

# Robe Rockets Newsletter

## May 2016



Dear Robe Rocket Supporter,  
Welcome to our first newsletter of 2016 which contains highlights of the season so far.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Robe Rockets, returning Robe Rockets, and their families .

Robe Rockets is in its second year and is going from strength to strength with over 120 children in our U6, U8 and U10 teams.



### U10 Pella League Competition

Congratulations to all our U10 boys who participated in the Pella league Finals during February and March. Congratulations to Team B, Team C and Team E who won their respective finals. The winning Teams received footballs and all players received an Easter egg to acknowledge their effort and hard work throughout the league. Des May, U10 Coach "It's been a very competitive and entertaining league and all the players deserve great credit for their effort, their enthusiasm and their skill – I hope they have enjoyed it and grown in confidence in their abilities".

The Pella league fulfills one of the key planks of our coaching plan, namely to play football virtually all year round. Thank you to everyone for their cooperation during the league and all those who helped out in anyway.

### Go Games Matches

Our U10 Boys and U8 Boys and Girls will be participating in the Go Games matches and are in are in Group B .

Group B = Ballinrobe, Breaffy, Balla, Kiltimagh, Swinford, Moy Davitts, Aghamore

Parents will be informed by text of time and venue of matches.

All support is welcomed.

Please note that Gum shields are COMPULSORY

NO GUMSHIELD = NO MATCH.

For your

Calendar

### Cúl Camp Ballinrobe

Date ~ Monday July 18th to Friday 22nd July

Time ~ 10 am to 2.30pm

Ages ~ Children aged 6 upwards

Contact ~ Martin O'Connor 087 9221412

Cost ~ €55 Euro 1 child; 2nd child €45; 3rd €40

### Training Times

**U6** Girls and Boys ~ Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am

**U8** Girls and Boys ~ Saturday 9.30am to 10.45am

**U10** Boys ~ Wednesday and Friday 7pm to 8pm

### 🏆 Clubs 50/50 Draw 🏆

Ballinrobe GAA 50/50 tickets are on sale at training on Saturday mornings and from outlets around town. Tickets cost €2 or 3 for €5.

There is a guaranteed jackpot winner every week with the 50/50 draw.

The 50/50 draw provides a vital source of fund raising to ensure the club can continue to improve at all levels. We are grateful for any support with this initiative.

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### 🏆 Training Tops 🏆

Ballinrobe GAA training tops are available to order!

Big thanks to the club executives who are contributing to the cost for all registered members.

Cost to our Robe Rockets players will be:

25 Euro—Size 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 10-11

30 Euro—Size 13-14

40 Euro—Adult (S, M, L, XL, XXL)

Initials will be 3.50 Extra (*Optional*)



Orders forms will be given to players at training (27th/28th May), these will outline when orders and payment will be taken for each age group.

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### 🏆 Drop off and collection of children 🏆

We wish to thank parents/guardians for their continued cooperation with the Clubs policy of the drop off and collection of children for training and matches at the area outside the dressing room, this is to ensure the safety of our players especially our younger Rockets. Just a gentle reminder that Children are not PERMITTED to walk to car park on their own or dropped off to or from other exits around the pitch other than at the dressing room.

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### 🏆 Robe Rocket Committee 2016 🏆

Chairperson ~ Declan O'Loughlin, 087 206 3863

Secretary ~ Dave Conway, 086 859 8144

PRO ~ Annette Conway

Committee ~ Colm Jennings, Pádraic Delaney, Des May & Andy Walsh



# Volunteers!



### 🏆 Robe Rockets need you!! 🏆

Robe Rocket's has become an important entry point for parents and children to the club, with some parents having their first experience as being a coach. This can be a big commitment for a parent to give up their time to help out. As our membership continues to grow we're always

looking for volunteers to assist. You can help with coaching, admin, matches and refreshments after home games if you wish. Absolutely no experience is required for any of the roles. If interested please talk to Annette Conway, PRO at training or Declan O'Loughlin 087 206 3863.

## **Child Protection Designated Liaison Officer**

Declan Corcoran, Chairperson is the Club Child Protection Designated Liaison Person. He is responsible for dealing with any concerns about the protection of children in the Club. Tom Carney is the Clubs Children's Officer. If at any time, any issues arise for your child please contact your son/daughters coach to discuss the matter. Alternatively please contact Declan O'Loughlin, Robe Rocket Chairperson or Annette Conway, Robe Rocket PRO.

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## **Coaching**

The GAA Fun Do Programme which is foundation for all Robe Rocket training sessions was created as a vital resource for clubs designed to promote participation for all, and to present Gaelic games as a fun recreation for our youth as they learn the skills and techniques of Gaelic games in a healthy, structured and relaxed environment. It aims to cater for different levels of development, for differing abilities and needs and to develop a sense of fair play with the overall purpose of encouraging children to reach their full potential.

A big thank you to our Coaches who volunteer their time weekly to prepare, plan and train our teams. We extend a warm invitation to any parent who wishes to help out to stay and join in at any of our training sessions. All help is much appreciated.



## **St Patrick's Day Parade**

Well done to our Robe Rockets, Ladies teams and Parents who represented Ballinrobe GAA Club in the St Patrick's Day parade. A sea of maroon and yellow congregated at Crann Mor Centre not long after 3pm, accompanied by a full size Rocket and with players accessorized with club coloured tassels and the all-important whistles the scene was set for a fun and noisy afternoon!!

A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all and the parade provided an opportunity to highlight the success of our Robe Rocket section of the Club. Special word of thanks to Cara, Sio-bhan, Naoise, She Sha, Lizzy, Michael, Oran, Emer and Christy Transition Year students from Ballinrobe Community school who kindly built the rocket, Andy Walsh who organised the building of the rocket, to our parents who accompanied the children, our club coaches, Robe Rocket Committee members who organised and guided the group on the day and to Pádraic Delaney who once again provided all players with lollipops after the parade.



## 🏈 Míle Buíochas 🏈

A big thank you to Declan Burke, Ryders Chemist, Main St ,Ballinrobe who so kindly donated First Aid kits for all Robe Rocket teams.



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Thanks to Pádraic & Karena Delaney, Delaney's Mace (Mayo & Galway) for their ongoing support with refreshments and to Mike Finnerty for his kind donation of equipment.



## 🏈 Lost & Found 🏈

Please note, items left behind after training are kept in lost and found box. If your son/daughter are missing any items please contact Annette Conway, PRO or your coach.

## 🏈 GAA Skills APP 🏈

St Pats GAA in Palmerstown have developed an app to teach kids the skills of hurling and football. It has short videos of each skill aimed at age 5-10 yr olds. The app is free, give it a try :-). Available in iTunes and Google Play store. Its called **Bainisteoir 1**















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