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7-8-18-23

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16-21-23-27

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*Sympathy is extended to the
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Darragh family, Hill of Tara on the
death of Prof. Austin; to Kathleen
Dunne, Killeen Road on the death
of her brother and to Margaret
Reddy and the Allen Family on the
death of her father Mick.

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Skryne Cross Roads

By Francis Ledwidge

Five roads meet on the Hill of Skryne,
Five fair ways to wander down.
One road sings of the valleys green,
Two of the sea and one of the town.
And one little road has never a song
Though the world be fair and the day be long.

This is the song the south road sings:
"I go where Love and Peace abide.
I pass the world's seven wondrous things
And cities fallen in their pride.
Sunny are the miles through which I stray
From the Southern Cross to the Milky Way."
But for all its song is sweet to hear
It has no melody for my ear.

This is the song the sea road sings:
"When the moon is full and the tide is high;
And the little ship in the harbour swings
When the sea-birds tell that a storm is nigh,
And 'Heave' the sailor calls, and 'Ho!'
It is far to my love when the strong winds blow."
Oh the lure of the roads that sing of the sea
Made my heart beat fast till it broke in me.

This is the song of the road to the town:
"Row by row stand the silent lights,
And the music of bells goes up and down
The slopes of the wind and high delights
Lure in the folk from the valley farms.
It pulls down the hills with its great grey arms.
It sings its song so low and sweet
That once or twice it has lured my feet.

But the dumb little road that winds to the north
Is the dearest road in the world to me.
I would give my soul – for what it's worth –
To be there in its silent company.
Telling it over my hopes and fears
With only its silence consoling my ears.

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This poem was one of several written by Slane poet Francis Ledwidge, while recovering in a Cairo hospital from rheumatic fever, jaundice and inflammation of the gall bladder. He had collapsed during a 6-day retreat on foot from Serbia to Salonika, a journey of some 90 miles through snow storms. He went on to recover, but sadly he later died at Ypres, in an explosion from a mortar shell while carrying out road repairs.

Do you have any family connections to WW1 or to the Easter Rising of 1916? Well now is your chance to put pen to paper and enter our local history competition. Please see the news section of our website for details.

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The RST Tuesday Club visits Aras an Uachtaráin.

The RST Tuesday Club's visit to Aras an Uachtaráin on 13th October was described in glowing terms by the 50 people who travelled from Skryne. Fine weather, detailed preparation and two excellent Aras guides made it an outstanding and thoroughly enjoyable trip. The magnificent vaulted ceiling in the entrance hall, dating from 1751, caught the eye as we entered. We then walked along the State Corridor, flanked on one side by busts of Presidents and on the other by stucco plaster panels. Tea/coffee and a delicious selection of canapés were greatly enjoyed by all in the State Dining Room. While relaxing and chatting in this room, we observed the portraits of past Presidents lining the walls. Afterwards, the ever friendly and very knowledgeable guide Corporal Ciaran Hamilton, Aide-de-camp to the President of Ireland, took charge and gave us a detailed historical outline of the Aras from 1751 to 2015. His knowledge was encyclopedic, with minute details about the design and development of the house; biographical details about the Presidents; famous visitors and dignitaries; Aras functions, tours and official events. The State Reception Room, dating from 1802, was once a ballroom. It has a decorative plaster cast ceiling panel and a hand-woven Donegal carpet depicting Irish natural features. Scenes from Aesop's Fables were depicted on the gilded plaster ceiling of the Council

of State Room where also the main painting portrayed the first Council of State meeting in 1940. Perhaps the most exotic and ornate room was the State Drawing Room where a chandelier commemorating the Act of Union of Great Britain and Ireland in 1801, was dominant. Our second guide was head gardener Robert Norris-a Dub with Meath roots- whose knowledge of the gardens, flowers, vegetables, fruit and trees was extraordinary and delivered in a fluent, humorous and genial manner. Organic gardening methods prevail with the produce used for Aras catering. The trip to the Aras was followed by delicious meals in the Phoenix Park Visitors' Centre. Special thanks to Noel and Margaret Hanratty through whose contact with a member of staff made this visit possible. We look forward to further outings in 2016. We welcome suggestions for trips. Maurice Daly. P.S. OPW guided tours of Aras an Uachtaráin available almost every Saturday. Tour last 1.5 hours free of charge. Tickets issued on a first-come-first-served basis from the Phoenix Park Visitors' Centre (near the Aras). Advance booking not possible. Phone 01-6770095 for details.



RST Community Centre

GRAND DRAW

TOP PRIZE: €10,000
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Rst Grand Raffle

The RST Centre is running a grand raffle to defray the outstanding debts of approx.€20,000 on the centre. First prize is €10,000 with total prize money of €21,500 on offer. Tickets cost €20 each or a book of 6 costs €100. Sellers will call from door to door during the next 3 weeks. If you would like to support your local community centre, please buy a ticket or better still take a book and try to sell it. We are very grateful for your generous support to date. We expect to have Broadband in the centre asap and plan to run a number of ICT and iPad courses. We also invite suggestions from the RST community about courses you would like attend in the centre.



Skryne Golf Society Results of outing to Delvin Castle. **Golfer of the Year** - Martin Browne **Cat. 1 Winner:** Mick Rogan **2nd:** Christy McCabe **Cat. 2 Winner:** Ricky Powderly **2nd:** Cyril Carty **Front 9:** James Finnerty **Back 9:** Christy Browne **Nearest Pin 5th:** Anthony Togher **Nearest Pin 10th:** Ed Long



Dr. Aoife Flanagan, BDS Dentistry (Honours) BSc. Microbiology (Honours) who recently graduated from UCC.



The late Dr Austin Darragh with Pat Kenny during an outside broadcast of the Pat Kenny Radio Show on the Hill of Tara during the M3 controversy, in 2007. Professor Darragh's funeral, celebrated by Fr Brian Darcy and Fr Thomas O'Mahony, took place in Rathfeigh Church recently, where Sean Boylan gave a graveside eulogy for his friend of 50 years.

Skryne Tara AFC

The season is well under way now with the club fielding a total of 14 teams, playing at most levels, from adults all the way down to under 7s. Unfortunately we do not have enough players at some age groups and therefore unable to field teams across the board. For example we don't have a boys under 14 team through lack of numbers. One of the reasons for this is that some of the players we had at younger age groups decided to join some of our neighbouring clubs. This is particularly disappointing at youth level. We won the under 17 Shield last year with an excellent panel of about 16 players so we decided to enter this team (at a cost) in the under 18 League for this season. We played one Friendly match before the season started but when our first League match was fixed we could only muster 8 players, some of which were under 16, so the sensible thing to do was withdraw the team from the Youth League. While this is disappointing, it is also understandable as most of these players are playing way too much football anyway and 'burnout' is a major problem in sport these days. On a brighter note all our teams are doing very well apart from our under 16 boys who are finding life difficult in their League. They do have a big number of players so hopefully things will improve as they go along. Our girls teams are doing particularly well, in fact our under 10s have played 6, won 6, scored 24 goals and conceded none. Now there's a target to aim for - but it's not about teams, it's about the Club, so well done to all, managers, players, parents etc take a bow and keep up the great work. With 14 teams involved, and most of them playing on our pitch at Ross Cross (some use all-weather pitches in Navan) it is very important to protect our playing surface. We have four matches at home this weekend alone so immediately you can see the difficulty we face when the weather changes to the wet times which we are used to. With that in mind we **MUST** insist that from now on **NO** warm ups are allowed on the playing area at **ANY** time. **The pitch is for football ONLY - absolutely no warm ups on the playing surface.** The club would appreciate your assistance in abiding rigidly to this rule. Skryne Tara AFC.

Notices

Part Time Minder needed
Skryne Area (Childrens Home)
Person required to pick up 1 child after 3pm school finish.
Suprviser homework.
Collect secondary school pupil from bus close by.
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Craft Group
The Craft and Coffee group meet in the RST Centre every Thursday from 11.00 to 12.30. We invite everybody who is interested to come along and join us for a cup of coffee and a chat. No skills are needed. Learn how to knit, crochet etc in a very informal setting. Further information from Tricia Scanlon, ph: 087-9644646.

Skryne Cycle Club- Winter training continues:
Wednesday evening from Rear Arch Bar Dunshaughlin at 7.30pm. Lights and Hi-Viz essential.
Sunday 9.00 am from Swans car park. Saturday afternoon group - volunteer needed to lead out a beginner group on Saturday afternoons.
Contact Pat McGovern 087 2586315 or James Brady 085 710 6524

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