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# RST Newsletter

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## Jim Fox



It was with great sadness that the Parish of Skryne learned of the recent death of Jim Fox, Oberstown, Tara, after a long illness borne with dignity and no bitterness. Jim was a loyal Skryne supporter all his life and served the Club on the Executive Committee for a long number of years and was Chairman in 1980. He attended all Skryne's games both underage and adult. If you didn't see him at a match you would certainly know he was there as his booming voice could be heard from all sides of the pitch as he encouraged the Blues to greater efforts.

Jim began his long association with Skryne at a very young age and won an Under 16 Football Championship medal as far back as 1956. He added another Championship in 1967 in the Junior B grade when Skryne, as underdogs, defeated Bective in the Final with Jim starring at right full back. He won a Feis Cup medal in 1965 and numerous Tournaments over the years. He was also a shrewd selector and acted in that capacity on many occasions for Skryne senior and junior teams.

His wife Lily has spent many years as physio to all Skryne teams from Under 12s right up to senior level. She has also worked with the Ladies section and her dedication is well nigh impossible to match. The Skryne club is indebted to those two people for their massive contribution of long and loyal service.

Jim's sons Nigel and Keith have kept the Fox flag flying, playing all grades of football for Skryne. Nigel was part of the Senior panel beaten by old rivals Navan O'Mahonys in 1987. He also served on the Executive Committee and as Club Secretary in 1995.

The esteem in which Jim was held by the Skryne Club and the people of the Parish in general can be gauged by the enormous crowd who visited the family home on hearing the sad news and also the huge numbers who attended his Funeral in the Church of St. Colmcille, Skryne.

The football club formed a Guard of Honour and his coffin, draped in the famous blue and white, was carried into the Church by members of the present Skryne senior team. The children of Skryne N.S. lined up on lawn of the school opposite the Church forming another impressive Guard of Honour dressed in their school uniforms with every second student in a Skryne GFC tracksuit.

How fitting all this was for a man of Jim's stature and I'm sure he appreciated it very much as he proudly looked down from on high. To his wife Lily, sons Nigel and Keith, daughter Louise and all the

rest of his relations and friends we offer sincere sympathy. Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam.

### Message from the family

Lily and the Fox family wish to thank all the people who called to the house when the news of Jim's death broke. Particularly our neighbours and friends and especially Skryne G.F.C. with whom Jim was associated all his life. We would like to thank them for their help on the evening of his remains returning home, on the day of the funeral and for arranging the guard of honour from the club and Martin Kennedy for the school guard of honour. Over the last number of years members of Skryne GFC visited Jim in hospital on Tuesday afternoons, which he appreciated very much. We wish to thank the staff of Navan Hospital and Beaufort House for all their care and attention to Jim. Fr. Thomas and Fr. Joe for all their visits and attention to detail during Jim's stay in hospital and particularly during his final week. Thank you also to Fr. Thomas for his kind words and very moving funeral Mass, to the readers at the Mass, the servers and Jimmy Gray and Gwen Bagnall for the beautiful music. Finally to Mick and Paddy Ryan for all their help.

Jim's month's mind Mass will take place in Skryne Church at 9am on Sunday 23rd November.



Skryne Player Paddy O'Rourke receives cheque for €500 from club chairman Dan O'Leary before he sets off to represent his club, county and country against Australia in this year's International Rules series. See page 2

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## Skryne Players who represented the Ireland in Australia

It is indeed an honour to have the affable Paddy O'Rourke represent his club, county and country in this year's International Rules series in Australia. However while most of our older or middle aged readers are well aware that he is not the first Skryne man to do so, many of our younger members will not be aware of the long tradition that Skryne have with this series. In the late nineties and early 2000s it was Trevor Giles and John McDermot who were blazing the trail down under. Indeed John was captain of the side who won in 1999 and Trevor was deemed by the Australians to be the best player on show then. Back in the eighties when the series was revived after an absence of some years Paddy's uncle Colm and his team mate Liam Hayes represented Ireland in the series. Who will ever forget those games when you had to be well able to look after yourself on the pitch as no quarter was granted to anyone who showed any weakness in the face of an Australian opposition who took no prisoners. However, even many of our middle aged readers may not be aware that it was a Meath team with three Skryne men present who first trail blazed for every else who later went down under to play against the Australians in March 1968. These were Paddy Mulvany, David Carty and the late Paddy Cromwell. Paddy Cromwell and David Carty each played four of the five games and Paddy Mulvany was the only panel member to play in all three games. The Meath team, who were All Ireland champions at the time and went as the official Irish representatives, won all five matches they played and are remembered fondly by all older Gales not just in Meath but throughout the country. Skryne now have eight players who played in the series which is probably the largest representation of any club in Ireland and the O'Rourkes have two family members. I think there have been two members of families previously but it is still a great honour for that family. I know everyone will be hoping Paddy enjoys himself and keeps a clean sheet in goals for his country.

Joseph O'Brien  
Skryne PRO

## 10th Meath Scout Group support Cystic Fibrosis Ireland



10th Meath were delighted recently to welcome Philip Watt who is the C.E.O of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland to one of our Scouting nights. During Philip's visit he gave the entire group an overview of what C.f is and how important all valued fundraising is appreciated by the organisation as it continues to provide many different supports to people with this condition. The charity was chosen by the group because it bears particular significance to us. The youth members with guidance from their Leaders held a sponsored walk earlier in the year and over €500 of the proceeds were allocated to Cystic Fibrosis Ireland. In his presentation to the group Philip commended all the sections and said that they should be very proud of their achievement. We would like to sincerely thank Philip for accepting the cheque personally on the night and all of the families who made our fundraiser such a success. The remainder of the funds raised on the day went towards providing resources for programme activities within the group on an ongoing basis.

## 10th Meath Scouts Receive their Chief Scouts Award.

There was a great sense of anticipation as 10th Meath Scouts re-opened for their new scouting year. On Tuesday evening 16th Sept many proud parents and leaders watched as 5 Beavers and 6 cubs received their well deserved Chief Scout Awards. The children who received the awards made a commitment with the guidance and support of their mentors to complete several challenging tasks during their last year within their section. In expressing their commitment to do the C. S. Award each child had to complete a number of challenges. These included camping for the 1st time, a hike appropriate to their age, as well as community and environmental tasks. The recognition bestowed on each child who receives the C.S.Award cannot be over emphasised with regard to their personal development as they grow within the group and within their community. The C.S.A is a superlative award in Scouting which any child may achieve a number of times as they move up through the Scout sections. All of the dedication and effort is recorded by the scout in a personal log book accompanied by photographs which is, in turn submitted to Scouting Ireland for appraisal prior to the award being given. The challenges are a unique educational and fun opportunity to attain the award through the Scouting Method, "Learn by doing".

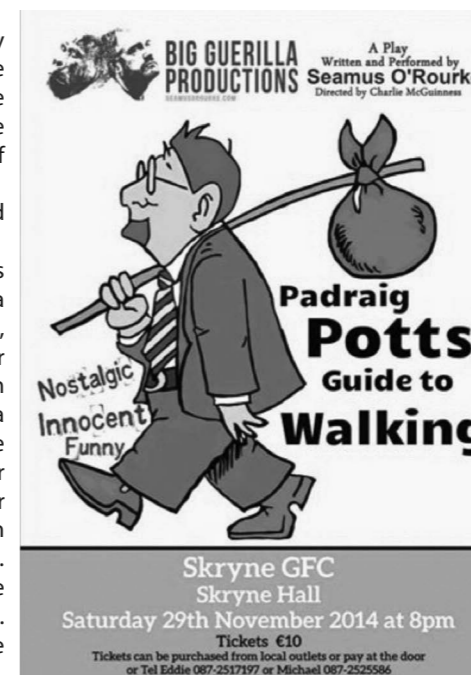
We would sincerely like to thank Neil Kennelly, Co Commissioner from Gleann na Bóinne scout county for presenting the awards to our cubs, as the Beavers received theirs from their Group Leader Bryan Leonard. Many thanks to all the parents who baked buns and cakes which were enjoyed with a cuppa by all after the ceremony. Thanks to Kieran Maguire for taking so many photographs as special memories of the momentous occasion.



Seamus O'Rourke has built a very solid fan base around the country over the past few years and is set to charm his audience in Skryne Hall with his new show full of the trademark which we have come to expect of this popular playwright and performer.

Padraig Potts Guide to walking is a funny and tender story full of nostalgia, innocence.

The latest story by Seamus O'Rourke follows the life of Padraig Potts McKiernan who has a habit of just eating whatever is on his plate, metaphorically that is... from growing up near the tiny rural village of Drumnamee in Co Leitrim in the 70s and 80s to falling in love with Silvia Lang a perfect protestant girl ..to marrying the priests housekeeper Mary Tague who he never liked anyway, to getting rid of her and her mother who he claims invented vinegar, to the realisation that the world is not as big as he first thought. Performed by Seamus O'Rourke and not to be missed. All in all a great nights entertainment. Tickets available from any member of Skryne GFC committee



Joint Winners of the family quiz left: the Mooney family and right the Wilkinson family

The RST Community Centre hosted a family table quiz in the RST Centre on Sunday 9th November. Thanks to all who supported this very sociable and happy occasion. While there was competition, fun was the order of the day. We hope to make this an annual event. Prizes were presented in the RST centre.

## Tuesday Club: Trip to Farmleigh House - December 2nd

Guide booked for Tuesday morning tour. It is suggested that we meet at Swans car park at 10 o'clock and go by car as it is awkward to get to Farmleigh by public transport. We can then load cars so not all need to drive. If we leave on time there is ample time for a quick coffee on arrival before the tour. The house tour takes approx. forty five minutes. There is catering on site so we can have lunch.

After lunch some might be interested in visiting the War Memorial which is situated on the far side of the Liffey (cross Liffey at Islandbridge and second turn on the right). As it is the 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1 some people might like to visit this memorial.

The gardens are supposed to be great, even though it is the wrong time of year for seeing gardens at their best. If you are travelling please contact Dermot Carty 086 8760336, Maurice Daly 0879543222 or Michael Mulvaney 0872525586.

We hope to publish an outline itinerary for trips in 2015 in the coming editions of the RST. We are open to suggestions as to proposed locations. Some suggestions include a trip north to the Giants Causeway, Birr castle, Strokestown House, Belvedere House, Powerscourt, National Museum, National Art Gallery, Croke Park Museum and Skywalk, Armagh Planetarium, etc. As from the above list we are not short of locations to visit, and it is merely having to organise the optimum travel method to accommodate all who wish to travel.

Remember 'The Tuesday Club' is open to all and all are welcome to come over at 11 every Tuesday and have a cuppa and a chat and a bit of banter.

Mass for the deceased members of Skryne GFC will be celebrated at 8:00 pm on Monday 08 December 2014 in St Colmcilles church, Skryne. This will be followed by the AGM in the RST centre. All members are urged to attend.

Rathfeigh & District Historical society will hold our annual Table Quiz on Friday 21st November in Swan's pub. It's €40 per table of four with questions to suit everybody, and great prizes on the night.

Date for your diary: On Wednesday 10th December our guest speaker will be Eoin O'Flynn, who will give a talk on Brian Boru, on this the 1000th anniversary of the Battle of Clontarf. All are welcome to attend in the RST Centre at 8pm. Admission is free, and refreshments will be available on the night.

The Alzheimer Society Of Ireland Meath branch of Alzheimer society of Ireland wish to thank the parishioners of Skryne and Rathfeigh who contributed €776 to their recent church gate collection. Meath branch have support services in Navan, Ratoath, Dunshaughlin and Athboy and can be contacted on 0469027007

Community Alert Agm. The Community Alert AGM will take place on Monday 24th November at 8 pm In Skryne Parish Hall

The RST Group thanks the teams that recently participated in the RST Pitch & Putt Classic at Joe Tobin P&P Course, Rathfeigh. A special thanks to Rathfeigh P&P committee for making their excellent facilities available and for their wonderful support.

Jack (James) Conroy will be representing Ireland as their goalie in the Amputee Football World Cup which takes place in Mexico in two weeks time. We wish Jack and all the boys in green the very best of luck and as the song says "give it a lash Jack"

### Skryne under-age AGM

is on Thursday 20th of November at 8.30pm in the RST centre. We are always looking for new volunteers to help out with our Successful Boys Underage. Places to be filled on the night are as follows,

Underage Chair Person	U10 Manager	U16 Manager
Secretary	U11 Manager	U17 Manager
PRO's	U12 Manager	Minor Manger
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U6 Manager	U14 Manager	
U8 Manager	U15 Manager	

If you have any interest in the above or would like to get involved for 2015 please give us a call. Thanks

Cormac Grendon Underage Chair Person 087-9409677  
Gina Doherty Underage Secretary