

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY THE DURROW SCOUTS

THE TEST OF PRAYER

It is important to ask whether there is any certain sign that one's prayer is really what it should be and is effecting its purpose. It is possible to experience a desire for prayer and to be full of devotional feelings but these are not necessarily indications that prayer is genuine. Neither is it necessarily an indication of failure that prayer is full of distractions. We can be deceived by both of these. The test of prayer is "Does my prayer make me a better man or woman?" "Does my prayer produce virtue" ? Serious prayer sets in motion the practice of virtue and the practice of virtue is impossible without serious prayer. A person who does not pray enough is like a tree that does not receive enough water for its life.

When I pray

O God, live in me
Flame out from me
"Like shining from shock foil."
Fire this clay me
Breathe fire into me,
A common clay creature.
Let this statue come dancing into the light.

DURROW BADMINTON CLUB

Durrow Badminton Club are holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday September 7th, at 8.30p.m. All members are requested to attend. New members are most welcome.

We would like to thank all those who supported our recent cake sale.

HEYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Heywood Community School Euro Secretarial and Business Course 1992/'93.

Applications are invited for the above course which begins on Monday 14th September.

Opening Dates for Secondary Students:

Wednesday 2nd September - First & Fourth Year Students at 8.50a.m.

Thursday 3rd September - Second, Third & Fifth Year Students at 8.50a.m.

Opening date for complete school is Friday 4th September at 8.50a.m.

Busses will collect students each Friday at 1.45p.m. for the school year 1992/'93.

Every effort should be made to have all books that are needed by Monday 14th September.

CONGRATULATIONS to Eileen Brophy, St. Fintan's Terrace, who celebrated her 21st Birthday recently.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sharon Sheppard, Barn Hill, who celebrated her 21st Birthday recently.

MACRA Na FEIRME

Durrow Macra would like to thank everyone who supported our field evening and Cabaret on Sunday last. Our thanks to Joe Murphy for the use of his farmyard. To the sponsors of prizes for the Cabaret in the Castle Arms Hotel - Mary Lennon, Michael Carroll, Joe Murphy and Jack Daly. Also thanks to Nicholas Mooney who provided the sound for the evening.

Congratulations to those who came out tops in the following events, each of whom was presented with a plaque.

Kiëran O'Shea	- Steady Hand	Jack Phelan	- Nail in Block
Pius Hennessy	- Guess name of Doll	Donal Phelan	- Stockjudging
Morgan Cashin	- Weight of Cake	David Holland	- Ball through tyre
Joe Clooney	- Horseshoe throwing	Marian Phelan	- Picture Quiz
Eanon Duggan	- Heavy Bar.		

Thanks to all the Macra members who helped to make the occasion a success.

As another Macra year draws to a conclusion, the Chairman and Committee would like to gratefully acknowledge their thanks to all the Macra members for their support and help in making the past year a very successful one. To the people of Durrow and surrounding areas who supported the different events and functions organised by the club. To our sponsors who we are very grateful too. To Martin Lalor who kept us in the news on the Leinster Express and also to the Parish Newsletter. We look forward to another successful and eventful Macra year ahead and we are always looking to recruit new members. All are very welcome.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

The Faddy Holohan memorial cup competition was fished on Sunday 9th August. Results as follows:-

1st	Eddie Ward, Dublin
2nd	Paddy Carlon, Dublin
3rd	Pat Noonan, Templemore

Cleaning of the River bank at Knockatrina Wood has been completed. New Styles have been erected on the lands of Blakes, Bergins and Moylans on the River Nore. New styles are being erected on the entrance to Bishopswood and at Duggan's Bog. This work is being carried out by the Southern Fisheries Board.

Our next competition for the Pat Gaughan Memorial Cup will be fished on Sunday, 13th September. This will be the last trout fishing competition of the season. It is being sponsored by Michael and Patricia Gaughan.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Margaret Guilfoyle, Mary St., on the occasion of her 93rd birthday from all her family.

PLAYSCHOOL will re-open on Tuesday 1st September at 9.15 a.m.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

The Club will be resuming their fortnightly meetings in the club premises on Monday 7th September at 8.30p.m. sharp. The theme of the first meeting is "Story in Pictures" so hopefully we will have a number of presentations on the night.

Our annual club exhibition will be held on 3rd/4th October and we would hope that members have an abundance of new 10"X 8" prints to put on display for this major club event.

We would like to remind members of the upcoming slide competition which is being sponsored by Mr. Liam Hyland T.D. (Minister of the Environment). The theme of this competition is, as befits our sponsor, "The Environment".

Each member will be allowed to enter up to 5 slides on their own interpretation of the theme.

Slides can be presented to the committee on 7th September, but final entries will be accepted up to the closing date 14th September.

HARPS G.A.A.

The Harps G.A.A. Club got a great boost last weekend, when the Junior B hurlers travelled to Portlaois and beat Rathdowney in the County Final.

Conditions for hurling were bad with gale force winds and strong rain showers. Rathdowney opened the scoring and had 3 points on the board - all from frees - before the Harps replied with a Paul Tracy point. However, just before half-time, Freddie Townsend got a goal to leave the Harps ahead by a single point. The Second Half saw both teams giving everything they had. The Harps defence led by Captain, Joe Dollard kept out Rathdowney, under a lot of pressure. However, two goals, one from Andrew Muldowney and one from Liam Deegan kept the Harps in front to the final whistle. Final score Harps 3-4. Rathdowney 1-7.

The Harps would like to thank Alley's Drapery for sponsoring a lovely set of jerseys for the Club. The Club would also like to thank everyone who supported the recent Race Nite which was held in the Castle Arms. We would also like to thank everyone who bought Piltown Tickets which brought some vital funds to the Club. In the last draw we had two winners Hughie Sheppard and Billy McEvoy.

The Intermediate Hurlers are due to meet Carrross this Sunday evening 20th August, in Rathdowney. This is a championship play-off. Both teams have met already this year and had a draw match. Please come and support the team as they bid to bring more championship honours to the Club.

KEENAN'S BAR

THURSDAY 3rd September - Scottish Dollar

SATURDAY 5th September - Split

Great nights entertainment assured

COVER CHARGE £1

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SCOUT NEWS

26 Scouts, and 5 Leaders took part in what was the best attended event in the 11 years history of the Durrow Scout Troop Summer Camp 1992. The venue for the camp was the Achill Island Outdoor Education Centre. This centre is one of the many which are dotted around the country and run by the V.E.C. which offer good accommodation, great food and fully qualified personnel. Showers and a drying room are also at hand which are very important for anyone engaged in outdoor activities in the inclement Irish weather! Table tennis and a video were also available as was a Basketball Court, unfortunately the court was very uneven as Any will no doubt testify.

Our trip started in the Green at 12.30 on Saturday 8th August and we are very grateful for the large number of parents etc. who were there to ferry 31 people plus rucksacks to and from Portarlinton Station. Thanks again. From Port. we got the train to Westport which was a long boring 3 hour trip. Our seats were reserved but unfortunately no one told the rest of the passengers. When we arrived at Westport we were met by two buses from the Centre (incidentally, by the end of the week the buses were nicknamed the "Chicken Coops" and this was being nice to them!) When we had our gear sorted we sat down to the first of our very enjoyable meals, the great thing about the meals was that there were always seconds on offer, usually the mention of the words "anyone for more" meant a stampede of certain Leaders who shall remain nameless and by the end of the week one in particular was resorting to every trick in the book to make sure his plate was always full. As usual amongst the Leaders the law of the Jungle where food was concerned was the order of the day and this meant that any injured Leader, even if the complaint was only a "sore toe", usually went hungry.

Our activities were many and varied - rockclimbing, abseiling, canoeing, kayaking, surfing, windsurfing, buggy board !, canadian canoeing and hill walking. As always the hillwalking was the least popular activity but it does show you the best scenery possible in any area and it also gives you the opportunity to get a "feel" of the area in which you are staying. This year was no different, lovely scenery over Keel Bay.

Continued next week.

HOLY FAMILY B.S.

The Holy Family Boy's School re-opens on Tuesday 1st September. We would like to wish every success to the new teacher Margaret Shortall.

CONGRATULATIONS to Naomi Shairp, Clonageera Cottage and Robin Sharp, England on their recent marriage.