



Skryne Church Tower from Wilkinson's garden taken by Maurice Daly

There are some photos of the garden itself in the garden section

Get Well Soon

We wish Jimmy Gibbons a speedy recovery and hope to see him out and about soon again

Congratulations

Congratulations to the harp and piano students of Fiona Gryson who put on their first virtual concert this week. It was tremendous and they played brilliantly

The Salon

Rosie, Laura, Rachael, Stephanie & Niamh are happy to announce the reopening of The Salon on June 29th and look forward to welcoming back our many customers. It's been a long haul and we look forward to getting stuck in. We intend to work longer hours so as to accommodate as many as possible who have been waiting patiently for our return.

We are All ready and set to go with COVID guidelines in place & look forward to welcoming you all.

Rosie, Laura, Rachel, Stephanie & Niamh

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This fundraising link was sent in by Ann Lynch, Skryne school secretary

little Livie lives next door to me and has been diagnosed with SMA Type 1 (same as Dan in the Do It For Dan campaign) Livie needs urgent treatment in the USA costing over \$2 million. There is a lot of fundraising taking place at the moment to help raise the money. To this end my son has got a jersey worn by Peter O'Mahony the Irish rugby player, signed by all the Irish team. He has set up a GoFundMe page and everyone who donates €5 is in with a chance to win the jersey. €5 gets you once chance, €10 gets two chances, €50 gets 10 chances...etc. There is also a solo challenge being undertaken by Rorys Stories and Skryne GFC is involved with that.

This is the link to the GoFundMe page:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/a-better-life-for-livie-win-signed-irish-rjersey?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet.

Even a small donation could help Colin Lynch reach their fundraising goal. And if you can't make a donation, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word.

GAA Club Blotto

We are recommencing our Club Blotto with a draw taking place on 21st June at 7pm. Jackpot is currently at €8200.

You can play

online: https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=341&PC=0&RP=#Anchor

You can also purchase envelopes in Swans or from your local sellers.

For our annual and online players that have contributed during the COVID lockdown period we will draw ten names that will each win €40.

You can purchase an Annual Blotto starting at €100 per year via Standing Order from €10.50 per month.

Please contact Ross Phillips 0879798822 for more information.

Your continued support is appreciated for our Blotto

Weekly Liturgy

This week's weekly liturgy which includes a lovely piece by Gardiner St. Gospel Choir can be viewed by following this link:

<https://youtu.be/vjD5CgWJ3xl>

Some images from last week's weekly liturgy



Skryne National School from Martin Kennedy

In the Home Strait

It seems such a very long time since we closed the doors of Sc. Cholmcille to our pupils on Thursday 12th. March. Some weeks it has also *felt* like a very long time! However , here we are facing into the final week of the strangest school term ever. We made it this far and we can surely hang on in there for the remaining exciting week.

Last week we mentioned that we would not be setting schoolwork for pupils to do over the summer holidays. We want to reiterate that point again this week. Everyone deserves a break - so take it. The large majority of you have earned it. Rest , re-charge the batteries and come ready for the work to begin again in September. Education is never a sprint. The phrase "life-long learning" is very apt in that regard. Education is a process that continues right through your lifetime. Many of you will have discovered wonderful things about yourself during this whole school closure period. You have allowed skills and talents to come to the surface that may have lain dormant if the normal crammed timetable of life had played out. There are positives to be found in most every situation if we care to dig deep enough to find them.

If you have the time then please visit the various class pages on our school website. This week for instance you will find the most inspiring pieces from some incredible children as they turn the tables on their teachers. This "Teach the Teacher" slot has been a real eye-opener for so many of us. I learned an incredible amount from Múinteoir Tadhg about various cattle breeds. Holstein was new to me. Múinteoir Linda gave us a fishing lesson, Múinteoir Mia demonstrated how to bring character and drama to your reading. Múinteoir Rory gave us a *masterclass* on keyboard. Grandad would have been so proud Rory. Muinteor Grace had a hissy-fit just to prove that teachers are human too!

These are just a few examples of the amazing work that can be found by visiting "skryneschool.blogspot.com". Go on, you might just learn something. I certainly did. Life-long learning.

So no programmes of school work for the summer. Most of the Educational publishers have been very generous by providing free access to their resources during this closure but will close this "free" access at the end of this month. They too are taking a break.

We will recommend that pupils read regularly over the summer. You should never be bored if you have a good book. I have previously referred to the places that reading can bring you so I'll leave it at that - except to say that last week I got caught back in the old USSR when Dynamo Kiev became the first fully professional soccer team in Communist Russia. "Football Against the Enemy" (Simon Kuper). A great read.

It gave me a great sense of relief that all of our pupils arrived home safely from the various school tours they were on this week. One or two had issues at border controls before setting off so they missed out on another great experience brought to them by their teachers through

the wonders of virtual travel. Australia, South Africa and USA all visited in the space of a few days. It's tiring just to think about it. Hopefully they learned quite a bit from their travels. The monster crocs in Sydney Zoo frightened the daylight out of me for sure.

So next week we are building on the fun and excitement as we head for the National Sports Day on Saturday 27th. One last week to get the skills honed as we prepare for Finals Day. Some of the long jump techniques we are seeing are mighty impressive. Stay the course.

One major disappointment for us this week has been the realisation that we were not able to put on our school musical.

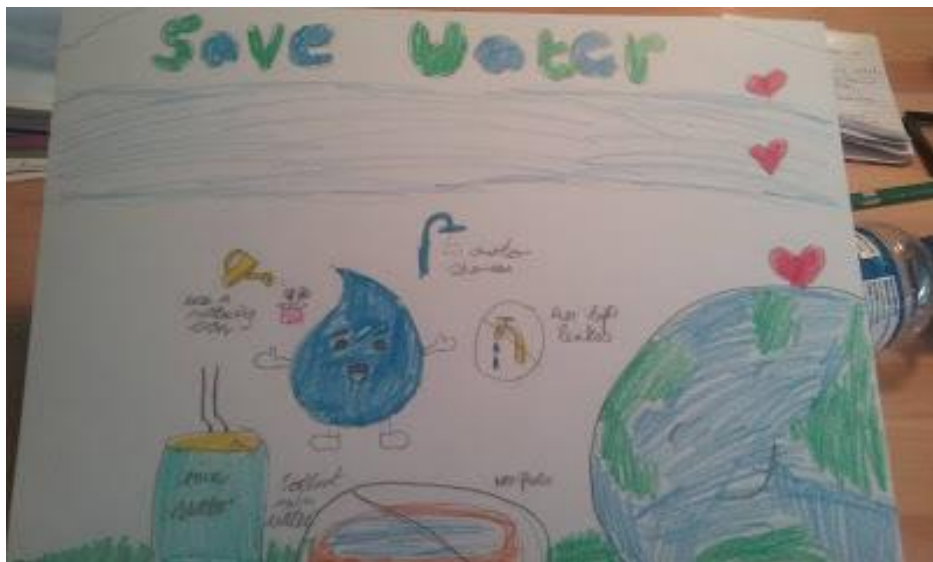
"A Game of Thrones" was to have taken to the stage this week but we have had to put it in cotton wool until such time as it is safe to gather in large groups. Mr. Fanning had produced another great tale of fun and adventure but thankfully it does not have a "Best Before" date. You will see it at some time. The fun will return - despite some dodgy music tracks! Watch this space.

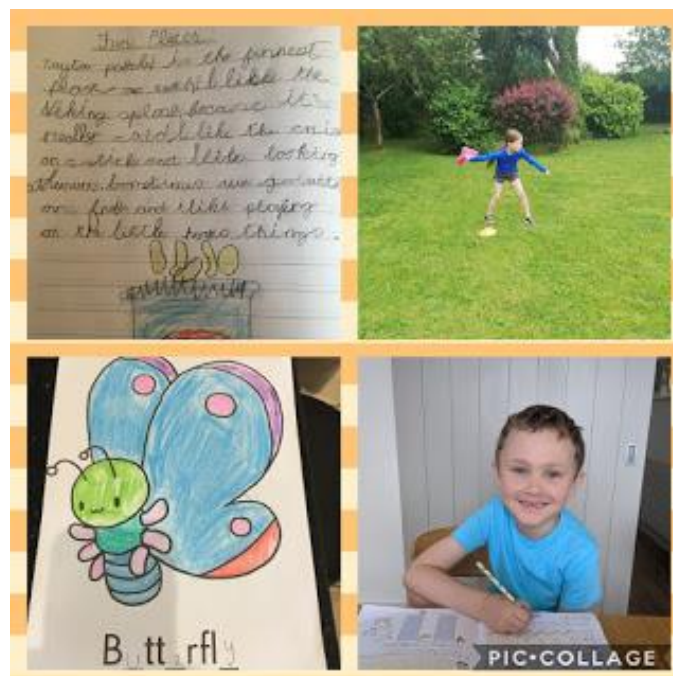
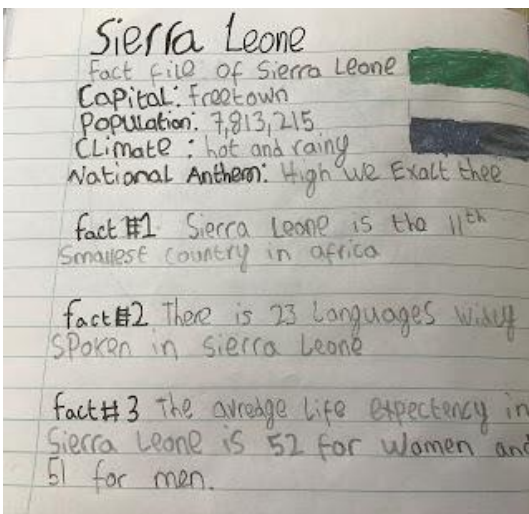
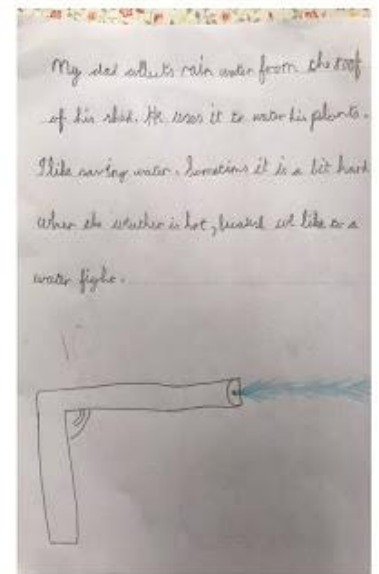
Rang 4 have a special Zoom meeting to look forward to this week when we talk once more to our friends at Tayto Foods as they check on how well the seed potatoes they planted recently are progressing. You do know that you have to go out and talk to them each day to make sure that they have all they need and feel loved. After all, how would you feel if you were just left in a bucket of dry soil and no one ever came to check on you?

A little sour note to throw in this week along with a plea for assistance. It has been brought to our attention that there has been some anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the school. The beautiful Woodland Walk to the rear of the school has been used recently for drinking sessions and has been littered as a result. The area is popular with our children and is used for nature rambles particularly by our Junior pupils. We do not need to have broken glass and perhaps worse littering this excellent amenity. A few mindless individuals should not be allowed to jeopardise the safe use of this amenity by others. The Gardai have been informed and will be doing spot-checks as time allows. We are asking anyone passing by the school and noticing anything out of the ordinary to notify the gardai immediately. Thank you for your assistance.

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to extend our sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues of Garda Colm Horkan who was brutally murdered this week in Castlerea. The phrase "Not all Heroes wear Capes" has become popular during the pandemic as we struggle to pay justifiable praise to the many wonderful souls who take personal risks to get us through this health crisis. Well some heroes wear Garda uniforms or carry Garda badges and police the roads of our country so that we feel safe at night. Gda. Horkan was one such hero and we want to add our voice of sympathy and gratitude for all that our heroes do on our behalf.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

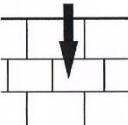




Dingbat Challenge

For the clever people amongst you here is another set of puzzles (No. 25) to help keep the cobwebs away from the grey matter.

We are also supplying the solutions to Set. 24 so that you may clap yourself on the back for getting them all correct.

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<div>DEAD the WATER</div>	<div>B</div> <div>Ba</div> <div>Back</div>	<div>24 hrs ALL work</div>

PAGE 24

- 1
- Sitting on the sidelines
- 2
- Playing by the rules
- 3
- What goes up - must come down
- 4
- It never crossed my mind
- 5
- Tiny tots
- 6
- Lost in space
- 7
- Swear on a stack of bibles
- 8
- No two ways about it
- 9
- No big deal

Thank You

The residents of Hillview Nursing Home were delighted to receive a gift of a karaoke machine and some dementia friendly toy pets from some children from Rathfeigh school who had organised a bake sale in their driveway recently. Ava Smyth, Jane Smyth, Leila Moffat & Eve Geraghty paid a visit to Hillview recently to present the gifts and spent some time chatting with the residents through the windows! With visiting restrictions only easing now for the residents of all nursing homes, the residents of Hillview were delighted to see the young friendly faces. They also got to meet Freddy Geraghty who has been writing to the residents every week since lockdown began, giving everyone a good laugh and cheer as they read all about his exploits at home!





Rathfeigh National School from Seamus Tansley

Weekly RST

I think I speak for everyone in the parish of Rathfeigh and Skryne when I say that the weekly digital RST is providing a fantastic service to everyone in the parish. Although not living in the parish I really look forward to the e-mail on Saturday morning to read the great variety of articles on display. As primary schools are a central part of any parish it gives me, as principal, the opportunity to let the Rathfeigh and Skryne community know what is happening in the school and the activities the children are involved in. Jim has the unenviable task every week of compiling all the information and organising it so that it always makes for an easy and interesting read. So thanks Jim – keep up the great work!!

Graduation Booklet

We are delighted to have completed the Graduation Booklet for our 6th class pupils. It's a big undertaking and particularly so this year as the pupils had to e-mail their information and pictures to the school. A big thanks to Ms Reynolds, Helen and Mrs Vaughan for giving of their time to assemble the books. Many hours were needed to photocopy and scan pictures but it was all worth it in the end. It's a fantastic booklet and I'm sure the children can't believe how quickly the eight years in Rathfeigh have flown by. Mrs Long who retired a number of years ago taught the class in Junior Infants and she has very fond memories of them. She contacted me during the week to send on her best wishes to the class. Thanks Katherine.

Graduation Video

Over the last few weeks Ms Reynolds has been asking the children in 6th class to send in pictures of themselves and their classmates at various times in their school life from Juniors to Sixth. The digital video is being left in the creative hands of Conor. Everyone is looking forward to the finished product. No pressure Conor!!! I'm sure it will be emotional for the children, parents/guardians and teachers. We can't wait!

Parents' Association

Last Saturday our staff, in conjunction with our Parents' Association, organised the collection/return of books and the payment of the book rental scheme. It ran very smoothly with one-way systems, social distancing and sanitisers in operation!! It was great seeing all the parents/guardians. The overwhelming consensus from parents/guardians is that they want their children back in school in September. We are hopeful this can happen for the education and well-being of our children.

Bridget is once again organising the book rental scheme this year in Rathfeigh. It's a huge task but one that Bridget makes look easy! She was ably assisted on Saturday by Anna. I think a few euro should be on its way to Anna!

Art Competition

We hope to announce the winners of the "Keeping Connected" art competition next week. Well done to all the children who entered. The standard was excellent and we will have a small prize for the winners in each class.

School grounds

As you know schools were out of bounds for all staff for March and April. When the government allowed access to the school on May 9th our caretaker (Jackie) was welcomed by large weeds and foot high grass!!

Jackie loves a challenge and it wasn't long before she put the weeds back in their place! She had the school grounds looking great in no time. It was a mammoth task and we thank Jackie for her countless hours in getting the school grounds looking as good as usual. Thank Jackie. Below are a few pictures of the school after the weeds waved the white flag!





Eat up in Lockdown from Mary Casey

An e-cookbook by the Quarantine Queens



When the Corona virus began a great friend of mine invited me to join a recipe group, a bunch of women who had no particular expertise or qualifications in terms of cooking except that they are individuals who cook for their families almost every day. They are choral singers, golfers and friends from Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo and Co. Galway. Some of them also work together professionally. So, despite the long standing rivalry between Meath and Mayo in football history, I was only too pleased to be a part of this great team. It became even more attractive to me when I learned that the recipes were going to be turned into an e-cookbook with the view to raising funds for a chosen charity which was decided to be Cancer Care West.

This project gave us a renewed enthusiasm and excitement for cooking and baking. New dishes were tried and tested. Breads and cakes were baked, distributed and enjoyed. Shout outs and call outs were made for strong flour, wholemeal flour, cardamom and yeast.

we were all missing our hobbies and missing the interaction with friends that those interests provided, and we all love food. Some of us have a passion for collecting recipes and for buying recipe books. People who buy cookery books are looking to keep learning, to continue extending themselves. We have surprised

ourselves at our openness to influences and ingredients from all around the world. This is reflected in the recipes chosen for this book.

The cookbook which is bursting with family friendly recipes can be downloaded through engaging with the Quarantine Queens' facebook and Instagram pages. All proceeds will go to Cancer Care West. Cancer Care West is dedicated to providing support to anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis in a safe and nurturing and accessible environment.

This is the link for fundraiser

https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11387340_quarantine-queens-cancer-care-west-fundraising.html

And this is our page - https://www.instagram.com/quarantinequeens_fundraiser/

This is the recipe which started it all:

Lemon Drizzle cake

Ingredients:

1 carton of yogurt(I add mango or peach)

1 carton of cooking oil

2 cartons of caster sugar

3 cartons of self-raising flour

3 beaten eggs

Raspberries(roll in flour to avoid sinking)

Mix all together except flour and when mixed fold in flour. Put raspberries on top, cook at 180 degrees for 50 minutes. Delicious, too delicious. You can add blueberries or other options. The original cake had no fruit and was topped off with a lemon drizzle.

Memories from Eoin Hickey

This extract is taken from Eoin's memoir titled 'Growing Up In Skryne'

Continuing A Virtual Tour by Pony and Trap

From Skryne down by the Five Cross Roads.

To the left at the Five Roads one road goes to Kentstown and Slane but we take a right turn and start climbing, Tobin's is on our right and Callaghan's on the left and luckily the gate is open and I can see that there is someone at home so we'll stop for a chat.

There were three old Callaghan bachelor brothers living here, *Bundy, The Groom and Stephen*. As far back as 1910 Bundy had played football for Skryne. They knew, and were well known to, everyone, having worked for years on the roads for the council with their own horse and cart, repairing potholes.

My mother recorded them, they talked about how their father remembered the famine and how when they were young they had no use for money – they grew their own food and swapped and bartered for most of their other needs. They spoke of how they remembered the horse and sheep fairs at Skryne and how, in the nineteenth century, army officers from opposing armies in Europe came to Skryne to buy their horses.

We continue on up to the cross roads near the top of the hill, on the corner is Halligan's bar, shop and hardware and, opposite, to our right, is Swan's two story house, a fine example of a traditional County Meath farmer's house and dairy yard.

My sister Netta tells a story of when she was very young at school how the teacher asked the children where they got their milk from. Some said cows, one said goats and she put up her hand and said "Miss, we get our milk from Swans"!

Before we ask the pony to climb the last few yards up to the top of the hill we go along the road, past Halligan's, to next door, the small cottage type building which is the butcher shop. Tony Watters is the butcher here and he is waiting to transfer his business to a new, purpose built premises, complete with electric walk in fridge, at Oberstown.

Now we turn the pony and start to climb up the final few paces to the top of the hill.

O'Connell's Pub

We're back again on top of the hill, it's time to give the pony a rest and to take a break ourselves, so it's a good opportunity to pay a visit to O'Connell's pub. We lift the latch and enter into the grocery shop, the small bar with open fire is to the left and on our right is the ring room. The game of rings, always popular in

Skryne, it's played like darts but using rings instead. Jimmy O'Connell and his wife, Mary – Mrs O'Connell to us, live here with their two children, Marguerite and Thomas who also join on the morning walk to Skryne School. Before settling down let us first take a stroll down the yard.

Below the back door is the oil store, from here they sold, in two gallon cans, petrol for motorcars and paraffin oil for lamps, cookers and heaters. Opposite was the bottlings store and garage – Jimmy always kept a good car as he ran a hackney service. Further down the yard is the gent's outdoor toilet, always well-kept with tar and whitewash. Next was the pigsty where they reared three or four pigs and fed them with the porter slops from the bar – the happiest pigs in the parish! Behind all this was another magnificent garden, a well-stocked half acre or so incorporating a small lawn near the house with a rope swing hanging from a tall tree.

Jimmy was known as The Yankee, a name given because he was born in America and came home to Skryne with his parents as a child. Jimmy was said to be as old as the century, and was well known to have played a part in the War of Independence. He died in the early Eighties. As a child I have good memories of helping Jimmy in the bottling store. At that time there was no draught Guinness in Skryne, only small bottles of stout – both Single X and Double X. Double X was similar to the stout we have today and Single X, which had a green label, was much weaker and of course – much cheaper. In the bottling store Jimmy soaked the empty bottles in a large open tank then washed them one by one with a wire bottle brush before placing them upside down on a spiked stand to drain. The bottles were then filled directly from a wooden barrel with a brass tap while having a white enamel basin on the floor to catch the spillage. Mrs O'Connell, always very good to us as children and adults, lived on and ran the pub well into her Nineties, at all times having a warm welcome for all comers, and there were a wide variety: The hunt met on the hill; racing people used the pub as a meeting place; one could meet, of an evening, the American Ambassador and his wife chatting with an Arab Princess or perhaps the local cattle drover, all came together in O'Connell's and, indeed, still do.

One of my most vivid memories is that of the bonfire lighted a top of the steeple when Meath won the all-Ireland football championship in 1954.

UK General Election June 18th

Irish Independent, Friday, June 19, 1970

Massive swing puts the Tories on road to victory

THE SIZE OF the swing towards Conservative in the British General Election has caught everyone by surprise—not least the Conservatives. The reasons for the swing will make many full meals for political commentators and historians for a long time to come.

Perhaps we were all blinded by the dazzling results being produced by the opinion polls—only one of them offered a Conservative victory. Perhaps the last minute rows about colour and about trading figures played their part. The spot-checking will go on for a long time before everyone is satisfied about the reasons for a predicted Labour swing turning into an actual swing towards Conservative.

Both sides also seemed content to make the election campaign a battle between party leaders. But Mr. Wilson's folksy image and Mr. Heath's nervous, withdrawn one were already known to the British voter — and probably discounted. It may well turn out that the Conservative bid to attract the housewife to its side may have been a shrewder one than the cynics anticipated.

Irish Independent, Saturday, June 20, 1970

AND THE NORTH . . . ?

WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS for peace and social reform in the North in the wake of the Tory victory? Many have expressed the fear that a Tory Government, especially a Tory Government largely dependant on the extreme right-wing support of Paisley and Powell, will be forced to clamp down on social reform in the North. This is, of course, a very telling point, but there is also the fact that the Conservatives, and not least Mr. Quentin Hogg, have time and again supported the policies of reform in the North. Somewhat paradoxically their latest assertion of support for the reforms came as a result of Mr. Wilson's turning the light on the issue.

SHOCKS IN TED'S CABINET

Home Secretary—Reginald Maudling.
Foreign Secretary—Sir Alec Douglas-Home.
Chancellor of the Exchequer—Iain Macleod.
Lord Chancellor—Quintin Hogg, who will get a life peerage.
Lord President of the Council and Commons Leader—William Whitelaw.
Defence Secretary—Lord Carrington.
Secretary for Social Service—Sir Keith Joseph.
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (responsible for Common Market negotiations)—Anthony Barber.
Minister of Technology—Geoffrey Rippon.
Secretary for Employment and Productivity—Robert Carr.
Secretary for Education and Science—Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.
Secretary for Scotland—Gordon Campbell.
Lord Privy Seal—Lord Jellicoe.
Minister of Housing and Local Government—Peter Walker.
Secretary for Wales—Peter Thomas.
Minister of Agriculture—James Prior.
President of the Board of Trade—Michael Noble.

Irish Independent, Monday, June 15, 1970

Viet Cong dig in near capital

Viet Cong troops were yesterday reported dug in two miles outside the semi-deserted Cambodian town of Saang, 23 miles south of the capital, Phnom Penh.

The town itself was quiet last evening, but Cambodian soldiers stood guard beside howitzers following a Communist attack on Saturday. To the west of Saang, artillery could be heard near the key junction town of Kompong Speu, where the Viet Cong are reported to be in control of the town.

Switzerland's all-male electorate has rejected a proposal to cut the number of foreigners in the country by one-third in a nation-wide referendum. Fifteen Cantons voted against and five in support.

Irish Independent, Wednesday, June 17, 1970

THEATRES

GAITY THEATRE
Nightly 8 o'clock. Matinee Sat. 3 o'clock.
MAUREN POTTER
IN IRELAND'S GAYEST SHOW!
GAELS OF LAUGHTER '70
with Danny Cummins, Hal Roach, The Memories, Chris Curran, Louis Browne.
BOOKING DAILY, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ABBEY THEATRE—No performance. Theatre booked by R.T.E. Saturday, June 20th, and Sunday, June 21st. Two Performances only. Irish National Opera. "Twelfth Night" (James Wilson). Returning Monday, 22nd June, "The Hottentot" by Brendan Behan.

PEACOCK—Last Week, 8.15 p.m.: "Grogan and the Ferret" by George Shiers. Booking at Abbey, 10.30 a.m.-6 p.m.

OLYMPIA—8.00 p.m.: "The Field" by John D. Keane. Coming June 29th: "Big Maggie". Phone 770962.

QUESTION TIME

- 1—What is a more common name for the "cuckoo's mate?"
- 2—What sort of person was a verderer?
- 3—What word begins with "Q" and means a four-horse chariot?
- 4—What is Jequirity?

ANSWER TIME

(Questions on opposite page)

- 1, Wryneck 2, The keeper of a royal forest. 3, Quadriga. 4, An Indian liquorice.

Sport 50 Years Ago

Irish Independent, Monday, June 15, 1970



IT'S ENGLAND'S CUP OF WOE!

Seven thousand miles from home, in the middle of a parched, unfriendly Mexican desert, England's quest to keep the World Cup in the face of assorted adversities and aggravations ended here yesterday.

The West Germans took their revenge for 1966 in the most ironic manner, winning 3-2 by an extra-time goal in a match that was a repeat of the final of four years ago in all but the ending.

It was irony that the German winner, which came in the 112th minute of a quarter final England had seemed to have sewn up with a 2-0 lead, should have been scored by centre-forward Gerd Muller.

The man Germany calls "Der Bomber" had been effectively defused by the England defence until then. But he needed only a fraction of freedom to crash home a cross-shot that sends England home tonight without the trophy, and with many miserable memories of Mexico.

Little joy

For England, it was the termination of a World Cup of woe, a mission in which everything, and everyone seemed to be against them.

The heat and hostility, together with the incredible resiliance of the Germans, caught up suddenly with them and it all became too much.

Never can England have felt more alone than in the tiny stadium of Leon, a gun-toting leather town that has been a fanatical German stronghold for the past three weeks.

To begin, they were without goalkeeper Gordon Banks, O.B.E., victim of stomach trouble. They also had to adapt to a strange stadium, built like a bull ring, where the Germans have been digging a goal-mine.

With an Argentine referee and two Latin linesmen in control, it did not seem as if the Indian sign which England usually manage to inflict on the Germans, would be in evidence

West Germany 3; England 2

Two ahead

England, it seemed, had again discovered that rare combination of truculence, resolution and inspiration that unifies them in certain soccer circumstances — particularly against the Germans.

When, five minutes after the interval, Martin Peters ran on to a cross again supplied by Newton, and shuffled in a second goal for England, the defeat of Germany's old perspiring desert army seemed imminent.

Then England proceeded to throw it all away.

The immaculate Beckenbauer, who had been menacing them from midfield, took the ball from Francis Lee and scored a gracefully-shot goal after 69 minutes.

England promptly pulled off Bobby Charlton, with 106 games now their most capped player, and sent on Colin Bell to help keep the ball away from the foraging Germans.

Ten minutes from the end, with England still holding out under now considerable German pressure, Norman Hunter made his World Cup debut.

But in the 82nd minute that crafty German fox, Uwe Seeler, leapt half his height again to back head, promptly, a cross by Lohr over Bonetti's groping fingers.

Suddenly, it was 1966 and all that, over again.

Extra time brought further sharp reminders as England, their World Cup winning red shirts clinging to exhausted bodies, sank down on the touch line. Sir Alf Ramsey, however had time for a quiet smile as well as some earnest words, to skipper Moore.

The whistle, when it came, brought a sad relief and the knowledge that England had failed to overcome the elements and opposition of the cruellest World Cup in history.

Ramsey query

Ramsey, who walked away tight-lipped from the dismal scene, must be wondering now if he was right in trying to protect the energy of his men by limiting their attacking adventure and remaining rigidly throughout to a 4-4-2 system, which produced only four goals.

But the inquests must wait. England have a plane to catch and much thinking to do as the Germans noisily celebrate the day they got their own back and hit their oldest enemy where it hurts most.

BRAZIL 4

PERU 2

WORLD CUP favourites, Brazil, powered their way into the semi-finals against Uruguay on Wednesday with a convincing 4-2 victory over Peru before a 55,000 crowd at the Jalisco Stadium last night.

Italy, 4; Mexico, 1.

LED BY LUIGI RIVA and tireless midfield worker Angelo Domenghini, Italy, with a resounding 4-1 victory, buried Mexico's World Cup hopes in an action-packed quarter-final match at Toluca yesterday.

Uruguay, 1; Soviet Union, 0

URUGUAY MOVED into the semi-finals of the World Cup yesterday by eliminating the Soviet Union (1-0) with a disputed goal three minutes from the end of extra time in their quarter-final match at the Aztec Stadium.

Irish Independent, Thursday, June 18, 1970

BRAZIL 3; URUGUAY 1.

A DEVASTATING second-half display of power-packed football by the brilliant Brazilians tore the Uruguayan defence to shreds in thrill-packed semi-final at Guadalajara last night and the final scoreline of 3-1 in no way flattered or reflected the superiority of the South American maestros.

ITALY 4 WEST GERMANY 3

THE WORLD CUP finally burst into light yesterday, ironically with the death of West Germany in the most sensational semi-final in the history of the competition. England's conquerors perished in a sea of blind heroism, leaving Italy to steal through in extra time, to face Brazil in a final that, if it has a section of the passion and intensity of this match, will have made all the aggravation of Mexico '70 worthwhile.

Five goals came in incredible switchback sequence during extra time after West Germany, the supreme masochists of soccer, had equalised Italy's eighth minute opener in injury time.

When the dust settled, the tears dried, and the hearts stopped pounding, it was the Italians who ended on top of this pulsating encounter that is surely unequalled—in quality and excitement—even, dare I suggest it, by England's win over West Germany in 1966.

Germany (4-3-3)—J. Maier, H. Vogts, K-H. Schnellinger, W. Schulz, B. Patzkie, U. Seeler, F. Beckenbauer, W. Overath, I. Grabowski, G. Muller, J. Loehr.

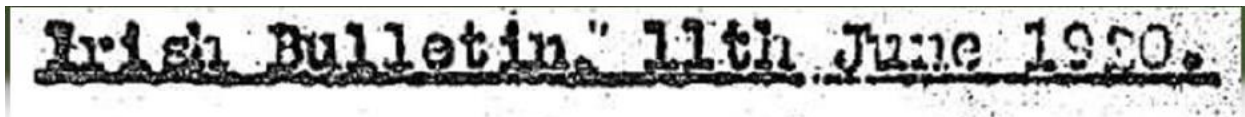
Italy (4-4-2)—E. Albertosi, T. Burgnich, G. Facchetti, R. Rosato, P. Cera, M. Bertini, A. Mazzola, A. Domenghini, G. de Sisti, R. Boninsegna, L. Riva.

This Week 100 Years Ago

<https://www.irishnewsarchive.com/wp/category/this-week-in-history-2/>

The IRA's military campaign continued unabated in June 1920 and by the end of the month moral amongst the RIC was low.

The courts system had virtually collapsed and there was growing uncertainty about the long term governance of the country. It was also the month of the County Council Elections where Sinn Fein swept the board nationwide, winning control in all but four county councils. The support for Sinn Fein was helped in no small way by the coverage provided by a host of Republican newspapers, pamphlets and other material



Militarism:- Military are now quartered in Newport. An advance party of the Camerons arrived in Navan, Co. Meath, yesterday and took possession of the right wing of the workhouse, where 100 men will be accommodated.

Two destroyers arrived in Lough Swilly, Co. Donegal, yesterday and landed marines in full war kit, who occupied the naval barracks protecting the coastguard stations. On Tuesday 50 marines landed at Ballydonegan Bay, Castletownbere, Co. Cork. A destroyer landed 35 marines with full equipment at Courtmacsherry, Co. Cork, on Wednesday. -

While counties such as Cork, Clare and Tipperary were notorious by this stage in the War of Independence, there were other areas which there was intense IRA activity.

In May 1920 the work of 'Sinn Fein in Ulster' was reported in daily newspapers including the attack on the RIC between Crossdoney and Ballinagh in county Cavan. On their way to the fair of Crossdoney Sergeant WG Johnston and Constable Somerset were attacked by twelve armed and masked men. In the same week the IRA in Loughbrickland, county Down isolated the village and burned the disused RIC barracks. The RIC barracks at Mayobridge, near Newry which had also been vacant for some time was also burned and completely destroyed.

June 1920 also witnessed the widespread establishment of republican or Dail courts, which replaced the holding of petty sessions in many towns and villages across the country. This transfer of administrative law and order was another decisive victory for the IRA. While often dealing with trivial matters they were nonetheless effective and soon people refused to bring claims before the petty sessions. The *Young Ireland* newspaper describes this dramatic transfer of power in June with a remarkable incident in Callan, county Kilkenny. Three cases were held at the Volunteer Court in the Town Hall in Callan where two ex-soldiers were charged with the theft of a gun from a farmer, while a third man was charged with stealing a bicycle. What made the incident remarkable was that the three men were escorted to the Court by Volunteers while the District Inspector and Head Constable of the RIC looked on at this 'novel way of persevering law and order'. A feature of the sentences imposed on the men was that they undertook to leave the parish of Callan for twelve

months. Banishment was often a more severe sentence than any monetary fine imposed by the Republican Courts.

From the Archives



RATHFEIGH SCHOOL NEWS

GAEILIC FOOTBALL: Congratulations to Cian Byrne who has been picked to play in the Mini 7s game in Croke Park on All Ireland Final Day. also to Michéal Fogarty who will play on All-Ireland semi-final day. Well done to our team who played so well in the Blake Cup tournament in Dunshaughlin. They beat Kilcloon and The Black Bush to reach finals, losing narrowly to Daingean and the eventual winners Dunshaughlin. Panel: Michéal Fogarty, Michael Synnott, Alan Tuite, Cian Byrne, Michael Curry, Patrick O'Rourke, James Hegarty, Fiachra Ó Coigligh, Turlach McKeown.



PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN CROKE PARK AT THE FIRST ROUND OF THE LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Back l-r) Patrick O'Rourke, Shane Dawson, Michéal Fogarty, Fiachra Ó Coigligh, James Hegarty.
(Front row l-r) Turlach McKeown, Cian Byrne, Michael Curry, Michael Synnott, Alan Tuite. Teachers: Mr. Tansley, Mr. Ward.

Some more extracts from Joan's Milestones along the journey of life

Rationing

Every household at that time was given a Ration Book from the Government as tea, sugar, paraffin oil, candles, clothes, and several other things were so scarce, that there was a limited amount allotted to each member of the family. For instance, tea was a half ounce per person per week!! This didn't bother most kids, as they nearly always drank milk, which was plentiful, but the adults loved their tea then, as now. Tea, or the lack of it, was a great talking point, "what they wouldn't give for a "dacent cup"!!!.

People tried to make tea from grated carrot which they roasted in the oven, but I don't think it was very drinkable.

Sugar was also a problem, as porridge was mostly eaten for breakfast, and most people liked sugar on it, and everyone took sugar in their tea and cocoa in those days, (coffee was only for Posh people.)

So what most Mothers would do, when the ration of sugar came into the house, (especially where there were big kids that she couldn't always" keep her eye on") she would measure out the sugar into jam jars with their names on, so each had their own. Now this sounds like a great plan, but alas, it didn't always work, because, if "someone's" jar was getting too low too early in the week, they were not averse to "dipping" in another's jar when they weren't looking, and then there would be skin and hair flying.

I also remember watching my Father stitching the wire rims back on to bicycle tyres, he used a cross between fine twine and thick thread, (I think it was called hemp) which was pulled through this wax ball, numerous times, presumably to make it waterproof. Try to imagine how much wear a bicycle tyre would need to have had for the wire to come off it.

There was also a very thriving "Black Market" system going at that time and every area had it's own couple of Black Marketeers. Now, how and where these people got their hands on things like tea and bicycle tyres etc. etc. I don't know, but they thought nothing of charging five, six, or even ten times the proper price for the items. Black Marketing was seriously against the law, and sometimes they got caught

Self-Sufficiency

People had to be very self-sufficient in those days. Every household kept hens so there was always plenty of eggs to eat, and for making cakes and scones, they very, very rarely bought a shop cake or biscuits, as that would have been considered extravagant and a waste of money. (Money was also a very scarce commodity back then).

The trick was to be able to keep your hens laying for as long as possible as hens were notorious for going on "strike" in October or November, just when the demand was at it's highest for all the Christmas cakes and puddings that were made in every household then. Hens simply hate the cold and rain, so they would sulk and stop laying and of course scarcity made the eggs jump to two or three times the price they were in the summer if you had to buy them, so when the hens were giving of their best the eggs were preserved in waterglass and it was those preserved eggs that were used for the Christmas baking.

Almost everyone grew their own potatoes and vegetables, as there were no Supermarkets in those days. All the same, even the people who didn't grow their own, for whatever reason, did not go short, as neighbours were very good to each other, and of course there was great swapping went on, for instance, the household that had a bumper crop of potatoes thought nothing of giving the neighbours a bag of spuds and in return would get a bucket of apples or carrots or a dozen eggs or whatever was their need, even those who had little or nothing to swap would give their time, cutting sticks for the fire maybe, or sweeping the yard, or helping with the hay. As I remember it, money rarely changed hands, the Barter System was the currency of the day among neighbours.

A lot of people who lived in the country also kept a couple of pigs, one to sell and one to kill for the house. That was some operation, my father could never do it, but then he didn't have to, as every local area would have it's own couple of killers, (of pigs I mean).

The salting, curing, and storing of the bacon was very important, the

better the job was done the longer the bacon would last (remember, no fridges). It was usually stored in large wooden boxes covered with clean straw or sacking and kept in the coolest place you could find, which was usually the scullery or pantry, or lean-to dairy that was attached to a lot of farm houses, (today it's called the "utility" room) and it also had to be dog and cat proof.!!!

The money from the pig that was sold was usually spent on the children's winter clothes and shoes, but even more importantly on "certain Christmas expenses" !!! Everything about Christmas was just marvellous, (because in those days Christmas only came once a year!!!) and I remember Santa always managed to arrive in our house, laden, and on time, no matter what else happened.

I still have a Jew's-harp that he brought me fifty six years ago. My brothers got a mouth organ and drums that same year, and our parents ended up "praying" for Santa at five o'clock that Christmas morning.

The Night Sky by Tony Canavan

June 21st: There is an annular solar eclipse on 21st of June but it will not be visible from Ireland. The path crosses Africa into northern India and China. South eastern parts of Europe will see a partial eclipse e.g. Italy Greece and north Africa. Ireland will have a partial eclipse of the sun next year on June 10th.

Position of the Milky Way: any night now

The star **Antares** is at altitude 8 degrees and azimuth 162 degrees on the southern horizon and the Milky Way is directly to the left of this star. The Milky way rises towards the star **Altair** (altitude 19 degrees azimuth 100 degrees) and passing to the right. **Vega** is overhead (altitude 53 degrees azimuth 92 degrees) and the Milky Way passes to the south. The star **Deneb** is directly on its path (alt. 40 deg. azimuth 64 deg.). It follows the line towards the constellation **Cassiopeia** (altitude 24 deg. azimuth 23 deg.) towards the northern horizon. You are looking at the plane of rotation of the galaxy containing most of the stars, star clusters, gas and dust.

Unfortunately, the Milky Way is difficult to see because of light pollution on the east coast of Ireland, and the fact that the sun sets for only a few hours in mid-summer, with the added problem of various phases of the moon.

The International Dark-Sky Association granted Gold-Tier International Dark Sky Park status to Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park, County Mayo in 2016. It was a wonderful recognition for the region's pristine skies, landscapes and wilderness.

At this time of the year the galactic centre of the MW is just left of **Antares** on the horizon (azimuth 148 degrees). The galactic centre contains the 'galactic bulge' containing mainly old stars i.e. greater than 9 billion years (the brightest section of picture below). It also contains a supermassive black hole with a mass of 4.3 million suns and with a gravitational field so strong that light cannot escape. Black holes warp the fabric of spacetime.

Milky Way



How the Milky Way should look in the night sky.

One of the great mysteries of the MW is the presence of '**dark matter**'. It is invisible because it does not interact with visible matter.

Astronomers calculated that the Milky Way's mass was insufficient to hold it together and it should simply just fly apart into space. It was composed of the following:

4% for stars, planets, moons, asteroids etc.

12% for gas and dust particles

That left a staggering 84% unaccounted for. We call this '**dark matter**'. Scientists continue to probe the quantum world (the world of the very, very, very small) for answers. They are creating a table similar to the 'Periodic Table' for subatomic particles (presently 13) with the assistance of CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) in Switzerland where the 'Higgs Boson' was discovered using the LHC (Large Hadron Collider). Higgs field gives particles mass.

Present theory indicates that we are afloat on a 'quantum ocean' of fields that cannot sit still, they are constantly moving and vibrating and changing over time.

In the words of J.S.B. Haldane "my own suspicion is that the universe is not only queerer than we suppose, but queerer than we can suppose".

Telling the Bees by Anne Frehill

In these troubled and troubling times, people are seeking a place in nature or a hobby

which provides sanctuary from the world, where their mind and heart can find rest.

Recently, I watched a series of TV programmes on Downside Abbey, (not to be confused with the fictional Downton Abbey) a Benedictine monastery in England where the cameras followed the monks going about their daily tasks, all in keeping with the Benedictine rule of silence, so that the mind is cleared of distractions. One programme featured the work of a monk who is the main beekeeper in the Abbey, without dialogue or commentary of any kind, the viewer was free to enter into the world of the monk and absorb the sounds of nature including that of the bees. Beekeepers or apiarists carry on a fine and ancient art.

A few years ago, the tabloids in the United Kingdom had a field day when Prince Charles admitted to talking with his bees. While he has always been passionate about the environment, his occasional forays into the mire of pseudoscience had muddied the waters surrounding the Prince of Wales. Some of his future subjects raised thorny questions about his apparent lack of discretion and wondered if he could be trusted to keep away from such controversial issues once he ascends the throne. I am certainly no monarchist but for once, I empathized with “poor old rich” Charles! Since ancient times honey bees have had great spiritual and religious significance attached to them in many cultures. From at least 3500 BC in Ancient Egypt bees were linked with royalty and archaeological digs have discovered hieroglyphs for beekeepers and honey. The oldest honey in the world was found in 1925 in the tomb of King Tutankhamun where pots of honey had been placed alongside his mummified body to help him on his celestial journey, over 3000 years earlier.

While the famous Greek called Pythagoras (who lived over 2000 years ago) is best known for his theorem about a right-angled triangle which is still taught in school, he also is regarded as the first “vegetarian”

because he made the decision to give up all meat and live on honey, bread and some vegetables.

Hippocrates, the Greek philosopher is regarded as the father of medicine, and he too was adamant about the medicinal properties of honey for many ailments such as fever, headache, etc.

The Vikings also used honey and beeswax but many academics are divided about the provenance of this honey, some believe that they had their own hives in their places of origin i.e. Scandinavia, while others say that it was imported from the countries they raided. Mead was first made by the Vikings, from a fermented combination of honey and water and is quite potent. Legend has it that they sometimes used the honeycombs and bees as well and it is said to be the oldest of all alcoholic drinks.

In the middle ages monasteries and abbeys became synonymous with beekeeping to meet the burgeoning demand for wax, used for candles in countless ecclesiastical settings, as well as honey.

Honey bees in Celtic mythology were viewed as messengers between our world and the spirit realm and again in European folklore were deemed to be messengers of the gods. So, the purpose of “telling the bees” about various happenings e. g. deaths, births, and marriages, was to ensure that the gods were kept informed of the affairs of humans. Thus, keeping the gods on side so that good health and good fortune would follow.

The European honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) is the most common honey bee on earth. To say that he is a diligent worker is an understatement, yet the average bee will only make 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in its short lifetime. While in order to make one pound of honey, honey bees will gather nectar from approximately 2 million flowers.

When I was a child, a local man used to visit our house every Autumn with four treasured pots of honey from his hives. This was treated with great care, as my parents eschewed commercially produced honey. Whenever we had colds, sore throats, or indeed cuts, burns, or wounds, this honey was used as a remedy and usually worked because of its medicinal properties, which include antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, anti-viral and anti-fungal.

Thankfully, in recent years there is a growing awareness of the crucial role bees play in our ecosystem including the fact that they are the world's most important pollinator of food crops. Bees are regarded as essential for the continuance of mankind. Indeed, beekeeping in the western world has seen a resurgence of interest relating to first and foremost the natural properties of honey, secondly to the ecological benefits of bees and finally to the spiritual effects of working with bees. Many who work closely with them confirm that they are therapeutic in that they calm the mind and soothe the soul and allow one to tune into nature. Everything in a hive is structured and ordered and each bee has a different role some are guards, some are workers and so on, but all are part of a greater whole, providing a service which is interconnected with their fellow bees. Thus, monks down the centuries believed that there were many spiritual lessons to be learned from the art of beekeeping.

Of all the honey which I have tasted while travelling through different countries of Europe, my favourite is from Greece. Greek honey is considered to be one of the best in the world, it has a different taste depending on which island it comes from and given that Greece has thousands of islands scattered in the Aegean sea this gives great diversity. One thing they all have in common is the wonderful climate combined with the wide diversity of flora which makes for that golden honey with the bitter-sweet taste, akin to the food of the gods.

Of course, people who suffer from allergies need to take local, raw honey which still has the allergens native to the area they live in, to obtain relief from their symptoms (in commercially produced honey these will be lost).

Manuka honey is the most expensive, however it has many uses and is particularly efficacious in healing and wound management not just with humans but with horses. A recent article in the Irish Veterinary journal highlights this finding.

Many famous people have been beekeepers. Cleopatra had an apiary, as she bathed in donkey milk and honey to maintain her beautiful skin! Aristotle, Leo Tolstoy and the tragic but brilliant poet Sylvia Plath, (who penned a few wonderful poems about bees) also were apiarists.

Even Pope Francis is said to have hives at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo.

Recently, I heard an American celebrity, one of those individuals who are just “famous for being famous”, say that she has given up her weekly sessions of therapy (to help her deal with the fame she has long courted !) in favour of beekeeping. I hope that the bees help her to look at it all “in perspective.”

I must mention the bees extraordinary “waggle dance” which is one form of communication between them. When a worker bee discovers a good source of pollen or nectar, she returns to the hive and performs a waggle dance which is a figure -of -eight dance to let her fellow workers know the direction and distance of these flowers. It is also used to tell other bees about nearby water.

So, if you are seeking solace in this weary world, perhaps you should consider either keeping bees or visiting someone who does. And you can not only tell all your troubles to the bees, but also watch them dance! You might even spot a Michael Jackson or Anna Pavlova from the kingdom of flying insects!

William Butler Yeats, in the first verse from his poem “The Lake Isle of Innisfree” encompasses the mystical power of bees.

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,

And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;

Nine bean- rows will I have there, a hive for the honey bee,

And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

Wilkinson's Beautiful Garden, Photos by Maurice Daly





The Rock of Carrickleck By Brian Smith

(I)

Killarney's praises you may sing
Or "The hill of Donegal"
Or of Connemara's mountains
Or the Barrow water's fall
But why proclaim their praises
When you never try to reck
The many, many beauties
Of the Rock of Carrickleck.

(II)

Standing close beside the roadway
Just a lonely sentinel
There's no mark nor sign about it
Its name and history to tell
But if you ask a resident
With pride towards it he'll beck
And smilingly he'll tell you
That's the Rock of Carrickleck
Lordly rising oer the townland
From its summit may be seen
To the North, Fionn's own Slieve Gullions.
South the holy hill of Skryne
To the West Loyds sloping Steeple
Cranes aloft its shapely neck
These and other sights will greet you
From the Rock of Carrickleck.

(III)

There upon a Summer's evening
We would have our merry dance
When the boys and girls together
Used to meet there, just by chance
There no new laws of convention
Would our youthful mirth dare check
No, we'd joke and dance together
On the Rock of Carrickleck.

(IV)

And returning home at twilight
You would hear the merry laugh
As some shy or bashful maiden
Was the butt of some light chaff
And backwards in the gloaming
You could see just but a speck
Of the scenes of all our triumphs
The dear Rock of Carrickleck.

(V)

But those happy days are over
And the dancers are all fled
From their merry gay surroundings
Where their simple life they led
And the Rock looks sad and lonely
Now no crowd doth er bedeck
On a lone deserted district
Looks the Rock of Carrickleck.

This is from Brian's 'Collected Poems

Livestock

For the past number of weeks we have been running photos of old farm machinery with the identification being published the following week. We have run out of suitable photos at the moment, maybe some of our readers could send in a few more?

In the meantime we are going to run something similar in relation to livestock. We all drive past fields of cattle every day but how many breeds can you name?

We will have two breeds each week until we run out



Breed 1A



Breed 1B

Last week's machines:

Spike Harrow, used for pulverising soil in preparation for sowing

Corn Binder, used for cutting corn, bundling and tying into sheave

COVID 19 Community Support Group and Club Together

As you are aware Skryne GFC joined forces with the Active First Responders a few weeks back to form the local COVID 19 Community Support volunteer group to help local people most in need however we can in these restricted times. Since then the GAA has partnered with SuperValu and Centra to help keep the most vulnerable of us to keep well stocked up with essentials to get through these difficult times. As part of this “Club Together” initiative Skryne GFC have partnered with Supervalu Johnstown who will contact the COVID 19 Community Support group to assist with the delivery of groceries to the more vulnerable in our parish. This will be a drop and go service to ensure all physical distancing guidelines set out by the HSE will be adhered to all times.

I hope you will agree this could be a great help to the more isolated in the parish so please spread this message out to all your local contacts that may require the service or may know someone who does. The service will be up and running in the coming week with details advertised on all Skryne GFC social media platforms.

Thanks again and mind yourselves!

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I would be willing to offer any advice to readers regarding their vehicles. With garages closed readers may have queries regarding issues that they are worried about.

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