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Skryne U15 Div 3 Champions

Skryne U15's campaign commenced shortly after the U14's with all except Four Players still eligible for the U15's for 2017 the lads were grouped in Div 3. Skryne U15's started off well with a win over Summerhill who just had the bare numbers in September and saw Skryne emerge with a win at Father Mc Manus park with 3-08 to 2-05 win. The next game was played away to Kilbride and this was a high scoring game seeing Kilbride take a home win of 6-05 to 3-12 win for Kilbride. With a score of 3-12 this would win most games but the consequence of conceding six goals was to be the difference.

Skryne then went onto play Dunboyne at home and a game that the Skryne lads showed some great tackling and turnovers. Skryne were out to beat Dunboyne on home turf and that they did with a 5-07 to 0-5 win.

Skryne were now in a Semi Final. The Final was to be played and like that it was against Last Year's U14's final in Dunganny against a strong Dunderry side of which Dunderry won by a Point. The game was to be played in Dunderry with Dunderry topping there group and unbeaten. This was a game that was enjoyed by all supporters on a dry Sunday morning on the 30th of October. On the Final whistle Skryne emerged on the right side of the score board with a One point win.

Skryne were now to play Kilbride who beat Oldcastle in the Semi Final scoring 8-10 to Oldcastle 2-10. Skryne met up in Dunganny for the final on the 13th of November and



Panel includes: Gary Browne, Sam Hawes, Jack Dardis (c) Eoghan Conway, David Rathbourne, Kristoffer Kinsella, James O'Brien, Alex Grendon, Luke Brady, Niall Morland, Shane Smyth, Oisín Keogh, Josh Farrell, Sean Keogh, Niall Finnerty, Scott Armstrong, Patrick Fitzpatrick, George Fitzpatrick, Ian McKeown, Billy Reilly.

played Kilbride in an entertaining game. The conditions were ideal but cool. Skryne took control of the game from the start and didn't let Kilbride take the lead. Every player 1-15 plus the Five subs played there part. Some of the players as young as 13 are involved in this team. The lads played one of their best games and although the last 10 minutes were heart stopping the lads played to the bitter end. The Final score of the game was Skryne 7-07 Kilbride 4-11 The young guns of Skryne will now play Div 2 next year



for the U16's. Also thanks to David Keogh, Declan Browne, Darren Carty, Eamon Giles and Cormac Grendon for the training on the winter nights. To the U15's players & parents enjoy the break and we will see you at our presentation day



Peter McVerry trust

The committee of the Tara Summer Festival made a donation to the Fr. Peter McVerry trust for homelessness at the weekly Trad session in Fox's pub, Hill of Skryne on Wednesday 23 November. Fr. McVerry in his acceptance speech said that they have a budget of approximately €14 million and that while this is partially funded by the Government, they have to raise about €5 million themselves. He pointed out that most people becoming homelessness today are merely people who can no longer afford their mortgage due to unemployment. He thanked all the committee members for the donation and said that donations like this make a considerable difference.

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Under 21 Championship - Great effort from Skryne just fails

Donaghmore Ashbourne 1-14 Skryne 2-7.

For the second year in a row Donaghmore Ashbourne and Skryne met in the Under 21 Championship Final—this time in Dunshaughlin. The playing surface was a credit to the Dunshaughlin club and was in pristine condition considering the time of year and the amount of rain and frost we encountered lately.

Like last year the end result was the same with victory going to Don/Ash by four points after a close exciting game. While the Dublin border side were firm favourites and were a much more experienced side Skryne proved to be a more formidable team this time round. In fact the much younger Blues could have sprung a surprise had they taken their chances even allowing for the fact that Don/Ash missed some of their own.

This made for a match where the result was in doubt right up to the final whistle. It all began with what appeared to be a shoot-out between the two free-takers with the first eight scores coming from placed balls. Five from the boot of Michael Deegan for Don/Ash and three from Skryne's Jason Fox. It was interesting to note the contrast in their method of free-taking with all of Michaels coming from the hand while all of Jason's came from the ground. Overall Michael missed one free while Jason had a 100% record—both were excellent and a joy to watch, proving that free-taking is still a vital part of any game.

The first score from play was a well worked goal for Skryne when Darragh Campion placed Paddy Carpenter to finish impeccably to the Don/Ash net. That score put Skryne ahead for the second time in the match as half

time approached and they were well worth their lead. Unfortunately for them Dylan Brady's shot for a point looped in over Dean Reddys head for a fortunate Donaghmore/Ashbourne goal just on half time to give them a flattering one point lead at the break 1-6 to 1-5.

The second half began in the same fashion as the first with Skryne in the ascendancy and Jason Fox again proving his worth scoring an expertly taken penalty after Paddy Carpenter was fouled in the area. But then Don/Ash hit a purple patch and went on a five point scoring spree without reply. In this period they almost certainly won the game but two good points from play by John Morley and Eoin Smyth got the Blues back in contention and within one score of forcing extra time. When Paddy Dohertys effort for a goal hit the post and another for a point went badly wide the game for Skryne was up and Don/ash added the insurance point to take the spoils and bring the Cup home for the second year running.

With such a young team on view all is not lost for Skryne and surely the future is bright for this group of players in the near future.

Skryne—Dean Reddy. Robbie Clarke, Timmy Lennon, Barry Clarke. Michael Doherty, Eoghan Greene, Colm Craigie. Darragh Campion, John Morley (0-1). Jason Fox (1-4), Eoin Smyth (0-2), Paddy Carpenter (1-0). Cian Lynch, Niall Morley, Paddy Doherty.

Subs used—David Carroll and Jason Reddy. Also involved—Sean Cassidy, Enda Byrne, Darren Fox, Oisín Gryson, Michael Long, Oisín Kieran-Coyle and Jack O'Donnell.

Fai Women's U12 Cup - Finals Blitz 2016

Skryne Tara & Parkvilla represented the NE counties region in the AUL, Clonsaugh, Dublin where the top 16 Girls Teams from around the country competed for the National Title.

Shelbourne now called Kilmore Celtic won the cup v Buncrana. They have won it for the 6th time in a row and by a penalty shoot out for the 2nd year in a row. Parkvilla got to the Shield final and lost out on penos to Westport.

Skryne experienced the big time for a second year in a row and played out of their skins against Teams from Sligo, Cork, Limerick & Mayo. The whole squad enjoyed a terrific day out in the superb facilities of Athletic Union Ireland.

Skryne racked up 2 tremendous performances v Tubbercurry & Bandon and held them both scoreless in the second half. Skryne had 2 titanic ding dong encounters v Killmallock drawing 0-0 & also with Manulla, Castlebar loosing 0-1 from a goal with 2 mins to go.

All the Girls enjoyed a great days football against the best players in the country. They displayed great pride in their jersey representing their Club and fought to the end of each game. They won a lot of admiration and respect with their lionhearted performances.

Squad: Samantha Clarke, Katie Cullen, Isabella Pentony, Nicola Mongey, Katie Ryan, Kate Thorpe, Sasha Guirey, Lisa Browne, Steffi Finegan

Cookery Corner

SEASONAL MINCE PIES

Ingredients

- Sweet Pastry
- 8oz/225g plain flour
- 2oz/50g icing sugar
- 5oz/150g butter diced
- 1 egg yoke
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- Egg beaten for glaze
- Mince meat bought or homemade.
- Tartlet tin for 12 pies.

Method:

Preheat oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Sieve the flour & icing sugar in a bowl. Add the butter, egg yolk, water and lemon juice. Beat with an electric mixer at slow speed until the mixture forms a dough. Place pastry in cling film in fridge for 30 mins before use.

Roll out 2/3 of the pastry thinly on a lightly floured board. Cut out rounds with a cutter a little larger than the tartlet tins. Line the tins with rounds of pastry.

Put 1 teaspoon of mince meat in each. Roll out remainder of pastry and cut with a slightly smaller cutter to fit the tops. Brush the edges of lids with water and place on pies wet side down. Seal with the tips of your fingers. Make a small slit in each pie.

Brush with beaten egg. Bake in oven for 15-20 minutes until lightly golden. Cool in tins before lifting out to wire rack. Dust with icing sugar.

HOME MADE MINCE MEAT FOR YOUR SEASONAL PIES

Ingredients

- 12 oz / 350g eating apples peeled, cored & diced or grated
- 8 oz / 225g each of raisins, sultans and currants
- 4 oz / 110g candied citrus peel
- 8 oz / 225g melted butter
- 4 oz / 110g blanched chopped almonds
- 6 oz / 175g dark brown sugar
- Grated rind of one orange and one lemon
- 1/2 teaspoon each of cinnamon, nutmeg and ground cloves.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons brandy or whiskey.

Method:

Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Cover with a tea towel and leave overnight or for up to two days. Mix well next day and pack into sterilised jars. Seal and store in a cool dark place. Store for at least two weeks before using but will keep for 12 months. Tip: why not double the amount and give some to friends in a fancy jar wrapped with red ribbon for Christmas

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History Repeats Itself At Ross Cross

On the 23rd November 1980 the very first competitive soccer match in the Mid Meath League took place. It was played at Ross Cross and the teams competing were Skryne Rangers and Kilmessan. The result was 6-2 to the Home side.

Fast forward 36 years to 13th November 2016 and the match in the North East Football League played at Ross Cross was between Skryne Tara and Kilmessan with, ironically the same result, 6-2 to the Home side.

As you can see from the names the clubs and the League have gone through some changes over that long period but the ideals and motives are the same.

As stated the League began as the Mid Meath League with a small number of teams but progressed to become the Meath and District League and eventually, due to the ever increasing number of teams wanting to join, has now become the North East Football League.

Present NEFL Secretary Gerry Gorman, and Committee member John Gorman played in that inaugural match and have been involved as players firstly and then Administrators of the League ever since. Very few people in any walk of life can boast a record or compare with Gerry Gorman's dedication to sport and soccer in particular in County Meath.

At one stage in the mid eighties there were three teams in Skryne Parish alone and playing at a number of different venues. The three were Skryne Rangers, Tara, and Castle Celtic all playing in different Divisions of the League. But over time their paths did occasionally cross and eventually Castle Celtic went out of existence. Both remaining Clubs had a number of successful seasons, both winning Cup Competitions but no League wins—that is until the Clubs merged and became Skryne Tara going on to win Division 2 of the Meath and District League in 2009. That first illusive League win resulted in great celebrations in Skryne Parish. (The late Paddy Browne would have been a proud man looking down on that day as it was at his Funeral that the seeds of the merger were sown).

Kilmessan also went through a number of changes over the years and had teams under different names—Kilmessan Diamonds, Skane Ramblers and eventually reverting back to simply Kilmessan.

Two of the men who played in that very first game in 1980 were at Ross Cross to witness the 2016 version of the local 'Derby'—David Pryle and Christy Doyle played for Skryne Rangers in that original fixture. Christy had the added bonus of seeing his son Colin play for the successful home team in this renewal.

This year Skryne Tara are presently top of their League, albeit Division 4, so the possibility of a second League win for the Parish exists and this win over pre-season favourites Kilmessan is certainly a move in the right direction. It was not as easy as the score suggests and after John McGovern had given Skryne Tara the lead early on, Kilmessan struck back with two goals to lead midway through the first half. Thirty minutes in David Lynch equalised and then Man-of-the-Match Conor O'Brien took over and scored a hat trick. His first made it 3-2 at half time and he continued where he had left off in the second scoring two more to put the game to bed. Mark Jordan hit the net for the sixth to finish the scoring exactly as it was all those years ago. For the record the Skryne Tara team this time was - Des McAvinney. Colin Doyle, Niall Cleary. Dave Lynch, Brian Davis. Luke Thorpe, James Looby, Dermot Brennan. Conor O'Brien, John McGovern, Mark Jordan. Subs used - Cian McAvinney, Paul Clarke, Gavin Sweeney, James Conroy and Caolan Schmieder.

Condolences

The Parish & Skryne GFC passed votes of sympathy to the following:

- To Geraldine & the Dowling family: on the death of Peter
- To Elizabeth Murray, Ross: on the death of John
- To the Smith family late of Jordanstown on the death of Alfie

Rathfeigh National School



Rathfeigh N.S. have once again enjoyed their annual Scholastic Fair. The Book Fair brought a great selection of the very best books to entertain young readers at the school. The

school earned a large selection of 'free books' from the Book Fair to further supplement the resources in the school library.

All pupils had opportunities to sit and browse their favourite books written by their favourite authors. Parents visited the Book Fair, assisting their child to select a suitable book to read at home.

The Book Fair concluded with an impressive Assembly in the school hall. Pupils attended with their book marks, book reviews, and personally written story books. Winners of these competitions were announced and pupils presented with a 'favourite read' as their prize.

Notices

■ **Childminder wanted:** in Kilmessan area to mind 2 children: 3 years & 17 months in childminder's own home for 2-3 days a week. Must be able to do Montessori collection in Kilmessan village at 12pm. Please contact Selina on 086 0403474

■ **St Vincent De Paul:** The local St Vincent de Paul annual collection will take place after Masses in Skryne and Rathfeigh on 10/11 December 2016. We thank you: in anticipation of your generous support for this very worthy cause. JD

■ **Community Alert AGM:** The Skryne Community Alert AGM will be held on Monday 12 December 2016 at 8 pm in Skryne Church Hall. All members are requested to make a particular effort to attend. Non-members are cordially invited to come along and perhaps get a better understanding of the Group's activities on behalf of all residents in the RST area.

■ **Thursday Coffee Crafts & Knitting Club:** The Thursday club have decided to knit blankets for children in St John's ward Crumlin hospital for the charity "Bravery Blanky" which was started by the mother of little Ceejay from Monaghan who was a patient there. We would be grateful for donations of unwanted wool that you may have and we will use it for this very worthy cause. Wool donations may be left into Mary in Tara Post Office or Rosie in The Salon or ring Patricia on 0868388017 and I will arrange collection. Many thanks.

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13th November-2016
2-3-16-18
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Past Pupils, Staff and Neighbours are invited to attend.

For more information: 087-826-0908
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