

RST Newsletter

Rathfeigh • Skryne • Tara

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Skryne Community Alert

Text Alert subscription signup/renewal

With so few Gardaí available to cover such a large district, it is more important than ever that we remain vigilant and look out for one another. Text Alert is proving to be a very effective tool in raising awareness of criminal activity in the area. Criminals typically don't like the extra attention, and would sooner move on to softer targets where they can go unnoticed.

Since we started Skryne Text Alert, we have grown our subscriber base to over 800 and have delivered over 66,000 SMS messages! Most of these messages came directly from the Gardaí and gave timely notice to beware of suspicious activities in particular areas, or over larger areas when it came to travelling criminals.

We use a specialist text provider to distribute our alerts whether they come from the Gardaí or directly from ourselves. We have now exhausted our pre-paid text credits and we are inviting Text Alert membership renewals for 2017. We are also inviting new subscribers. The cost for the subscription is €10 per year per mobile phone, and a renewal form is included with this newsletter. Please complete the form, and enclose it in the envelope provided together with your renewal payment. You can drop the completed forms and payment off at one of the following locations :

- Tara Post Office
- Skryne School
- Rathfeigh School
- Tara & District Credit Union (Kilmessan)
- Dunsany Post Office
- If you prefer, you can hand your envelope to one of the Text Alert committee members:
- Michael O'Grady, Old Ross
- Patricia Conroy, Collierstown
- Hugh Mc Nelis, Proudstown
- Nick Palmer, Loughanstown
- Bryan Leonard, Trevet
- Maurice Daly, Macetown
- Robert Shannon, Macetown

Finally, we will also have signup/renewal sessions at the RST Community Centre on the following three Saturdays: Saturday 4th, 11th, 18th March between 12pm & 2pm.

Monitored Personal Alarms

Monitored personal alarms give great peace of mind to those living alone, or otherwise considered vulnerable. These are pendants or bracelets which can be used to raise an alarm in the event that you cannot reach the phone. When you press the button on the pendant/bracelet, a phone call is automatically made to a 24hr monitoring centre. The monitoring centre will then try to make contact with you via the speakerphone on the alarm. Staff at the monitoring station will ascertain whether or not you are alright. If not, or if they do not hear a response, they will immediately contact a family member or the emergency services, depending on the situation. The alarm is available whether you have a landline or not, as it can also work on the mobile phone network. Grants are available for the over 65's to cover the cost of the alarm and its installation – you just pay the relatively low cost annual monitoring fee (and sim card charges if you don't have a landline). We at Skryne Community Alert Group manage the application for the alarms and grants for the RST area. Please contact any member of Skryne CAG for further information.

Eircode

Eircode, or the new Irish postcode system, has been in place now since July 2015. You may recall getting a card in the post advising you of your own eircode. Each house has its own unique identifier. It may seem that it hasn't proven particularly useful – it still hasn't been implemented by some of the couriers, who still ring us up and ask for directions! But did you know it has another very useful purpose – potentially a life-saving one? The emergency services can now use your eircode to get directly to your house in the fastest possible time. And let's face it – if you call 999 because of a fire, or because of a life threatening situation, you may not be in the

best frame of mind to direct a stranger to your house. We would encourage everybody in the community to note their eircode either next to your landline phone, or perhaps next to the front door. Somewhere that everyone in the house can find it quickly in an emergency. If you lost your eircode, you can easily find it by visiting the eircode.ie website, typing in your address, and pointing to your house on the map. One final benefit – if you have family or friends trying to find your house, give them your eircode and tell them to type in into the search bar in Google Maps...

Smoke Alarms

Did you know that most smoke alarms have a limited useful life of 5-10 years? This is regardless of the state of the battery. Please check the date on yours, or simply replace it if in doubt.

Skryne Community Alert Group

Skryne Community Alert group meet once a month in the Matt Talbot Hall, usually on a Monday evening. New members are always welcome. Please contact any member for details of the next meeting.

Tuesday Club trip to Leinster House on Tuesday 21st February

Visit organised by Helen McEntee, T.D. Meet at Kildare St. entrance in front of gates at 12.30 pm; have lunch in Dáil restaurant and then visit the Dáil chambers for Leaders' questions at 2 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Lunch costs €16.95, Please bring I.D. e.g. Driver's Licence, Passport or Free Travel Pass.

Buses from O'Connell St. or 15 mins walk from O'Connell's St.

If for any reason, you cannot travel, please inform Michael or Dermot or Maurice asap as there is a waiting list.

50 lunches booked.

See you all on Tuesday 21st February at Kildare Street.

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Mrs Eileen Browne - An appreciation



The death, some short weeks ago, of Mrs. Eileen Browne (nee Farnan) robbed our parish of one of its finest ladies.

She was a parishioner who consistently and insatiably invested unfailing energy and inspiration in so many organisations in Skryne that her departure will be sorely felt by countless friends, acquaintances and admirers. Eileen (85years) was sadly pre-deceased all of 22 years ago by her husband Tom who comprehensively shared in her enjoyment of life. They made a handsome and striking couple whose life together at Ross, Tara, was full of happiness. They both loved a holiday, particularly where walking ventures were included.

Eileen's intellectual ability and management skills, which saw her fulfil a wide ranging array of professional vocations, were only matched by a vibrant sense of humour. A conversation with Eileen, short or long, was

always an invitation for her to introduce potent witticisms but never at anyone's expense. Meeting Eileen was therefore always a joy.

Eileen first showed her unique intelligence in consistently aiming at and achieving top-of-the-class rankings in both Skryne National School and later in Navan where she completed her Vocational and technical studies. She passed all her exams with flying colours.

Following her education, Eileen was appointed to Cavan Co. Council where over a 12-year period she gained valuable experience in many departments of the Council. She was subsequently transferred to Meath Co. Council where her experience saw her serve in many roles during a 16-year stay there. Subsequently, she took over administrative duties with Drs. Paddy and Mary Randles in Navan. Her skills were clearly recognised.

Away from work, Eileen always had a great interest in music – choral music in particular – and she sang with the Skryne choir from her

National School days until her final illness prevented from her so doing. She was a life-long member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association and worked strongly with the organisation all her life. She also had long-term interests in other Skryne associations – both sporting and cultural.

In more recent years, she took over administration and recording of collections at Mass and her accounting process of these funds was much appreciated by the Clergy of the Parish. With her unique and stylish hand writing, the recording folio of these collections was reputed by the Priests of the Parish to be a work of art. But that was Eileen's mantra in life. If it is worth doing, it is worth doing as best you can.

Her much regretted death brought to an end a life of friendliness, happiness and whatever work came her way which she felt deserved doing. She was a unique lady.

To her sister, Geraldine, and the extended Farnan and Browne families we extend our most sincere sympathy on their great loss.

10th Meath Scout Group welcome's Chief Scout



A wonderful memorable evening was held recently in Skryne when the Scout Group had great pleasure in welcoming Scouting Ireland's Chief Scout Mr Christy Mc Cann to our Parent & Friend AGM. Our hall looked suitably resplendent with immaculate uniforms and flagpoles carrying National, County and Group Flags. Thanks to our wonderful Co Secretary Colette Boyd who joined us from the Co Mgt Team complete with Flag and projector. On the night the buzz as Christy presented the Chief Scout Award to 5 enthusiastic dedicated fun loving cub scouts who have moved up to the scout section in the Group was palpable. Parents who joined us on the night listened avidly as they heard how active the different sections have been during the past year. A brilliant slideshow treated everyone to more than a year's photographic memories which had lots giggles and the occasional gasp from the audience as it played. On the night Peter Minchin from Cystic Fibrosis

Ireland received a fundraising cheque from the participants of a sponsored 20k hike which took place on a cold Saturday last summer. James Fox G.S.F spoke in appreciation of all the activities and events that the group had accomplished during the past year and emphasised that having lots of FUN along the way was key to successful activities and happy scouts. He also said that it was through the encouragement of leaders to parents and the wider community that new people are invited to see how the dynamic of sections work before they commit to volunteering their time and energy to the group.

The Parents were thanked for their presence and showed their appreciation with a tumultuous round of applause for all the Scouters and the AGM was closed at this point. Everyone enjoyed refreshments which our Scouts had displayed with all their culinary expertise with an abundance of cakes being enjoyed with a cuppa as everyone chatted about the night. With his typical good humour Seamus Farrelly ensured everyone was very relaxed as he took great photographs which we will have as lasting memories of a brilliant night.

Bryan & Everyone @10th Meath



Active First Responders, Dunshaughlin, Tara, Skryne, Rathfeigh.

The Active first responders (AFR) had a very successful recruitment campaign in the RST area and Dunshaughlin. 12 new recruits completed their training in January and will be buddying someone over the next few months. Due to changes in operations 100% of calls were responded to in the last 6 months. There are now 2 public access defibrillators our area, Tara Post Office and The Village Grill Dunshaughlin. Unlike most towns and villages we do not have a 24hour Garda station or Hotel, so a public access defibrillator is the only way that we can ensure one is available at all times.

Just a Reminder

Do you know where your nearest AED is located?

Do you know CPR?

Do you know your eircode?

Finding your home can be difficult for both the ambulance and responder's. Pin your eircode number on your front door and also stick it to the phone. This can save precious minutes, as the eircode can pinpoint your rural home with the responder's phone.

There is AED training regularly for the public,



but if you are a member of a group i.e. ICA, Active retirement, Bridge, keep fit, some of our team can come and teach your group basic emergency skills.

We hope to fundraise for put 3 more public access AED's in Rathfeigh, Dunshaughlin South, and Culmullen.

If you would like to run a fundraising event for us, request AED training for your club, or if you would like any further information email us on: activefirstresponders@gmail.com



Rathfeigh School's Quiz Win

Tara and District Credit Union schools quiz took place recently in Skryne School Hall. The winning team will now progress onto Stage 2 (Chapter Level) on Friday 3rd March in the Pillo Hotel Ashbourne.

Pictured left: The winners from Competition A Under 11: Conor Mc Cluskey, Bryn Mc Auley, Billy Smyth and Anna Copeland from Rathfeigh National School.

RST Community Centre CLASS SCHEDULE Spring 2017

DAY	TIME	CLASS	CONTACT
Monday	7 – 8 pm	Speech & Drama	Caren Smyth 087 - 9081381
	8.15 – 9.15 pm	Irish Conversation	John Scanlon 087 – 2896132
Tuesday	10 – 12 noon	Digital Skills for Citizens	Susan 087 1306985
	10 – 11 am	Pilates (gentle)	Nicola Hayden 087 – 6975207
	11 – 12 noon	The Tuesday Club	Everyone welcome for a chat
	1 – 3 pm	Digital Skills for Citizens	Susan 087 1306985
	2 – 8 pm	Music Lessons	Fiona Gryson 083 – 3651138, fionagryson@gmail.com
	7.30– 8.30 pm	Pilates All Levels	James Gibbons 085 – 868 6670 or email; info@meathfitness.com
Wednesday	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Line Dancing	Deirdre 085 - 7100559 €8 PER NIGHT
Thursday	11 – 12.30	Craft & Coffee	Tricia Scanlon 087 - 9644646
	5 – 6 pm	Irish Dancing – All Levels	Carr School of Irish Dancing, Audrey 086-0712175, email: audreycarr1@yahoo.ie
	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Pilates All Levels	James Gibbons 085 – 868 6670 or email; info@meathfitness.com
Saturday	8am – 1 pm	Music Lessons	Fiona Gryson 083 – 3651138, fionagryson@gmail.com

For general enquiries, bookings etc. please phone Susan on **087 – 1306985** / [email rstskryne.ie](mailto:rstskryne.ie) / [website rstskryne@gmail.com](http://www.rstskryne.ie)

Notices

TABLE QUIZ: in Swans Pub on Friday 31st March at 8pm to raise funds for a charity mission called Operation Walk Ireland, who are travelling to Hanoi, Vietnam in April 2017.

"SKRYNE HALL": A number of tables have gone missing from the parish hall. Perhaps they were borrowed for party, function and you have not got around to returning them. We would appreciate the return of the tables as they are required for functions in the hall. Thanking you for your co-operation.

SKRYNE CYCLE CLUB AGM: Rescheduled to Wednesday 1st March 9pm Fox's Bar, Hill of Skryne. Club Training – will continue through the spring as follows: Wednesday from County Council Car Park, Drumree Road, Dunshaughlin at 7.30. Lights and Hi-Viz essential. Sunday 9.15 from Rathfeigh School. Zero to 50Km training to commence on Saturday afternoons starting 11th March 2:30 pm from Swan's Carpark. Coffee on route. No fancy bike or gear needed. Contact James Brady 085 7106524 or Pat McGovern 087 2586315

WANTED: The RST Centre are seeking a PILATES teacher for Tuesday mornings, and a LINE DANCING teacher for Wednesday evenings. If you know of anyone suitable, please contact Susan on 087-1306985

NEW: Digital Skills For Citizens. The RST Centre is starting a new laptop/tablet/ iphone/smartphone course very soon. Course will be for 2 hours per week over 5 weeks and is Free of Charge. Our first course is for complete beginners. If you are interested please contact Susan on 087-1306985.

RST COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS: We have a number of requests for Jive Dancing classes so anyone who is interested please contact us on 087 – 1306985. Also, suggestions for new classes are greatly appreciated

DIGITAL SKILLS: Due to huge demand, we are starting a second class on Tuesday 7th February from 1-3pm. Course is 2hrs over 5 weeks and is free of charge. Everyone is welcome! Further classes will start in March. All enquiries or to secure a place, please call Susan on 087-1306985

THANK YOU: We would like to thank parishioners for your generous support of the Church Gate Collection for Epilepsy Ireland. €712 was collected. The Giles family.

SKRYNE BINGO: Every Wednesday 8.30pm sharp €1,100 in prizes Every night. Why not try your luck. All Welcome

Condolences

The Parish passed votes of sympathy to the following:

- Lisa Dowling, Colvinstown on the death of her brother.
- Martin Kennedy, Principal, Skryne NS on the death of his father
- Peadar Cleary, Greenpark on the death of his sister
- Seamus Battersby, Loughanstown on the death of his brother.
- Edel O'Brien, Scalestown on the death of her mother.

Third Team Start Off With a Win

Skryne 2-14 St. Ultans 0-8

The B League Division 3 began with a victory for Skryne's third team at home this evening over St. Ultans. This was a good game with the teams evenly matched for the first twenty minutes with Skryne leading by 5 points to 3 at that stage. Then the Blues began to pull away and could have been further ahead at the break had Felim O'Rourke not been unlucky with two attempts for goals - both of which came back off the woodwork. As it was they had increased the lead to 9 points to 4 at half time.

In the second half Skryne were much too

strong for the St. Ultans second string and when Jason Fox's free kick (for a point) dropped under the crossbar to the net the match as a contest was as good as over. This was the first score of the second half and put eight points between the sides. Although the Bohermeen side tried hard right to the end they never caused the Blues any serious problems.

With nine different players on the scoresheet this was a very encouraging performance from Skryne and lifted the spirit in the club after recent defeats for the first and second teams in the Feis Cup and B League Div 1 respectively. In an excellent team performance Des McAvinney was never in trouble in goals

and his kickouts gave his midfielders David McGoldrick and Niall Morley every chance to dominate the game. This they did and with an ample supply of ball to the forwards all six got the better of their opponents and the scores to win comfortably. In a strong defensive unit David Carroll and Cian Lynch stood out.

Skryne - Des McAvinney. James Conroy, Timmy Lennon, David Carroll. Paddy Carpenter, Dermot Brennan, Cian Lynch (0-1). David McGoldrick (1-0), Niall Morley (0-1). Frank Carty (0-1), Jason Fox (1-1), Ciaran Finnerty. Felim O'Rourke (0-2), Allan Carty (0-5), Jason Reddy (0-1). Subs used - Barry Clarke, Sean Cassidy, Enda Byrne, Shane McEnroy, Brian Smyth (0-2) and Paddy O'Leary.

Summerhill too good for Skryne.

Skryne 1-6 Summerhill 1-11.

The B League Division 1 began this evening with a defeat for Skryne at home to Summerhill. The five point difference at the end of this match is probably a fair reflection on the game overall. Even though the Summerhill goal came with the last kick of the match and was the result of a short kick-out it did not affect the final scoreline. In fact the Skryne goal came in the exact same way so they cancel each other out.

Skryne missed far too many scores in the first half, shooting a number of wides and wasting two goal chances as well. Having said that the Hill were the better team and fully deserved their halftime lead of 0-7 to 0-3 after playing from the road end with no breeze to contend with.

On a bitterly cold night for the small number of spectators, the Blues began the second half much better. Paddy Doherty grabbed the lucky

goal and points from Cian Lynch and John Morley had the teams level midway through this half. When Frank Carty placed Doherty for a good point to put Skryne in the lead for the first time in the match it looked like the Blues had the momentum to go on and win. But despite good defensive work from Mark Harrington, Ronan McCabe and Colm Craigie it was Summerhill who finished stronger and punished each mistake made by the wayward Skryne men.

Aidan Tuite and David McGoldrick just about held their own at midfield but it was in the forward division where more combination and scoring power is badly needed to win matches. Scoring just 1-6 is hardly sufficient to win any game but as it was the first outing of the season there is plenty of time to put it right.

I'm sure most clubs and their followers would prefer if the season started a little later when the weather might be a bit kinder and the evenings a bit longer.

Skryne - Des McAvinney. Barry Clarke, Mark Harrington, Colm Craigie. Cian Lynch (0-1), Ronan McCabe, Mark Jordan. Aidan Tuite, David McGoldrick. Jason Fox, John Morley (0-2), Andrew Moore. Sean Cassidy, Paddy Doherty (1-1), Niall Morley (0-2).

Subs used - Paddy Fox, Frank Carty and Allan Carty.

Skryne GFC Registration Night: for all on Wednesday 8th March in the RST Centre from 7-9pm

Skryne GFC passed votes of sympathy to the following:

- Lisa Dowling, Colvinstown on the death of her brother.
- Martin Kennedy, Principal, Skryne NS on the death of his father
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- Seamus Battersby, Loughanstown on the death of his brother.
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BLOTTO RESULTS

29th January 2017

5-11-16-27

No Winner - €40 each to: Niall Morley, Brendan Canavan,
J&R Clarke and Dee Shanahan

05th February 2017

1-8-17-21

No Winner - €40 each to: Ken Mooney, Jennifer Barry,
Padraic O'Rourke and Ursula McCabe

12th February 2017

11-12-14-15

No Winner - €40 each to: Kieran O'Brien, Denis Smyth,
Christy McCabe and Alicia Dardis

Next week's jackpot

€2,200

Thank you for your support

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Saturday 18th March 2017

Submissions by Wednesday 15th March

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