

Durrow Parish Newsletter  
Compiled by the Durrow Scouts

Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

NEIGHBOURS

"Love thy neighbour" - no marks for guessing who said that. But perhaps in Jesus' day it was easier to love your neighbour. Afterall there were no stereos then to keep the family awake half the night.

On the other hand - not alone did they not have curtains on their windows in Jesus' time - they didn't even have glass in them. So Jesus knew what he was talking about when he said: Love Thy Neighbour.

Here in Ireland the word Neighbours, I think, has gotten itself a bad name. Too often we tend to think of - faces in windows, prying eyes and wagging tongues.

But really - there's nothing wrong with the Neighbours. In fact - if you think about it - you're probably one yourself. Are you forever prying - peeping over fences - poking your nose into others' affairs? You have more to be doing with your time, I'm sure.

"You can't beat a good neighbour" - an old lady I know often says. Yet - too often - we only discover how good our neighbours are, in times of trouble a death in the family - an accident or sickness. Then we realise just how caring and thoughtful they really are.

Neighbours, I think, as a rule are as good as we allow them to be. If we are aloof and not veryfriendly - then it's only fair to assume that our neighbours will more than likely be the same.

On the other hand - if we are helpful and considerate - then that's the kind of neighbour and neighbourhood we're going to have.

"You can't beat a good neighbour" What sort of neighbour are you?

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DURROW C.Y.M.S.

Over the last month all in the C.Y.M.S. have been very busy. The Junior Indoor Soccer Tournament has now got underway.

The first Senior Snooker Tournament came to an end with first time Senior Enda Murphy been very narrowly beaten in a very exciting final by Keven Brophy 3 Frames to 2 Frames.

Some of the Senior members have entered in the McCalmat Cup Snooker Tournament in Kilkenny. Kieran Soames, John Carter, Sean O'Brien and Keven Brophy all got through the First Round but were unlucky to be beaten in the Second Round. Billy Lawlor the only remaining member left in the Tournament has made it through to the Third Round. All in the Durrow C.Y.M.S. wish him the very best of luck in his Third Round game.

The Second Tournament of the season has got underway. This is a Doubles Tournament with a difference, where a Senior and a Junior play together. This has to be a great success. Pool Tournaments are also been organised for our very active Junior members.

Again the Committee would like to entice as many Senior members to join up as possible. So if you've an interest in Snooker, come along, pay up, and play a few games.

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Durrow Credit Union

Durrow Credit Union wishes to advise its members that our office will be open for business on Thursday 23rd March. Business hours 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Linda and Phillip Monnelly on the birth of a son.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Sean Hayes who recently retired after 41 years with the E.S.D. Sean has lived for 33 years in Durrow and has now retired to his native Killaloo, he will be missed by his many friends in Durrow. He played a very active part in the Durrow Tidy Towns Campaign last year. It is hoped that Sean will pay frequent visits to Durrow in the future. He is wished the very best for the future by all who knew him.

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### SCOUT NEWS

On Saturday 4th the Senior Patrol Leaders and the Venture Unit combined to travel to Dublin for the 1st Annual P.L./V.U. Tour.

We left Durrow at 8.00 a.m. as we had arranged for a visit to St. Audeon's Church at 10.00 a.m. for the Irish Life Viking Adventure. Arriving in good time, we were the first group to be admitted, we settled down for the initial part of the visit, this was a short film tracing the coming of the Vikings to Ireland and the effect this had on our culture, from here we went to the time lift which deposited us in a replica of a Viking Village circa 950 A.D. We were guided around the Village by a person dressed in the costume of the period, we visited houses, talked to the residents, met tradesmen, leather workers, weavers etc. The inhabitants of the Village talk to you as if you had entered a time warp, their knowledge of society does not extend beyond the 10th Century. The visit lasted 45 minutes, short but a worthwhile experience.

After the Viking village there was 2½ hours free time in the City.

At 2.00 p.m. we were met outside the gates of Kilmainham Jail for a specially arranged guided tour. This tour lasted 1.5 hours. It consisted of an audio/visual display on the Prison's History, a tour of the prison where we visited the cells of notable people in the course of Irish History - Robert Emmet, Charles Stewart Parnell, James Connolly etc. We saw the Howth gun running ship the Asgard and also the spot where the Leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising were executed. Finally there was a visit to the Prison's Museum. A party of 16 travelled on what was a very enjoyable and worthwhile trip.

The Slieve Bloom District Patrol Leaders Forum was held in Durrow on Friday 10th March. P.L.'s from most Troops in the District travelled and the Forum was chaired by Maeve Dooley who is employed by the Scout Association of Ireland as Regional Development Officer. The 3rd Laoise (Durrow) Troop was represented by Niamh Drennan, Vicky Walsh, John McEvey, Peter McGree and Raymond O'Sullivan.

The Troops 1st Hostelling weekend of the year will take place over 31st March to 2nd April when we visit Kinnitty Log Cabin situated in the Slieve Bloom Mountains.

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### FOREIGE CLUB

The Stray Cats II Durrow Foreige Club would like to thank everyone who supported their disco on Friday night 10th March. We would also like to thank the C.Y.M.S. for the use of the hall.

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### POKER NITE

#### Winners for 7th March

1st M. Carroll  
2nd B. Meade  
3rd K. Creegan  
4th J. Ryan  
5th B. Lawlor  
6th D. Woods

#### Winners for 11th March

1st J. Ryan  
2nd G. Alley  
3rd K. Creegan  
4th J. Murphy  
5th M. Cashin  
6th D. Woods

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### St. Fintan's Residents Association

#### ANNUAL CABINET

in the Durrow Inn  
Easter Sunday, 26th March, 1989

MY PLACE FROM ITS IRISH ORIGINS BY Sr. Oliver

As we continue with our place names this week the first one on our list is:

RATH It comes from Rath-Gill-Caoide or the Rath of the Church of St. Caoide. Rath being the stone ring around a burial ground.

BRANDRA 'Bran' is the Irish word for fallow land i.e. land that is idle or resting. The name then is the fallow land beside the Oak Wood.

BALLACOLLA Baile a Chalaid or the townland of the Callow. Now callow is the long coarse sedgy grass which grows in Summer on land that was water logged in Winter.

KYLENASEER The Church of the Masons.

KYLEDELLIG In this name Kyle is a wood and Kyledellig is the thorny wood.

CULLOHILL In ancient times a forest covered the Cullohill Mountains and extended down as far as Cullohill Village which got its name from the Irish cul-choill or the back of the Hill wood. The first Chapel of Cullohill dates from 1740 A.D. older than the old Chapel of Durrow in Chapel Street. The present Chapel dates from 1837.

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HISTORICAL SNIPPET by J.J. Conroy

Friday Market in Durrow at the beginning of the century was a wonderful event. Farmers would arrive early to get a good vantage point to display their produce. The cars would be met out the road by jobbers who would examine the poultry and vegetables and make offers and with chalk make a secret mark on the side of the car giving the buyer full information on the type of deal he had to make when the farmer arrived at the market.

In later years the Durrow Market was held around the Market House which was situated where Alleys Drillery have their shoe department. There was a big scales where potatoes, pigs etc. would be weighed, the potatoe buyer was Mr. John Woods (Jack) grandfather of the Woods families of Carrigan Street who still keep up the tradition of trading with their Supermarket and Bakery.

Lalor of Abbeyleix was the fish trader. I am told they had a big stall with all kinds of fish - herrings were very popular.

The Market meant quite a lot to Durrow, my late father always said. Shops would do a great business as farmers would be buying their weeks requirements.

I am sure you have often heard the old saying "were you ever in Durrow on a wet Friday", no doubt a wet market day remains in many a memory.

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OUR LADY'S MEADOW P.S.

Results of the March Draw.

1st	Martin Lawlor, Erkindale Drive	£100
2nd	Dolores Campion, Cork Road	£ 50
3rd	Nancy Mahony, Chapel Street	£ 10
4th	Martin Walsh, Mary Street	£ 10
5th	Catherine Alley, The Square	£ 10
6th	Mr. Martin Peters, Erkindale Dr.	£ 10
7th	Kathleen Pore, Capponellan	£ 10

We take this opportunity to remind you all to do your best to attend the Ceremonies of Holy Week and to bring your children with you.

We wish you the peace and joy of Easter and ask God to bless your homes.

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Durrow Community Council

At the last monthly meeting of Durrow Community Council sympathy was extended to the following families;

The Simpson Family  
The Hayes Family, A harney  
The Holchan Family, Graceswood.

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## HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

- Tuesday 21st March Service of Reconciliation with 5 visiting Priests to hear Confessions . 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.
- Holy Thursday Confessions 12.00 - 1.00 p.m.  
Children's Mass 5.00 p.m.  
7.30 p.m. Solemn Mass to Commemorate the Institution of the Blessed Eucharist. Procession to altar of Repose after Mass. Adoration until 11.00 p.m.
- Good Friday Solemn Liturgical Ceremony to Commemorate the  
3.00 p.m. Passion and Death of Our Saviour.  
1. Scripture Reading and Passion  
2. Universal Prayers  
3. Veneration of The Holy Cross  
4. Holy Communion
- Day of Fast  
and Abstinence 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions
- Holy Saturday Confessions 11.30 - 12.30 a.m. 7.00 - 8.00 p.m.  
9.00 p.m. Easter Vigil ceremony and Mass  
Blessing of Fire Paschal Candle The Baptismal Water and renewal of Baptismal vows for which a candle is necessary. Mass of Resurrection.
- Easter Sunday Masses 8.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.  
Easter collection for the Priests of the parish will be taken up on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

### DURROW I.C.A.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Mai Bowe as a new member. Mai's skills will be a great asset to the Guild. Our competition this month was a piece of Patchwork and Mrs. Bridie O'Brien was the winner. Martin Lawlor gave a very informative talk on Shrubs. The draw for our Easter Cake, Crochet Centrepiece and Teddy Bear will take place on Wednesday night 22nd March at 8.30 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall. So, hurry and get your tickets which are available from any I.C.A. Member and from Mahony's Post Office. Tickets only 10 p. each.

### St. FINTAN'S COLLEGE

The Pre Inter and Leaving Certificate Examinations have been taking place during the last week and a half. They are due to finish on 20th March. On Monday, 13th the Junior and Senior Choirs, had their annual examination and both Choirs performed tremendously. On the same date, Senior 11 Students completed their oral test for the Leaving Cert. The school would like to take this opportunity to forward the very best of luck to all candidates who have undertaken exams and hopefully the forthcoming results will be pleasing.

On Friday 16th March the Leaving Cert Honours English students travelled to see Sean O'Casey's celebrated play "The Plough and the Stars" in the Gaiety Theatre. The play is part of this years school course, and on the night it was performed excellently, and was enjoyed immensely by both teachers and students.

The Leaving Cert students of the school will visit Castletown on Tuesday 21st March for an overnight retreat.

On Wednesday 8th last, two teachers from Carlow Regional Technical College visited the school to talk to the Senior classes on entering the college after leaving school. Information was supplied to the students by viewing slides and booklets were handed out at the end.

The schools Young Ireland Group have been active around Durrow during the last week. We sincerely hope that you will support the Buy Irish Campaign that they are helping launch, with the local shopkeepers.

### DURROW CAMERA CLUB

The club held its A.G.M. on Monday 13th March and the following were elected to the new committee: Chairman - E. Megan, Vice Chairman - B. Healy, Secretary - P. Farrell, Ass. Secretary - M. Walsh, Treasurer - P. Cashin, P.R.O. A. Walsh. The meeting opened with a review of the past year and its aims for the coming year. A competition for "Print of the Year" was held and the winner was A. Walsh. New members are welcome at all times.