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Skryne And Rathfeigh Communities Rally Around One of Their Own Underage Warriors!

Ben Cherry Fundraiser – Saturday, 7th September 2019 hosted by Skryne GFC



Ben with his Skryne team mates



Ben's Dad, Darren, running the last lap of the relay



Our Wonderful Musicians

As most of you will be aware, a juvenile member of Skryne GFC, Ben Cherry, took ill earlier this year with leukaemia. Chemotherapy has gone well but it is a tough, long road and Ben is facing it head on as we have seen him do countless times in the Skryne colours over the years. As a show of support for our U15 warrior, Skryne GFC hosted a Fundraising Day on Saturday 7th September with all funds raised going directly to Ben and his family to help out in whatever way it can over the coming months to aid a full and speedy recovery.

Blessed with great weather the day commenced at Skryne GFC grounds at 9am with a Go Games tournament for the U7s to u11s. This really got things off to a flyer with a great atmosphere generated by all the kids and visiting teams from the word go! At 11am the kid's marathon started on the astro pitch with the juvenile

members of the club running the distance 26.2 miles in the form of a relay. This was a sponsored event and all the boys and girls were extremely busy raising much-needed funds for which we are eternally grateful. They all had great fun and finished the marathon in an amazing time of 2 hours, 22 minutes and 53 seconds – well done everyone!

This was followed by the U15 seven a side blitz on the main pitch from 1pm to 5pm and was a hotly contested by St. Dominic's, Walterstown, Rathkenny, Dunsany, Moynalvey, Killary Emmets, Navan O'Mahony's and our own Skryne lads. Dominic's travelled from the parish of Glanworth in Cork where Ben's mother Clara is originally from and we were delighted to welcome them to the Royal County for this great occasion. The format ensured all teams would either qualify for the cup or shield knockout



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stages with the top two from each group going through to cup semi-finals and bottom two from each group going through to the shield semi-finals. Walterstown ran out Cup winners on the day with our own Skryne team taking home the Shield honours (as was the polite thing to do as hosts 😊). Many thanks to all eight teams for entry fees and to their respective supporters for the generous donations on the day – it is very much appreciated!

To keep the hunger at bay there was a BBQ on the go during the day with burgers, hot dogs and sandwiches available to all, accompanied by hot cups of tea / coffee and delicious home bakes – a big thank you to all involved for keeping bellies full on the day! To keep everyone on their toes a raffle was also held during the day with some great prizes presented to the lucky ticket holders.

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Again – a huge thank you to all who donated such brilliant raffle prizes and auction items. There was also an opportunity during the day to have your photo taken with the Champion's League and Premiership trophies in the RST. Thanks to Swan's and Fox's who displayed the trophies and provided donation buckets in their establishments. The day was rounded off with a social evening and music in Fox's pub on the Hill of Skryne with the main event being the auction, which was great fun and raised a tremendous amount on the night. A special mention here to our virgin auctioneer for the night who kept things going and got all items sold off to everyone's surprise including himself - which added to the overall excitement!

A huge thank you to all our great sponsors who donated all the food and refreshments provided on the day together with the brilliant raffle prizes and auction items on offer – the event simply would not have happened without this massive support so a big thank you all concerned.

The organising committee are extremely grateful for all the support received from Skryne GFC and the wider GAA family, the RST Community Centre Committee, our local

running, cycling, golf and soccer clubs, Navan RFC and all the businesses and individuals who have all contributed enormously to this fundraising event. As you can appreciate there is a lot of expense involved in the care required for Ben to make a full recovery. To say that the Committee were overwhelmed at the generosity of everyone would be an understatement. We are absolutely thrilled to let you all know that over €35,000 was raised - UNBELIEVEABLE!

Most importantly a massive shout out to the strong and vibrant communities of Skryne and Rathfeigh who made the day the success it was. It was great to see how we rally behind one of our own with so many of you in attendance to support Ben and the Cherry family throughout the day and night – makes you realise how lucky we are to live where we do! From those who helped the children collect sponsorship and made sure they were at the pitch for their allotted time slot, poured tea and coffee and brought sandwiches, home bakes and goodies, diced buckets of onions and chopped tonnes of tomatoes, flipped burgers and made hot dogs, provided first aid, refereed the games, MC'd for the day, hung bunting and signs, sold raffle tickets, managed our little shop, directed traffic, gave us a loan of BBQ's

and collection buckets, helped to clean up, took great photos and video footage and of course not forgetting our talented local musicians who captured the mood of the day brilliantly!

Finally, whilst this event is now over the hard journey continues for Ben as he completes his current session of chemotherapy in Crumlin Children's Hospital. It is important that Ben, Darren, Clara and Ella know the Skryne Rathfeigh family are behind them all the way and won't be happy until that Skryne No: 11 jersey is back where it belongs!

For more information and loads of photos please visit Skryne GFC Facebook page or contact a member of the organising committee. (Sean and Trish O'Regan, Teresa Mangan, Carmel and Andy McConnell, Nichola Moss, Karen Dardis).



All of the teams that took part in the U15 Blitz



Ben with his Skryne team mates



Walterstown - winners of the Cup



Skryne - winners of the Shield



Sending good wishes to Ben



Auction at Fox's



Relay Team

Skryne Ladies win Masita Cup

In a thrilling and hard fought final against tough opponents Moylagh, Skryne ladies secured some well deserved silverware on 8th September. The cup was gratefully accepted by captain Ruth Moore. And Ciara Smyth picked up player of the match award. Final score: Skryne 2-17 Moylagh 2-04. Well done to the full squad and management team!



Well done to our U15 girls who gave a fantastic display of football to the crowd last night under the floodlights. Skryne overcame Seneschalstown by ten points. Final score Skryne 1-17 to Seneschalstown 1-7.

Well done to our U13 div 3 girls who were losing at half time to pull back a 4 pt victory against local rivals Walterstown. Final score Skryne 3-6 to 2-5.

Hard luck to U13 div 7 who lost out against Drumbaragh



Skryne Community Alert

At our recent Community Alert meeting, Gda Derek Halligan gave us an update on crime in our area. There were no major incidents to report since our last meeting before the summer break. This is good news, suggesting the crime rate in the area is down compared to this time last year. But we can't afford to become complacent. Please remember that burglars don't just appear out of nowhere – they will often call at several houses to check if they are occupied before finding an easy target. They could be offering to clean gutters or windows, selling tools etc. Or perhaps asking for directions. They won't go unnoticed as they make their way up and down our roads. For Community Alert and Text Alert to work, it is essential that suspicious activity is phoned in to the Gardai as soon as it is noticed. While it can be useful to provide information about suspicious activity to the Gardai after a crime has taken place, it is far more valuable to provide that information as soon as your suspicions arise. Please take note of the 24hr Garda telephone number – 018010600 – save it to your phone. Please report all suspicious activity in the area to the Gardai at the earliest opportunity. Together we can help keep crime out of our area. **Our next Community Alert meeting will be our AGM in Skryne Hall on Monday 25th Nov at 8pm. All are invited and welcome to attend.**

Tuesday Club trip to Belvedere House 29 October

The Tuesday Club's next trip is to Belvedere House on Tuesday 29 October via Bus. Belvedere House is near Mullingar on the shore of Lough Ennell. Built in 1740, designed by architect Richard Cassells, it was home of Robert Rochfort as his hunting lodge. The demesne is landscaped and there is a Victorian walled garden and many hectares of forest.

If you intend travel, please contact Michael, or Dermot or Maurice no later than Sunday 13th October.

Tuesday Club Christmas Dinner.

For the past few years we have had Christmas Dinners in various venues. They have been very enjoyable social occasions, increasing in numbers every year. The time to plan for this year's event is upon us again and we welcome suggestions.

Speakers for the RST Centre.

This winter we plan to invite a number of guest speakers to the RST Centre on various topics from history, genealogy, finance, writing, education, Information Technology, farming issues etc. If you have a suggestion please let us know.

Notices

BINGO: Every Wednesday night in Skryne Hall at 9 pm. €1,100 to be won each night. Enjoy a night out. Please support. Proceeds to parish funds.

THE SKRYNE TODDLER & BABY GROUP: is now a hive of activity on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 – 11.30am, toys and refreshments provided, costs just €3. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends in the area. Everyone is welcome.

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES: will commence on Mon 4th November for 7 weeks from 10.30am - 12.30pm and Monday evenings from 7.30-9.30pm. For further info/to book your place, please call Elizabeth on 087-416 9269.

THE RST IS A POPULAR VENUE FOR: Birthday Parties this year. We have a fully equipped kitchen, lift, baby-changing facilities, a wheelchair accessible toilet and the Astro pitch for games. All enquiries to RST/Susan on 087-130 6985.

RATHFEIGH CHOIR: Rathfeigh Choir practice takes place every Tuesday evening in Rathfeigh Church from 8 to 9pm. Just come along any Tuesday evening - you don't need to be able to read music. Choir sings every Saturday evening at 6pm Mass.



Eoghan Daly, Macetown and Wendy Simeone who were married in New York recently.

Condolences

The Parish and Skryne GFC passed votes of sympathy with the following:

- To Harry Dowling and Kathleen Kinsella on the death of their sister Margaret
- To Norbert Coyle on the death of his sister Kay
- To Frank O'Donnell, Ashbourne (ex NT Rathfeigh National School) on the death of his son Odhran



Beginner Cycling Group out in force at the Skryne GAA Cycle.

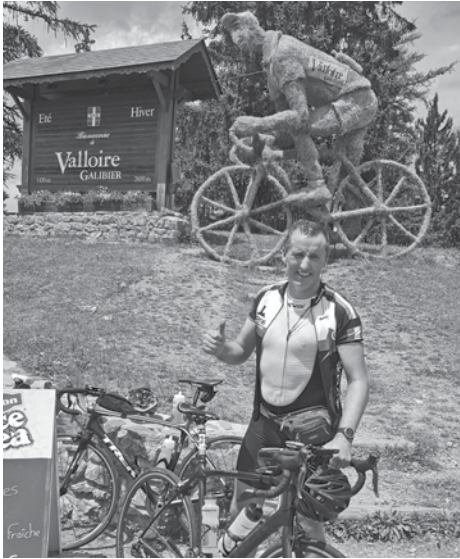


Photo of Sean on top of Col du Télégraphe - 2600m climbed with another 2500m to do.

Sean O'Regan completed La Marmotte one day cycle in the French Alps last July to raise money for Ben Cherry fund – thanks to everyone for the very generous support!

Skryne GFC Annual Cycle

Skryne GFC's Annual Cycle which is run in conjunction with Skryne Cycling Club was a great success once again.

Over 120 cyclists defied the bad weather forecast and were blessed with pleasant and generally dry conditions on the 100 km and 50 km routes.

Many thanks to all who cycled and those who helped as Stewards on the route and looked after the catering. Once again the highlight for many was Michael Maguire's Muffins hot from the oven and the well earned Burger at the end.

Thanks to all our sponsors including Michael and Agnes Fox (Burgers), Des Finnerty (Fruit), Liam Reddy (Avonmore), Essence Coffee and Michael Maguire.

BLOTTO RESULTS

8th September

10 - 11 - 13 - 14

€40 each to, Barbara O'Rourke, George Rathbourne, Niamh Finnerty, Amy McQuaid

15th September

1 - 7 - 10 - 24

€40 each to, Christy O'Connor, Tom Mulvany, The Reddy Family, Jack Carty

22nd September

3 - 18 - 19 - 20

€40 each to, Mike Noonan, Dom O'Brien, Frances McKee, Caroline Swan

29th September

€40 each to, Linda Conway, Lily Carolan, Aidan Tuite, E&N c/o Michael Mulvaney

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