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Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

JOURNEYING

She was no more than twenty - dark eyed, dark haired, and very, very eloquent. I listened, spellbound as they say, as she recounted her recent visit to China - the paddy-fields she'd slipped about in, the strange and succulent dishes she had eaten and of course the Great Wall itself.

Her friend - who was also in her twenties - described her trip to Easter Island and the excitement she experienced on first seeing those giant stone figures out there in the Pacific. Others chipped in about their experiences in California, Crete, London and New York.

Most of these young people had travelled these vast distances - not just to see the sites or earn badly needed college fees - they had made these journeys in the hope of learning more about themselves. They were, as the cliché goes, attempting to FIND THEMSELVES.

As I listened to all this talk of travel, discovery and finding oneself I found myself thinking of a much shorter journey that's always worthwhile making but which we very often tend to overlook. There are no brochures for this trip, no glossy catalogues or special all-in prices.

This trip is not about chasing all over the globe in the hope of finding ourselves - it's about exploring our immediate environment in the hope of discovering OTHERS.

This journey involves packing up our own pre-occupations, and heading off in the direction of those around us. The idea being that we explore someone else's personality for a change, that we do a little more listening and a little less talking, that we make a genuine effort to get to know another human being.

This other person might be a fellow worker or an acquaintance in the pub or it could well be some member of our family - a brother, sister, parent or perhaps a spouse.

It's a journey, I feel, that's well worth making and every bit as rewarding as a trip to the Great Wall of China or the giant stone figures of Easter Island. Give it a try. Book your tickets NOW.

Bon Voyage

Durrow & District Anglers

The Durrow & District Anglers are holding their 11th Annual BAR-BE-QUE in The Durrow Inn on Saturday, 24th September 1988. Music will be provided by LARGO and meals served from 8.30 to 11.30. Admission £3.

Menu

Fresh home made Oxtail Soup
Roast Stuffed Chicken
Tomato, Lettuce, Peas
and Creamed Potatoes
Sherry Trifle and Cream

Next fishing competition Sunday 25th September, is a pike fishing competition for the Victor Bowell Trophy. There is also a Juvenile Pike competition on the same day. Competition starting at 10.00 a.m. and weigh in at 6.00 p.m. Trophies are on display in William Lawlor's Fishing Tackle Shop.

Durrow Tidy Towns News

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

On Saturday and Sunday next 10th and 11th September Durrow Tidy Towns Church Gate collection will be held.

Please show your appreciation of all the wonderful work that has been done to beautify Durrow over the past few months by giving generously to this collection.

Your support is urgently needed.

We anxiously await the results of the '88 Tidy Towns Competition which hopefully will be announced early next week.

Harps G.A.A.

The Club bid farewell to any major trophies this year, when the U.21's suffered the unluckiest of defeats when going under by the minimum of margins to Portlaois in the semi-final of the Championship recently. Leading by three points with thirty seconds remaining, they suffered the heartbreak of conceding a goal and a point with the last two pucks of the game. Nevertheless the evidence was there for all to see, that the Harps have players of immense talent at this grade and if this talent can be nurtured and coached in the proper manner it can only lead to outstanding success in the future. The Harps were forced to line out in this game without the services of Kevin Kavanagh (who suffered a broken leg in a recent game) and Kevin Lennon who has emigrated to England, the Club wish him well in his exile.

All in all it was a bad week for the Club when a probably over confident U.14 team were beaten by Portlaois in the County final. Having beaten this opposition rather easily on two occasions this year, this team were expected to add to the football title they had won two weeks previously. However, they never recovered from three early Portlaois goals and I am sure these young lads have learned a valuable lesson, reputations count for nothing in any game if the will to win is there.

The U.12 hurlers gave their hopes a boost for next year when they won a tournament blitz in Johnstown recently, by firstly beating the host club, and then Galmoy in the final.

The Senior hurlers reached the semi-final of the O'Brady cup when they beat Errill by seven points in Rathdowney on Saturday last.

With the Club bidding farewell to so many of its players through emigration, its nice to welcome a player home for a change, and the Harps hope to see Sean Conroy back in their colours again next year after his two year sojourn in Australia.

The Harps wish the best of luck to Lulu Carroll who plays in goal for Laois in the forthcoming All Ireland Ladies Football final against Kerry in Croke Park.

The Second Annual Harps golf outing has been fixed for October 1st in Rathdowney. Anyone interested in playing should give their names to Hughie Sheppard, Morgan Kelly or Liam Holland. We would like to point out that this outing is not confined to experienced golfers, "green" players are most welcome, so "putt" your name in there and have a swinging time.

The Harps Senior hurlers play Johnstown in the final of the Galmoy tournament on this Sunday night September 11th at 7.00 p.m. Your support would be welcome.

The Harps offer sincere thanks to all who supported the recent Church Gate collection for our players injury fund.

The Club is in the planning process of putting together a compilation of events and happenings within the Club since its inception in 1984. Would anyone having photos, paperclippings etc please contact Hughie Sheppard.

Historical Snippet

by

J.J. Conroy

The Ferryman had a beautiful daughter and Lord Ashbrooks son fell in love with her and they got married. Lord Ashbrook was very displeased at his son marrying a commoner. Since they lived in a house at Knockanoran the Lord had a wood planted so that his son could not see the Castle - this happened about 190 years ago.

Fashion Show & Cabaret

A Fashion Show & Cabaret will be held in the Castle Arms Hotel on Friday 16th September commencing at 8.30 sharp. Proceeds are in aid of Our Lady's Meadow and Holy Family Primary schools. Music by Fiddlers Green. Admission £5 and £2 for students. Come and enjoy a great nights entertainment.

Tir na nOg Playgroup

As there are now only a limited number of vacancies for Christmas and Easter will parents who wish their child to attend playgroup please enrol them now. Children will be taken on a first come first served basis.

Foroige

The A.G.M. Of the Durrow Foroige was held on Wednesday 7th September. The following Committee was elected:

Chairperson	Maureen Walsh	Vice. Chairman	Sean Delahunty
Secretary	Tracey Woods	Ass. Secretary	Evelyn Kelly
Treasurer	Wicki Walsh		
P.R.O.	Sharon Sheppard		

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th September at 8.00 sharp.

3rd Laoise (Durrow) Scouts

The 3rd Laoise (Durrow) Scout Troop are at rest after their recent enjoyable Summer camp. This with the possible exception of a District Camp completes their yearly programme which runs from September to September. Thanks is extended to everyone who helped out the Troop over the past 12 months (a full list of those will be published at a later date)

The Troop will resume their weekly meetings in the Convent Hall in late September. Notice of date will be in the next Newsletter.

At present there is a vacancy in the Troop for a Female Leader (Mid 20's or over) Must be energetic, easy to get on with, like the out-door life, camping, hiking, swimming etc.

If you fit this description contact Maura Rafferty before the end of the month.

Cub Scouts

All Cub Scouts please note that enrolment for the 3rd Laoise (Durrow) Cub Scouts will take place in the C.Y.M.S. Hall on Monday 12th September at 7.00 p.m. Full uniform to be worn.

We would like if Beavers intending to join Cubs would attend, also any boys and girls aged between 8 and 11 years interested in joining would be most welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all on the night.

Durrow I.C.A.

The next meeting of Durrow I.C.A. will be held next Tuesday 13th Sept. at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

Our guest for the night will be Mrs. Lily Sheeran, President of Laoise I.C.A. She will attend the full meeting.

The competition for Tuesday night is an anagram. How many words you can make from the word 'Federation'.

FOR SALE: Two pairs of heavy dancing shoes size 1½ and 3.
Dancing dress size 28/30. Navy.
Also Wooden Dolls House.
Contact Margaret Tobin, Mary Street, Durrow.

Durrow Tour by Liam O'Banain

Having digressed a bit I now continue to write about the Protestant Church. For years the cemetery attached to the Church was for both Protestant and Catholics. There were at least two Parish Priests buried there. In 1756 a Church of Ireland Bishop Dr. Maurice was buried there. He lived in Dunmore House of which not a stone is left.

MUSEUM My museum pieces will be donated to Portlaoise when a suitable room is made available in the former Glen Abbey building which is now County Council property.

The most ancient piece in my collection is a stone axe head. A farmer, in Aughmacart was closing in a well, he saw one stone which seemed different than the rest. It was greenish, he took it out and had the good sense to send it to the National Museum. When he had done this he thought he should have given it to me. He asked for it back. Reluctantly they sent it to him, he having refused some monetary reward. Then he brought it to me. I was delighted to get it. The Museum authorities verified that it was a stone axe head of 3,000 B.C. and also sent a diagram showing it with the handle. It was used before the advent of iron.

I personally and the County at large are very grateful to the doner and to all those who donated any museum items.

One day I was visiting a patient in Cullohill area. The granny of the house produced an article and asked me would it be any use for my museum.

It was a clear glass sugar bowl. On one area it has the figure of Parnell and on the other side in print "Charles S. Parnell M.P. for Cork. Born June 1846 at Avondale, Rathdrum". I would think it might be the only one in existence because in those days each house had a crown of young children and it would be difficult for such a bowl to last very long.

I have almost all the material used in the bottling of a bottle of stout. Syphon, corker etc. I require a half barrel or preferably a quarter vessal and a tap for same. Any items that you have and think they are museum pieces I would be very thankful to receive them.

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SYMPATHY is extended to the Dempsey family Swan Road on their recent bereavement.

PLEASE NOTE

All notices for forthcoming parish newsletters should be handed in by the Wednesday evening prior to publication.
