



CCE Aeríocht - On the road to Tara to read the Proclamation.

Ann Finnegan, Ann Mc Dowell, John Maron, Iris Douglas, Joe Conlon, Carmel Murray, Joe and Tilly O'Brien, with Grandson Luke Hanlon, Catherine Murray, Bill Slattery, Noel French, Michael McMahon, Paddy Pryle, Tom Byrne, Martin Hanley, James Linnane and Pat Farrelly

Press release by CCE Aeríocht committee

Inspired by the members of Comhaltas Ceolteoirí Eireann there is now a plan in place to, on Easter Monday 2016 in the presence of the community to finally carry out a wish of Pádraig Pearse, President of the Provisional Government of Ireland 1916. Pádraig gave orders in writing to have the Proclamation read aloud on the Hill of Tara on Easter Monday 1916 as part of the Easter Rising, a wish and a command that was not carried out till now. Comhaltas, with the help of the community, have summoned together, An Aeríocht – a community grouping under the flag of Comhaltas Ceolteoirí Eireann to complete this task left to them by Pádraig Pearse and this Aeríocht will commence at 5 pm on **Easter Monday March 28th 2016 on the Hill of Tara. Admission Free. All Welcome.**

This Aeríocht will include, Irish music and dance, a Teach Gaeilge, a demonstration of Gaelic Games skills, historic talks and even some artefacts from the 1916 period. The highlight of this event will be - Ann Finnegan, Uachtarán CCE, with Donal O'Hannigan, grandson of the man who received the orders from Pádraig in 1916, reading aloud the Proclamation to all assembled.



Congratulations to Dara Campion, Frank Carty and Jack Dardis who represented Skryne on the Dunshaughlin team who won the Leinster Community Colleges Senior Football Championship recently. They defeated Clonkeen C.C from Dublin in the final. We wish them the best of luck in the All Ireland semi final down for decision this Saturday 12th March in Co. Laois against Mitchlestown C.C from Cork.



Congrats is also due to the girls of Dunshaughlin C.C who won their Leinster Senior Football Championship played in Bray Emmets grounds today Thursday defeating De La Salle C.C Bagnalstown Co. Carlow in the final. Skryne were represented on this team by Gemma and Heather Monahan, Emer O'Brien, Aideen Smyth and Susie O'Rourke. Missing from photo Gemma Monahan due to illness.

Well done to both teams.



Congratulations to Lorraine Hanley and Diarmuid Gryson who were married recently in Skryne Church.

BLOTTO RESULTS

07-Feb-2016
5-20-22-25
No Winner - €40 each to:
Justin Walsh, Oliver Harrington, D and M Johnson and Deirdre Bradley

14-Feb-2016
1-10-21-22
No Winner - €40 each to:
Breege O'Keeffe, Micky Duffy Snr., Jim and Pauline McManus and Patricia Curran

21-Feb-2016
2-10-18-23
No Winner - €40 each to:
Hiliary Tobin, Colette Lynch, David Harrington and Anne O'Reilly (first overseas winner and delighted with the support we get.)

28-Feb-2016
2-12-22-23
No Winner - €40 each to:
Rosy Clarke, Christy Nixon, Eoin Smyth, Tony Ross

06-Mar-2016
6-7-23-24
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Skryne GFC Astro-Turf Pitch Development Update

In October 2015 Skryne GFC received the good news that it has been approved for a grant of €100,000 under the Sports Capital Programme (Lottery) funding towards the cost of developing an Asto-turf All-Weather facility. The development is now well under way and is set to be available for use on this weekend Friday 11th March. The development consists of;

- two 40m x 25 m pitches which can also be used over its full 80m length,
- fencing and netting to 6.0 m high,
- flood-lights
- Ball Wall and
- Ball Stop Netting

The overall cost is €165,000 and yet again we will be looking for the support of the Parish as we seek to raise the €65,000 gap and our 'Strictly Skryne' Dance Night is scheduled for April 9th.

A Lottery Grant is not a cheque in the post but a promise of reimbursement of monies after expenditure by the Club in accordance with the strict rules laid down by the Department of Sport.

As this will be the last major Project for some time the Club is asking everybody for a final effort as we seek to provide top class facilities available to our Members, the entire community and schools. The Club is well aware of the demands that have been made on the Parish over the last few years and we do not envisage any other major fundraising drives over the next 2 years. This project would not have been possible without the generous donation of land by our neighbour John Thornton and the Club and Parish will be forever in his debt.



Rosemary O'Reilly won the August Sports Person Award and recently received her award at the Meath Sports Awards Night in the Knightsbrook Hotel. From Collierstown, Tara, Rosemary is a talented golfer who has loads of enthusiasm for her sport. She has been involved in the game for many years. She produced a superb performance to claim her medal.



'BREAKING NEWS'
Tickets have gone on sale for 'Strictly Skryne' which will take place on Saturday, 09th April 2016 in Tattersalls Country House, Fairyhouse, Co. Meath. 13 couples will battle it out to win the coveted title of Skryne's finest dancers. Get your tickets now from any of the dancers or contact one of our committee members. Check out www.skrynegfc.ie/strictlyskryne for further details or e-mail strictly.skryne@gmail.com with any queries!

This issue is sponsored by MICHAEL MAGUIRE, HILL OF TARA

Skryne cut down the Furze bush.

Skryne 3-11 Seneschalstown 0-15.

Skryne's first half performance secured all the League points in this hard fought game played in Skryne on Saturday evening last. Seneschalstown relinquished home advantage as their pitch was unplayable. Had the match been given a Friday night slot then McManus Park would also have been unplayable so therefore the match went ahead on a rain soaked, very heavy surface which didn't suit either team. Although the light breeze didn't really affect the game both teams played much better into the goals at the John Thornton end.

The Blues started the match brightly and had two goals on the board to the Furze two points very early on. One each from Niall Morley and Brian Davis. They continued to bombard the Seneschalstown goals for the rest of the half and the excellent Morley added a further goal and a point before the 20 minute mark. This first half was a great team effort from Skryne and they played some lovely combination football right up to the break at which time they led by 10 points - 3-8 to 0-7.

The second half was much different and it was Seneschalstown who played the better football and outscored the winners by 9 points to 3 during this period. The accuracy of Shane Clarke and the strength of Joe Sheridan who scored 10 points between them kept Seneschalstown in the game right up to the end. The goal they needed never came due mainly to the safe hands and shotstopping of Skryne goalkeeper Ian Gillette who continued where he left off in the last game (versus Ballinlough)

Patrick O'Rourke and Donie Ryan (particularly up the time he was badly fouled) gave Skryne a slight edge at midfield and this along with their excellent forward movement, as already stated, had the Blues in control for long periods of an entertaining game.

In defence Mark Jordan was back to his best form until he unluckily received a black card. He was ably assisted by Stephen O'Brien and Thomas McKeown while up front others to shine were Neal Burke Paddy Fox and Conor O'Brien.

But very few games are won by individuals and this was a team effort with all 17 players who took part contributing to a fine win.

With a number of players to return to the fold competition for starting places will intensify over the next few weeks which can only be good for the team overall.

Skryne - Ian Gillette. Niall Lenehan, Martin Mulvaney, Mark Jordan. Adam O'Sullivan, Thomas McKeown, Stephen O'Brien (0-1), Patrick O'Rourke (0-1), Donie Ryan. Neal Burke (0-2), Conor O'Brien (0-3), Brian Davis (1-3). Paddy Fox, John Morley, Niall Morley (2-1).

Subs used - David Lynch and Declan Morley.

Skryne Tara AFC

In the last two editions of the RST the club requested that no 'training or warm ups' be carried out on the pitch at Tara Athletic Club at Ross Cross. Unfortunately some people continue to ignore the signs to that effect placed on the playing area. In fact it is obvious that this is happening right beside the relative signs which suggests they just want to annoy the Executive of the soccer club that has recently spent over €25,000 on the playing surface in order to have it playable for our own teams. With just one adult team and twelve underage teams - both girls and boys - it is the youth of our Parish who will suffer most as a result.

If people need to use the Track they must get permission from the Tara Athletic Club, therefore if they require use of the football pitch it is only right for them to seek permission from Skryne Tara Soccer Club.

As the last few months have been extremely wet the signs will remain in place until the end of the season which has only a few weeks to go. Then everybody is welcome to use the pitch provided they give it the respect it deserves and leave it in proper condition for next season.

Skryne Tara Committee.

RST COMMUNITY CENTRE CLASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CLASS	CONTACT
Monday	7 - 8 pm	Speech & Drama	Caren Smyth 087 -9081381
	7.30 - 9 pm	Yoga / Ashtanga	Jenny O'Dowd 086 -3853158
	8 - 9 pm	Irish Conversation	John Scanlon 087 - 2896132
Tuesday	10 - 11 am	Pilates All Levels (TO BE ADVISED)	Suzanne Flanagan 087 - 130 6985
	11 - 12 noon	The Tuesday Club	Everyone welcome for a chat
	7 - 8 pm	Pilates All Levels (start 12th Jan)	James Gibbons 085 - 868 6670 or email; info@meathfitness.com
	8 - 9 pm	Pilates All Levels (start 12th Jan)	James Gibbons 085 - 868 6670 or email; info@meathfitness.com
Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30	Line Dancing	Deirdre 085 - 7100559
Thursday	11 - 12 noon	Craft & Coffee	Tricia Scanlon 087-9644646
	10 - 12 noon	Computer Class - Over 55s	Susan 097 - 130 6985
	7 - 9 pm	Art of Photography (start Feb. 4th, 8 weeks)	Maurice Daly 087 - 9543222



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CONDOLENCES

Sympathy is extended to the following:

The Wright family, Odder, Tara on the death of Paul.

David Conway, Old Ross, on the death of his father

Packie Farrelly, Proudstown, on the death of his mother

The Tuesday Club is going underground!

Yes, you have read this correctly. The RST Tuesday Club is going underground on Tuesday 12th April, 2016. On that day we plan to visit Arigna Coalmine near Lough Allen in Co. Roscommon. The coalmine was closed in 1990, having served the area for about 400 years. Since then the Arigna Mining Experience - akin to an interpretive centre- has been established and is a very popular tourist destination. It consists of an exhibition and an underground tour which takes about 50 minutes. The underground tour is guided by former miners whose first-hand knowledge and personal experience make the tour more relevant.

Admission rates for groups of 20+ are €7 per person. If you intend to travel, please contact either Dermot Carty @ 086-8760336 or Michael Mulvaney @ 087-2525586 or Maurice Daly @ 087-9543222 no later than Good Friday, 25th March so that we can book a bus that weekend and determine the cost per person.

There is a café in the centre. We may also visit other areas of historic interest in the area after we have done some research. Arigna is about 150 KM from Skryne so the journey should take a little over two hours. You will be updated when you book a place.

Maurice Daly.

Skryne School

Mary O'Hare and Delia Minnock from St. Brigid's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul had the pleasure of visiting Scoil Cholmcille on Wednesday last for a very pleasant function.

The ladies were there to receive some hampers of food which had been gathered by the pupils from Rang 2 as part of their preparation for receiving the sacrament of First Communion.

Pupils took home boxes and filled them with a wide variety of non perishibles. Lovely to see such thoughtfulness for those less fortunate than ourselves. We even managed to get a box filled by Seán Quinn - all the way from Jamaica. Wonder what was in that one?

Delia and Mary were thrilled to receive the hampers and were fulsome in their praise of the efforts and generosity of the families who contributed.

Well done to all who went to the trouble and expense of organising such a worthwhile event. Beidh na chlann a fhaigheann iad an-bhuíochmhar. Maith sibh!



Cross Country Results Meath Community Games 2016.

Congratulations to all Skryne/Rathfeigh athletes who produced one of the best ever performances in this competition over a tough hilly course in Ballinacree on 27th February 2016. For many of our younger athletes, it was their first time to win a county cross country medal and it is a proud achievement. Congratulations also to the athletes who finished very close to the medals and put in huge effort.

A special mention goes to Seanie Dalton of Tara AC, winner of the under 14 boys race, who went on to win a national medal in the All Ireland Schools Cross Country championships in Santry on 5th March 2016, finishing sixth place in the Minor Boys event.

Full results are as follows

- Under 8 Boys** 2. Sean Smyth. Skryne
- Under 9 Boys** 2. Ruby Beggan. Skryne
3. Conor Giles. Skryne
- Under 10 Girls** 1. Caoimhe Giles. Skryrne.
4. Kate Gibbons. Skryrne
- Under 12 Girls** Ciara Smyth. Skryrne
- Under 13 Girls** Caragh Conway. Skryrne
- Under 14 Girls** Amy O'Dowd. Skryrne
- Under 14 Boys** Seanie Dalton. Skryrne



Story Competition Update

It's a busy time of the year with many school children involved in Easter 1916 projects. To give the kids a fair chance to enter, Rathfeigh & District Historical Society have extended our History Story deadline to 30th April. Please ensure all entries are left in to Navan Library with completed application form by this date. More detail and forms are available at www.rathfeigh-historical-society.org under News & Events. Remember there are great prizes to be won including an iPad Air, a week in a Holiday Apartment, and a 1yr pass to Tayto Park!

Notices



Bingo Skryne Hall

Every Wednesday night 8.30pm sharp Over €1,100 must be won every night Why not try your luck. Everyone welcome

Bingo Notice:

The Bingo committee is in urgent need of someone to help out on Wednesday nights. Please ring 9025144 to discuss.

Community Clean Up

We didn't manage to have a clean up of our parish roads last year, so hopefully this year the work force will be bigger and better than ever before. Some roads are presently in need of a lot of attention.

The date has been set for Saturday morning 2nd April, meeting in Swan's car park at 10.am. Please wear protective gloves & high visibility jackets if you can. The rubbish collected will be picked up by arrangement in the afternoon by Meath Co Council.

We look forward to a good turn out.

Any queries please ring Brigid on 0863314487.

Old Magazines

Large selection of old magazines to take away for free: National Geographic, Readers Digest, Ireland's Own, Sunday Times Magazine. Ring: 086 3837436.

Skryne Scouts At Crisis Point

Urgent Need of Female Leaders for the 12-15 y.o group.

Opportunity for someone studing for a career in voluntary sector.

Requirement: Availability for meetings on Tuesday evening during the School Calendar year Activities outside the den which are planned, limited eg, Day hikes, Orienteering,

Contact Colin 086 284 7903

Keith 086 377 1770 Bryan 087 986 4837

Woodlands Montessori

enrolling now for September 2016, contact Patty Pentony 086 3385300.

Thank You

Maura, Pamela, Graham, Soirse and Shane Leahy wish to thank all their kind neighbours and friends for their support and generosity during Tom's illness and subsequent passing. A special thanks to Fr Thomas and Fr Joe. All your kindness is greatly appreciated. Leahy Family.

Meath Community Games 2016

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Skryne GFC - Club Finances

The Club is aware that many people in the parish are of the opinion that we are continually fund raising for the GAA. This is indeed true but we are proud of the facilities which we have developed in particular over the last seven to eight years. In that time major projects completed include:

- two storey structure with new dressing rooms (2008-10)
- renovated the old dressing rooms for our underage and ladies sections
- fencing and footpath around the grounds
- pitch surface improvements
- upgrade to floodlighting

The total spend on these projects was approx. €400,000. As much of the early work was carried out in a period where no Grants were available the costs were fully borne by the local community.

Grants from National Lottery (€70,000) and Leinster Council, Meath Co. Council came to approximately €110,000 which meant that the club obtained from the community through its fundraising efforts approximately €300,000 over the last 8 years. For this we are extremely grateful and appreciative of the support we receive.

In addition the RST Community Group has separately developed its Centre at a cost of €225,000 with local fundraising of €75,000.

On the playing side there are excellent facilities for all available and the pitch is a hive of activity every evening of the week catering for all ages. It is stated in more than one publication from the Department of Health and the HSE that obesity is a growing problem nationally. In this regard the club offer excellent facilities for our youth to ensure our young people are kept fit and active and free of obesity. As well as ongoing training and games, the club mentors and coaches also offers advice on dietary and health issues (for the older youth).

Last year the club launched its record of 'Progress and Planning 2014 -18'. This can be viewed on the club website.

A major part of the plan is the installation of an all weather training area and a ball wall. Thanks to the generosity of Mr John Thornton a tract of land was given by him to the club to facilitate the installation. This work will cost €165,000 and a Lottery grant of €100,000 has been obtained to contribute to the cost

Community Alert Awareness

Most readers will be aware of the break-ins to cars in Skryne church car park on Saturday 20th February whilst their owners were attending 7pm Mass. Cars were also broken into at Culmullen that same evening under similar circumstances. It is not unlikely that the same culprits were involved in both cases. We have been warned by Garda of criminals cruising around rural parishes seeking the opportunity to break into cars where crowds gather whether that be Church services (mass, weddings, funerals) sporting or other events.

Whilst total security is not possible it is vital not to leave any possessions visible in parked cars. In addition, if putting your possessions in the car boot please try and take care that you are not under observation.

The next meeting of Skryne Community Alert Group is on Monday 21st March in the Church Hall at 8pm. Please come along if you are interested in Community Alert matters or have any relevant queries especially the provision of socially monitored alarms.

Michael O'Grady 0469026020

of this work. Consequently we will have a deficit of €65,000 which we have to raise. In addition the grants are paid retrospectively so we must have the funds in place to pay down the contractors and then obtain the grants. This facility once completed will leave the club with facilities for our youth which will compare with the best in the country and of which we can be extremely proud. The club is running a dance competition again this year, 'Strictly Skryne' to raise the funds to meet the deficit outlined above. This should be the last major fundraising drive for some time.

Running Costs of Club.

In addition to the major development projects that have been completed there is a significant recurring demand for the annual running costs of the Club. A summary of the major day to day running costs incurred and reported at our AGM for **2015** include:

• General adult football	€18,000
• Underage Football	€13,500
• Medical Expenses	€7,800
• Utilities, Services and Pitch Maintenance	€12,500
• Loan Repayments	€15,000
Total	€66,800

As a simple explanation of some of the major costs above:

Affiliation fees for teams to the Meath Co Board is over €4,200.

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Skryne GFC - Club Finances

The Club is aware that many people in the parish are of the opinion that we are continually fund raising for the GAA. This is indeed true but we are proud of the facilities which we have developed in particular over the last seven to eight years. In that time major projects completed include:

- two storey structure with new dressing rooms (2008-10)
- renovated the old dressing rooms for our underage and ladies sections
- fencing and footpath around the grounds
- pitch surface improvements
- upgrade to floodlighting

The total spend on these projects was approx. €400,000. As much of the early work was carried out in a period where no Grants were available the costs were fully borne by the local community.

Grants from National Lottery (€70,000) and Leinster Council, Meath Co. Council came to approximately €110,000 which meant that the club obtained from the community through its fundraising efforts approximately €300,000 over the last 8 years. For this we are extremely grateful and appreciative of the support we receive.

In addition the RST Community Group has separately developed its Centre at a cost of €225,000 with local fundraising of €75,000.

On the playing side there are excellent facilities for all available and the pitch is a hive of activity every evening of the week catering for all ages. It is stated in more than one publication from the Department of Health and the HSE that obesity is a growing problem nationally. In this regard the club offer excellent facilities for our youth to ensure our young people are kept fit and active and free of obesity. As well as ongoing training and games, the club mentors and coaches also offers advice on dietary and health issues (for the older youth).

Last year the club launched its record of 'Progress and Planning 2014 -18'. This can be viewed on the club website.

A major part of the plan is the installation of an all weather training area and a ball wall. Thanks to the generosity of Mr John Thornton a tract of land was given by him to the club to facilitate the installation. This work will cost €165,000 and a Lottery grant of €100,000 has been obtained to contribute to the cost

Community Alert Awareness

Most readers will be aware of the break-ins to cars in Skryne church car park on Saturday 20th February whilst their owners were attending 7pm Mass. Cars were also broken into at Culmullen that same evening under similar circumstances. It is not unlikely that the same culprits were involved in both cases. We have been warned by Garda of criminals cruising around rural parishes seeking the opportunity to break into cars where crowds gather whether that be Church services (mass, weddings, funerals) sporting or other events.

Whilst total security is not possible it is vital not to leave any possessions visible in parked cars. In addition, if putting your possessions in the car boot please try and take care that you are not under observation.

The next meeting of Skryne Community Alert Group is on Monday 21st March in the Church Hall at 8pm. Please come along if you are interested in Community Alert matters or have any relevant queries especially the provision of socially monitored alarms.

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of this work. Consequently we will have a deficit of €65,000 which we have to raise. In addition the grants are paid retrospectively so we must have the funds in place to pay down the contractors and then obtain the grants. This facility once completed will leave the club with facilities for our youth which will compare with the best in the country and of which we can be extremely proud. The club is running a dance competition again this year, 'Strictly Skryne' to raise the funds to meet the deficit outlined above. This should be the last major fundraising drive for some time.

Running Costs of Club.

In addition to the major development projects that have been completed there is a significant recurring demand for the annual running costs of the Club. A summary of the major day to day running costs incurred and reported at our AGM for **2015** include:

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