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Durrow & District Anglers

The results of the evening Pike Competition held on Friday 8th July, 1st. Jim Delahunty 5-2, 2nd. Sean McEvoy 4-7, 3rd. Pat Bowden 4-6, The next competition will be held on Sunday 24th for the Patrick Holohan Memorial Cup. It is for trout fishing and the usual rules apply. On Sunday 17th the Federation of Pike Angling Clubs are holding a pike fishing Competition on the river Suck, Co. Roscommon starting at 1.00 p.m. and finishing at 6.00 p.m.

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Cullohill I.C.A.

Cullohill I.C.A. held their monthly meeting recently presided over by Mrs. Mary Geoghan who wished Mr. & Mrs. S. Rhatagan N.T. every happiness and many years of good health on their recent retirement.

Mary Walsh was the winner of the Competition and raffle winner was Breda Drennan.

The recent trip to Killaloe and the cruise on the Shannon was a great success and much enjoyed by all. The G.B.F. Beef and Lamb Cookery demonstration is on September 23rd. All are welcome.

Miss Olive Bowden N.T. is wished well on her trip to Australia.

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We are very happy to publish a piece of historical interest on Durrow from Dr. Liam O'Banain which will be continued every fortnight for the foreseeable future.

DURROW TOUR

by

Liam O'Banain

A mhuintir uaisle Dharmaigh Ua nDuach. Is mór an onoir domsa cuntas a scriobhú ar stair an bhaile álainn seo. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh agus teagasc as.

If one intends writing about any place in Ireland one must go back to the original name in Irish. We have the "Cills" the "Knocks", the "Cluains" all telling us something of their history. What a lovely name is Cluain Meala - "The Meadow of Honey", in other words the fertile plain of milk and honey.

Now we come to Durrow. The name comes from "Dair" The Oak. There are over 1000 place names in Ireland pertaining to the Oak. Here we have Derry Road, Derry Wood and Dereen. There is "Cill Dara", St. Brigid's Church of the Oak, Doire Colm Cille and St. Columcill's Church of the Oak in Derry. We have our Derry Mor, Derry Beag, Derry Leathan. Ireland must have had a lot of oaks in bygone days. Arthur Young in his "Tour of Ireland" in 1777 says, "The road leads through a large wood, which joins Lord Ashbrooks Plantation, whose house is situated in the midst of more wood than almost any one I have seen in Ireland".

Now we have the full name in Irish of Durrow. It is Darmhagh Na nDuach, which means the Oak plain of the O'Duachs. Firstly it tells one that there were oaks in the area and that it was O'Duach territory. This was a big area and there are nine place names in Kilkenny and Laoise in which the O'Duach name is involved. Ban ua nDuach, Three Castles, Dún ua nDuach, Doonane, Leamh Coille ua nDuach, Lowhill and so on. What a lot of knowledge we get from the full Irish name.

All that is cast aside by what one finds on the road signs, that word which disgusts me every time I see it. The word is Daru. It also annoys that famous man Tom Lyng who wrote that wonderful book "Castlecómer Connections". I have never met anybody yet who could put a meaning on Daru.

About the 10th Century the O'Duach territory became the O'Brennan territory and later was taken over by planters till Castlecómer was their only area and today has very many Brennans. Some Durrow people maybe surprised to learn that Durrow was part of Co. Kilkenny for 176 years from 1670 to 1846. The Duke of Ormond was continually in conflict with the Mac Guilla Phadraig. He maintained that he got no satisfaction when he brought them to court. He had so much power that he was able to transfer Durrow to Co. Kilkenny and in so doing got satisfaction in the Courts in Kilkenny. I have a map which shows Durrow in Co. Kilkenny.

To be continued.

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### N.I.D.A. All Ireland Driving Competition

On Saturday 9th July two local drivers participated in the N.I.D.A. All Ireland Driving Competition in Mondello Park. Both drivers are members of N.I.D.A. Midland Region. Ger Conroy came 1st in the Artic Section and Jack Phelan came 2nd in the Rigid Wagon Section. Both drivers will first compete with England in Cork on August 20th and on August 21st will compete with each other and their fellow team mates for the Daf Truck Driver of the year. They then go forward to Luxembourg in September for the European Truck and Coach Driving Championships. We wish both of them every success.

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### Scout News

The District Fia Challenge was held on the Slieve Bloom Mountains recently, Scouts from Durrrow, Rathdowney, Abbeyleix and Mountmellick took part.

Unfortunately the weekend event had to be sortened - for the safety and well being of all involved - due to atrocious weather conditions.

Dermot Woods A.S.L. was the chief organizer for this event, it was his personal project for his Advanced Leadership Training.

Those who didn't travel for the weekend helped out with the Parish Field Day. A Scout tent was used for the exotic Fortune Teller - Madam Zelda.

This weekend Noeleen Dunphy A.S.L. and Dermot Woods A.S.L. are travelling to Ballyfin to help in the running of the first District Cub Camp which is being held in the College grounds.

The Scouts Summer Camp will be held this year in Curragh Chase in Co. Limerick and will be a comprehensive programme of activities including orienteering, swimming, tours, hikes, canoeing etc. The camp will be held from August 13th to 20th. As places on this camp are limited a booking deposit of £10 must be paid to Maura Rafferty by 16th July by all Scouts who wish to go on this Summer Camp.

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### Durrrow I.C.A.

The I.C.A. meeting was held on Tuesday night last in the I.C.A. Hall. The President Mrs. K. Flynn appealed to members to take care of the two new flower beds in the Square and also for three members to finish the painting in the I.C.A. Hall. The annual outing takes place on Wednesday 24th August.

The competition winner was Mrs. Fahy and the raffle winners were Mrs. B. Bergin and Mrs. J. Dempsey.

Next meeting September 13th.

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### Durrrow Parish Field Day

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The Parish Field Day was held on Sunday (last) 10th July in the Convent Grounds and was a resounding success. Fr. Jackie Robinson would like to thank all the people of the Parish who supported the Field Day, those who gave items for sale for the Wheel of Fortune etc, those who worked on the different stalls and those who ran the different events, also those who supplied ponies. A special word of thanks to the Presentation Sisters and Sr. Imelda for allowing the Convent Grounds to be used for the event. The response of everyone was fantastic and a beautiful sunny day ensured a great days entertainment.

Winner of the Mothers race	Mary O'Sullivan
Winner of the Fathers race	Syl Furey
Winner of Name the Doll	Helen Kelly & Olivia Dempsey
Winner of guess the weight of the cake	Mrs. Julia Casey, Ballacolla

Raffle winners	1st Bicycle	Helen Phelan, Galmoy
	2nd Hamper	Ger Alley
	3rd Duvet	Mrs. Nora Fahy
	4th BT Whiskey	Michael Costello

## Harps G.A.A.

The Harps were honoured, this week, with the visit of the President of the G.A.A. John Dowling and well known commentator Michael O Muireaheartaig to the Durrow and Cullohill school. They were met on their arrival by the Chairman of the Harps Juvenile and adult clubs, Jimmy Fogarty and John Phelan in Durrow and Donal Deegan (Secretary) and Billy McEvoy, Vice Chairman in Cullohill in addition to the school Principals John Alley and Jim Rhatigan and Juvenile trainers Martin Brophy and Michael Lanigan. The Harps presented their guests with some cut glass to mark the occasion and they in turn presented the U.14 hurlers with the Laoise Feile na nGael trophies which they won recently.

This visit was in connection with next weeks All Ireland Feile na nGael competitions which will see the Harps take on the cream of Ireland in U. 14 Hurling, Camogie and Handball. Boys and girls from Galway and Antrim will arrive in Durrow on Thursday night at 7.00 p.m. and parents who are accomodating a player for the weekend are requested to be in attendance at the C.Y.M.S. Hall to take their guest to their home.

Support is vital to the Harps youngsters in this Feile na nGael competition, so as many as possible should attend the games. See local papers for match times.

Some cleaning and painting work has still to be done on the dressing rooms and the pitch, before the Feile begins on Friday, so would all genuine Harps people please report to the hurling field on Monday night at 7.30 p.m. to lend a hand.

The Harps Senior hurlers put themselves back in the Championship race with a fine win over high flying Wolf Tones on Saturday last. They now need to pull out all the stops again in their final League game against Clonaslee to force a quarter final play off.

Training continues for the Minor hurlers on Sunday morning at 12.00 sharp. Would people who wished to have a ticket in the £250,000 Piltown co-op draw please contact any Harps Committee member immediately.

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### Porter Cake Recipe.

1 lb. flour,	1 teaspoonfull breadsoda,
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. marg,	2 ozs. mixed peel,
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar,	1 teaspoonfull mixed spice,
1 lb. sultanas,	1 " cinnamon,
2 <del>ozs</del> ,	1 " mace,
1 btl porter or stout,	1 " n
1 egg.	$\frac{1}{2}$ " ground cloves.

Method; Sieve flour, salt and b.soda, add sugar and spices.  
Rub in butter finely. Add fruit. Add porter mixed with beaten egg.  
Bake in a well-greased tin for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours in a moderate oven.  
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The late Canon W. Carrigan lived where Fr. Robinson now lives. When Canon Carrigan was on his death bed Lord Ashbrook had four inches of sawdust placed on Castle Street in front of his house so that the Canon would not be disturbed by the noise of horses and cars passing. The Canon passed away peacefully at 4.00 p.m. on the 12th December 1924. He was 64 years old.

There was a large crowd of people present at the removal of his body to the Church of The Holy Trinity and the coffin was carried shoulder high. Before the removal from the house Mr. Ernest Mercier a member of the Methodist Church, standing on a chair over the crowd, gave an hour long talk regarding the great charitable man Canon Carrigan was, stressing the point how greatly loved he was by members of his Church, next day for the burial the Church was unable to hold the huge crowd.

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Scout News

The 3rd Laoise (Durrow) Scout Troop held a Dusk to Dawn Adventure Hike through Dunmore Wood on 11th and 12th June. The Troop met in the Wood at 9.00 p.m. where they set about gathering fire wood and making sleeping shelters for the night.

The campfire was lit at 11.30 p.m. and the song and fun went on till 12.30 a.m.

Then the Adventure Hike began - the objective being to let the Scouts experience the transformation of night into daybreak through a safe controlled exercise, an event most people of Scouting age have never experienced.

The hike consisted of a set of written instructions given to each Patrol, compass bearings had to be followed and a series of checkpoints on which the Scouts done various activities were gone through. The Hike finished at Dawn and everyone turned in for what was left of the night. The older Scouts slept out using their survival (Bivi) Bags while the rest used the Bivouacs which were constructed earlier.

Leaders for the event were Noeleen Dunphy A.S.L.  
Dermot Woods A.S.L.  
Martin Walsh S.L.

Special Thanks to Margaret Tobin A.B.L.  
Eileen Keenan A.C.S.L.  
Thomas Murphy A.C.S.L.

for helping at some of the checkpoints, also thanks to Sean Healy for transport and Michael Fahy and Forest & Wildlife Service for their continued support.

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Beaver News

A group of Beavers and their Leaders paid a very enjoyable visit to the American Three Ring Circus in Kilkenny recently. The group would like to thank the Parents and Friends Committee who generously subsidised this outing for the Beavers.

The Beavers also spent a very interesting and enjoyable evening in the Church last Friday when Fr. Jackie Robinson took them on a tour of the Church and grounds. We would like to thank Fr. Robinson for his time and great patience.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Nicholas Mooney, Jack Phelan's Lounge on winning a prize in the Guinness Cleanlines Countdown 1988. This prize is awarded by Guinness to Pubs and Lounges who keep up a high standard of cleanliness. Well done Nicholas.

THANK YOU To all who contributed so generously to the Irish Kidney Association recent Church Gate Collection in Durrow. £206.24 was collected for this worthy cause.

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