

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

Compiled by the Durrow Scouts

THE ACHE OF AUTUMN

Autumn carries the truth that life is fragile, that there are no guarantees or a trouble free life, that there is always some dying in living, that change is inevitable. The other day I looked at a linden tree. It was a golden glory in the sunshine, full of bright yellow Autumn leaves. One morning a strong wind came from the northeast sky. I stood and watched the young tree as every last leaf was stripped and torn away. I hurt to see the tree in its emptiness. Then I slowly saw myself as the linden, moving thro' my own life stages, knowing how I too have sometimes felt the harsh blows of a ripping away. There is an "ache" in Autumn which is within each one of us. This ache is the deep stillness of a late September morning, when mist covers the land and the sound of geese going South fills the sky. It is a tender, nostalgic desire to gather our treasures and hold them tight because the ache tells us that SOMEDAY those treasures will need to be left behind.

Autumn speaks to the pain in our own spirits, that little persistent reminder that death is always a part of life.

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DURROW CREDIT UNION

Durrow Credit Union held their annual Primary Schools Table Quiz in the Holy Family Boy's School on Thursday 7th November. Fifteen teams took part from four different schools - Ballacolla, Cullihill, Our Lady's Meadow and Holy Family Boy's School. Quizmaster on the night was Credit Union Chairman, Owen Casey. All fifteen teams did their schools proud but at the end of the night the winning team, by one point, was Ballacolla with Durrow Boys coming second. Both teams now qualify for Chapter Level, which will be held in Kilkenny. Congratulations to both teams and good luck in the next round.  
Teams: 1st Niamh Doyle, Roseanne Coonan, Martin Bergin, Graham Kellis.  
2nd Joseph Walsh, Bernard O'Shea, Brian Shortall, Canice Clooney.

Durrow Credit Union will hold their Annual General Meeting in the C.Y.M.S. Small Hall on Thursday 28th November at 8.30p.m. sharp. All members are invited to attend.

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DURROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the November meeting of the Durrow Community Council it was decided to resume negotiations with Tom Enright, Charlie Flanagan and Liam Hyland, expressing our concern regarding the vacant position of a Garda Sergeant in Durrow and to outline our deep concern with regard to the Garda Station which now only functions for two hours per week.

Plans are underway for the erection of a Christmas Tree in the Square. More information in next newsletter.

At the A.C.M. held in October Michael Donohue was re-elected for the position of treasurer. This was omitted from the last newsletter.

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DURROW I.C.A.

Durrow I.C.A. are holding a coffee morning in the C.Y.M.S. hall on Sunday 24th November, after 11 o'clock Mass, in aid of Our Lady's Childrens Hospital Crumlin. Your support would be very much appreciated.

The I.C.A. would like to thank all who supported the Fashion Show in the Castle Arms recently. It was a great success and raised much needed funds for the Guild.

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SYMPATHY is extended to the Holland family, Tubberboe, on their recent bereavement.

## DURROW BADMINTON CLUB

Durrow Badminton Club would like to thank all those who supported their recent auction held in the Community Hall. Many thanks to those who donated items to the auction, those who came on the day and those who helped out in any way. The auction was a great success and proceeds go towards the upkeep and running costs of the Community Hall. A special word of thanks goes to Billy Lawlor and Billy White, without whose help the auction would not have been such a success.

A reminder to Badminton Club members that membership fees are now overdue and must be paid within the next week.

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## DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

Results of the Victor Bowells Trophy competition, fished on Sunday 10th November, was Michael Monaghan with a pike weighing 6lb-8ozs the only fish caught on the day.

The next competition, which is the last of the season, is on 24th November for the John Dwyer Memorial Cup. It is hoped all members will support this competition.

All Ireland Qualifier will be held on the Grand Canal at Rohan, Tullamore on Sunday 17th November. Fishing is from 11-30a.m. to 5.00p.m. Entries taken at the Fishing Tackle Shop, Rohan on morning of competition.

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## HEYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The students of Heywood Community School present the musical "The Pirates Of Penzance" in the school Gym, commencing on Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th of November. Students from this parish are taking part and they would appreciate your support. Bookings now taking place at Heywood C.S. Phone 0502-33333. The show starts at 8.00p.m. nightly. Adm. Adults £3.50, Students £2.

The following are the results of the last two draws in the school's Silver Circle:

Week 4	1st E. Hennessy, Clogh, Castlecomer.	£150.
	2nd M. Cahill, Clogh, Castlecomer.	£75.
	3rd C. Costigan, Ballypickas.	£25.
	4th P. Breen, Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix.	£25.
	5th T. Fagan, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford.	£25.
	6th C. Stynes, Balladine Hgts, Abbeyleix.	Avonmore Hamper.
	7th J. Fitzpatrick, Knockawn, Spink.	Scientific Calculator.

Week 5	1st E. Lenane, Freshford, Co Kilkenny.	£150.
	2nd J. Grace, Colt, Ballyroan.	£75.
	3rd J. Carroll, Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix.	£25.
	4th M. Siney, Kilcronan, Ballinakill.	£25.
	5th M. Maloney, Vicerstown, Athy.	£25.
	6th M. Burke, Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix.	Avonmore Hamper.
	7th J. Phelan, Ballinakill.	Scientific Calculator.

Sponsors to date;

J. Bonham, Horseshoe Inn, Andy Shiel, Victualler, Casserly Pharmacy, Eileen Scully, Sky's Oer, Jas. Phelan's, Ballyroan, J. Farrell's, Ballyroan, Ballinakill P.O. Colt G.A.A. Club, Dunphy's, Ballinakill, Cleland, Abbeyleix, Bank of Ireland, Castlecomer, Fyffes, Abbeyleix, Educational Company, Dublin, Super Value, Abbeyleix, Martin Phelan, Kilkenny, J. McNamee, Laois Educational Supplies.

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FOR SALE: Wooden Toys made to order include dolls houses, Rocking horses, castles, forts, farms, cots, etc.,  
Small deposit will secure any item for Christmas.  
Contact Billy or Angela Phelan, Fortlaois Road, Abbeyleix.

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FOR SALE: Garden Tiller, 5hp Honda engine as new.  
contact 18 Erkindale Drive, Durrow.

## DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

The Club are organizing an outing to Cashel and Holy Cross on Sunday 15th December, leaving from the Club premises at 2.00p.m. and returning later that evening to a social gathering of hopefully all the club members.

The theme of our next club meeting on Monday 25th November will be Night Photography. Members will be shown the correct procedure and technique for this interesting aspect of camera work - correct film usage, use of tripods, bulb setting, etc., After this, weather permitting, venture out on to the streets of Durrow and take some shots for real. New members are always welcome to join us, just come along to any of our meetings and if you like what you see - join us!

Members are reminded of our Photographer of the Year Awards which will be judged by Alf Harvey on December 9th. 10"X8" prints only (must be mounted. Each member can enter a total of five prints.

Awards; Print of the Year - Best quality single print.

Photographer of the Year - Best overall quality of the 5 prints entered. Photographer of the Year will be awarded the magnificent Joe Brophy Cup which was kindly donated last year by Mrs Brophy, there will also be runner-up prizes for both sections. All members are encouraged to enter this competition.

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## HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

The Harps brought down the curtain on a very successful and competitive season when the senior hurlers captured the Brady Cup with a very committed and convincing victory over a determined Camross team at Rathdowney on Sunday last. While every team member played his part in this great victory, one must single out a brilliant display of goalkeeping by Thomas Kenna who defied Camross on numerous occasions with a string of breathtaking saves. In his presentation speech, the Chairman of Laois Co. Board, Michael Lalor congratulated the Harps on a brilliant victory and on a wonderfully successful season. Accepting the Brady Cup, Harps captain Noel Delaney thanked Camross for a very fair and sporting game and said, for the Harps this was not so much a fitting end to 1991 but rather the beginning of 1992. For the record the final score was Harps 4-8, Camross 3-7.

Good to see Harps defender Enda Murphy back at work after his recent injury. Having been plagued with injury this year and very disappointed at missing the Brady Cup final, Enda is already looking forward to a successful and injury free 1992.

Tickets are now on sale, from any Harps committee member, for the November prizes in the Laois development draw. This draw takes place on Monday November 25th.

Congratulations to former Harps hurler Sean Murphy who made national headlines this week, having received a prestigious Bravery award in London.

Good luck to Harps player Anthony Stapleton in his new employment.

Having given thoughtful consideration to the participation of our key players in other sporting interests (i.e. soccer) over the Winter period, the Harps have decided to withdraw from the Laois Winter hurling league.

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## SCOUT NEWS

3rd Laois Durrow Scouts would like to thank all those who supported their Table Quiz on Thursday night last. A special word of thanks to those who donated prizes for the raffle.

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THE STORES: Jimmy and Jack would like to invite the people of Durrow and surrounding district to a Cheese & Wine Party or Tea & Coffey, as preferred, to celebrate the NEW LOOK STORES.  
All are very welcome. Bargains galore. All day Friday and Saturday next.

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CLEANING: Now is the time to have your carpet and chimney CLEANED and avoid the Christmas rush. Contact F. Monnelly at phone nos  
056-33472 or 0502-36289.

HARPS JUNIOR A VICTORY SONG:

Are You Right There Michael Are You Right

When the season of Gaelic commences  
And we set out to cherish a dream  
Shure the Harps appointed Mick Bolger  
To look after our Junior A team,  
He's a man who has got the credentials  
Doesn't smoke even drink the odd beer,  
If you give the committment he says lads  
The cup will be ours end of year.

Chorus;

And then the lads just for the lark  
In chorus all made this remark,  
Are you right there Michael are you right  
When you say the Junior double's in your sights  
Shure we're murdered from the trainin'  
All the players are complainin'  
Are you right there Michael are you right.

Well he had the lads running and jumping  
'Till their form was approaching tip-top.  
Ratheniska were first for the hammer  
Then "Big Guns" Fortlacs got the chop.  
And then it was on to the final  
Our colours were waving on high,  
Shanahoe were flying and eager  
But our boys for the colours would die.

Chorus.

They both finished square on that evening  
As we all from Fortlacs took our leave  
You could see from the eyes of Mick Bolger  
He had a few tricks up his sleeve.  
He called for his captain Lar Phelan  
Who's back had been aching with pain.  
If there's one more hour in you Larry  
I can tell you it wont be in vain.

Chorus.

Shure we beat Shanahoe on that evening  
And the double it followed to-day  
I'm sure if the lads were to sing now  
We all would join in when they say  
You were right now Michael you were right  
When you said the Junior double's in your sights.  
Well it wasn't all plain sailin'  
But the cup's in Larry Phelans  
You were right there Michael you were right.

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POKER NITE RESULTS

Results for Tuesday 5th November;

1st Kieran Soames  
2nd Martin Meade  
Neil Dollard  
Noel Meade  
Ger Alley  
Mary Cashin.

Results for Tuesday 12th November;

1st Tom Woods  
2nd Ken Creegan  
Oliver Clooney  
Terry Jacob  
Noel Meade  
Philip Monnelly.

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SYMPATHY is extended to the Joyce family, (Grocery) The Square, Durrrow on their recent bereavement.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Geraldine Moore, Tubberboe, who celebrates her 21st birthday this weekend.