

Zabana on the Hill on Sunday

Just over a month after celebrating his 70th birthday in Fox's, Andy Lynch will be back on the Hill this weekend for another celebration the victory of Zabana in the Growise Champion Novice Chase in Punchestown.

The Killeen man trains the horse for his neighbour, Christopher Jones, and with Davy Russell on board, they took the Grade 1 Steeplechase at 7/2.

Zabana and his connections will be on the Hill of Skryne at 7pm on Sunday evening 1st The AGM of the RST Community Centre

BLOTTO RESULTS

SUNDAY 13thMARCH Numbers drawn: 11 - 15 - 22 - 25 Jackpot not won - €40 Lucky dip winners Lily Carolan, Albert Hamill, Ciaran Finnerty, McManus Family. SUNDAY 20th MARCH

Numbers drawn: 6 - 13 - 27 - 28 Jackpot not won - €40 Lucky dip winners Alicia Dardis, Darragh Tormey, John McManus,

Harry Tobin **SUNDAY 27th MARCH**

Numbers drawn: 12 - 18 - 22 - 24 Jackpot not won - €40 Lucky dip winners Gerry Caffrey, Rose Farrell, Elizabeth Collins,

Andrew Curry SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

Numbers drawn: 9 - 16 - 25 - 26

Jackpot not won - €40 Lucky dip winners Fintan & Dorry Murphy, Niamh McDonnell, Conor

SUNDAY 10th APRIL

Numbers drawn: 3 - 10 - 21 - 27 Jackpot not won - €40 Lucky dip winners John Murray, D & D, Allie Tobin, Darragh Tormey SUNDAY 17th APRIL

Numbers drawn: 3 - 6 - 7 - 28

Jackpot not won - €40 Lucky dip winners Kieran O'Brien, Oliver Harrington, Ruth Lawlor,

Niall McGoldrick **SUNDAY 24th APRIL**

Numbers drawn: 12 - 18 - 20 - 27 Jackpot not won - €40 Lucky dip winners

Carmel Coogan, Noel Duignan, Bernie Dardis, Kevin

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THE RST CENTRE AGM

will be held during the next month. The date will be announced ASAP. As we approach this year's AGM, we are thrilled that the centre is up and running very successfully, and more importantly, through the very generous support of the RST community for our draw in 2015, we have cleared our debts, paid our outstanding bills and our accounts are in the black! Our very successful draw grossed ←50,000. Thank you.

The centre is now the hub of many community activities such as Irish lessons for parents; Irish conversation for adults of all ages; Pilates, Yoga and Keep Fit classes; Craft activities; Tuesday Club gatherings and meetings by various clubs and groups. But since the installation of the Internet and Wi-Fi, the centre has gone to a new level with Laptop, iPad, Tablet and iPhone lessons. There has been great interest in IT from the community and the RST Centre plans to continue with further classes as demand arise from May 23 onwards. Please continue to book a place at 087-1306985. At the AGM, we would like to see as many people as possible in attendance. We will be inviting more volunteers from the community to get involved on the committee but we won't be forcing anybody. In short we are looking for new blood and new ideas to drive the RST centre to greater heights. If you would like to get involved, you will be very welcome. Signed.

The RST Board.

Next Issue Saturday 28th May

Submissions by Wednesday 25th May

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RST PRESS RELEASE



The Active First Responder team in Skryne/Rathfeigh/Tara are delighted to announce that the first public access defibrillator has been installed at Tara Post Office, Ross Cross. This took place on Easter Monday with Mary O'Growney who gave us permission to use her premises to mount the defibrillator and Joseph O'Brien who helped raise money for the scheme and responders from both Dunshaughlin and RST. We would also like to offer a special thanks to Robbie Thorpe, electrician, who installed and wired the cabinet for us.

The community has given us great support since the commencement of this service. We in the RST group have responded to almost every call since January 2015 and have arrived before or with the ambulance in most cases.

Our trainers are going to offer free training for everyone in the RST centre on the 21st of May, running most of the day from 10am-4pm and should last less than 1 hour. All are welcome to

attend. We hope that everyone will have the ability to use the public access defibrillator and may be in the position to help a loved one or someone in their community. We are hoping to run a church gate collection to continue our training, pay insurance and buy supplies on the 21st and 22nd of Mav.

Pictured above: Members of Active First Responders with Mary O'Growney at the presentation of a new public access Defibrillator at Tara Post Office



Congratulations to our U12 girls who won Gold at the Meath Community Games. They will go on to represent Meath in the Leinster finals in May. Best of luck to the girls and their Mentors.

Thank you to all who helped and to everyone who contributed to our annual church Gate Collection. Your donations will be put to good use the continuing to good work of Skryne-Rathfeigh Community Games.

ARIGNA COALMINE VISIT

The trip to Arigna Coalmine is now scheduled for Tuesday 10th May. If you intend to travel, please contact the usual RST travel agents! We must have numbers by Monday 2nd May to book a bus probably a mini-bus – and also to book a tour of the mine. If you have already said "YES" your name is on the list and you will receive further details in a week.

Spread the word that the RST is going underground for an hour on May 10th!

SKRYNE LOSE TWO FORMER STARS ALMOST IN THE SAME WEEK

Skryne GFC were in mourning at Easter as two of their former stars sadly passed away within ten days of each other. Brian Smyth (Dunboyne) and Paddy O'Brien (Santry) both starred for the club in the 40s and 50s and neither man needs any introduction as their feats on the football pitches of Ireland have been well documented.

Brian was the first Meath Captain to bring the Sam Maguire Cup to the County in 1949. He also captained Skryne and won both Championship and Feis Cup medals with the club. He is a former Chairman of Meath County Committee.

Paddy also starred for Meath in that historic first All Ireland Championship win and was 'christened' Paddy Hands O'Brien as a result of his ability to field a high ball successfully against all comers and like Brian won every honour with the Blues. In 1984 he was named at full back on the team of the century. At the time of his death he was honorary President of Skryne GFC.

To do justice to these two men would take a lot more space than we are allowed in this issue. As stated above their achievements have been well documented elsewhere, particularly in David Carty's history of the GAA in Skryne 'The Blue Kings of Tara'.

Both men will be badly missed by all who knew them and a double link to past glories of both club and county has been

May they Rest in Peace. We take this opportunity to offer condolences to both families.

This issue of RST is sponsored by me Sandra Tormey in grateful appreciation to Skryne GAA Club and the wider community for all their kindness shown to me and my family on the passing of Joe in 2011

This Issue is Sponsored by: **SANDRA TORMEY**



Alzheimer's Tea Day

Our Annual Alzheimer's Tea day is this **THURSDAY MAY 5th** all day in the **RST COMMUNITY CENTRE** from

9.30 a.m. to 7p.m. This year we will include a **CAKE SALE** and also a **GARDEN PLANT SALE**.

Please arrange to meet a friend for a cuppa that day and we promise you lots of goodies for a small donation. All money raised on the day is donated directly to the Meath branch so nothing is deducted for admin or advertising.

If you would like to volunteer for a two hour stint on the day please contact Patricia 086-8388017 or 046-9025771 Please help us spread the word by texting some friends. Let's make it the best one yet. We look forward to your company on the day.

Thanking you all, Organising Committee

NOTICES



IRISH CLASSES FOR PARENTS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS Is your Irish gone a little rusty? Would you like to help your children with their Irish homework? Irish Classes for parents of primary school children are being held in the RST centre on Monday nights, 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm. (No classes on Bank Holidays). A Conradh na Gaeilge qualified adult Irish tutor is in charge of the lessons. Tá fáilte romhaibh go léir. For further information, please contact the RST centre at 087-1306985.

COMPUTER/IPAD/SMARTPHONE CLASSES in the RST Centre

Computer classes will resume in the RST Centre from Monday 23rd May as follows:

- 1. Using the Internet,
- 2. Send and receive emails,
- 3. Social Networking,
- 4. Searching for Goods on line,
- 5. Installing Apps,
- 6. Skype,
- 7. Texting.

Please contact 087-1306985 for details.

Classes will be held on Mondays 10 am – 12 noon and on Tuesdays or Thursdays in the evenings.

ACTIVE FIRST RESPONDERS GROUP - Rathfeigh/Skryne/Tara & Dunshaughlin: Our trainers are going to offer free CPR training for everyone in the RST Centre, Skryne (first floor of GFC Clubhouse) on Saturday 21st May 2016, running most of the day from 10 am – 4 pm and should last less than one hour. All are welcome to attend. We hope that everyone will have the ability to use the public access defibrillator and may be in a position to help a loved one or someone in the community.

Enrollment for Beavers September 2016: Any child over 6 interested in becoming a beaver please contact Pauline 0863846412 or Carol 0868337613 to put their name down on waiting list.

NURSE REQUIRED for local Nursing Home. Part time or Full time hours available. Please contact Rebecca on 041 9825698 for further details.

BINGO: Every Wednesday night in Skryne Hall at 8.30pm sharp. Over €1,100 in prizemoney every night. Try your luck. Everyone welcome. The committee is in urgent need of people to help out on Wednesday nights. If you are interested please phone: (046)9025144



Thank you letter received by Mary O'Growney, Tara Post Office MS Ireland. 6th April 2016

Dear Mary

On behalf of the Meath Branch of Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland I would like to say a huge thank you for your great donation €1,205 to us following your Easter raffle. It is a very significant amount of money and will greatly help to assist our many members with various treatments and therapies .

Please pass on our thanks to all your customers who helped with making this event such a great success. People like you. People like you are such a great benefit in any community as I hear that you do a lot of fundraising for many charities. Continued good health to you.

With my sincere thanks.

Ann Perry-Knox-Gore, Chairperson M.S. Meath

Note from Mary

Just to add to letter to say a sincere thank you to all my loyal friends and customers for their generosity for all the chocs & eggs and buying the tickets. (You know who you are). So much appreciated. *Mary*

Skryne Fair 2016

From the early 1800s until 1926 fairs were held in Skryne on March 17th, June 20th, and October 12th, for livestock, the last being a very large fair for sheep. It is said that the reason for their demise was largely because the British army no longer turned up to buy horses which were also sold at these events. There are two obvious reasons for this. Firstly the Irish Free State, Eire was established a few years earlier but probably more important was that the British cavalry were fast replacing horses with mechanisation including cars, lorries and of course tanks on the battlefield.

This year, ninety years after it ceased, with the help of the community the Skryne Fair will once again be open for business in the old fashioned way. Get ready to spit on the hand and to do that deal after walking away on several occasions. Indeed the inspiration for this, is the extraordinary success of fairs which have been restarted all over the country as well as those like the Fair of Muff (near Kingscourt) and Ballinasloe Horse Fair which have survived the changing times and still are to this day major events and cultural successes.

The Skryne Fair will be a feature in the **Tara Summer Festival 2016** which, after receiving high praise from far and near is now in the planning stage for it second year and volunteers and new ideas are always welcome.

Our initial efforts regarding the Fair will be concentrated on producing a quality event rather than one of quantity until we establish this event on a more permanent footing. Our plan is to have a number of attractions on view including some livestock. To that extent the organisers are requesting interested parties to bring some small animals such as calves, sheep, lambs donkeys and goats to the fair for display. If they wish to sell these animals, and there is a buyer present, then going, going gone should be the order of the day. All it will cost the seller or buyer will be a song or two at session later that evening and a promise to tell the world the Skryne Fair is once again open for business on the plains of Royal Meath. An application has been made to the Department of Agriculture for a fair number in order to comply with cattle movement regulations.

Anyone interested or would like to display some old, near forgotten skills, then please contact one of the following:

Paddy Pryle 086-8227822 patrickpryle@hotmail.com Joseph O'Brien 086-1767006 joseph.obrientara@gmail.com Fionnuala Gryson 086-2393742 fionnualagryson@gmail.com

BAD NIGHT FOR SKRYNE

Skryne travelled to Enfield for this A League Div. 1 match last Wednesday and came away with nothing after a demoralising defeat at the hands of Na Fianna. On a bitterly cold evening which included the odd shower of hailstones, Skryne were struggling to register scores from the outset. While they did score the first point from a Mark Battersby free kick they soon found themselves behind by a staggering 2-5 to 2 points after 20 minutes. The Blues to their credit rallied well and four excellent points from play by their best player on the night Brian Davis and another from John Morley left the half time score Na Fianna 2-6 Skryne 0-7. It was a respectable score and Manager Martin Frayne must have been optimistic of further improvement in the second half. But considering goalkeeper Ian Gillette had made two excellent saves in that first half to keep the score at manageable proportions may have left a major doubt in his mind.

And so it proved as the Enfield/Baconstown men scored four points without reply early in the second half. They added their 3rd goal soon after and the game was as good as over fifteen minutes before the end. Conor O'Brien did score Skryne's goal five minutes from the final whistle but that proved to be just a consolation score.

As stated, Skryne found scores very hard to come by, but their passing also left a lot to be desired. Far too often passes were intercepted, particularly in the final third of the pitch. Things will have to improve before the next big Championship game against Seneshalstown. Most players need to step up their performance as only Brian Davis and Ian Gillette could be happy with their efforts tonight.

Skryne: Ian Gillette, Declan Morley, Niall Lenehan, Mark Jordan. Niall Morley, Ciaran Lenehan (0-1), Stephen O'Brien. Aidan Tuite, John Morley (0-1). Neal Burke, Conor O'Brien (1-0), Brian Davis (0-5). Paddy Fox, Mark Battersby (0-3), Donie Ryan. **Subs used** - Jason Fox, Dermot Brennan, Ronan McCabe.

10 GOALS IN SKRYNE!

Skryne 5-10 Simonstown 5-7

This B League Div 1 game played in Skryne this morning, Sunday, could hardly be called a thriller but with ten goals shared equally between the sides the 'massive' crowd were kept entertained throughout. With gate receipts of exactly €5 the Skryne Treasurer had to dip into club funds to pay the referee. Those who stayed away missed a close encounter which went one way and then the other particularly in the second half. Simonstown began the game smartly and had the Skryne rearguard in trouble from the first whistle. They scored two goals early on and led by six points after fifteen minutes 3-2 to 0-5. Skryne finished the half stronger and by half time had clawed their way back into the match and actually led at the break by 2-6 to 3-2 thanks to a goal each from Paddy Doherty and substitute Paul McGoldrick who had replaced his brother David who retired with hamstring trouble after ten minutes.

The second half again began brightly for Simonstown and two early goals had them in front once again. A Jason Fox goal got the home side going and McGoldrick added his second one to make sure it was nip and tuck for the last ten minutes of a close fought game. The sides were level with six minutes to go but then the visitors from Navan forged a point clear and looked to have taken the two League points with time almost up. Up stepped the Morley cousins with Niall banging in the vital goal and John adding the insurance point to leave three between the sides at the final whistle. Both teams fielded without some of their regulars but this did not mar the enjoyment of the match and all players from both sides can be proud of their efforts. Apart from those already mentioned Skryne had good performances from defenders Ronan McCabe, Timmy Lennon and Mark Harrington. The forwards combined well as a unit and a score of 5-10 will win most games.

Skryne: Felim O'Rourke. Shane McEnroy, Mark Harrington, Timmy Lennon, Niall Morley (1-0), Ronan McCabe, Darren Fox, David McGoldrick, John Morley (0-2), Jason Fox (1-1), Allan Carty (0-1), Paddy Fox (0-2), Declan Mulvey, Paddy Doherty (1-3), Pauric Murphy. Subs: Paul McGoldrick (2-1), Brian Smyth, John Quinn.

Skryne GFC passed votes of sympathy with: The O'Brien family on the death of Paddy, Colette Monahan, Rathfeigh on the death of her father, Pauline McKee, Colvinstown on the death of her sister.

COMMUNITY GAMES





Skryne U16 girls and boys Community Games Basketball Both teams were runners up in Dunshaughlin last weekend.

Teams are as follows: **Boys:** Alex O'Reilly, Josh Farrell, Jack Dardis, James O'Brien, Karl Schmieder, Leon Morris & Coach Michael O'Reilly. **Girls:** Hannah Quinn, Alannah Cooney, Chloe Bissett, Hannah Dardis, Aedin Smyth, Heather Collins, Niamh Cowley & Coaches Shane Collins and Raymond Smyth. Both teams only got together and started training about 6 weeks ago..a fantastic achievement by all involved.



Scoil Cholmcille Skryne team who were nipped at the post 1-0 in the decider by Yellow Furze in the Meath Spar 5 a side Schools Soccer Final in the Mdl where 36 teams competed in their division.

TEAM: Megan Clarke, Samantha Clark, Steffi Finegan, Caragh Conway, Katie Cullen, Amy O'Dowd, Ciara Smyth, Niamh Cahill. Missing from pic. Sasha Guirey



Stephen O'Brien and Sophie Rooney winners of Strictly Skryne 2016. The club wishes to thank everyone who supported the event in any way to make it such a huge success. Full report in next issue.

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