

## Skryne Golf Society

An update on two recent outings. Our outing to Balcarrick in October was enjoyable although being so close to the coast there was a bit of a breeze. The winners were:

### Results Balcarrick

	Category 1	Category 2
1 <sup>st</sup>	John Neville	Christie Browne
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Noel Gallagher	Martin Browne
Front 9	Willie Rogan	
Back 9	Eddie McManus	

Congratulations to Noel Gallagher who won Golfer of the Year and thus he will be Captain for 2015. This is very appropriate given that Skryne Golf Society celebrates its coming of age. We started in 1995 so next year marks our 21st. Noel was one of the founding members.

And so to Royal Tara on 6th for our annual turkey outing. Turkey winners were Des Finnerty, Gerry Browne, Gerry Reynolds, Christie Browne, Mick Rogan and Paddy Mulvaney. Because it's Christmas no one went home empty handed. All other players received a bottle of wine. Presentations took place in The County Club after a hearty steak meal. Let us look forward to another successful year in 2015. A lot of people have played during the years. Maybe some will pick up the clubs again. Our AGM will be at the end of February. Best wishes to Jimmy Finnerty, we look forward to seeing you on the course next year.



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**4-11-12-24**

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## World Cup in Mexico

James (Jack) Conroy competed in the World Cup in Mexico as goalkeeper with the Irish Amputee Football Association. James played soccer with Skryne Rangers and Skryne Tara before joining Johnstown F.C. He also plays Gaelic football with Skryne and was a member of the team that won the Division 5B league final this year.

James started playing with the amputee team in the last year and made his international debut against England in July. In an interview with LMFM last Sunday he spoke about the great opportunity amputee football is for people who have the misfortune of losing a limb, or, as in his case, being born that way. There is also a junior section of the team that is concentrating on training children in the code and eventually graduating to the senior team.

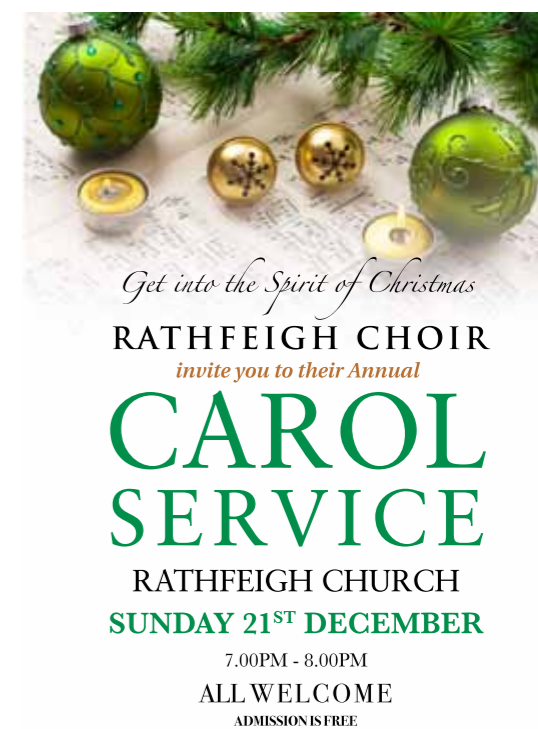
James is very thankful for all the support he got from his many friends in the RST area and to those that followed his progress on social media. In particular, he would like to thank Skryne GFC for their generous presentation.



James with his international cap which was presented to him by John Delaney, CEO of the IFA



Dan O'Leary and Eamonn Giles from Skryne GFC making a presentation to James prior to his departure for Mexico



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## Team Work The Key To Skryne Victory

**Skryne 1 -16, Wolf Tones 2 -7**

An early goal by Wolf Tones ignited the Skryne players into action in the Under 15 Division 2 League Final in Cortown last Thursday evening. When both teams were level at one point each, Wolf Tones drilled the ball to the back of the Skryne net, however it was the Skryne players that reacted best to this by working the ball the length of the field for Craig Nolan to score a great point. Shortly afterwards James Finnerty, from a thirty five metre free, watched as his shot sailed into the Wolf Tones net. This set the platform for Skryne to increase their lead through points from Jarleth Jordon, Colm Doherty and Paraic Finnerty.

Skryne played an expansive style of football using every square meter of the Cortown pitch. In a keenly contested first half Skryne went into the break leading by five points. Skryne picked up where they left off by scoring the first two points of the second half. Wolf Tones then began to take a grip on the game scoring a number of unanswered points and but for the excellent goal keeping skills of James Keane in the Skryne goal would have closed the gap considerably. The quality of football played by both sides was of the highest calibre with all the skills of the game on display. Both teams are to



*Under 15's Celebrate*

be commended for their preparation and their displays on the night.

Mid-way through the second half Skryne held a commanding lead of eight points, however the Tones came back to win a penalty and reduced the gap to just five points. They held siege to the Skryne goal on a number of occasions in the last ten minutes, but Skryne battled bravely and didn't let the Wolf Tones get any further grip in the game. Skryne scored the last three points of the game through Sean Byrne, Frankie Carty and Luke Thorpe.

Skryne showed greater teamwork, intensity

and work rate on the night and were deserving winners.

### Team

James Keane, Jack Dardis, Colm Craige, Tommy Kelly, Cormac O'Dowd, Robbie Clarke, Tommy Carpenter, Sean Byrne, James Finnerty, Jarleth Jordan, Paraic Finnerty, Luke Thorpe, Craig Nolan, Frankie Carty, Colm Doherty.

Lloyd Clarke, Eoghan Quinn, Evan O'Brien, Dylan Bissett, Shane Dowling, Peter Swan, Liam Gill



*The Under 15 Panel*

## Skryne Boys Underage Calendar for 2015

This is to celebrate the Success of our underage for 2014. The calendar will be available this weekend, ideal for Christmas presents and will have a collage of photos from our U6's to Minors. Its a real keep sake. We will update our website and Facebook page as soon as they are available and a notice will go in Swans and the Post office. Calendars are €8.00 each.

We will also have our yearly presentation in early January and will update all on a confirmed. Again thanks to all our Sponsors who sponsored us for the Mr & Mrs. Also to all the family's and Supporters during our recent success in underage. It has been a year that will live in the memories of the kids and adults for a long time. Thanks to Jim Conroy of the RST and A & J Print who has been updating everyone through the Newsletter on the Boys underage reports, Photos and updates. Its one thing that we have learned at underage level is that kids love to see there photographs in print.

Last but not least can I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you all soon.



## SKRYNE GFC

At the AGM held on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> the treasurers report showed an investment by the club in development of its facilities of over €500,000 in the last five to six years. This has resulted in first class facilities for all players with state of the art dressings rooms available for both ladies adult and underage in addition to providing the shell for the development of the facilities upstairs which has been developed by the RST to a very high standard. This now means that as a club we can offer full facilities that equate to the best in the county and indeed nationwide. The quality of the facilities has been recognised by the Meath County Board in that we have been nominated as Club Ground of the Year for 2014. The above investment is in addition to meeting the day to day running costs of the club of approximately €60,000. As the blotto plus membership only accounts for approximately €40,000 the club has to fundraise to meet its commitments and to develop.

On the playing front this past year has been outstanding in that our underage teams have competed in seven county finals with our teams competing in div 1 or 2 and have won all finals. In addition the success has extended to our schools in that the boys and girls of Skryne NS competed in Cumann na mBun Scoil finals with the boys been successful in winning and our girls giving a very creditable performance.

All of the above has been achieved by the efforts of the committees driving the club development and the financial support from the people of the parish. The success on the field is due to the hard work and hours of training put in by the various underage managers. The result of this work is manifested in the haul of trophies this year.

As a club we are proud of our success and the part we play in community life in Skryne. Our success would not be possible without the support of the community at large in supporting our fundraising efforts, the result of which is evident to see from a visit to the grounds and clubhouse. We still have an ambitious programme of work to complete and we will be launching a Club Development Plan early in 2015.

On behalf of the club thank you to all who have assisted and supported us over the years and hopefully you will row in behind us in helping us achieve our ambitious but realistic development

plans for the next few years. The Club would at this time wish all the people of the parish a very Happy Christmas and thank you.

### Grounds of the Year

Skryne GFC have been rewarded for all their improvements at McManus Park over the last few years. The Club has been awarded the Drogheda and Dundalk Dairies Cup for 'Grounds of the Year' 2014.

Its nice when the hard work of our dedicated Club members is recognised and appreciated by the officials of Meath County Committee. We now have Grounds to be proud of and proper facilities for the youth of our Parish, both male and female, to keep them in sport for the foreseeable future. So all concerned - take a bow - Well done.

But as can be seen from the report of our Treasurer at our recent AGM (a summary is included in this issue) this all costs a lot of money so please support our fundraising ventures in the new year.



*Pictured at the presentation from left: Eddie McCormack, Dan O'Leary, Dermot Carty, Derrick Monaghan.*



## U13 Girls Division 2 Final Skryne 3-2 Senechalstown 1-4

Skryne U13 Girls recorded a memorable Division 2 Cup final win after a hard fought victory over near neighbours Senechalstown in very wet and cold conditions in Ashbourne on Saturday 8th November.

The Skryne girls won the toss and Captain Ailish Lenehan elected to make the most of the elements as the Skryne team played with the wind. Skryne opened the scoring with a goal and a point in quick succession from centre forward Lauren Ryan. Senechalstown made a couple of rare forays into the Skryne half which is unsurprising as the conditions deteriorated and Kellie Smith was unlucky to miss a couple of chances with one in particular rolling just inches wide of the post. Susie O'Rourke then scored a magnificent point prior to the short whistle being blown to end the first half Skryne 1-2 Senechalstown 0-0

As the second half began with conditions remaining unaltered, Skryne half forward Susie O'Rourke produced a moment of magic to fire to the back of the net. Skryne Girls now led by 8 points. Senechalstown needed scores and with the introduction of Aoibhe Monaghan and Mallaidh Breen they began to find their rhythm and so began a spell of domination which yielded a goal from Mallaidh Breen which was beautifully struck and following sustained Senechalstown pressure Sorcha Gough scored 2 points one from a free kick. The Skryne girls needed a response and they certainly provided with a number of goal chances being well saved by the Senechalstown Goalkeeper. Finally, following an impressive move the ball fell to Amy O'Dowd who made no mistake from close range to extend Skryne's advantage. The final 5 minutes were nailbiting as you would expect and Senechalstown tagged on two further points from frees. The Skryne rearguard was under pressure but a number of blocks and clearances from Aedin Smith, Katie Manning, Eabha McLoughlin, Heather Monahan and Hannah Dardis ensured Skryne held on for an impressive four point victory.

Skryne- Aedin Smith, Eabha McLoughlin, Katie Manning, Shauna Clarke, Gwen Carpenter, Sophie Ryan, Ailish Lenehan, Alanna Cooney, Morgan Swan, Lauren Ryan, Heather Monahan, Amy O'Dowd, Susie O'Rourke. Subs: Hannah Dardis for Shauna Clarke. Nicola Dowdall, Aisling O'Brien, Eve Cullen, Sarah Hanley, Chloe Bissett, Hannah Quinn, Amy Wright.



Under 13 Girls Panel

## Ardcath Macra



Many thanks to all who attended our annual fund-raiser, on Friday, November 21st. It was a very succesful night and great fun was had, with much embarrassment for plenty who attended. We raised a total of €... and we will donate €250 of this to Embrace FARM, which is an organisation set up to support families who have lost members in farming accidents. We will also make a donation to the Irish Cancer Society, in light of the recent "Movember" campaign, as we believe prostate cancer and men's health in general are areas which deserve on-going awareness-raising.

We enjoyed a club trip to Croke Park at the end of November,

where we enjoyed the company of South Longford Macra club members, while several of our members supported Bellewstown lady, Orla Lenehan, in the Queen of the Land festival in Tullamore. There, the club represented Meath in the national semi-final of the Macra Bowling Competition. They were unfortunate not to reach the final on the day

The club will represent Meath in the national finals of both men's and women's soccer in January., and we hope to enter the county round of the Macra Drama competition in early February.

Our next meeting in in Bennett's pub, Ardcath, on Tuesday, January 6th, at 9pm. We ALWAYS welcome new members, so please come along if you are free and see what you think of us!

## Notices



### Vincent De Paul

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul wish to thank the parishioners of Skryne and Rathfeigh who contributed €1750 to their recent church gate collection. Jim Dignam

**Thank you very much** to everyone who supported, baked and generously donated to coffee morning on Wednesday 3rd December in aid of Olivia's Special Horses. (Lismullin based Charity which provides Therapeutic horse riding lessons to children and adults with special needs). Also a big Thank you to those who donated spot prizes.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Community Games AGM on Tuesday 13th January at 8.30 pm in the RST. Please check out the website [www.communitygames.ie/](http://www.communitygames.ie/) for a list of all the events for 2015. If you wish to get involved or help out please come along to the meeting or contact, Teresa Maguire Powderly on (086) 857 1848 or Madonna Purcell on 086 0869245.

HSE Community Games has over 50 different Sports and Cultural activities to choose from, for children.

### Yoga Classes

starting Tuesday January 13th 7.30pm to 8.50pm and Wednesday January 14th 10.30am to 11.50am - beginners welcome. RST Centre Skryne. Contact Kirsten 087 2776696

### Skryne Ladies GFC

wish to thank everyone who supported our recent cake sale. It was a great success, thanks to all who baked and supported us on the day. Congratulations to Niamh Finnerty who was the winner of the christmas cake raffle.

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## Merry Christmas from all at 10th Meath !

That wonderful time of year is upon us again and everyone at 10th Meath is so looking forward to Santa and the Xmas holidays. In the past few weeks we have had many children begin their Chief Scout Award as it seen by all as such an outstanding achievement by those who received it this year . We also had our section investitures in recent weeks with all sections growing in size particularly the Scout troop. On these nights all sections had shown that they had spent time rehearsing so that on the night everything went without a hitch ...well done guys. We are constantly recruiting new leaders and this year is no exception as Jenny and Pauline have become an integral part of the brilliant Beavers colony. All of our sections embraced the Annual Shoebox Appeal for children for whom life is dramatically different from theirs as they live with nothing to call their own, a place where a toothbrush or a ball etc can mean so much. We are all looking forward to a fantastic Christmas activity night at Cub Leader Heather's home where we are expecting lots of carol singing and older traditional outdoor activities which put all in a magical festive mood ... weather permitting. We would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Skryne community and the wider area for supporting the Annual 12days of Christmas raffle. This national annual scouting fundraiser was very generously supported this year and the much appreciated money we received will enhance activities such as camping and various other FUN nights both inside and OUTSIDE during 2015 . All that is left to say is a very, happy, peaceful, relaxing & enjoyable Christmas to everyone in Skryne Community from EVERYONE! ! at 10th Meath . P.S To all scouts (older & younger) as you enjoy your holidays... if the batteries run out..... make sure You have More .. and help out where you can ..

**Bryan & Magic 10th Meath Scouts.**

## Strictly Come Dancing 2015



**Dancers are**



With the Twelve Days of Christmas now upon us we have our very own 'Dancers Dancing' here in Skryne every Friday night at RST Centre in preparation for what promises to be a most entertaining evening at the Skryne GFC Tara AC Strictly Come Dancing, Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015

We have 42 committed dancers who under the direction of Melanie Strong will perform either a Cha Cha , Jive or Salsa on the night. Both clubs are well represented and all funds raised will be shared equally.

While the Dancers prepare their new moves you can help secure a place in the final for your favourite couple. Dancers sponsorship together, with audience votes and judges votes on the night will determine which couple make it through to the Dance Off and are crowned Skrynes first Strictly Come Dancing Champions

Sponsorship can be anything from buying a line on their sponsorship card, to taking a page in the brochure which will be distributed free on the evening or buying tickets for the event to ensure you are there in person to vote for your couple on the night. 1 Full page advertisement €100 or ½ page €50

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Karen Smyth & Dave Conway  
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Madonna Purcell & Brian Cheshire  
Adam O'Sullivan & Meghan O'Brien

## The Tuesday Club at Farmleigh House

The RST Tuesday Club's most recent trip was to Farmleigh House in the Phoenix Park. Farmleigh House was purchased by the Government in 1999 for €29 m. and since then refurbished by the OPW for €23m. It accommodates visiting dignitaries and guests of the nation and is also used for important Government meetings. It was purchased by Edward Cecil Guinness (1847-1927) on his marriage to his cousin Adelaide Guinness in 1873. This was a very prolific union which produced 21 children, 10 of whom survived. Edward was the great-grandson of Arthur Guinness , founder of the brewery that bears his name.

Our guided tour began in the dining room – a room lined with decorative wood carved panels of French influence and with a number of embroidered panels of Spanish origin depicting gods, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn. The table in the dining room was set for dinner as it was in Edward's time but the Tuesday Club were only allowed stand and admire the fine bone china and the silver service. Maybe the next time!

Tapestries of Dutch origin lined the long corridor depicting rural scenes while a Waterford glass chandelier dangled overhead. We were very impressed by the rich decoration of the ballroom from walls, ceiling, and chimney piece to the gilt metal chandelier in the centre. The library contains thousands of rare books and manuscripts of great historical significance. The collection has recently been donated to Marsh's Library but continues to be held at Farmleigh. Our guided tour finished in the conservatory which quite naturally didn't look its best in December. Structurally, it looks sound but would be far more impressive in the spring.

Finally in the Boathouse Café overlooking the ornamental lake, high quality food was enjoyed by all in a relaxing setting.

**Where to next for the Tuesday Club?**



## Cumann na mBunscol Finals 2014

### What an incredible experience for the pupils of Scoil Cholmcille in Pairc Tailteann recently !

Both the Boys and Girls teams from this sporting bastion had fought their way through to their respective Finals. A memorable and historic day was enjoyed by all who participated and witnessed the skill displayed by the talented pupils from both teams. Capt. Nicola Dowdall led the girls by example with a blanket ban on the “Late Late Toy Show” the night before –or so she tells us. It is important to get all the rest you can before a big game! However it was the Yellow Furze opponents who got off to a blistering start on this early morning throw-in. They flashed in four killer goals to cancel early optimism for Skryne which had been raised by a Ciara Smyth point. Half-time was a turning point in the game with the girls from Skryne finding their usual rhythm and turning in a memorable second half fightback. Spirit and belief are everything and the Skryne girls had both in abundance. The girls actually won the second half – but games are decided on the overall score and our girls had left too big a mountain to climb on this occasion. Wonderful girls to work with and we have no doubt that many of them will only improve as players over the coming years. Will they be back next year? They are good enough. Let’s wait and see.

Full credit has to be given to these girls who parked their own heartbreak to get firmly behind the boys who took to the field for their Final even as the Girls presentation was going on. These boys were in good hands as past pupils James Finnerty, Eoin Smyth and Tommy Carpenter put the lads through a vigorous warm-up routine. Great to see the boys prepared to lend a hand. This Boys team had been tipped all year to progress to the Final and there was never really any doubt about where

this cup was going. Driven on by the workrate of Capt. Niall Finnerty, the industry of Niall Morland and the selfless labour of Shane Smyth the Skryne boys comprehensively dismantled a gallant and physically imposing Kilmessan team. In signalling the “The Terrific Trio” above for special mention, we should not lose sight of the excellent TEAM performance put in by all the boys. From John O’Regan in goal to John Finnerty in the corner we had players who displayed the best of their skills on the most important day of all – Finals Day. The introduction of a raft of subs didn’t weaken the endeavour and Skryne’s smallest “secret weapon”, Charlie Swan, gave us a hint of what is to come as he notched a clever goal. Heroes one and all. The icing in the cake was that the cup was presented to Niall by Meath Manager, Mick O’Dowd. Micko is a past pupil who had won this very trophy himself with the school back in 1982 (He was only 6!).

An amazing day was crowned by the naming of Ciara Smyth as the recipient of the Meath Chronicle/Generali “Spirit of the Final” award. Ciara was recognised for her “wholehearted performance” and her never-say-die attitude. Were we surprised? Not at all. We have seen this spirited attitude many times before. Look out for more on this little dynamo.

The Panels of both teams, plus supporters, were treated to some tasty treats with a celebratory get together after the game in the Fr. Gleeson Hall. There was more than one appetite to be satisfied on this great day. What a wonderful bunch of players. Thanks for all the enjoyment and excitement over the season.

## Skryne Cycle Club

### AGM Wednesday 7th January 2015

Any club member can nominate another club member for the committee for next year. This is open to everyone.

**Meet in RST** at 9 sharp. New Year drink in Fox’s after at 10 pm – join us there if you cannot make the AGM.

**Membership for 2015** – current members €15; New Members €20.

**Contact** Pat McGovern 087 2586315; James Brady 085 7106524

Email: pat@mcgovernsurveyors.ie; or Jglbrady@gmail.com;

**Christmas Cycle** – Sunday 21st Dec 9:15 am from Rathfeigh School finishing for a coffee on the Hill of Tara afterwards

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## Christmas Security Advice

**One of the biggest concerns today for most people is if somebody breaks into their house. Jewellery and cash are the two main items stolen over the past number of months. Traditionally burglaries rise by approximately 25 per cent in winter with most occurring between 5pm and 11pm.**

Where burglaries are concerned the most common points of entry by burglars are front door (29 per cent), rear window (26 per cent), rear door (22 per cent) and 20 per cent of burglaries take place through an unsecured door or window . It is important to take steps to protect your property with the evenings getting longer. It is advisable for everybody to remain vigilant and security conscious in order to thwart burglars.

The longer evenings can help burglars spot if people are not home. Traditionally thieves love Christmas time as it opens up lots of opportunities for them. People are busy preparing for the Christmas period and sometime forget about basic security. Un-occupied houses are easily identified by criminals when there are no lights left on, curtains left open or no cars in the driveway. I would recommend that you to follow a number of basic steps to increase your home security over the festive season:

- **Secure all doors and windows with quality locks.**
- **Make sure all outside lights are working and use timer switches on lights for when you are out.**
- **Store car keys safely away from windows and letterboxes.**
- **Record details of valuables and don’t keep large cash amounts at home.**
- **Use your alarm, even when you are at home.**
- **Leave a number of empty wrapped Christmas boxes under the tree and hide more expensive presents until ready to give to family members.**
- **Be careful when you light candles; make sure they are not near any tree or decorations.**

Here are a few more tips to help make your Christmas a safe and enjoyable one.

- **When out shopping do not leave valuable on view in cars which are unattended.**
- **Mind your wallets and purses when shopping or out socialising.**
- **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.**
- **Stay together after a night socialising. Don’t leave anybody behind.**
- **Use hi-vis jackets or lights when out on the roads.**
- **If weather changes for the worse make sure you plan any journey well in advance.**
- **Keep an eye on elderly neighbours and friends.**

A new concept around the county is the increased number of text alert groups being set up. Skryne Community Alerts has a Text Alert in operation which was started earlier in the year. If you are interested in joining please get in contact with any committee member. Text alerts are operating around the county and are another cog in the wheel in crime prevention and alerting communities that there are people in their area up to no good.

**Have a Happy Christmas.**

**Sergant Dean Kerins, Meath Crime Prevention Officer**

## Community Text Alert

Since Community Text Alert was launched in the RST area in April last no fewer than 657 residents have joined up! That is an excellent response which speaks highly of the public spirited attitude that prevails in our community. If we watch out for each other, take nothing for granted and **REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS OR OUT OF THE ORDINARY** to Ashbourne Garda on 018010600 (a 24 hour number) we will contribute to the fight against crime. Remember, if the Garda don’t know about it they can’t take action so let them know. You do not have to be a Text Alert member to make that call.

We initially calculated that an annual subscription fee of €10 would be required to fund the system. However, I am pleased to let you know that, thanks to the large number of subscribers, we have sufficient funds for another 1-2 years depending on the number of Text Alerts sent which currently averages 3 per month. The more that join Community Text Alert the more effective it will be and it will unquestionably help to combat crime. Even at this early stage Garda feedback is very positive. You can join by completing an application form at Tara Post Office or give me a call on 0469026020/0863304906.



### Burkes Farm Ice Cream

**Why not call to Burkes Farm!!!!  
We have delicious creamy Christmas  
Pudding, Mince Pie ice creams  
and lots more flavours.**

Mango, raspberry, lemon... sorbets!!!!  
Ice cream cakes for all occasions!!  
We would like to wish all our customers a  
Happy Christmas and prosperous 2015!



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## Congratulations to James Finnerty..

..who has recently signed a three year contract with Aston Villa from the English Premier League. This is just reward for all his dedication and determination to succeed which began at a very early age with Skryne Tara, then Ratoath Harps and on to the famous Dublin nursery club Belvedere Boys FC It was while at Belvedere that he came to the attention of Aston Villa and after being invited over for a number of trials was offered a 3 year contract and will move to England next year after his 16th birthday.

As well as for James this is also just reward for his parents Sheila and Pdraig. Without their input and encouragement - not to mention driving him to training and matches - this could not have happened. So well done to all concerned.

Once again Congrats James, we wish you the very best of luck when you reach your new destination in Birmingham. We will be watching closely your progress with Aston Villa and they will have a host of new supporters when you make your first appearance with the 1st team. No more Chelsea or Manchester Utd. jerseys in Finnertys!! Claret and blue jerseys in Skryne will be something different.

**Good luck and Best wishes from all at Skryne Tara AFC.**