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SCARIFF NEWS

SCARIFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Development in the Fair Green.

Have you noticed how our towns and villages have been improving over the past few years - lovely restoration work - sensitive painting - beautiful renewal of shop fronts - tree planting and the general air of freshness and revitalisation? It kind of makes you feel proud to be Irish when you hear the cameras clicking !! This village renewal is really a marvellous indication of the benefits of communal co operation and here in Scariff we are particularly proud of the fine work being done by so many in and around the town. Keep up the good work and before long Scariff will take its " rightful place " !

There are a few dark spots that need attention and we in the Council are doing our best to help. The Fair Green for example is crying out for consideration and our application to the County Council for Grant aid for its development has been accepted. £50,000 will be made available provided certain conditions are met i.e. the development plan must meet the County Councils Traffic plans for Village and the work must be completed by November. The Community Council is confident that it will meet these and other conditions and is happy that what will finally emerge will help to enhance our pride in our own place. We will keep you posted on developments.

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Pride of place goes again this month to our wonderful senior hurling team and their achievement in reaching the All Ireland hurling final against Offaly on September 3rd. The high level of physical fitness of the team has been widely reported in the local and national media and by hurling experts everywhere. Well done Mike - keep it up. Joe Joe's magic bottle too is obviously still working well.

We know of course that magic doesn't come into it - but sheer hard work and a great commitment in time and energy. We are very proud to have Scariff involvement at a high level and we wish everyone concerned the best of luck on final day.

Carrowmore/Knockroe project is the largest single venture undertaken by the Community Council to date and has been progressing extremely well.

Carrowmore Road - from the new graveyard to the top road has now been tarred and is open to light traffic.

Work on the path to Knockroe is ongoing and when finished will provide a delightful walk for those so minded. The Community Council acknowledges the co-operation and enthusiasm of the landowners in the area and also the assistance of Clare County Council who approved and part financed the scheme.

Monthly DrawJuly

£50 D. Dillon £30 Josephine O'Donnell £20 Joe O'Brien

Special Draw - £50 Winners.

Peggy O'Grady, Eamonn Moloney, Jim Collins, Nora Waterstone, Margaret Macnamara, Mattie Horan, Ml. McMahon (Jnr), James Corbett, Brendan Cosgrove, Anna Treacy.

August Draw will take place in the Market House on Wednesday 6th September at 9p.m.

ASPECTS OF SCARIFF

THE SHOW:

Scariff Agricultural show was first held on Thursday 14th September 1944. Admission to the field was one shilling and the catalogue cost sixpence. Entries were accepted under the following categories:- Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Poultry, Butter, Roots and Vegetables, Corn, Fruit, Cooking Apples, Flowers, Honey, Homemade Jam, Home Produce and Crafts and turf. Looking at these headings one can see that some are still a feature of the show while others have not appeared on the programme for a number of years, and have been replaced by new competitions. What these changes reflect are the changes in the pattern of life in Rural Ireland since the war years. In many areas of food production at that time, people were self sufficient. They had to be. Nowadays butter is not made at home. At one time practically every farmer had pigs and his wife had hens. Likewise corn and apples were widely grown. These later became the preserve of specialist commercial producers. Showjumping was part of the show from an early stage. Older people may remember the stone wall fence. Unlike today, then it was a stone wall - built for the occasion using round stones which would fall easily with scraws on top. A story is told (and it is true!) that years ago a certain gentleman took the pony from under the car coming home from the creamery, threw the saddle on, managed to get over a few jumps and before leaving collected a rosette.

In the earlier years an auction of prize winning animals was held on show day. Cattle have been almost a continuous feature of the show except during the Foot and Mouth outbreak in the sixties. Pony races were once held also. Sometimes these took the form of novelty events and were called potato races. There were competitions for the best turned out pony and car and there were driving competitions for pony and car as well as pony and trap. If some old categories have gone however, new ones have appeared:- Best Dressed Lady and the Baby Show for example. One of the most popular items on the programme in recent years has been the Dog Show.

Three venues have been used for the show: Guilfoyle's field (Riverview Estate), McNamara's field (Finsa) and the present site Cravans in Fossabeg.

For many years the highlight of the social calendar was the dance on the night of the show at which prizes were presented. In 1944 it took place in the Parochial Hall (on the site now occupied by the Bank of Ireland). Admission was four shillings. Dancing was from 10p.m. to 4a.m. to the music of Jack Madigans Dance Band. As the advertisement on the catalogue said: "A

perfect end to a perfect day".
Thanks to:- Laurence Slattery,
Paddy Bugler.

SCARIFF SHOW - 1995:

Scariff 51st Annual Show takes place on Saturday September 2nd. The aim of the show society is to make the show a day's entertainment for all the family. The big event of the show is the St. Brendan's Irish Cream Liqueur All Ireland Yearling Filly Championship Final with horses from four provinces competing. The runner-up last year was a Clare horse. We are hopeful that the winner this year might be a Clare owned horse which would be a good start for Clare on this special week-end when our hurlers are doing us proud in Croke Park. We will also be hosting five All Ireland Qualifiers namely two horse classes, two dog classes and one knitting class for finals in shows that are being held on the 7th and 10th of September. There will be many showing classes and jumping competitions for horses and ponies. There are also a number of cattle and sheep classes. One of the biggest attractions of the show is the dog section which has gone from ten classes last year to seventeen this year. There is a wide variety of classes for both adults and children in the Arts, Crafts, Cookery, Flowers and Vegetable section. We also have a competition for the most appropriately dressed lady and a baby show. There will be tug-of-war, sheaf throwing competitions and a driving display by the Clare County Driving Club. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our local sponsors and helpers. A special word of thanks to Scariff G.A.A. and Rugby Clubs for the use of their grounds and premises without which we could not carry on. We would welcome new members and new ideas to make our show bigger and better.

FOCUS

TUAMGRANEY HANDBALL CLUB:

Since its foundation in 1911, Tuamgraney Handball Club has endured the usual highs and lows of all relatively small sporting organisations. The past year, however, will go down as one of the most successful in the club's history.

Going back to last October, the staging of the World Handball Championships in Clare was a huge boost for handball both locally and nationally. This county was chosen as a venue due to the efforts of Scariff-man Caimin Jones, former Irish Handball President and present Chairman of the Clare Handball Board. Caimin has spent years of his time in the promotion of handball, coaching juveniles and in the administrative side of the game. Six countries, including the world's top handballers, were represented in the World Championships and many of the games were played in Tuamgraney. At the close of competitions, a special night was organised by the club to honour local handball legend Pat Kirby and his wife Carrie. After some exhibition games in front of a crowded alley a presentation was made and all then adjourned to Hassetts for a long night of music, song and reminiscences. Many thanks to Michael Ryan for his time and patience in organising the video of the night.

Having impressed the Munster Council with their ability to handle big occasions, the club was given the honour of staging three Munster finals, the most memorable of which was the over 60's final in which locals Michael Boyce and Seamus O'Neill took part.

All this extra activity was a great boost for the club. Four members went on to win All-Ireland medals on the national scene, while the club was also represented in the final stages of the National Handball Championships. At local level, they became Division 1 champions of Clare for the first time since the competition began. More success followed with the Division 3 team also winning and Division 4 being runners-up in their group. At the moment the club has 40 adult members.

At juvenile level, great effort was made to build up membership, with the result that we now have 35 juvenile members registered. As well as Tuamgraney/Bodyke, Scariff is very strongly represented here, with the young players taking many of the trophies in the local tournament. We had

success here also at county level with our under 10 doubles pair winning the Clare Championship. Many thanks to Peadar Daly for all the time he put in with the juveniles. Club activities, including racquet-ball for ladies and men, will resume in October and we look forward to seeing old and new members back again for an other enjoyable season.

**Jimmy Walsh,
Club Secretary.**

MASS AT MASS ROCK:

It was an evening typical of the summer we have had in 1995. The sun shone from a cloudless sky and the gentle breeze wafting through the trees made conditions most pleasant for the 200 or so people gathered around the Mass-Rock. Cappabane is a beautiful place at any time but on this Sunday in August it was the perfect setting for a special occasion.

Mass was celebrated to commemorate those people who had died in Scariff during the Famine 150 years ago. Before the mass, local historian Michael O'Gorman gave a brief talk. He outlined the effects of the famine in Scariff and compared the conditions in Scariff to the worst we have seen on our T.V. Screens in recent years in Ethiopia and Somalia. Fr. Michael Clancy P.P. quoted Fr. Hugh Quigley who gave an account of the daily life of a priest during the famine and the harrowing scenes to which he was constantly exposed.

The mass was concelebrated by Fr. Clancy and Fr. Martin Bugler - a native of Clonusker. At the end of mass the spontaneous rendition of "Faith of our Fathers" was a very moving moment and a fitting close to the ceremony.

Peggy Collins would not allow anybody to leave without first having some tea. Great credit is due to her and her family for their work in making preparations and for their warm hospitality.

SCHOOL BOOK SALE:

School Book Sale at Scariff Community College.

Books will be taken in on Monday 28th of August 7 - 9p.m.

Books will be sold on Tuesday 29th of August from 7 - 9p.m.

Book lists available at sale.

*This sale is primarily aimed at Leaving Cert market, but we will gladly accept books for all classes.

Participation is guaranteed to lower your school book costs.

A.G.M.

The second Annual General Meeting of Scariff Community Council was held in the G.A.A. Hall on Friday July 7th. The importance of the A.G.M. lies in the fact that it allows the Council to give an account of its activities and finances for the year gone by and it affords the people of the parish an opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions. Secretary Margaret Macnamara read the minutes of last years A.G.M. Chairman Alan Sparling gave his report detailing the activities and objectivies of the Council. Treasurer Donal Bane's financial report was presented to the meeting and was approved. This report detailed the income and expenditure of the Community Council for 1994.

Finally two supervisors who will oversee the Community Council elections in 1996 were chosen. They are Paddy Lowry and Geraldine Moloney. The Financial Report and the Chairmans Report will be published in full in Scariff News in the next few months.

Scariff - Sunday 6th August 3-35p.m.

The sun blazed down. A dozen cars were parked here and there around the town. Not much movement - save a couple from Mountshannon skipping across the street past the Market House and into the pub. The big match was on the big screen.

For a time - silence. Then the drone of a car engine. Tourists came up Church Street and seeing no sign of life made their way out the Connaught Road. Silence again. Two crows on Duggan's chimney and a swallow swooping overhead had the 'Green' all to themselves. Further down - another couple - strangers - sat on the doorstep at Eamon Longs enjoying the afternoon sun.

Yet this was no sleepy little town. Behind every door - that is every door where there was anyone left - hearts were pounding as people dealt in their own way with the tension. The peace outside belied the atmosphere within.

3-40p.m. It was time to back home. Coming into town before the game was part of my way of dealing with the nerves.

S.O.C.

HURLING CLUB NOTES:

ON A CLARE DAY!

The plans had been laid since the historic win in Thurles had been achieved. It was now time to put those plans in to practice.

Pat Minogue had arranged a challenge match with Faughs in Dublin in order to ensure that the hurling team had a good start to the week-end. He would not be disappointed. As Micheal O'Muircheartaigh would often say the "1st half was even the second was even worse". For the record Scariff won the game.

Afterwards the Faughs club laid on a lovely meal and the players and many supporters from the parish made every effort to raise funds for the Faughs club. Garda Mike Minogue was diverting traffic and eventually the travelling army finished up somewhere near St. Stephen's Green. As one wag was heard to say "it was like a fair day in Scariff" there were so many locals there. The mood was one of optimism and Ray Mac told us they couldn't lose. How right he was! Late in the night the crowds began to disperse, some to Ranelagh more to Rathmines and even some to Swords, and believe it or not even some to Leeson Street. The plan was to meet in Barrys the following day.

Sunday arrived and the crack was great. Saffron and Blue was the order of the day, you could count Galway's Maroon and White on one hand that day. What followed was history as our boys held sway and qualified to meet Offaly on the 1st Sunday in September. The colour, the crack and roar when they came out was one of the highlights of the day.

That night the travelling party from the parish was reduced in size, but yet they made their presence felt at the function in the Burlington Hotel. A great night rounded off a great week-end.

If the final is as good in 2 weeks time the famine will indeed be over.

On the club scene the Intermediates and Seniors are still training for the Championship which will be played in Tulla on the Sunday after the All-Ireland. The Seniors recently qualified for the East Clare final when beating Feakle in a replay and they also collected two valuable Clare Cup points with a win over Tulla last Saturday.

The 6th edition of Slieve Aughty - the journal of East Clare Heritage has been launched by Donal Carey T.D. Minister of State. The ceremony took place at The Cobblers Rest Bodyke.

Heritage secretary Paddy Gleeson was M.C. for the evening and he paid tribute to all who had contributed material to the journal. He was he said particularly pleased to welcome Donal Carey to Bodyke.

Mr. Carey said he was full of admiration for those involved in the East Clare Heritage Centre and particularly Gerard Madden. He said that the journal would be of interest to everyone in East Clare - and to exiles overseas. He highlighted "**The Games We Played**" - an article which deals with schoolyard games of the past. "Your own personal strengths" he said "are built on your heritage". He went on "I am very satisfied that people in East Clare have their feet on the ground. You stick to a lot of old traditions and you pass them on. Here is an example where Slieve Aughty takes an opportunity to pass on simple games that were played". The journal is available in various shops in Scariff and costs £4.

ATHLETICS:

Debbie Shaughnessy brought success to Scariff in July when she won a silver medal in the under 13 discus at the National BLOE finals in Santry. Debbie's throw of over 26 meters equalled last years winning throw in the competition by Claire Akers - she was pipped however by about a meter for gold. Debbie began training under John Walsh in the Community College and later with Brian Akers. Serious training began in January and her first competitive outing was in the North Munster Championships in Limerick which she won. She competed in the Munster finals in Cork and emerged the winner with a throw of 22.1 meters. This qualified her for Santry where she won the silver medal.

Competition is now over for 1995. Her winter programme involves circuit training to build strength and of course work on her throwing technique.

Debbie is a very determined young lady and says she will make every effort to go one better next year and strike gold.

The Banner Boys

*The Clare boys are back again
With their banners flying high
Ready to face the Offaly men
With Galway put aside*

*Come to Dublin to see us line out
The best 15 men - not a shadow of doubt
We have Cork put away, Limerick as well
What a final twill be, what a story to tell*

*Loughnane & Mack - they trained our boys
Up and down hurling fields - across mountain sides
Twas early in the morning when they went out to train
So come on to Croker - Twill not be in vain*

*We'll take over Dublin
On that final day
And bring "Liam McCarthy"
Back down our way*

Sean Pearl

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scale musical production in June. Classes are an hour and a half and incorporate
acting, dance and voice. There will also be a Just Jazz dance class for Teens by
audition only. For information phone Susanne Mc Allister 061 923125.

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and blue on All Ireland Day.

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Good luck to the Clare team from the Harbour Bar.

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