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Tara Summer Festival: One Fantastic Weekend

This year's Tara Summer Festival was an outstanding success. Only in its second year the festival this year had an increased number of events which were well attended. Yolande O'Brien got the festival under way in Fox's pub with a very interesting talk on the "Five Ancient Roads of Tara" Indeed she emphasised that they should be more correctly named the "Five Roads Of Ireland" as these roads only originated in Tara but traversed the entire country much as many of the most important roads today originate in Dublin but connect all the most important current centres to the capital. This was followed with a night of music and song from the Gryson sisters, Fiona and Roisin, and the talented Agnes Fox who entertained the large crowd into the early hours.

A number of workshops were held on Saturday morning with Music and dance workshops in Skryne school and craft workshops in the RST centre. This was followed in the afternoon with a children's concert in the RST centre. Boys and girls from Skryne, Rathfeigh and Lismullen school performed under the guidance of Fionnuala Gryson and Laura O'Kane. The Gospel Choir performed under the guidance of Carmel Reilly. Assistance was also given by Stephen Naughton.

On Saturday evening a ceili was held in the hall of Skryne school with the Tara Ceile Band providing the music. Mr. Thomas McGlone, the well known Set Dance teacher, who had conducted a workshop on set dancing earlier in the day, was on hand to call the dances and give assistance. Later on Saturday evening a session with musicians from Trim Comhaltas was held in Swans pub and also the talented ceili group Éistigí played in O'Connells or Mrs O's as it is more affectionately known. Sunday morning saw over forty people up bright and early for the 5K walk from the Hill of Skryne to Maguires on the Hill of Tara where they were welcomed by the well known traditional musician Tommy Darby and Fiona Gryson with her harp. Tea and scones were provided by Maguires for the weary walkers and was much appreciated.

With no let-up in the events it was straight back to Skryne where Skryne Fair was taking place for the first time in ninety years. While the fair was small this year it was none the less a success and was enjoyed by those who visited it. An old style sale of a lamb was organised by Paddy Pryle. Councillor Noel French bought the lamb with the proceeds going to the charity Sosad (suicide awareness) who had a stand there on the day. Mr Thos Harrington brought and displayed his 1933 Peugeot 301. This is one of only three such cars in the world and is in immaculate condition. Mr Johnny Carroll also brought his pony and trap and gave jaunts round the field to the children who enjoyed this old time experience.

Also taking place from Skryne Gaelic Football Premises was a Tractor Drive in aid of the charity River Rescue. This was an outstanding success. The Tara Summer Festival ended on Sunday night with a Gala concert in the RST centre with the RTE Lyric Contempo Quartet and guest artists Fiona Gryson on Concert Harp, Aimee Farrell Courtney on bodhan and Katie Hyland on flute. The Contempo Quartet are two Romanian couples who specialise in classical music. This was much appreciated by the capacity crowd. Indeed there have been numerous requests to repeat the concert from many of the patrons.

This festival, now be an annual event with it probably taking place over the June Bank Holiday weekend and may extend into the following week if necessary. If you think you could contribute to the development of the festival you should contact Joseph O'Brien (086 1767006), Fionnuala Gryson (086 2393742), or Maureen Caffery (087 2520202) The Tara Summer Festival committee wish to thank all who supported this year's event. Particularly our very generous sponsors and Meath County Council who gave generous grant aid. We also wish to thank Skryne School, the RST Centre and Skryne GFC for the use of their premises. Also Swans, Fox's, O'Connell's and Maguires for their continued support. But in particular we wish to thank the people of Skryne for their support and look forward to holding the event again next year.



Traditional musician Tommy Darby (accordion) and Fiona Gryson (Irish harp) entertain the people who participated in the Sunday morning walk from O'Connell's pub, Hill of Skryne to Maguires, hill of Tara.



Councillor Noel French purchases a lamb from Paddy Farrell at the Skryne Fair. The proceeds are going to the SOSAD organisation.



Effie Swan gets a ride in a 1933 vintage Peugeot 301 car. One of only five in the world which was lovingly restored by Mr Thomas Harrington and friends

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8-15-20-22

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12-June-2016
1-3-6-23

No Winner - €40 each to: Leo O'Hare, Tina Fox, Barbara O'Rourke and Simon Cawte

19-June-2016
13-23-24-26

No Winner - €40 each to: Kieran O'Brien, Nuala Philips, Liam Mullins and Karen Canavan

26-June-2016
5-13-15-20

No Winner - €40 each to: Michael and Anne Mulvaney, Niall Lenehan, Seamus and Colette Mullen and Fred and Louis Gilsenan.

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Since going live in Jan 2015, ACTIVE First Responders has attended a wide range of calls in the local area, assisting our colleagues in the National Ambulance Service in providing first response care and treatment in those important first few minutes of an incident.

Funded from voluntary donations, our yearly running cost is approx. €3,000!

An Sibin, Dunshaughlin
Friday, 8th July | 8pm | Table of 4 - €40



Support ACTIVE First Responders on the Friday, 8th July by attempting to beat our "Ultimate Pub Quiz" at An Sibin. Dunshaughlin at 8pm! ACTIVE First Responders is a team of trained local volunteers, who under the guidance of the HSE respond to 999 emergency calls in the Dunshaughlin, Skryne, Rathfeigh and Tara area! Since going live in Jan 2015, ACTIVE First Responders has attended a wide range of calls in the local area, assisting our colleagues in the National Ambulance Service in providing first response care and treatment in those important first few minutes of an incident. Completely funded from voluntary donations, our yearly running cost is approx. €3,000! We'd love to see you at our third Ultimate Fundraising Table Quiz to assist in meeting the costs of this service



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Group support meetings for young people with OCD.

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SKRYNE GFC

Skryne Boy's U14's have had another season to remember

They have now got to an incredible 5 finals since they started at U12's and won them all. Skryne's unbeaten run has now continued in their round robin games since U13's. They have topped the table at Div 1 in the U14's this year at the elite and remain unbeaten after a super performance in the Spring League. This is a team to watch and one that is following in the footsteps of the current successful Minor team. The future in Skryne is certainly very bright.

Skryne played St Colmcilles in Pairc Tailteann on the 31st May with a 7.45pm throw in. Skryne's defence held strong at the start of the game while St Colmcilles launched attack after attack. There was some fantastic defending by Sam Hawes, Kristoffer Kinsella, Gary Browne, David Rathbourne, Oisín Keogh, & Billy Reilly. While the Safe hands of Alex Curran made some fine saves. In Midfield Alex Grendon and Shane Smyth covered plenty of ground. In the Forwards that kept the scoreboard ticking was John Finnerty, Niall Morland, Niall Finnerty, Sean Keogh, Killian Cahill & John O Regan. The subs that had a crucial part in getting to the final are Jack Swan, Kian Reddy, Nathan Chawke, Paddy Wright & Scott Armstrong. Skryne played some fast moving football and took some fantastic scores. A goal separated the sides by halftime but the second half saw the Skryne lads dominate all over the field. Skryne in the end ran out comfortable winners. There is certainly plenty of silverware to be won with this team. Well done to the Skryne U14's and the best of luck in their remaining completions.

Management is Padraig Finnerty, Cormac Grendon & Martin Browne.



Skryne U8's win shield in a tournament held in Co Down

On the 18th of June, 13 of our under 8 panel took part in a tournament held by An Ríocht in County Down. After playing An Ríocht (Co. Down), St. John's (Co. Antrim) and St. Peter's (Co. Armagh) in the group stages, the lads qualified for the shield competition. In the knockout stages we beat, O' Hanlon's (Co. Armagh) and St. John's (Co. Antrim), we beat Pearse Óg (Co. Armagh) in the semi-final and in the final we met a very strong Clann Na Banna (Co. Down). In the goals we had a very confident keeper in Killian O'Dwyer who kept us in the game with some fantastic saves. With Martin Wall, James Murphy, Ruby Beggan, Ben Ward and Niall Smyth keeping the defence tight, at half time we were just 1 point ahead. With Seán Smyth and Conor Giles winning plenty of ball in midfield, they supplied the forward line of Ryan Mooney, Christian Rafter, Garret Fox, Noah Cullen and Hugh Kelly with plenty of scoring opportunities, which they took advantage of. Eventually winning out on a score line of Skryne 2-2 to Clann Na Banna 0-2. This was a great achievement for our under 8 boys as it was their first competitive competition outside the county. Well done lads, you did the club proud!



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Skryne Under 14s - Meath LGFA Division 2 Champions 2016

The Skryne U14 girls were crowned division 2 champions on Saturday 4th June, beating Walterstown in the final 4-10 to 4-9. The match was played in very tough conditions, but not in the normal context that this phrase is used in Ireland. Hot, sunny and humid conditions made the task for both sets of players even more demanding and the athleticism and stamina of both teams was impressive as this game literally went to the final seconds.

Skryne got off to a great start with an early goal. Walterstown responded with a couple of points. The play was moving up and down the pitch through a mixture of carrying and long foot passes. As Walterstown started to pull back Skryne's lead, another Skryne goal – this time from the penalty spot again stretched the lead out. A few more points from both teams and a welcome break at half-time arrived. Skryne with a 5 point lead at the interval.

Second half resumed and again Skryne got off to a solid start. But soon things started to click for Walterstown up front and a couple of goals followed. Just as Walterstown had closed the gap, Skryne responded with 2 more goals of their own to re-establish the lead. More chances followed for Skryne, but fine saves by the Walterstown keeper prevented the game being killed off.

As the match entered injury time, Skryne had an 8 point lead. And it was just as well because a late rally saw Walterstown get a point, followed by a scrambled goal to cut the lead to 4 points. From the next kick-out, Walterstown powered through to get a 4th goal and now the lead was a single point. But 4 minutes of injury time had been played by then and the final whistle blew as the next kick-out landed out field, much to the relief of the Skryne team and fans.

A strangely muted response from the sidelines at the final whistle, with many thinking the game had been drawn. But slowly the word spread that Skryne had held on and celebrations started to break out.

Skryne are worthy champions in division 2 this year, having won all 6 pool stage matches

U14 2016 Squad: Naoise Smyth, Katie Manning, Ellen Ryan, Gwen Carpenter, Rachael Loftus, Morgan Swan, Niamh Cowley, Amy O'Dowd, Ava Purcell, Aisling O'Brien, Eabha McLoughlin, Caragh Conway, Lisa Browne, Hannah Dardis, Chloe Bisset, Samantha Clarke, Steffi Finnegan, Naoise Cavanan, Roisin McManus, Sophie Ryan, Katie Ryan, Sasha Guirey, Nicola Dowdall, Katie Cullen, Ciara Cowley & Ciara Smyth.



The coaches brought the girls out for a team building day after the final. The kayaking was the highlight. U14s on the Boyne, practicing blanket defence

Ladies U12: Division 3 title for Skryne

Skryne 1-10 Blackhall Gaels 2-5

On a fine evening for football, both sides served up a thriller in Dunganny with no more than a goal separating the teams during the 40 mins of football. Skryne had already beaten the Kildoon/Batterstown girls in an earlier round of the competition but certainly did not take their rivals for granted. Early in the first quarter the Blackhall girls had the best of the exchanges and took an early lead with a well taken score, Skryne responded with a goal through Katie Cullen after great work from Niamh Cahill and Ciara Smith. The second quarter began at a furious pace but the small pitch made it difficult for either team to gain a foothold in the game with the Skryne girls reaching half time 2 points in front.

The third quarter belonged to the Blackhall girls and they kept the score board ticking over to end the quarter 2 points in front. In such a tight match it was going to be difficult to peg back the lead in the last ten minutes and that task was made even tougher when Blackhall recorded the first score of the quarter. Going into the last six minutes the Skryne Girls were three points in arrears but they tagged on five unanswered points with scores from Katie Cullen, Niamh Cahill, Ciara Smith and a cameo from nine year old Aoife McLoughlin who won two frees both resulting in points for the Skryne girls. Blackhall replied with a couple of long balls inside the Skryne 21 yard line but with excellent blocks from Steffi Finnegan and Samantha Clarke the girls hung on for a memorable victory. The Cup was presented to Skryne captain Ava Purcell to the delight of players and mentors alike. The Skryne Girls have worked tremendously hard this year and have improved immensely during the year.

Celebrations followed back in the clubhouse with both girls and parents enjoying well deserved refreshments. The club would like to thank all involved and also the Meath LGFA for their support.

Another B League defeat for Skryne

Colmcille Gaels 2-8 Skryne 1-8

Skryne travelled to Kells for this B League Div 1 match once again short a number of regulars due to injury etc and came away empty handed. Further injuries to Mark Harrington and Sean Cassidy made for a frustrating night as the Club were forced to play 4 games in 8 days for the second time this year. So much for Amateur player welfare.

Skryne began the match very well and had the first point on the board - an excellent score from Jason Fox. Colmcille Gaels replied with a goal from their first attack which went in off the underside of the crossbar. It was a low scoring first half probably due to the very difficult conditions as it lashed rain from the fifth minute of the game right to the finish. The Gaels may have been favoured by the dreadful condition as they were the bigger and more physical team and led by 1-2 to 0-2 at the break. There were a few over robust tackles flying in at different times during the match and Referee Gerry McGivney was busy with yellow cards to both teams and one red to a Kells player.

Another early goal in the second half for the Gaels left Skryne with a difficult task to get back into the match but to their credit they battled bravely and got to within 2 points of the winners with five minutes to go. Darren Fox's superbly taken goal after some great teamwork out the field fought the Blues within one score of the lead at that point. Then the Kells me added two more points of their own to go four clear again and Felim O'Rourke's last minute forty five was touched over by the keeper to leave the final score - Colmcille Gaels 2-8 Skryne 1-8.

Skryne - Des McAvinney, Barry Clarke, Eoghan Greene, James Conroy, Niall Morley (0-1), Mark Harrington, Darren Fox (1-0), David McGoldrick (0-1), Oisín Gryson, Jason Fox (0-1), Cian Lynch (0-1), David Lynch, Sean Cassidy, Michael Doherty, Declan Mulvey.

Subs used - Felim O'Rourke (0-4), Ross McGovern, Shane McEnroy, John Quinn and Oisín Coyle.

Notices



CHILDMINDER WANTED

Wednesday & Thursday (2.30- 5.30) to mind 3 school going kids in Greenpark area
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THANK YOU

I didn't run the Dawn Run but I walked it and with your help & sponsorship I raised €760 for the Children's Hospital, Crumlin.

A sincere thanks to you all from me and from Shay & James. I won't be begging anymore until the Christmas raffle. Thanks again.

Mary O'Growney Tara Post Office

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy is extended to the following:

Allen & Crowcock families on the death of Margaret, Branstown.

To Pat O'Brien, Ross on the death of his mother.

Results of the Skryne GFC Golf Classic

1.	G. Lynch, N. Kelly, S. Cleary,	54.8
2.	P. O'Brien, D. Maher, G. O'Brien,	55.4
3.	M. Battersby, T. Mc Hugh, P. Muldowney	55.6
4.	D. O'Brien, C. O'Brien, T. Monaghan,	56.4
5.	C. O'Brien, T. McKeown, P. Tolan,	57.2
6.	T. Cahill, C. Cahill, R. Carew,	58
7.	J. Geraghty, J. Geraghty Snr., P. Phillips,	58.2
8.	T. Giles, I. Giles, J. Giles,	58.6
9.	D. Mulvey, M. Mulvey, D. Tormey,	58.6
10.	C. Bedford, M. Tooher, M. Keane,	59.2
11.	D. Cronin, M. Quaid, D. Grainger,	59.6

Long drive: Peter Tolan.

Nearest pin: John Burke, W. Rogan

The committee of Skryne GFC wish to thank you for your generous support. The funds raised on the day will be going towards payment of the recent development at the club of the All Weather training facilities and a ball wall for skills development.