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SKRYNE G.F.C.



SKRYNE G.F.C. 3 YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN Need for Fundraising!!

During October 1998 a detailed survey of our membership, players, officials, parents and supporters of Skryne G.F.C. was carried out. Analysis of the survey was used in formulating a Three Year Development Plan for the year 1999 to 2001. This plan was adopted unanimously at the Club's A.G.M. in December 1998.

The survey highlighted the deficiencies in the facilities we have available and necessary improvements as follows were set out as TARGETS TO THE PLAN:

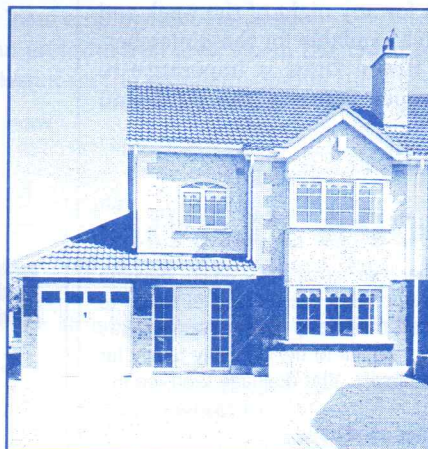
- Secure additional pitches
- Drain existing pitch
- Install proper flood-lighting
- Improve Clubhouse facilities
- All-weather training area.

Research on the appropriate work necessary has been carried out by the Club and Budget Costings have indicated that approximately £80,000 is required. Skryne G.F.C. has always been one of the leading clubs in Meath and we are determined to make sure that our facilities are capable of servicing the Club and its membership.

This is the reason we have undertaken this major fundraising House Draw and we again ask for the support of the Parish. Also we have applied for funding from the National Lottery and also will obtain grants and loans from the G.A.A.

SKRYNE WALTERSTOWN HOUSE DRAW

This House could be yours for £100



The 4 Bedroom Semi-Detached Luxury house built by Laurence McLoughlin Ltd. to the highest standards is located at 43 Bailis Manor, Athlumney, Navan.

We will have it available for viewing on weekends commencing in June.

Draw will take place on 24th October 1999. Tickets are £100 each. Contact: Maurice Daly at (01)825 6225; John Burke at (046)25232 or Kevin O'Rourke at (041)25047.

EARLY BIRD DRAW:

As an incentive to buy your ticket early we are holding an Early Bird Draw on Saturday 12th June. All fully paid up tickets will be entered in this draw for £500. Further details in future issues of RST.

COFFEE DAY

Sat. 1st May 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

in aid of Skryne/Walterstown draw,

at Giles, Ross Tara

Entry Fee - Adults - £5.00

Every 20 names constitutes draw for House ticket

Boys & Girls have your photo taken with Trevor £2.00

Every 100 Names constitutes draw for House ticket

Draw for Trevor's signed tracksuit, tickets £1.00 Each

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A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF SKRYNE FOOTBALL PITCH!!

The need for a second pitch for the club or to ensure the surface on the present one is playable all the time becomes very evident when we analyse the number of games and training sessions there are in a week.

MONDAY: Under 12 training at 6 p.m.; Ladies training at 7 p.m.; Reserve League at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY: Minor training at 7 p.m. Senior training at 8 p.m.; Under 16 match at 8 p.m.; Senior match (league) at 8 p.m. League matches on alternate Tuesdays take preference over training.

WEDNESDAY: Under 14 match at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY: Under 12 training at 6 p.m.; Under 16 training at 7 p.m.; Senior training at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY: Ladies training at 7 p.m.; Minor match at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY: Under 10 training at 11 a.m. or under 10 match at 12 noon. Under 12 match at 3 p.m.; Senior training at 5 p.m. Under 16 training at 6 p.m. In the Autumn under 13 match at 2 p.m. and under 15 match at 3.30 p.m.

SUNDAY: Minor or under 17 match at 11 a.m. Senior or Junior match at 3 p.m.

On top of all this Meath Co. Board can at their discretion "fix" a match for any night of the week and we have to make the pitch available for these matches. So the success of our House Draw is imperative to enable us to install proper lights in the pitch and ensure an all the year round playing surface.

"YOUR HELP IS NEEDED".

RAIN STOPS PLAY!!

Due to recent bad weather our pitch has again become unplayable and the Adult teams have been forced to return to the Hill of Tara where most of their early season training was carried out. The club is very thankful to the Donnelly family for allowing us access. We are hopeful that drainage work on our pitch can be carried out in early May which will ensure that we can use it in nearly all weather conditions.

SKRYNE LADIES G.A.A.

Skryne opened their championship campaign with a spirited display against Rathkenny on Sunday last. The sides were level until the last six minutes until Rathkenny got a goal against the run of play. They scored a further 3 points in the last few minutes. The team was: Naomi Connell, Niamh Connell, Karen Kellegher, Val Rogan, Nicola Rogan, Orla Tobin, Jenny Tobin, Elaine Kellegher, Sinead Daly, Sinead McSorley, Claire Cromwell, Claire Cunningham, Suzanne Whyte, Mary Bennett, Catherine O'Rourke.

SKRYNE / RATHFEIGH COMMUNITY GAMES

ART: Congratulations to Eva Tuite who came 1st in the U.12 Art County Finals held in Navan. Eva will represent Meath in Mosney in August. Also congratulations to Hannah Moore who came 2nd in the same competition.

OLYMPIC HANDBALL: County Finals will be held in Skryne on Friday 7th May for U.11 and U.13 Boys and on Friday 14th May for U.11 and U.13 Girls.

Good luck to all team.

The committee would like to take this

opportunity to wish all the children from this area who are representing Meath in Mosney next month the best of luck.

Quiz Team: Michelle Duffy, James Gilsenan, Brian Gallagher, Donal Scanlon, James Hegarty, Brid O'Kane, Catherine Canavan, Cillian O'Donoghue, Brid Conroy, Alan Tuite, Hazel Gallagher and Carmel Moore. Cross Country: Andrew Molloy, Claire Morley, Eimear Hanratty. Projects: Sinead Dunphy and Hazel Gallagher.

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The juniors got their championship off to a winning start with a very good performance against Bellewstown on Sunday last. Final score 3-11 to 2-6 with Bellewstown's second goal coming from a penalty very late in the game.

Team: Fergal Power, Quentin Greally, Sean Lynch, Liam O'Rourke, Gordon Geraghty, Allen Swan, Kevin Morley, Mark Harrington (1-1), Declan Browne, James Battersby, Felim O'Rourke (1-4), Niall Smyth (0-2), Brian O'Carroll (1-0), Brendan McDonnell (0-3), Shane Cunningham (0-1). Sub: Michael Reilly.

Next match, Sunday 2nd May V Moylough in Bective at 7.15 p.m.

Well done to Juveniles who had a great win against Senchalstown by 2-9 to 1-5

Votes of Sympathy passed with Paul O'Donnell, Bective, the Wheelan Family, Garlow Cross the Davis Family, Branstown.

Next committee meeting Sunday 17th May in Club at 8.30 p.m.

BLOTTO

Sunday 18th April 1999

Numbers drawn: 2 - 11 - 18 - 24

Jackpot Winner

Jim Dardis
congratulations

Sunday 25th April 1999

Numbers drawn: 3 - 12 - 14 - 15

Jackpot not won - £25 each to:
Mary Wilkinson, Brian Smyth, Jason Ruddy, Jim Duignan

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT
£1,100

Thank You for your Support

SKRYNE BRIDGE CLUB

7/4/99

1st:

Diana Connolly and Gerald Perry

2nd:

Angela Kelleher and Pat Moran

3rd:

Aine Whelan and Noel O'Brien

4th:

Una Rourke and Mary Curran

14/4/99

1st:

Phyllis Donnelly and Evelyn Neary

2nd:

Mary Geraghty and Ita Swan

3rd:

Joan Keogh and Gertie Kavanagh

4th:

Dolores Farrell and Leo Darby

TARA A.F.C.

The season finished as it began on a successful note. Our final match ended in a 1-0 victory over Bridge Park in Navan. As the team had not played for a few weeks it took them a long time to get going, but they dominated the second half and a well worked goal from Jonathan Carroll won the game. Unfortunately as a result of Navan Cosmos getting a 'walk over' we cannot gain promotion. As I said in the last RST it still surpassed our expectations to finish so high up in the League.

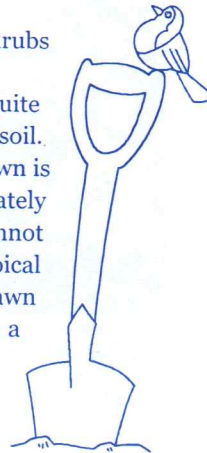
The team was: Barry Lynch, Gerard Mulvany, Allan Carty, Derek Nixon, Sean Lynch, Martin Mulvany, Jonathan Carroll, Philip Kinsella, Paddy Fitzsimons, Shane Fitzpatrick and Mark Kinsella. Subs: Darren Gaughan, Shane Hamill.

LAWN PERFECTION

The centre-piece for most gardens is a good lawn and it is amazing how it can set off the rest of the plants. If shrubs and flowers are not so hot, but the lawn is good, the garden will look better than it really is.

This is a critical time of year for lawns. With increasing soil temperatures, the level of growth is high. However, quite often, grass has responded poorly to improving growing conditions due to a shortage of plant nutrients in the soil. Therefore a lawn will get hungry over a period of years. When the grass is cut, nutrients are removed and if the lawn is mowed up to 30 times each summer, the reservoir of nutrients will soon be depleted. Lawn grass needs a moderately high level of nutrition to grow well. Starved grass is pale green, yellow or even brown. It makes little growth and cannot compete with broad-leaved plants that draw nutrients from deeper in the ground. The broad-leaved plants are typical lawn weeds, such as dandelions, daisies and buttercups. Moss also thrives when growth is poor. Feeding with lawn fertiliser will restore the levels of nutrients and encourage good growth and good colour. To avoid too vigorous a grass growth, it is important to apply small amounts at two month intervals, starting in late March or April.

If you want to have grass free of weeds, then feed regularly and use a lawn weedkiller during a warm spell of weather. If you want to have some wildflowers in the grass, limit the amount of lawn fertiliser used and not use any weedkiller.



RATHFEIGH - OBERSTOWN - SKRYNE - TARA CAMPAIGN AGAINST MILL PROJECT

Press Release: Anti Mill Factory Campaign in full swing

Our campaign is in full swing in objecting to the planning application by Edward Kavanagh (Maynooth,) Co.Kildare for an animal feed mill factory at Oberstown.

Meath Co. Council have to date received 50 formal objections from local residents plus a petition signed by 140 residents objecting to the proposed development. The local committee wish to again reiterate their concerns about the plant, in the planning application to the Council it states that the plant will operate on a 24 hour basis and provide only 30 jobs which will be filled by existing employees in Maynooth and Ashbourne. There will be no local employment bonanza.

Again it is our view that this type of industry should be located in an industrial area which has the infrastructure to match its needs. The mill building will be 123 feet tall and will significantly impact on the visual amenity of the Hill of Skryne and the Hill of Tara.

Both Tara and Skryne are areas of significant historical and archaeological importance and form an important part of the heritage tourism industry in our county and last but not least are areas of significant pride among the people of our parish. To allow this development will create a permanent eyesore for us all, impact on our heritage and create a significant traffic hazard on all of our roads. On this point you can be sure that vehicles going to and from the factory will use every shortcut available and before long all our roads will be in a very poor condition something which we have had to put up with for too long.

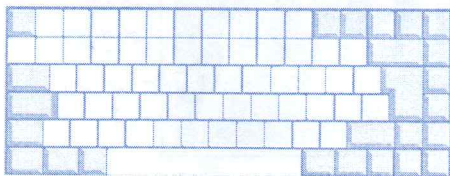
At a considerable cost we have engaged a firm of planning consultants to put together a professional objection on our behalf and this is at its final stages and will be lodged with the Council next week. It is important if you have not already done so to write to the Council if you wish to object quoting the planning application no. 99/395.

Finally the local election will be held in June and when candidates are looking for your vote express to them your objections to this development and ask them for a commitment to assist with our campaign to STOP this factory from going ahead.

For more information contact any of the committee below.

Patrick Quinlan (046)25639; Peter O'Reilly (046)25700; Dominic Hegarty (046)25477; Rachel Williams (046)26347; Sean Toal (046)25853 or Michael Hoban (046)25429.

Scoil Cholmcille



Mr. Foley's 4th and 5th class have been busy following the journey of the "Jonathan Swift" Irish Ferries new ship, on its maiden voyage. It is being sailed from Australia, where it was built, and its journey is being posted on the Irish Ferries web site (<http://www.irishferries.ie>). The reason for their keen interest is that Elaine Canavan's dad, Tony, is captain of the vessel, a high speed catamaran. Mr. Foley's class have been following the

journey on the Internet and are in contact with Tony by e.mail.

Ms. McDonagh's 2nd and 3rd classes have also been active on the internet. To celebrate World Book Day on Friday last, they participated in an e.mail poetry project. Having written poems for the day, each class e.mailed their poems to several other schools with which they were grouped. New each school will publish an Inter-School Poetry collection containing poems from all participating schools.

OLYMPIC HANDBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to the U.12 Boys Olympic Handball team who had a great win at Simonstown G.A.A. Hall last week. This was the third school team to lift the County title, the U.10

boys and U.11 boys having lifted their respective titles the previous week. They had a baptism of fire in their first match with St. Olivers, Navan, trailing 4-2 at the interval. With 5 minutes remaining, we were 6-2 in arrears. However, showing true Skryne grit and determination the lads clawed back to a 7 all draw (and were unlucky not to win the game!)

In the second match vs Oldcastle we needed to win by a margin of 5 to take the title. The boys coasted to an 11-4 victory.

Team: John Hanley (Captain), Mark Urbinati, Chris Kelly, Ronan McCabe, David White, Robert White, Dermot Ryan, Matthew Fogarty, Donal Hanratty, Kevin O'Reilly, Robert Foran, Shane Gore.

Parish Corner

We offer sincere sympathy to the families and friends of:
Irvin Malsingh, Greenpark and Ray Roden, Skryne.

CONFIRMATION:

Bishop Smith will visit the parish on Thursday May 6th to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the boys and girls from 6th class in Skryne and Rathfeigh school.

FIRST COMMUNION:

in Skryne Church on Saturday 8th May at 11.00 a.m. and in Rathfeigh Church on Saturday 15th May at 11.00 a.m.

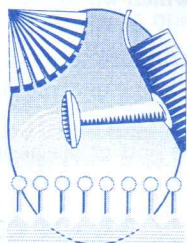
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SKRYNE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING
Monday 10th May at 8.30 p.m.
in Scoil Cholmcille
All parents welcome.

County Meath Branch M.S. IRELAND LTD.



*Garden Plant Sale
in Skryne Hall
on
Wednesday 5th May
10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.*

*Admission – £1 including coffee
Donations of plants may be given to
Mary Wilkinson, Baronstown
Tel.: (046)25485*

COMMUNITY ALERT GROUP MEETING POSTPONED

Community Alert Group members should note that the meeting originally planned for Monday 26th April, will now be held on Monday 10th May. A good attendance is required to finalise details of potential grant applications.

THANK YOU

Ted, Josie and the Snowdon family wish to thank all their kind neighbours and friends for all their prayers and good wishes during Ted's recent illness. Ted is making a good recovery and feeling much better.

Your kindness is much appreciated.

SKRYNE / RATHFEIGH PIONEER CENTRE

*Pioneer Centenary Rally, Croke Park, Dublin
30th May, 1999*

Pioneers, Relatives and Friends welcome

Tickets – £5 • Bus – £5

Bus leaving Skryne at 12 noon (approx).

Those interested contact any of the following numbers:

(046)25288; (046)25446 or (046)25144.

PROGRAMME:

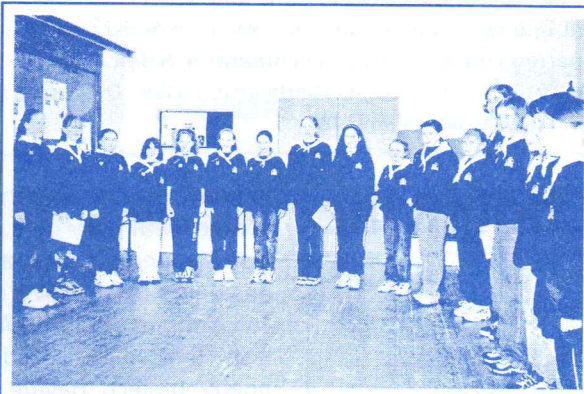
2 p.m. Interlude: Pioneering for a Century featuring Ronan Tynan & Niamh Murray presented by Aonghus McAnally
3.30 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving.

NEXT ISSUE

Saturday 15th May

All articles to be submitted by Wednesday 12th May.

GIRL GUIDES



A group of the Girls from Tara Unit following their enrolment as Girl Guides.

The Tara Unit of the Girl Guides is now firmly established following the enrolment ceremony of nineteen girls between the ages of 9 and 13 along with the leader, Adrienne on 15th April.

Four Patrol Leaders, Bríd, Eimear, Laura and Susan attended an International Day in Dublin on Saturday 17th April. They had a very enjoyable day meeting Guides from all over Ireland and hearing of their trips to places such as India, Canada and Switzerland. Foods from foreign parts were sampled and games were played. The girls had a chance to dress up in clothes from other countries such as Saris and Flamenco dresses.

Girl Guides is proving very popular and we hope its success continues.