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# RST Newsletter

Rathfeigh • Skryne • Tara



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## Milestone for Mick

Our esteemed member Mick Ryan is about to reach a Milestone Birthday. His friends and members of Tara AC would like to wish him a very Happy Birthday. Mick is a great runner in his own right but always supports and encourages our other Members, young and older. To celebrate and mark this occasion, Mick was given honorary lifelong membership of the Club. Picture shows Chairman Davy McCarthy presenting a plaque confirming Mick's honorary membership. Adult training at the track Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m, new members always welcome.

### Tuesday Club Talk on Tara

On Tuesday the 2nd May the audience in the RST were entertained and enthralled by an excellent presentation by Mr Michael Slevin, Tara. Michael has been living on the Hill in excess of 50 years and in that time he has become an expert on the history and mythology associated with the Hill and Michael gave us an overview of much of this. In his presentation Michael outlined with wonderful aerial photographs the extent and size of the relevant enclosures which made up the settlement and which many of us were unaware of the scale and size of the settlements. He emphasised the importance of the landscape to the first settlers and the extent of the panoramic view from the top of the Hill where it is claimed features of 16 counties can be observed, He himself can only name 13 and he is still waiting for someone to identify the other three. He outlined briefly the long line of High Kings associated with Tara, in excess of 140 are named, the best known to us being Niall of the Nine Hostages and Cormac MacAirt, and of course the Kings of Ulster the O'Neills who also ruled Tara

Also very closely associated with Tara is our Patron Saint, Patrick and his coming to Tara in 433 to explain Christianity to the Druids or High priests of Tara, with the obvious success of his visit. Associated with the visit is one of the enclosures, the Rath of the Synod which was named after a conclave to integrate Christianity with the Breton Laws.

He did however strongly emphasise that the History of Tara was only first recorded in writing about the 7th or 8th century and up till then all the mythology and legends associated with the Hill and its residence was passed down through generations by the spoken word. It is only fair to assume the consequently many were embellished to make them more receptive to the listener.

He also included briefly the killing of over 450 men of the 1798 rebellion.

All in all Michaels presentation made us all realise how lucky we are to be living in an area around which so much of our heritage and culture is based.

An excellent evening and many thanks to Michael.

### Skryne GFC Social Evening

**On Friday 14th June 2019**

Skryne GFC will hold an informal social evening in the RST Centre in McManus Park.

The function of this evening is to unveil our new Presentation Cabinet dedicated to the memory of our former player **Paddy O'Brien**. Paddy needs no introduction as he was the only Meath player to be selected on the All Ireland GAA team of the century.



This cabinet will hold club memorabilia from days gone by, cups, trophies, medals etc which will showcase the history of the club and its players.

Initially, most of Paddy O'Brien's prizes and presentations will be 'housed' in this cabinet after they were donated to the club by Paddy's family. His brother, Colm, will be home on holiday from America and will be present on the night to chat and reminisce with young and old alike. Paddy's sons will also be in attendance.

The old plaques commemorating Packy Mooney, Brian Smyth, Tommy Mooney and Christy (Kit) Browne have been refurbished and repositioned on the pitch side of the Clubhouse and we hope to have members of those families present for the evening also.

So come along for a cup of tea/coffee, sandwich or a cake and a chat with friends old and new. This is a great opportunity to meet present and former members of the club.

Recently the club held two fundraising Table quiz's, one in Swans and one in Foxs, with the proceeds going towards the cost of installing this secure Presentation Cabinet and now you are invited to see the results of these successful events and how your money was spent.

So come and enjoy the evening.

All Welcome.

**FOX'S LOUNGE SKRYNE**

**Traditional Music Session**

**Every Wednesday night**

**from 9pm**

*This issue is sponsored by* **Fox's Lounge, Skryne**

## Stephen Kelly Rip (An Appreciation)

The death occurred recently of Stephen Kelly, affectionately known as 'Spider', after a well known Wexford footballer of the 1950's. He was a footballer himself of more than ordinary merit and played senior for Skryne for more than ten years. He first came to prominence in 1959 when Skryne reached the Final of the Junior B Football Championship and although beaten by Longwood Stephen had a fine game at corner forward, getting on the scoresheet. He then made his way on to the Skryne Senior team and played in many Tournament wins - competitions that were very popular at that time.

Stephen won a Junior B League medal in 1964 in a competition that started almost three years previously. (That would never happen now).

The following year 1965 was a very successful one for Stephen and Skryne as the Blues won all before them. By now Stephen was an established goalkeeper and starred in the Feis Cup Final win over Colmcille Gaels, Kells. He was also a valued member of the team that famously won the Keegan Cup that same year.

Stephen was interested in all sports and loved nothing better than a day at the races - both horses and greyhounds. He also took part in clay pigeon shooting and was involved competitively right up to the time he became indisposed.

In his professional life he had a great love of the land and farmed his own farm at Oberstown. He also gained employment with the Gallagher Group (Building Company) and became an integral part of that organisation as their Farm Manager in Hollystown on the Meath Dublin border.

Stephen was laid to Rest in Rathfeigh and at the funeral his coffin was draped in the famous blue and white jersey of the Skryne club.

We offer sincere sympathy to his only surviving family member his sister, Brigid.  
Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

**SKRYNE GFC.**

## Skryne Community Alert

**Now the longer evenings have arrived, many of us are spending more time in the gardens and enjoying the sunshine. It's easy to let our guard down, so here are a few crime prevention tips to keep in mind at this time of year:**

- If you are sitting out or working in your back garden, make sure your front door is locked and windows closed. Keeping your gate closed is also a good deterrent.
- Take photos and note serial numbers of mowers or other garden machinery used at this time of year. Don't leave them unattended on your lawn or on your driveway.
- Mark garden machinery and tools with your Eircode. This can help deter theft and aid recovery of stolen items.
- If you hear your front doorbell ring, make sure your back door is locked before you go to open your front door. Distraction is a common technique used by burglars looking for cash and jewellery. They know from experience where to look, and they can be in and back out again during the time that you are at the front door.
- Keep an eye on your neighbour's property. If you have elderly or vulnerable neighbours, it is worth checking if any work taking place on their house (guttering, roofing, driveway surfacing etc) has been authorised. It is not unknown for rogue traders to start unauthorised work on a house, and then demand payment from the vulnerable owner. It is good practice to never employ the services of people calling door to door offering discounts on house maintenance. Instead note their car/van registration number and notify the Gardai on 01 801 0600.
- Above all please remain vigilant. Report all suspicious activity to the gardai - 01 801 0600. Save the number on your phone.

Our next Community Alert meeting will take place on **Monday 24th June at 8pm in Skryne hall.**

## Alzheimers Tea Day - Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to the people of Skryne & Rathfeigh for their generous support of our annual tea day in aid of Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

€3,708.00 was raised and is greatly appreciated by Whistlemount Day Care Centre Navan to whom the money is paid directly. They are very appreciative of your generosity.

A huge thanks to all who helped on the day in every capacity, to those who baked & donated lovely cakes, jams, chutneys etc. To the RST committee for the use of their wonderful venue and for cleaning it so well the night before.

A special thanks to Bríd who cultivates the lovely plants which prove so popular and which raised €700 of our total. Thanks to her friend Kirsten for donation of plants from her nursery Sedum & Sage. Thanks to all who couldn't be there on the day but sent donations.

In whatever role you helped to raise this much needed money a huge thank you. **Patricia**

## SKRYNE GFC

23rd Annual

# GOLF CLASSIC

Friday 21st June 2019

at Royal Tara Golf Club

### Main Sponsor Irish Distillers

The golf classic is one of our principal fundraising activities and your support is greatly appreciated with the funds generated going towards the continued development of our facilities in an effort to provide the best resources for all the youth of our community.

The golf classic will be a 3 person team format.

Our 23rd Golf Classic team cost will be €240

The cost includes green fees, meals and prizes. Each member of the first two teams must hold GUI handicaps. Timesheets from 11.00 am to 5.00pm. Special arrangements can be made outside this time if required.

We would greatly welcome your participation on the day and request you to return the enclosed Tee Time Request in the addressed envelope or alternatively contact the following to book a tee time:

**Eamon Giles** 087 4161732  
**Michael Mulvaney** 087 2525586  
**Dermot Carty** 086 8760336

If you are unable to play on the day we would ask you to assist us by sponsoring a hole for €100 or any contribution would be appreciated.

**Thanking you for your ongoing support without which we could not achieve our goals.**

## Tara Lecture Series 2019

At Hill of Tara Visitor Centre

### Wednesday 3rd July at 8pm

Liberating Ireland - Daniel O'Connell and the Fight for Irish Freedom  
Professor Patrick Geoghegan, Trinity College Dublin

### Wednesday 10th July at 8pm

Tara & The Celtic Revival  
Professor Emeritus Muiris O Sullivan, University College Dublin

### Wednesday 17th July 8pm

Tara "The Resuscitated Jerusalem"  
Dr. Mairead Carew, University College, Dublin

### Wednesday 24th July 8pm

Rebels, Redcoats and Contested Identities  
The Battle of Tara, 1798  
Dr. Ciarán McDonnell

**Admission is Free** - Limited Seating, so arrive early - All Welcome



## SKRYNE TARA AFC.

### Disappointing Finish To Very Successful Season

Skryne Tara's first season in the AUL (Athletic Union League) came to an end this evening (Thursday) with a very impressive 5-0 home win over the League Champions Cabra Celtic in the final game of the season. This result meant they finished Runners-Up to Cabra, 3 points behind them, after 24 games in a 13 team League programme. It also meant SKRYNE Tara had beaten every team in the League at least once. Ironically, Skryne Tara lost just one match in this mammoth League, a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Dingle United (also from Cabra) at Ross Cross. Maybe they had underestimated Dingle as they had beaten them 4-1 in the away fixture in Cabra. Unfortunately, Skryne Tara lost one match in the Boardroom after a Referee 'rescinded' a red card and then changed his mind when the club fielded the same player the following week. All this leaves a sour taste considering they lost those 3 points in the Boardroom, even though they won that game 4-1, while their closest rivals and eventual champions, Cabra Celtic, actually gained 4 points in the same Boardroom. Cabra drew two matches during the season but on objection won both which meant a swing of seven points overall. Skryne Tara losing 3, Cabra Celtic gaining 4. Cabra won the League by 3 points. (See League table). Having said all that, it was a very successful first season in the AUL and if you offered those results at the beginning last September, including reaching the semi-final of the prestigious Leinster

Junior Shield, the lads might have been happy to accept it. Add in reaching the semi-finals of the Frank Roe Cup and the Unidare Cup in a packed season meant the team was competitive from start to finish. No wonder they were voted 'team of the month' for February. The Club would like to thank everybody who helped out in any way during the year particularly our sponsors - Ardex Building Products (Ireland) Ltd. Declan and Irma Fox. Dermot Brennan and Associates. DBASS. Raymond Coyle. Tayto Park. Frank and Marjorie Swan.

#### LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts
Cabra Celtic	24.	21.	2.	1.	65
Skryne Tara.	24.	20.	2.	2.	62
Dingle United.	24.	20.	1.	3.	61
Stamullen FC.	24.	13.	3.	8.	42
Finglas Rovers.	24.	11.	3.	10.	36
Grange Woodbine.	24.	9.	3.	12.	30
Raheny United.	24.	9.	3.	12.	30
St. Itas AFC.	24.	8.	5.	11.	29
OLV FC.	24.	7.	3.	14.	24
Clontarf FC.	24.	7.	3.	14.	24
Lusk United.	24.	5.	7.	12.	22
Portrane Ath FC.	24.	5.	1.	18.	16
Kinsealy United.	24.	3.	0.	21.	9

## Rathfeigh National School

**Rounders:** The Rathfeigh Girls' Rounders' Team played against Oristown in the Meath Final last Wednesday for the second successive year. It was a tight tense game played in very wet conditions. With the score level at 10 each in the fourth innings there was an accidental collision between two of the Oristown players resulting in an ambulance being called and the game abandoned. Thankfully the injuries weren't too bad and the players will make a full recovery. The game will be replayed in the next week. We wish the Rathfeigh team the best of luck in the replay.

**Rathfeigh N.S. Parents' Association Fundraiser:** The Rathfeigh Parents' Association fundraiser will take place during school on Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>. The children over the course of a few hours will be running a marathon (26 miles - 42,195 metres) in relay format. This fundraiser is promoting a healthy culture and lifestyle for our children. All the children have sponsorship cards and we hope everyone in the Rathfeigh & Skryne community will support our children in this fundraiser.

**School Tours:** All the children are really excited by the upcoming school tours on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The younger children are really looking forward to going to Tayto Park and the Crystal Maze while the senior children will be visiting Croke Park and the Viking Splash in Dublin.

**Vegetable Plot:** Mary Mc Carron has been working very closely with our middle classes in planting spinach, lettuce, carrots, onions, chilli peppers and strawberries. We thank Mary for giving of her time in educating the children in the planting, feeding and watering of various plants.

## MKKD Community Employment Vacancies (Skryne & Drumree)

### Maintenance/Caretaker at RST Skryne/Skryne GFC & Drumree GFC

CE Scheme - M.K.K.D.

Duties will include: Mowing, painting and marking the football pitch. Cleaning and maintaining the clubhouse and changing rooms. Weed and litter control. Maintaining the all weather pitch and keeping it to a high standard. Painting and decorating and minor repairs as and when required. Maintenance and cleaning of rooms in the main building.

Enquiries to: Peter Martin MKKD CLG

Phone: (046)9026216

Eligibility for Community Employment Schemes based in DEASP Guidelines.

## 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.

**SKRYNE CYCLE CLUB: Beginner Group - Zero to 50K** - Continues Thursday evenings at 7:30pm from Swans. Get off that couch and we'll have you doing 20K in no time! Meet at Swan's car park at 7:30. Contact Pat McGovern 087 2586315 or James Brady 085 7106524.

**BABYSITTER AVAILABLE:** I am a kind, reliable and non-smoking girl. I have just finished TY (4th) Year where I completed a certified first aid course. I have work experience in different areas including a local preschool. Available in the Skryne/Tara/Rathfeigh area. Contact Meibh Doyle on 0874475731 or 046 90 26 276

**WEARELOOKINGFOR:** a kind reliable childminder in the Rathfeigh/Skryne area. We have 3 children. Ideally we would like 3-4 days term time from 7.55-5pm. School & Montessori drop needed for 2 of them. If interested please call me on 0863431434. Thank you.

## Skryne Golf Society

Great day out in Killeen Castle on 28th April. It's a long trek, thank god for buggies. Winners were Mick Davis and Ray Smith in categories one and two respectively. Runners up were Willie Rogan and Ricky Powderly. Luke Bowden, Gerry Browne and Willie Rogan shared the prizemoney for the 2's competition. Next outing is to St Margaret's on 22nd June.

## Condolences

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

- Pauric and the McGoldrick family Macetown on the death of Nano
- The Lynch family Bellew on the death of Seán
- Gerry Tuite Oberstown on the death of his sister, Eileen
- The family of Stephen Kelly Oberstown
- The family of Julia (Ju Ju) Clarke Rathfeigh
- To Joan Gallagher, Borrowaddy Rd., on the death of her brother Patsy
- To Ita Phelan, Rathfeigh on the death of her brother, John Hanley
- To the family of Noreen Sullivan, Oberstown



**Skryne Tara u16 Girls Team:** Isabella Pentony, Cia White, Sophie Goodman, Kate Thorpe, Katie Ryan, Rea Pender, Lucia, Cara Martin, Jade Gaffney, Roisin O'Dowd, Anna Caldwell, Zara Cleary, Siobhan Beggy, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Rebecca Clarke, Ella Mc Cartan, Katie Cullen, Sasha Guirey, Steffi Finegan, Samantha Clarke. Missing Ally McConkey, Molly Fitzpatrick. Skryne Tara u16 Girls Team who play in the NECSL league and who will also compete in the Kildare league starting in June.

## Save the Date 'Come and Try' Orienteering Event



### Dalgan Park

**Sunday 16th June, 2019**

Starts between 11am and 1pm, Registration from 10.30am

**Further information:**  
Check out our **f** Facebook page, **t**witter @FingalO or call (087) 247 5321  
If you wish to bring a large group please let us know in advance.

Orienteering is an adventure sport. It is suitable for all ages, levels of fitness and gets you out into many wild and wonderful places. If you have never tried orienteering come along to Fingal Orienteers event at Dalgan Park. This event will provide an ideal opportunity for you to give the sport a go. Full instructions will be provided, with coaching for all new comers, starting from 11am. Coaching will consist of a short walk with a brief introduction on how to interpret and use an orienteering map. These short introductions will provide you with all you need to know to get you started and will be repeated half hourly until 1pm. There will be two courses, one **Short** and one **Long**, plus a **Micro Maze** for anyone who wants all the fun, but doesn't want to move very far.

# BLOTTO RESULTS

**28th April**

**1 - 17 - 19 - 23**

No Winner. €40 each to:  
Agnes Fox, Riona & Laura Twomey, Johnny Gilsean, Kate Carty

**5th May**

**2 - 8 - 20 - 28**

No Winner. €40 each to:  
Darren Carty, Bob Daly, Justin Walsh, Harry Naughton

**12th May**

**2 - 6 - 19 - 22**

No Winner. €40 each to:  
Agnes Fox, Bridget Kiernan, Ed & Pauline McManus, Brian Cullen

**19th May**

**2 - 12 - 13 - 24**

No Winner. €40 each to:  
John Clarke, Nicky Traynor, Patrick Battersby, Joanne McInnes

**26th May**

**5 - 10 - 11 - 15**

No Winner. €40 each to, Dan O'Leary, Kieran O'Brien  
Brian McNally, Bobby Swan

**Next week's jackpot**

**€4,200**

**Thank you for your support**

**Hillview Nursing Home, Rathfeigh,**  
are currently seeking

**Care Assistants**  
for part /full time work

**Experience/ Qualification desirable**  
but not essential.

Please contact Rebecca  
on 041 9825698 for further details.

**Hillview Nursing Home, Rathfeigh,**  
are currently seeking

**A Qualified Electrician**  
to do jobs as and when they occur,  
would suit someone local.

Please contact Rebecca  
on 041 9825698 for further details.

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### Morning

All levels  
and all ages  
welcome!

RST Community Centre

Weekly classes:  
Thursdays  
8.30 Nifty Fifty  
9.30 Power Yoga

22.06.19  
9am-1pm  
€40

**\*Booking essential**  
contact 0872537189

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### Next Issue

**Saturday 25th May 2019**

Submissions by Wednesday 22nd May

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