm who have since moved out of Durrow.

It's a pity fine industries have to go in the ever changing world we live in.

SOCCER NEWS

The Lions U/13 soccer team was defeated 4-1 by St Anthony's in the Cup semi-final on Friday night. The Lions had the majority of the play in the first half but failed to put away many good chances. Seamus Coffey scored the only goal for the Lions. In the second half, aided by a strong wind, St Anthony's scored four goals.

In the U/15 league the Lions defeated St Anthony's by 1-0 on Sunday night. Sean Delahunty scored.

HARPS G.A.A. NEWS

The Harps U/14 hurling team were defeated by two points when they met Abbeyleix in the replay of the final of Feile na Gael on Thursday night. Despite a great effort the Harps lost a very exciting game by conceding a late goal to allow Abbeyleix victory.

On Sunday last the Harps hosted St Vincent's G.A.A. Club, Dublin. In the afternoon the Harps were defeated by the visitors in a juvenile game played in Cullahill while on Sunday night the Harps defeated St Vincent's in a senior hurling game by 0-14 to 2-5 in a thrilling game.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

The winners of Pike fishing competition for the Bill Kelly Memorial Trophy on Sunday last were;-

1st.	Rita Buckley,	9.04.
2nd.	Alan Heaches,	8.12.
3rd.	Mick Monaghan,	6.01.

The next competition is for trout fishing and will be held on Sunday 17th June for the O'Dunne Cup.

SCOUT NEWS

We have now made provisional estimates and arrangements for our Summer Camp which is being held in Shielbaggan Outdoor Education Centre, Co. Wexford. This camp will include activities such as canoeing, rockclimbing, hillwalking, orienteering, swimming, tours, etc., All activities will be supervised by qualified instructors using Top Quality Equipment. All we need to know is numbers attending before we finalise the Camp. The Camp starts on 27th July to 2nd August. Parents have been notified of details. Camp Programme and Menu will follow.

Thanks to the local clubs etc., who have responded to our appeals for sponsorship for the trip to U.S.S.R. We would like to point out to those clubs who have not responded that we are not going to make a habit of this for any forthcoming Camps. The costs for this once in a lifetime trip are expensive and as we do not intend to favour these Scouts over any who are going on our local Summer Camp this year, sponsorship is one of the few ways we have of reducing costs.

All groups in the Scouts are taking part in a sponsored walk on Saturday and Sunday to help raise funds for the trip to Russia.

We would like to thank all those who supported our Cabaret on Sunday night last in Durrow Inn. Winners of door prizes were; Nicholas Siney £10, Helen Woods £5, Helen O'Sullivan £5.

OUR LADY'S MEADOW F.S.

Result of May Draw;

£100	Hannah Ryan, c/o Orlaith Ryan, Attanagh.
£50	Laurence Dunphy, Rath, Durrow.
£10	Liam Ryan, Attanagh.
£10	Maura Rafferty, Cullohill.
£10	Ger Brophy, Swan Road, Durrow.
£10	Kieran Soames, St. Fintan's Tce., Durrow.
£10	Tara Kelly, Tallyho, Durrow.

SPORTS

The annual school sports, in conjunction with the Boys School, took place last Thursday in the grounds of the Boys' School. The day was a great success and many thanks to the staff and pupils of the Boys' School for hosting the event. All the children who took part deserve great credit. The winning team at the end of the day was the 'Green Team': Captain; Maeve Collins, members; Natasha Kenna, Audrey Brophy, Clodagh Moore, Treacy Dunphy, Jennifer Gilligan, Craine Collins, Siobhan Dwyer, Debbie Stapleton, Zoe Foley, Sharon Lynch, Valerie Palmer, Claire Donchuc, Maeve Brophy and Marian Sheppard. Canon Marnell presented the captain with a trophy and each member with a medal.

QUIZ

Several teams from 5th and 6th Classes took part in the Máca na Feirne Table Quiz for Primary Schools, held in Abbeyleix recently. Congratulations to all who took part and especially to Sarah Dempsey, Louise Dunphy, Aisling Cleary and Samantha Vaughn who came third and were presented with a plaque each.

Well done to Kathleen Bower 5th Class who was the overall winner (Primary Section) in Laois in the poster competition for 'Health is Looking Good' recently. Kathleen was presented with her prize of a clock radio by Mary Delaney and Eason Rafter, on behalf of the Midland Health Board.

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Our Lady's Meadow P.S. news continued;

Pupils from 1st to 6th Classes went on their school tour to Wexford on May 25th. The trip included a visit to the Heritage Park, Wexford Town and Curracloe Beach. A great day was had by all.

Holy Family Primary School

SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Mrs. Bridie Dunne, Erkindale Drive.
2nd Mr. Alo Corcoran, Stradbally.
3rd Mr. Pádraig Keegan, Avonmore.

TOWER OF PRAYER

While surrounding areas were being drenched with very welcome heavy showers the sun shone on the boys and girls of both Primary Schools who held a very enjoyable and successful sports day in the grounds of the Holy Family I.S. on Thursday last.

The boys' team sports was won by the 'Whites' captained by Thomas Bowe. Runners-up was the 'Reds' captained by James Shortall. Members of the winning team were:-

Thomas Bowe, Pádraig Aylward, Mark Scully, Brian Feehan, William Bowe, Eoin Casey, Jamie Dunne, Billy Kelly, Joseph Walsh, Alan Ryan, Eoin Lalor, Leo Feehan, Niall Donoghue, Niall Newman.

Canon T. Marnell presented medals to the winning team.

FOR SALE SNAPPER Lawnmower, 3 years old.
Contact: --5-2-36329 between 9.30 and 12.30 a.m.

Camera Club

There was a good attendance at the last meeting of the Camera Club. The monthly photographic competition was held. A total of 27 prints was entered in the competition. Winning prints were:

1st Andrew Walsh 2nd Pat Farrell 3rd Lian Donohue
4th Andrew Walsh 5th Eugene O'Brien

The annual outing this year will be a trip to Wicklow and surrounding areas, which will take place on 22nd July. Information can be had from any committee member.
