

## Skryne Tara Reach Leinster Final

Successful Season Continues to Reach New Heights



Back row Lt to Rt. Jamie Jordan. Dermot Brennan. Niall Cleary. David Lynch. Allan Carty. Darragh Keegan. Darren Fox. Stephen O'Brien. Paddy Carpenter. Brian Gallagher. Tommy Carpenter. Front Lt to Rt. Ciaran Croke. Chris Matthews. Timmy Lennon. Colin Doyle. Mark Jordan (Captain). Jason Fox. Conor O'Brien. Frank Carty. Luke Thorpe. Mascots - Cian Carty (Lt) and Jack Carty. Missing from picture - Jack Conroy. Colm McLoughlin and Andrew McEntee.

### Skryne Tara AFC have reached the Final of the Leinster Junior Shield for the first time.

Last year the lads reached the semi-final of this Competition which is one of the most prestigious in Junior football. In that semi-final they were defeated 1-0 by the eventual winners Straffan United from the Kildare League. This term the team were determined to go one better and have now done so by reaching the final where they will be up against another Meath based club - Ashbourne United. In a competition that began with over one hundred and thirty teams from all over Leinster is now down to just two - both from County Meath but neither playing their football in a Meath League. Ashbourne United play in the Junior section of the Leinster Senior League while Skryne Tara play in the

Athletic Union League in Dublin. Skryne Tara have made a number of journeys to Wexford over the last two years so it was no surprise when they once again drew opposition from that League in this years semi-final. Shelbourne United (not to be confused with the Dublin senior club Shelbourne FC) were our opponents in that last four game and so a bus trip to New Ross was undertaken once again. A long day was made very worthwhile with a well deserved 3-1 win over a physically strong Shelbourne United side. Now the Final is fixed for Saturday 11th April in United Park, Drogheda, and all the players are looking forward to the experience of playing on a League of Ireland ground for the first time.

Let's hope they can make it a day to remember and make history for one of the youngest and smallest clubs in the competition. As both team's colours are yellow a draw was made, in the FAI Headquarters in Abbottstown recently, for the right to play in their usual home jerseys. Skryne Tara won that draw and will play in their normal yellow and blue strip. They will also have the use of the 'Home' changing room in United Park.

On their way to the Final Skryne Tara have played six knockout matches - 1st Round - Skryne Tara 6 Shankill (LSL) 1 at Ross Cross 2nd Round - All Blacks (Wexford) 0 Skryne Tara 1 in Wexford Town. 3rd Round - Duncannon (Wexford) 0 Skryne Tara 2 in Duncannon 4th Round - Skryne Tara 2 Wayside Celtic (LSL) 1 at Ross Cross Quarter Final - Skryne Tara 4 SCV (LSL/AUL) 1 at Ross Cross Semi-Final - Shelbourne United (Wexford) 1 Skryne Tara 3 in New Ross Final - Skryne Tara v Ashbourne United (LSL) United Park Drogheda.

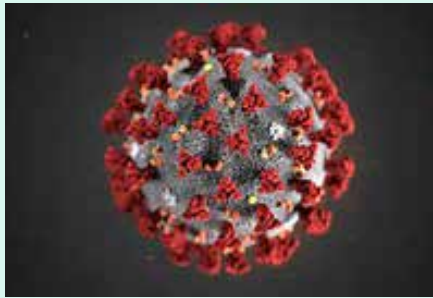
Skryne Tara are also flying high in the AUL Div 3 League and are 4 points clear of second placed Beggsboro FC with seven games left. They have 34 points from their 13 games played so far. The club are still in the Challenge Cup and the Quarter Final of the Unidare Cup. So doing well in four competitions a big squad is necessary and the joint managers Robbie Thorpe and Cyril Carty are using all of the 23 players to great effect which can be a difficult task at the best of times.

**The squad is** - Darragh Keegan, Colin Doyle, Allan Carty, David Lynch, Darren Fox, Timmy Lennon, Luke Thorpe, Ciaran Croke, Conor O'Brien, Mark Jordan (Captain), Jason Fox, Frank Carty, Stephen O'Brien, Dermot Brennan, Jack Conroy, Paddy Carpenter, Niall Cleary, Tommy Carpenter, Chris Matthews, Jamie Jordan, Colm McLoughlin, Andrew McEntee, Brian Gallagher.

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# COVID-19 and the community

The corona virus has arrived in Ireland, and while there is currently no vaccine or treatment for the virus, we must each take responsibility to limit its spread to vulnerable members of our community. 80% of us will have mild or no symptoms, but it is up to all of us to protect the other 20%.



Most vulnerable are those over 60 years old, and those with long term medical conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, cancer or high blood pressure. The following are the recommendations from the HSE to help prevent the spread of the virus:

## Do

- ✓ Wash your hands properly and often
- ✓ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough and sneeze.
- ✓ Put used tissues into a bin and wash your hands.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- ✓ Avoid close contact with people who are not well.
- ✓ Follow the travel advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ Stay at home if you are sick to help stop the spread of whatever infection you may have

## Do Not

- ✗ Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- ✗ Do not share objects that touch your mouth – for example, bottles, cups

The advice can change as more is learned about the virus. You will find the latest information at [www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus](http://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus).

If you have a vulnerable neighbour, it would be a good idea to keep in touch and see if they need anything. But don't call around in person if you have any symptoms or think you may have been exposed to the virus.

ALONE have launched a helpline for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland, in collaboration with the HSE and the Department of Health.

The helpline will provide advice and reassurance, complementing the clinical advice and HSE helpline and support. Should you or an older person you know need advice or support you can reach ALONE from 8am-8pm Monday-Friday on 0818 222 024.

## Skryne Golf Society 2020 Season

We're open for new members (and old returning ones too!). Come and enjoy a great day out. A game of golf with friends, a meal, a social occasion and maybe even a prize too! First outing only around the corner so don't delay!

**April 4th:** Carton House

**May 23rd:** Headfort Kells

**June 20th:** Howth

**July:** Killeen Castle prov.

**August 22nd:** County Meath Trim (Captain's)

Membership open to Gents and Ladies is only €50 and each outing is also €50 (including golf, prizes and a meal). To join up, or enquire – contact Willie 0872856886, Liz 0871384803 or Luke 0872388155



This lovely photo was taken by Terry Foley in November.



## Skryne GFC

Congratulations to Donie Ryan who was selected at right half forward on the Lancashire Senior All Stars for 2019. An honour that was richly deserved. Donie was based in Manchester for the past year and played his football for the John Mitchels club in the Lancashire Championship. Well done Donie and we look forward to having you back in the blue and white Skryne colours in the near future.



# RST Rathfeigh National School

## Enrolment for September 2020

Parents and Guardians are welcome to visit the school at any time if they are thinking about enrolling their child in Rathfeigh N.S. in September 2020. If you have a child of school-going age and are undecided about what school to send your child please visit the school and Mr. Tansley would be delighted to show you around the school and see the excellent facilities and classrooms in Rathfeigh N.S. We aim to provide a rounded education for all pupils in a happy, safe and respectful environment with all pupils given the chance to shine in music, sport, art, drama and other areas of personal development. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Credit Union Quiz

We had six teams representing the school in the Tara & District Credit Union Quiz on February 3rd. The children were very well prepared for the event by Mrs. Vaughan and all teams represented the school really well. In a competitive quiz Rathfeigh were runners up in the Under 11 and Under 13 competitions. We thank John Scanlon, who once again, did a fantastic job as Quiz Master and to Skryne N.S. for hosting the event.

## Confirmation

We congratulate all the pupils in Rathfeigh and Skryne who received their Confirmation in Skryne Church on February 9th. We thank Ms. Reynolds for preparing the children for their Confirmation and to Mrs. Vaughan for organising the choir. The children sang beautifully in the choir and we thank them for giving of their time on the Confirmation Day. We thank the Parents' Association for providing food and refreshments in the hall afterwards.

## Pancake Tuesday/Amber Flag

Our sixth class pupils were delighted to continue the tradition of making pancakes for all pupils in the school on Shrove Tuesday. It was a mammoth task but they did an amazing job in feeding all the children in the school in 90 minutes. All children in the school contributed €2.00 towards our Amber Flag Mental Health Initiative for Pieta House which was co-ordinated by Ms. Ward. A big thanks, also, to the parents who assisted the sixth class pupils in making the pancakes.

## World Book Day

There were extra excitement on the faces of the children coming to school on World Book Day. (March 5th). Most children came to school dressed up as characters from their favourite books. Their enthusiasm for reading and writing books was a joy to behold and I wouldn't be surprised if we have some future budding authors in the making!

## Swimming

The pupils in Fourth to Sixth class have started five weeks of swimming lessons in Navan swimming pool. We are delighted to be in a position to offer swimming lessons to the children as aquatics is a major component of the P.E. curriculum and a vital life-skill.

## Historical Field Trips

Our Fifth and Sixth class pupils will be visiting Kilmainham Jail on March 19th. The activities in Kilmainham Jail played an important part in Irish history and this field trip will hopefully complement the work the children are doing in class on the 1916 Rising. Third and Fourth class pupils are eagerly awaiting their field trip to the Battle of the Boyne site on March 26th.

## Green Flag

Our Green School Committee are doing a great job in spreading the Green Schools message. 'Being Green and Clean means you're on the Rathfeigh Recycling Team'. All the children are making a concerted effort to recycle more and reduce waste. We will be visited by the Green School organisers at the end of March and we hope to have a Green School Flag flying outside the school before too long!

## Badminton

Our Sixth class pupils took part in a badminton competition in Baldoye on March 4th. We thank Teresa for organising this event which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

## Science in a Box

This is the second year that Eimear Moffat has sponsored the Science in a Box STEAM project in Rathfeigh N.S. Over the course of ten weeks the children will be visited by scientists to deliver the programme. The programme focuses on Biology this year. It is a fun, hands on approach to the teaching of science and has been a great success and will hopefully lay the foundation for the next generation of building scientists in Rathfeigh.

# 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.

## ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEAN UP:

Saturday March 21st 2020. It's that time again for our annual roadside clean up. Skryne GFC have kindly agreed to facilitate our collection again this year. Brigid will be at Swans car park on morning of Saturday 21st at 10am for anyone who may need a pick up stick. Please remember to wear high visibility vest and gloves. As in previous years if you are not available on the morning please do a little on the day before and after and take to Skryne GFC for collection by Meath Co Council before Monday morning March 23rd. If you haven't been involved before & wish to clean up your road please come and join us. Let's make a special effort this year. Any queries ring Brigid 086 331 4487. Thank you.

## I WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY THANK:

the parishioners of Skryne and Rathfeigh for their very generous donation towards my volunteering trip to Jamaica. In light of recent events, in an unlikely case that this trip

is cancelled, I would like to assure you that the money still go to its intended cause.

When I return, I will be able to give you a flavour of the work that was done.

Andrew White



# Condolences

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

- To Pat & Cepta Moss Riverstown and their daughter Sharon on the death of Sharon's husband.
- Battersby Family, Rathfeigh on the death of Paddy.
- Sharon Guirey on the death of her father James.
- Patricia Gaynor, Branstown on the death of her sister Bridget
- Pauline McManus, Oberstown on the death of her father Michael

## The Skryne Brooch

Some years ago, I highlighted the existence of the Skryne Brooch and asked why it wasn't back in Ireland where it belongs. On a recent visit to the British Museum in London, I was delighted to see it on display again in Room 41 in the "Celtic Britain and Ireland Section, AD 300 – 1100." Its name is not mentioned but a caption underneath tells us that the brooch was found in "Tara, 1893."

After 127 years, wouldn't it be lovely if it came home, even for a visit! However, when I approached the National Museum in Dublin, I was told that they had "neither plans nor reasons" to borrow it from London. They said that there were hundreds of artefacts in British Museums that originated in Ireland during colonial days. I rest my case for now!

### Local events cancelled.

The following local events have been cancelled:

1. The Tuesday Club trip to the Irish American Folk Park in Omagh on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.
2. The lecture by Dr John McDonagh on poet Paul Durkin on 1<sup>st</sup> April in the RST Centre,
3. The RST "Tar-Mac" Quiz in Swan's on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## Skryne Therapy Clinic

Holistic & Sports  
Massage  
McTimoney-Corley  
Spinal Therapy  
Ruth 086 891 2083  
Joyce 086 101 7342  
www.skrynetherapyclinic.com  
Clinic to Rear



### Thursdays 8pm @ RST

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.

## The Salon

**Mother's Day Offer: €10 Off all Colour**  
to our hard working mummies  
• T&C's apply to all offers.  
Patch test is required (24 hours in advance)  
of any colour application.  
• Consultation is advised to any new clients.

### The Beauty Room

**Mother's Day Offer (18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>)**  
To celebrate all our hard working mummies  
for the week of 18th - 22nd March,  
**All Gel Polishes are Reduced to €15!!**  
We are also delighted to introduce  
new stylist Niamh to our team  
who will be joining us on Fridays.  
Niamh is a colour specialist with a wealth of experience.  
She has completed a Colour Masters Degree.  
As an introductory we would like to offer  
**20% off all colour with Niamh**  
on Fridays for March & April.  
\* Not in conjunction with any other offers\*.



### 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  
Or find us on  Facebook  
'Skrynetoddlergroup'

**Next Issue**  
**Saturday 18th April**  
Submissions by Wednesday 15th April

Contact: Jim Conroy  
phone: 046 902 5771  
email: jimconroy747@gmail.com

## BLOTTO RESULTS

### 5th January

4-11-21-27

€40 draw winners:

Christy Doyle, Amy McQuaid,  
Rowan Dardis, Oliver Harrington

### 12th January

16-18-25-26

€40 draw winners:

Michael & Regina O'Sullivan,  
Dinah McQuaid, Maeve Bayly,  
Jenny O'Dowd

### 19th January

8-14-21-26

€40 draw winners:

Audrey Mooney, Mike Noonan,  
Michael & Regina O'Sullivan, Bernie Daly

### 26th January

2-15-24-26

€40 draw winners:

Kevin & Sharon Smith, Ross Phillips,  
Padraig Travers, Ann O'Reilly

### 2nd February

4-10-14-17

€40 draw winners:

Ann Tuite, Paddy Mulvany,  
Ava Fay, McManus Family

### 9th February

2-6-8-19

€40 draw winners:

Jim & Pauline McManus,  
Sheila & Fergal Mooney,  
James Dardis Jnr, Conor Daly

### 16th February

3-6-12-16

€40 draw winners:

Nuala Phillips, Susan Shorten, Maria,  
Brid & Sinead O'Kane, Ita Swan

### 23rd February

10-12-18-19

€40 draw winners:

Johnny Clarke, Jim & Pauline McManus,  
Gerry Browne, Eamon Giles

### 1st March

11-16-20-26

€40 draw winners:

Nuala Phillips, Tom Mulvany,  
K.S.C Kinsella, Megan Heaney

### 8th March

2-9-11-18

€40 draw winners:

Brian Smyth, Nigel Fox, Des Barry,  
Tommy Coleman

**Next week's jackpot**

**€8,200**

**Thank you for your support**