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Martin Dolan

On Friday June 30th last, Skryne lost one of its great stalwarts of the parish in Martin Dolan.



Martin was a Skryne man born and bred, a real community man, through his involvement in different organisations and the work that he done to help out throughout the Parish.

When Martin left school, he gained employment with the now Tara stud at Ross where he worked all his life until his retirement. We will all remember him on his bike travelling over and back the Ross rd and the numerous tools he carried on the handlebars over the decades.

mainly due to his horsey commitments!! When Easter and Christmas came he made sure there was a cake and numerous other prizes for the raffle at half-time and the bingo hall was always decorated appropriately for the occasion. He made numerous friends through his involvement.

Martin was one of the first committee members that started the bingo in Skryne that is still going today, which he was very proud of. Over the years Martin might have missed only a handful of nights at the bingo

Martin was also a member of the pioneer movement for 70yrs. Through the pioneer fundraising, there was always some person(s) sent to Lourdes every year with the Meath Pilgrimage in September & Martin played a

big part of this. He also helped organise the variety/talent group shows that were held in the hall. Martin was always first on hand for a clean-up of the hall or the church grounds & there was no grave left unnoticed coming up to Cemetery Sunday.

Over the last decade or so Martin went on his weekly bus trip to Navan on a Thursday, he was delighted when this bus route was added and encouraged many fellow travellers to avail of this service. He often supplied all on the bus with produce from his garden, He made many friends on this journey, none more so than the regular bus driver who became a great help to him over the last few years.

His garden with its array of many colourful flowers was envied by most people when walking or travelling by his home. Any spare time he had, was always dedicated to his garden.

Martin's love for sport was great, gaelic football & horse racing was his favourites. His number one was the horses tho & he liked nothing more than a day out at the races & when entering Martin's house, for sure the racing would be on the TV!

Martin's door was always open and many a tale was told & craic was had with the numerous visitors' he had over the years. Plenty of us will have a story with Martin involved!

"Ar dheis De go raibh a ainm"



John Thornton

A Tribute from Skryne GFC;

Since the last issue of the RST the local area has lost one of its best known faces in John Thornton.

Living and farming alongside the Skryne GFC pitch John was a great neighbour to the Club. Down the years John helped out by giving his fields for parking for inter-county matches, storage for our 'Scrap Saturday' fundraising and generally supporting our endeavours. Also he put up with the general nuisance of parking along the road in front of his house on big match days in the pitch when our best efforts to stop such parking failed.

All of this is dwarfed by his generosity in donating the land which allowed the development of our new 'All weather' pitches. The Club and local community will be forever in his debt.

Following his death, as a mark of respect, the Club attempted to have its Senior Championship match against Dunboyne postponed from the Monday night to Wednesday but the County Board would not agree. However a minute's silence was observed in John's honour

before the throw in.

John's Removal and Funeral were attended by large numbers from the Club Membership and a Vote of Sympathy was passed at our recent Executive Meeting.

The Club would like to extend sympathy to the extended Thornton and Hogan Families on John's passing.

Buíochas leat, a Sheáin, ó Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Scrín

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Promotion for Skryne's 3rd Team.

Donaghmore Ashbourne 0-6 Skryne 1-12

With promotion almost guaranteed before throw-in Skryne made it mathematically certain with this victory over Donaghmore Ashbourne in this B League Div. 3 match played in Ashbourne on Monday night. It also ensures a place in the League final against Castletown.

As the result of this game meant little to Don/Ash it was a credit to the Club that they fielded at all as some other clubs in that situation might not have done.

In fact in the first half the losers gave as good as they got and probably should have been ahead at half time. Both sides found scores hard to come by in this half but while Skryne's attempts at points were off target Don/Ash missed some goal chances. At this stage of the game passes went astray and the football in general from both teams was poor. Skryne led at the break by 0-3 to 0-2. The lights came on at half time to brighten things up and the quality of the play also brightened up and improved immensely. The Skryne forwards combined well for the important scores and when Neil Burkes shot the all important goal ten minutes into the half it gave the Blues the impetus needed to go on and win the game. They outscored Don/Ash by 1-9 to 0-4 in that second half.

In an excellent team performance the winners were well served by Felim O'Rourke in goals, a full back line of Jack Conroy, Martin Mulvaney and man-of-the-match Darren Fox. The attacking half back line of Keith Donoghue who went forward at every opportunity scoring a great point, David Carroll and Paul Bannon controlled their area all through. At midfield Oisín Gryson and particularly Donie Ryan held the upper hand. In the forwards Neil Burke was top scorer from a half forward line that included the hardworking pair Colm Craigie and Sean Cassidy. In the full forward line James Hegarty got great help from Ciaran Finnerty and Paul McGoldrick.

All the substitutes played their part particularly Kevin O'Reilly when introduced in the second half. Skryne - Felim O'Rourke, Jack Conroy, Martin Mulvaney, Darren Fox, Keith Donoghue (0-1), David Carroll, Paul Bannon, Oisín Gryson, Donie Ryan (0-1), Sean Cassidy (0-1), Colm Craigie (0-1), Neil Burke (1-3), Ciaran Finnerty, James Hegarty (0-3), Paul McGoldrick.

Subs - Kevin O'Reilly (0-1), John Quinn (0-1), Kieran O'Rourke, Paddy O'Leary, Andrew Moore and Shane McEnroy. Also available - Oisín Coyle and Eddie Dunne.

What a Disgrace - Blues 'Robbed' in Farce.

Skryne 0-14 Na Fianna 0-14.

Seven minutes into injury time Na Fianna equalised from a 'forty five' in almost total darkness which brought 'chaos' to the end of a farcical situation in Pairc Tailteann recently.

What a shame that a very well contested vital Senior Football Championship game should end in this ridiculous fashion.

Na Fianna scored the first point of the game but then Skryne took over and led the match throughout until that late late equaliser seven minutes into the dark of night. Skryne led at half time by 0-10 to 0-6 and were good value for their lead even though they had a few wides which would prove costly at the end of the game.

Early in the second half the Blues had five more clear cut chances of points but all were squandered with bad wides. Therefore all their good approach work became undone and no amount of complaining about decisions will change that.

Having said all that this was a much better performance from Skryne and they can take heart from this match which proves they can match any team if they can get their shooting in order. They had great displays right through the team beginning with a superb effort from goalkeeper Des McAvinney. In defence Declan Morley, Darragh Campion and Paddy Carpenter who scored two points from wing back, were on top while the midfield partnership of Ciaran Lenehan and Aidan Tuite supplied plenty of 'good' ball for their forwards. Upfront Patrick O'Rourke was scorer in chief despite being closely 'marked' by the Na Fianna defenders. He got great help from Eoin Smyth and Mark Battersby (in the first half) while Jason Fox took his two frees expertly. The two minors making their Senior Championship debuts - Robbie Clarke and Frank Carty - showed that the future is bright for the younger generation of the club. The third minor on the team tonight Colm Craigie had made his Senior debut in the last match versus Dunboyne.

Skryne - Des McAvinney, Timmy Lennon, Eoghan Greene, Declan Morley, Paddy Carpenter (0-2), Darragh Campion, Dermot Brennan, Aidan Tuite, Ciaran Lenehan (0-2), Eoin Smyth, Paddy Fox, Colm Craigie, Jason Fox (0-2), Patrick O'Rourke (0-6), Mark Battersby (0-2).

Subs used - Robbie Clarke and Frank Carty.

Skryne GFC passed votes of sympathy with the following on their recent bereavements:

Paul Carberry on the death of his father

The Thornton family on the death of John

The Dolan family on the death of Martin

The Ennis family, Dunshaughlin on the death of Tommy (former Skryne player) who died recently in England.

Hospice Coffee Morning Change of Date



Angela Kirwan
invites you to attend
her Annual

Coffee Morning



Friday, 8th September
from 9.30am to 3pm
at Riverstown, Rathfeigh

(We are holding our Coffee Morning 6 days earlier than it is being advertised nationwide this year) There will be the usual stalls and Giant Raffle. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to take books as the Cancer Shop will no longer take unsold books.

Last year, we raised €15,000, which went to the Hospice, the Palliative Care and the Gary Kelly Centre.

On behalf of the people who benefited, thank you so much for your wonderful support.

Angela Kirwan tel. 087 6293477

Condolences

The Parish passed votes of sympathy with the following:

- Paul Carberry Oberstown on the death of his father.
- Dolan Family, Oberstown on the death of Martin.
- Thornton family on the death of John, Oberstown.
- Family of Colette Cromwell, Tymoole.
- Sheila Mooney, Greenpark on the death of her grandmother.
- Kathleen Dunne, Killeen on the death of her sister and two brothers.
- Dolores Donohoe, Killeen on the death of her brother.

SKRYNE GOLF SOCIETY

Captain Paddy Mulvaney hosted the Captain's Day at Moyvalley Golf Course on 12th August. The afternoon's golf was followed by dinner and presentation of prizes in the clubhouse. The winner of the Captain's Prize was Eddie McManus. It's not the first time that Eddie won this competition, he had won in 2006 also.

In the regular stableford competition the winners were Martin Browne and Gerry Reynolds in categories one and two respectively. In second place were Mick Rogan and Luke Bowden.

Shane Farrell took the money in the 2s competition.

When the Taras met the Swifts

The Skryne Tara Girls u13 soccer team from Co Meath travelled North to play in the annual Armagh festival of Girls soccer for the first time in August last year. There were 13 teams from the North and 3 from the South. Skryne played teams from Armagh, Lisburn, and 2 teams from Sion Mills Swifts. They eventually lost out to Bangor 2 - 1 in the semi final in a pulsating game when Bangor scored a golden goal from a penalty in extra time. The Skryne team struck up a great camaraderie with the Swifts from Strabane, Co Tyrone during the day long blitz. In the final the Swifts played Bangor. The final started and the Skryne folk were basking away in the summer sunshine on the wee hill alongside the pitch.



One of the Skryne fans chanted Lets Go Sion Mills, Lets Go! Soon the whole Skryne team were chanting it and the atmosphere was electric. Sion Mills were inspired and they scored the winner in extra time. The referee blew the final whistle and the Swifts team had just won the cup. Immediately the team celebrated their victory in the middle of the pitch. What happened next was a total surprise.

In a spontaneous sporting moment the Swifts players instead of going back to their families and friends rushed over to share hugs and to say thank you to their new found friends and supporters club from the South. The joy and jubilation was tangible in the atmosphere. The Swifts management and families also crossed the pitch to join in the celebrations. The 2 teams chatted away and intermingled and then stood side by side for all the parents to take photos. The joy on both teams faces created a little sporting magic on an unforgettable day and shows childrens' sport knows no barriers nor boundaries. The annual Armagh tournament takes place on Sat Aug 5 this year.

Skryne Rathfeigh Win 5th Leinster Title in a row 2013 - 2017

Skryne Rathfeigh, Meath 5 - 4 Monasterevan Kildare aet and penos. (1-1 f/t & aet) in Carlow IT



Back: Mary Clarke, Ava Purcell, Kate Thorpe, Val Finegan. Front: Ciara Smyth, Steffi Finegan, Samantha Clarke, (Niamh Cahill missing).

Monasterevan were quietly confident going into this game as ALL IRELAND finalists with last year's champions Tubbercurry. However Skryne pummelled the Kildare goals and exerted serious torque from the start. Kate Thorpe knocked the ball forward to Ciara Smyth who took a powerful first time shot. It was too hot to handle and it trundled through the keepers hands into the net. Skryne led deservedly 1-0 at the break. Monasterevan who won their semi final v Carlow side Ballon Rathoe earlier in the afternoon started brightly in the second half. They caught Skryne napping after 2 minutes and scored a sizzler to level it 1-1. Monasterevan were like a team possessed and spurred on by the adrenalin rush they pounded Skryne for the next 5 mins. It took fierce defending from Samantha Clarke and Ava Purcell coupled with some fine saves from Steffi Finegan in the goals to keep them at bay.

Ciara and Kate turned their afterburners to flat out in search of the elusive winner but the well drilled defence stood firm and the Kildare keeper was in sparkling form. The 2 periods

of extra time were played out at a ferocious pace with both teams giving it their all. Both crowds seated at the arena and standing in the balcony were enthusiastically urging on their teams. The sweltering heat inside this cauldron added to the tension. Both teams could not be separated and so it went to penalties.

Skryne scored 3 stunning penalties from Ciara, Samantha and Steffi but the alarm bells were ringing as Monasterevan had their 5th peno to win it. The prize was high as it is the 50th anniversary of the Community Games and the first year to be held in the new National Sports Centre NSC in Abbotstown, Dublin. Skryne were now looking down the barrel of a gun. The stage crew brigade donning their yellow bibs were getting into position to draw down the curtains on a long and eventful day and lock up. Skryne were thrown a lifeline as Monasterevan's 5th sailed high and wide. Relief ebbed from all of the Skryne supporters. It was now sudden death and Ciara stepped with the poise of a cat ready to pounce. She struck an ace penalty just inside the left post and all the pressure turned to the Lily Whites. She pulled it left and narrowly wide and Skryne had made it by the skin of their teeth. They didn't just get out of any ordinary jail today they escaped from Alcatraz. The Skryne support were delirious and swarmed onto the pitch to congratulate their team. Skryne had to field without the assistance of Niamh Cahill who was on holidays. This is Skryne's 5th Leinster Title in a row and it will be cherished and treasured due mainly to the never say die fighting spirit of an awe inspiring and amazing resilient team.

Notices

DIGITAL SKILLS COURSES FOR BEGINNERS - RST

CENTRE: FREE 5-week/10 hours Basic Laptop, iPhone, iPad, SmartPhone or Tablet Classes available in all areas – Meath Partnership. Please phone Angela on 046 9280790. Courses will resume in the RST Centre from September 2017. Open to all ages, daytime/evening courses can be arranged, everyone welcome.

Tuesday Club to visit Clonmacnoise

The Tuesday Club has an exciting trip planned for Tue 5 Sept. We leave Swans at 9 am and head to Athlone where we board a Viking boat and cruise down the Shannon to the monastery of St Ciaran at Clonmacnoise. Our guided tour takes about 45 mins. Back on the bus then and we head to Tullamore for a guided tour of Tullamore DEW Distillery followed by Carvery Lunch in the Bridge House Hotel.

The bus, Viking boat and the guided tours cost €40 . The food is extra. We still a few spaces available . If you wish to travel, please contact Dermot or Michael or Maurice immediately. It promises to be a great day.



Thank you note form Skryne tractor run 2017

Many thanks from our charity partners Whistlemount Day Care Centre & Meath River Rescue to everyone for their generosity in supporting the The Skryne Tractor Run & BBQ 2017 in raising a wonderful €2200 . It will go towards day to day running costs of both services in your community. Many thanks to the organising team for a super event.



Niamh Fox, Aoghan McConnell, Luke Mahon and Sam O'Donnell would sincerely like to thank the people of Rathfeigh and Skryne and Fr. Thomas for their generosity and support on their two week volunteer work in Ghana. They worked in an orphanage and helped families who have basically nothing.

We found our trip to Ghana very moving but also very rewarding. So to everyone that supported us

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Do you want to play in the league this season?

Basketball

Basketball Registration Day
Tuesday 22nd & 29th August. 7pm - 8pm
Ashbourne Community Centre
Boys Age 10 to 17
Girls Age 13 to 16

Training Schedule
Wednesday - Ashbourne: U15, U17 Girls
Thursday - Ratoath: U12 Boys
Friday - Ashbourne: U14, U16, U18 Boys
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6-8-9-10

No Winner - €40 each to: Fred and Louis Gilsenan,
Schira Mullen, Gordon Reilly and Ann Mulvany

July 02 2017
4-14-21-25

No Winner - €40 each to: Brendan Canavan, Ron Chawke,
Leoni McGuinness, Ruth Lawlor.

July 09 2017
9-14-18-27

No Winner - €40 each to: Gerry Leddy, Les Bartley,
Brian Wilde and Audrey Mooney

July 16 2017
4-15-25-26

No Winner - €40 each to:
Dolores Tobin, Brendan Canavan,
Eamon Giles and Shane Curran

July 23 2017
3-7-11-20

No Winner - €40 each to:
Patricia Gaynor, Dianne Lynch, Frank Weldon
and James Monaghan

July 30 2017
9-17-18-20

No Winner - €40 each to:
Kieran and Helen O'Flynn, Jim and Pauline McManus,
Betty O'Shaughnessey and Fred Gilsenan.

August 06 2017
1-7-18-19

No Winner - €40 each to:
Kieran O'Brien, Annie Ryan,
Liam McLoughlin and Johnny Brennan

August 13 2017
8-17-26-27

No Winner - €40 each to:
Stephanie, Shane & Declan O'Connor,
Anne McCabe, John O'Reilly, Mel O'Rourke

August 20 2017
8-12-13-23

No Winner - €40 each to:
Patrick Ryan, Jude Keogh,
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SKRYNE COMMUNITY ALERT WARNING

A vicious attack on a couple in Collierstown returning from a night out at 10.30pm last night resulted in their car being stolen.

They returned to find two traffic cones in front of their gate and when the male driver got out to remove them he was hit on the head resulting in concussion and he remains in hospital. The female passenger was dragged from the car by an accomplice.

The thieves then sped off in the direction of the N2.

Please be aware of anything placed outside your gate and be cautious of anything unusual.

We urge everybody to be vigilant and report suspicious persons or activity to the Gardai at Ashbourne (01)8010600 and renew your Text Alert at Tara Post Office if you have not already done so.

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Saturday 30th September 2017

Submissions by Wednesday 27th September

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