

Durrow Parish NewsletterCompiled by the Durrow ScoutsFr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOKFRIENDSHIP

On a walk in the country my path led me to a bridge over a little stream. As I crossed it, I looked down on the water. As I leant my hand dislodged a small pebble. For a split second, I could see the reflection of the bridge, the over-hanging trees, and my head and shoulders, then the pebble hit the water, and the picture was gone.

As I continued my walk along the bank, I was accompanied by the rustling of the water, whispering over the stones, as it went it's busy way to the open sea. It was a companionable sound, and I could imagine that I was walking with a friend, an old friend with whom there was no need for hectic conversation, and yet the stream had mirrored my existence for only a split second.

That set me to thinking that there are people like that, who have the gift of immediate friendship, their warm natures radiate good feelings to all those who meet them.

Thoughts led me then to different types of waters and different kinds of meetings. There are swollen destructive rivers, there are clear waters giving life to fish and plants, and there are also polluted rivers. In the Meetings, there are those who do their social "How d'ya do", and that's the end of it, and there's the others, we all know them who greet us with phony enthusiasm, and forever afterwards, either don't recognise us at all or else call us 'Fred'.

There's people who are so intrinsically good, that they bring out the best in the rest of us. We have their opposites too, the sly connivers, who betray friendship, and lead others into violence, and addictions of various sorts.

These people have got only one thing in common, they are our brothers and sisters, and we have a responsibility to them. It's a happy heart indeed who can lie down at night, knowing that everybody they had met during that day, benefited from their meeting. This may be an unachievable ambition but at the very least, we should be able to say "I haven't knowingly hurt anybody today". If we have, we must make our minds to right that wrong as soon as possible, else we cannot call ourselves Christians, didn't Our Lord himself say, "By this you shall know them, that they have love one for the other".

Durrow Badminton Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Durrow Badminton Club will be held in the Community Hall on Monday, 17th September at 8.30 p.m.
New members welcome.

Clubs or Groups wishing to use the Community Hall for the coming season, please contact Ann Dunphy, 26 Erkindale Drive (Phone 36191) as soon as possible.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Morrissey Family, Carrigan Street on their recent bereavement.

SOCCKER BLITZ

The final of the Soccer Blitz will take place on Sunday evening 16th Sept. The tournament involved nearly 100 boys from the area and with over forty games played we are now down to the final three games.

At 6.30 p.m. Sharp U-12 final between Derry and Rovers

DERRY TEAM

Ian Kelly
Brian Shortall
Canice Clooney
Don O'Connell
Stephen Kenna

ROVERS TEAM

Aonghus Campion
Billy Kelly
Jamie Dunne
Garry Kenna
Alan O'Connell

At 7.00 p.m. U-14 final between Aberdeen and Hibs.

ABERDEEN TEAM

Ferbal Brophy Captain
Pat Kells
Raymond Ca mpion
Sean Woods

HIBS

Colm Lawlor Captain
Alan Dwyer
Mark Donoghue
Barry McGree

At 7.30 p.m. U-18 final between United and City

UNITED TEAM

Conor Murphy Captain
Raymond O'Sullivan
John Gilligan
James McGeough

CITY TEAM

John Murphy Captain
Finnian Dempsey
Terance Brophy
Vincent Cooney

The organisers would like to thank Jack Murphy, The Square and Michael Gaughan Durrow Inn for their generous sponsorship. Winners will be presented with trophies after each game.

All are welcome to come and support the teams.

HISTORICAL SNIPPET

BY

JOHN CONROY

More especially for our younger readers who have shown a great interest in old place names around Durrow, we will continue in the area where we finished last week.

"The Five Dales" were growing in the field where Tommy Lalor's residence is located. The high trees were knocked by the I.R.A. to hinder the movement of the Black and Tans.

"The Park" was the field where Gay Lalor has his milking parlour. I remember and I'm sure many of our older readers will remember real Romany Gipsies arriving one evening with beautiful wagons and spending the night in "The Park". All the people from the town went up to see them.

Scotts Lane comes to mind now situated beside Oliver Stanleys Garage, a common saying in years gone by was I went up "Scotts Lane" for a walk, off the lane was situated the "Priest's Field" now owned by Gay Lalor. The Priest grazed his cow and pony on this field looked after by "The Priest's Boy". Canon Carrigan was the last Priest to have a pony and trap and cow. Tom Cahill was the "Priest's Boy" then and his cook's name was Stalia Quirke and when she went on holidays Mrs. Brophy, Paddy and Joe's mother would look after his needs. God rest all their souls.

The "Pallasaides" were situated where Mrs. Eamon Lalor has the beautiful flowers growing. The little walls were favourites with children years ago and my late father told me little girls would make little kitchens there and would call bits of plates and cups "Chainies". We will continue in this manner in our next snippet.

LAOIS HOSPICE FOUNDATION

The A.G.M. of this body takes place in the Killeslin Hotel on Monday 17th Sept. at 8.30 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Due to the generosity of the people of Laois over £37,000 has been raised to date. A special nurse trained in palliative care has been appointed to Laois. The nurse under the direction and request of the patients G.P. will visit each terminally ill cancer patient in their own home as often as is necessary. A ward in the General Hospital has been refurbished to a very high standard and patients whose symptoms cannot be controlled at home or whose family need a break will be admitted to this ward which offers privacy and dignity to the patient and their family.

This briefly is the wonderful service you are helping to provide and we wish to thank you most sincerely for your support.

SCOUT NEWS

Camp Artek U.S.S.R. 1990

The memory of our month long stay in the Soviet Union will, I'm sure, always remain with us. Everyone will have different memories of the trip, for me the people we met was the high point rather than the actual activities of the camp and having talked to all our contingent since we returned I'm certain that they feel the same.

The Soviet Interpreters, Lena, Olga, Helen and Andrew.
The Soviet Pioneer Leaders, Vladimir Galya etc.
The American Leaders Bill and Ginny.
The Czechoslovaks, Hana and Bobina.
The British Davids and the Mexican Leader Marina.
The Camp Chief, Victor (Party organizer) - all fine people and I suppose I'd better mention the American, Finnish and Czechoslovak Girls (O.K. lads!) and the British and Soviet guys (O.K. girls!) They will always be remembered.

All the people who played a part in the existence of the Troop over the past nine years also contributed to this trip, Leaders, Helpers, Committee members etc. Finally thanks to the people of Durrow who by their continued support over the years have been a tremendous help to our efforts. For this trip we would like to thank the following:-

Durrow & District Camera Club,	Tidy Towns Committee,
Readymix Ltd.,	Bank of Ireland,
Parish Field Day,	Slieve Bloom District Scouts,
Lions Soccer Club,	Badminton Club,
Presentation Convent,	Durrow & District Angling Club,
Community Council,	Harps G.A.A. Club,
Avonmore Creameries Ltd.,	Durrow & District Gun Club,
Penny's Store, Portlaois,	Mitsubishi,
Coillte Teo.,	Anonymous,
Wm. Woods & Son,	Tommy Walsh,
Johnny Cooney.	

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Conroy and John O'Brien on their recent marriage.

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HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

The Harps G.A.A. Club Golf Outing which took place in Rathdowney Golf Club on Saturday last proved a huge success.

Winners were as follows;

1st Golfer	Liam Kelly,	1st Non Golfer	Tony Clancy,
2nd "	Ger Alley,	2nd "	Anthony Stapleton,
3rd "	Gerry Gilmartin,	3rd "	Hugh Sheppard.

A very successful cabaret was held later that evening. This event has now become an important part of The Harps social calendar and the credit for this must go to the excellent organisational skills of Morgan Kelly and Liam Holland.

The Intermediate football final, Harps v Portarlinton due to be played on Saturday next has been postponed once again. This is because of Portarlinton's involvement in the Minor football final.

The U/16 hurlers play Portlaois in the second replay of the County Final on Saturday ~~next~~ 15th September. We hope they can bring home the cup at this their third attempt.

The U/15 hurlers drew with Portlaois in their county final on Saturday last. This was after great victories over Abbeyleix and Camross in the earlier rounds.

The U/21 hurling semi-final between the Harps and Castletown has now been fixed for Saturday September 29th. All U/21 hurlers are asked to attend at training on Tuesday and Thursday nights together with football training.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

Result of Raffle; 1st prize £150. John Gallagher, Portarlinton.
2nd prize £100. Mr. Kennedy, Stradbally,
3rd " £50. Patrick Padmore, London.

The next competition is a Trout competition on September 30th for the Paddy Holohan Memorial Cup. Usual rules apply.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported their fishing marathon on Sunday September 9th. They were as follows;

Michael and Patricia Gaughan,	Quality Printers, Portlaois.
Bank of Ireland, Durrrow.	Andy Galvin, Tullamore.
The Monster House, Kilkenny.	John Ryan, Jeweller, Kilkenny.
Hennessy Sports, Kilkenny.	Three Rivers Oil Co., Ltd.
Joe Doyle, Durrrow.	

Jim Dwyer's team were winners on the day.

CONGRATULATIONS to Oliver Lawler, Mill Road, Durrrow on passing his National Judges examination in Birmingham. Oliver has to travel to Torquay to get his badge.

MISSING: Size 8 Black runner from Soccer changing rooms.
Contact Margaret Donohue, Derry Road, Durrrow.

FOR SALE: Double Barrel Rev Gun in perfect condition.
Phone 37117.