



Rathfeigh Church Choir who performed their Annual Carol Service in Rathfeigh Church on 15th December

CLASS SCHEDULE - Spring 2020 - RST COMMUNITY CENTRE Tel. 087-1306985			
DAY	TIME	CLASS	CONTACT
Mon.	7 - 8 pm	Speech & Drama	Caren Smyth 087 - 9081381
	8.15 - 9.15 pm	Irish Conversation	John Scanlon 087 - 2896132
Tues.	11 - 12 noon	The Tuesday Club	Maurice Daly 087 - 9543222
	7 - 8pm	Yoga	Brid O'Kane 086 - 3743787
Wed.	9.30 - 10.30 am	Toddler & Baby Group	skrynetoddlergroup@gmail.com/ FB 'Skrynetoddlergroup'
	10 - 11 am	Pilates - Mixed Ability	Nicola Hayden 087 - 6975207
	7 - 8.30 pm	Line Dancing	
Thurs.	11am - 12.30 pm	Craft & Coffee	Patricia Conroy 086 - 8388017
	8 - 9 pm	Pilates - Mixed Ability	Nicola Hayden 087 - 6975207
We also take bookings for meetings, birthday parties, talks, seminars, presentations, funeral catering. The centre is wheelchair friendly, has a lift, nappy-changing facilities, fibre broadband and a fully equipped kitchen. For all queries please phone Susan on 087-1306987 Website: rstskryne.ie email: rstskryne@gmail.com			

## CONDOLANCES

The parish & Skryne GFC passed votes of sympathy with the following on their recent bereavements:

The Daly family, Collierstown on the death of Bob  
Rosie O'Neill, Ross on the death of her sister Ann  
Stephen Martin, Old Ross Road on the death of his brother  
Dan O'Leary, Greenpark on the death of his mother Julie

## Skryne Toddler & Baby Group



Each Wednesday from 9.30 - 11.30am  
in the RST Centre (GAA)  
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: 046 9034846**

**Mobile: 085 1597105**



**THE CYCLE CLUB** year ended with the annual Skryne Cycle Club Hill Climb Challenge (SCCHCC) on 27th December. In first place was Pat (not before time) McGovern, 2nd Mark (Who...?) Hughes and in third place Stephen (no hat trick de' year) Kelly. Refreshments afterwards in Mrs O's cemented the lads reputation as a drinking group with a cycling problem!

## SKRYNE TARA AFC.

Skryne Tara have once again reached the last four of the Leinster Junior Shield. Last year, unfortunately, they were defeated 1-0 at Ross Cross by the eventual winners of this prestigious competition, Straffan Utd from Kildare. As last year they have beaten clubs from Wexford and Dublin on the way to this semi-final.

This time round they have been drawn away to the winners of the quarter final which will be played this coming Saturday between Valley Park United from the AUL and Shelbourne United from the Wexford League. The semi-final will be played either on Saturday 22nd or Sunday 23rd depending on who the opposition are. Valley Park are a Saturday team while Shels are a Sunday team.

Skryne Tara are also top of the table in the League with 24 points from 9 games. This leaves them just one point clear of second placed Beggsboro AFC and they clash in a top of the table battle tomorrow Friday 31st of January in Cabra. The two clubs have also been drawn to play one another in the Challenge Cup at Ross Cross on Sunday 16th February and they will also meet again in the League - a home match for Skryne Tara. So the next month or so will be a very exciting time for the Club and hopefully the season continues in the same successful way it has gone so far for joint managers Robbie and Cyril.

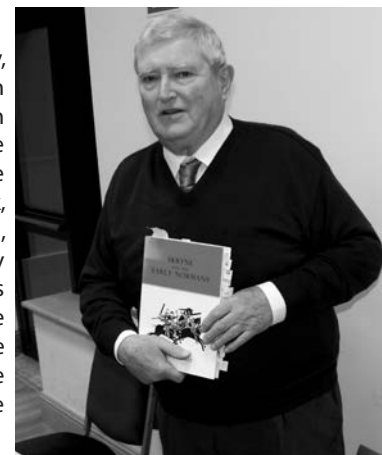


## TUESDAY CLUB

On Tuesday evening 21st January we had an excellent presentation given to us by Mr Eoin Hickey, (right) formerly of Skryne Castle and now a long time resident in Lucan. His presentation centred on the work of his late mother, Mrs Elisabeth Hickey, (part-time historian), who was a full time teacher in Dunshaughlin and founder member of Meath Archaeological and Historical Society. This remarkable lady left us an amazing legacy of the association of Skryne with the Normans and the extent of the importance of the Barony of Skryne which stretched from below Navan and Ardmulchan out to Duleek, over past Kilmoon and beyond, and in the direction of Trevelot almost taking in Dunshaughlin, Killeen, Dunsany and the south side of Tara including Odder. These lands were granted to Adam de Feypo by Hugh de Lacy who built the original castle in Skryne in the early 13th century. Eoin outlined the families associated with these lands and skilfully brought many of the legacies of the Normans up to the present time, as he covered some of the facts contained in her book. Of great interest to many was the fact that the Hill of Skryne was actually a town with over 300 houses and an important part of the Norman infrastructure and also was the location of one of the major horse fairs in Ireland up to the early part of the 20th century.

Books written by Mrs Hickey include, "The Legend of Tara," "The Green Cockatree," "Skryne and the Early Normans," "The Irish Life of St. Finian of Clonard," and "The story of an Early Irish Monastery," published shortly before her death in January 1999.

*A sincere word of thanks to Eoin Hickey and we hope that he may have other nuggets for us in the future.*



Eoin meets his old neighbour, Effie Swan

Mrs. Hickey and her family in front of Skryne castle



Three Skryne locals who are part of the Virginia Gospel Choir (Brian Cheshire, Carmel Reilly and Fionnuala Forde) will be performing in the Solstice Navan, on Saturday 21st March in their concert True Reflections of Love and Hope. Tickets on sale now on the Solstice website or from the box office **046 9092300**.

We are celebrating 15 years together and the theme of the concert is inspired by recently deceased and much-loved member Thomas Reilly. This will be a night of joyous remembrance where audience and performers alike can celebrate those who love us and give us hope in our lives. It is a fundraising concert and all proceeds will be used for Choir Development, where we engage professional gospel teachers or travel to them in order to improve what we do. Any sponsorship, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated. **Brian 0868364554, Carmel 0868373135**

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### Next Issue:

**Saturday 14th March 2020**

Submissions by Wednesday 11th March

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## SCOIL CHOLMCILLE, SKRYNE

### CUMANN Na mBUNSCOL

It was certainly worth the early start on a cold Saturday morning in November to call into Páirc Tailteann for the 10am throw in of the Div. 3 Boys football Final between Ballivor and Sc. Cholmcille, Skryne NS. Ballivor were managed by Skryne stalwart James Battersby who had the dilemma of needing to be at his brother's wedding later that day. After all he was the Best Man!

This Skryne NS team had been improving game on game and were playing with a cohesion and fluency which belied their tender years. Coached by County player Michael Newman they brought an intelligence and intensity to their play which was a joy to behold. Those who came to support were treated to a dazzling display of skilful teamwork where the better placed player almost always got the ball. Solid in defence Skryne were lightning fast to strike the early killer shots. In truth this game was over after about 15 mins as Skryne led 5-6 to 0-1. Ballivor battled away but had no answer to the power play of the Skryne boys. It really was all one way traffic with goalie rarely troubled.

Shortly after half time Skryne started rolling in the subs and believe it or not all 28 panel members got same time on the famed Páirc Tailteann surface. It truly was a comprehensive and thoroughly deserved win. The boys celebrated well back in the school hall with enough gougons, curry and rice to feed an army. Ár mbuíochas to all who came to support on the day. Wonderful to see so many past pupils and friendly faces prepared to get behind the school. Sense of place is still important. Thanks too for all the nice messages received at the school both in advance of and after the Final. Special thanks to all who carried us to matches over the season agus focal buíochas faoi leith do Dermot Carty and Nigel Fox for their help in preparing Skryne pitch for our home games. The school would like also to acknowledge the great work going on at under age level in Skryne GFC which helps prepare our young players for action. With many of this panel still available for next season the future is bright if it is Blue & White!



**ENROLMENT:** Sc. Cholmcille, Skryne NS are currently accepting enrolment applications for the 2020/21 School Year. Please get your application in on time so that classes may be arranged. We would appreciate you carrying this message to anyone else considering starting in Primary School next September.

**CONFIRMATION:** Best wishes to all the pupils from Rang 6 who will make their Confirmation on February 9th. They have been preparing diligently and are looking forward to a wonderful celebration as they grow into the adult family of their church. We are very proud of them.

**OLYMPIC HANDBALL:** The boys and girls of Skryne NS were on Olympic Handball action last week in Gormanston and gave a great account of themselves with Boys and Girls participating in the U-11 and U-13 age groups. Tensions are high as we await the final standings to see which teams will advance to County Finals.

**CREDIT UNION QUIZ:** Next week is a busy week as The Tara & District Credit Union Quiz takes place in the Fr. Gleeson Hall of Skryne NS. We will have 6 teams going forward and they are hopeful of emanating the great success of recent years. Quizmaster John Scanlon will once more ask the questions with the first set being asked @ 6:30pm on Monday night. Tá súil again go mbeidh ne freagraí aige freisin.

**NORTH LEINSTER ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS.** On Wednesday February 5th the pupils from Rang 5 and Rang 6 of Skryne NS will travel to Tymon Park in Tallaght to participate in the final leg of the North Leinster Orienteering Championships. Some

of our pupils are very well positioned in this league and are looking forward to securing the hard won medals. Others are simply trying to improve on personal achievements. Either way all runners are sure to have a great day of fun and activity.

**MR. NEWMAN:** We send our best wishes to teacher Mr. Newman who is presently recovering from a hip operation. We look forward to having him back with us soon and seeing him back in the Meath jersey before too long. It just isn't the same without him. Go mbeidh tú agt féin sar l bhfad Mr. Newman.

**BREAKING NEWS:** The mighty roar that was heard all over the Skryne area last Tuesday morning came from Sc. Cholmcille. Reason for this roof lifting outburst was the announcement that Sc. Cholmcille will once more be putting on a summer musical performance. Our Wicklow Wizard, Mr. Fanning, has yet again produced a masterpiece and we will be bringing our musical to stage on June 17th/18th & 19th. Auditions have started and rehearsals will soon begin. It takes a whole lot of effort to bring this production to an audience but we feel it is well worth the effort. Keep an eye out for further details. We will need lots of help with props, scenery and other logistics. Don't be shy to volunteer.

**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:** We would like to sincerely thank the members of the Board of Management whose term of office came to an end back in December. They have served the school and the community with distinction. Particular thanks to Mr. John Scanlon who has stepped down as Chairperson of the BoM. John has been a loyal servant to the school over many years and has been a particularly steady and guiding influence during his tenure as Chair. We know he will not be too far away from us. Ár mbuíochas John ar son gach rud a rinne tú dúinn. Indeed, as the search by the Patron for a Chairperson to constitute the new BoM continues, John has generously offered to continue and act in a temporary capacity so that the school may meet its obligations. Togha fir!

**"WELLS OF LIFE"** Skryne NS has been supporting a worthwhile charity called "Wells of Life". The aim of this charity is to bring the very basic and necessary commodity of clean water to remote villages in rural Uganda. It is a proud boast of this charity and that every cent raised in donations goes directly to drilling and maintaining water wells. There are no administration costs taken from donations. Every cent of your donation goes towards saving lives in a country where 1 in 5 people will die from drinking contaminated pond water they share with animals. Please visit the Wells of Life website and search "Irish Message" for a first-hand account of what daily life is like for the young people in this region.

Earlier last year a group of students from St. Pat's in Navan went on a mercy mission to Uganda. They carried out much needed supplies to schools and orphanages during their trip. The highlight of which was the opening and dedication of a well which was funded by their efforts. Local student Niall Morland was among those who travelled. He'd be happy to share his experiences with you. Talk to him. As we come out of the season of giving we are asking you to join our efforts and help us bring life saving clean water to these unfortunate people. One well will serve a village of 1000 people for up to 20 years. At a time of excess in this part of the world will you reach out to the poorest of your fellow man and give them a hand up in their daily struggles. Can you open your heart - and then open your pocket - to help some of the most needy.

Skryne NS ran a very successful "Movie Night" just before Christmas to raise funds towards a well. Through the combined work of teachers and pupils as well as some very generous individual donations we managed to raise over €2000. A tremendous result. Our ambition is to have a well donated by Skryne NS up and running by August. Where there is a will, we will find a well!

Please visit Wells of life and learn a little more. You'll feel better for giving and making a difference. [www.wellssoflife.org](http://www.wellssoflife.org)

### ALZHEIMER'S TEA DAY

In an effort to spruce up our annual tea day I am on the hunt for unused china cups, saucers tea pots etc, not necessarily matching which might be lying dormant in your cupboard or attic. You may have been intending to donate it to charity. It would greatly enhance our tea day which each year raises much needed funds for Whistlemount Day Care Centre in Navan. If you are willing to donate please contact **Patricia on 0868388017**. Thank you

## RATHFEIGH SCHOOL

**ENROLMENT WEEK:** Enrolment for children starting in Rathfeigh N.S. in September is from February 3rd to February 7th. Parents/guardians are invited to the school at any time during Enrolment Week to collect an Enrolment Form from the office and talk to Mr Tansley (Principal). We look forward to hearing from you. Parents/guardians are invited to contact the school to make an appointment with Mr. Tansley if unavailable during Enrolment Week. (School Website is: [rathfeighns.org](http://rathfeighns.org) E-mail: [snrathfaiche1@eircom.net](mailto:snrathfaiche1@eircom.net) or Phone: 041-9825156.

**CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation for sixth class pupils takes place on Sunday February 9th at 1.00pm. in Skryne Church. The children are eagerly looking forward to their big day. We wish all the children and their families an enjoyable and spiritual day. We thank Ms. Reynolds for preparing the children.

**CREDIT UNION QUIZ:** Tara & District Credit Union Quiz takes place in Skryne School hall on Monday February 3rd. We have six teams representing the school and wish them the best of luck on the night. There is a big tradition of quizzes in Rathfeigh School with four teams representing the school in the All Ireland Finals in the last twenty years. We thank Mrs Vaughan for preparing all the children for the quiz.

**COMPUTER CLASSES:** The new computer room has been a great success. The children are continuing to improve their I.T. skills on a weekly basis. They have been introduced to several computer packages e.g. PowerPoint, Excel and Word etc. We thank Colm for visiting the school on Wednesdays and for providing the children with challenging and enjoyable lessons.

**GREEN SCHOOL:** We are well underway to achieving a Green School Flag for the school before the summer holidays. Our Green School committee ( and Green School co-ordinator Mrs Campbell) are ensuring that the 'Green School Message' is at the forefront of our daily activities in the school.

**AMBER FLAG:** Ms. Ward is co-ordinating our "Amber Flag" Mental Health Awareness Programme. This Pieta House initiative aims to create a healthy and inclusive school that supports mental well-being. To be awarded the Pieta House Amber Flag our school will be holding a school mental health awareness event in February. We hope our pupils will benefit greatly from this initiative and hopefully the Amber Flag will be flying proudly outside the school before the end of the school year. We thank Ms. Ward for co-ordinating this programme.

## TUESDAY CLUB'S UPCOMING TRIPS

**14 HENRIETTA STREET:** The first Tuesday Club Trip of 2020 is to 14 Henrietta Street, Dublin 1 on Wednesday 12th February at 11.15 am. It has been a museum since 2018 but has 300 years of history, from being on a street which was part of prestigious Georgian Dublin in the 18th century, housing Lords, landed gentry, merchants, architects and Archbishops to falling into disrepair during the 19th/20th centuries and being used as a tenement right up to the 1970s.

As about 30 people are travelling, we will be divided into two groups, going on separate guided tours at 11.15 and 11.30 am. The tour takes 1 hour 15 minutes and costs €6 per person. They suggest one payment which will be collected as we arrive at 11am. We all make our own travel arrangements. If travelling by bus from either Ross Cross or Ashbourne, please ask the driver politely to let you off on Blessington Street. (It's not officially a stop!). It's a 4 minute walk from there, with Bolton St College on your left. Afterwards we are free to go and eat. Enjoy the trip.

**ARMAGH.** The Tuesday Club is planning a trip to Armagh on Tuesday 24 March so keep this date in mind. Armagh, officially a small city, has very many attractions. Included are the two cathedrals, both named after St. Patrick; the Armagh Observatory and Planetarium; Navan Fort a pagan ceremonial site which is one of the great royal sites of Ireland like Tara and Armagh Gaol. Legend tells us that the mighty Clare man, King Brian Boru was buried there after 1014.

**Further information and updates in the next RST newsletter.**

Maurice Daly.



## at the RST CENTRE

Thursdays 8pm, commencing 13th Feb 2020

Intermediate/advanced level.

Not for beginners.

Pay as you go class,

but please note class size kept to 12/13 people.

Booking /Enquires to Nicola on 087 6975207

Classes instructed by qualified Pilates Instructor.

## SKRYNE COMMUNITY ALERT

A number of Carbon Monoxide detectors have been provided through the group to those in need in our community. These can be true lifesavers as Carbon Monoxide is an odourless killer gas. If you have elderly or vulnerable neighbours who you think may not have an alarm or the means to buy and fit one themselves, please let them know that they can contact any member of Skryne Community Alert Group and we will initiate the process to request an alarm from the Muintir na Tire scheme on their behalf. CO alarms are also widely available through DIY stores – every house should have one in each room that has a fuel burning appliance. Remember these alarms have limited lifespans, so check the date on your own smoke and CO alarms to see if they have passed their useful life and may need replacing.

Our next Community Alert Group meeting will take place **Monday 17th February at 8pm in Skryne Hall.**

## CHILDRENS MUSIC CLASS

Would you like your child to learn to play a musical instrument? A meeting of parents who would like to have their child learn to play music will take place on Tuesday 11 February in the RST centre @ 3.30pm. This meeting will be to discuss the setting up of music lessons.

A qualified professional music teacher (Áine Kerr, mobile 086 8525339) will be there to answer all the questions and to set out fees etc. This meeting will be for adults only for the purposes of setting up the classes.

## NOTICES

Family seeking part-time help with children (3 years, 2 years and new arrival due soon) and light housework **086 0745056**

**Table Quiz** in aid of Tara Athletic Club (lip Sync fundraiser) on Saturday 22nd February @ 9pm in Fox's Pub Table of 4 €40

**Kind, reliable childminder** required to mind two children in childminders own home. Rathfeigh/Skryne area. **Phone 087-6320166 for more info.**

**NEW** – Yoga class on Tuesdays from 7pm – 8pm. RST Centre. Further details please phone **Brid on 086- 3743787**

**NEW** – Pilates class starting Thursday 13th February from 8pm – 9pm. RST Centre. Intermediate and Advanced levels. Please contact **Nicola on 087 – 6975207** **For all RST Centre enquiries or bookings, please contact Susan on 087 – 1306985**

**Riding For The Disabled Ireland (RDAI)** Volunteers needed to help with Riding for the disabled Ireland on Tuesday mornings 11.30 to 1pm at Pelletstown Riding Centre. No experience with horses necessary. **Telephone Anne 0874195582**