

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

Compiled by the Durrow Scouts

Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

"SORRY FOR YOUR TROUBLES"

"Sorry for your troubles" - how often have we used that familiar little phrase? And how often have we felt that it's so... so inadequate ... to express what we really feel for those we have come to sympathise with?

You know it's amazing the number of people who come up to me at funerals and wakes, saying: "Father, I never know what to say". And it's so true. Most of us don't know what to say. We feel awkward and embarrassed when it comes to sympathising with family and loved ones of the deceased. And it doesn't seem to matter whether they're close friends of ours, good neighbours or just associates. It's still never easy to express our sympathy.

I'm not too sure why we're like that. I suppose it's because Death does shock us, stun us and leaves us all that little bit numbed. It's the same, of course, with any major event in our lives that causes emotional upheaval. We very often find ourselves at a loss for words. Words, quite simply, fail us.

Which is why - for all their clichedness and seeming emptiness - those four little words - "sorry for your troubles" - are a very necessary and helpful standby.

Of course I realise from my own experience - as I'm sure you yourselves realise from yours - that it doesn't really matter what is said to you when you're in mourning. Words don't really register when you're sorrowful and distressed and your whole world is suddenly turned upside down.

More often than not it's the comforting handshake you remember, the gentle embrace and the look of genuine concern and caring in the sympathisers' eyes. These little actions are what really let the bereaved know that we are truly "sorry for their troubles".

We express our sympathy simply by ... being there ... more so than by what we say or how we may say it. Funerals, if you like, are a classic case of where actions speak much, much louder than words.

So - the next time you attend a funeral - try not to feel awkward and embarrassed about what to say. Know that it is your presence there that spells out loud and clear for these peoples' troubles.

SICK CHILD BENEFIT FUND

A dance will be held in Rathdowney Community Centre on 25th March to raise funds for Denis and Frances Holohan's Sick Child Benefit Fund. Music by North to Alaska and admission is £2-50, this includes tea and sandwiches. Frances is a native of Durrow and your support would be very much appreciated. It is hoped to sell tickets in the Durrow area during the coming week and we hope to get a good response.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Walsh Family, 18 Erkindale Drive on their recent bereavements.

SCOUT NEWS

A Training Course in Map & Compass has been organised in conjunction with Birr Outdoor Education Centre for Saturday March 24th. This course, which is a one day course, will include an introduction to maps, the basics of compass, the main aspects of Hillwalking and Hazards to look out for.

The cost for the day is £5. per person (bring a packed lunch).

Course only available to Scouts of 14 years upwards, Venture Scouts and Senior Scouts will represent the Durrow Troop.

An Intermediate Training Course is being arranged for Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny on 24th and 25th March. Four Durrow leaders will hopefully participate.

HISTORICAL SNIPPET

by J. Conroy.

The big Shoots were very memorable events my late father told me. Weeks of preparation would go into arranging them. Gamekeepers would employ about 20 men (they were known as beaters). Their job was to make birds rise to give gentry a good shot. There was an old saying as follows:

'Up goes a guinea' (21/- cost of rearing bird)

'Off goes a penny' (cost of gun cartridge)

'Down comes half-a-crown' (current value of bird then).

Visitors would come from all over the country to Castle Durrow for the shoot. Included would be a man by the name of Count Moore from Roscrea with full staff of servants. The Count and his workers would assemble in a room and say the Rosary each night.

The kitchen staff would fill big baskets of food, at arranged place and then all would meet in the wood for a meal. Beaters meal would consist of sandwiches and stout.

Major Stubber, Moyne Estate would have his shoot after Castle Durrow and would be attended by Lord Ashbrook and all his guests. I remember Captain Hamilton, Moyne Estate having big shoots up to about 15 years ago.

Lord Castletown, with his big shoot, would put on lavish entertainment to amuse his guests. Using the words of an old informant I met years ago "it would put the hair standing on your head" and he added was a contributory factor in bringing about the end of Castletown Estate.

FOR INSTANT COLOUR PHOTOS: Driving licence, Passports etc.,
Contact Michael Conroy, Durrow. Phone 36227.
Photo taken in your own home or workplace if required.

FOR SALE: Silver Cross Pram and Go-car. Also house for rent.
Contact Corner Shop, Durrow.

DURROW COMMUNITY HALL DISCO will be held on Sunday March 18th from 3p.m.-6p.m.
Strict supervision and a good afternoon assured.

ST. FINTAN'S COLLEGE

The Senior Football (Soccer) Team played Abbeyfeis Technical School on the Lions Pitch on Tuesday March 13th. Within a minute St. Fintan's won a corner and when this was crossed Conor Murphy easily found the net. Then the school went further ahead from Martin O'Leary's header. At this stage Abbeyfeis received a gift goal from a defensive error.

In the second half Derek Walshe took the responsibility to take a penalty, as an earlier one had been missed. He converted his kick and Durrow went 3-1 ahead. It was all wrapped up when John Murphy scored from a beautiful left wing move, and left the final score 4-1 to the home team.

Thanks to the Lions Soccer Club for the use of their pitch.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

The Harps G.A.A. Club would like to thank everyone who took part in their recent very successful table quiz. The winners were Moyne, Templecoughy G.A.A. Club and in second place were local quiz artists; Jack Dunphy, Sean Conroy, Mrs Conroy and Ann Lanigan. All proceeds will be donated to the Paddy Fitzpatrick benefit fund.

LIONS SOCCER CLUB

The Lions Schoolboys had a good week-end with two teams winning easily. On Saturday last the Lions u/15 travelled to Fortlaois and defeated them by 4-0. On Sunday the u/13 played Southend and trounced them by 9-1. Secreters for the Lions were Raymond Champion 3, Tony Dempsey 3, Seamus Coffey 2 and Thomas Bower 1.

On Saturday 17th March the teams will travel to Kilkenny to support the Irish u/15 schoolboys who play Wales u/15 schoolboys at 12noon.

FOROIGE CLUB

Straycats 11 Foroige Club held a very successful 'stay awake' in the C.Y.M.S. Hall on Friday night last. The Club would like to thank all people who supported the fast and especially Tommy Walsh who sponsored the minerals and Alan Newman for the use of the video.

FOKER NITE RESULTS

Tuesday March 6th. 1st. Peter Monnelly.	Tuesday 13th. 1st. John Fitzpatrick.
2nd. Elsie Stewart.	joint 2nd. Elsie Stewart
Mrs Margo McKenzie.	& Noel Meade.
Mrs Peg Monnelly.	Peter Monnelly.
John O'Regan	Michael Carroll.
Noel McKenzie.	Ten Woods.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB are holding their A.G.M. in the Club premises on Tuesday 20th March at 8.30p.m. All are welcome.

FIRST AID. Part 3.

In the last issue of the Newsletter we dealt with Breathing. In this follow up article we concentrate on Artificial Respiration (mouth to mouth) or the Kiss of Life.

If the casualty is not breathing, lie him on his back. Gently tilt the head back as far as possible to ensure a straight airway from mouth to lungs. Remove any obvious obstructions from the casualty's mouth.

If Breathing does not start immediately, begin Artificial Respiration. Take a deep breath, seal your lips around the patient's mouth, pinch his nose to stop air escaping, then blow air into his mouth until the chest rises. Remove your mouth and let the air escape. When his chest has fallen blow in again as before.

If his chest does not rise check mouth again for blockage and tilt the head back even more if possible.

The chest MUST rise each time you blow in. The first few breaths must be given quickly, then slow down. The rate of breathing is not very important, just blow until chest is fully risen and wait until all the air has escaped before breathing in again.

Continue until he starts to breathe himself or for at least an hour until a Doctor tells you to stop.

Once a patient starts to breathe himself, time your breathing to help him. When he breathes well on his own turn him into the unconscious position and observe carefully to ensure that he stays breathing.

If breathing appears to be weakening - or stops again - re-commence Artificial Respiration.

DURROW COMMUNITY HALL

SUPER - DISCO

ON

FRIDAY 23rd MARCH

Music By CASTLE ROADSHOW

DANCING 9p.m. - 12.00.

Special Appearance BITTER VICTORY

Admission £2.

STRICTLY SUPERVISED

CONGRATULATIONS to Audrey Ryan and Stephen Ryan on their recent marriage.
