

## Hi to Everyone from the Scouts!

What have we been up to recently you might well ask? Well our Beavers have had lots of activities and energetic meetings, some of which were outdoors, thank god for the fine weather we enjoyed for the past while and the beautiful long evenings which will continue we hope! They also made beautiful Easter cakes and spent a meeting decorating them for their mums & dads, some showed particular skill in this "culinary endeavour" while some simply couldn't resist licking the spoon, but everyone had lots of fun and plenty of sprinkles on cakes and quite a few on the floor! What's new 'bout that? All of our new Beavers were invested lately. It was a wonderful evening of typical hi-jinks and ceremony mixed in together with lots of parents looking on (some for the first time) and we wondered if maybe there might be a new Leader amongst them when they saw the fun and enthusiastic way things go along. It was amazing to see how well prepared the new beavers, they had the scout sign and the Promise rhymed off to a "T". It was the thought of all the "goodies" shared by all afterwards that proved to be the reward! Many thanks to all who contributed, the cakes & buns were fab. Our cubs meetings have been just as full on as you might expect. They have been a mixture of hi-octane games and activities which they plan themselves with a little help from the Leaders. They also have been planning outings one of which was a visit to Dublin were the National Museum and the "Dead Animal Zoo" was on the list, they had a wonderful time exploring the various exhibits on show. Afterwards the new cubs were invested in St Stephens Green along with feeding the ducks what was left over from lunch. The Scouts recently climbed the Sugarloaf and went on to take in the beauty of Powerscourt where the new scouts were invested They also built go-carts and made a DVD of themselves testing them out, the initiative of the patrols would leave you speechless. Both the Cubs and Scouts had an Easter camp in Rathbeggan Lakes which was a hugely successful event with the other scout groups in the county. The location was brilliant and so well organised by all concerned. Our scouts and cubs are planning an overnight in the locality were they would like to have their own campfire and sing songs and tell stories and above all toast marshmallows and have a BBQ, they never run out of ideas, honestly! We also took part in the opening ceremonies and parade in Trim at our National Council before Easter. It was a wonderful sight to see all the people on the streets cheering and clapping for the scouts and they really enjoyed it and felt important even the little ones who were looking around in awe as this was their 1st time at this event. The Group organised a sponsored walk around the hill of Tara as a fundraiser to help beef up the funds so that we can maintain our comprehensive programme in these challenging times. It was a brilliant success and demonstrated to us the continued valued support to our Scout Group in the locality and beyond. Our Leaders had a most relaxing social night in the Snailbox recently. It's just what you need when you put so much time and effort into running a substantial group such as ours. We have also completed our transition training to the new "One Programme" which was to everyones delight. It's brand new and all sections can't wait to see what exciting and new ideas are in store as they continue their journey in 10th Meath.

Bryan, GL.



Alannah and Sean Quinn helping to deliver the April edition of the RST in Oberstown

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Monies raised will go to The Temple Street Childrens Hospital and Skryne School Fundraiser.

## Condolences

Sympathy is extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

The Rathborne family on the death of Romie  
The Conway family on the death of Brendan  
The Lenehan family on the death of Pat  
The Hickey family on the death of Sean  
The Tobin family on the death of Cellie Donnelly

## NEXT ISSUE

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE

All articles etc. to be submitted before

Wednesday 8th June

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# RST Newsletter

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## Home

by Romie Rathborne 1928 - 2011



Early memories of my mothers' brothers and sisters going to the spring well for buckets of water. My brothers milking cows & separating the milk in a "cream separator" and then my mother churning the cream in an "end over end churn" and taking the surplus butter to the market. Having a poultry station where my mother sold eggs for hatching from "pure bred Light Sussex hens" and "day old chicks" hatched out in on "oil incubator". Looking for "hens' nests" and occasionally finding a hen returning to the farmyard with her clutch of fluffy chicks which she had managed to hide & hatch in the "great outdoors".

We also kept pigs and my great hate was boiling big pots of potatoes, chopping them up with crushed oats and other cereals for feeding them. We killed a pig for use at home. We made brawn from the head and black pudding from the blood. We cured the bacon in brine in a big wooden barrel and when cured it was hung from the ceiling to dry before being sliced into rashers for frying or cooking otherwise.

We grew our own vegetables, potatoes, cabbage, onions, parsnips, carrots, lettuce and shopping for potatoes or other vegetables was unthinkable. To put it briefly we were practically "self sufficient". Ours was a "fatherless" family as my father died from pneumonia a few weeks before my birth and it is only in later years rearing our own family that I realize how difficult life must have been for my mother.

There was the "turf bank" where my brothers made turf every spring and my job was to take them their dinner about two miles distant on my bicycle. The hay, corn and potatoes were cultivated and harvested in the fields and I usually took them their meals there too. These were the days of the lovely "hearth fire" and sometimes not such a lovely fire when the summer was bad and the turf was wet. My mother baked bread, cakes and "apple tarts" in the "pot oven" and taught her seven daughters to follow her general interest in home-making. It was the age of the black-crane, pot-hooks, three-legged metal pots and pot-oven. This was North-Meath in the 1950's.

Our wash-day consisted of steeping the well soiled clothes overnight in soapy water in a large wooden tub and washing them next day on a glass washboard. White cloths such as bed-linen were boiled to whiten them. One day in the early 1950's my young niece who had come from the city said "my mammy doesn't wash on a window", it took me a few seconds to realize what she meant.

The average shopping list was flour, tea, sugar, soap, soda, starch, blue, candles & paraffin oil. The oil-lamps were a very unpleasant aspect of the pre-electric age. They created an obnoxious smell and it was difficult keeping their wicks trimmed and their chimneys

clean. Woe betide anyone who allowed a splash of cold water or any liquid on the chimney as meant an instantly shattered chimney or globe as we called it and a trip to the shop for a replacement. The light from these lamps was very poor.

In the late 1950's we graduated to the wonderful thing called "the light" We were canvassed by the ESB to know what equipment we intended to get when we got the "electric current". Our sights were set on an Electric Iron and Radio. We could hardly visualize what is regarded now as standard equipment in our homes with our "Electric Cookers", Microwave, Fridge, Freezer, Dishwasher and central heating. Being able to do things as we do now by pressing a button was undreamt of then.

The age of heat in our homes, without fires was not even thought of. The arrival of radio was the first foreign invasion of our homes while our earlier entertainment was made by playing cards or listening to stories told by neighbours sitting around the fire.

The years passed, we looked after our ageing mother who died at a ripe old age and eventually we all got homes of our own. My childhood memories of home laid the foundations for when I would have a home of my own. Home means the security, cooperation, friendship and unity of a loving husband and family.

My husband-to-be had purchased a house and farm. Next came the task of setting up our own home. Our house was what one would describe as very basic. We began with four walls, a small outbuilding and a farm without livestock. The house was small and without any modern conveniences but as the years passed we extended it and added everything we could to make life more comfortable for ourselves and our growing family. My time was spent looking after my husband & family indoors and in the yard where there were the daily chores of milking cows, feeding calves & nursing sick animals. Indoors I made and re-made children's clothes, knitted, cooked, baked, made jam, bottled fruit and vegetables and later froze them when we rose to the purchase of a freezer.

I can honestly say it was a rewarding life. Now I do not mean that in the monetary sense as I never knew what it was to have a regular personal income. However if I was to choose I would have no hesitation in doing it all over again. Now the family have nearly all flown and begun to make homes of their own. I think "home" has not the same importance in young peoples' lives now as with older generations as no matter where people emigrated to they always had the ambition to go back home though that hope may never have been realized. Traditional standard values are on the wane. I read many years ago, that "home is the place where we grumble the most and are treated the best" and that saying is as true today as it was then.

*This speech was written and performed by Romie in a Public speaking Competition on 10th September 1994*

*We would like to thank the Rathborne family for sharing this piece, which was read out at Romie's funeral last week, with our readers.*

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# Tara AC Juvenile Race Reports 2010

## Cushinstown Indoor Sports

Megan O'Brien	Long Jump U/15	3rd
Donal Kearns	High Jump U/15	2nd
Ciaran Kearns	30m U/11	3rd

## Meath Track and Field

Shane Smyth	500m U/9	2nd
Greg Nolan	Ball Throw U/11	2nd
Cian Twomey	Shot U/13	1st
Fiachra Finnegan	Shot U/13	3rd
Niamh Monaghan	60m Hurdles U/15	1st

## Meath Relays

U/10 Boys	Leon Morris, Paul O'Brien Shane Smyth, Niall Finnerty	3rd
U/12 Boys	Frankie Carty, James Finnerty David Hawes, Cormac O'Dowd	2nd
U/13 Boys	Jason Reddy, Eoin Smyth Jordan Thorpe, Paddy Carpenter	1st
U/15 Girls	Niamh O'Brien, Megan O'Brien Eimear O'Brian, Niamh Monaghan	3rd

## Leinster Championships

### Pairs Competition Under 9 - 300m

Shane Smyth and Niall Finnerty	3rd
U/15 High Jump	
Donal Kearns	3rd

## Cross Country 2010/11

### Congratulation to our medal winners in the Meath Championships

U12/U13	Eoin Smyth, James Finnerty, Cormac O'Dowd, David Hawes, Frank Carty, Saoirse O'Regan
U11/U12	Padraig Finnerty
U9/U10	Niall Finnerty, Shane Smyth, Evan Clarke

### Leinster Championships - medal winners

Eoin Smyth (individual medal), James Finnerty, Cormac O'Dowd

### All Ireland Championships - medal winners

Eoin Smyth 2nd place Individual, County and Provincial Medals in U13 All Ireland Final

James Finnerty - Team Medal U12 All Ireland Final

## National Community Games

Cross Country Bronze medal

Boys U/12 Bronze

All Ireland Track and Field Championships,

**U12 4x100m relay:** Cormac O'Dowd, James Finnerty, Frank Carty and Jason Reddy.

Tara AC would like to congratulate all juvenile athletes on both their individual and team achievements.

We have some exceptional talent in our club and it was great to see some new faces competing this year. Not only has the club won medals at County and Provincial level but also at All Ireland level. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the club please log on to [www.taraac.com](http://www.taraac.com) or check us out on Facebook. We look forward to the upcoming Track & Field season and wish all athletes the best for the forthcoming year".



Above: Eoin Smyth after coming 2nd place in the All Ireland Cross Country Final in Tullamore in January 2011.



3 All-Ireland champions. Evan, Eoin and Niamh were 1st, 3rd, and 2nd, in that order, in the All Ireland Orienteering Championships held in Donadea Park just before Easter

## Tara AC 5K

After our hugely successful 5k road race in Skryne last summer, with over 340 participants, we are planning to run the event again this year. Tara AC 5k Road Race/Fun Run will take place on Friday 26th August at 7.30pm.

We would like this to be a real community event and ask everyone to come out and walk, jog or run it. Its great fun and also a great way to keep fit.

In order for you to feel able to join in, Tara AC is offering a 6 week training session to adults who would like to run. We will have a qualified coach on hand to help and advise you and also to keep you motivated. These sessions will be held every Thursday at the track from 7pm to 8pm. Starting Thursday 12th May- Cost €20 for 6 weeks.

(Tel Lisa 085-1416041/ Chantelle 085-7361605/ Adrienne 087-2549071 for more details)

**For Walkers:** Janet O'Brien and Ashling Farnan will be resuming our Walker Session every Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm at our track and other destinations.

Starts Wednesday 11th May - Cost €20 for 6 weeks. (Tel Janet 086-8336964 or Ashling 087-6410340)

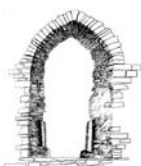


Start line of Tara AC 5K 2010

## Rathfeigh historical society

LAUNCH of our new bigger and better

"window on the past"



Sunday 22nd May at 3pm in the new hall at Rathfeigh School

This issue is to celebrate our 25th Anniversary and will be launched by Mr. Noel French.

## Skryne Ladies Plant and Cake Sale



The call went out from Skryne ladies GFC to get into that kitchen and rattle those pots and pans or more correctly in this situation those baking trays. The occasion of course was the annual plant and cake sale in aid of the Skryne ladies GFC. The call was heard and the response from club members, parents and club supporters was admirable. Cakes, tarts, scones and various other types of confectionery were delivered to Skryne hall on Sunday 1st April in

readiness for the great sale. There were various types of plants, shrubs and flowers on display and resident expert Gerry Kennedy was on hand to deal with any queries. Gerry was ably assisted by Mick Whelan and Tony Morlande on the flower and shrub stall and business was brisk especially around the various mass times. Indoors the cake sale was in full flow with Margaret Moore expertly managing proceedings assisted by club members, parents of club members and supporters. Club chairman Calm Hanley and Secretary Mary Keogh were on hand to keep a watchful eye on proceedings and to assist where required. Caroline Whelan and Helen Clarke kept the troops supplied with teas and coffee as well as getting involved in the sales activities. There was also a large turnout amongst the girls and ladies playing for the club and their support were very encouraging and appreciated.

It has been reported the day was a great success and the club committee members would like to express a heartfelt thanks to all who contributed on the day. This annual event is a very important part of the clubs fund raising activities and the monies raised will be put to good use. So once again your help and contribution and support are very much appreciated.



## BLOTTO RESULTS

### SUNDAY 8th May

Numbers drawn: 9 - 10 - 16 - 19

### Jackpot not won - Lucky dip winners

Nano McGoldrick, Mai O'Brien, Orla Tobin and Martin Gormally

### SUNDAY 1st May

Numbers drawn: 1 - 3 - 5 - 21

### Jackpot not won - Lucky dip winners

Harry McQuaid, Noel Moran, Shane Hopkins and Alan Clarke

### SUNDAY 24th April

Numbers drawn: 8 - 9 - 17 - 19

### Jackpot not won - Lucky dip winners

Aaron Barry, Mary Devine, John O'Rourke and Kieran Duggan

### SUNDAY 17th April

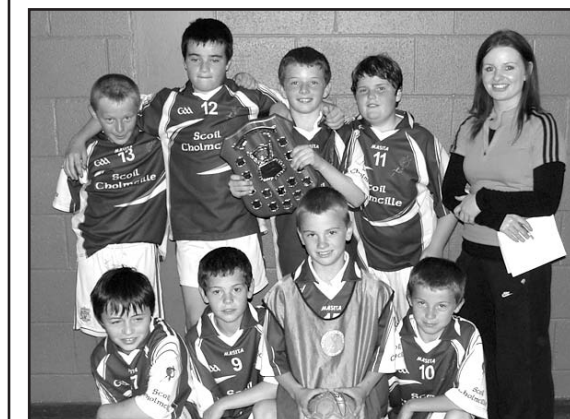
Numbers drawn: 1 - 3 - 16 - 26

### Jackpot not won - Lucky dip winners

D Bradley, Albert Hamill, Deirdre McGrath and Pauline McKee

**Next week's jackpot: €9,200**

Thank you for your support



Boys U-11 A league winners of the recent Olympic Handball C'ship captained by Tommy Carpenter



Senior Boys Handball who won their Shield competition recently in Claremont



Tommy accepting shield from Conal Collier



## SKRYNE LADIES G.F.C.

### Skryne Ladies Edged Out

Simonstown Gaels: 2-8, Skryne: 1-5

Skryne Ladies continued on with their Div 3 League campaign when they took to the field against Simonstown Gaels on Friday evening 8th April at Father Mc Manus Park the Skryne home ground. Skryne got off to an ideal start when full forward Michelle Whelan found the back of the opposition net in the 1st minute of the game. This score came about from a well worked move starting in the Skryne half back line.

Simonstown hit a purple patch and scored five points from play without reply to finish out the half on a scoreline: Simonstown Gaels 0-7, Skryne 1-2.

The second half started under lights and the visitors were on the scoreboard within two minutes when they registered a point from play. After this, scores proved hard to come by and we had to wait a further ten minutes before the next score was registered.

The game was now definitely in the melting pot and was anybody's game with just ten minutes remaining.

The home side were guilty of a lapse of concentration and conceded two goals from play in the space of a few minutes to put the game beyond reach. This had to be extremely frustrating for the Skryne ladies who had put in major effort throughout the evening only to see the game snatched away from them in the dying minutes.

This was a good performance from the home side with the outcome of the game in doubt right up to the end. Skryne were without the services of a number of very talented and experienced players which surely had an impact on the outcome. However, this team can pick themselves up and look forward to the rest of their league and upcoming championship campaigns with confidence in the knowledge they will be a formidable opposition for any team they meet.

Team - Rosin Gryson, Amy Cunningham, Rachael Whelan, Niamh Lynch, Una Morley, Laura Bowans, Sophie Halpin, Aisling Bowans, Aoife Murphy, Kayleigh Farrell (0-1), Coleen Jordan (0-1), Saoirse McGrath (0-1), Catriona Keoghan, Michelle Whelan (1-0), Anita O'Sullivan (0-2). Subs - Melanie Kirwan for Kayleigh Farrell, Eimear Clarke for Catriona Keoghan.

### Skryne Girls Go On Rampage

Skryne 12-19, Summerhill 1-2

Skryne U16 girls got their Div 3 League campaign off to a winning start when they took on Summerhill under lights in Father Mc Manus Park on Wednesday 14th April. To say the Skryne girls went on a scoring rampage is to put it mildly and this game was over as a contest from mid way through the opening half.

Skryne were ahead on a scoreline 4-3 to 0-0, in the 13th minute of the half. Scores at the break: Skryne 6-9, Summerhill 0-1.

Skryne started the second half with a little wayward shooting when they registered four wides in as many minutes. Any thoughts Summerhill might have entertained about a comeback were soon dashed when Lizzie Mooreland scored her second goal of the evening. Lizzie lined out for the Skryne U14 side just prior to this game but was showing no ill effects from this.

This was a performance and a half by the Skryne youngsters who showed their intentions right from the very start. The hunger they displayed throughout the game was admirable and particularly so as they never eased up despite their huge lead. Their were a number of great individual performances but it was the team spirit on display which was most noteworthy. It is of little surprise to note many of this side were part of the U19 winning team that won out their divisional final in recent weeks. The contribution of the U14 members of the squad was particularly impressive and with this squad of players available at U16 level who knows what can be achieved. Team manager Margret Moore was well pleased not with just the outcome but also with the manner in which it was achieved. She was fulsome in her praise of her charges after the game.

Team-Chloe O'Sullivan; Cody Swan, Aoife Swan, Sophie Halpin (1-2);

Rachael Whelan (0-1), Deidre Kennedy, Niamh O'Brien; Margaret Fox (2-1), Eimear Clarke; (0-5); Catriona Keoghan (3-4), Saoirse McGrath (1-2), Lizzy Moreland (2-1); Megan O'Brien (3-3).

### Skryne Girls make it two from two

Skryne 4-8, Dunsany 0-4

Skryne U16 girls lined out against a much fancied Dunsany side in the Skryne home ground on Wednesday evening 20th April and in the process made it two wins from two in their Div 3 League campaign to date. The home side came into this game on foot of a huge win against Summerhill in their opening game of this competition. However, this was expected to be a much sterner test and so it proved to be. Skryne have found to their cost in the past what Dunsany ladies football has to offer but the attitude was the past is the past and that is where it is best left. Scores at the break: Skryne 1-3, Dunsany 0-2.

Skryne started the second half determined not to rest on their laurels when Eimear Clarke hit a point from play in the 2nd minute. The defence of the home side can only be described as outstanding as they broke down attack after attack yielding not a single score between the 4th and 16th minutes of the half. As was said earlier Dunsany are known for producing quality ladies teams and they showed their qualities when they again came at the home side with all guns blazing. They hit five wides in as many minutes but failed to register a single score. Their wayward shooting was due in no small part to resolute determined defending forcing the opposition to shoot from impossible angles.

The final score does not tell the full story of this game as Dunsany posed a significant threat right throughout the game. Skryne have learned to their cost in the past Dunsany sides finish strongly and are capable of hitting three or four goals in a very short space of time. However, this is a quality Skryne side and they never left their guard slip at any time throughout. This side definitely possess the killer instinct and never take their foot of the gas irrespective of how far they are ahead. This was a very different game from the Summerhill one which I think it is fair to say was a stroll in the park and was more about individual performances on the day. This game had to be a strong team performance given the quality of the opposition and that is exactly what we got and the result bears testimony to that.

Team - Chloe O'Sullivan; Cody Swan, Aoife Swan, Sophie Halpin, Rachael Whelan, Deidre Kennedy, Eimear O'Brien, Margaret Fox, Niamh O'Brien (1-0), Catriona Keoghan (1-2), Saoirse McGrath (1-2), Holly Callaghan (0-1), Lizzie Mooreland (1-0), Megan O'Brien (0-1), Eimear Clarke (0-1). Subs - Aishling Kellegher (0-1) for Holly Callaghan.

### COME AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR

#### Gleann Gabhra Goat Farm

will host the Dublin County Round of the Macra na Feirme Farm Skills Competition on Sunday, May 29th.



Three clubs will be taking part and will send nine teams to demonstrate their skills in fencing and tractor driving. There will be a training workshop on fencing at half eleven and the competitions immediately after that.

The weekend also sees the start of Macra na Feirme's 'Know Your Neighbour' events so, in conjunction with the Community Alert Group, all in Skryne are invited to attend and maybe you will meet a neighbour you haven't seen in a while. There will be a tour of the farm for anyone who is interested and there will be refreshments on the day.

## Skryne GFC

Congratulations to all the young and young at heart participants who joined in all the fun at the Skryne GFG sports day on Sunday 9/5/2011.

Fabulous sunshine and well decorated pitch helped create a lovely atmosphere and a huge range of events kept everyone active all afternoon. The underage racing highlighted some serious talent in the parish at all age group while the novelty events like the three legged races, sack races, wheel barrow, egg and spoon and piggy back races kept the large crowd entertained.

Many thanks to all the club members that took the time to get involved to arrange and run the event as without their dedication and input, events such as the sports day could not take place. The work put in by the volunteers on Saturday and Sunday was evident with bunting and flags all around the pitch and competition areas clearly marked out and fenced off.

Overall it was a great family day out and another great club event with winners receiving medals from underage chairman Des Finnerty.

The club passed a vote of sympathy with the following on their recent bereavements: the Rathborne family, the O'Brien family, the Conway family, the Fitzsimons family, the Hickey family, the Tobin family and the Lenehan family, and also Liam Harnan on the death of his mother.

### Skryne GFC Golf Classic

Our Golf Classic this year is on



Friday 20th May in  
Knightsbrook, Trim.



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## RATHFEIGH SCHOOL OPENS...

The official opening of the sports hall and extension at Rathfeigh School took place on Monday 9th May. There was a large attendance. The blessing and official opening was performed by Bishop Michael Smith D.D. A plaque was unveiled and a tree planted by the bishop to commemorate the occasion.

The school was looking exceptionally well and visitors were able to tour the building and grounds afterwards. The general opinion was that the extension was an excellent job and the people of Rathfeigh are rightly proud of their new school.



The new school



Awaiting the arrival of the Bishop



Bishop Michael Smith blessing the new school