

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY THE DURROW SCOUTS

WALLS

Walls can keep things out or keep things in - sometimes walls can be falling, sometimes they are confining (depending on the material they are made of). The walls with which most of us have experience are walls made of fear, anger, misunderstanding, hatred. I build them to protect me from being hurt or being changed, or being vulnerable.

Walls feed on themselves. My encounter with the walls of others encourages me to build mine a little higher and thicker. Others learn not to be trusting and vulnerable when they run into the walls which I have built around me, walls are part of human existence.

But Christ calls to me to transcend my humanness. Christ calls me to follow the example of one who trusts and loves both the neighbour and the enemy. He builds circles of love around us drawing us to each other and to the source of love. Breaking down our walls can only happen by a gradual dismantling, peeling back layers of emotions and feelings until bit by bit it will wear away. The process then becomes so much a part of us that we don't realize at once when the wall disappears.

DURROW COMMUNITY ALERT

The annual Church Gate collection for Community Alert will be taken up on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th August.

To date the Community Alert committee have close on 30 personal alarm systems installed in the community, and the running costs of the scheme and subsidization of the cost of the alarms is met by the committee.

Total cost per annum can be as high as £700 so we would ask you to look favourably at the cause, we are very grateful for the excellent support we have got in the past.

Anyone who would like details of the alarm system should contact any member of the committee.

The committee would also like to express their sincere gratitude to the minders in the alarm system without whom the operation of the system would be very difficult and certainly less effective.

HEYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Applications are invited for the position of part-time cleaners in Heywood C.S. for the 1991/92 school year. Letters of application should reach the secretary on or before Wednesday August 14th.

Reminder; Laois Educational Book Shop will be at Heywood C.S. on Thursday 15th August, selling books from 9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

HARPS G.A.A.

The Club would like to extend it's deepest sympathy to the Murphy Family on the recent death of Joe Murphy, Dereen.

The Greyhound Meeting As you may be aware the scheduled greyhound meeting on the 9th August was cancelled by the Kilkenny track and is re-scheduled for August 16th. Therefore, folks you still have the chance to have a great night and also make a few bob. So don't forget August 16th at the Kilkenny Track, the Harps G.A.A. are holding a Greyhound Meeting. Please support the night.

Intermediate Football Fingers will be crossed on Sunday 11th August that the Harps Football can reach the Intermediate final for a second year in a row when they take on The Rock in the Semi-final stages of the championship. The Harps are at the moment missing a few players through injury but it is assured that the panel that is there will do everything in their power to win.

BALLINAKILL MACRA NA FEIRME

Ballinakill Macra are organising a Field Day on Sunday, August 11th in Ballinakill Mart. A great evening is guaranteed and all are welcome.

There are lots of novelty event for all and the evening commences at 6.30 p.m. with a fancy dress parade starting from the Square. This is open to all children and prizes will be awarded to the best dressed.

The Macra competition is open to all clubs inside and outside the county. There are four members per team, and the following are the tasks.
1. General Knowledge, 2. Stock Judging, 3. Picture Quiz, 4. Relay Race.
The general knowledge, stock judging and picture quiz are also open to the general public, so why not come along and join in the fun on Sunday, August 11th.

CONGRATULATIONS to Breda and John Thelan on the birth of a son.
CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Nan Sheehan who celebrated her 102 birthday recently at Abbeyleix District Hospital.
CONGRATULATIONS to Mairead McEvoy and Patrick Roche who were married recently.

THE MIXI DALY MEMORIAL BILLARD TOURNAMENT RATHDOWNEY

The Mixi Daly Memorial Billard Tournament took place recently in Rathdowney. (Mixi was father of Jack Daly, Ossory Filling Station. He was an Officer of Rathdowney C.Y.M.S. for most of his lifetime).

Three Durrrow players took part in the tournament, Kieran Scames, John Carter and Ton Woods. K. Scames and J. Carter were narrowly beaten in the first round. T. Woods beat Wm. Abbot in the 1st round and Billy Smeaton in the 2nd round and was narrowly beaten by Tommy Martin in the semi-final. The final was between Tommy Martin, Newbridge and Larry Drennan, Kilkenny. This was a repeat of the Irish Championship Final and the result was the same, Larry Drennan beat Tommy Martin. Larry also won the highest break award.

The Daly family presented beautiful trophies to the winner, runner-up and semi-finalists.

SCOUT NEWS

The Cycle Treasure Hunt organised as part of Sinead Campion's Chief Scout Award went ahead as planned on Sunday 27th July last. A good mix of parents and Senior Scouts took part in the event which consisted of each group receiving a handout upon which were 13 cryptic clues, each clue lead to a particular place and here there lay a letter or number. When the mix of letters were unravelled they spelled "Cappanalea '90", this was the venue for the Summer Camp in 1989. Sinead can explain where the '90 came in !! There were no prizes for the winners because there were no winners, the enjoyment lay in getting out to the woods on a nice Summer's day and having a laugh with some friends - thats what Scouting is about.

The Summer Camp is now just upon us and we would remind parents that final payment for the Camp is now due. Payments to Maura Rafferty or Martin Walsh.

The next assault of the Chief Scout Award is Valerie O'Sullivan's and Evelyn Kelly's. This weekend they build a "Hide" in a place frequented by wildlife, where they will spend the weekend and hopefully take photos and make sketches of any animals that visit the area. Hopefully this will be supported by the other Senior Scouts.

During this time Ray O'Sullivan and David O'Flanagan will be hoping to achieve part of their Award. Ray will be organising a Backwoods meal for his Patrol and David will be baking on a camp fire!

The following week Valerie O'Sullivan's Award should be nearing a finish because on Tuesday night we hope to make a start on the cleaning of the ancient 8th - 9th century monastery which is situated in the Course Wood. The site is now completely overgrown and if action is not taken it will be soon lost forever. The first step will be to spray the mass of heavy briar and nettle growth and then in a couple of weeks we will clean the dead growth away. All Scouts going on the Summer Camp are to be at the Course Wood gate on Tuesday 13th at 7.30p.m. Help will be needed for the job and documents and information about the Camp will be distributed.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

Club Competitions:

On Sunday 11th August there is a Trout Competition for the Pat Gaughan Cup, sponsored by Machael and Patricia Gaughan, Durrow Inn. Starting time 10.00a.m. weigh in at 6.00p.m.

All Ireland Qualifying Rounds:

Sunday 25th August Qualifying Round of the All Ireland Pike Competition will be held in Ballinasloe, starting at 12 noon and finishing at 5.00p.m. Entrys taken in the Jekyll & Hyde public house, Main Street, Ballinasloe.

On Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October Open Pike Competition on the river Suck, Ballinasloe. Guaranteed cash prizes totaling £1,500. also fishing tackle prizes to the value of £300. Entry fee £10. Prizes awarded for heaviest catch. Value of prizes as follows; 1st £750 and trophy, 2nd £450 and trophy, 3rd £300 and trophy.

Separate, optional Pools on both days. Entry fee for Pools £5.

Pools are based on heaviest individual fish.

First prize in the Pools is 70% of the Pool fund plus £100 worth of fishing tackle.

Second prize is 30% of the Pool plus £50 worth of fishing tackle.

As there will be about 150 anglers taking part in the Competition every angler is advised by the committee to enter in the Pools. Anglers need not enter if they do not wish to as the Pools, as stated already, are optional.

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Durrow & District Anglers continued;

Competition rules are as follows;

1. No live baits permitted,
2. ALL fish must be weighed by Official Stewards and returned alive to the water,
3. Keep nets are not permitted,
4. No breaking of water until official signal is given,
5. The decision of the official Chief Steward is final and binding.
6. The organisers or sponsors accept no responsibility for loss or injury to competitors,
7. The organisers reserve the right to alter venue.

Club Results:

Trout fly fishing competition sponsored by Jack and Kathleen Daly.

- 1st. Jackie Cullen, Toher, Co. Tipperary. 1 - 17.
- 2nd. Michael Walsh, Durrow. -97.
- 3rd. Thomas Gilligan, Durrow. -94.

Trout fishing competition fly or spinner.

- 1st. Pat Noonan, Templemore. 1 - 27.
- 2nd. John Gilligan, Durrow. -97.
- 3rd. Michael O'Rourke, Ableyleix. -85.

THE GREEN BOX

In the temporary absence of a Sergeant and consequent reduced level of Gardai presence in Durrow it is essential that the public make full use of the Green Box located at the Garda Station when the need arises. Garda manning levels in rural areas may well be decided in future on the utilization level of the Green Box.

In Durrow we are extremely fortunate to have such diligent Gardai who have made themselves available way and beyond the call of duty. However, it may be more beneficial in the long term to make fuller use of the green box when Gardai are not on official duty.

OUR LADY'S MEADOW P.S.

Our Lady's Meadow P.S. will be open every Friday from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon for anyone who wishes to call re school business. Also there is a child's St. Bernard's jacket Age 7/8, Colour Purple/ Blue and a machine knit red V necked jumper in the lost property section.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Clancy family, The Square on their recent bereavement.
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