



### RATHFEIGH GIRLS TO SING WITH LIAM LAWTON

Six girls from Rathfeigh National School are singing on Liam Lawton's new Christmas CD "Christmas Song" which was recorded locally in Stuart Gray's Studio. As a result of this they have been asked to sing in the National Concert Hall with Liam on Tuesday 19th December. Pictured above during the recording session are: Margaret Fox, Saoirse McGrath, Maeve Byrne, Catriona Keoghan, Faustina O'Sullivan and Róisín Gryson

The RST committee wish all our readers, contributors, delivery people and sponsors a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. We thank you all for your support throughout the year.

## SKRYNE/RATHFEIGH PARISH Christmas Arrangements 2006



**Sunday 17th December**  
Carol Service in Rathfeigh Church  
7.00 p.m.

**Sunday 24th December**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Mass in Rathfeigh at 8.00 p.m.  
Mass in Skryne at 9.30 p.m.

**Monday 25th December**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Masses in Skryne at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Mass in Rathfeigh at 12noon

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**Penitential Service:**  
Monday 18th December  
in Skryne Church at 8.00 pm

**Confessions:** Sunday 24th December  
in Skryne Church at 12.00 noon

## BLOTTO RESULTS

**SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**  
Numbers drawn: 4 - 6 - 14 - 21

**Jackpot not won - €40 each to:**  
Cathy Lawlor, George Grey  
C Irwin, John Murray

**SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER**  
Numbers drawn: 1 - 2 - 20 - 22

**Jackpot not won - €40 each to:**  
Mandy, James Gaynor

**SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER**  
Numbers drawn: 18 - 20 - 21 - 24

**Jackpot not won - €40 each to:**  
Patricia Conroy, Michael Mulvaney

**SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER**  
Numbers drawn: 2 - 6 - 11 - 13

**Jackpot not won - €40 each to:**  
John Wilkinson, John O'Brien

**SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER**  
Numbers drawn: 3 - 6 - 10 - 11

**WINNER!!!** Ita McCormack

Next Week's Jackpot

**€1,500**

*Thank-you for your support.*

## REAL-LIFE BUSINESS CLASS



Rathfeigh National School has gone into the organic food supply business with produce from its prize-winning organic garden. The school, overall garden prizewinners in the Meath Pride of Place 2006 school competition, has supplied local company Catering Direct with produce, and pictured left is Tom Mahon of Catering Direct with pupil Adrian Whyte and some of the produce from the school garden.

## CONDOLENCES

To the Brennan family on the death of Theresa's father and cousin,  
To the Carty family on the death of Kathleen's mother,  
To the Carolan family on the death of Paddy,  
To the Tormey family on the death of Joe's sister,  
To the Devine family on the death of Mick,  
It is a very fitting time of the year to remember all those from our parish who have passed away during the past 12 months. Our thoughts are with their families at this time. May they rest in peace.



## RATHFEIGH CHOIR SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

This year Rathfeigh Choir celebrated its 20th anniversary with the launch of a CD entitled "Give thanks to the Lord" at a special mass last May. The CD, which includes many of the Choir's favourite hymns, has had steady sales since its launch. After paying the production costs for the CD, the Choir decided that any profits from sales would be donated to charity. At a small ceremony after 6pm Mass in Rathfeigh Church last Saturday evening (2nd December) the Choir Director Rita Swan announced the two charities between whom the profit of €1,500 was shared. "While producing the CD was hard work for all concerned and in particular for Stuart, Anne and Jimmy Gray, it also provided us with a great sense of achievement" said Rita as she presented a cheque for €500 to Conal McDevitt from Meath Arch Club, which is a recreation club for adults with a learning disability. A further cheque of €1,000 was then presented to Josephine Reynolds from the Salt and Pepper club, Ashbourne, who fund raise for the Irish Cancer Society.



Congratulating the Choir on this initiative Fr. Joe Gleeson noted that copies of the CD were still available and would make a lovely Christmas present!

*Pictured right is Rita Swan presenting a cheque to the two charities.*

**Rathfeigh Choir will hold its annual Christmas Carol Service in Rathfeigh Church on Sunday 17th December at 7pm. ADMISSION FREE**

## ~ THANK YOU ~

We would like to extend Christmas greetings and our grateful thanks to all those who helped in any way to keep the RST on the road over the last year. It was a year in which we found it more difficult to gather articles than any year to date, with the result that there was a dip in the number of issues we published. Hopefully with the help of our current, and hopefully, some new contributors we can improve on our frequency in the coming year. Our sponsors are vital to our survival and you can be assured your support is very much valued. If any sponsor would like to sponsor a future issue at a special time of the year please let us know and we will reserve that slot for you.

Our distributors ensure that most houses get the RST delivered directly to their door. Unfortunately there are some areas where this does not happen. If you live in one of those (unintentionally) neglected areas perhaps you or a member of your family would consider delivering to a number of houses. Finally, everyone may not be aware that we now have our own website: [www.rstmeath.com](http://www.rstmeath.com) where the last two or three issues of the RST can be accessed. If anyone would like to advertise on this site please contact us to make the necessary arrangements. Once again, a happy and peaceful Christmas to everyone from all in the RST.

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# • SKRYNE GFC NEWS •

## Skryne reach U21 Championship Final

*Skryne 3-11, Dunboyne 1-10*

Skryne U21s took to the field in Ratoath against Dunboyne in this semi final clash and came away with a well deserved win to book their place in the U21 Championship Final 2006. To say the conditions were atrocious would be a bit of an understatement as this game was played in a windswept rain-lashed Sean Eiffe Park. Skryne won the toss and took the brave but well thought out decision to play against the wind in the first half. As previously stated, the conditions were atrocious with Skryne having to play against a near gale force wind at times and the half time scoreline: Dunboyne 1-9, Skryne 1-2 reflected this fact. The signs early in the second half were ominous for Skryne when Dunboyne drew first blood with a point from play to stretch their lead to 8 points. This was to prove to be Dunboyne's final score of the game as Skryne dominated proceedings assisted by gale force conditions. It has to be said that the Skryne performance in the 2nd half was much improved and they took full advantage of the conditions with some accurate shooting. Once they got their noses in front there was no stopping them and they ran out winners on final scoreline: Skryne 3-11, Dunboyne 1-10.

Skryne will now line out against Summerhill in the U21 Championship Final in Pairc Tailteann on Saturday 9th December at 2.15pm and we wish them all the best.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Skryne GFC would like to congratulate the Skryne marathon men, Dessie Finnerty, James Battersby, David Lynch, David Rogan, and James Looby who took part in and successfully completed the Dublin City marathon on the October weekend. They were representing The National Childrens Hospital, Crumlin and The National Learning Network in Navan and raised a very substantial amount of money in the process. Skryne GFC were delighted to have played their small part in sponsoring the team to the tune of €500 and hope this will go some way to helping these very worthy causes.

**SEASONS GREETINGS:** Skryne GFC would like to wish all its members, players, sponsors, supporters and the wider Skryne – Rathfeigh and Tara communities a very happy Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. We would urge all to take care on the roads over the festive season and to heed the advice given by the Gardai and other relevant authorities.

## Tara and District Credit Union

### Christmas OPENING Hours

#### KILMESSAN

Our office will close on Saturday 23rd of December at 3pm and reopen on Thursday 28th of December at 10am. Usual working hours thereafter.



#### SKRYNE

Normal hours on Saturday 23rd and 30th of December.



#### KILTALE

Please note that on Saturday 23rd this office will be open from 1pm - 2pm Saturday 30th of December normal hours from 2pm - 3.30pm.

We wish all our Customers a very Happy Christmas



The under 21 Backroom team from left: Lily Fox, Eddie McCormack, Dermot Carty, Micky Harte (Tyrone team manager who dropped in to see the U.21s in training), Paddy Ryan and Nicky Hamill

## IRISHTOWN / RATHFEIGH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The AGM of the Irishtown / Rathfeigh Residents Association took place on November 25th in Fox's pub, Skryne. Items of concern which were discussed were:

1. The dangerous condition of Rathfeigh Cross for local traffic.
2. The use of the Riverstown road as a shortcut by HGV's which is resulting in the road becoming severely damaged.
3. The ongoing problem of domestic litter being dumped in roadside ditches. A major cleanup will have to be organised in the New Year.

Officers elected for the coming year were:

Chairman	Dermot Geary
Secretary	Tommy Doyle
Treasurer	Mary Griffin

*Wishing all our members a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.*

## Christmas Crackers

- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.
- Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

## NEXT ISSUE

**SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY 2006**

*All articles etc. to be submitted before*

**Wednesday 17th January**

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## SKRYNE TARA KNIGHTS LAY DOWN TITLE MARKER

*Skryne Tara Knights 4 - 4 Parkvilla*

Skryne Tara Knights Under 8s signalled their intent for MDL glory when the December tournament is decided. Managers Tony Carolan and James Murphy asked their players to "up their game" over the Halloween and all players produced their best performances to date. They put two impressive displays back to back when drawing with league leaders Parkvilla and earlier with Kingscourt 2-2.

Skryne Tara forced the pace in the first half and were rewarded with an early goal. The ball was crossed from the right and Pdraig Finnerty first timed a low shot into the right corner, sending the goalie the wrong way.

Buoyed by this great start, the team grew in confidence and Jason Reddy was fouled on the half way line. Jason hit a pacey free kick into the danger zone and Fiachra Finegan netted with a superb glancing header which gave the goalie no chance.

Parkvilla hit back with a super left footed strike from half way just before the break. They got the equaliser early in the second half and started to dictate the pattern of the game. They deservedly took the lead with a shot from an acute angle on the left. It looked as if the game was sewn up when Parkvilla's striker made it 4-2.

Skryne Tara regained control in the last quarter and James Finnerty was brought down just outside the box. He took a quick free and slotted the ball into the left corner. Skryne Tara threw caution to the wind and threw everything into attack. Jason Reddy was teed up by a perfectly floated pass and he struck it first time from the half way line to score a spectacular equaliser. (Jason had already converted his team's two penalties against Kingscourt

earlier in the evening).

Skryne Tara were well served by both goalies on the night, Michael Carolan and Jamie Murphy who both brought off many fine saves. Andrew Moore and James Finnerty were solid as rocks in defence. Midfield, Jason Reddy, Fiachra Finegan and Lloyd Carolan worked like trojans. Forwards, Pdraig Finnerty, Jordan Thorpe, Daniel Collins and Donal Cassidy created loads of chances up front.

## U9 Shield Final

*Skryne – Tara U9s lined out against Trim in the Shield final on Tuesday evening last in the MDL in Navan. After some top class performances against Rathkenny in the quarterfinal and Parkvilla in the semi final expectations were justifiably high. This was a first class game of football with some exceptional skills and commitment on display from the Skryne – Tara boys. The half time interval saw the sides level on a scoreline: Skryne – Tara 0, Trim 0. The second half was evenly contested before Trim found the target to go one goal in front. The Skryne – Tara boys never dropped the head and threw everything but the kitchen sink at Trim in their determination to get one back. Despite a number of close misses we never managed to pull one back but looking at all the circumstances we probably deserved at least a draw on the evening. So well done to the boys on reaching the final and judging by their performances to date there should be plenty of silverware to collect over the coming years.*

*Team – Lorcan Bownes, Tiernan McGrath, Colm McLoughlin; Eoghan Greene, Philip Weldon, Barry Clarke, Jason Fox, Kevin Lynch, Darren Fox, Aidan Gill, Mathew Rattigan, Kevin O'Brien.*

## STOP PRESS!!!

*Skryne Tara Knights qualified for the Under8 Shield Final when they defeated Kingscourt 1-0 in the Semi-final on Friday December 1st at the MDL. James Finnerty grabbed the all important goal to set up a final pairing with old rivals Trim Celtic. Let's hope Skryne Tara Knights make it two shields in a row as the warriors won an historic epic duel versus Trim town last year.*

## Under 8 Soccer

Skryne Tara Warriors Under 8s (most of the panel are 6-7 years old) fought bravely against Trim's much older team in this shield knockout game. Michael Doherty played in goals and was very busy all evening. The lion-hearted defenders Fiachra Finegan, Enda Kennedy and Colm Doherty held out stubbornly until two minutes before the break when Trim scored a lucky goal. Midfielders Michael Long, Brian Clarke and James Connon battled bravely. Forwards Sam Irwin, James Kean and Donal Cassidy tried to score a goal against a resolute defence. Manager Val Finegan stated the whole team including the other panelists Eoghan Quinn and James Tully have improved in leaps and bounds and will be a force to be reckoned with when the 2007 league starts.

## Skryne – Tara Soccer Club

Skryne – Tara U9 and U10 Teams had their first taste of big time football when they lined out in Drogheda United's home ground on Saturday evening 14th October. They took to the field during the half time interval of the game between Drogheda United and UCD and they received a warm reception from the capacity crowd. The game between the U9 and U10 teams was evenly contested throughout and the spectators were treated to a display of some first class football. The assembled crowd showed their appreciation when they gave the teams a huge round of applause on exiting the field. This event was organised by the Meath Supporters Group and the youngsters enjoyed this experience immensely and who knows we may have seen some future stars in the making. The management would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Holland of the Meath Supported Group who organised the event and to Drogheda United for facilitating the Skryne / Tara youngsters.



### UNDER 9 AND UNDER 10 SKRYNE TARA TEAMS

**Back Row:** Charles Carolan (Mentor), Senan McGrath (Mentor), Josh Finegan, Enda Byrne, Sean Cassidy, Cathal Murphy, John Morley, Keelan McManus, Andrew Hayes, Rory Booth, Val Finegan (Mentor), Frank Weldon (Mentor). **Middle Row:** Aidan Gill, Darren Fox, Colm McLoughlin, Kevin Lynch, Paddy Doherty, Cathal Carolan, Anthony Byrne. **Front Row:** Jason Fox, Owen Greene, Barry Clarke, Philip Weldon, Kevin O'Brien, Lorcan Bownes, Tiernan McGrath.