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A striking lime kiln has been exposed to view in Moynoe at a crossroads known as the "Gullet". The kiln is situated on the farm of Michael McMahon and is in excellent condition. It is well worth a visit if you are in that area.

At present the Community Council employs a team of 16 people under the aegis of Fas. It is this group which has been carrying out the large number of improvements all over the parish. They use their many skills to make Scariff a better place for all of us. They deserve great credit for their interest and enthusiasm.

It has been suggested that the square, as the centre and focal point of the town needs a major facelift. The idea would be to enhance the appearance of the town while at the same time improve parking arrangements to facilitate the continued expansion of business. The Community Council would welcome any comments or suggestions you might have regarding such a development.

Many Community Council Fas workers have in recent weeks been engaged in collecting and storing stone. Work already completed on walls and bridges has received much favourable comment.

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SMOKE IN THE TOWN:

The Community Council continues to be active on this issue - keeping regular contact both with Finsa and Clare County Council. Finsa have been obliged to apply for an Air and Water Discharge Licence by Clare County Council and this application was submitted at the end of 1994. This necessitates the monitoring and analysis of emissions both into the air and the river. Forbairt (an independent body) have completed an initial report on the smoke, and this has been sent to the County Council, whose responsibility it is to determine whether or not it contains anything hazardous to public health.

The smoke is a public nuisance in the town and discussions are taking place as to how this may be rectified. Finsa have stated that they are prepared to spend money on ending this problem.

The objective of Scariff Community Council in dealing with this, is to have a successful Chipboard factory operating in Scariff - without the current pollution problems. We will continue to monitor the situation, on behalf of the people of Scariff - making Finsa aware of day to day problems and keeping you up to date on progress.

We will continue to press the County Council so that this may be resolved in the shortest possible time - at long last there is movement at official level.

SCARIFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

February Draw Results:

£50 Vinnie Henchy - Main Street.

£30 Michael McMahon (Jnr) - Moynoe.

£20 Tom Minogue - Sheاون.

The March draw will take place in the Market House on Wednesday April 5th at 9.00p.m.
Collectors are asked to attend at 8.30p.m.

ASPECTS OF SCARIFF

THE SCARIFF RACES:

All off to Scariff boys
Young and old and married boys
Off to the Scariff Races
In the merry month of May.

Thus runs the chorus of the old Scariff ballad which lauds the venue, the owners and of course the horses. The hawkers of the numerous, different and worthless gee-gaws, the card sharks and pick pockets all had a field day, no pun intended. Hundreds of unsuspecting people, many of them young families out for an enjoyable day at the races, crowded into Scariff on the big day, not a few of them falling victims to the sharks.

TUBBERNAGOTH was the original venue for the Scariff races, which began about 150 years ago. The course lay over Matty O'Brien's farm which runs in a slightly North-easterly direction. It was an ideal course, lying over gently rolling hills and level stretches, with broad fields and low earthen ditches about four feet high.

Altogether, the venue was ideal for either jumps or flat races.

The Tubbernagoth Plate and the Scariff Plate were the races to win, if you wanted to enjoy a reputation of being a real horse breeder and owner. It is said that the course laid out for these events was one of the toughest to be found anywhere. No doubt in its time, Tubbernagoth saw some epic races and racers, but of them all, pride of place must go to a horse called "The Lamb" who in 1868 won the Tubbernagoth Plate and later during the year went on to win the Grand National at Aintree. To show that it was no fluke, "The Lamb" was back in 1871 and completed the same "double". The idea that the course at Tubbernagoth was so tough as to make Aintree seem a cakewalk has often since been a source of speculation.

Michael O'Gorman.

VOLLEYBALL SUCCESS:

National Champions:

The boys of Scariff Community College achieved National Honours recently in the All-Ireland final played at the Thomond College complex. They defeated Mountmellick C.S. by 2 sets to 1 - 15 - 3, 13 - 15 and 15 - 10. All games were very exciting with the result in doubt up to the end with some fine technical shots being played by both teams. The Scariff boys were superbly led by John O'Brien (Capt) aided by John and Kevin Dooley, Damian Healy, Sean O'Grady, Michael Baker, Michael Long, Barry O'Brien, Gareth Nihill, Raymond Cahill, Shane Brett, Enda Molloy, Pat Minogue and Brian Jones.

LIBRARY NOTES:

Great interest has been expressed in the Transition Year Programme currently in progress in Second Level Schools in the area. A resource pack consisting of a ring binder with 200 pages of information on the programme dealing with issues of planning, teaching and learning, curriculum assessment and certification and evaluation is available on loan to library members. The pack with educational video should be of great help to parents and pupils. Further information from Maureen at Scariff Library.

Opening Hours:

Monday	4pm	-	8.30pm.
Wednesday	4pm	-	8.30pm.
Friday	10.00am	-	2.00pm.
	4pm	-	9.00pm.

FOCUS

SCARIFF MINOR G.A.A. CLUB:

Scariff Minor G.A.A. Club was founded in January 1978 when a number of interested parties got together to help train under age players and promote interest in hurling from a young age. Down through the years interest has remained strong in the club, catering for players from U10 to minor level. To date the club has had success winning U14, U15 and U16 Championships, but its greatest achievements have been in minor competition winning five of the last eight County Championships.

With the '95 season just around the corner the club has over 80 young players registered with the County Board and it is expected that Scariff under age players will compete in over thirty matches not including challenge matches during the year. These matches do not happen without much time, effort energy and expense. We have fifteen people involved with the management and selection of the various teams and it must be said that they give time to the youngsters at least twice a week when matches get under way. Parent involvement is very important to us also, as transport to and from games has to be provided.

Club funds come from two main sources, our annual Church Gate Collection and our Race Night both of which will be coming up in April. We would like to thank the people of the parish for their continued support in the past and we would urge you to keep up the good work, because without your help the club would not be able to continue to promote the love of hurling in East Clare.

Anybody interested in becoming involved with the club in any way should contact (061) 921278 we would love to hear from you.

Ann C. Harte
Secretary.

BOXING CLUB NOTES:

As part of their build-up to the forthcoming championships, the local club members have been involved in a series of 'spars' against other clubs in the County, particularly against boxers from Ruan, Kilfenora and Ennis. This is an essential process as it helps to develop the skills and ringcraft which are vital to success in the championships.

At a recent spar in Ennis (Wed. 8th) Brian Mulvihill, Padraig Brody and Aaron Aikers had good wins and are showing the benefits of the extra work they are putting into their training programme. Club coach, Joe Horan is quietly optimistic of their chances of winning titles this season, but adds that they still have an awful lot of work to do.

Get stuck in lads, we all want you to win.

BRIDGE NEWS

Scariff Bridge club played for the Golden Vale Trophy on Thursday 2nd and 9th March. The overall winners were Michael Macnamara and John Kelly. The trophy and prizes were presented by Brendan Cosgrove of Golden Vale. The Club would like to thank Golden Vale for their continued sponsorship. On Thursday the 6th April the Club will be playing for Treacy's Service Station prize. Bridge is held in McNamara's Bar every Thursday night at 7.45 p.m.. All are welcome.

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FARMING

FERTILIZERS FOR 1995

GRASSLAND:

The wet weather has resulted in very little fertilizer being spread yet. The leaching of nitrogen over the winter means that every field starts the year suffering from a shortage of nitrogen. Hence, it is very important to spread up to 50 units of nitrogen as soon as ground conditions allow.

Nitrogen should ideally be spread 6 - 8 weeks before expected date of first grazing.

TYPE OF FERTILIZER TO APPLY:

Where P and K have not been spread compounds like 27: 2.5: 5 or 24: 2.5: 10 or 18: 6: 12 or Leifi Start etc., may be considered. There are more expensive than the O.P.K's and Urea but they save on spreading costs and time.

SILAGE GROUND:

The basic fertilizer of 3 bags of 0 - 7 - 30 per acre should be applied as soon as ground conditions improve. A soil test is the only sure way of knowing the correct amount of P and K to apply. Nitrogen for silage should be applied 6 - 8 weeks before cutting. Urea is the cheapest. As a rough guide 100 units of nitrogen per acre is the safe upper limit for 1st cut silage especially where slurry has been applied.

Pat Gleeson.
Teagasc.

Coolleenbridge School.

Reminder; AGM on Tuesday March 28th at 8.30 p.m.

DERG COMMUNITY GAMES:

Art Competition Winners:

Under 14 1st John Cassidy 2nd Brian O'Connell
3rd V. Gildea.

Under 12 1st Margaret Dillon 2nd Ian McMullen
3rd Max McClure & Michael Scanlan.

Under 10 1st Orla Moloney 2nd Maria Bolton
3rd Laura Harte.

Under 8 1st Colm Madden 2nd Caitriona McGough
3rd Rachael Culloo.

Under 7 1st Romy Rea.

County Art Competition takes place in Ennis on
April 1st. Good luck to all concerned.

Other teams entered include

Two Basketball teams - Coach:- Marie Kelly

One Badminton team - Coach:- Itty Knight

Sports Day is on Sunday May 7th.

We wish to thank the trainers, sponsors, G.A.A.
club and all who have supported us. We look
forward to their continued help.

Our motto is:-

"Keep the children on their feet
Away from T.V. and off the street"

EAST CLARE HARRIERS:

Point to Point Races - Killaloe 2nd April
Hunter Trials - Dromoland 17th April

ART STUDENT'S SUCCESS:

In a recent competition organised by Save Our Lough Derg committee, the first prize of a mountain bike was won by Garrett Nihill, a student of Scariff Community College. Three runners up prizes went to Tembre de Cartaret, Donal Kelly and Pauline Moloney. This competition was open to all students attending schools in Portumna, Borrisokane, Nenagh, Killaloe and Scariff. The winning poster was an excellent piece of work depicting sorrow at the indiscriminate polluting of Lough Derg.

SCARIFF HURLING CLUB.

Training continues every Friday night and Sunday morning. In an exclusive interview for Scariff News Pat Minogue said that the turnout to date was good and he was looking forward to the year ahead. Club Membership is now due. £10. for playing members £5. for non-playing members. Membership can be paid to any committee member.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The weekly subscription to the Community Council monthly draw is a vital element in the Councils efforts to improve and revitalise all areas of the parish. Not only does this contribution enable us to tackle projects such as the Kyle in Clonusker, the christmas decorations and the extensive stone work. It also allows us to attract funds from outside agencies such as Leader to tackle larger works like the riverside amenity development at the Mart. If the potential of Scariff is to be realised, then we must achieve it ourselves. Outside bodies will not take an interest unless we, the people of Scariff, are seen to be at the forefront.

Topsoil.

Topsoil will be needed by the Community Council shortly - particularly in the completion of the riverside area at the Mart. If you can help in this regard please contact the office or any member of the Council.

THE FORGOTTEN GRAVEYARD:

There's a graveyard in Clonusker,
Where little infants lie.
Its six miles outside Scariff,
There's a church close nearby.

There was Blackthorn, Ash and bushes,
All over the little graves.
The headstones were all scattered,
There weren't any names.

We cut down all the bushes.
The headstones we put in place.
Our priest he blessed this graveyard.
We all knelt down to pray.

We built a wall around it.
Inside we placed a cross.
Each time we pass outside the gate,
It reminds us of our loss.

The Fas boys did the work so fast.
It was neglected there before.
Now this forgotten little graveyard,
Won't be forgotten any more.

Sean Pearl.

SOCIAL

The Community Council are holding a parish social for adults on Friday 7th April in the G.A.A. hall. Commencing 9.30p.m. Music by local musicians. Tea will be served. Admission Free.

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