



## Crime Prevention advice leading up to Christmas

Approx two thirds of all burglaries around the county occur when thieves enter through the doors of your house. Barrel popping is still one of the easiest ways to enter your home where thieves use a vice grips or an adapted tool to break the lock in your PVC door. Replace old locks with anti bump or break secure locks available at all locksmiths. It is not uncommon for people to leave doors and windows open and thieves will take advantage if the opportunity arises.

Deadlocks help to deny burglars from removing property from your home via the doors. It is not recommended that you leave the keys in the external doors at any time. Do not leave the spare key under the mat or flower pot outside the door as this is the first place anybody would look before they intend to break in.

Ensure that your outside lights around the house are positioned and work correctly- ie you want to be able to see anyone approaching your house. Timer switches are useful items to use when not in the house. Hedges and shrubs should be pruned to allow maximum visibility. If you have a CCTV system in place, ensure your lighting system is compatible with your cameras.

We would recommend that you lock up tools or ladders which could be used to break into your house. If you have a house alarm installed ensure you use it at all times particularly at night time and when you are not in the house. In recent break ins bedroom windows have been forced and it is recommended that these are covered with alarm sensors. Monitored House alarms are recommended. Add your garage or shed onto your alarm system. Always try to give the impression that somebody is at your home, using timer switches and radio on.

Take photos of valuables especially jewellery. Get valuations, keep receipts etc. Avoid keeping large sums of cash in your house. Engrave your electrical goods, game consoles, tools, lawnmower, power tools etc with your Eircode. The main bedroom and hot press are the first two areas most likely to be searched by burglars.

Mobile phones, lap tops and hand bags are the top items which are stolen each year from cars. Avoid if possible leaving valuables on display in the car while unattended.

For further advice leading up to Xmas follow the Meath Crime Prevention facebook page or [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie).

Sgt Dean Kerins  
Crime Prevention Officer.



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## Skryne U13's Division 2 Champions 2016

On a day of great football and tough competitive action, Captain Paddy Wright lifted the cup as Skryne U13's retained the title for a second year with a fantastic team display to beat St.Cuthberts in the final played in Dunganny on 26th November. For the 3rd week in a row Skryne supporters were able to pull out the blue and white flags to support another underage team in a final. This time it was the turn of the U13 Footballers who were keen to ensure that Skryne GFC finish the season on a high following fine displays by U15s and U21s over the previous two weekends.

Having come through the group stages undefeated against very strong opposition is an indication of the quality and scoring capability of the team. (Walterstown, Ashbourne, Seneschalstown, Gael Colmcilles, Dunboyne, St.Cuthberts)

The game began with a bang with the Cuthbert lads going straight through the Skryne defence to score an excellent goal. Skryne struggled early to get to grips with the direct play displayed by their physically stronger opponents allowing them to tag on a few more points inside the first quarter. Many teams would have dropped the heads and folded at this point but not these lads – they dug deep and got stuck in and the through character of the team started to emerge!

The backs unit of Scott Armstrong, Rian McConnell James Dardis and Jack Swan began to dominate their opponents and limited the scoring chances which steadied the ship. Further out the field Alex O'Reilly, Oisín Keogh, Billy Reilly and John O'Regan began stamping their authority and winning the hard fought 50/50 possession which Cuthbert's were not expecting. Pin point goal kick accuracy by Alex Curran meant the lads could combine well with the clever movement of our forwards of John Finnerty, Kian Reddy, Andrew Nolan and Paddy Wright which creating a number of scoring opportunities resulting in 3 fine points without reply! Fully regrouped Skryne went on to score a further 2-2 before half time. The first goal was a fine team effort finished by John Finnerty which was followed by a "Messi" touch by Andrew Nolan to finish off a move that started way back with a turnover in the Skryne full back line. At the other end Oisín, Jack and Scott combined close down and make repeated blocks on the Cuthberts attackers to deny what looked like certain goal chances. Things got hot and heavy at times as half time approached with James Dardis and John O'Regan giving as good as they got resulting in yellow cards for

their opposite numbers leaving the halftime score at 2-5 to 1-4 in favour of Skryne. Having recovered so well from a slow start the Skryne lads were in a determined mood at half time and they went on score 1-11 in the second half to produce their best 30 mins of football this year. Skryne are fortunate to have such a big panel at this age level and it creates healthy competition for places which the lads thrive on. Most positions have 2 lads which are more than capable of doing the job. However, whilst only 13 can be picked to start the bench is where our real strength in depth is. The seamless introduction of the entire bench as the second half unfolded is testament to this and a notable feature of the final was the role and ability of all 11 subs as they came to do their job in what was a very tight and competitive match. Luke O'Brien, who is an excellent defender, took over in goals and proved himself with a fine save late on and some very accurate kick-outs. Cillian Moss, Cathal Lenehan and Conor Ward came into defence and continued to deny the Cuthbert lads any opportunity to score. James Mangan and Nathan Chawke got into the action in the middle of the park with great effect combining well with the mobile forward line. Up front, Mark Swan, Oisín McConnell, Shane O'Connor, Daniel O'Keane and Sean McCarthy were in top form creating scoring chances and kicking some excellent scores.

Even though the final score of 3-16 to 1-6 might suggest otherwise, the game was far closer and does not reflect the effort and ability of a fine Cuthberts team. In the end it was the never say die attitude, accuracy and point scoring ability of the Skryne lads that saw us come out on top. Meath Coaching Officer Eamonn Barry complimented the lads on this aspect of their game when presenting the cup to team Captain Paddy Wright – who led by example throughout the campaign! The team management of Jason Fox, Pat Hawes and Seán O'Regan would like to thank the effort put in by the full panel of 25 players - great credit is due as they continue to do themselves, their families and their Club proud – up Skryne!

**2016 U13 panel** - Scott Armstrong, Nathan Chawke, Alex Curran, James Dardis, Jack Donnelly, John Finnerty, Oisín Keogh, Cathal Lenehan, James Mangan, Sean McCarthy, Oisín McConnell, Rian McConnell, Cillian Moss, Andrew Nolan, Luke O'Brien, Shane O'Connor, Daniel O'Keane, John O'Regan, Alex O'Reilly, Kian Reddy, Billy Reilly, Jack Swan, Mark Swan, Conor Ward, Paddy Wright (Capt.)

## Skryne Cycle Club: Winter training continues:

Wednesday evening from County Council Offices Car Park, Dunshaughlin at 7.30pm (lights & Hi-Viz compulsory).  
Sunday 9.15 am from Rathfeigh School.  
Contact Pat McGovern 087 2586315 or James Brady 085 710 6524  
AGM: Provisional date Wednesday 15th Feb 9:00 RST Centre (to be confirmed)

## The Tuesday Club.

As Christmas approaches, we can look back with satisfaction on the development and activities of the **TUESDAY CLUB** during 2016. We went on the following trips/tours during the year:

1. Book of Kells in Trinity College,
2. Science Exhibition in Trinity College,
3. Arigna Coal Mine, Co.L Leitrim,
4. Croke Park Guided Tour and Museum,
5. Birr Castle plus lunch in Tullamore Court Hotel,
6. Ploughing Championships in Tullamore,
7. 1916 Dublin Walk with Ainnle O'Neill,
8. Richmond Barracks and Goldenbridge Cemetery,
9. Christmas Lunch in the Station House, Kilmessan.

We will not sit on our laurels in 2017 but will plan further activities when we meet in early January. We would like to see more people "joining" and we have an open door policy. Why not come along to the RST centre on Tuesday mornings at 11 am for a cuppa and a chat? On Tuesday next, 20th Dec we will finish off the year with tea and scones in Maguire's on The Hill of Tara. All welcome.

We wish all our members and supporters the compliments of the season.

**Maurice Daly.**

**Home Safety This Christmas** Help protect your home this Christmas against fire hazards by installing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Ensure they are in working order by regular tests. Remind yourself by test dates on calendar. Be aware that older models have a less than 5 year lifespan- new models have 10. Keep heat sources, lights, candles, chargers well clear of combustible materials. Unplug ALL decorative lights, mobile phones and other battery operated devices before going to bed. Remember to disconnect the chargers also as they can overheat and burst into flame! Have a small extinguisher suitable for use on electrical equipment to hand. A fire safety blanket is also recommended. Most important of all DO NOT STAY BEHIND FIGHTING A FIRE. Get everyone out and call the fire brigade.

To complement Garda Sgt Dean Kerin's excellent advice on combatting burglars your Community Alert Group (CAG) is offering a Muintir na Tire produced Property Log Book for your valuables. It also contains tips on marking and other methods of identifying your property. Copies are available at €5 each through me or any CAG member. Michael 0863304906



## Skryne Under 13s - Meath LGFA Division 2 Champions 2016

The Skryne U13 girls were crowned division 2 champions on Saturday 5th November, beating Gaelic Colmcilles of Kells in the final. As always, great support from the parish who braved the chilly conditions in Dunganny to cheer the girls on to victory. As has become tradition, the team, friends and families returned to the RST for an end of season party (with the massive bonus of having some silverware) with food & drink kindly provided by the Ladies club and a number of parents. It has been a remarkable year for these girls, who between them have secured U12, U13 and U14 titles in 2016. Plus a large portion of this team were also crowned All Ireland Community Games U12 Gaelic Champions in the summer. These young athletes have a lot of football and training under their belts this season, which should stand to them next year hopefully.

2017 will be an even tougher year for this team, as this win also gets them promoted to division 1. But that is a challenge this team are happy to take on and hopefully this super squad of young ladies will stay together, continue to enjoy their football and retain their competitive spirit in the seasons ahead.

**Skryne U13 2016 Squad:** Naoise Smyth, Rachel Loftus, Amy O'Dowd (capt), Ava Purcell, Caragh Conway, Lisa Browne, Samantha Clarke, Steffi Finnegan, Naoise Canavan, Roisin McManus, Sophie Ryan, Katie Ryan, Sasha Guirey, Katie Cullen, Ciara Cowley, Ciara Smyth, Aoife McLoughlin, Rachael Carolyn, Isabella Pentony, Niamh Cahill, Molly Fitzpatrick & Ellie Murphy.

## Christmas Greetings from Everyone @ 10th Meath.

We have had our typically very active year with our brilliant group in 2016. There has been a hugely varied range of activities on a Tuesday night mixed with a considerable number of weekend trips too. These ranged from Hikes, Camps, Community involvement Days, Personal Achievement Awards and various fundraising projects. We continue to grow steadily in numbers particularly our scout section which is always encouraging. All this only happens with a dedicated, committed and enthusiastic group of Leaders working alongside families who know what all our youth members achieve from Scouting in Skryne & Rathfeigh. As with all voluntary groups we appreciate those Leaders who join our group, while totally understanding reasons why some step aside from active participation after dedicating that most valued resource ... Time to the group. We would like to wish everyone within the Community of Skryne/Rathfeigh a very Happy, Peaceful, Enjoyable and Memorable Christmas and every good wish for 2017. We @ 10th Meath look back on 2016 in appreciation and forward with positivity of what a new year has in store.

P.S Our children have all been sooo great ALL year no doubt Santa will do his very best to make sure they are all pleased with what he leaves them for Christmas morning !!!!!

**Merry Christmas Everyone and take care.  
Bryan & all @ 10th Meath.**

## Christmas in Rathfeigh N.S.

With Christmas quickly approaching there was great excitement in Rathfeigh N.S. as the annual tradition of decorating the Christmas Tree took place. The children in the various classes decorated the tree with various items made during art classes. The tree which takes pride of place in the school reception is now beautifully decorated with clay ornaments, baubles and angels. Rathfeigh's annual school Christmas Carol Service takes place in the school hall on Thursday 22nd December from 11.00 to 11.45am. The Rathfeigh Parents' Association Calendar can be purchased at the event. We would like to invite everyone from the Rathfeigh/Skryne area to the event. We wish everyone in the Rathfeigh/Skryne parish a safe, enjoyable and peaceful Christmas



# Notices

**Text Alert Renewal:** Members of the RST area Text Alert are advised that renewal subscriptions become due on 1 January 2017. Information on the renewal process will be given in the next RST Newsletter issue.

**Childminder required:** for 3 children 11 to 15 years old in Skryne home. Two afternoons weekly. Collect from school/bus, make dinner, supervise homework. (086)8562518.

**Skryne GFC** held their AGM on Friday 9th December in the RST centre. Prior to the meeting Mass for deceased members was celebrated in St. Colmcilles Church Skryne. Fr. Thomas O'Mahony welcomed everybody and had some very complimentary words for the club in general. He congratulated the players on a very successful year and accepted the 13 trophies won during the year as gifts in the Offertory Procession.

Ladies club Chairperson Derrick Monahan introduced the players, boys and girls, and the trophies won as they carried them to the Altar. Club Chairperson and Secretary, Eamon Giles and Norbert Coyle respectively, read the lessons. Joe O'Brien proudly brought the impressive Reserve League trophy won by our 3rd Adult team to the Altar. All the other cups and plaques were won by the underage Ladies and Gents of the club.

The AGM itself held in the RST centre was well attended and many subjects were discussed frankly and openly. The proposed new membership rates getting a good airing and will have to be revised before ratification.

The club agreed to elect four new Presidents as we had just two remaining following recent bereavements. The number of Presidents is now limited to six.

**The following officers and Committee were elected -**

**Presidents** - Fr. Thomas O'Mahony, David Carty, Paddy Mulvaney, Ray Mooney, Lily Fox and Sean Smyth (Macetown).

**Chairperson** - Eamon Giles.

**Vice Chairperson** - Dermot Carty.

**Secretary** - Senan McGrath.

**Assistant Secretary** - Sinead Rooney.

**Treasurer** - Michael Mulvaney.

**Assistant Treasurer** - Ross Phillips.

**Insurance Officer** - Norbert Coyle.

**P.R.O and I.T. Registrar** - Rowan Dardis.

**Children's Officer** - Caroline Whelan.

**Irish Officer** - Joe O'Brien.

**Health and Welfare Officer** - Trevor Giles.

**Safety Officer** - Kevin O'Rourke.

**County Committee Delegate** - Oliver Harrington.

**Committee Members** - Nicky Hamill, Dolores Tobin and Madonna Purcell.

**Managers** - Senior - Martin Frayne.

**Junior** - Nigel Fox.

**Under 21** - Nicky Hamill.

The club passed a vote of sympathy with the family of Joe Lennon (Stamullen) who was a former trainer of Skryne GFC.



## BURKE'S FARM

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and New Year  
and look forward  
to seeing you all in 2017.*

### Thank You

To all my friends and customers may I say a big thank you to everybody who wished me well during my recent illness. Thank you for the Mass Bouquets, Get well cards, Visits etc. You all know who you are and I am eternally grateful. I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

May it be a healthy one for us all.  
Mary (Tara Post Office)



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Contact: **Paoric**

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This photo was taken in old Rathfeigh School about 1935. We are trying to identify the children in the photo. If still alive, they would be about 90 years old. Mrs Jackie Whyte nee Mitchell, is fourth from the right in the back row. John Gargan is fourth from the right in the middle row. We think that the boy, fifth from the left in the middle row is .....Laycock. Maybe some of our readers can help. If anybody can identify anyone please contact Maurice Daly at 0879543222.

## BLOTTO RESULTS

**27th November 2016**

**10-15-20-26**

No Winner - €40 each to: Amy Blackhurst, Carmel Bennett, Ray Mooney and Michael Russell

**04th December 2016**

**14-20-24-28**

No Winner - €40 each to: Des Barry, Deirdre Clarke, Bernard Curry and Michael Russell.

**11th December 2016**

**10-12-13-18**

No Winner - €40 each to: Louise Maguire, Kevina Daly, Bernie Daly and once again Michael Russell.

**Next week's jackpot**

**€6,700**

**Thank you for your support**



Congratulations to Leoni Clarke and Patrick McGuinness pictured following their recent wedding in St Colmille's Church Skryne with reception afterwards in Headford Hotel Kells.

**Next Issue Saturday**

**28th January**

Submissions by Wednesday 25th January

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