

There was a good attendance at the Mullinahone Credit union's 30th AGM in the Knocknagow centre. The AGM was attended by the members auditor Lionel Steen. Once again the figures presented in the financial report which has been circulated to all members, with notice of the AGM made good reading.

According to the report the current assets of Mullinahone credit union stand at 3.64 million euro. If growth in the next year which began for our credit union on October 1st keep pace with last years growth the assets of Mullinahone credit union this time next year will be in excess of 4million euro.

The growth rate last year was over 12 percent. The growth in assets is a heavy surplus allowed a dividend of 3 per cent to be declared on shares or members saving on the AGM.

During the last year the credit union advanced more than one million euro in loans to members. Last year was the first time this target was achieved it is a far cry indeed from the figures dreamt of by the credit union founder members 30 years ago.

Lotto

The local jackpot was not won on December 3rd. The numbers drawn were: 8, 16, 22 and 28. There were five winners of the match 3 prize: Davina Watson, Ger Costello, Ann Gleeson, Paddy Doheny and Jackie Grinsell, who shared the prize of €150. Next draw will be on Monday, when the jackpot could be worth €4,250. Christmas meat vouchers will also be raffled.

Penitential Service

The Christmas ceremonies in St. Michael's NS will begin on Sunday evening at 7pm. The lead off will be a penitential service. We are reminded in the parish newsletter that attending the penitential service is the most important preparation for Christmas.

Isertkieran Cemetery

Our congratulations to Johnny Houlihan and his team on winning an award from South Tipperary Co Council in the graveyards competition. Isertkieran received an award as the most improved cemetery.

Well done to Johnny and his support team and to the public who helped out by tending to graves of loved ones in Isertkieran. To quote an old Knocknagow greeting "God bless the work"

Christmas Outing

Our Knocknagow Social Club are off on their annual Christmas outing tomorrow (Thursday). Lunch will be in the Slievenamon Golf Club. The social club's Christmas Draw will take place at the lunch. This will be the last meeting of the social club, as the club goes into hibernation after the lunch until it re-opens in the spring.

Website

The new Mullinahone website continues to develop. Inform family members away from Mullinahone to have a look at the new and improved site over Christmas. Anybody interested in keeping the website up to date or improving or increasing its content should contact John Quirke. Any assistance would be appreciated as Mullinahone seeks to embrace 21st century technology.

Whatever about contributing to the site be sure to pay it a visit be it from Durban, Darwin, Dublin or even Drangan.

Mullinahone Magazine

Perhaps you are more old fashioned and would prefer the written word. If that is the case then perhaps the 2007/2008 Mullinahone Magazine is the one for you. As always the goings on in the parish over the last year are recounted. In fact as this is the 25th edition of the magazine there is an amount of nostalgia. Plenty of this is centred on the photo on the back cover of the magazine.

The original purpose of the magazine was to give an account of the Kickham Centenary celebrations to the people of Mullinahone at the end of 1982. It has continued to do so in every edition.

GAA

Last Sunday was an important day in South Tipperary GAA circles. In the morning all clubs in the division attended a commemoration in Churchtown Cemetery, near Carrick On Suir, where the first president of the GAA, Maurice Davin is buried. An oration was given by Peter Quinn, former president of the GAA.

The Mullinahone banner was displayed at the commemoration in the ceremony as was held by club chairman Tommy O Sullivan and club supporter Tony Nolan.

Tony's father the late Mick Nolan was a member of the Tipperary football panel in Croke Park on Blood Sunday, 1920. The South Board GAA convention took place in Clonmel on Sunday evening. This event brought the South Tipp centenary year to an end.

To mark the year the chairman, secretary and treasurer of each club in the division were presented with medallions as having served during that year.

In Mullinahone the recipients were Tommy O Sullivan, Oliver Vaughan and Albert Curran.

Three other Mullinahone men were also presented with medallions by the South Board in recognition of services rendered to the South Board during centenary year. The trio were Martin Cody, Ricky Sheehan and Dick Egan. At the convention Dick Egan was also re-elected as vice-chairman of the Board.

Parish Newsletter

Sister Essie will lead the First Holy Communion children in celebrating their Advent Mass on Sunday at 11.30am. Anniversary Masses next weekend – Saturday, 8pm: anniversary for Kitty and Frank Walsh, Ballyduggan; Sunday, 9.30am anniversary: Margaret and Daniel Morris, The Islands and their daughter Peg Scott, Ballyrichard; Sunday, 11.30am; anniversary: Paddy Hyland, Cappaghmagrane and Manchester.

We thank those who have contributed to the fund to keep the cemeteries (sacred places) of our loved ones dignified.

Golf Society

The local society's next outing is to Mountain View golf course on Saturday. Please contact the committee with your entry before the event so that they may arrange teams and tee-off times. There will be prizes galore.

Annual membership of €20 is due on the day.

Village Issues

The issues of anti-social behaviour and dumping of litter are probably the biggest issues troubling the village community.

Dumping in the vicinity of the church car park near the bottle banks is unacceptable or indeed any place else either.

Perhaps silent nights will be the order of Christmas