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Durrow Parish Newsletter
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Fr Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

HIDING FROM GOD AND OURSELVES

How do you hide from God?

You can hide from people by concealing yourself physically or disguising yourself with a mask.....

And there's a lot of people wearing masks - not of the cloth or paper kind - but ones in which they try to hide their true feelings, from themselves and from others.

For example, total self-sufficiency of the "I don't need anyone kind", which masks loneliness and fear of rejection; or the smile and warm greeting which conceals dislike, but never offers the true hand of friendship.

J God never offers rejection or a mask - just love and happiness.

And he still offers that - even to those with the mask of unbelief about Him - to those who say they don't need the Mass: that's a waste of time; and to those who believe themselves totally fulfilled so much so that God and religion doesn't matter anymore to them.

That's a fine mask - but it doesn't conceal the inner person - even if it does from the rest of us.

It's hard to drop a mask and admit yourself to yourself, but that's how God sees you - as your true self. You don't have to drop it in front with him.

He's waiting for you - always

DURROW COMMUNITY ALERT

The A.G.M. of the County Federation of Community Alerts will be held in the Killeslin Hotel Portlaoise on Thursday 15th February.

The Minister for Justice Mr Raymond Burke T.D. has kindly accepted our invitation to address the meeting.

We have also invited Deputy Commissioner Patrick Culligan from the Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, we are awaiting his reply. The Minister's decision to address the meeting clearly indicates the Government's recognition of the important work being done by Community Alert Committees in Leois.

The A.G.M. will afford an ideal opportunity for the people of Leois to come out and demonstrate their strength of purpose in ensuring that all our citizens but particularly those considered at risk will be protected against the criminal activities of anyone who would threaten their persons, their property or their peace and tranquillity of mind.

The Durrow Committee of Community Alert would appeal to as many as possible to attend this meeting, and any Senior Citizens who would like to attend and who requires transport please contact any member of the Durrow Committee. A cup of tea will be provided after the meeting.

DURROW CYMS SNOOKER AND BILLARDS

The following teams are representing Durrrow in the Diocesan Billiards championships this year:

SENIOR John Carter
 Kieran Soames
 Morgan Kelly
 Eiam Kelly

JUNIOR A Sean Aylward
 Bobby Campion
 Tony Clancy
 Jack Murphy

JUNIOR B Sean O'Brien
 Barry Butler
 Ger Parkenson
 Kevin Brophy

The Senior team have already played their first game against Borris in Ossory at home which they lost. The team are looking forward to a better result in their away game against Borris on Monday 5th February. The Senior snooker team are now out of the Laois Championships for this year. The Junior team seem to be doing very well.

On Wednesday 7th February the club have a finals night organised. The night will begin at 7.30 p.m. with the play-off for 3rd and 4th places of this year's main senior snooker tournament. Following that there will be the final between John Carter and Kevin Brophy. This should prove to be a very enjoyable night for all. Absolutely everybody is welcome.

In the past two weeks the club have bought a brand new snooker table especially for junior members. The junior snooker tournament has now come to an end so the club are now organising a senior/junior doubles tournament which should be commencing shortly.

The committee of the club are planning a big facelift on the inside of the club which is due to take place this summer so as to have the club and playing conditions in tip top shape for September.

SILVER CIRCLE DRAW RESULTS NO. 9

1st	£25	A. Lwlor	Mill Rd.
2nd	£10	P. Cashin	Swan Rd.
3rd	£5	L. Horan	Avonmore
4th	£5	T. Lacey	Avonmore
5th	£5	N. Dunne	10 St. Fintans Terrace.

S. F. FINTANS COLLEGE

On Monday 22nd February the St. Fintan's College Senior Soccer team played the Salesian College, Ballinakill in Durrrow. The game was played at a fast, physical pace throughout. Early in the first half, St. Fintan's were awarded a penalty, which the goalkeeper pushed onto the cross bar, and kept the scores level. Within minutes Ballinakill broke the deadlock by scoring a great goal. It was not until the 2nd half when St. Fintan's equalised with a beautiful first time volley from a dropping ball, by Lorcan Mahony. It looked like 1-1 would be the final score. However, a long through ball was played up the wing where Lorcan Mahony successfully crossed to John McEvoy who buried the ball in the back of the net, to leave a final score of 2-1 in favour of St. Fintan's.

HISTORICAL SNIPPET BY JOHNNY CONROY

Lets ramble back in time and dwell on the mode of living in Durrow around 85 years ago.

Each house had a little pig sty with room for one pig. When the pig was ready for market the front door in many cases was its only way out. The landlord was clever in providing the pig sty as it insured he got his rent when the pig was sold. Chickens from every house went picking in the Greens. Fowl from Gallow's Hill (now Patrick St.) would travel up to the Old Schoolhouse, Cork Road grounds returning back in the evening. I remember this myself seeing Miss Tobin's fowl returning home each evening.

People took great pleasure in digging their gardens providing vegetable for the family. Men could be hired to dig. My late father used speak of a man by the name of Johnnie Haslen doing this work

Bacon and cabbage was a very popular meal in those days and of course turnips were always got free from farmers, shin beef in Irish stessat wintertime was another favourite.

The people in those days had many hobbies, hurling of course came first Durrow I believe had always a good team. Cage birds was another love everyone had at that time, on a sunny Sunday morning everyone would proudly display their birds outside their house, My late father often showed me the nails in the wall that supported the bird cages, Pitch and toss, spinning tops and fishing in many cases using saalls. We will touch on that again at another time.

OUR LADY'S MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Results of January 1990 Draw

1st	£100	Mary Cleary (Snr) Castlewood, Durrow
2nd	£50	The Kelly Family, The Bungalow, Townspark
3rd	£10	Madge Brophy, Carrigan St., Durrow
4th	£10	Lisa Clancy, Barnhill, Durrow
5th	£10	Theresa McEvoy, Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix
6th	£10	Vincent Walsh, Moyne, Durrow
7th	£10	Liam Bergin, 187 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise

The next draw on Friday 3rd February 1990

FAS "WOMEN IN ENTERPRISE"

It is hoped to organise a Fas "Women in Enterprise" scheme in the area in the near future. Anyone interested should contact

Margaret Tynan (0502) 34148

INSTANT COLOUR I.D. PHOTOS

Instant colour I.D. photos for:- Driving Licence, Passports ETC.

Contact Michael Conroy, Durrow.

TEL: 36227 or 37265

FOR SALE

Connemara Marble Fireplace. Perfect condition.
18" Back Boiler and slow burner for sale.
PHONE 0502 - 36221 from Monday 9.30 - 6.00 p.m.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Barry family on their recent bereavement.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

The Harps G.A.A. Club presented their "Player of the Year" awards at their dinner dance on Friday night last. The winners were--
Senior Hurling: Dan Deegan; Intermediate Hurling: M. Dunphy
Under -21: Joe Deegan; Minor Hurling: Enda Murphy
Junior Football: John Shortall; Minor Football: Thomas Kenna
Junior Hurlings: Sean Dunphy.
A special presentation was made to Michael Carroll and Tommy Walsh.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Durrow & District Anglers was held recently in the Durrow Inn. The following officers were elected:

- Chairman: C. Geoghegan Vice-Chairman: James Delahunty
- Hon. Secretary/P.R.O: Freddie Townsend
- Hon. Treasurer: Michael Walsh.
- Committee: Billy Lawlor, Pat Bowden, Sean McEvoy,
Tim Dwyer, Michael O'Rourke and Austin Ryan.

The first competition for the Michael Walsh Cup was fixed for the first Sunday in March. It is a trout fishing competition and the usual rules will apply.

TOMMY BROPHY
PERPETUAL TROPHY

The Charity Soccer matches in aid of the Senior Citizens Party will commence on Sunday 4th February at 2.30 p.m. between (A) Noel Keanans and The Sportsman Inn, followed at 3.45 with a match between Gary Lennons and The Durrow Inn.

- The following Sunday 11th February sees three matches,
- 2.30 p.m. Woodview House V Castle Arms Hotel
- 3.30 p.m. More Nets V John Phelans
- 4.30 p.m. Winners of A V Bridge Bar.

On Sunday 18th February the semi-finals will be held at 2.30 and 3.45 p.m.

And on Sunday 25th February the Final at 12.00 noon.

Please come and support these games as all proceeds will be in aid of the Senior Citizens Party.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Margaret Dempsey and Stephen Saunders on their recent wedding.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Paul O'Brien and Emer Carroll on their engagement.

BEAVER NEWS

Beavers have resumed once again and meetings are being held on Saturday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 in the convent hall. Beaver Parents please note that if your child has not already paid his/her insurance money for the year 1989/90 that it should be paid immediately. Amount is £7 for the year. If you have a child who wishes to join the Beavers he/she must be between 6 and 8 years old. Contact any Beaver leader - Mary Doyle, Caroline Shiel or Kathleen Flynn.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Deegan Family, Durrow on their recent bereavement.