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Hill of Tara Re-Opened

The Hill of Tara has just come through one of the quietest periods in its long history. For the first time in living memory this world-famed site was closed to the public for 10 weeks due to the Foot and Mouth emergency. Happily for its many friends from at home and abroad it re-opened last weekend and there was a celebration to mark the occasion at the Hill on Saturday morning.

It is a measure of the respect in which the Hill is held that for the duration of closure there was still a constant stream of people coming here to pay their respects and to visit Maguire's shop and tea-rooms, which remained open throughout. As a temporary measure, a programme of slides was shown in the Old Book Shop to a number of visitor groups.

Also during this quiet time local people banded together to do a massive clean up of the five approach roads to Tara. On Saturday April 21st 22 volunteers turned out for a two hour work project that resulted in 78 bags of refuse being gathered up.

Last Saturday's celebration at the Hill is not only one of joy at the re-opening of Tara but one of thanks as well to the many people who so clearly showed their support for all that this marvellous place stands for during the FMD restrictions.

Matters are now back to normal at Tara. There will be no shortage of tea and scones and the usual display of gifts in Maguires. The Old Book Shop has more volumes than ever. The guides are back in the Duchas Interpretative Centre and as of Sunday last the audio visual programme is being constantly shown. Tara never looked better and is looking forward to welcoming you back after this quiet time.

G.F.C. News

Membership closes on the 30th of May. Have you joined? Players - £40 including insurance. Non-players - £15. All subscriptions help towards running the club which becomes more expensive every year.

Golf Classic - this annual fundraising event is being held on Monday 18th June this year in St. Margarets. £300 per team of 4 before 12 o'clock and £400 per team thereafter. If you cannot enter a team you can sponsor a hole at a cost of £100. Evening entertainment with Des Cahill R.T.E. as compere and music by Eamon Toal. The Club will run a bus to the evening entertainment on this Golf Day. Remember to keep this date (Mon. 18th June) free - put it in your diary. For further details contact John Burke 046 25232.

Parish Sports Day in conjunction with the Parents Association of both schools and the Football Club will be held on 17th June 2001. All the usual events included. If you wish to help contact any G.F.C. committee member.

Old photographs relating to Skryne G.F.C. (teams, personalities, action shots, etc) are needed for inclusion in a list for framing and exhibiting on the walls of our Clubhouse. With a proud tradition like we have in Skryne it is important to preserve our history in picture form for future generations. If you can help please contact Dermot Carty, Club P.R.O. on 046 25742.

Next Meeting - 28th May in the Clubhouse at 9 o'clock.

The Seniors were lucky on Sunday last to get a draw against Syddan, although at half time we seemed o have the game at our mercy, having let by 0-6 to 0-2 against the wind. Final Score Skryne 0-10 Syddan 1-7.
Team: Philip Kinsella, John Quinn, Mark Harrington, Gordon Geraghty, Martin Mulvany, Ronan Mulvaney, Allan Carty, David Donnelly, John McDermott, Paul O'Donnell(0-2), Mick O'Dowd(0-1), Trevor Giles(0-4), Ciaran Murphy, Ken O'Connell, Bryan McMahon(0-3).

The Juniors fared even worse on Sunday night when soundly beaten by Dunsany on a scoreline of Dunsany 2-10 Skryne 1-6. Team: Oliver McDonnell, David Rogan, Allan Swan, Tony Donnelly, David Harrington, Paul Donnelly, Kevin Morley, Declan Browne, Ken Pentony, James Battersby, Michael Reilly, Liam O'Rourke, Cyril Carty (0-3), Colin Lynch (0-1), Jamie Jordan (0-1). Subs: Brian Byrne (0-1) and David Lynch (1-0).

Skyrne GFC have a semi-professional Video Camera which they would like to use for all their games, but its difficult to always find someone to do the job. If there is anyone out there who would be willing to help out, please contact **Dermot Carty, Club PRO at 046 25742.**

(You don't need to be a member of the club).

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Rathfeigh National School Football

3 in a Row

Our 7-a-side boys football team made it 3 in a row last week when they won the Cumman na mBunscoil Meath Championships earlier with victories over Yellow Furze, Skryne and Stackallen. On Wednesday last the finals were played in Dunshaughlin. Victories over Meath Hill, Mt. Hanover and Dunboyne qualified the team for the final against St. Oiver's, Navan. The final was a tense affair with our boys eventually victorious by 2 points. Team: Jonathan Jordan, Eoin Bird, Barry Farrell, Peter Tolan, Tomás McKeown, Patrick O'Rourke, Feidhlim Cunningham, Daire Maxwell, Patrick Corr and Kevin Shannon.

Rounders

Our girls rounders team opened their campaign in great style with a victory over Moynalvey. Team: Muireann Bird, Sarah Ginity, Emma Dawson, Sinéad McGoldrick, Gillian O'Sullivan, Sinéad Phelan, Jennifer Keogan, Jenny Synott, Colleen Jordan, Aisling Bowens, Sibéal Bird, Elaine Maxwell.

Olympic Handball

Well done to our Olympic Handballers on winning the county U12 A Championship. Victories over the hot favourites St. Olivers, Navan 5 - 1 and Drumcondrath 5-2 paved the way for a memorable success.

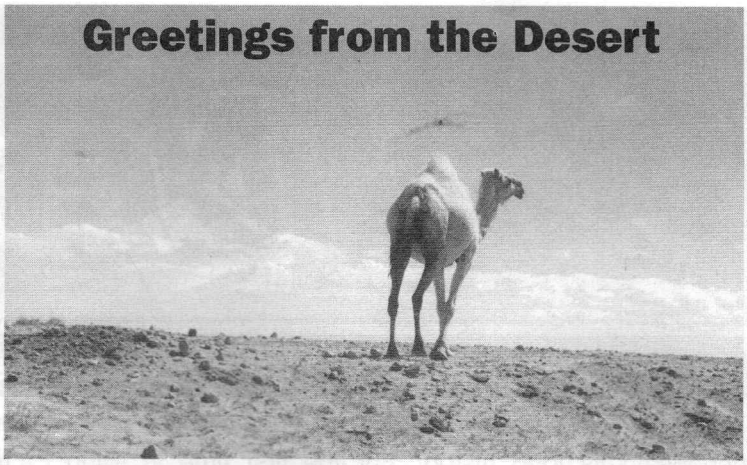
Team: Jenny Synott, Sibéal Bird, Sarah Ginity, Emma Dawson, Aisling Bowens, Miuream Bird, Coleen Jordan, Jennifer Keogan, Sinéad McGoldrick, Elaine Maxwell.

Our boys team finished second in the finals narrowly losing out to St. Olivers, Navan (1 - 0).

Team: Feidhlim Cunningham, Oisín O'Coigligh, Tomás McKeown, Barry Farrell, Patrick O'Rourke, Jonathan Jordan, Ryan McGlashan, Niall McGrone, Eoin Brennan, Patrick Corr, David Gallagher, Rober McAuley.

Congratulations to all our First Class who received their First Communion last Saturday. Thanks to the Parents Association who supplied tea afterwards.

Greetings from the Desert



Have you ever wondered what it must be like to live in a country full of fields of sand instead of grass, where 35 degrees is considered cool and all the men wear night dresses? Well I must admit it intrigued me and that's why I am here living and working in Saudi Arabia.

It's a life far removed from anything you could imagine, a generation ago the natives were living in desert camps relying on camels for transport now with the help of their oil resources and the Americans they have progressed to educating their children, living in houses and driving cars, however whether you would call it driving is debatable. The first and only rule in surviving on the roads here is to stay off them, only the men are permitted to drive (which is half the problem!!) and mainly due to the fact that most of their view is obscured by the headdress they are wearing on their heads accidents are two a penny.

It is a very strange and often trying experience being female in Saudi Arabia as unfortunately as a woman here you have no say and very few rights. From the age of twelve the females must cover in black from head to toe with only their eyes exposed, very few of them are educated and most go on to become the first, second or even seventh wife of their husband, yes its legal here for a man to have seven wives. As a people, in general, they are very warm and hospitable. If you are invited to their homes you are treated like royalty. Recently we were invited to a Capsa which is a traditional Saudi feast where a sheep is served up whole and you all sit around on the floor and dig in with you right hand (your left hand is for something else entirely!!). Needless to say I tucked in to the veggies as the sight of a sheep's intestines were more than I needed to see. They are an extremely religious people they pray five times a day, the first prayer call can be heard through the town at day break and the last after sun set. When the call begins it drop tools everyone and off to the mosque. I am working as a nurse in a Military hospital here which is great experience but hard work. My boyfriend, Des, has an even tougher job as he is trying to teach the Arabs how to grow hay and when all you know is sand believe me its an uphill battle. I hope you have enjoyed this small insight into Saudi Arabia. I am enjoying my time here but believe me I often long to be walking on the green hills of Tara.

Sinead Maguire, Hill of Tara.

Tara Girl Guides

Dear Parents,

Tara Girl Guide Unit has been up and running for the past three years. The Guides and the leaders have really enjoyed the time and there have been many wonderful experiences, especially the Christmas pantomimes, summer camps, different projects etc. In this day and age it is invaluable for young girls to have the enjoyment, companionship and all the positive experiences that guiding provides. However, to lead the Guide Unit and run the meetings takes time and commitment and at present Tara Guide Unit has one leader and one part-time assistant leader. Due to a change in present circumstances these leaders are unable to give the commitment that is required and unfortunately unless further help can be found, Tara Guide Unit will not continue from next September. We are looking for at least one new leader - it would be a great pity if Guiding in Skryne and Rathfeigh could no longer continue.

Please, please, if there is anyone interested contact either:

• Adrienne at (01) 8250552 • Margaret at (01) 8256625.

We are finishing up for our summer break on June 14th 2001.

Skryne Ladies G.A.A.

Best of luck to the Under 18 team in the County Semi-Final against Senechalstown this weekend.

Congratulations to Karen Kellegher who captained St. Pats College who reached the all Ireland Colleges Semi-Final.

We wish best wishes to all who are sitting their exams over the next few weeks.

Leinster Swimming Championship

Congratulations to Simon Fitzpatrick who beat off stiff competition to win 3rd place in the 400 metres free style and also achieved 4th place in the 100 metres breast stroke, also to Jenny Synnot whose relay team came 2nd and to David Fitzpatrick who won 5th place in the U16 breast stroke.

Community Games Swimming

Anyone wishing to participate in this years events please telephone Cora Fitzpatrick at 041 9825884 immediately.

Tara A.C. News

Training at the track has changed back to Tuesday night 7-8p.m. Anyone who wishes to qualify to represent Skryne/Rathfeigh in Community Games athletics should come to training. Athletes from the Club competed in Navan last Sunday at the first round of the County Championships and the previous Sunday at Cushinstown Sports. Our best performances in Cushinstown were in the boys U13 relay where the team were 2nd and in the girls U15 relay where the team also finished 2nd. Bríd O'Kane came 1st in the long jump and 2nd in the 200m.

Last Sunday our athletes also performed well but Peter Tolan stole the show by the gap he created between himself and the runner up in the boys U13 100m. His victory was truly impressive. Claire Morley improved on her performance in Cushinstown but got pipped at the post in the girls U14 1,500m. Shane Gore's ability at middle and short distance continues to improve with 2nd in 1,500m and 4th in the 100m U13. Bríd O'Kane came 2nd in the long jump and 2nd in the 100m. Other people who did well were Liam Tolan, Declan Morley and Sinéad O'Kane.

Well done to all.

Speech and Drama

Following the success of previous years young and talented people from Skryne and Rathfeigh returned from e Swords Festival of Speech and Drama with the following awards in the various age groups:

Poetry

Gordon Frayne .....Highly Commended
Grainne Gallagher .....Highly Commended

Solo

Mary Conroy .....2nd Place (silver medal)
Jennifer Lawlor .....Highly Commended

Duologues

Mary Conroy & Jennifer Lawlor .....1st Place (Gold Medals)
Ciarán Lenehan & Rory Bowens .....2nd Place (Silver Medals)
Anita O'Sullivan & Kate McConville .....3rd Place (Bronze Medals)
Carmel Moore & Sinead McGoldrick .....3rd Place (Bronze Medals)
Emily Whyte & Lisa Whyte .....Highly Commended
Una Brennan & Annie Ryan .....Highly Commended
Katie Moore & Aoife Kennedy .....Highly Commended

Congratulations and well done to everyone who participated and many thanks to Avril for her commitment and hard work. It is greatly appreciated by the students and parents.

NOTICES NOTICES

SKRYNE PARENTS ASSOC.

Next Meeting
Monday 11th June at 9.00p.m.
in Skryne Hall

Skryne Past Pupils Re-Union
Sat 9th June.

So far there has been a good response.
For catering purposes it is essential that you order your tickets as soon as possible.

Tickets are available at Skryne School - 046 25003 or from any member of the Committee.

Colum Cromwell - 046 28371
Jim Duignan - 046 25449
Caroline Hogan - 041 9825208
Eileen Browne - 046 25196

Tara I.C.A.

Next Meeting will be held in the Hall on Monday 21st May at 8.15p.m. Members intending to travel on Summer outing are requested to bring along £10 deposit.

Lismullen National School
Summer Fete
Walterstown G.F.C.

Come and enjoy a fun family day out on Sunday 17th June. The action starts at 1.30p.m. and attractions include bouncy castles, face painting, Navan Silver Band, Fire Engine, Races, a BBQ and much, much more.

Spanish Students

Host families required for month of July.
Children aged 10 - 15.
£150 per week.
Phone - Angela (041) 982 7331
(after 6p.m.)

NEXT ISSUE

Saturday 2nd June 2001

All articles to be submitted before Wednesday 30th May and may be e.mailed to Sinead Rooney at trevet@eircom.net

Babysitter Available
For further information
Phone: 01 825 6080
(Ask for Claire)

We offer our sincere sympathies to the O'Neill family, Ross, on the death of their mother, Nancy, to Theresa Finneran, Rathfeigh, on the death of her brother, to the Brady family, Oberstown and to their mother Mrs Dinah Peters on the death of Ruth.

BLOTTO

Sunday 29 - 04 - 2001
Numbers drawn 8 - 17 - 7 - 6
Jackpot not won - £25 each to
Philip Kinsella, Ciaran Murphy,
Dick Ryan, Josie Snowdon.

Sunday 6 - 05 - 2001
Numbers drawn 9 - 24 - 6 - 16
Jackpot not won - £25 each to
Eddie McCormack, P. Bowden-
O'Keefe, Sean Whyte, Eileen Browne.

Sunday 13 - 05 - 2001
Numbers drawn 18 - 1 - 24 - 22
Jackpot not won - £25 each to
Sarah Lynch, Brendan O'Dowd,
Schiva Mullen, Stephen Martin.

Next weeks Jackpot

£2,300

Thank you for your support

GOLF SOCIETY NEWS

Champion "Browned Off" in Tara

Defending Champions Christy Browne crashed out of the Matchplay Championship at the First Hurdle in Tara earlier this week. Christy who has yet to show last years form was still expected to easily account for his opponent who carries in racing parlance "The Top Weight".

Jimmy Swan just back from warm weather training in Portugal had little difficulty in beating uncle Frank. While the match between Neol Russell and John Kennedy was so close that the winner could not be decided on the course and eventually had to be settled by the toss of a coin.

Philip Kinsella stated that he was very unlucky to lose to Sean Cahill, not however as unlucky as Fergal Mooney who had to play Pheilim O'Rourke off a handicap decided upon by the hastily convened Pheilim O'Rourke handicap committee just before the match. Congratulations to Martin Battersby, Kianon Fewer, David Lynch, Luke Bowden, Darren Carty, Jason Carter, Eileen Walshe, Roland Swan, Jim Conroy and Brendan O'Rourke who reached the second round.

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Skryne N.S.

Pioneer Competition

Recently the pupils from 1st to 6th classes entered the Meath Region Pioneer Association. Primary Schools Essay & Art Competitions. The standard proved to be very high and well done to all who entered. Particular congratulations go to the following winners: 1st class Art Competition - 1st. Éanna Brennan • 3rd class Art Competition - 3rd Cian Kennedy • 4th class Essay Competition - 3rd Matthew Bissett • 4th class Art Competition - 1st Ronan Kelly.

Minor Football

Oldcastle (1-13) - Skryne (3-2)
The Skryne lads led by 5 points at half time against top of the table leaders Oldcastle, but in the second half Oldcastle turned on the style and won by 5 points. Man of the Match was Andrew Curry.

Skryne (1-10) - Dunderry (1-6)
Skryne needed to win this match to stay in the hunt for D3 honours and they did not disappoint the large crowd who watched this match and ran out comfortable winners. Man of the Match - David McGoldrick.

Skryne (3-8) - St. Michaels (3-10)
This was Skrynes last match and a semi-final spot was the prize for the winners. St. Michaels came into this match unbeaten and by the end of first half they were 7 points ahead. The second half showed what the meaning of sheer grit and determination and the will to win is and the pride in wearing the blue/white jersey. The lads fought to the end but were pipped by 2 points. Man of the match was Michael Caffrey.

P.S. Congrats to B. Byrne, N. Cleary and D. McAvenney on there senior debut against St. Pats.

Special thanks to all who helped out during the year, especially Gerry Caffrey and a special mention to Lily Fox.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to **Linda** on your 40th Birthday from all your friends and colleagues.

Happy Birthday to **Frank** on your 60th Birthday from all your friends and customers.

First Communion

Congratulations to the 23 pupils who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday last. We had a lovely sunny day for the beautiful ceremony. Thanks to all the pupils who sang in the choir, the parents who provided the refreshments afterwards and to Ms. McDonagh and Ms. Murray for their excellent work in preparing the pupils for their special day.

European Visitors

On Friday week last we had a visit from 5 Italian and 2 English Teachers. Their visit was in connection with our involvement in a European Education Project. We are linked with schools in Italy, England, France and Greece. They visited all the classes and had to answer some very tough questions about themselves and their countries. Our guests spend the remainder of the Bank Holiday weekend visiting places of interest and enjoying the sights and our culture (and the lovely weather). They returned home on Tuesday with pleasant memories and a very good impression of our country.

Olympic Handball

A huge well done to the Boys Under 12 Olympic Handball team who competed in the county final last week. They easily defeated Drumconrath to qualify for the decider against St. Oliver's. In a superb performance they led by 5 – 1 at half-time. St. Oliver's made a strong comeback to edge into the lead just on full-time. Our silver medalists are:

Ian Davis, Kevin O'Reilly, Colin Doyle, Donal Hanratty, Shane Gore, Robert Foran, David Ryan, Ciaran Bayly, Paraic Walsh, Derek Browne.