

RST Newsletter

Rathfeigh • Skryne • Tara



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RST Community Centre

The RST Community Centre will be based on the second floor of Skryne GFC Pavilion. It is envisaged that the RST Community Centre will be a multifunctional inclusive facility and a community hub for groups, clubs, organisations and individuals in the RST area. Our household and group surveys during 2011 indicated that there are many unfulfilled needs and gaps in our local infrastructure along with educational and cultural requirements e.g.

- Meeting place/activities/facilities for our active aged and retired population (36% of RST area are 61+ years)
- Before and after school services for working parents.
- A children's playground.
- Alcohol free meeting place/activities for teenagers.
- Meeting rooms for groups/organisations/societies etc.
- Community gym and keep fit centre.

The RST group will assess the space available (250 sq metres) and maximise its potential for use, taking into account the priorities established by the surveys. Initial internal sub-division of the centre indicate that we will have a function room, two meeting rooms, a kitchen, a community gym, storage space and toilets. Open planning will be a feature of the function and meeting rooms.

The RST group has an ambitious target: to make the RST area the community capital of Meath by providing a centre that we will all be proud of in centre of our great community.

Please attend our AGM. Attending does not mean you will be pressurised into taking a "job". It indicates that you are saying "yes" to the project and you support its establishment for our community. Attending also shows that you are interested in the development of your community. Of course new members are always welcome on committee. If you have special skills, talents, expertise or area of special interest, would you like to share it with the community?

We are holding the AGM of the Rathfeigh/Skryne/Tara (RST) Community Group in Skryne Hall on Wednesday 8th February 2012 @ 8.30 pm. All community members are welcome.

Guest Speaker: Ms Anastasia Crickley, a native of Skryne parish and now Head of the Dept. of Applied Social Studies in the National University of Ireland Maynooth.

Isabel Rooney

On Friday 13th Jan. we said farewell to Isabel Rooney, a pupil in Rang 1. This parting came suddenly and all too soon. Isabel had been fighting her battle with leukemia since June last year and was making great progress with her recovery. Out of the blue after Christmas an infection took hold which Isabel just could not defeat and she passed away after a courageous fight. Courage is one word which keeps cropping up when one thinks of Isabel. Here was a little girl with the heart of a lion who took her situation in her stride. She battled her illness with resilience. Isabel loved school and school loved her. She was easy to love and a good friend to many. Isabel often returned to school having treatment in the morning. She loved being with her friends. And what a good friend she was. We have many happy memories of Isabel garnered from her friends. She was brilliant at Hide-and-Seek, a great teller of jokes and deadly on the Nintendo - Mario Kart and Moshi Monsters being particular favourites.

We celebrated Isabel's spirit with a simple ceremony here last Friday when her classmates released white balloons representing the soaring of Isabel's spirit to Heaven. We know we have our own little angel in heaven now. Isabel we will talk to you often. Rest easy sweet angel.

■ **Martin Kennedy**, Scoil Cholmcille. Skryne

Skryne GFC Membership Fees 2012

The following membership fees for 2012 were agreed at the Annual General Meeting held in Skryne hall on 09 December 2011:

- **Adult plus annual Blotto**€100
- **Adult (without blotto)** €30
- **Husband and Wife** €50
- **Student** €40
- **Adult player** €75

If an adult player sells two new annual Blottos he will receive annual membership. These Blottos must be sold to non-players and be returned to the club before 1st February 2012. Otherwise an adult player fee of €75 will apply.

Skryne GFC

After eight years of hard work the final touches have been put to our club history book and the launch date has been fixed for Friday 30th March in Killeen Castle.

Please inform all family members and friends of this date, particularly those outside the parish.

The book consists of 2 hard back editions – the first one dating from 1887 – 1970s and the second from the 1970s to 2010. The two volumes will be in an attractive presentation case. The history book covers all aspects of the club year by year with photos interspersed throughout plus a 32 page colour section in each.

As this has never been attempted before and possibly may never be done again, it promises to be one of the biggest social occasions in the club's history.

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Wednesday 8th February
@ 8.30 pm in Skryne Hall.

Guest speaker:

Ms Anastasia Crickley

Head of Dept. Applied Social Science,
NUI Maynooth.

All community members welcome.

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RST COMMUNITY CENTRE

Skryne Ladies AGM Report

Skryne Ladies AGM took place on Friday 20th January at 8pm in Skryne Hall. Outgoing chairman Colm Hanley expressed his delight at the large numbers who turned up for the annual meeting and added it was heartening to see such support. He went on to thank his committee and team mentors who had worked so hard over the year gone by. He also thanked the club sponsors, players and all who had contributed to the success of the club in any way.

Outgoing secretary Mary Keogh joined Colm in his remarks and went on to pay tribute to the U15 and Ladies teams who had won their respective Shield finals in 2011. She added in was a particular honour for the club that ten players from the club lined out for Meath teams at various age groups in the season just gone. The manager's reports were then read to the meeting detailing the activities of the various teams throughout the 2011 season.

The main business of the evening then got underway which was the election of club officers, committee members and team mentors. The following were appointed for the coming season:

Chairperson: Colm Hanley (Returned).

Vice Chairperson: Derrick Monaghan.

Secretary: Mary Keogh (Returned).

Assistant Secretary: Caroline Whelan (Returned)

Treasurer: Niamh Lynch (Returned).

Assistant Treasurer: Liam Kellegher.

PRO / Senior: Senan McGrath (Returned).

PRO / Underage: Orla Cragie & Melanie Kirwan.

Registrar: Caroline Whelan.

Childrens Officer: Jane Swan (Returned).

Dev. Officers: Michelle Whelan & Ashlin Bowens.

Language Officer: Maire Kennedy (Returned).

Delegates to County Board: Mary Keogh, Caroline Whelan, Coleen Jordan (Player).

Delegates to Men's Committee: Colm Hanley, Raymond Smith.

Committee: Tony Morland, Marie Cragie, Jackie Wade, Annie Ryan (Player), Majella O'Rourke and Colette Monaghan.

Team Managers / Mentors: U8 / U10: Raymond Smith, Jackie Wade.

U12: Orla Cragie, Melanie Kirwan.

U14: Majella O'Rourke, Derreck Monaghan.

U15: Majella O'Rourke, Liam Kellegher. **U16:** Jackie Wade, Liam Kellegher.

U19: Coleen Jordan, Annie Ryan. **Ladies:** Mick Whelan, Declan Moore, Senan McGrath. **First Aider – Ladies:** Marie Cragie.

Chairperson, Colm Hanley wished all those elected every success in the coming year and he went on to thank Dan O'Leary senior club chairperson for attending the AGM and showing his support. He wished Dan every success in his tenure as chairperson.

Dan in return thanked Colm for his good wishes and went on to say he would do all he could to support the Ladies club. Senior club secretary Sean Curry sent his apologies to the meeting for not being able to attend and wished the club ever success in the coming year.

Skryne GFC Social Night

Skryne GFC have organised a Social night that will take place on Friday **17th February at 9pm sharp** in the **Snail Box**. On the night medals will be presented to the Skryne Mens team who won the 2011- Div 2 B League and also the Skryne Senior Ladies team who won the 2011 - Shield Championship. This promises to be a most enjoyable evening where music and food will be provided. It gives an opportunity for people to get together in a social setting and talk about the season gone by and the one just around the corner. A group called Rubber Duck will provide the music and a disco will follow on when the group finishes. Tickets can be purchased @ a cost of €20 each by contacting **Mick Whelan @ 087 2594445** or you can pay at the door on the night

Fundraising

In these difficult times the day to day running of the club and finished the new clubhouse is an onerous task in itself – now we add in the "once off" cost of producing a high quality club history book, you can see the added financial problems for the club committee. The cost of producing the book alone is approximately €35,000. With this in mind we are asking for the help of our loyal supporters and parishioners. This is very different from the usual fundraising efforts. What we are asking for is an interest free loan in the region of €500 or more which will be paid back initially from book sales and thereafter from club coffers. The loan will be paid back in full within 3 years.

We invite everybody to play a part in this and any committee member will help and give further information if necessary.

Dan O'Leary

Club Chairperson (087) 822 2012

Dermot Carty

Launch night committee chairperson
(086) 876 0336

Skryne Ladies Return To Training

Skryne Senior Ladies returned to training on Friday 27th January in preparation for the coming season. Mick Whelan takes on the Team Managers role again this year assisted by Declan Moore and Senan McGrath. Marie Cragie has volunteered her services as first aider to the team for the coming season. Mick will be hoping to build on the Shield Final win of last season and the younger players will have gained a lot of experience from last year's campaign. Unfortunately the team will be without the services of a number of very experienced players this season owing to emigration. These include last year's captain Gillian O'Sullivan, Alisha Jordan, Laura Bowens and Mary Bennet. Skryne Ladies GFC would like to thank those players for their valuable contribution to the Club over the years and wish them all the best for the future. Hopefully your absence from Skryne will be short lived. On the plus side Annie Ryan has returned from her College studies abroad and so will be available to line out for the team this season.

Skryne Ladies GFC wish the Ladies team and all our teams every success this season.

Meath Federation ICA

Meath Federation ICA are hosting a Roadshow and Information Evening in Skryne Hall on Tuesday 21st February at 8pm. We extend an invitation to all ladies from 16 years and upwards. There will be a display of crafts and demonstrations on the night. We will also host the Meath Finals of the Gempack and Make & Model competitions on the same evening. Following the recent closure of the long-serving Tara ICA guild we wish them all the best and thank them for all their involvement over the last sixty years or more. The Meath Federation are hoping to form a new guild to serve Skryne, Rathfeigh and surrounding areas. So ladies, we would be delighted if you would come along, bring a friend, and see what ICA, and An Grianan of Boot Camp fame, has to offer.

For further information contact

Jean Keogh, Meath Federation Secretary
phone 01-8257192



DOG OWNERS

We have been asked to remind dog owners to kindly clean up after their pets particularly on the footpath from Swan's to the Church as this is used by a lot of pedestrians and causing distress to those who use it and step in dog poo, or have to step on to road to avoid it.

Social Night

The Skryne Branch of the Irish Guide dogs for the Blind presents its launch night for its upcoming Tractor Run event which will be a National attempt for the most tractors involved in a Tractor Run in this country. The launch night takes place on the 18th of February 2012 at 8.30pm in Fox's lounge on the Hill of Skryne. The theme of the night will be based on football jerseys of all kinds. All are welcome.

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New Members Welcome!

Skane Wheelers, an informal social cycling club, are meeting on Friday 3rd February at 9pm in the Old School House Kilmessan. All levels welcome. For further details please contact Clodagh on 086 170 9211 or Ronan on 085 142 0406.

Catriona Gets Royal Call Up

Skryne's Catriona Keoghan has been called up to the Meath U16 panel for the coming season. Catriona has previously lined out for the Meath U14 squad, so is no stranger to the Royal set up. In the season just gone she was a member of Skryne's U15 / U16 / U19 teams and also lined out for the Skryne Ladies. Catriona is also on her schools junior and senior teams and has a lot of footballing experience to her credit. Skryne Ladies wish Catriona all the best in the coming season with the Meath U16 squad.

Thank You

Many thanks to my kind neighbours, who rallied around in spite of the heavy rain and rescued my home from being flooded at the end of October. They worked tirelessly through the dark and wet evening until the sandbags arrived. Only when they were sure that the house was safe from any further water getting in did they leave.

**I very much appreciate
your kindness.**

Babs Clarke, Edoxtown.

Condolences

Sympathy is extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- Rooney family, Candle Hill, on the death of Isabel
- Maureen Hickey, Collierstown, on the death of her brother
- Family of Briget Donnelly, Skryne Hill
- Noel Devine, Cabgagh, on the death of his sister



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47kg Propane Gas	€117

NO LOCAL DELIVER CHARGE

Tara Litter Control

The Friends of Tara Litter Control Group held a very successful table quiz in Maguire's of Tara in November last. An enjoyable night was had by all 17 tables. Our quizmaster Mr John Scanlon set some challenging questions and managed to keep control of proceedings.

Thanks to very generous sponsors, volunteers and all of the attendees it was a very successful night. There were 17 tables and a total of €1,600.00 was raised. This will be used to help maintain the "five roads" and the well at Tara.

The group holds regular clean-ups during the year and routinely there are up to 20 volunteers in attendance. The group has received awards from Meath County Council so and the money raised will be well spent.

The Carty School Of Irish Dance

Rathfeigh lessons start Monday Jan 1st, junior and senior infants 1.40-2.40pm 1st class to 6th class 2.40-3.40pm all levels welcome:)

Tara na Ri function room 'the Stable' classes start Wednesday Feb 1st junior infants and senior infants 2.15pm-3.15 and 1st class- 6th class 3.15-4.15 all levels welcome:)

1st lesson is free so come and join in! 5 lessons €30 or €7 pay-as-you-go for more information and bookings **call Sabrina** on **083 0024324** or check out The Carty School of Irish Dance on Facebook, past performer with Riverdance with 10 yrs professional Experience.

BLOTTO RESULTS

18TH DECEMBER

Numbers Drawn 7-14-19-21

Jackpot not won

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS

M Skehan, Kevin and Sharon Smith, Maureen Moore, Seamus O'Kane, Seamus McCabe, Ted Nesbitt, Johanna Browne, Cormac Keogh, Peter Dowling, Christina Simons, Kathleen Bolger, Jason Sheils, Coleen Jordan, Charlie Swan, Paula McGreevy, Marion O'Leary.

27TH DECEMBER

Numbers Drawn 1-12-15-18

Jackpot not won - €40 each

M Skehan, Vinny O'Reilly, Gerry Morgan and Rita Critchley

1ST JANUARY

Numbers Drawn 8-23-24-26

Jackpot not won - €40 each

D and F Gryson, Marie Felle Brady, Declan Sheridan and Mary McCabe

8TH JANUARY

Numbers Drawn 8-15-18-21

Jackpot not won - €40 each

Michael O'Grady, Sheila Murphy, Cian Reddy, Declan O'Donnell

15TH JANUARY

Numbers Drawn 4-7-14-25

Jackpot not won - €40 each

Eileen and Yvonne Grey, Karen Reilly, James Reddy and Ann Gurmin

22ND JANUARY

Numbers Drawn 3-14-19-22

Jackpot not won - €40 each

Daddy Mac, James Brady, Patrick Boland and Nadine Ryan

Next week's jackpot

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