

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY THE DURROW SCOUTS

THE DAYS ARE COMING

"The days are coming" say the Lord when grain will grow faster than it can be harvested, and grapes will grow faster than the wine can be made.

The mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with it.

I will bring my people back to their land. They will rebuild their ruined cities and live there; they will plant vineyards and drink the wine; they will plant gardens and eat what they grow. I will plant my people on the land I gave them and they will not be pulled up again. The Lord your God has spoken. So says the Prophet Amos.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

At the moment all slides entered in the club Slide Competition, which is being sponsored by Liam Hyland, T.D. are in the hands of E.J. Nolan, Carlow, who is our judge for the event. 30 slides have been submitted and the result will be made known on the Sunday of our Annual Club Exhibition which is being held on 3rd/4th October.

The Exhibition is open to all members of the public free of charge and this year we hope to top the attendance of last year when we had our best crowds to date.

The club will run a four part Photographic Course for beginners starting on 19th October. The course is free to club members, for non-members the fee is £10 which includes club membership. Programme for the course is as follows;

19th October	-	KNOW YOUR CAMERA
26th October	-	HOW TO MAKE CORRECT EXPOSURE
9th November	-	THE RIGHT FILM FOR THE RIGHT JOB
16th November	-	DEPTH OF FIELD AND FLASH

After this we go into a 6 week Advanced Course for which the programme has yet to be decided. Subscription fee for this course will depend on numbers and instructors cost.

Sometime in the near future we hope to run a class on print mounting to bring the club prints into line with the quality of other clubs. Members will be able to mount their own work. If unable to attend the class mounts can be purchased through the club. For this year's photographer of the year competition all mounts must be mounted.

HISTORICAL & SOCIAL DIARY OF DURROW 1708 - 1992

Ned O'Brien's book "Historical & Social Diary of Durrow 1708 - 1992 will be launched at a Cheese & Wine reception in the Castle Arms Hotel on Friday 23rd October at 8.00p.m. sharp.

The main guest of the evening will be Deirdre Purcell of R.T.E. and a noted author in her own right.

The launch/reception is open to all members of the public and the Newsletter wishes Ned every success with this important book on the history of Durrow.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

The last Trout Fishing Competition of the Season was fished on Sunday 13th September for the Patrick Gaughan Cup. 30 anglers fished.

The winners were; 1st Michael O'Rourke, 1 - 46, 2nd Tony Finn, 1 - 28,
3rd Sam Taylor, 1 - 09.

All Ireland Pike Series:

The next competition is at O'Brien's Bridge, Limerick on Sunday 4th October. Fishing is from 12 noon until 5.00p.m. Entry fee is £5. All are welcome.

Cash injection of £10,000 for Fisheries Development:

The Minister for the Marine, Dr Michael Woods, T.D. recently presented the Southern Region Fisheries Development Society with the above sum when he formally launched the Trout and Course Fishing Co-Operative. So the co-ops are up and running. They offer anglers the chance to contribute £12 towards development work to be carried out in their own area, this gives the angler the chance to vote for the angler who will represent them on either the Trout or Course Panel.

The Society Management;

This committee will be made up mainly of volunteer anglers elected by fellow anglers. In the initial period the funds raised by the society will be matched by the Minister for the Marine. There is a possibility of further matching grants from Europe. Angling Clubs will get recognition for work which they undertake for the benefit of the public.

The decision of whether the holding of a share certificate should be compulsory within a society or not is being left up to the anglers themselves. In this region only the holder of a share certificate can vote and the first vote on this subject will be later this year. To vote in this election anglers must purchase their Share Certificate by October 1st.

During the Rod Licence Dispute many anglers said that they didn't mind contributing to angling development but they would not do so by means of a State Licence. Now anglers can contribute to Angling Development Fund by a means agreed by all so now we can purchase a Share Certificate.
DON'T LET US MAKE FOOLS OF OURSELVES BY NOT CONTRIBUTING.

RORY O'MOORE PIPE BAND

A Table Quiz will be held on Friday 9th October at the Castle Arms Hotel in aid of the Rory O'Moore Pipe Band. We appeal to the people of the Parish to support this Quiz as we have to buy four new sets of pipes and money is urgently needed.

DURROW I.F.A.

Durrow I.F.A. are running a bus to the Ploughing Match in Cork on Wednesday 30th September. For further information contact Michael Fitzpatrick, Upper Tubberboe. Phone 0502 - 37116.

CONGRATULATIONS to Enda Murphy, The Square, who celebrated his 21st Birthday recently.

CONGRATULATIONS to Louise O'Brien and John Kenny on their recent marriage.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

A committee meeting for the Harps G.A.A. Club is fixed for Tuesday night next, 29th September, at 8.30p.m. in Durrow Dressing Rooms.

After the disappointment of the Seniors falling to Portlaois in the County semi-final, all eyes are fixed on the Harps Minors to gain championship glory. They are the last remaining team still on course for Championship honours while the Junior B hurlers are still in the League semi-final and the Seniors have still a chance of defending the O'Brady Cup which we currently hold.

No dates have been fixed for these matches except of course the Minors who take to the field of Parc Ui Mhordha next Sunday at 2.00p.m.

We hope that all hurling followers in the area will make the trip to Fortlaois to support the Minors after all the effort they have put in all year. This side also features several players who were on the Junior B side who won the Championship, so hopefully that experience will stand to the lads next Sunday.

SCOUTS NEWS

At a recent meeting of the Slieve Bloom District Council the Troop were presented with a plaque to mark their success in the National Outdoor Award. This is the first year of the award and two troops from Lacin were successful, Mountrath and Durrow. Only 40% of Troops in the country gained the Plaque which highlights the high standard of qualification needed. Well done to all Scouts and Leaders involved.

The Scout Troop will resume Friday night meetings in the Convent Hall on 2nd October at 8.00p.m. sharp. All Scouts must wear uniform. Scouts coming in from Cubs can also attend.

Beaver meetings will resume on Friday 2nd October in the Convent Hall at 4.30p.m. to 5.30p.m. There are a limited number of places available in Beavers. The age for this is 6 - 8 years, first names in gets the places.

Cub meetings can not be resumed yet due to a shortage of Leaders. Anyone interested can contact Maura Rafferty as soon as possible.

OUR LADY'S MEADOW P.S. DURROW

Our Lady's Meadow P.S. holds a Book Fair from October 5th to October 8th.

A wide variety of books for children of all ages, priced from 70p to £5. and parent/teacher books, are included in the selection at the fair. The public are invited to attend during normal school hours. Special evening sale hours will be on Monday & Wednesday from 7.30p.m. to 9.00p.m. for people who are unable to attend during school hours.

Proceeds from the fair will go towards purchasing Books for the School.

CABARET in aid of C.A.T. Scanner for Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, will take place in the Wheel Inn, Ballyouskill on Saturday 3rd October. Music by Checkers. Admission £1.

MARY'S HAIR CARE are taking orders now for Hairdryers and Diffusers, ideal Christmas present. Phone 0502 - 36352.

FOR SALE: 800 Bales of Hay. Contact 0502 - 36438.

"Promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep." Robert Frost.

Yes you guessed it folks, climbing fever was in the air because the Annual Siomnach season had started and once again 3rd Lais, Durrow were on the move to the mountains. This year we were off to Mt. Leinster, only in our case we had "deadlines to meet and a good many miles to go before we'd sleep".

Friday 11th September, 8.30p.m.

The Siomnach Patrols gathered outside the Church in the small village of Rathanna in Co. Carlow. Equipment and gear checks took place, maps were given out, route cards inspected and last minute instructions given. I think the locals must have thought the Everest support team was in town for the night. Once the staff check was over we set off for base camp. The weather was good and the terrain was fair. The only obstacle was the stream crossing which was both deep and fairly wide. Two members of the Durrow patrol got an early dip but we won't mention names!! Base camp was in the foothills of Mt. Leinster at 500ft. We pitched tents, cooked meals and tried to get some sleep, despite the night long chatter from the New Ross girls.

Saturday 12th, 6.30a.m.

We began breakfast and thankfully the weather had not broken. By 8.00a.m. the equipment was packed and we were on the way to high camp. It must be remembered that each person was carrying very heavy packs (15kg approx). Also the terrain was very steep and rough. The weather had now become very wet and after what seemed an eternity we reached high camp at Colrage Beag. Tents were pitched, equipment stowed and now the challenge had begun, the summit of Mt. Leinster. Our goal was the T.V. mast on the top of the mountain, Our only drawback was that the Durrow patrol had to carry the rescue stretcher and this was a major strain. The weather had now changed, with storm force winds, freezing temperatures heavy rain and hail stones. We were glad to return to high camp that evening and once the supper was finished we were off to sleep.

Sunday 13th, 7.00a.m.

When we awoke the rain had stopped, but I think that each tent had it's own indoor swimming pool (except myself and David's, ha, ha,). We had breakfast and were on the move once more. The Sunday route was long and harder than expected, plus equipment always seems heavier on the Sunday. By 1.00p.m. the long weekend was over and we reached Rathanna. We were all footsore and tired but in high spirits. At this point I would like to say very well done to the younger members of the Durrow patrol. It was by no means an easy siomnach and yet they never complained. Also a big thank you to the older instructors who came, it made my job a lot easier. I think at the end we all agreed that if the mountain would not come to us, we would have to go to it, to next years siomnach we would return.

Siomnach team: Mark Donohue, Pat Walsh, Clive O'Sullivan, Conor Doyle, Jamie Dunne.

Instructors: Sinead Campion, Amy Walsh and David O'Flanagan.

DURROW BADMINTON CLUB

The finals of the Club Tournament were played on Wednesday night 23rd September
Results as follows;

Winners of Ladies Tournament	- L. Clancy/N. Phelan
Runners-up	- M. Aylward/V. Dunne.
Winners of Mens Tournament	- J. Dunphy/A. Dunne
Runners-up	- L. Kelly/N. Dollard.
Winners of Plate	- M. Brophy/M. Tobin
Runners-up	- B. Dunne/M. Kells.

Badminton Club Membership fees must be paid by Monday 28th September without exception.