

RST GOES ON LINE

The RST now has its very own website. It can be accessed on www.rstmeath.com

We would like to extend a very grateful thanks to Digiweb and the Quinn family who set up the web site and are sponsoring it.

This is an excellent development for the RST and it's many readers. It will be particularly welcome to those families who have members currently living abroad. They will now be able to get the latest news just by logging on, no matter what part of the world they happen to be in.

We would welcome any suggestions on how we may develop the website over the coming months so that we can all gain the maximum benefit from this latest chapter in our evolution.

RUNNING FOR CHARITY....

"In everybody there exists the capacity to do something really special." Wise words from a wise man, so with these words in my mind, myself and James Battersby are embarking on what we think is something special. In a moment of madness last December I decided to raise money for people less well off than ourselves and came up with the idea of taking part in the Dublin City Marathon. In meeting James on New Years Day in Fairyhouse I told him of my intentions and his reply was "I'll do it with you". So with just two months to go, it's time to start our fundraising campaign. We plan to circulate sponsorship cards in the parish and surrounding areas and hope that people will dig as deep as they can for two worthy causes - "Crumlin Hospital" and "The National Learning Network Navan". We all know about Crumlin Hospital and the great work they do but people may have difficulty in appreciating the work that "The National Learning Network Navan" do for people with special needs. They are situated in Navan and their role is to prepare the young adults with special needs to integrate with the outside world. In their case, the monies raised will go towards educational trips and their Special Olympic Fund. The proceeds will be divided 50-50 to both charities.

We will be launching our fundraising campaign with a Quiz in Swans on Friday 15th September at 9 o'clock and then circulate sponsorship cards around the parish in the weeks leading up to the Marathon on October 30th.

Looking forward to your support on the night and if anybody feels like taking a sponsorship card please do. Finally I would like to thank Vinny Bryne and Liam Ruddy of L&V Milk Deliveries for their generous sponsorship.

Yours Sincerely, Des Finnerty

JACKIE O'LEARY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

resumes on Tuesday 12th September, Skryne Hall.

In Memory of Mrs. Mary Devine, R.I.P.

When Mrs. Mary Devine, Cabragh, died in St. Joseph's nursing home, Trim, on the last Sunday of July, her passing left a large gap in our community. Having celebrated her 103rd birthday on May 28th, Mrs. Devine was the oldest person, not just in Skryne, but in Co. Meath. Even people who never met her knew of her and were in some way uplifted by her being in the parish. A large crowd attended her 100th birthday mass and celebration in Skryne Church and hall in 2003. She was in excellent form on that night and to stand there listening to her was an experience to treasure.

Even in these days of extended life expectancy, she was a rarity. We know that it may be some time before her likes passes this way again and while we offer our condolences to her family in their grief, it may be a consolation to them to know that she will be fondly remembered by all of us.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere sympathy to Martin Dolan on the death of his sister Brigid, to Oliver Brooks on the death of his sister and to Lisa Dowling on the death of her mother

The people in the photo from last issue were: Jimmy Swan, Tommy Murphy (RIP) and Jimmy Nugent.

OPENING SOON....

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More details in next issue

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BLOTTO RESULTS

SUNDAY 6th AUGUST

Numbers drawn: 6 - 15 - 20 - 24

Jackpot not won - €40 each to:

Kieran O'Brien, Sean Tarrant
Sean Curry, Brendan McGuinness

SUNDAY 13th AUGUST

Numbers drawn: 5 - 7 - 10 - 20

Jackpot not won - €40 each to:

Seamus McAuley, John McManus
Eamon Giles, James Gibbons Jnr

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST

Numbers drawn: 8 - 18 - 22 - 23

Jackpot not won - €40 each to:

Brian McSorley, Stephen Kelly
Bryan Goulding, Jake O'Brien

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST

Numbers drawn: 3 - 14 - 20 - 22

Jackpot not won - €40 each to:

Vincent Ludlow, Darren Tobin
Pauline Cleary, Robert White

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

Numbers drawn: 8 - 16 - 19 - 23

Jackpot not won - €40 each to:

Tracey McEnroy, Ciaran O'Rourke
Laura Coffey, Neisha Hanley

Next week's jackpot: €2,500

Thank-you for your support.

NEXT ISSUE

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

All articles etc. to be submitted before

Wednesday 20th September

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How well do we know "Our Own Place"

Following on from a recent RST article, here is an explanation of various local place names:

GEORGE'S CROSS: called after George Wilson, who many years ago owned the house and lands of Paddy Farrell and family of Oberstown.

CARTY'S CROSS: Going from the Hill of Skryne to Lismullin (past Jessica Willis's house). At the end of that road is Carty's cross called after the CARTY family who lived there, and are the ancestors of Carty's of Skryne and Anne Gray of A&J Print.

THE FINGER BOARD: Just after Corbalton Hall on the left there is a road to the right leading to Dunshaughlin, (straight on for Ratoath), that junction is known as the Finger Board.

BILLY'S ROAD: Going from the five roads to Old Garlow cross, at the back entrance into Lismullin there's a road to the right, it was always called Billy's road.

TYLISS BRIDGE: Going from Swan's pub to Ratoath, turn left at Halltown Cross and about two miles along the road is Tyliss, also known as Greenpark Bridge.

THE CONNABURRY: About half way from the hill of Skryne to Meagher's cross along the Baronstown Road there is a sandpit on the right which used to be worked by the Council for repairing the roads and was known as the "Connaburry".

DILLON'S BRIDGE: Going along the N3 from Ross cross to Navan, in the dip in the road just before Garlow cross is Dillon's bridge and there was a school there until 1958.

FOWLER'S CROSS: Coming away from Rathfeigh Church car park, turn right heading for the Snailbox, the first cross roads is Fowler's Cross.

THE TERMINUS: Going east from Edoxtown Cross to the main Ashbourne / Slane road (N2), after the Mill cross there is a road to the right leading to Rathfeigh Nursing Home, that's the Terminus, (obviously so called since the time of the Stagecoach).

TEMPLEKIERAN: Going from the five roads to Garlow cross, at the bottom of Lismullin hill at a bad bend is situated Templekieran. There is a very well kept Graveyard up the field at that spot. (worth a visit).

THE SLANE CROSS: Again, going from Edoxtown cross to the main Ashbourne / Slane road (N2) that cross, (now called Rathfeigh cross), was always known as the Slane Cross.

RUNAHEN: At the Mill Cross, Rathfeigh, turn left for Kentstown, Danestown, and about a mile over that road, turn left again and at the next cross (Danestown Cross), left again and you are in Runahen.

MAHER'S CROSS: At Ross Cross, heading for Navan, the next cross is Maher's cross, (so called after generations of Mahers who lived in the big house on the left).

THE DAMSON DITCH: About a hundred yards down the road from the (aforementioned) Terminus on the left was a whole row of Damson trees where all the locals gathered the fruit, nearly everyone made homemade jam in those days and getting the fruit for free was a real bonus, (also blackberries and crabapples for crab jelly)

REILLY'S CROSS: Going down the Borrowaddy road from the Five Roads to Edoxtown cross, about a half mile down is Reilly's cross

(which isn't a cross roads at all, it is just a junction to the left).

THE HILL O'THE ROCK: After turning left at Reilly's cross, at the end of that road you come to a Y junction, left takes you to Walterstown, turn right, and you are at the top of the Hill O'The Rock.

THE SOLDIER'S GAP: In 1944 or '45 our Irish soldiers were out doing what was called "manoeuvres", a lorry load of them was dropped along the Borrowaddy road and they went through a big thick thorn hedge as if it wasn't there, into Reilly's fields. The gap they made in the hedge was forever after called "The Soldier's Gap", and even after all those decades of hedge rejuvenation the gap can still be noticed.

THE GLEN: Going east from Swan's pub, turn right at George's Cross and past Dr. Clarke's house, there is a dip in the road, known as the Glen.

PULNUTOWN LANE: Going to Ratoath from Swan's, the next road to the left after The Finger Board will take you to Pulnutown Lane.

CANDLE HILL: Heading for Walterstown, turn right at the Priest's Cross and take the first left - this is Candle Hill. Anyone know how this place got it's lovely name??? Answer in next RST.



Jimmy Farnan pictured with Niall Quinn at the Cheltenham Races which took place in March of this year.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

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MEATH SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

WALTERSTOWN – TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST

SKRYNE v SENESCHALSTOWN
Skryne 1 – 9, Seneschalstown 1 – 7

Skryne took on Seneschalstown in this SFC clash in Walterstown and came away with a well-deserved two point winning margin. Skryne were forced to line out without the services of Mick O'Dowd, Allen Carty, Jamie Jordan and Martin Mulvaney all out through injury and who have featured prominently in their championship campaign to date. The early exchanges yielded little as both sides were guilty of some wayward shooting in the first ten minutes. Skryne were first to register on the scoreboard and this came in the form of a goal in the 11th minute. The goal came about as a result of a well-worked move starting with Brian Smyth who collected a breaking ball in the middle of the field. He found David Lynch with a well-placed pass and he in turn picked out Trevor Giles who set up Kevin Mulvaney in front of goal. Kevin made no mistake when he sent a low ball into the back of the opposing net to send Skryne one goal in front. Seneschalstown hit back a minute later when Brian Sheridan scored a point from play. Kevin Mulvaney restored Skrynes three-point margin with a well-taken point from play in the 15th minute. Skryne had a further point from play in the 23rd minute, which came about from a well-worked move involving Trevor Giles, Kevin Mulvaney and finally Brian Byrne who finished the job with a well-taken point. Davy Byrne struck back for Seneschalstown on the stroke of half time with a point from play to leave the scores at the break: Skryne 1-2, Seneschalstown 0 – 2

**PAIRC TAILTEANN - SUNDAY 3RD
SEPTEMBER**

SKRYNE V TRIM
Skryne 0 – 6 • Trim 0 – 11

Trim were first off the mark when Paul Gilsenan scored a point from play in the 1st minute of the half and between then and the 9th minute they had a further four unanswered points to leave the scores at Trim 0-5, Skryne 0-0. Skryne were awarded a free in the 10th minute when Kevin Mulvaney was fouled and Trevor Giles converted to register Skrynes first score of the afternoon, which came in the form of a point. Darren Fay had another point for Trim when he put a sideline ball over the bar to leave the scores in the 12th minute Trim: 0-6, Skryne 0-1. Skryne then had a point from play in a well-worked move involving Martin Mulvaney, Mick O'Dowd and finally Kevin Mulvaney who completed the move with a well-taken point in the 15th minute. Minutes later Kevin Mulvaney got through on goal but he had to watch in desperation as his shot struck the bottom of the upright denying Skryne what would have been an all important goal. Trim was obviously buoyed up by this let off as they went up the field to score another time this time by Derek Donohue. Trim were now ahead on a scoreline Trim 0-7, Skryne 0-2.

Skryne were again unfortunate minutes later when Brendan Murphy the Trim and Meath keeper using all his experience stopped point blank from Brian Smyth to deny Skryne another much needed goal. However, Felim O'Rourke reduced the margin between the sides minutes later when he scored a point from play to leave the scores at the break: **Trim 0-7, Skryne 0-3**

Skryne came out after the break with one change from the opening half when Alan Carty replaced James Hegarty in the inside forward line. Skryne now had wind advantage and needed to make a good start in order to eat into the Trim lead. However, it was Trim who

The opening score of the second half came in the 2nd minute when Aidan Tuite of Skryne fielded brilliantly in the middle of the field. He found Kevin Mulvaney who in turn found Trevor Giles who scored a spectacular point from way out the field. Skryne then had a free kick award when Brian Smyth was hauled down whilst advancing on the opposing goal. Seneschalstown responded with two Brian Sheridan points to reduce the margin to 3 points. Skryne were awarded another free kick when Brian Byrne was hauled down. Trevor Giles was determined to punish the opposing team's transgressions and this he did when he converted the resultant free kick to add a further point to the Skryne tally, after a foul on Brian Smyth. Trevor Giles did the honours when he stretched Skrynes lead by a further point to leave the scores in the 16th minute of the half, Skryne 1-6, Seneschalstown 0-4. Brian Sheridan for Seneschalstown reduced the margin when he pointed from a free kick in the 18th minute. Brian Smyth of Skryne was again hauled down and Trevor Giles converted to add another point to his sides tally and Felim O'Rourke scored an excellent point from play in the 25th minute to stretch Skrynes lead to 6 points.

The final score of the evening for Skryne came from the boot of Trevor Giles who converted another free kick. The scores now stood at Skryne 1-9, Seneschalstown 0-5. Seneschalstown enjoyed a bit of a resurgence in the final minutes of the game and they scored 1-2 without reply to leave the final score at Skryne 1-9, Seneschalstown 1-7.

Best for Skryne: *T. Giles, K. Mulvaney, A. Tuite, and B. Byrne.*

Skryne – *P. O'Rourke, A. Curry, D. Donnelly, D. Rogan, J. Gibbons, J. Quinn, V. O'Reilly, A. Tuite, D. McGoldrick, B. Byrne {0-1}, T. Giles {0-6}, F. O'Rourke {0-1}, K. Mulvaney {1-1}, B. Smyth, D. Lynch. Subs - C. Byrne for V. O'Reilly, J. Hegarty for D. Lynch, D. Harrington for B. Smyth*

got off to the better start when they scored two points from play both coming from the boot of Derek Donohue within the first eight minutes of the half. Trim were then awarded a free kick when the referee deemed that Eoin McGrath was fouled even though he had over carried the ball. Paul Gilsenan put the ball over the bar to stretch Trim's lead. The scores at this stage now stood at, Trim 0-10, Skryne 0-3. Skryne were now under serious pressure as the game was slipping away from them and they needed scores urgently. Brian Smyth stepped up for Skryne when he pointed in the 18th minute but Trim hit back with another point from play leaving the scores 0-11 to 0-4 in favour of Trim in the 20th minute of the half. Skryne responded minutes later when Brian Smyth found Trevor Giles with a pass and Trevor pointed.

Skryne now made other substitutions when Jamie Jordan replaced Brian Byrne and David Lynch replaced Felim O'Rourke. The final score of the afternoon was for Skryne when Vinnie O'Reilly had a well-taken point from play in the dying minutes of the game.

The final score stood at: **Trim 0-11, Skryne 0-6.**

Skryne's next outing is against near neighbours and group leaders Walterstown on this Sunday 10th September in Pairc Tailteann. This is a must win game for Skryne if they have any hope of going through to the next round but it will be a tough task as Walterstown are in fine form. However, Skryne are at their most potent when their backs are to the wall so we can expect one hell of an effort from all concerned with this team. **All roads will lead to Pairc Tailteann on Sunday and we would urge as many supporters as possible to travel to the game and get behind the team. What is required is one last-ditch effort from all concerned and who knows there could still be plenty of football left for Skryne in the SFC 2006.**

Team – *P. O'Rourke, M. Mulvaney, A. Curry, D. Rogan, J. Gibbons, J. Quinn, V. O'Reilly {0-1}, A. Tuite, B. Smyth {0-1}, B. Byrne, T. Giles {0-2}, F. O'Rourke {0-1}, J. Hegarty, M. O'Dowd, K. Mulvaney {0-1}.* Subs – *A. Carty for J. Hegarty, J. Jordan for B. Byrne, D. Lynch for F. O'Rourke.*

We offer our sincere sympathy to Martin Dolan on the death of his sister Brigid

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Mick Griffins shop on the hill of Skryne was the main meeting place for all of us in those years, indeed you could say it was almost our second home. Mick was a dab hand at mixing the bowls of ice cream and mugs of Bovril – depending on the weather. He had the first television in the area and we paid one penny a night to watch. I remember 77 Sunset Strip starring Connie Stevens being a big favourite on Sunday nights.

He was very witty and a certain man who used to come in to the shop was convinced he was a second Joe Louis. He was bragging about all the men he had fought and beat. Mick listened until he was finished, looked at him and said "then you woke up – it must have been a dream!" He would read the jokes in the Readers Digest and make out they happened to locals. He enjoyed Jimmy Monaghan's hearty laugh and John Thornton's "the memory man"

There were many epic football matches between Skryne and Navan O'Mahony's in those years and whether it was in Navan, Kells or Trim, Mick would have a 56-seater bus on for the day.

Old people I recall coming in at the time were Pat Hollywood with his accordion, Peter Hughes who was an expert on football, Moll Swan, Eileen O'Brien, Jerry Clarke and the Bull Shiels. There were also many serious games of cards played for small money, and when the night was over no one was let go home without saying the Rosary.

When I look back on those years I realise how simple we were and easily entertained – some of us believed in Santa Claus until we were nearly 15 years of age!

Well God rest you Mick and thanks for many happy years.

CONQUER CANCER COLLECTION

Skryne Rathfeigh conquer cancer collection amounted to €940. Sincere thanks to all who contributed and helped to collect.



photo of U.9 tara team who lost on penalties to parkvilla in the MDL league cup final

SKRYNE TARA UNDERAGE SOCCER

Skryne Tara U.8, U.9 and U.10 Teams will commence training at the Ross Cross pitch on Saturday 16th September at 4 p.m.

The three teams have entered the MDL Championship which start at the end of September/early October and is run between 6.30p.m. - 7.30p.m. on week days at the MDL Complex, Trim Road, Navan.

Any local players playing for other Clubs, in different leagues at the weekend, are welcome to join the Skryne Tara Squads as our games are always on during the week.

Registration night takes place on Thursday 21st September at the Parish Hall in Skryne between 8 - 9.30 p.m. Registration for the year is €50 per player, €90 for two, €120 for three.

These fees cover Club membership and insurance along with MDL and Referee expenses.



The excavations in Tara from the 1950s - do you recognise any of the people in this photo?

LOCAL ATHLETES COMPETE AT NATIONAL FINALS

Our area was well represented at the Community Games National Finals held in Mosney recently. Four local children qualified at the County Finals held in Cushinstown to compete. They were Conor Whelan (Ball Throw), Kayleigh Farrell (Ball Throw), John Morley (Sprint) and James Finnerty (Sprint). The two ball throwers did very well on the day and were just unlucky not to be in the placings. John Morley qualified in his heat and got through to the Final. Our youngest competitor, James Finnerty, got through to his final and after an extremely close finish was placed second. Congratulations to him. Keep it up James. Well done to all concerned who represented our area and county extremely well.

INTERESTED IN PLAYING SOCCER NEXT SEASON?

Dunshaughlin Youths are looking for additional players to join the Under 12 boys soccer team (year of birth: 1994), which will play in the North Dublin league this coming season. If interested, please contact Frank on **(01) 8259635/(087) 2488 114.**