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RST Newsletter

Rathfeigh • Skryne • Tara



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COMMUNITY GAMES

Skryne Rathfeigh had great success with 3 individual bronze medals and a record number of athletes competing in the National Track and Field finals in Abbotstown on August 19th and 20th 2017.

Starting with the Under 8 category, **Oisín Giles** won a bronze medal in the under 8 60 metres sprint having qualified through the heats and semi finals. **Martin Wall** had a fantastic run in the Under 10 hurdles race finishing in second place in the semi final and finished a fantastic fifth place overall just missing out in a medal. In the under 12 category, we had two sprinters in action in the 100m, James Reeves and Ava Purcell who although not qualifying for the final, ran exceptionally well in very competitive heats. **John O'Regan** showed the greatest improvement over the summer by finishing a fantastic fifth place in the

final of the under 14 hurdles, out of a field of 28 athletes, just missing out on a medal in his first ever national hurdles final.

Caragh Conway made the breakthrough while making it into her first National Final in the under 14 long jump putting in a very competitive series of jumps. A brilliant performance from **Killian Cahill** saw him win the bronze medal in the boys under 14 long jump.

Ciaran Quinn was our other under 14 athlete who threw a personal best performance in the Javelin just missing out on a position in the final 8 competitors.

Another fantastic individual bronze medal was won by **Alex Grendon** in the High Jump under 16 with a personal best performance in the new indoor arena. Finally the relay under 13 mixed team of **Charlie Swan, James Reeves, Ava Purcell** and **Roisin McManus** made it to the semi final of the 4x 100M relay with an excellent run and **Roisin** also had a great performance in the girls shot putt event.



HIGH KINGS
CYCLE CHALLENGE 2017

On Saturday 7th Oct.
Registration from 8am
100km, 50km and 30km Routes
100km starts at 9am
50km starts at 9.30am | 30km starts at 10am

All starting from Skryne
GFC Clubhouse
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Includes:
Midpoint refreshments at Maguires, Tara
| BBQ After Event |
Male and Female Changing and Shower Facilities

PRICE: Online Registration €20
On the Morning Registration €25
Family Registration on morning €40
2 adults & 2 children



Pictured at the launch of the cycle were: (L-R) James Brady, Kevin O'Rourke, Margaret McKeon, Dermot Carty, Pat McGovern, Felim O'Rourke, Mark Jordan, Mark Harrington, Eamon Giles.

One of Skryne GFCs successful annual fundraisers takes place on Saturday 7th October 2017. The 'High Kings' cycle is regarded as an essential part of our fundraising but it is also a day to be enjoyed by young and old.

All you need is a bicycle and a helmet and away you go at your own pace - it's not a race and therefore no need to worry about who comes first, second or third.

We have been lucky with the weather for the day over the last few years and hopefully we can look forward to more of the same - so enjoy the scenery of Co. Meath, the views of Skryne, the Hill of Tara and particularly the banter, the 'craic' and the comradeship of your fellow cyclists.

Have a break, a drink (soft) and maybe a cup of tea and a bun or 'Bicky' all compliments of Michael Maguire at the half way point on the aforementioned historic hill. But most importantly be safe, respect other road users and obey the rules of the road.

The proceeds of fundraisers like this goes towards 'Capitol Expenditure' and not day to day running of the club. So you can see the benefits of your efforts in things like the new all weather facility at the end of the pitch and the fantastic building you registered in or maybe togged out in on the morning of the cycle and can shower there on your return before you enjoy your 'burger' and refreshments.

So come and enjoy the day - we thank you in advance for your support. We also thank everybody who helps in any way in making this a most enjoyable and successful event. See poster above for details.

This issue is sponsored by **SKRYNE RATFEIGH COMMUNITY GAMES**

A Dedication from the husband and family of the late Betty Dunphy



The unexpected passing of Betty Dunphy on August 26th 2017 aged 76 years came as a big shock to her neighbours and friends throughout the parish. It is with this in mind that we her

family would like to thank everyone very sincerely for their attendance both reposing at our home and at her funeral. May God reward you all for your kindness.

With Gratitude

The Dunphy family, Oberstown

Skryne Community Alert

As the days get shorter we can expect a few unwelcome visits to the area from opportunist thieves. Please remain vigilant and always report suspicious vehicles or behaviour to the Gardai on 01 801 0600. It really does make a difference. Remember to keep your windows closed and your doors locked. The most popular time for winter burglaries is between 5pm and 11pm. If you have an alarm, use it, especially at night or when you are away from home.

€7 million of Jewellery, €3.5 million in cash, €1 million of Electronics and €1 million of tools was stolen in residential burglaries in Ireland in the last year (June 2016 to July 2017). Marked property is less desirable to burglars as it is harder to sell and is more likely to be returned to its owner. Marking property with your eircode allows the Gardai to uniquely identify your property and therefore you, the owner. Make a note today of the serial numbers of all your valuables, photograph them and mark them near the serial number with your eircode where possible. You can download a property register from the Crime Prevention section on garda.ie to make a note of your goods and serial numbers. Keep jewellery locked in a safe which has been secured to the building. And please remember if you see quality used tools or goods for sale at market stalls or from the backs of vans at knockdown prices, there is always a reason they are so cheap.

Condolences

The Parish and Skryne GFC passed votes of sympathy with the following:

- **The Dunphy family, Oberstown on the death of Betty**
- **To Stephen Kelly, Rathfeigh on the death of his father.**

Big Win for Skryne in Relegation playoff

Skryne 2-19 Duleek Bellewstown 0-13

Skryne prolonged their Senior Football Championship status into their 81st year with a comprehensive win over Duleek Bellewstown in Dunshaughlin yesterday.

In this match Skryne did what they have threatened to do all year and won with a bit in hand. They had played well in every championship game this season but had failed to finish out their early dominance and were always caught in the latter stages leaving them with just a solitary point to show for their efforts.

Yesterday was different and a score of 2-19 will win most games. The foundations for this win were set when Patrick O'Rourke shot home a great goal after 12 minutes to put Skryne in the driving seat and they went on to lead at half time by 5 points 1-9 to 0-7.

Patrick finished with an impressive personal tally of 1-9. Admittedly 7 of those points came from frees but in the history of the GAA very few games are won without a dependable free taker. In the case of Duleek Bellewstown 8 of their total of 13 points also came from placed balls.

The strength of the Skryne panel was tested again yesterday with further injuries to Goalkeeper Des McAvinney and outfield players Colm Craigie and Darragh Campion.

In an excellent team performance all six defenders were on top of their opposite numbers with Declan Morley, Eoghan Greene and Dermot Brennan particularly impressive. Midfielders Aidan Tuite and Ciaran Lenehan controlled the centre of the field all day while upfront, apart from Rourke, Paddy Fox had his best game of the year and Mark Battersby was a thorn in Dul/Bels side from the start. This full forward line scored 2-13 between them but all the team did really well with 9 different players getting on the scoresheet.

The old comment of 'what if' comes to mind with regard to finishing previous Championship games like we did this one.

But the the overall target for the year of maintaining our Senior status and gaining promotion in the League has been achieved so it's onwards and upwards into 2018.

Skryne - Des Mc Avinney. Robbie Clarke, Eoghan Greene, Declan Morley (0-1). Paddy Carpenter, Donie Ryan, Dermot Brennan. Aidan Tuite, Ciaran Lenehan (0-1). Eoin Smyth (0-1), Brian Davis (0-1), Colm Craigie. Paddy Fox (0-3), Patrick O'Rourke (1-9), Mark Battersby (1-1).

Suns used - Felim O' Rourke, Mark Jordan, Ronan McCabe (0-1), Jason Fox (0-1), Darragh Campion and Adam O'Sullivan.

Understrength Skryne go down fighting

Castletown 3-11 Skryne 1-11

The B League Division 3 Final played in windy conditions today, Saturday, in Seneschalstown turned out to be a hollow victory for Castletown as Skryne were forced to play without five first choice players. No blame can be apportioned to Castletown for this but it's a pity that the game HAD to be fixed the day before Skryne's most important game of the season. Add in a Minor game on Monday and player welfare once again 'goes out the window' with some players being asked to play 2 games in 3 days and at least one eligible to play in all 3.

Skryne fielded without both midfielders Donie Ryan and Colm Craigie who were claimed for the more important Senior match on Sunday, defender James (Jack) Conroy is training in Limerick with the Irish Paralympic team, full forward James Hegarty is injured and wing forward Keith Donoghue was claimed by his boss Gordon Elliott for his professional job as a jockey in Navan. To be fair to Keith he rushed from the racecourse to Seneschalstown and played the last fifteen minutes of the match.

Skryne played against the strong breeze in the first half and led by 0-3 to 0-2 after ten minutes but then Castletown took the game by the scruff of the neck and scored two goals in as many minutes - they then added three points to leave the Blues with a mountain to climb. The Green and Gold men led at half time by eight points - 2-6 to 0-4.

The second half continued along the same lines with the physically stronger Castletown on top for most of this period and thoroughly deserved their victory on the day. Skryne's mixture of experience and youth tried their best, did the club proud and but for the concession of preventable goals might have brought off an unlikely win.

In corner backs Andrew Moore and Sean Byrne Skryne had two of the best players on the field. David Carroll and Oisín Gryson did well further out while upfront although under pressure the forwards put up a respectable scoreline.

Skryne - Felim O'Rourke. Andrew Moore, Martin Mulvaney, Sean Byrne. Paul Bannon, David Carroll, Darren Fox (0-2). Oisín Gryson (0-1), Kevin O'Reilly (0-2). Neil Burke (0-2), John Quinn, Sean Cassidy. Ciaran Finnerty (0-2), Brian Smyth (0-2), Colm McLoughlin.

Subs used - James Keane, Keith Donoghue, Paul McGoldrick, Declan Mulvey (1-0), Ciaran O'Rourke and Oisín Coyle. Also available - Shane McEnroy and Eddie Dunne.

Notices

CHILDMINDER REQUIRED: to look after a 2 year old and an 8 month old four days a week. Contact Mary on (086)8498646

LOST PETS: If your pet has gone missing in the RST area, please check the Skryne Lost Pets Facebook page, where we hope to reunite lost pets with their owners. There are a number of kittens on there at the moment waiting to find their way back home!

WANTED HOUSE TO RENT: Family of four seek house to rent short or long term in Rathfeigh, Skryne, Tara or Dunshaughlin area. Phone 0868388017 / 0469025771. Email patriciaconroy1@hotmail.com

RATHFEIGH CHOIR: Rathfeigh Choir are back singing at 6pm Mass on Saturday evenings in Rathfeigh Church and are always on the lookout for new members. Practice is in Rathfeigh Church every Tuesday from 8-9pm, just come along any Tuesday evening or Phone Rita on (087)7759442 for further information.

SKRYNE PARISH BINGO: Every Wednesday night at 8.30. over €1,100 euro in prizes. Please your local bingo.

FREE MONITORED ALARMS AVAILABLE: Monitored alarm units are available to residents of Skryne Community Alert Area free of charge. A unit installation charge of €50 applies and the recipient must also pay an annual monitoring fee of €66 to €67.50 depending on supplier. The peace of mind given to both recipient and family members by having a constantly monitored call button to hand far outweighs these relatively small costs. To request a unit or obtain fuller details please contact Michael O'Grady, Skryne Community Alert, on 0469026020 or 0863304906.

SKRYNE PARISH HALL:
There are two tables still missing from the Parish hall. These are needed for functions eg, after funerals, bingo etc. If you have these tables please kindly return them to the Parish hall.

Hospice Coffee Morning

The recent Hospice Coffee Morning at Riverstown was a tremendous success with a total of €14,000 raised. This money was so welcomed by the Hospice Blanchardstown, Gary Kelly Centre Drogheda and Meath Palliative care, all of which provide wonderful services in our community. Thank you so much to those who came on the day, including all the new faces.

I'm so glad you did. Many thanks also to all who helped.

To all who baked the beautiful breads, cakes, tarts etc and donated the fantastic range of jams and chutneys, vegetables and plants a huge thank you, as well as those who donated the fantastic raffle prizes.

Angela Kirwan.

Calling All Weekly Adorers:

The Meath Diocesan Adoration Committee invites all weekly Adorers to a Eucharistic Assembly in THE NEWGRANGE HOTEL NAVAN on Saturday October 7th from 9.30am till 4.30pm (including Mass) to hear amazing talks and testimonies, to be inspired, affirmed and nourished spiritually and to hear how to address adoration concerns, needs and growth. You will also get the details of Pope Francis' visit to Ireland for the year of the family.

All will receive a special pack. Donation during the Assembly, will cover cost including light lunch.

You must book in advance with your local Adoration contact person as there are only limited spaces available.

LOCAL CONTACT PERSON is Marian Hora. Telephone: 086-2069688

Singing with your local choir.

Whether you sing just for yourself, with your children or at a party, singing is fun and a great way of meeting new people and making friends. People all over the country are joining choirs to get that sense of enjoyment. But singing in a choir is more than just a bit of fun. It's been scientifically proven that it is good for your health: from getting more oxygen into the blood, to increasing the flow of feel good hormones and improving mental health.

The folk group meet in Skryne Church every Monday at 8.15 for an hour, and sing at 11 O' Clock mass on the 1st and 4th Sunday of the month. We sing uplifting, encouraging and reflective songs. There is no age limit and we would love to have new members join our small group.

For the younger children in our parish the Children's Gospel Choir practice in Skryne church every Monday at 7 for 30 minutes during school term and sing at 11 Mass occasionally. The children that are currently in the choir love the uplifting songs and get great enjoyment when we clap and move at the same time.

For further information call Carmel 086 8373135

Tuesday Club is Going to Castletown House.

The Tuesday Club's next trip is to the majestic Castletown House, Celbridge on Tuesday 10th October. Castletown House is a Palladian country house built in 1722 for William Connolly - speaker of the Irish House of Commons. It was once the centrepiece of a 550 acre estate. Sold to developers in 1965, it is now divided between state and private ownership. We highly recommend a visit.

If you plan on going please contact either Michael on 087-2525586 or Dermot on 086-8760336 or Maurice on 087-9543222 NO LATER that Sunday 1st October. We have a guided tour scheduled for 11.30 am (Group Rate €8). The restaurant also need numbers in advance.

Meet at Swans at 10 am where we can car pool.

BLOTTO RESULTS

September 3 2017

1-8-12-18

No Winner - €40 each to: Seamus McAuley, Maureen O'Kane, Louise Maguire and John Scanlon

September 10 2017

0-0-0-0

No Winner - €40 each to: Gerry Leddy, Les Bartley, Brian Wilde and Audrey Mooney

September 17 2017

6-14-17-2

No Winner - €40 each to: Stephen Clarke, Ross Phillips, Cathleen Rogan and Tom Mulvany.

September 24 2017

1-2-15-19

No Winner - €40 each to: S,S and D O'Connor, Frances McKee, Eddie McCormack and Brigid Kiernan

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CHAMPIONS

Skryne ladies set the scene for what can only be described as nail biting and thrilling final against St.Patrick's in Donaghmore Ashbourne.



Skryne were first off the blocks launching an attack on the St. Pats defence however this effort fell wide. St. Pats were up next with an attack of their own which ended up in the back of the Skryne net. Determined not to let them away, Skryne responded with a well-worked point from play from Sophie Finnegan. Things were spiced up when Skryne conceded a penalty which St. Pats capitalised on, leaving the score with only 6 minutes gone Skryne 0-1 to St.Pats 2-0. Down the other end, Skryne earned a free of their own with Ruth Moore stepping up to put a point on the board for Skryne. Skryne were beginning to settle down as they scored another free. St. Pats responded with another point of their own, which was soon to be cancelled out by Sophie Finnegan who scored a rasper of a goal from a skilled turnover from Skryne's half backs to work the ball into the hands of Sophie. Skryne were stepping up the gears with some fine points from Catriona Keogan and Sophie Finnegan. Skryne's midfield Orla and Ashling and their defence of Alannah Cooney, Megan O'Brien and Aine O'Brien were applying serious pressure to St. Pats' attacking line forcing three chances wide. Skryne finished the first half with another free added to the scoreboard. Half time score: Skryne 1-6 St.Pats 2-1.

If the first half wasn't interesting enough the crowd were set for more thrilling entertainment in the second half with another penalty awarded to St. Pats which they added to their scoreline: this was not the start Skryne had hoped for but with that Skryne responded in the best way possible in getting a goal of their own worked right from Hannah Dardis down to Ruth Moore showing Skryne weren't going down without a fight. The next few minutes showed some marvellous defending from Eimear Finnerty, Aoife Swan and Emma Fitzpatrick who turned a St. Pats attack into a Skryne attack moving the ball through both midfielders Orla Craigie and Ashling Bownes who were covering every blade of grass this passage of play, resulting in a free for Skryne which kept the scoreboard ticking over. This

was followed by Emma Fitzpatrick winning the kick out which set Susie O'Rourke up for a fine point. Lauren Ryan was introduced to help Skryne push on. St. Pats slipped a point of their own over but it wasn't long until Catriona Keogan popped another for Skryne. Next up was Lauren Ryan who set up Cody Swan - who just came on - for her first point of the match. An exchange of points from St. Pats and Skryne's Sophie Finnegan again getting on the score board. St. Pats managed to get another leaving it level. Skryne won a hard earned free which left Skryne up by one point. With both teams being urged on by the fantastic supporters, they could sense that time was nearly up. In the 28th minute Skryne received a free for a foul on Orla Craigie, with Ruth Moore converting this it left two between the teams and two minutes left to play. St. Pats launched another attack which managed to sail over the bar leaving just one point in the difference. St. Pats knew they had just one more chance left to force the game to a draw. Skryne's determination and heart shone through, and as they applied serious pressure St. Pats' effort was forced wide. As Hannah Dardis kicked the ball out the Referee blew the whistle which was music to the Skryne players and supporters ears.

Final Score Skryne 2-13 St.Pats 4-6. Skryne ladies would like to thank everyone who came out and showed their support.

Skryne Team: 1. Hannah Dardis 2. Aoife Swan 3. Eimear Finnerty 4. Aine O'Brien 5. Emma Fitzpatrick 6. Alannah Cooney 7. Megan O'Brien 8. Orla Craigie 9. Aisling Bowens 10. Morgan Swan 11. Catriona Keogan (0-2) 12. Eimear O'Brien 13. Sophie Finnegan (1-3) 14. Ruth Moore (1-6) 15. Eimear Clarke. Subs: Susie O'Rourke (0-1) for Clarke, Lauren Ryan for E. O'Brien, Cody Swan (0-1) for A. O'Brien, Saoirse O'Regan for Cooney

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Saturday 30th September 2017

Submissions by Wednesday 27th September

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RST Centre NEWS

- **PILATES** Morning classes start on Wednesday 26th Sept from 10am - 11am. For more details contact Nicola on 087-697 5207
- **DIGITAL SKILLS** for beginners resumes on Wed. 4th October from 10am-12 noon, 2hrs for 5 weeks. All age groups welcome. Classes are FREE. To enrol please contact Angela on 046-9280790
- **CRAFT & COFFEE:** The group meets on Thursday from 11am until 12.30pm. Bring along your craft and enjoy a chat over a cuppa. A great opportunity to get out and meet others. No skills necessary!
- **THE TUESDAY CLUB** meets every week from 11am - 12noon for a chat and cuppa and take many day trips throughout the year
- **IRISH CONVERSATION** – for adults who would like to brush up on their native tongue over a 'cupán tae' in a relaxed, informal atmosphere with a different topic of discussion each week to get the 'comhrá' going!
- **LINE DANCING** is going from strength to strength – each Wednesday from 7.30pm until 9pm. Costs only €8 per class. For more information contact Deirdre on 085-7100559
- **PILATES** Evening classes will resume on Tuesday 17th October. **Beginners** from 6.30 until 7.30pm, **Advanced** from 7.30 until 8.30pm. Contact James Gibbons on 086-0405060 to book your place
- **IRISH DANCING** classes have resumed on Thursdays from 5pm – 6pm. Enquiries to Audrey on 086-0712175
- **SPEECH & DRAMA** classes take place each Monday now from 6pm – 8pm due to demand. For further information please call Caren on 087-9081381

All enquiries/bookings etc., please call

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