

*Wedding Bells*



Congratulations to Laura Swan and Eddie Dunne who were married recently.



Congratulations to Eimear Hanratty, Skryne and Hugh Queenan, Dublin who were married earlier this year in Borris House, Carlow

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# Skryne Boys Underage

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**Skryne Boys Underage had a year that will be cherished in the memories for a long time. Looking back 2018 was a great year for the club.**

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It was a busy year for all and also the Management teams of all age groups and the Coaches to whom we are very thankful for all the hard work and voluntary time that they give up on a weekly basis.

## The underage section achievements.

U10s Glenn Emmets Tournament

U12's Div 2 & Paddy O'Brien Cup

U14's Div 1 Shield

U14's Div 7 Shield

U15's Seven aside

U16's Div 1 Summer league.

Minor Div 2 beaten Semi Finalist's

U14's Div 1 Summer League beaten Finalist's

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To win a tournament is a massive achievement, to get to a final and just come up short is the same. This is where we all look back and learn from it.

The U6's also had their first ever game at the end of the season and there was joy and smiles where they wore the Skryne Jerseys for the first ever time. We would like to thank Seneschalstown for hosting the games.

The U10's & U12's who also won their first ever tournament for some. A medal that will be cherished for a long time. The U12's having a strong final against Dunderry and in true Skryne spirit never gave up and to add to this also won the Paddy O'Brien trophy. The U10 team who is one to watch in the future also gave it their all and travelled to Glenn Emmets in Louth also came away with two trophies.

We have had a fantastic year with the Feile also that was a huge success and thanks to all the Feile Committee for the hard work. Skryne boys hosted the winners of the

Div 1 Feile O'Donovan Rossa of Derry. While the girls had Claregalway of Galway. Planning started November 2017 until the bitter end of June 29th when it all started. With

A video made that has reached 3.9k views on YouTube it was a weekend that will never be forgotten.

To add to this we want to congratulate Jack Dardis who won a Meath Minor Leinster Medal and also Shane Smyth & Niall Finnerty who won a Meath U16's Gerry Reilly Medals.

Also well done to all the players who have made it onto the County Panel in their respective age groups and they are as follows, John O'Regan, James Mangan, Kian Reddy, Oisín Keogh.

Congratulations also to Darragh Campion. Not so long ago Darragh was playing underage with a fantastic group of players. Darragh has been playing Senior Football with Club and now is part of the Meath panel and we want to wish him the best of luck. There will be many more to come from Skryne and Eoin Smyth & Robbie Clarke who are with the U20's will also climb into the Senior ranks.

Thanks to all the parents who gave endless time with teas, coffees, sandwiches, fruit and some of the best cakes around. We are ever so grateful and Skryne is known as a club that if an opposing team has to travel they will be well looked after.

Thanks to Senan, Dan, Ross and all of the Committee for the help and support of the underage. Success is built on a team around us and the club has really helped in any way required.

Our Underage AGM is on December 17th with an 8.30pm start in the RST. We would like to welcome new members or anyone who could help in any small shape or form. If you are unable to help you are more than welcome to come along as your ideas might help also. Also we are looking for managers for all ages along with PRO's, Coaches, Underage Chairperson, Secretary. With over 30 volunteers at underage and 175 kids we are always on the lookout for any assistance at all.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Coaches, Committee members, Parents and all a Merry Christmas and enjoy the well-earned break.

# Rathfeigh National School

## Girls Football Final

Our girls' football team had an agonising defeat in the Cumann na mBunscol Final in Pairc Tailteann in November. They lost by the narrowest margin in a thrilling contest. They played outstandingly well and everyone was very proud of their fantastic effort. Despite the defeat our goalkeeper, Hannah, won the 'Spirit of the Final Award'. Well done to everyone on the panel.

## Defibrillator

The Defibrillator was installed in October and is located outside the main door of the school. Its installation has the potential to save lives in future years. Having the D-Fib at the school offers pupils, staff, visitors and the community a better chance of survival should a sudden cardiac arrest strike.

## Rugby Trophies

The children in Rathfeigh were delighted this week as our rugby coach brought the European Cup and the Pro-14 trophies to the school. Everyone wanted to get their hands on the trophies that Leinster famously won this year! We're hoping to see the Rugby World Cup in the school next year!!

## Computer Room

All classes have been enjoying their computer classes since November. Their I.T. skills have improved greatly in just a few weeks. We are hoping to have computer classes for adults in 2019.

## Pottery Classes

We are very thankful to Gráinne Rafter for visiting the school last week. Her Christmas pottery lessons went down a treat with the children. Gráinne worked very well with the children and it was a pleasure having her in the school.

## Christmas Jumper Day

We celebrated Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Cystic Fibrosis on Friday. The children looked splendid in their bright Christmas jumpers. All money collected on the day will be given to Cystic Fibrosis Ireland.

## Christmas Carol Service

We are having our Christmas Carol Service in the school hall on Friday December 21st at 11.00a.m. Everyone is welcome. Nollaig Shona daoibh.



## Tuesday Club Trips 2013-2018

- Glasnevin Cemetery Tour
- Guinness Hop Store
- Dublin Castle
- Titanic Belfast
- Kilmainham Jail
- Strokestown House & Gardens & Longford Cathedral
- Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin
- Giant's Causeway & Bushmills' Distillery
- Dalgan Park, Tour of Interpretive Centre,
- Dublin Bay Cruise
- Christmas Lunch, Knightsbrook
- Trinity College, Book of Kells, Science Exhibition
- Arigna Coal Mine
- Croke Park, Museum
- Birr Castle & Gardens
- Ploughing Championship, Tullamore
- Walking Tour of Dublin with Ainnle O'Neill
- Aras an Uachtaráin
- Richmond Barracks, Inchicore
- Christmas Lunch, Station House, Kilmessan
- Collins Barracks, Dublin
- Leinster House, Dáil Éireann
- Trim Castle
- Croke Park, Skywalk
- Wexford, Johnstown Castle, Kennedy Homestead
- Battle of the Boyne site
- National Sports Centre, Abbotstown
- Clonmacnoise, Viking Boat on the Shannon.
- Castletown House
- Christmas Lunch, Slane Castle
- Balmoral Show, Northern Ireland
- Kilkenny City, Castle, Smithwick's Experience
- National Stud, Japanese Gardens
- Christmas Lunch, Tankardstown House
- Ulster Museum, Crumlin Road Gaol, Belfast



Members of the Tuesday Club in Crumlin Road Gaol. All released without bail!



**The Tuesday Club visits Michael Maguire's Coffee Shop on the Hill of Tara on Tuesday 18 December @ 11 am for Tea/Coffee and scones.**



## Genealogy Classes For Beginners

**We plan to start genealogy classes in the RST in the new-year if there is sufficient interest. Genealogy or family history begins at home, writing down what you know having consulted with parents, uncles, aunts or grandparents if living.**

Most families have members who may already be dabbling in genealogy and who are keen to involve others to spread the interest. You may have a box in the attic with family photos, old family papers, birth, marriage or death certificates, memorial cards, even your grandparents' Ration Books from World War II, Computers and the Internet have transformed our lives making genealogy easier if challenging, by the plethora of websites containing census returns, parish registers (including Skryne/Rathfeigh), property records including the invaluable Griffith's Valuation Records (1847-1864) which list every family in every townland in every county including Meath; estate papers containing leases, deeds, rentals, old maps and account books; emigration records; old newspapers;

army records; surnames' history and last but not least, records from the Petty Session Courts (1850 -1924). The sky is the limit and what better way to spend some hours during these long winter nights? Nowadays you may be asked, "Have you done a DNA test?" DNA genealogy is making great strides in the U.S. and filtering into Ireland in recent times. Some people are still sceptical about DNA genealogy and recent critical newspaper articles haven't helped. We won't be too worried about DNA testing in a beginners' class – just indicate your interest to either Dermot Carty @ 0868760336 or Michael Mulvaney @ 0872525586 or Maurice Daly @ 0879543222 as soon as possible so that we can put plans in motion.




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## Michael Lynch Rip

With sincere gratitude the family of Michael Lynch, Macetown, Tara would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the entire community for the extended outpour of sympathy, love and generosity following Michael's passing.

The support shown is truly appreciated and of great comfort during this difficult time of loss.

Josephine and family would like also to thank those who made donations to the Irish Cancer Society which is very close to their hearts.




# Skryne Ladies U15s Meath Division 1 Champions 2018



**This Skryne team completed an impressive 4-in-row when they landed the u15 div 1 title on November 11th. These players have won a Meath title every year starting with u12 div 3 back in 2015, followed by u13 div 2 in 2016 and the club's first ever ladies division 1 title in 2017 at u14s.**

Skryne won all their group stage matches in a very tough division consisting of Seneschalstown, Walterstown, Dunboyne, St Colmcilles, Navan O'Mahonys and Gael Colmcilles. But the tightest game was the final in a re-match against Seneschalstown, played in wintry conditions in Dunganny. The outcome was in the balance until a late goal put some daylight between the teams. Final score 2-12 to 1-9. Fantastic support as always from the parish, which was much appreciated and those who braved the elements were treated to an epic final.

Aside from silverware (which is a nice bonus), 2018 has been a great year for the club. There are 160 ladies now playing with the club (u6 to adult) and the number of coaches has doubled this year to almost 40. Registration for the 2019 season will open at the start of January and we hope to see even more young athletes from the parish join the club, in what is the fastest growing team sport in Ireland.

## **Skryne U15 2018 Squad:**

Naoise Smyth, Ava Purcell, Caragh Conway, Lisa Browne, Samantha Clarke, Steffi Finnegan, Emma Loftus, Roisin McManus, Katie Ryan, Sasha Guirey, Ciara Cowley, Ciara Smyth, Aoife McLoughlin, Niamh Cahill, Molly Fitzpatrick, Amy O'Dowd, Naoise Canavan, Rachel Loftus, Sophie Ryan, Katie Cullen & Ellie Murphy.

## **U15 Coaching Team:**

Declan Smyth, Madonna Purcell, Terrie Cahill, Ollie McLoughlin, Elizabeth Morland, Mick O'Dowd, Brenda Govern & Brendan Canavan.



At the Meath Ladies Under 12s Presentation night held recently in the RST Centre two Skryne girls received awards. Pictured with their trophies are Katie Keane (left), Most improved Player of the Year 2018, and Destiny Carty, Player of the Blitz, (Leinster Blitz, Portlaoise) 2018.



## Skryne Tara Still Unbeaten This Season

**Skryne Tara remain unbeaten in three competitions this season in their first venture in a new League - the AUL - Athletic Union League.**

In a recent RST we reported how well the club had started in this new League which we felt compelled to enter as a result of the NEFL changing to what's termed as Summer football.

It has been a very smooth transition for Skryne Tara and we have been welcomed with open arms to the AUL comprised mainly of North Dublin clubs. In fact Stamullen AFC are the only other non Dublin club in the League. From our own point of view, while being so successful up to now is a major plus, the players are enjoying their first season in the AUL.

At the moment the club is second in the League, won their first two rounds of the Leinster Junior Shield and have reached the Quarter Final of the Frank Roe Cup. In the Leinster Junior Shield we have played Wexford opposition in the first two rounds - both away - to Courtown Hibernians and Gorey Celtic.

So let's hope the results keep going our way.

Next fixture is against Clontarf FC at Ross Cross (11.30) this Sunday 16th Dec. 2018.

The Club would like to thank all those who supported our FAI car draw which was held recently. All proceeds from this draw went directly to our club and proved to be a huge financial success. Unfortunately there were no local winners of the main draw held in FAI Headquarters in Blanchardstown but because we sold more than the minimum number of tickets we were entitled to prizes for our own part of the draw. (Results included in this issue).

All the main prizes were sponsored by the FAI with a number of extra prizes added by our own local sponsors and the Club is most grateful these people for their generosity.

The team was also fully knitted out recently, again with the help of our own Parishioners, and we want to thank all those people for their generous support.

## Skryne GFC Presentation Night

**Skryne GFC recently held their Presentation Night in the Knightsbrook Hotel in Trim. Both ladies and men were presented with their winners medals from the past season and were congratulated by our Chairpersons Senan McGrath (Men) and Brendan Canavan (Ladies).**

Vice Chairperson of the Co. Committee and Club Guest for the evening, John Kavanagh presented the Senior Football A League medals to the victorious men's team who proudly displayed the Tommy Mooney Cup on the podium. Also, on a night of celebration, the victorious Under 21 team of 50 years ago (1968) were invited back to join us on the night. All 20 players on the panel were represented and old stories and events were recalled with enthusiasm well into the early hours.

Lily Fox was presented with a bunch of flowers and thanked for her usual support and help to the players all through the year, while Conor O'Brien was announced as player of the year for 2018.



### Skryne Tara Proud of Their New Outfits

Skryne Tara players and manager with their new gear sponsored by Ardex (Ireland), (Jerseys), DBASS, (bags), Tayto Park, (showerproof tops), and Fox's, (sweatshirts). Left to right - Robbie Thorpe (Manager), Darren Fox, Mark Jordan (Captain) and Luke Thorpe.

### In particular we want to sincerely thank -

Noel O'Toole and Darren Carty - Ardex (Ireland).

Raymond Coyle - Tayto Park.

Dermot Brennan - DBASS.

Declan and Irma Fox.

Frank and Marjorie Swan.

Des and Pdraig Finnerty.

### Skryne Tara Local Draw Results -

1st - Barry Chapman. Colvinstown.

2nd - Patricia Croke. Dunshaughlin.

3rd - Sean Lynch. The Riggins.

4th - Dermot Carty. Collierstown.

5th - Eilish Jordan. Greenpark.

6th - Mark O'Brien. Kilmessan.

7th - John Scanlon. Collierstown.

8th - Emma Harrington. Candle Hill.

9th - Andrew McEntee. Rathfeigh.

10th - Colin Kirrane. Rathfeigh.

11th - John O'Rourke. Colvinstown.



Gary Browne (left), representing the Browne Family, presenting the Paddy Browne Memorial Trophy to Skryne GFC Player of the Year, Conor O'Brien. On right is Meath Co. Committee Vice Chairperson John Kavanagh.

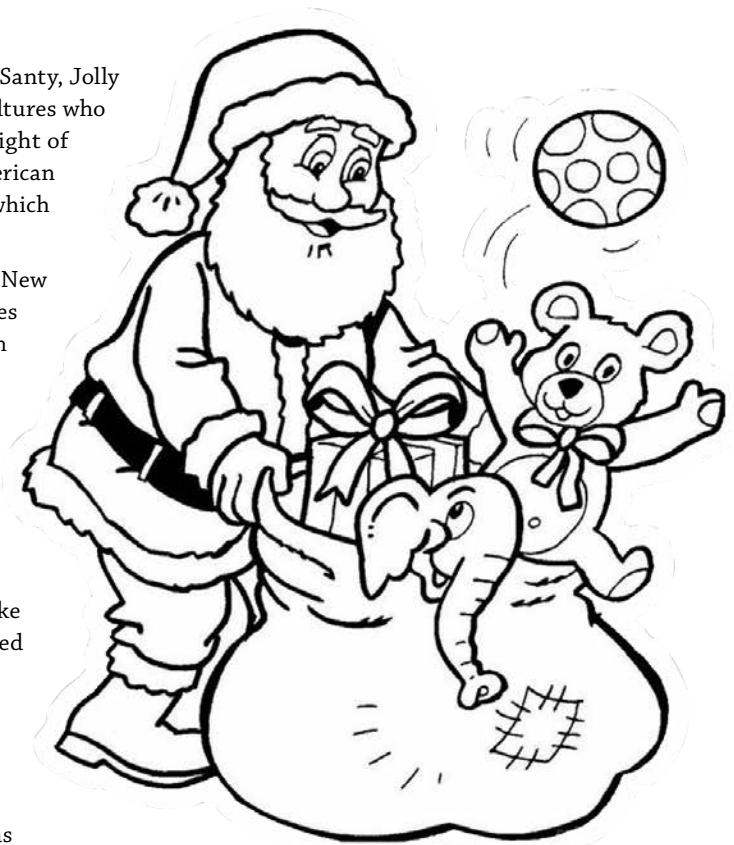
# The Origin of Santa Claus

Santa Claus, Saint Nicholas, Saint Nick, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle, Santy, Jolly Old Elf, Santa Klaus or simply Santa, is a gift-giving figure in various cultures who distributes presents to children and adults, traditionally during the night of December 24, Christmas Eve, while everyone is sleeping. The popular American form Santa Claus originated as a mispronunciation of Dutch Sinterklaas, which is a contracted form of Sint Nicolaas (Saint Nicholas).

How he became the way he is now? On Christmas Eve of 1822, another New Yorker, Clement Clarke Moore, wrote down and read to his children a series of verses; his poem was published a year later as "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" (more commonly known today by its opening line, "'Twas the night before Christmas . . ."). Moore gave St. Nick eight reindeer (and named them all), and he devised the now-familiar entrance by chimney. Moore's Nicholas was still a small figure, however — the poem describes a "miniature sleigh" with a "little old driver."

Meanwhile, in parts of Europe such as Germany, Nicholas the gift-giver had been superseded by a representation of the infant Jesus (the Christ child, or "Christkindlein"). The Christkindlein accompanied Nicholas-like figures with other names (such as "Père Noël" in France), or he travelled with a dwarf-like helper (known in some places as "Pelznickel," or Nicholas with furs). Belsnickle (as Pelznickel was known in the German-American dialect of Pennsylvania) was represented by adults who dressed in furry disguises (including false whiskers), visited while children were still awake, and put on a scary performance. Gifts found by children the next morning were credited to Christkindlein, who had come while everyone was asleep. Over time, the non-visible Christkindlein (whose name mutated into "Kris Kringle") was overshadowed by the visible Belsnickle, and both of them became confused with St. Nicholas and the emerging figure of Santa Claus.

The modern Santa Claus derived from these two images: St. Nicholas the elf-like gift bringer described by Moore, and a friendlier "Kris Kringle" amalgam of the Christkindlein and Pelznickel figures. The man-sized version of Santa became the dominant image around 1841, when a Philadelphia merchant named J.W. Parkinson hired a man to dress in "Criscringle" clothing and climb the chimney outside his shop.



## Christmas Crossword



### ACROSS

1. Pumpkin or mincemeat
3. Santa's ride
6. Celebration
8. Newborn
9. Northpole crew
13. Word of praise
14. Words on a Christmas card
17. It's opened on Christmas

### DOWN

1. Alternative word to 17 across
2. Christmas drink
4. Christmas dinner centerpiece
5. Dec. holiday
7. Christmas warmer
8. "Jingle \_\_\_\_"
10. Christmas tree
11. O. Henry's "The Gift of the \_\_\_\_"
12. What carolers do
15. French Christmas.
16. Snow glider

(\*Answers on page 8)

## Skryne Community Alert

**The big day is nearly upon us, so let's hope we have all been good this year! It's less than a week until the days start getting longer again, but in the meantime please lookout for any neighbours that might be struggling at this time of year.**

While some look forward to the Christmas festivities, for others it may be a time of sadness due to recent bereavements or where anniversaries of loved ones occur around Christmas time. Or for any number of personal reasons we may not be aware of. If you have neighbours who may be feeling lonely, why not make a point of stopping for a chat every so often? It can make a huge difference. One of our objectives in Skryne Community Alert is to ensure that nobody in the community is left feeling isolated. We help where we can with visits to the elderly and vulnerable, and ensure that those that would benefit from a personal monitored alarm get access to one. We try to drive this message forward at each meeting but unfortunately we still have parts of the parish with no representation at all. This leaves gaps in the service we can provide. As you consider your New Year resolutions, we would encourage you to put community involvement high on the list. Not just for our kids, but for the older members of our community too. Our next meeting is on Mon 28th January at 8pm in Skryne Hall. All are most welcome. Wishing you a very Happy Christmas from all at Skryne Community Alert.

## Skryne Tara AFC Launch Adult Women's Soccer Team

**Val Finegan, Skryne Tara PRO is delighted to see James(Jack) Conroy get involved as the new Women's Team Manager as the club gears up to enter a ladies team for the first time ever in the brand new NEFL Women's League in March.**

Jack, an international footballer with the Irish Amputee Football Team, is a player with Skryne Tara's men's team managed by Robbie Thorpe and Cyril Carty and has been coaching the team since 2016. He is also involved as a coach with Mark Pentony's under 15 girls and has been progressing through his coaching qualifications with the FAI since 2015 meaning he brings plenty of knowledge and experience to the role.

According to Jack, "Women's football is growing rapidly worldwide and it is great to see it will now be available for women in the North East region." He also added "Technically, physically and tactically the women's game is every bit as good as the men's game and I am delighted to be involved in this positive development. It is a great opportunity for local women to get involved in this wonderful sport."

Val is calling on all women, particularly past players for Skryne Tara to get behind Jack and support the new team. "We have had a number of girl's underage teams over the years and this is an opportunity for former players to reconnect with the sport. However this is for all women in the community and newcomers will be welcomed with open arms. Jack will be in place to coach the basics and assist players with their development. If you are female, young or old it doesn't matter, once you are over 16, then this is for you."

A NEFL Women's Christmas blitz takes place on Sat Dec 29th in the MDL, Trim Rd, Navan 11am - 2pm. The club is hoping to put together a squad to take part in this blitz and if anyone is interested in getting involved they can contact Jack on 086 1249982 or email skrynetarawfc@gmail.com. A Facebook page, Skryne Tara Women's FC, has also been launched which will aim to update players and supporters on the latest news regarding this team as well as providing news from women's football around the world.

## Skryne Golf Society

Our final outing of the year was to Hollywood Lakes on 1st December for the annual turkey competition. We had five teams of four players. The winning team consisted of Mick Rogan, Liam Kellegher, Gerry Browne and Paddy Mulvaney. But everyone won on the day, there was a turkey for everyone.

Thanks to Liz Rogan for arranging all nine of the outings including the overnight at Tulfarris. We will look forward to another full schedule in 2019. New members are always welcome. Are there any lady golfers in Skryne?

## Notices

**NEW ZUMBA FITNESS:** starting on Friday 11th January from 8-9pm. For further information please contact Anna on 083-1710583 or RST/Susan on 087-1306985

**THE RST CENTRE WOULD LIKE TO THANK:** all our patrons for their support throughout the year and wish you a joyous and peaceful Christmas.

**CLOSURE OF TARA POST OFFICE:** Sadly at the end of January our local post office will close. With this in mind you are invited to a meeting in RST Centre on Thursday January 24th at 8pm to discuss how we can best thank Mary our post mistress who has dedicated her life to the service of our greater community. Your input on the night will be greatly appreciated.

**DOG LITTER:** Regretfully we have to once again remind dog walkers to clean up their dog poo when they foul the footpath between Swans & Ross Cross. Perhaps it is the night time walkers who are guilty so please be aware of what might be happening under the cover of darkness. Thank you for your cooperation.


**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Thank you to all the people of Skryne and Rathfeigh for their generous contributions to our Church gate collections last weekend 8th and 9th December. A special thanks to our collectors. A grand total of €2,391.03 was collected for this worthy cause. Thanks again to all. Jim Duignan

## Condolences

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

- The Lynch family, Macetown on the death of Michael
- The Allen family on the death of Kim Allen, Kells, formerly Oberstown and Johann Oberstown
- To Doreen Naughton, Ross on the death of her sister in law
- To Pauric McCaughey, Skryne, on the death of his sister
- The O'Neill family Oberstown on the death of Kevin.
- The Farrell & Quinn families Bellinter on the death of Catherine,
- Sean Russell, Rathfeigh on the death of his sister
- Michael Keaveney, Hallstown on the death of his mother
- The Devine family, Ross on the death of Ultan
- Gavin Cromwell, Rathfeigh on the death of his mother





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## BLOTTO RESULTS

### 21st October

Winners of ticket into Meath GAA House Draw  
Christy Bissett, Jimmy Swan

### 28th October

2 Meath House Draw tickets winners  
Maura Mulvanney, Niamh Monaghan

### 4th November

€40 draw winners: Sean Curry, Michael Russell  
Stephen Martin, Tilly O'Brien

### 11th November

€40 draw winners: Madonna Purcell,  
Kathleen Kinsella, Philip Kinsella  
Turlough/ Margaret McKeown,

### 18th November

Congratulations to Suzanne O'Toole  
on winning the jackpot of €2500

### 25th November

€40 draw winners: Tommy Doyle,  
Laura O'Keane, Noel/Ellen Devine, Ruth Lawlor

### 2nd December

€40 draw winners: Ita McCormack, Caitrin  
O'Rourke, Yvette Hamill, Valerie Clarke,

### 9th December

Euro 40 winners: John Daly, Patrick Battersby  
Ruth Lawlor, Johnny Gilsenan

### Next week's jackpot

# €1,800

Thank you for your support



## SKRYNE GFC UNDERAGE CALENDAR

Available in Swans  
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## Traditional Mince Pies



### INGREDIENTS

1/4 lb (560 g) mincemeat

#### For pastry:

8oz plain flour

2oz icing sugar

5oz margarine

1 egg yolk

1 tsp ice cold water

half tsp lemon juice

#### For the top:

a little milk

icing sugar

### EQUIPMENT

You will also need one (or two) trays of 2½ inch (6 cm) patty tins, one fluted 3 inch (7.5 cm) pastry cutter and one 2½ inch (6 cm) cutter.

### METHOD

Pre-heat the oven to gas mark 6, 400°F (200°C).

Beat the egg yolk, water and lemon juice together. Sieve flour and icing sugar together. Place half the flour mixture in a mixing bowl with the margarine and beaten egg mixture, cream with a fork until well mixed, add remaining flour and mix to a firm dough. Place in a polythene bag and leave in fridge for one hour or overnight. Roll out and cut to fit bun tins, one large for the bottom and a smaller for the top. Fill with mincemeat. Put top on and brush with left over egg white slightly beaten. Dredge with castor sugar and cook for 15 to 20 minutes.

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