

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY THE DURROW SCOUTS

Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

GOALS

Most of us would agree that a match without a goal can be a tedious affair. Indeed many a dull game was suddenly transformed by a quick goal.

If you have been to Dublin on an All Ireland Sunday you'll know exactly what I mean. There's nothing quite like the rattle of the net in Croke Park to bring the supporters to their feet. It gets the adrenalin going, it invigorates and inspires both players and fans alike.

Life without a goal can also be a tedious affair. However most of us, thank God, have some goals to sustain us though they may not be easy to identify.

Recently, I got chatting to an old friend of mine whom I hadn't seen in donkeys' years. Naturally one thing led to another and before we knew it we were discussing our different lifestyles. When I asked him after a while what his goals were in life he stopped short, thought for a few seconds and said that he honestly didn't believe he had any.

He was happy in his job, didn't seek promotion, didn't feel the need to own a bigger house or faster car, although he did admit that a little extra cash wouldn't go astray. "I suppose," he eventually said, "that my major concern in life is my family - I'd really like to see my children grow up healthy, happy and wholesome". Personally, I felt he had excellent goals - and told him so.

Now some people, of course, have no difficulty in recognising their goals in life - others aren't so sure that they even have any. But - make no mistake about it - we all have them. What's also interesting about these goals, is how they reflect our values and what we believe to be the really important things in life.

Oh yes - naturally enough my friend threw the question back at me and I too had to do a bit of hard thinking regarding my ambitions and the way my life was going. Perhaps, before I leave you I might put that same question to you, the readers: What are your goals in life? Think about it.

DURROW BADMINTON CLUB

The Durrow Badminton Club held their Annual General Meeting in the Community Hall on Monday 17th Sept. and the following Committee was elected:

Chairperson:	Mary O'Sullivan	Selectors:	John Kelly
Secretary:	Ann Dunphy		John Dunphy
Treasurer:	John Kelly		Ann Dunphy
Committee:	John Dunphy		
	Evelyn Clancy		
	Veronica Dunne		
	Margaret Kells		

Wednesday nights are Club open nights. No team games will be played on Club nights.

The Hall is now available for bookings from: Ann Dunphy, 26 Erkindale Drive.

Phone: 0502-36191

DURROW CREDIT UNION

Very shortly the Accountants, Bardon & Malumbe & Co., will be sending letters to some of our Share Holders, could you please fill in the details requested and return these letters promptly. This is just a means of double checking by the Accountants.

DURROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting of Durrow Community Council was held on Monday 10th September. The elected representatives are as follows:-

Oliver Clooney	Mick Donohue	Cella Delahunty
Dermot Murphy	Sean O'Brien	Sean Brophy
Eamon Rafter	Jimmy Holland	John Kelly
Mick Kennedy	Donal Bowe	Margaret Tobin
Noel Mooney	Kate Mahony	Catherine Freeman
John Cashin	Jack Murphy	John O'Sea
Ann Vaughn	Jimmy Moore	

The following Officers were elected:

President:	Fr. Jackie Robinson
Chairman:	Oliver Clooney
Vice Chairperson:	Catherine Freeman
Secretary:	Ann Vaughn
Treasurer:	Mick Donohue
P.R.O.:	Cella Delahunty

A vote of sympathy was extended to:-

Doheny Family, Attanagh	Mahony Family, Clonageera
Cashin " , Erkindale Drive	Delaney " , Erkindale Drive
Morrissey " , Carrigan St.	Freeman " , Mary Street.
Dwyer " , Cork Road	Dunne " , Dunmore
Dollard " , Dereen	Kells " , Dereen
Cantwell " , Kyle	Thornton " , Barnhill
Phelan " , Lisbigney	

Representations have been made to Laoise County Council on the following issues:-

The pot holes on pavement outside Jack Phelans shop and Mairead Carrolls shop. The pot hole at No. 1 St. Fintan's Terrace.

Communication has been made with the E.S.B. regarding the electric cable recently installed on houses in St. Fintan's Terrace.

A special meeting was called on Monday 17th September, to discuss the alleged closure of the Durrow Gardai Station. A further meeting will be held on Monday 1st October, when it is hoped that the three local T.D.'s will attend to discuss this issue further.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

At last Monday night's Camera Club meeting 10 photographers entered 3 prints each for the Photographic competition. Club members then judged the prints awarding points to each entry. Results; joint 5th Eugene Meegan & Paul Cashin, 4th Pat Farrell, 3rd Martin Walsh, joint 2nd Martin Walsh & Andrew Walsh, winner Andrew Walsh.

On Friday night October 12th a film show on the late Fr. Moran's work will be presented in the Convent Hall at 8.30p.m. and it is a great opportunity for the people of Durrow and surrounding district to look back 20 odd years or so. Four reels of film will be projected on the night.

Reel (I) 1970/71 includes Durrow Carnival, parade of floats, donkey derby, fancy dress, pony races, fishing competition weigh in, amusements, the Green.

Reel (II) 1972/73 includes views of Durrow, school sports, Brophy's Blockyard, 1st Communion, Kilkenny Majorettes, parade of Carnival.

Reel (III) 1974 includes School children's band, 1st Communion, Corpus Christi, Alley's Fashion Show, roof acrobatics by Gay Laker, Sports day in Convent, Pioneers Silver Jubilee, Pipe Band competition, children in school.

Reel (IV) 1976 includes Carnival highlights including fancy dress, Auto Cross and pipe band. Corpus Christi, Marie Moylan on T.V. with Mike Murphy.

Admission; £1.

CONGRATULATIONS to Seamus Clancy on receiving a special award in the Hardware Diploma Exam recently in Dublin.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Dollard family, Dereen on their recent bereavement.

CONGRATULATIONS to Barry Murphy, Dunmore who celebrates his 21st Birthday this weekend.

HAYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

It is of vital importance that a council representing parents from the catchment area be formed as soon as possible. To this end we have arranged that an A.G.M. of all parents in the Catchment area be held on Tuesday 2nd October at 8.00p.m. in the Gymnasium of Haywood Community School.

To arrange for the election of the Parents Council we have drawn up a list of geographical areas representing the New Community School. The Durrow/Cullohill area will be represented by four parents.

To ensure the election of a council and that an energetic council is established it is important that all voting papers are returned promptly.

SCOUT NEWS

On the weekend of the 5th-7th October the older section of the Troop head to the Comeragh Mountains to take part in this years Sionnach Adventure. The Sionnach was designed to stop some of the "leakage" of older Scouts from the Movement and has proved to be very successful in this regard. It provides a real challenge to the 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ year olds Scout. The format of the event is usually as follows;

Friday night - Hike to Base, camp at foot of Mountain. Set up tent, attend campfire, have supper and turn in.

Saturday morning - Climb Mountain range doing various mountaineering related activities i.e. First-Aid on Mountains, Mountain Navigation, Safety on Irish Mountains, Mountain Rescue, there is also a rock climbing exercise with qualified instructors and safety equipment.

Sunday morning - Descent to Base camp for presentation of Sionnach Badges, hot drinks etc.,

cooking is done on Trangia cookers using mainly dehydrated foods. All in all its usually a challenging but very satisfactory weekend.

The younger section of the Troop will resume their weekly meetings on Friday next October 5th in the Convent Hall at 8.00p.m. to 9.30p.m. All Scouts must wear full uniform.

A meeting of all the Scout leaders will be held in Michael Gaughans on Tuesday night next 2nd October at 8.00p.m. sharp. All leaders please attend.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

The Cub weekend away was a great success, the weather was great. We went to the Scout Den in Kilkenny where we camped out on the grounds. On the Saturday we went to the Castle where we were taken on a conducted tour in which the children were involved at all times by the guide. On completing the tour the guide asked the children questions on the Castle. Claire Doyle was given a beautiful book on the history of the Castle. From there we went on another conducted tour of Roth House, then on to St. Canice's Cathedral. Back at camp we had a sing song around the campfire. A great weekend was had by all.

Cub meetings will resume on Friday 5th October in the Convent Hall at 7.00p.m. Full uniform must be worn.

BEAVER NOTES: Beaver Scouts will resume soon and all Beavers will be notified. Meetings will be held in the Convent Hall. New Beavers are welcome and should be 6 years old on or before 1st November. Fee 50 per meeting, Insurance £7 per year to be paid before Christmas. Any queries contact Mary Doyle, Marian Phelan (Jack) Caroline Shiel or Kathleen Flynn.

CONGRATULATIONS to Margaret (nee Dempsey) and Stephen Saunders on the birth of a baby girl.
CONGRATULATIONS to Catherine Stapleton and Owen Fitzpatrick on their recent engagement.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

Tickets are now available from any Harps Committee Member for the forthcoming Laois County Board, three monthly draw. The final draw takes place on October 26th and the following are the prizes;

1st. £5,000. 2nd & 3rd. £1,000. 4th & 5th. £500.

20 prizes of £100.

Tickets are £10 each and 50% of the local contribution will be returned to the Harps club. This is vital fundraising money for the club, so we hope you will give it your support.

The juvenile section of the Harps continued their sequence of draws this year, when the U/16 footballers played an exciting draw with St. Josephs, at O'Moore Park on Saturday last. With the first leg of the U/16 double already in the bag, this game, against an exclusively football club, was always going to be difficult. But the lads responded magnificently to the challenge and in the end were unlucky to be held to a draw. The date of the replay had not been fixed when going to press.

It is worth noting, that so far this year, the following county finals involving the Harps have ended all square;

U/12 Football final, U/14 Hurling final,
U/16 Hurling final (twice), U/16 Football final,
U/15 Hurling final.

The Intermediate football final has finally been fixed for Saturday next October 6th in O'Moore Park. We wish them the very best of luck and hope that they create a little bit of history by qualifying for senior football grade next year. The Harps wish to thank, very sincerely all the local sponsors who contributed so generously to the cost of a new kit (jersies, togs, socks) for the football final.

The Harps wish Liam Kelly a speedy recovery from his recent injury sustained while assisting the Lions soccer team.

Congratulations to Tony Dunne on winning a senior football championship medal with Portlaois on Saturday last.

OUR LADY'S MEADOW P.S.

We welcome back all our pupils, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff and look forward to a happy and fruitful year's work and co-operation. A special word of welcome to our 21 new pupils and their parents.

We are very sorry this week to lose Miss Ailish Dunphy from our staff. She has been with us in a temporary capacity for over 2 years and has given of her many talents for the good of our school. We congratulate her on securing a permanent position and wish her every happiness in her new appointment.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to Mrs Catherine Weafer (nee Nally) who resigned her post on our staff at the end of August. She taught here from September '82 to Easter '85. The effects of her great work in appreciation of Irish language and culture can still be noted in her past pupils. We wish her, her husband and children every blessing in their future lives and remember her with thanks.

FOR SALE: Small gram in perfect condition. Contact: Mrs. Carter, St. Fintan's Terrace.

FOR SALE: Stanley No. 8 cooker with L boiler suitable for radiators. Contact: Paddy Soames, St. Fintan's Terrace.

FOR SALE: 1 Pair of Soccer boots Size 13. As new.
1 Back Boiler 18" in perfect working order.
Contact: Newmans, Swan Road.

FOUND: 2 keys outside Donal Carrolls, Cork Road, look like one front door one back door. Owner can claim same from Carrolls.
