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RST Newsletter

Rathfeigh • Skryne • Tara

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Mary O'Growney's Retirement Function

Friday 1st March 2019

We are all set and ready to party. Mary's retirement function will commence with a Thanksgiving Mass in St Colmcille's Church Skryne at 7.30 pm followed by light refreshments and entertainment in the adjoining parish hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and make the occasion a happy one.

By now everyone will have received their invitation letter with details on how to contribute towards Mary's retirement gift and there is still plenty of time to do so.

Please bear in mind if there are any pensioners amongst your neighbours who may have no transport on the night they may appreciate the offer of a lift.

Date for your diary Friday March 1st. See you there.



Mary is locking post office for the last time.



This week An Post moved the post box at Tara to the roadside. As was the norm post is collected daily Monday to Friday at 3.55pm. There is also a post box at Swans with daily collections at 3.30pm.

Skryne Community Alert Group February 2019

Like everyone else from the Rathfeigh, Skryne and Tara area, we were very sad to see the closure of Tara Post Office after almost two centuries of service to our community.

There is not a soul in the community that has not benefitted either directly or indirectly from the professional service and personal kindness shown by Mary over the years. We at Skryne Community Alert were one of the beneficiaries as we took Mary up on her offer to act as a sign-up centre for our Text Alert service, and this proved a huge success. Thank you, Mary. We couldn't have made it the success it has become without you.

We are now exploring options for an alternative sign-up location and will make this known as and when it is identified. For the moment, if you would like to sign up to our Text Alert service, please contact a member of the committee or come along to one of our meetings at Skryne Hall.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 11th March at 8pm.

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Skryne Tara Remain Unbeaten

Despite being forced out of the Training Facility they have used (and paid for) for the last three years Skryne Tara remain unbeaten so far this season.

As previously reported the club entered the Athletic Union League (Dublin) last August and have made the best start to a competitive season in their history and are still going strong in four different competitions.

The team are two points clear at the top of their Sunday League table after 14 games although teams below them have games in hand. In a League system points on the board are much better than games in hand.

The most important game for the club so far is scheduled for this Sunday 17th February in the last 16 of the Leinster Junior Shield. Skryne Tara have a long trip away to Wexford Bohs (at 2pm) and the prize for the winners is a Home quarter final tie versus Aungier Celtic from Dublin on March 10th. Ironically we have drawn Wexford opposition in the first three rounds of this high profile competition. We have beaten Courtown Hibernians and Gorey Celtic away while Enniscorthy Celtic were overcome at Ross Cross. Considering almost 140 teams from all over Leinster began in this competition should Skryne Tara win on Sunday they will have reached the last 8 which is no mean feat in itself.

The team are also still involved in two other Cup competitions and this allows the Management team of Robbie Thorpe and Cyril Carty to give the large squad 'game time' and try to keep everybody happy. It means that every player on the panel is capable of doing a good job for the team whenever called upon.

The club would like to thank once again all our Sponsors and Supporters for their assistance so far this year.

Saoirse McGrath to visit the Vesonova orphanage

The Meath Rose, Saoirse McGrath will visit the Vesonova orphanage in Cherynobyl in February of this year as part of a Rose of Tralee delegation.



The visit will be for a duration of four days and while there she will assist the medical care staff in their daily work. Saoirse is a final year nursing student in DCU so will be able to put her medical skills to good use. As part of this trip, each Rose was asked to raise at least €1,600 to donate to the orphanage.

Saoirse would like to thank to extend a huge thank you to all who have donated so generously over the past few weeks and particularly last weekend at the church gate collection that was organised by Saoirse's team mates in Skryne Ladies Football Club. The total sum raised was €2,012 which will go to fantastic use in the orphanage.

We would like to wish Saoirse and all her fellow Roses the best of luck on their upcoming travels.

The Late Anne Mulvany

The family of Anne Mulvany would like to thank everyone who helped us through her short illness. The suddenness of the news followed only eleven weeks later by her death has shocked us all. Her ability to accept her fate and to continue to support others motivated us to keep going. Mum would have been very moved by the outpouring of kindness and support we received at the time of her wake and funeral. To her wonderful friends, family, neighbours and the entire community we would like to say a very special thank you. You all helped to make a very sad time seem possible through your kind words, actions and the giving up of your time. Mum spent the final four weeks of her life in the beautiful surroundings of St. Francis Hospice in Blanchardstown. These precious weeks were happily spent in the amazing care of all the staff who treated her with dignity and compassion. We want to thank you all for your generous donations to such a worthy recipient.

May mum rest in peace forever.



Congratulations to Victoria Jones and Aidan Carroll who were married in Rathfeigh Church on 8th February.

Daughter of Clare Rogan and David Jones and son of Marie and Timothy Carroll Barryroe Co. Cork. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Tara Post Office a Time Capsule

On The last full day of business at Tara Post Office January 25th 2019 and to mark this historic occasion the pupils from 3rd class to 6th class at Scoil Cholmcille wrote a time capsule letter to their future selves.

They then walked accompanied by their teachers to the post office where they were greeted by Mary and posted their final letters.

The students have written about what they think their lives and the world will be like in 10 years time. They will not open their letters until January 25th 2029.



Notices

BINGO: Every Wednesday night in Skryne Hall at 9pm. €1,100 to be won each night. Enjoy a night out. Please support. Proceeds to parish funds.

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, KILDARE ST, DUBLIN:

The Tuesday Club has booked a general tour of the National Museum, Kildare St. on Tuesday 19th March. (Time to be confirmed). We will also see some exhibits from Tara which are not on view and have never been seen by the public. If you wish to attend, please contact Dermot or Michael or Maurice as soon as possible. There is a nice coffee shop in the Museum and also in the National Library nearby. Make a day of it in Dublin!

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY/ GENEALOGY IN THE RST CENTRE:

Great interest in family history/genealogy has been topical at meetings of the Tuesday Club in the RST Centre and it was suggested we get in a speaker. We are delighted to welcome Tom French, executive librarian in Navan Library who has a special interest in Local Studies and for many years has a keen interest in Family History/Genealogy. Tom is very happy to share his deep knowledge with groups of similar interest all around Meath. Tom's own books are published by The Gallery Press in Loughcrew, Oldcastle. Tom French's genealogy talk will be in the RST Centre, Skryne on Thursday 28th February at 7.30pm. All from the community are welcome to attend. Tea/coffee will be served.

Skryne Rathfeigh Community Games News

CROSS COUNTRY

Sunday 24 Feb in Ballinacreea AC, Oldcastle. Registration from 9am on the day. Events start at 10am sharp.

SWIMMING

Kells. Date not yet confirmed.

ART & HANDWRITING

Friday March 8th. 2:45 to 4:45 In Skryne National School. Please note Handwriting is only for 1 hour.

GYMNASTICS

Please contact area secretary if your child wishes to compete in Gymnastics Date to be confirmed <https://www.communitygames.ie/gymnastics.html>

QUIZ

Friday 29 March 7pm in Skryne. U14 - (team of 4)

TALENT

Sunday 14 April in Wilkinstown <https://www.communitygames.ie/group-music.html> <https://www.communitygames.ie/solo-talent.html>

If your child wishes to take part in any of the above events, please contact the Area Secretary Madonna Purcell 086-0869245 ASAP & check the Community Games website for rules, ages etc. <https://www.communitygames.ie/events.html>

Condolences

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

- To Rachel Carberry Oberstown on the death of her father
- To the relatives and friends of the late Rita Sheridan formerly of Macetown
- To Dominic Gryson on the death of his father

Rathfeigh National School

TARA & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION QUIZ

The Tara and District Credit Union held their annual school quiz recently.

Runners up in Competition B (U13) were (Pictured right L-R) Danny Ryan, Bryn Mc Auley, Conor Mc Manus and Tom Lenehan from Rathfeigh National School.

The winners in Competition A (U11) were (Pictured right L-R) Jay Jay Lynch, Amy Ross, Freddy Geraghty, Isabelle Patton Fenn also from Rathfeigh National School. The winning team will progress to the Chapter Final which will be held in the Pillo Hotel in Ashbourne on March 1st.

ENROLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

There is still time to enrol your child for September 2019. Enrolment forms can be collected from Helen in the office. Parents/Guardians are welcome to visit the school at any time and Mr. Tansley (Principal) will be available to answer any questions you may have.

LITERACY LIFT OFF

The pupils in second class have just finished five weeks of the Literacy Lift Off Reading Programme and are progressing really well. More details about the programme can be found on the school website www.rathfeighns.org.

JACKIE'S 100 MILE CHALLENGE!

Our Caretaker, Jackie Ross, is currently undertaking the 100 Miles Mater Hospital Challenge. She is hoping to run 100 miles during February with all money raised going to purchase specialised chairs for chemotherapy patients. It is a big commitment that Jackie is undertaking and we are all very proud of her huge efforts. If you would like to donate a few euro for this worthy cause please drop into Rathfeigh school (Donation Jar at reception). Well done, Jackie.

CONFIRMATION

Our sixth class pupils will be receiving their Confirmation on Sunday March 3rd. in Skryne Church. We wish the children, their families and friends an enjoyable and spiritual day.

SCIENCE IN-A-BOX

The innovative Science-in-a-Box programme that was introduced to 5th and 6th classes has proved to be a great success with the children doing interesting experiments in physics, chemistry and biology. This should be of great benefit to the children when they study these subjects in greater detail in secondary school.

RATHFEIGH PUPILS ENJOY CHILDREN'S FITNESS INITIATIVE

Fitness and healthy eating should start at a young age. That's the message children at Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Rathfeigh in Tara have been taught at a recent 'Fit Squad' interactive health and fitness session, delivered by Irish fitness expert, Tom Dalton.

Organised by banana importers Fyffes, over 120 pupils from second to sixth class took part in the active workout, which included talks and tips on healthy eating, all designed to improve children's general fitness through engaging and fun-filled activities.

Schools and sports clubs interested in participating in the project are asked to visit www.fyffesfitsquad.ie



Remembering Stanislaus Lynch

The late Stanislaus Lynch, formerly of the Old Ross Road, is to be honoured by Cavan County Museum next week.



The Ballyjamesduff native is the only Irishman to win a literary award for Epic Literature in the Arts Section of the Olympic Games in London in 1948, and again in Helsinki in 1952.

A keen huntsman, his sporting themed books were published between 1937 and 1951, all with a hunting theme, and were illustrated by two of the best known artists at the time, Tom Carr from Scotland, and Michael Lyne from England.

Aside from journalism and writing books, he also worked for the Irish Tourist Board. He retired from writing in the 1960s to concentrate on producing Irish Draught Horses and Connemara Ponies. He provided a Connemara Pony at the request of Walt

Disney for his film, 'Darby O'Gill and the Little People', which he handed over at a dinner hosted by Disney at the Mansion House in Dublin.

Stan Lynch also broadcast from the RDS Horse Show. He lived at the Old Ross Road in Tara with his wife, Margaret, and died in 1983.

Cavan County Museum in Lynch's native Ballyjamesduff is celebrating his life with a night 'Remembering Stanislaus Lynch - Poet, Journalist, Horseman, Gentleman and proud son of Ballyjamesduff' on Thursday 21st February next, at 8pm.

Speakers will include Professor Pat Wall, former chairman of Horse Sport Ireland; Noel Mullins, photojournalist, author and publisher; Paul Keogan, farmer and member of the Ballymacad Hunt; and Michael Slavin, broadcaster, journalist and author, and owner of the Old Tara Bookshop.



Millie- Missing Bichon Frise

Millie is a miniature Bichon Frise, 4 years old, not neutered and she has a chip but it's registered incorrectly I've found out.

085 7525731 or 086 2630109.



Congratulation to Frank and Marjorie Swan who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 5th February.

Trip to the Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh

The Tuesday Club's most ambitious trip to date will be to Edinburgh for two nights taking in the Royal Highland Show near Edinburgh. We depart on Wed 19th June and return late on Fri 21st. To date 23 intrepid travellers have signed up and paid their deposits. If others wish to travel, please get in touch with Arrow Tours, Drogheda or indeed any travel agent. Edinburgh is a beautiful city with a marvellous blend of old and new. The Hop-on Hop-off bus is recommended but Edinburgh Castle is so spectacular, it's a "must" for anybody. The city which is small and compact with easy access to the sights you want to see, has some fine restaurants, a wide selection of pubs and if whiskey is your tippie, Edinburgh is ready with hundreds of varieties of uisce beatha! Edinburgh is a mecca for shopping. It has been rumoured that some of the Tuesday Club veterans will be toggged out in kilts but we await that spectacle! The Royal Highland Show is described as one of Scotland's most iconic events, showcasing the best of farming, food and rural lie. This year there will be 900 plus exhibits! Admission on line is £24.

Skryne GFC Table Quiz

**Swan's Lounge
Friday 22nd February
at 9pm Sharp
Table of 4 - €40
Raffles. Spot Prizes**

The proceeds of this Table Quiz will go towards installing a Presentation Display Cabinet in the Clubhouse.

This badly needed Cabinet will showcase lots of memorabilia from the clubs 130 years in existence.

This highly expensive secure unit will house some of the late Paddy O'Brien's GAA Awards and some of the late Kit Browne's awards among other sentimental club pieces.

Paddy O'Brien was the only Meath player to be selected on the All Ireland 'team of the century' and Kit Browne won six Senior Football Championship medals in the 1940's.

The club would welcome a sponsor for this unit which will enhance the profile of the club and be of great interest to members and visitors alike.

If interested please contact any Committee member.

Skryne GFC are holding a 'Fantasy Cheltenham' in March on the Cheltenham Racing Festival.


People have asked us to repeat the competition held very successfully in 2017 and this year we have trebled the prize fund which gives everybody an incentive to enter for a valuable €1500 first prize. There will also be a prize each day the person with the most points.

See sample ticket above and get your entries in each day in the exact format explained.

Tickets are great value at €20 which covers the 4 days racing and can be purchased from any player - Ladies and Gents - or any Committee member.

The club would like to thank John Clarke of Borrowaddy Motors for his generous sponsorship of this competition.

Best of Luck to all entrants.



FANTASY CHELTENHAM

Ticket Number:


4 Days Racing - Entry €20

Select 1 horse per race from the first 4 races each day (incl. a NAP on any of these 4 races)
Enter your selections by text before **12 Noon** each day

Text **SKRYNE, Your Name, Ticket No. & Selections to: 51500**

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Double points if your NAP is 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

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***Overall Cash prizes for top 3 scores**

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BLOTTO RESULTS

21st January

3 - 12 - 17- 23

€40 draw winners: Harry Naughton,
Patricia Gaynor, Jack Carty,
Elodie & Neasa C/O MM

4th February

9 - 13 - 15 - 23

€40 draw winners: Seamie Duffy,
Hilary Tobin, John O'Brien,
Brendan Hanley

11th February

4 - 7 - 11 - 16

€40 winners: Nicky Hamill,
Turlough/Margaret McKeown,
Margaret Allen, Stephanie O'Connor

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Yoga with Becky

Thursdays
Skryne Clubhouse



6.30pm Nifty Fifties (yoga for 50s+)
8.00pm Mixed Ability Vinyasa

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Next Issue

Saturday 16th February 2019

Submissions by Wednesday 13th February

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