

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

Compiled by the Durrow Scouts

COURAGE

Lord, if I had the choice to don
One virtue as a cloak of gold
'Twould be the cloak of courage I would wear,
Courage to speak when speech would help.
The strength to leave unsaid the words
That passing anger tempts the lips to speak.
Valour to fight when only death
Can be the end, and fight so well
That men shall see in death but victory
Daring to raise my thoughts above
The mundane cares that strangle life,
Courage to bring none pain
Courage to dream
So when the end comes I may pass
Into the vale that lies beyond
And wear the cloak of courage as I go.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

Sixteen members attended the recent meeting on Night Photography, hopefully everyone present has now a basic grasp on the pros and cons of this very rewarding aspect of camera work.

N.B. Members are reminded of the Photographer of the Year and Print of the Year competitions (judged by Alf Harvey) which will be held on 9th December. 5 mounted 10"X8" prints are required for the Photographer of the Year competition. 1 mounted 10"X8" print for Print of the Year competition. No slides. Prints must be displayed in 10"X8" format. Oval or oddly shaped displays are not permissible.

Winner of Photographer of the Year will be presented with the magnificent Joe Brophy Cup and replica. Trophy will be presented to Print of the Year winner. Prizes also for runners-up in both sections.

Last years winners - Photographer of the Year - Eugene Meegan, runner-up
Martin Walsh.

Print of the Year - Breda Kelly, runner-up Liam Donohue.

Members must have their prints arranged in the club premises by 8.30p.m. on Monday 9th December.

Upcoming club event 15th December, Members Outing to Cashel and Holy Cross followed by a Social Evening. Details from any committee member.

THE ANNUAL MONSTER BAZAAR

will take place in
COMMUNITY HALL, DURROW ON SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER
commencing at 2.30p.m.
WHEEL OF FORTUNE, TURKEYS HAMS GALORE, BOTTLE STALL, CAKE
STALL, ETC., CUP OF TEA AVAILABLE.

SANTA WILL ARRIVE AT 2.30p.m. WITH SACKS OF GIFTS FOR ALL THE YOUNG
BOYS AND GIRLS.

SYMPATHY is extended to Canon Marnell on the death of his sister.

HEYWOOD C.S. SENIOR SOCCER

If you encountered any Heywood students walking on air in recent weeks, the mystery is about to be unravelled - Heywood won the final of the Midland League in Portlaois on Friday November 15th. Score:- 1 - 0. Patrician College Newbridge were the beaten finalists. You may even be surprised to hear we were even in the final. The explanation lies in our low-profile and low-key approach. As underdogs, we left the fanfare to the opposition. We brought in to the final our new strip (sponsored by Dowling's sportswear) and a "this is it" approach. The team really "hit form on the day" to use a sporting cliché. The quality of football was anything but clichéd. It was fast, exciting, close and every player on our side played for every team-mate.

The only goal of the game came after fifteen minutes when Sean Delahunty headed a massive Kieran Shortall corner into the roof of the net. This meant 75 minutes of "graff" before the final whistle. Newbridge cracked under the strain in the second half and their play became a bit ragged and individualistic.

Man of the match was Conor Murphy. Ian Dowling was splendid in goals. Kevin Barry gave an exhibition as sweeper.

On the way to the final Heywood beat Naas C.D.S. (3-2) at home, Kilcullen (3-1) away and Dallyfin (6-1) at home. Providentially, Newbridge beat us (3-2) away in an earlier round. We deserved a draw that day but it was better the way things worked out that we were left with something to prove. Newbridge were firm favourites. The rest is history. The team were presented with a silver salver after the match. I can't predict when we will "touch down" to earth. Cynics might suggest "After the Leinster quarter final." We'll just wait and see. Whatever happens this team has done us all proud since our first encounters four years ago at under - 14 level.

Team: Goalie Ian Dowling, sub-goalies Terence Brophy, Daniel Fitzpatrick. Ray O'Sullivan, Kevin Barry, Peter Dooley, Dermot Mullins, David O'Flanagan, Conor Murphy, Kieran Shortall, Sean Delahunty, Davis Simms, John Murphy. Subs: David O'Donovan, Albert Townsend, Sennan Kenna, Edward Lalor, Peter McGree.

SCOUT NEWS

The Troop apologises for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of last Sundays outdoor activity. The lack of communication was inexcusable and we will do everything possible to ensure it doesn't happen again. We hope to run this particular activity in the near future.

At the moment we are continuing our weekly troop meetings in the Convent Hall. The meetings finish for the Christmas break on 6th December. We had hoped to have the yearly insurance premium for each Scout paid by that date but unfortunately payment is reaching us very slowly, so if possible if we can have some sizable payment off of the premium by the 6th Dec. at the latest, we would very much appreciate it. The premium this year is £10 per Scout.

The Scouts who are hoping to receive their Chief Scouts Award early next year have another obstacle out of the way. Amy, David, Evelyh, Niamh, Ray, Sinead, Valerie and Vicky recently underwent a 5 night course (2hrs. per night) in Basic First Aid. The course was run by Seamus Clancy and Martin Walsh and they were examined by Peter Scott from the Civil Defence (Mountmellick). All Scouts passed the examination with flying colours so congratulations all round to everyone concerned.

Congratulations also to Canice Clooney who was on the Holy Family Boy's School quiz team that won Regional Final Schools Quiz.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Dunphy family, Knockanoran, on their recent bereavement.

DURROW C.Y.M.S.

The above club held it's A.F.M. on Monday 11th November. A large gathering of old and new members attended.

The new committee for the coming year are: Chairman - Sean O'Brien, vice-chairman - Terence Brophy, Secretary - Jim Clancy, Treasurer - Morgan Kelly.

Senior committee: Kieran Soames, Sean Aylward, John Gilligan, Martin O'Leary, Brendan Casey, Damien Clooney.

Junior committee: John Murphy, Vincent Cooney, Terence Brophy, Albert Townsend, Finian Dempsey.

Anyone interested in playing snooker or billiards should contact any of the above committee. The club has two full size tables, a small table and a T.V. room and other games. The club is central heated and a caretaker is present at all times.

25 CARD DRIVE

The popular 25 card drive for Christmas Turkeys is now taking place in the small C.Y.M.S. Hall (beside Church) every Sunday afternoon at 3.00p.m. All are welcome.

POKER NITE

Poker Nite is in full swing every Tuesday night at 9.00p.m. in the small C.Y.M.S. Hall. This is always an enjoyable night.

SMALL C.Y.M.S. HALL

This hall is available for meetings and other events during the week. It can be booked by contacting C.Y.M.S. secretary Jim Clancy, Barnhill. Tel. 36373.

C.Y.M.S. NEWS

The Senior and Junior tournaments are now in full swing at the moment. The "hot favourite" for the senior event is last years winner "Hurricane" Kieran Soames, but he has a tough first round draw. Sean "The Grinder" Healy has an outside chance. More about this in next issue. The Junior event is very open as there are several good players who are in contention.

SOCCER NEWS

Juniors had no games over the last fortnight but are showing steady progress of late with two good away wins, East End United 1 - 2. Scorer P. Monnelly (2), and Green Celtic 1 - 3, scorers; T. Kenna, P. Monnelly, R. Dempsey.

Youths: Last weekend played Clover United at home and lost 2 - 3. Nice to see two members of the youths team on the Kilkenny & District League Youths team to play Dublin Schoolboys on Sunday. They are Conor Murphy and Derek Walsh.

Under 15 Schoolboys are currently top of their league, having won all their games to date. Next game at home to Deen Celtic at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday 1st December.

Under 13's are joint top after three series of games. Last week they played Deen Celtic away and won 3 - 5. Scorers: K. Lawlor, 2T. Coffey, P. Shortall and D. Fennelly.

Under 12's are finding the going tough, after six games they have 4 points. Next game at home to St. Anthony's Boys on Sunday December 1st at 12.15p.m. Last week they were beaten 3 - 2 to Deen Celtic away.

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DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

The John Dwyer Memorial Cup fished on Sunday 24th November but no fish were caught on the day. This was mainly due to flooding of the river and the day itself with the heavy rain didn't help. The competition has been refixed for Sunday 8th December. This is the last competition of the year, a good turn out is expected. The committee would like to thank the anglers who entered in the last competition even though they weren't going out on the day.

FOKER NITE RESULTS

Results for Tuesday 19th November:	Results for Tuesday 26th November:
1st Tom Woods	1st Kieran Soames
2nd Martin Lawlor	2nd Tom Woods
Billy Lawlor	Noel Meade
Margo McKenzie	Billy White
John Phelan	Elsie Stewart
Richard McGenugh	Martin Lawlor

MARY'S HAIR CARE: Ladies and Gents to avoid dissatisfaction remember to make your Christmas appointments in time. We stock a full range of hair care products and gift vouchers ideal for Christmas gifts. Phone No. 36352.

KEENAN'S BAR: Saturday 30th November Mike Kavanagh
(recently seen on the BIBI show)
Saturday 14th December SOUNDZPROOF
Sunday 22nd December KISS THE PRESIDENT
Admission £1 - all nights
KEENAN'S - great music, great pint, great crack.

FOR SALE: Boys D.M.X. Bicycle, 4 - 7 years
Dig Tractor with loader. Both in good condition.
Phone 36229.

DURROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL are holding a Church Gate Collection on 14/15th December to raise funds for the erection of the Christmas Tree.

GERALDINE GILLIGAN would like to thank everyone who supported her in raising £160. for the Blind. We would like to wish her every success in her parachute jump on Saturday in Naas.

SOCCER NEWS continued: Congratulations to the 4 Denim Operators, c/o Michael Lannigan on winning 5th prize, a remote control video, in the South East Co-Op Draw. Next draw on Saturday 21st December.

REMINDER: The 19th Lions AFC Monster Christmas Draw will be taking place again this year on 24th December.

CARPET & CHIMNEY CLEANING: For clean and effective service contact Philip Monnelly at 0502-36289 or 056-33472.

CONGRATULATIONS to George O'Brien, Mill Road, who celebrated his 21st birthday recently.