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## DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

### *Thoughts for the Day - The Grace of Acceptance...*

We are told that it is more blessed to give than to receive, but if there are to be givers there must be recipients. A stubborn independence can upset the balance of friendship and there are occasions when it is more blessed to receive than to give. If in taking something from a friend you are able to make him feel that he has served or pleased you truly, then your pleasure is his and if there be any debt of gratitude it is contracted and discharged on both sides. The joy of giving on the one hand is balanced on the other by the grace of acceptance.

### **LOCAL news:**

**THIRD LAOIS DURROW SCOUTS:** Congratulations to our scouts who recently took part in the Slievebloom County Challenge. This was a camp where our scouts took part in line camping, unaided for the whole weekend. Their skills were challenged and marked in a stiff competition. Our scouts did very well and the whole group should be proud of them! Well done also to Cobra Patrol on receiving bronze standard and Wolf Patrol on receiving silver standard. Next year we hope to qualify - onwards and upwards! Thank you to our quartermaster Leanne Fogarty who put in a great effort in preparing our equipment and Kate Campion for helping with training the scouts. Congratulations to Roscrea Scout who came in first place, Tullamore Scouts for coming in second and Cloughjordan in third place. Our next event is the Scout Fest on the 24th June. Best of luck to any scouts taking part in the Junior Cert or Leaving Cert exams soon.

**Congratulations** to Lorna Campion who has recently taken a job for the next seven months working between Larch Hill campsite and Castlesaunderson. A great job to get, and while there she will also receive qualifications in Archery, Rock climbing to name a few. Well done.

**DURROW TIDY TOWNS:** The committee wish to thank everyone who supported the Church Gate collection last weekend which amounted to €485. This money will go towards the cost of flowers and hanging baskets which we provide to decorate the town over the summer months.

**Appeal:** We would like to see householders and business people decorating their premises with window boxes and hanging baskets also. We need to have our town looking its best for the Scarecrow Festival which attracts a large amount of visitors. It would be very much appreciated by the Tidy Towns committee for people to make that extra effort for ourselves and all the people that will visit the town over the summer months. A neat and tidy town creates a feel good factor for everyone and it's so rewarding when we hear all the positive comments about Durrow. Your efforts are always very much appreciated.

**DONATE BLOOD:** The Mobile unit of the Blood Transfusion Service will be in Durrow at the Castle Arms hotel on Wednesday May 25th from 4.30pm to 8pm. There is a huge appeal for more blood donations as stocks are at a low level and we urge anyone who can donate to attend this clinic and donate blood. Your donation can and will save lives. We especially appeal to young ladies and men over the age of eighteen years to come and give blood.

**BIG FAMILY PICNIC:** *A Date for Your Diary:* Cullohill Community Council are holding a big fundraiser on Saturday 4th June from 6pm to 8pm in the Millennium Garden, Cullohill. A 'Big Family Picnic' is planned with lots of fun to be had. Full details will be made available in the coming week. Looking forward to seeing you there!!!

**HARPS GAA ANNUAL RACE NIGHT:** The Harps GAA are holding their Annual Race Night in Lennons on Saturday 28th May from 9pm. Horses, €10 each are available currently from any adult Harps Player or committee member. Please come along on the night and support!