

FREE

# RST Newsletter

Rathfeigh • Skryne • Tara



9th September 2019 • Issue No. 7

## Meath Festival of Football Comes to Skryne Tara



### Mr. Donal Conway, President of the FAI, brought the 'Festival Of Football' to Skryne Tara at Ross Cross in July.

On a beautiful summers evening the facilities at Ross Cross were in splendid condition and drew admiration from the President and all the FAI Officials who were present on this momentous occasion for the club.

They commented on how such a small club had access to proper Dressing Rooms and a Clubhouse capable of catering for not only the 'home' team but also the 'away' team, referee and officials by offering a welcoming cup of tea on arrival. They may have been influenced by the combined efforts of the Ladies Committees of Skryne Tara AFC and Tara Athletic club. Therefore we must thank these ladies, particularly Aisling, Lisa, Caroline, Schira and Mary with ntheir younger helpers for all their hard work in providing the goodies on the night and bringing tea and cakes out to the guests on the field as well as those who ventured inside.

The President also commented on the condition of the playing surface and stated it compared favourably with some of the International venues the Republic of Ireland team has played on over the years. It also drew compliments from all the FAI visitors which included former International players Mick McCarthy, Richard Dunne, Paul Osam and Irish Ladies International and Manchester City Player Megan Campbell.

It was a great honour for the club to welcome the present Republic of Ireland Manager Mick McCarthy to Ross Cross as we were one of the few clubs who had that privilege. The 'big' man proved to be very approachable and mingled

with young and old alike all through the hour long visit. Autographs and pictures etc were no problem to Mick as he patiently posed for and spoke to everybody who approached him. The same could be said for all the visitors on the night and former Internationals Richard Dunne and Megan Campbell attracted a host of admirers and seemed to revel in the attention

Master of ceremonies for the evening and Chief organiser of the event Val Finegan welcomed the visiting party and introduced them to the crowd. He thanked the President, Mr Donal Conway, for including Skryne Tara on the rota of visits which took place over a period of ten days and wished him well in his quest to remain as president of the FAI on the following Weekend at the AGM in Trim.

Val then asked Dermot Carty, Secretary of Skryne Tara, to introduce some of the people the club had invited to meet the delegation from the FAI. These included Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of Skryne GFC, Senan McGrath, Dan O'Leary and Ross Phillips respectively. Former Manager of the Meath team Mick O'Dowd. Former player and captain of the Meath team, All-Star Trevor Giles. Top jockey, who is still recovering from injuries received while race riding in one of the most dangerous sports, Barry Geraghty.

We also had Gerry Gorman, Secretary of the North East Football League (formerly the Meath & District League). Gerry has been ever present as a highly respected official of the NEFL since its inception in 1980, serving that organisation

excellently in a number of positions. He has been a very good friend to Skryne Tara over the years and we were privileged to have him present on that evening especially as we were one of a small number of the 50 clubs or so in Meath that Gerry attended with the FAI delegation. We very much appreciated his presence along with his wife Deirdre.

We also had James Finnerty, former Skryne Tara underage player now with Bohemians in the League Of Ireland, having had a spell in England with Aston Villa and Rochdale Football Clubs. Catthal Dervan from Dunshaughlin, Journalist and FAI Official was also present as was another Journalist, Meath Chronicle Reporter Jimmy Geoghegan.

We had Donal Gaynor, former Chairperson of the Meath & District League who played for both original clubs - Skryne Rangers and Tara. Also present was Dave McCarthy, Chairperson of Tara Athletic Club who have been very supportive of the whole venture and whose Grounds we share. Thanks Dave.

A number of invited people were unable to be present for different reasons - original member of Skryne Rangers Padraig Finnerty was absent as was Brian Crocock and Mick Fitzsimons original members of Tara FC. These men were involved with the original clubs before they merged to become Skryne Tara. Sadly, we also remember three men who have passed on, and who would have been honoured to be present, Paddy Browne (Skryne Rangers) and Tom Leahy and Sean Faulkner (Tara) were stalwarts of what is now Skryne Tara FC.

The club would like to thank all who had an input in making this event such a success and we have been rewarded by the FAI since that evening and the benefits will seen in improvements to the Grounds and Clubhouse in the near future.

We also want to thank all our sponsors (too many to mention here) for all their help and support during the year. The President of the FAI commented on the condition of the playing surface at Ross Cross and this came about by maintaining it to top standards by draining, sanding, spiking and fertilising. All this costs money and we are indebted to our fundraisers and sponsors for their valued input.

See pictures on page xxx of maintenance work showing where your money was spent.

This issue is sponsored by **Skryne Tara Soccer Club**

# Skryne Pitch and Putt club

**2019 has been a very special year for Skryne Pitch and Putt club. Sophie Farnan has had a season to dream of.**

Last year she won the girls under 16 All-Ireland title in Fermoy, Cork bridging a 38 year gap for Meath ladies and last Saturday the 24th of August she defended her national title, winning by 4 shots in a nine hole play off against Lucan's Eimear Ahern. Sophie has improved immensely over the last year and even went to the Meath Juveniles Inter-County Trials which lead to her not only getting on the Meath team but also lead to her being the first lady to captain an inter-county team. On August 16th she captained the Meath team to win the leinster inter-county title over a well fancied Westmeath and Dublin. Last Sunday she lead her 5 team mates out in the National Inter-County Finals and they finished in a respectable 4th place behind Kerry, Dublin and Westmeath.



She was confirmed as the first lady to captain a team to a leinster win.

In the u-16 Girls competitions she has won as follows:

- Leinster Strokeplay in Rochfordbridge
- Leinster Matchplay in Athgarvan
- Meath Open in Navan
- Westmeath Open in Kilbeggan
- Dublin Open in Glenville
- Kildare Open in Athgarvan

The Meath Team left to right includes: Sophie Farnan (Skryne), Patrick Farrell (Bellewstown), Padraig Mallon (Trim), Joseph Smith (Castletown), Shaun Mulryan (Trim), Ollie Halpenny (Castletown). Skryne Pitch and Putt welcome all new members, hopefully this piece might encourage juveniles in particular.



Well done to Skryne Ladies would are now through to the Masita Cup final after a super win over Moynalvey. Final score Skryne 5-7 Moynalvey 2-12 . Final date and venue to be confirmed .

**Pat O'Dowd, Colvinstown, Tara**

**\*1927 † 2018**

In the month of Pat's birthday, Monica and family wishes to thank the people of the parish for the extreme kindness and expressions of sympathies that were shown to us at the time of Pat's passing. We are so grateful to all our neighbours and friends, and really appreciate all the cards, letters, visits and support that we have received.



A very special thank you to Fr Thomas for your time spent with Pat and for such a beautiful funeral mass.

Thanks also to Michael Ryan for his sensitive and professional approach at such a difficult time, and to the Gray family for all their help in advance and in performing the Mass music.

Finally to Skryne GFC, always a strong support to so many in the parish, thank you to all the many volunteers who helped in any way at the time.

A mass will be offered for all your intentions.

## Condolences

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

- The Tobin family on the death of Jim
- Marian O'Leary on the death of her mother Anna
- Eddie McCormack on the death of his father Tommy
- The Ginty family on the death of Catherine
- The Young Family of the death of Ollie
- The Craig family on the death of Colette
- The Finnegan family on the death of Carmel
- McCabe Family on the death of Joe
- Francis Fitzpatrick on the death of his mother Patricia
- Joe Griffin on the death of his brother Eamonn



# The Meath Festival of Football Arrived at Ross Cross Sports Grounds, Tara on Tuesday July 23



Founding Members of Skryne Rangers who have been associated with the MDL since its inception in 1980 with the Irish Manager - Lt. to Rt. Donal Gaynor, Sean (Ces) Padgeon, Martin Browne, Brendan O'Dowd, Mick McCarthy (Irish Manager) David Pryle and Tony Carolan.



Val Finegan on the mike and Mick Mc Carthy holding the plaque.



Dermot Carty in action at the Meath festival of football



Donal Conway President of the FAI addresses the crowd



Tony Carolan Chairman Skryne Tara, Mick Mc Carthy Republic of Ireland Manager and former Meath Manager Mick O' Dowd



Cathal Dervan FAI with Mick Mc Carthy



Senan Mc Grath Chairman SKRYNE GAA and Mick Mc Carthy



Members of Skryne Tara with Irish International Richard Dunne - Lt. to Rt. - Jack Conroy (Coach), Dermot Carty (Secretary), Robbie Thorpe (Manager), Richard Dunne, Cyril Carty (Assistant Manager), Tony Carolan (Chairperson).



James Finerty with Richard, Paul, Megan on the FAI Bus



MICK MC CARTHY with James Finnerty ex skryne Tara now with Bohemians



Megan Campbell and her former trainer plus the Skryne Tara u16 Girls Head Coach Fr David Brennan



Dessie & Niamh Finnerty with Barry Geraghty



U16 Girls Team with Mick Mc Carthy and Megan Campbell



u11 and 12 Boys Team with Megan Campbell, Mick Mc Carthy, Gary Fagan and Richard Dunne



Barry Geraghty and family with Mick Mc Carthy



u12 boys team with Megan Campbell and Richard Dunne



David Rogan and Richard Dunne with the u 9 Girls Squad



Mick Mc Carthy with the u9 Girls Academy squad

### After a first very successful season in the AUL (Athletic Union League) Skryne Tara held their Presentation night in Fox's Lounge recently



Some of the Skryne Tara members enjoying the function in Fox's. Back (L-R): Allan Carty, Niall Cleary, Jason Fox, James Looby, Darren fox, Luke Thorpe, Dermot Brennan, and Tony Carolan. Front (L-R): Dermot Carty, David Lynch, Conor O'Brien, Mark Jordan, Cyril Carty and Robbie Thorpe.



Congratulations to **Sine Smyth** who represented the Skryne GFC playing for Meath in the Leinster Finals Blitz recently held in Portlaoise.



(Left): Manager Robbie Thorpe presents David Lynch with his Player of the Year award. On left is Chairperson Tony Carolan.

(Right): Manager Robbie Thorpe presents Jason Fox with his award for top Goalscorer of the year watched by Chairperson Tony Carolan.



# RST Rathfeigh N.S.

## Art Project

It was with great pleasure and excitement that we unveiled our 'Map of Meath' art project at the rear of the school last June. Our resident artist in Rathfeigh, Róisín Wade, worked tirelessly over the course of a few months in creating a unique and large piece of art that we are exceptionally proud of. Róisín's dedication to the project and her patience in working with the children in all classes was second to none. The grand unveiling of the project took place on June 20th. It was an emotional unveiling as it was Róisín's last time having a child in Rathfeigh N.S. after fifteen years. The Board of Management, Staff, Parents' Association and all the children wish to thank Róisín for her huge efforts in creating a piece of art that we hope will be around for generations to come! If anyone in the Rathfeigh and Skryne community would like to see the 'Map of Meath' please call to the school during school hours.



## New Year/New Juniors

August 29th was a hive of excitement as the new Junior Infants started school in Rathfeigh. The first day of school is a memorable occasion for children starting school and for their parents/guardians. The new Juniors have settled in really well and we wish them fun and happiness in their time in Rathfeigh.

## RATHFEIGH CHOIR

Rathfeigh Choir returns after the Summer break to the 6 o'clock Mass every Saturday evening in Rathfeigh. They would love to get some new members. Practice takes place every Tuesday evening in Rathfeigh Church from 8 to 9pm. Just come along any Tuesday evening - you don't need to be able to read music.

Studies show that choral **singing** improves our mood, with a decrease in stress, depression and anxiety. These effects are often attributed to the deeper breathing associated with **singing**, that is also used in meditation. These **benefits** are enhanced in a group setting, compared to **singing** alone - why not try it!

# 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.

**AGM OF THE RST COMMUNITY CENTRE:** The AGM of the RST Community Centre will be held on Wednesday 18 September at 8pm. All welcome.

**A TODDLER & BABY GROUP:** is starting on Wed 11th September from 9.30 - 11.30am in the RST Centre (above the GAA clubhouse). Everyone is welcome, the cost is just €3 per family. Call in for a chat and meet new people.

**FOR SALE:** under the counter refrigerator almost new. Skryne, phone 0868434820.

**THE TUESDAY CLUB:** Ttrip to Newbridge House, Donabate. The Tuesday Club's next trip is to **Newbridge House, Donabate, Co. Dublin, on Tuesday 10 September.** Leave Swan's at 9.30 am. We will travel by car. Group Admission €7. Even at this late stage, anyone who wishes to come along, is welcome. Please contact one of the Three Wise Men!

**KNITTING & CRAFT GROUP:** Our group resumes after the summer holidays next Thursday September 12th at 11 until 12.30pm. in the RST Centre. This is an informal group who enjoy the company of like minded people who enjoy clicking our knitting needles & exchanging ideas etc over a cuppa. Please come along & check us out. No level of skill is necessary & indeed most of us are complete amateurs who receive great encouragement from the more experienced among us. It is not necessary to come every week and you are most welcome to come when it suits your schedule. Also no need to book your place just drop in. You will be made very welcome. Patricia

**BADMINTON:** Summer is over. Schools are back. Why not look for something new (and indoors) to keep you fit and enjoy over the autumn and winter months. September sees the start of the badminton calendar and Skryne badminton club are looking for new members, both young and old, both beginner and those that think they can play a bit, or even those that last played in school years ago. The club nights are on Mondays and Fridays in Skryne hall from 7pm for juveniles and 8pm for adults. Any questions, please call Fergus on 0877737937 or Teresa on 0872989347.

## SKRYNE GOLF SOCIETY

Captain's Day was held last Saturday at Rathcore Golf Club. The outing was kindly sponsored by Eddie McManus.



Winner of the Captain's Prize was Declan Browne, quite an achievement for a new member off a handicap of 10. Other winners on the day were Mick Davis in category 1 and Gerry Reynolds in category 2. Mick Rogan and Fred Gilsean came second in their categories.

Our next outing is to Black Bush on 21st September.

## Warrenstown Reunion

**SUNDAY  
15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Mass at 3 p.m.**

Guest Speaker:  
Sean Boylan (Past Pupil)

***Celebrating the Centenary  
of the Salesians in Ireland***

All Past Pupils, former Staff  
and Neighbours welcome

**Refreshments Served**

*"Warrenstown Remembrance Book  
Available"*

**Contact Jimmy: 087 - 748 6611**



Invite you to come along to our  
**Autumn League Scatter Events**

**September 1st** Santry Demesne, Dublin  
**September 8th** Applewood, Swords  
**September 15th** Corduff, Dublin  
**September 29th** Newbridge House,  
Donabate (Prize giving)

All above events will start at 12 noon with registration from 11am. There will be three courses available, Short, Medium, Long. Each event is buggy friendly and suitable for all level of fitness.

**September 22nd**  
Three Rock Wood - Leinster League event

For further details check out  
[www.orienteing.ie](http://www.orienteing.ie) or contact (087)2475321

## COMMUNITY GAMES

**Congratulations to all our brilliant athletes who competed in the community games All Ireland finals in Limerick on the weekend.**

Jack Carty won a gold medal in the u8 B 60m and our under 12 boys relay team of Johnny, Martin, Conor, Sean, subs DJ and Ruby finished fourth in the final to claim a medal, Oisín finished 5th in the final of the u10 hurdles, Leila reached the semi final of the 80m u8 and Sean McC just missed out on a semi final spot in the u16 200m and the u14 boys of James, Josh, Tom and Billy finished 5th in the semi final of their relay with Billy also reaching the semi final of his U14 hurdles. Brilliant performances from everybody in an All Ireland championship.

**Well done!**



**Well done to:** Shauna, Kate & Katie who were part of the Meath U13 Development Squad that competed in the intercounty blitz in Kildare. Thank you to all the County U13 coaches & mentors.



### HIGH KINGS

#### CYCLE CHALLENGE 2019

**On Saturday 28th Sept.**  
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**

**enter at [www.skrynegfc.ie](http://www.skrynegfc.ie)**  
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

## BLOTTO RESULTS

**7th July**  
**03-07-22-28**

Oliver Harrington, Kieran O'Brien,  
Albert Hamill & Gerry O'Connor

**14th July**  
**03-09-13-17**

Pat & Bernie Monahan, Nicky Hamill,  
Gerry Moss & Peter Geraghty

**21st July**  
**03-10-11-24**

Susan Gibbons, Harry Naughton,  
Niamh Fox, Richard & Pauline Coyle

**28 July**  
**03-08-18-22**

Jimmy Swan, Jim & Pauline McManus,  
Philip Kinsella & Jacky Byrne

**4th August**  
**06-11-19-22**

Stephen McQuaid, Carmel Bennett,  
Richard Coyle & Ciara Mulvaney

**11th August**  
**04-09-13-23**

Ned Kearney, Emily Phillips, Paddy Mulvaney  
& Michael O'Grady

**18th August**  
**03-18-25-26**

Emma Dardis, Nicky Hamill, Sandra Tormey  
& Telsey Crocock

**25th August 2019**  
**06-09-15-25**

Paul Donnelly, Damian Whyte,  
Ciara Swan, Ann Tuite

**1st Sept 2019**  
**01-03-13-21**

Breda Tobin, Richard Grealley,  
Kieran O'Flynn, John O'Reilly

**Next week's jackpot**

**€5,300**

*Thank you for your support*

RST Centre Skryne—2 hours per week for 5 weeks.

Digital Skills For  
Citizens Training



**Get online with  
FREE introductory  
internet training**

**LEARN HOW TO**  
Use Laptop, iPad, Tablet, Smartphone  
Send an email  
Shop and Pay bills online  
Social Networking

Learn in a safe, friendly environment at your own pace

If you live in Meath or Cavan and are interested  
just call Angela on **046 9280790**





### Skryne Toddler & Baby Group

*Launching*

*Weekly Weds. from 9.30 - 11.30 am*  
*in the RST Centre*

*Suitable for children from 0-5 years*

*Everyone welcome*

**Cost: €3**

*For further information please contact:*  
*[Skrynetoddlergroup@gmail.com](mailto:Skrynetoddlergroup@gmail.com)*

*Or find us on Facebook 'Skrynetoddlergroup'*

### Local Handy Man Available SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Carpentry / Wooden Floors / Cabinet Making
- Radiator covers made to measure
- Shelving for Hot Presses
- Side Gates made to measure
- Under Stairs storage units
- Garden Maintenance including Hedge Cutting
- Power-washing Paths & Patios
- Supply and Fitting of Fireplaces & Stoves

**NO JOB TOO SMALL!**

**Contact: Pauric**

**T: 046 9034846**

**M: 085 1597105**

**Next Issue**

**Saturday 5th October**

Submissions by Wednesday 2nd October

Contact: Jim Conroy

phone: 046 902 5771

email: [jimconroy747@gmail.com](mailto:jimconroy747@gmail.com)