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RST Newsletter

Rathfeigh • Skryne • Tara



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Skryne GFC Legends Night A Huge Success.

Skryne GFC entered into Unknown territory when they embarked on an event never tried before by the Club.

Titled 'A Legends Night' and it was held in the Royal Tara Golf Club just after Christmas on the 29th of December 2017. There were three different sections to the format of the night and all were very well received by the attendance which was much greater than anticipated.

First up were the Keegan Cup winning captains - Tom O'Brien 1954, David Carty 1965, Declan Browne 1992, Louis Pentony 1993, Mick O'Dowd 1999, John Quinn 2004 and Aidan Tuite 2010. Louis Pentony was unable to attend on the night but the rest of the men were interviewed by Colm O'Rourke and the entertainment and information supplied by all was very much appreciated by the audience. The difference in approach to all the matches in the different years was very evident for all to see.

The excitement went up a gear during the second interview session of the evening when the remaining All Ireland Medal winners were put through their paces with Mick O'Dowd in the Chair this time. On the receiving end were Paddy Mulvany, David Carty, Colm O'Rourke, Liam Hayes, Trevor Giles and John McDermott. Tom O'Brien is also an All Ireland winner but opted out of this session as like the 'X Factor' there were only six chairs on stage. Again all the stories and incidents relating to the different years kept the audience enthralled for much longer than the time allowed. In fact it could have gone on long into the night if the staff didn't have to close the premises at a reasonable hour.

The third section of the night was the presentation to the Junior B Champions of fifty years ago - 1967. It was rewarding to see so many of the remaining members of that team coming together to reminisce and some of them to meet again after a long time. We hadn't met Phelim McCabe for over thirty years so it was great to see him home from America for Christmas and have the opportunity to attend. Sean Hayes came from Dublin, Sean Clarke from Drogheda, Tommy Coleman from Trim - these are men we see very seldom so a reunion like this is one of very few occasions we get to socialise together. Every member of the team was represented on the night by either a Family member or Friend.

The 'Player of the Year' was also announced on the night but unfortunately when his name was called out Des McAvinney, (2017) had already left the building and was represented by the 2016 Player of the Year Eoghan Greene.

The overall reaction to the night was so good that there may be a case to repeat something similar in the future.

See pictures of the night on page 2.



Swan's on the Raz There were a lot of celebrations in Skryne early this month when Jimmy Swan Senior's horse Raz De Maree won the Welsh Coral Grand National in Chepstow. Trainer Gavin Cromwell, groom Jenny Murphy along with some loyal supporters brought the horse to both schools and of course the pub for some celebratory refreshments .

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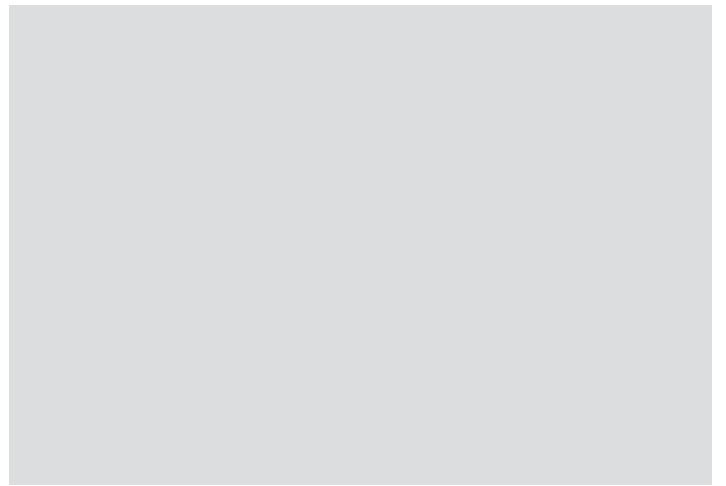
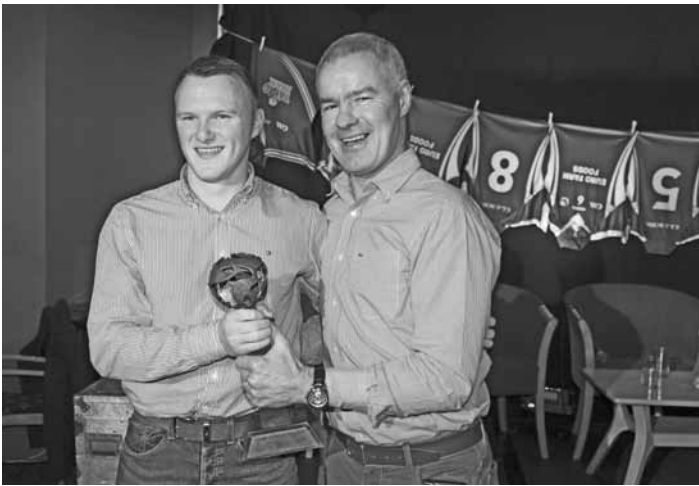
Skryne - Meath Junior B Football Champions 1967.

Back left to Right - Eddie Dunne (representing Cyril Dunne), Harry Dowling, Dolores Tobin (Austin Whyte and Stephen Bennett), Michael Mulvany (Christy Barry and Tommy Duffy), Ken Mooney, Paddy Mulvany who presented the commemoration booklets, Dermot Carty, Maurice Daly (Sean Reilly and Tex Mooney), Phelim McCabe, Frank Swan (Team captain John Swan).

Front left to right - Denis Smyth, Tommy Coleman, Sean Clarke, Sean Hayes, Lily Fox (Jim Fox), Pdraig O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke (Mel and Ciaran O'Rourke), Oliver Harrington (Michael Junior Hogan), Anthony Togher (John and Brendan Togher), Fintan Murphy (Tommy Murphy and Tommy Callaghan).

At the Skryne Legends night Mick O'Dowd (left) interview from left: David Carty, Paddy Mulvany, Trevor Giles, John McDermott, Colm O'Rourke and Liam Hayes.

Colm O'Rourke interviews (from left) John Quinn, Tom O'Brien, Declan Browne, Aidan Tuite and Mick O'Dowd



Congratulations to Cormac Gray, Greenpark and Sarah Rogers, Australia, who were married recently in Australia.



Congratulations to Darren, Carty Collierstown, who recently achieved Masters degree in Business Practice from IMI & UCC.

The RST area has pothole problems!

The roads in the Rathfeigh/Skryne/Tara (RST) area are pockmarked with potholes of all shapes, depths and sizes. The narrow small back roads are particularly affected. Roads which serve hundreds of families are deteriorating daily with the council struggling to keep pace. Most of these roads need resurfacing and not temporary basic patch repairs. Repairs have a limited lifetime not helped by the bad weather we are experiencing.

We are aware that councils are short of cash and many motorists wonder why they pay motor tax and property tax. While not as critical as the hospital crisis or the housing situation, Ireland needs to come to terms with its national pothole saga. They are putting lives at risk and costing thousands in vehicle repairs. We read recently that thousands are ducking the tolls to travel on the "old" roads again. Who can blame them?

It is difficult to accept the present condition of the back and side roads when recently a huge amount of money was spent grinding the surface of the Slane road from Kilmoon to Balrath and replacing with fresh tarmac. It would be nice to know how much money was spent on this particular job when the same money could have been reallocated to something that was absolutely necessary unlike the Slane road project.

An election is looming this year or next. Promises will be made as they have been since independence. Will our problems be solved? Lobby your local TDs and County Councillors and ask for a plan to be put in place. If you have potholes on your road (and who hasn't?), contact Meath Co. Council at 046-9097000 Navan or 01-8358000 Ashbourne. The staff are very courteous and do their best. Be nice to them. It helps.

Skryne Community Alert

Happy New Year from all at Skryne Community Alert! It seems the criminals did not take too long of a break, and they are still on the roads traveling from townland to townland throughout the county looking for easy targets. The Gardai tell us that many of the current burglaries are taking place during daytime hours. In a number of cases they got away with considerable amounts of cash. Please check that you do not have excessive amounts of cash left in drawers, wallets, purses, in safes or simply hidden around the house. In some of the recent burglaries the houses were completely ransacked. The bank, credit union or post office is the safest place to keep your cash. Remember to keep windows closed and doors locked, make your home look occupied, always set your alarm, and don't leave your car running outside unattended. There were several cars stolen during the recent cold spells - thieves drive around in the early mornings looking for cars left running in driveways.

Our next Skryne Community Alert meeting will take place on Monday 12th Feb at 8pm in the parish hall. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

The Tuesday Club looks ahead to 2018.

We would like to wish our members, friends and supporters every good wish for the new year. After a short Christmas break, the Tuesday Club is back in action again and making plans for 2018. Already the numbers coming to the RST Centre on Tuesday mornings at 11am are well up on last year's attendance but there is room and welcome for many more. We hope to become a regular social club for ladies and gentlemen who have time on their hands and as we already said, "You don't have to be retired but it helps." It's a very informal gathering where we sit around a table, sip tea/coffee with no topic of conversation barred (to date!). Some members very kindly bring biscuits or scones or apple tarts - all very welcome and appreciated. Old photos and articles are often exchanged. These create great interest and discussion and prove that a picture paints a thousand words.

The RST Community Centre is a huge asset to the parish in a wonderfully modern and comfortable setting for our get-togethers. It's warm, has a fully kitted out kitchen and a beautiful view out over the football pitch across to Skryne. If you haven't visited up to now, give it a try.

Our first trip of 2018 will be on Tuesday 20 February to Collins Barracks, Dublin which is part of the National Museum. It houses many exhibitions including a 1916 Exhibition; War in the Mud 1917; Collection of Design and Craft; The Asgard Yacht; 1000 years of Irish Coins and many more. Admission is free. As it would be impossible to see everything in one day, we will send out further information before our trip. Collins Barracks is located in the Arbour Hill area of Dublin and can be reached by car, LUAS from Abbey St. (Wynne's Hotel) or by train from Connolly Station. More details later. There is a good café on site.

If you plan to travel, please let Michael 087-2525586 or Dermot 086-8760336 or Maurice 087-9543222 know, no later than Tuesday 6th February so that we can make our plans. This time we will all make our own travel plans.

Maurice Daly January 2018.

SKRYNE GOLF SOCIETY

is starting the 2018 season early this year. We have an outing to Bellewstown planned for 10th February. Buggies will be included and the format will be a two person scramble. Tee time is 11.00am. We will dine in Swan's after the golf and hold the AGM as well. Liz has provisionally booked an away outing for April so we will discuss this together with details of the rest of the outings for 2018. New members welcome!

Skryne Bingo

Skryne Bingo has been in existence now for half a century or thereabouts. We think it was started in the late 1960's. It has been a major financial contributor in the running of our parish hall and it helped to finance the extension to the hall in the early 1970's.

In these present times, life seems to be hectic. People don't seem to have time to socialise so this weekly function is a great way of getting out and meeting people and enjoying a night out, also you have a chance to win some money. This is a vital social event for some of our parishioners and they would be lost without it. Lately our bingo has been struggling to survive so we now need your support as it would be a shame if it had to stop. Our bingo is run in aid of our parish fund.

It takes place every Wednesday at 8.30pm sharp and is over by 10pm. So please give us your support to ensure this vital parish activity will be secure into the future.



Congratulations to Susie O'Rourke, Rathfeigh who was Junior B player of the championship 2017 receiving her award from Fearghal Harney Chairman of Meath LGFA. She also received a Green Star Award.

Condolences

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

- The family of Dr Rose Clarke, Oberstown
- The family of Jean Norton, Castletown

RST Centre NEWS

PILATES: Morning classes each Wednesday from 10am - 11am. For more details contact Nicola on 087-697 5207

DIGITAL SKILLS: for beginners continues, 2hrs per week for 5 weeks. All age groups welcome. Classes are FREE. To enrol please contact Angela on 046-9280790 (or Susan/RST on 087-1306985)

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 7.15pm until 9pm. Costs €8 per class. For more information contact Deirdre on 085-7100559

PILATES: Evening classes. Beginners from 6.30 until 7.30pm, Advanced from 7.30 until 8.30pm. Contact James Gibbons on 086-0405060 to book your place

Speech & Drama classes take place each Monday now from 6pm – 8pm due to demand. For further information please call Caren on 087-9081381

New Classes/Ideas welcome, the Centre is also available for Birthday Parties, Talks, Meetings, Workshops etc.

All enquiries/bookings etc., please call Susan on 087-1306985 or any Committee Member. Email: rstskryne@gmail.com, website: rstskryne.ie, Facebook: rstcommunitycentre skryne

RATHFEIGH NATIONAL SCHOOL.

Rathfeigh National School is having an 'Open Week' from February 5th to February 9th to coincide with Enrolment Week. During the 'Open Week' parents/guardians are invited to the school at any time to view the school and talk to Mr. Tansley (Principal) about what the school has to offer. Rathfeigh National School aims to provide a rounded education for all pupils in a happy, safe and respectful environment where the children are given opportunities to shine in sport, music and drama and other areas of personal development. The school has a very successful 'Literacy Lift Off' Reading Programme as well as the 'Friends for Life' Social Skills Programme. The children are constantly engaging in various activities throughout the year e.g. Gaelic Football, Hurling, Rounders, Athletics, Swimming, Quizzes, Ceilís, Table Tennis, Draughts, Student Council, Homework Club – just to mention a few. We look forward to seeing many new visitors to the school during 'Open Week'. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office. Please log onto the school website for more information about the school (rathfeighns.org).

'Raz de Maree' visits Rathfeigh

On returning to the school after the Christmas holidays the children were given a rare treat when 'Raz de Maree' was paraded in front of the school to the delight and amazement of the children. 'Raz' had won the Welsh Grand National two days earlier but looked very relaxed in his new surroundings. Gavin Cromwell's son Jake (Senior Infants) was particularly proud as the stable star was paraded for us. All the staff and children at Rathfeigh would like to thank Gavin for making the first school day of 2018 so memorable and we wish him the best of luck for 2018. Picture taken at Rathfeigh N.S. of the Cromwell family and groom Jenny Murphy with 'Raz de Maree'.



Next Issue

Saturday 03rd March

Submissions by Wednesday 28th February

Contact: Jim Conroy

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MEATH FITNESS

Right folks, Lets Go!

PILATES

RST Centre, Skryne

New 6 week session

Starting Tuesday, February 20th.

Beginners Class 6:30pm

Advanced Class 7:30pm

Cost: €60

HIIT

High Intensity Interval Training

Kilmessan Hurling Club

Mondays & Wednesdays at 8pm

Beginners always welcome

Cost: €50 per month unlimited classes

Contact: **James Gibbons 086 040 5060**
or email info@meathfitness.com

BLOTTO RESULTS

December 31 2017

6 - 9 - 11 - 19

No Winner - €40 each to: Senan McGrath, Diane Lynch,
Kathleen Kinsella, Joanne McInnes

January 7 2018

12 - 15 - 20 - 24

No Winner - €40 each to: Liam Kelliher, Ronan O'Rourke,
Majella O'Brien, Jessica Magner.

January 14 2018

6 - 23 - 26 - 28

No Winner - €40 each to: Pat O'Brien, Elodie Mulvanney,
Maria O'Kane, Sinead Rooney

January 21 2018

6 - 10 - 16 - 24

No Winner - €40 each to: John Daly, Anne O'Reilly,
Karen & Terry Foley, Robert Daly

Next week's jackpot

€6,300

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Dr. Rose Clarke – An Appreciation



It is just a few short weeks ago but the sadness of the sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Rose Clarke continues to strongly dwell in the hearts and souls of patients and her countless circle of friends, both inside and outside the Parish. It was a huge loss and shock and one with which many are still trying to come to terms. Because Dr. Clarke was no ordinary Doctor and no ordinary friend. It was understandable therefore that there was no ordinary fix to her loss as either Doctor or friend.

In recent weeks, the roads and by-ways from Rosepark to Oberstown, to Skryne, to Rathfeigh and beyond have changed. There has been no sighting of that slight but determined walk. There has been no sign of those stylish hats with a fresh flower installed as she led her pet Grace on meandering constitutional and all to see and talk with friends, of whom there were so many. All of them were always delighted to see her.

Rose Clarke was a remarkable woman - and a remarkable doctor. Her twice daily clinics in Rosepark helped solve most medical complaints. But the chat that followed left all those who came for advice and help a lot happier as they headed off home.

She had, of course, magic hands which could diagnose problems of which the patient was not even aware. And if she could not cure it directly, she had a relationship with Consultants in Dublin and beyond who always treated her referrals with consummate care. They too had the same affection for her and resultantly her patients got first-class care. This writer knows of patients who have determined their lives were saved through those magic hands.

Doctor Clarke, who was born in Northbrook Road in Dublin, qualified with honours as a GP in the Royal College of Surgeons. There followed practical appointments in far flung places such as Hull in the North East of England, Belfast, Roscommon and Nobber. She then settled down to practice with her husband Shane at Belper, Tara. Following his tragic death in 1977, it was up to Dr. Clark to proceed with the practice in Rosepark which she did with such care and success.

There were tough years to follow but she battled her way through difficulties, small and large. In addition to her new practice, she found time and energy to immerse herself in new learnings - in areas such as history, architecture, art, genealogy and the environment. She never missed an opportunity to learn more and more. She was a member of the local Historical Society and her love of nature saw her enjoined in annual roadside clean-up programmes. And, of course, she was involved with the Hill of Tara walking and clean-up group.

She loved the West of Ireland and

nowhere more than Co. Clare. Last August she took a trip to Ballyglunin Park in Tuam where she visited the home of her ancestor Martin Blake who lived there circa 1640. The house was for sale but she was delighted to have visited it.

This was followed in September last by a drive with her grand-daughter Molly to Co. Clare An overnight allowed her visit relatives in Ballyvaughan as she wanted Molly to know those relatives and vice versa. It was a great success.

One of her closest friends wrote as follows in the days since her death: "Dr. Rose will be hugely missed by her many friends and neighbours. She was responsible for creating a wonderful community spirit which intrinsically linked all her neighbours. There is a huge void in her passing but we all have been enriched by knowing her." Chief mourners, Michelle and Shane, will have been strengthened and consoled by those words of affection.

Some of that sentiment was clearly underlined by Fr. Richard Flanagan, Parish Priest of Ballyvaughan at her graveside when he quoted some lines From Gitanjali (Tagore):

Ready for the Journey

*I have got my leave.
Bid me farewell my brothers
and sisters.
I bow to you all and
take my parting.*

*We were neighbours for long.
But I have received more than
I could give.
Now the day has dawned
And the lamp that lit
my corner is out.
A summons has come.*

*Ni bheidh a leithéid ann arís.
Ar Dheis Dé go raibh
a h-anam dílis.*



A Word of Thanks from The Irish Amputee Football Association

As we begin 2018 it is important for us as an association to thank all who supported us in many capacities during 2017. No more evident was this support than on the Hill of Skryne on Saturday 29th July. As part of our primary fundraiser for the year we had a prize giving ceremony for our footgolf classic in Fox's along with a BBQ, raffle and charity auction. To say we were stunned by the local support is an understatement as the people of Skryne came out in their droves and gave very generously to the cause.

Along with the money raised earlier that day, from hole sponsorship and player participation at the footgolf classic in Navan, we managed to raise over €10,000. This is a huge sum of money but it is money that has been put to very good use. Some of this money was put towards our fund for the European Amputee Football Championships held in Istanbul, Turkey last October. Ireland finished in a very credible 6th place in this tournament having been knocked out of the quarter finals by bronze medal winners Poland. The remaining funds have been put towards getting our own National Amputee Football League up and running which has been a target of the association since our foundation in 2011. Three League of Ireland clubs, Bohemians F.C. and Shamrock Rovers F.C. from Dublin and Cork City F.C. have gotten behind this idea and 2018 will see amputee teams from these three clubs compete in our first ever domestic league. This league will open the door to many more players and in the coming months and years we hope to add more clubs around the country meaning amputee football will be available to any amputee who wishes to play irrespective of where they live in Ireland.

A special word of gratitude must go to Declan and Irma Fox who went above and beyond to make sure the event was a tremendous success. Players and staff from the Irish amputee football team, along with their family and friends were made to feel most welcome and the hospitality they received left a lasting impression.

Finally The Irish Amputee Football Association would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you who supported the event. It was this kind support that made the day the success it became and you have all played a big part in the growth of amputee football in Ireland.

Le gach dea ghúí,

James Conroy

On behalf of The Irish Amputee Football Association

Notices

CHILDMINDER REQUIRED: Childminder required in the Rathfeigh/Skryne area from March 2018. A kind, reliable, experienced person is required 3 - 5 days per week to look after our three children from 8.15am to 4.15pm. The children are aged 3, 2 and 5 months. The oldest child will need to be transported to and from play school. The minder is only required during the school term. If interested please contact 086-8970276. Thank you.

CHILDMINDER REQUIRED: 3 days per week to mind 6yr, 4yr and six month old girls in own home, Rathfeigh. Jan start. Contact Carolyn on 0870666807

SKRYNE CYCLE CLUB: AGM Thursday 22nd Feb in front area of Fox's bar 9pm. New members welcome. Bike Fitting coming up late Feb - be comfortable on your bike! Minimum adjustments can make the world of difference and enhance performance. Contact Pat McGovern 087 2586315 pat@mcgovernsurveyors.ie; or James Brady 085 7106524

TARA POST OFFICE SAYS THANKS: Once again I take this opportunity to thank my loyal customers and friends responsible for the great success of our Christmas hamper raffle in aid of Irish Guide Dogs For The Blind. To all of you who helped fill the hampers and the many people who purchased the tickets a huge thank you. We raised €2,026.62 for this very worthy cause. I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 2018. Mary O'Growney Tara Post Office

FOR SALE: Two tickets for Johnny Cash Tribute Show Solstice (Navan) Saturday 10th March 8pm. 40 Euro. 0864099041.


Rathfeigh National School
Rathfeigh, Tara, Co. Meath

ENROLMENT WEEK

5TH - 9TH FEBRUARY 2018


LOCATION

Rathfeigh National School is located within easy access of the N2 and N3 in a quiet rural setting.



HOW TO ENROL IN OUR SCHOOL

Visit the school and collect our enrolment pack from the office. Fill in and return to Helen Gilliam (Secretary) or Siobhan Tansley (Principal).



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