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Skryne & Rathfeigh Pioneer Centre

The first meeting to set up a pioneer centre in Skryne was in June 1926. There have been many officers and dedicated members over the 88 years of the association to date. From the early days the committee organised excursions to various places around Ireland and some were undertaken with the youth of the parish to the Isle of Man. Also pilgrimages to Knock Shrine and Our Lady's Island in Wexford and some of these carried on until recent years when the numbers of people wishing to travel declined and it was no longer viable because of the cost. Socials were held on an annual basis in Skryne Hall and other local centres also held socials which members from the parish travelled to. These were most enjoyable events with tea and a supper followed by music by a live band.

In the 50's, 60's and 70's pioneer members took part in plays and quizzes and travelled to neighbouring parishes to compete and indeed further afield to All Ireland Talent Shows. Some of these shows were held in the new Skryne Hall when it was completed and all attending could have tea and biscuits in the rooms under the old hall which could be accessed from the new hall and this was provided by committee and members. Junior Pioneers in the recent past participated in sports competitions at various venues with

It was Skryne centre that instigated to setting up of a region, consisting of neighbouring centres working together to promote abstinence from drink. This was in 1974 and the meeting was held in Skryne hall, and the region was named the East Meath Region of the Pioneers. The first president of the region was the late

From 1980 up to the present day the pioneer centre fundraises to send sick people, particularly children to Lourdes in September of each year with the Meath Pilgrimage. These people who have gone on this pilgrimage to Lourdes over the years have really appreciated the opportunity they were given. To fund this in the early years there were tickets sold throughout the parish for a draw on the English Derby.

Each year members of the committee visit the schools before the confirmation and give the children making their Confirmation the opportunity to become junior pioneers and they are asked to keep this pledge until they are 18. The pledge is not to take drink or drugs until they are at least eighteen and this Mr. Ronan Pierce (left) who received his Silver does require that parents are on board with the childs decision, and encourages them to keep this promise. Pioneer Pin (25 years) and Mr. John Farrell who These pupils who decide to become Junior Pioneers are presented with a certificate and a pin to wear.



Lifelong Pioneers Mrs. Ann Pierce (left) and Mrs. Margaret Hayes who received their Fr. Cullen medals at a presentation in Skryne Hall in April.



received his Gold Pioneer Pin (50 years) at a presentation in Skryne Hall in April.

RST CENTRE OPENED



The RST Community Centre was officially opened on Sat.17th May 2014. There was a large gathering of RST residents and visitors present when Mrs Margaret Hayes cut the ribbon. The centre was then blessed by Rev Fr Thomas O'Mahony, P.P. of Skryne/ Rathfeigh.

Oliver Harrington, Chairman of the RST Community Group welcomed all and gave a brief history of the RST Project.

He described Margaret Hayes as a person who is held in very high esteem in the community and as someone who had contributed unselfishly to the area over many years. Oliver described the opening of the centre as the culmination of a project "conceived, developed and delivered in hard times," and, as a result of the dedication of volunteers, allied to local knowledge, expertise and skills. It represented an investment in the community, its people and future generations. Special credit was due to local builder Gerry Tuite for the superb fit-out of the building. Thanks too to Skryne resident Pat McGovern of McGovern Surveyors for his technical expertise and for his long time involvement with the project.

The Chairman acknowledged the role of the original committee and in particular that of Ms Clare Rogan whose vision for a community centre in



the RST area has become a reality. He also thanked the other members of the present board Rose Rogan, Jim Gibbons, John Scanlon, Kevin O'Rourke and Maurice Daly who had left no stone unturned to bring the project to a successful completion.

The financing of the RST Centre which cost €220,000 was then given in detail. We received €50K from Skryne GFC, part of the proceeds of the 2008/9"House Draw"; we were approved for a grant of €150K from Meath Partnership for community projects – we look forward to receiving the cheque in the very near future. Donal Traynor and UCIT (Ardee) were thanked for the bridging loan while the project was in progress and

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while the grant is being processed.

The rest of the money is being raised locally via the monthly RST 300 Club Draw. Oliver thanked the community for their generous support for this draw and asked for continued support until the facility is self-supporting.

Dan O'Leary, Chairman of Skryne GFC, congratulated the RST Committee for their magnificent project and looked forward to the GAA and the RST working together for "the good of the community". Skryne GFC, he said, now had a unique pavilion – a brand new RST community centre upstairs and state of the art dressing rooms with ancillary modern facilities downstairs for adult, underage and ladies' teams. There was a special word of thanks for Kevin O'Rourke for his Trojan work and expertise in the refurbishment of the facilities.

After the conclusion of the opening and speech formalities, all present were invited inside for refreshments, to meet and greet and exchange stories and then to take a tour of upstairs and

downstairs. The reactions of the first time visitors were of amazement and awe, particularly the views from The Lounge out over the balcony and over the GAA pitch. The friendly social evening was greatly enhanced by local award winning harpist Fiona Gryson playing a mix of classical and traditional music on the concert harp while young and old mingled happily. Bouquets of flowers were presented to Margaret Hayes, Clare Rogan and Rose Rogan by committee members. Saturday 17th May 2014 will forever be recorded as another historic occasion in the annals of the Rathfeigh/Skryne/Tara area. The new RST centre upstairs and the new refurbished GAA facilities downstairs in Skryne GFC pavilion are symbols of a progressive community spirit - we didn't stand still, we took stock, we took action and now our eyes are firmly fixed on the future.

Maurice Daly,

Secretary RST Community Group Limited.

The Active First Responder team

want to say a big thank you to all who attended the public information meeting in the RST centre on the 8th of May. The meeting was a great success with 30 people including Dr Clare O'Driscoll and Suzanne Jamal attending. 16 people signed up to join the scheme on the night.

The meeting included the coordinator of the National Ambulance Service Des Kelly, telling us about the ambulance Service backup and counselling supports available, Carol King from Baconstown community first responder's group told us how they set up there scheme and the practicalities of being a responder and Jonathan Lynch explained the training that will be involved.

The group had a 2nd meeting on the 16th and 6 new people attended. It's never too late to join the group.

For more information contact

John White on 086 2730700 or e-mail activefirstresponders@gmail.com

Dunboyne defeat Skryne

Dunboyne came to Skryne on Thursday evening for this A League match and went home with the two points. Skryne fielded without their foreign bound summer contingent but had enough chances to win this game even allowing for the concession of two goals of the 'soft' variety in the first half.

Behind by 3-4 to 0-7 at half time Skryne went on to finish with a big score of 0-16 but overall conceded 3-10. To score 16 points and still end up losing the match is very unusual so maybe a repeat of this scoring feat might see Skryne turn the tables on the same opposition when they meet again in the Feis Cup on Saturday evening (7th June) in Dunboyne.

Team - Vinny O'Reilly, Neil Lenehan, Thomas McKeown, Declan Morley, Paddy Fox (0-1), Mark Jordan, Stephen O'Brien, Aidan Tuite, David McGoldrick, Ronan McCabe (0-1), Ciaran Lenehan (0-3), Brian Davis (0-1), Allan Carty (0-1), Mark Battersby (0-2) Ian Dav is (0-7) 0-6f.

Subs used - Felim O'Rourke, Donie Ryan and James Looby.

Skryne win in Grangegodden

Skryne 3 - 17 Gaeil Colmcille 2 - 9

Skryne travelled to Grangegodden for their match against Gaeil Colmcille and came away with both points in this A league Div 1 match. Skryne were six points up at the break on a score line of Skryne 2 – 9, Gaeil Colmcille 1 – 6. The Kells side came out in the second half determined to make a match of it and posted two quick points on thirty one and thirty two minutes. However Aidan Tuite steadied the ship and pulled one back on thirty five minutes. Ian Davis posted another before Mark Battersby took a pass from Conor O'Brien and found the bottom of the net with forty two minutes on the stopwatch. O'Brien and Harry Rooney posted a further two before Gaeil Colmcille made a comeback of sorts with a goal and a point on fifty and fifty third minutes, the goal coming from the penalty spot. Ian Davis (2) Alan Carty and Mark Battersby completed the scoring on the day. Kells should have had another goal but for a superb save from Skryne custodian Ian Gillette with time running out.

Skryne: I. Davis, N. Lenehan, T. McKeown, D. Morley, P. Fox, C. Lenehan, S. O'Brien, H. Rooney (1), D. McGoldrick (1), C.O'Brien (1-2), B. Davis (2), A. Tuite (1), R. McCabe (1-2), M. Battersby (1 – 1), I.Davis (6). Subs – A Carty for C. O'Brien, J. Looby for Morley, F. O'Rourke for Rooney

Victory for Skryne Minors

Skryne defeated Wolfe Tones in the Division 2 League Final on Sunday 18th in Simonstown. Skryne dominated the first half but reached the half time interval leading only 0-5 – 0-3. The second half saw a fight back by Wolf Tones turning the 2point deficit into a 4point lead. At this stage it looked as if Skryne had it all to do. However, a magnificent fight back saw Skryne outscore the Tones 2-3 to no score in the last eight minutes to record a 2-9 – 1-7 victory. Best for winners were full back line of Enda Byrne, (Captain) Timmy Lennon, Robbie Clarke. Oisín Gryson, Darragh Campion, Darrren Fox, Owen Smyth, John Morley and Paddy Doherrty had their moments.



Scores: D. Campion 1-2, P. Doherty 0-2, S. Cassidy 1-2, J. Morley 0-2, J. Reddy 0-1

Team: D. Reddy, E. Byrne, T. Lennon (cpt), R. Clarke, P. Carpenter, O. Gryson, C. Murphy, J. Morley, D. Campion, O. Smyth, M. Doherty, D. Fox, S. Cassidy, P. Doherty, J. Fox, Subs used J. Reddy, O. Greene, F. Carty, A. Gill, B. Clarke (injured).

Skryne U16's Division 1 League Winners



the challenge of Donaghmore Ashbourne by four goals in Ratoath. The winners raised two green flags inside the opening five minutes with strikes from Darragh Campion and Jason Reddy. Donaghmore Ashbourne were dealt a major blow when midfielder Ciaran Crowther was red carded by referee Paul Mooney. To their credit the 'Moores' dominated the remainder of the half and a fine Stephen Fenton goal sent the teams in level at the break 1-8 to 2-5.

Points from Stephen Carton, Peadar Farrell (2) put Donaghmore ahead 1-11 to 2-6 inside ten minutes of the second half. Skryne looked in trouble until Colm McLoughlin got their third goal and the game swung their way. With Darragh Campion dominating around the middle the scores followed. McLoughlin, Reddy, Eoin Smyth and

In the Division 1 decider Skryne overcame Campion added points before two goals the challenge of Donaghmore Ashbourne from Paddy Carpenter sealed the issue.

The starting team was F. Finnegan, M. Long, D. Reddy, R. Clarke, C. Towmey, M. Doherty, D. Carroll, D. Fox, D. Campion, F. Carty, E. Smyth, P. Carpenter, C. McLaughlin, J. Finnerty, J. Reddy. Subs-L. Thorpe, M.Swan, C. Craigie, S. Dowling, P. Finnerty, S. Byrne, A. Moore, T. Carpenter, C. Doherty. Absent: J. Morley

Skryne were unbeaten throughout the championship. Ciarain Flynn presented Campion with the cup.

Well done to the managers James Reddy, Declan Smyth and Nicky Hamill.

Under 16 Division 1 Football League Final Skryne 5-13 Donaghmore Ashbourne 1-13



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The 3rd Barn Dance in Aid of Cancer Research will be held on **28th June at Cushinstown Athletic Club, Kilmoon.**

The previous Barn Dances have been a great success raising in excess of €120K in total. Thanking you for your support

Thanking you for your support in the past and looking forward to seeing you all on the night.

Michael & Agnes Fox

RATHFEIGH NATIONAL SCHOOL 60 Years celebration on Friday 20th June at 7.30 pm. in the School.

All past pupils and members of their families welcome.

Congratulations to the Skryne U12's, their manager and their mentors on their League Final win over Trim on Wednesday evening in Dunsany!



Skryne played two teams of 11 with one sub either side. All players would be needed for this tough game. On the pitch nearest the car park was Nathan Chawke, Killian Cullen, Sam Hawes, Scott Armstrong, Jack Swan, Sean Keogh, Shane Smyth, Billy Reilly, Killian Cahill, Alex Grendon, Ben Mc Quaid & Aaron Murray. The Managers of this side was Martin Browne & Cormac Grendon. The game got off to a quick start with both sides exchanging points. It was nip and tuck. Alex Grendon for Skryne scored the first three points. The great defense of Sam, Scott & Jack and Killian kept the supply to the forward line. Nathan Chawke gave another great performance in goals and made some fantastic saves. Shane Smyth & Sean Keogh covered plenty of grass and kept with the strong Trim midfielders. Shane Smyth scored two points to keep it level. It was just fantastic game from both set of clubs. Killian Cahill & Billy Reilly set up plenty of points and Aaron Murray gave a great performance up front. Aaron who was our keeper was switched to a forward for his great catching skills. Ben Mc Quaid had one of his best matches and fielded some great high balls. Billy Reilly who always gives it everything on the pitch didn't disappoint. Shane Smyth notched a third point with Trim after hitting two previously. Sam Hawes and Jack Swan linked up well with Scott & Killian working off each other. Killian Cahill scored the last point of the first half. At Half time it was 7 Points to Skryne and 8 Points to Trim.

Meanwhile on Pitch 2 another exciting game was unfolding. The accu-

mulated score was to count at the end between both teams, so this was a real team effort. The team on Pitch 2 was as follows, Alex Curran, Oisin Mc Connell, Gary Browne, Paddy Wright, David Rathbourne, Niall Moreland, Kristoffer Kinsella, Kian Reddy, Niall Finnerty, Oisin Keogh, Sean Mc Govern and Sean Keane. Padraig Finnerty was the manager on the dug out side of Dunsany pitch. Great credit has to go to this bunch of lads as well. From Alex Curran who has been consistent in goals. In the defense was Gary Browne, Paddy Wright, David Rathbourne and Sean McGovern. They closed the door on Trim every time and didn't allow them to score too often. The midfield was Kristoffer Kinsella & Niall Moreland who both are full of running and never seem to tire. Up front was Kian Reddy, Oisin Mc Connell, Niall Finnerty, Oisin Keogh & Sean Keane, Skryne started really well with Niall Finnerty scoring the first point. It was a carbon copy of the match that was being played along side them. Trim were not going without a good fight. Skryne battled hard for every score. Oisin Keogh got on the score sheet along with David Rathbourne who was also sweeping everything up in defense. Niall Moreland had another good game along with Kristoffer Kinsella. Sean Keane was a tower of strength and is really progressing well. Kian Reddy layed off some good balls to Niall Finnerty who is deadly accurate in front of the posts. Niall had a fantastic game and the second half was definitely one of his best performance. In the second half, Niall scored 0-9, David Rathbourne 0-3, Niall Moreland 0-2 and Oisin Keogh who also had a strong second half scoring 0-5. There were a number of goals, but these are counted as points in the U12 league. When the final whistle went it was so close that nobody knew who had

won. There was tensions amongst the players, managers and parents. With the large crowd everybody was watching for the players body reactions to find out who had pipped it. It felt like 10 mins but after a quick tally of scores Skryne U12's emerged as victors. The Final Score was Skryne 29 Points, Trim 27 Points. There was a great celebration around the pitch. It was a tough and fair game with great sportsmanship showed on both sides