

# Mayfield Matters

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## St.Joseph's Youth Committee wins Garda Youth Award



**Pictured in the back row, left to right are: Sarah O'Donovan, Bridget Hollenbach, Brian O'Leary, Stephen O'Reilly. Front row ,left to right are: Rhianna Bonhomme, Arron O'Neill, Rebecca Chisolm, Aileen Byrne, Ashleigh Morrissey. Missing from the picture are Clodagh O'Sullivan, Erica Burke, Stephen Daly and Susan McAlvey.**

Picture: Supplied.

A group of young people from St Josephs Youth Programme recently won the coveted Garda Youth Award for their work with other young people in Mayfield. The overall purpose of the youth committee is to assist in the identification of the needs of local young people and the local community and to plan, run and evaluate programmes to address those needs. In addition the members work to improve their own community through their promotion and involvement in many different initiatives. In summary it is about young people working together to make the lives of other young people and their community better. Mayfield Matters would like to congratulate this group for the outstanding work that they have done.

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# St Josephs Youth Committee Garda Award

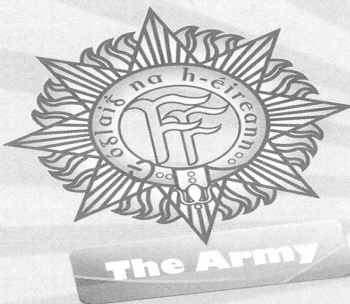
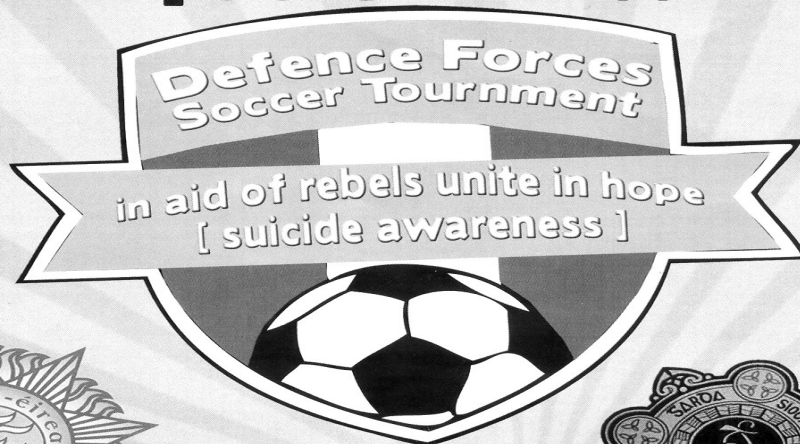
The range of activities that earned them their award are as follows;

- 16 chill out nights for teenagers on Friday nights. Approximately 200 teenagers have participated in these events.
- 20 events for the 8-12 year group including Christmas parties, games, sessions etc. Approximately 250 young people have attended.
- They organised and ran a variety concert celebrating the ten year anniversary of the youth programme which showcased the many talents of the young people in Mayfield promoting positive self esteem and recognition.
- Approximately 6 Soccer blitzes for 8 – 12 year old and 13 – 18 year olds
- Summer programmes including week long programmes for 8-12 year and 13 – 18 years over the past four years

Volunteer leaders with weekly groups in the centre acting as mentors and role models with the young people in their care. In addition to the events they have also initiated programmes such as Operation Christmas Child and concern appeals successfully within the youth programme. These are to name but a few of the events.

The young people meet weekly in the youth centre and are committed and dedicated young people – true worthy winners of the award. The group attended a celebratory function on Thursday 22nd March at the Rochestown Park hotel to receive their award. Once again congratulations are in order for this outstanding group.

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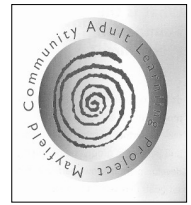
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**Murray's Supervalu, Mayfield.**

# Mayfield Community Adult Learning Project. C.A.L.P.



## **Beginners computers:**

Starting the mid April 2012, every Monday morning for 5 sessions

10.30am to 12.30pm

Course covers: starting/shutting down the computer, opening documents, saving documents, using icons etc..

Held in computer room in Community Resource Centre.

## **Introduction to Internet & email:**

- One morning/afternoon a week for 4 weeks
  - Course covers: setting up an email account, sending and receiving emails, attachments, browsing the net
- Held in computer room in Community Resource Centre.

## **Absolute Beginners Irish:**

- Starts Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
  - 9.45am to 10.45am
  - 7 Sessions
  - Training Room in the **CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd.**
  - Learn how to read and pronounce Irish and have fun while you are learning.
  - Learn the basic building blocks of the Irish Language and how to put them together to create sentences.
- Included with the classes is an audio CD with a simple child's story read in Irish, spoken in Irish and translated word by word, sentence by sentence from Irish into English.

## **Food for Healthy Lifestyle – Introduction to Nutrition.**

- Starts Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
- 10.30am to 12.30pm
- 6 sessions.

Explores Digestive Health, Blood Sugar, Cholesterol, Toxins, Relaxation & Healing and Cooking Demonstration with Recipes.

If you are interested in any of the above courses please ring: 021 450 8562 for further information and to book your place.

*All courses have a minimal fee.*

*Courses are funded through part time tutor hours from the City of Cork VEC/Cork City Partnership.*

*Childcare places may be available in the Rainbow Childcare service next to the CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd.*

***The voluntary management of the Community Adult Learning Project C.A.L.P. would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter!***

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## Mayfield Action on Suicide.

The group continues to be busy and in particular Kevin O'Sullivan who is a great fundraiser. The Defence Forces Soccer Tournament on the second page of this issue is again being organised by Kevin and the beneficiaries will be the four groups, MAOS, Glanmire SAFE, Breaking the Silence Cobh and Let's Get Together Foundation Midleton. All these groups are working to increase awareness of the supports available to people and to prevent further suicides in their communities. Sponsorship cards for this are available in the community and your support would be appreciated. Any funds raised will go to provide low cost counselling locally.

We wish to thank Paddy O'Connell of Hennessy's Bar for organising a very successful Table Quiz on the 8th March. This raised €550 for our group and a very enjoyable night was had by all who attended with great spot prizes and food on the night. Thanks also to John in Dolan's Bar who hosted the recent Darts Tournament.

The MAOS group recently received a donation of \$4,000 from the Loyola Foundation an American based Trust Fund in recognition of it's work. For further information please contact us on: 021 450 8562.



# Important news for Medical Card holders

If you are a Medical Card holder you have to take note of the following information:

- Check the expiry date of your card.
- To renew your card you have to apply for a new one at least **three months before expiry date**.
- If your Medical Card expires **You will have to pay for all visits to the doctor and any medication**.
- You can apply online at **www.medicalcard.ie** where you can also check your present card status.
- Always quote your **PPS number** and your **Medical Card number**.

The office dealing with Medical Cards is - Centralised Medical Card Schemes  
Primary Care Reimbursement Services  
Client Registration Unit  
PO Box 1175  
Finglas  
Dublin 11                      telephone - 1890 252 919

Another contact is - 1850 24 1850    Phone this number and ask for Medical Cards.

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## Are you still on the housing list?

If you have changed address since applying for housing and did not receive a review form from the council, the chances are that you have been removed from the council waiting list. You will have to contact the council to find out your current status. The following information is available on the council website.

### Housing Review 2011

Cork City Council is currently reviewing all social housing applications which were received on or before 31st December 2008 and were approved as being eligible for social housing support. The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, issued new Social Housing Assessment Regulations which came into effect on 1st April 2011. As a result, Cork City Council is obliged to review all applications for social housing received before that date so as to comply with these new regulations and determine eligibility for social housing support.

The review of social housing applications will be carried out in two phases:

- First Phase – Review of all applications which were received up to and including 31st December 2008.
- Second Phase – Review of all applications which were received between 1st January 2009 and 31st December 2011.

It is anticipated that the first phase will take a number of months to complete as it involves the review of over 4,000 applications. Applicants in this phase are being written to on 22nd June 2011 informing them of this review. They are required to complete a Housing Assessment Review Form and return Documentary Evidence, as outlined on the form, on or before 8th July 2011. **Applicants are being informed that if they fail to return the form before this date, Cork City Council will presume that they no longer require housing support and their application for social housing support will be cancelled.**

When the first phase is completed, the second phase will commence and this will focus on applications received between 1st January 2009 and 31st March 2011, as outlined above. These applicants will be written to in due course.

# Food and Your Health – Need some help?

The Primary Care Team based in the Roseville Centre, Old Youghal Rd. Mayfield, has the service of a Community Dietician. The Dietician provides support and advice to members of the public about food and nutrition for different dietary needs such as diabetes, heart health, weight management and coeliac disease, among other conditions

If you think you would benefit from meeting the local Dietician to discuss your health and nutrition you need to first discuss it with your G.P. who can send the referral. Appointments are free of charge and can be made for adults and children who need guidance on diet, health and nutrition. Information and support is provided by one-to-one appointment and in the case of type 2 diabetes, by group sessions. If you would like to see the Community Dietician you need to ask your G.P. to send a referral.

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## Mayfield Rocks for Marymount.

There are not many families that have not been touched or directly involved with the word cancer. Most of us dread the word itself as it seems to portray the beginning of the end. Luckily, the last ten years or so have seen a dramatic rise in the number of cases that have not only been treated, but have beaten cancer through scientific and medical breakthroughs. In Cork city, the treatment for anyone that has, had or will have cancer, is second to none; with hospitals like the Mercy, CUH and the South Infirmary at the top of their game in the treatment of cancer.

When all else fails and when sufferers do not respond to treatment, they are provided with a haven for them to live out their last days in comfort and dignity: Marymount Hospice is such a place. For too many years to mention, Marymount has given peace of mind, not only to the sick, but mainly to the families who feel helpless for their loved ones.

**On Friday 13th April, Mayfield Rocks for Marymount will take place in the Crúiscín Lán in Douglas Street.**

Bands and musicians from Mayfield are teaming up to put on the “Mother of All” rock gigs in aid of the Marymount Hospice. The event is being run by Hugh O’Donovan, in memory of his late brother, to pay tribute for the care he received during his illness.

The line up features **Homegrown**, an Irish rock tribute act; **Bone Dog Blues**, **Revolution Rock** and a Thin Lizzy cover band.

The bands are playing free of charge for the night and all come from the Mayfield area.

Over 18’s only.

Tickets are €5 and are available at the Cotton Ball in Mayfield or at the door on the night.

Hugh O Donovan (organiser) 083 338 7992

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## Mayfield Health Action Zone



**Cervical Check** - The National Cervical Screening Programme provides free smear tests to women aged 25 to 60. A smear test is a simple procedure that only takes minutes and is the most effective way to detect changes in the cells of the cervix. To arrange a smear test, you can simply contact a registered physician of your choice to make an appointment. Thousands of GPs, Practice Nurses, Women's Health, Family Planning and Well Woman Clinics all over Ireland are registered.

If you have any questions you can call Cervical Check on Freephone 1800 45 45 55. Women who have already availed of a Cervical Check smear test since the start of the programme on 1 September 2008 will be automatically recalled by letter, when their next smear test is due.

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## Calling all Local Writers!

Mayfield Matters would like to encourage all local, aspiring writers to contribute to YOUR local Newsletter. We welcome any and all contributions, preferably of a local interest. So get your quills, pens, pencils, poised and ready to go! All contributions MUST be sent in via email in Word format to: [mayfieldcdp2@eircom.net](mailto:mayfieldcdp2@eircom.net).

# Church of Our Lady Crowned, Mayfield

## Holy Week Ceremonies 2012

Holy Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.00pm  
Church will remain open until 10.30pm

Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Stations of the Cross – 12noon  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3.00pm  
Taize Prayer around the Cross – 8.00pm

Holy Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Vigil Mass – 9.00pm

Easter Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Mass at 9.30am and 12noon

### Easter Greeting

May the Lord bless all the people  
Of our Parish community on this  
Solemn feast of Easter.  
May the risen Christ protect us from all danger.  
May He give us the gift of His peace.  
May the joy of Easter  
Be with each and every one of you.

Fr Aidan, Fr Pat and Sr Imelda

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## St. Joseph's Parish, Mayfield.

### Holy Week Ceremonies

#### Holy Thursday 5th April

Mass of the Lord's supper: 7:30pm  
Hour of quiet prayer: 9pm to 10pm

#### Good Friday 6th April

Stations of the Cross: 12 noon and 7pm  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm

#### Holy Saturday 7th April

Easter Vigil: 6pm  
Celebration of Christ's Resurrection from the dead

#### Easter Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am

Holy Week Confessions: After each Mass during the week, Holy Thursday: 12 noon to 1pm and Good Friday after 12 noon and 7pm Stations of the Cross.

# Daffodils in Spring

by Geraldine McAuliffe



March is the month where we look forward to seeing the daffodils grow in our garden. It is the time of the year when you see people busily buying their daffodils in the supermarkets or garden centres. They usually buy them and put them into their vases, or buy them in the shops made up in nice baskets for Mother's Day.

Daffodils even when they are brought to the sick in hospitals always seem to cheer the patients up. Maybe it is the colour yellow that is sunny and cheerful that makes people happy when they receive the flowers. Even though the snow may fall, and the winds may blow, and the heavy rain starts to fall. Nothing seems to stop the daffodil from appearing through the soil on a spring day.

When you see the daffodil appear you know the days will get longer and brighter too. They seem to come like spears out of the earth rows and rows of them seem to appear along the country roads. So many people have great respect for the flower and will never pick them, as they seem to brighten up the whole countryside.

As you drive up the link road to Mayfield, you will notice the rows and rows of beautiful daffodils that make a beautiful sight. The residents in Mayfield seem to take great pride in their gardens, and in many gardens in Mayfield, you cannot help seeing the care, and work folks put into their gardens. You will also see them displayed in the front of Our Lady Crowned Church, near the beautiful Birch trees which were planted recently there.

Daffodils seem to remind us of our goals in life, and that is if one bulb is planted each year, eventually you will have a garden full of daffodils. It shows to us the significance of taking one-step at a time and to begin to enjoy the steps we take. With practice and effort we too can learn to accomplish our goals in life like the good old daffodil.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

I'm off on my own little world,  
Waiting for somewhere to call my home  
Just a lonely little daffodil sitting in an old pot  
Waiting for someone to come and to buy me and bring me to his or her home.





# Charlie Wilkins - Gardening

## Easter Flowers

Lilies will grace our church altars this Easter as they do every year. By lilies I mean Arum lilies, the kind we associate with Christmas and Easter, those usually seen for sale in florist shops at ridiculous prices. Ridiculous because these are extremely easy to cultivate and unless one is careful, they will invade and colonise with vulgarity. This is especially true of warm gardens and here they will survive outdoors all year round including those potted and dropped into ponds and ornamental pools. Their foliage may be damaged in severe winter weather but come the warming days of spring, they soon put out fresh green shoots.

Arum lilies have always been full of symbolism (since their introduction from South Africa almost three hundred years ago) being known to the Greeks and Romans and generations of growers who, over the years gave them fancy colloquial names such as 'Lords and Ladies', 'Dragon Arum', 'Ladies and Gentlemen' 'Lily of the Nile' and 'Trumpet Lily'. Before the feast of Easter we have a six week period of preparation, frugality and reflection known as Lent- a wintry time by anyone's standard.

During the long weeks of reflexion, church altars are dressed in stark nakedness, and even the cross is shrouded in purple sacking, denying the congregation all comfort, much like a face turned away to the wall. Statues and Stations of the Cross are also concealed and shrouded but for Easter Sunday all are drawn away and flowers are re-instated for another year. At least that's how they used to be and how I remember them! Arum lilies are the first to signal the glory of the resurrection and an end to fasting and penance. The simplicity and purity of their funnel-shaped flowers is beyond crediting, and when bunched together in tall glass vases on the altar, their cumulative whiteness is reminiscent of the new life and light that Easter explodes upon us with armfuls of lavishness and hope. In the language of flowers the Lily-of-the-Valley may signify the return of happiness, but the Arum lily signals the return of life, light and joy, and already the hedgerows are frothing with it!

The botanical name of the arum lily is *Zantedeschia* and the species most often seen is the white form sold as *aethiopica*. It makes an excellent cut flower and lasts a long time in water. Nowadays there are newer forms which will enliven an old theme. 'Marshmallow' comes with a creamy pink spathe (outer "petal" which is actually a modified leaf) and rose-pink throat, and the 'Green Goddess' boasts a green and white colouring. There is also an attractive form with leaves spotted white. The flowers appear in flushes from January through to late summer, although there may be the odd flower at other times of the year in mild climates. The white arum can form large colonies in marshy areas ranging from the coast right up to a high altitude. Thus one will find them contending with humid, salt laden air at the coast and freezing, misty mountain conditions at higher altitudes. They are very versatile garden plants as a result. The leaves of the arum are very interesting in that they contain water stomata which can discharge excess water, by a process known as "guttation". This prevents water-logging and enables arum lilies to grow in wet conditions.

## Easter

Easter embraces the season of birthing, and all around I am witnessing new growth and life. This birthing is taking place as I write in the gardens of the far south, but it is gaining momentum and soon it will be in your area. Can you sense the enthusiasm I have for each new arrival? In my world this wondrous happening is a daily occurrence, a phenomenon everyone, even non-gardeners should experience. I see it for example in the progress of *Erythroniums* (Dog's tooth violets). These shade-loving bulbs are buried treasure you should look for in garden centres this month or next. They will be pot-grown and in full bloom, but if cannot find them, do ask. Some say that these are slow growers. Utter rubbish. Much will depend on how you plant and nourish them, and if it happens to be in any county blessed with adequate rain, then the battle is half won for they love moist ground (but one which drains freely) and a diet as rich and satisfying as you can provide. Buried down as much as six inches, in half shade or less, among shrubs or beneath light canopies of birch, deciduous azaleas, beech, or maples they'll perform spectacularly over a long number of years, and increase I should add, with a vulgarity that embarrasses! In the kind of ground which boast leaf-mould, pine-needles, good garden compost or plain old farmyard manure they'll simply thrive.

# Mayfield CDP

Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield.

Telephone: 021 450 8562



Rainbow Sessional Childcare is based at the CDP Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield. It caters for children from 6<sup>th</sup> months to 5 years old. The staff provide two sessions per day: 9.30am - 1pm and 1.30pm - 4pm. The team can cater for eight children per session.

The service is provided by fully qualified staff and complies fully with HSE regulations. We are also taking part in the new "Happy Talk" Project.

For further information please contact: Helena Ross at 021 450 8562.

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## Mayfield Community Garden at the Resource Centre.

Work has been continuing on the new Community Garden at the rear of the Mayfield CDP Resource Centre. Vegetables, herbs, potatoes and fruit have now been planted and we look forward to great results in the coming months. Thanks to Atkins Garden Centre and Beechhill Garden Centre for their donations to us.

If you would like to get involved in this project, why not contact the CDP on: 021 450 8562 or call in to see us at 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield. We are open 9.30-5pm.



**The Mayfield Community Garden Group had an Open Day to coincide with the Lifelong Learning Festival in March. The group is pictured with tutor, Denis Murphy, during their break.,**

Picture: Andy Gibson.

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# Mayfield Celebrates Learning as part of the City-wide Lifelong Learning Festival

As the sun basked the Mayfield community on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012, the 9<sup>th</sup> Cork Lifelong Learning Festival was celebrated in the Mayfield GAA Club. A vibrant morning of song, dance and music was opened by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Terry Shannon. The Lord Mayor congratulated the network on the event and encouraged everyone to engage in lifelong learning opportunities in their community.

The event started with the Roseville Singers showcasing their singing talents and they were followed by St Patrick's College students giving the audience a taste of their set dancing. Fellow students who were involved in St Patricks Colleges 'Got Talent' then performed their winning acts. St Patricks Primary School (pictured) took to the stage and performed several songs. Mayfield Health Actions Zone's, Jo's Fun Group and Ballroom Dancers showcased their dance skills. Gaelscoil An Ghoirt Alainn's 6<sup>th</sup> class displayed their musical talents with their fiddles,



accordion and guitar and this was followed by a lively piece of drama entitled 'An Muinteoir Nua', performed by 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class. The Gaelscoil's participation concluded with an Irish Step Dance. Scoil Mhuire Banrion was represented by Catherine O'Connor's 3<sup>rd</sup> class and sang a song and recited poetry. The final act of the morning was the Belly Dancers of St Patricks School.

Also present on the morning were displays of art, craft, photography and knitwear. St. John the Apostle BNS had information about its project 'One Book One Community'. Knitting Clubs showed their work from the Mayfield Community School and St. Patrick's School. Lotamore Family Resource Centre, displayed card making, knitwear and cross stitch. The tutor who works with the Mayfield Health Action Zone was kept busy applying makeup on anyone who wanted a makeover! Mayfield Novice Camera Club presented beautiful photographs taken by the club. Mayfield Community Arts Project displayed art work and craft and there was an opportunity to try print making. St Laurence Cheshire Services displayed its art work along with the Cúig Artists of the Mayfield Community Arts Project. Colour Catcher mobiles were also exhibited by a local tutor.

The Mayfield Community Education Network would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in this year's event. Thank you to the Lord Mayor of Cork for taking time out of his busy schedule to attend the event and spend time meeting people at the event and participating in the performances. Thank you to all of the performers, tutors, schools and their students, local community groups for taking the morning to showcase their learning, courses and activities. Your willingness to be involved made the morning a great success. Thank you to the Mayfield GAA Club for the use of their venue and the beautiful scones and cakes supplied by St. Laurence Cheshire Services. Mornings like this, highlight the active lifelong learning scene in Mayfield and illustrates learning is for all ages and abilities. Long may it continue!

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Children have to be educated, but they have also to be left to educate themselves. ~Abbé Dimnet, *Art of Thinking*, 1928

I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.

~Abraham Lincoln



# Mayfield Lifelong Learning Festival



**Liz O'Halloran, co-ordinator of the Adult Learning Project (CALP), Councillor Terry Shannon Lord Mayor and Hazel McCarthy, Chairperson of The Community Education Network.** Picture: Andy Gibson



**Rhona O'Sullivan and Lorraine Lynch, both from Mayfield Community School Knitting Group, show Cllr Terry Shannon, Lord Mayor of Cork, some of their handicraft work.** Picture: Andy

# Tale of a Talking Doll

by Victor O'Sullivan

The doll's name is long forgotten, even by its owner, but I clearly recall the ache in my ribs from laughing, as I write this almost forty years later. Perhaps some tool had slipped, perhaps I had over-tightened a screw, perhaps it was something I should have done differently but the outcome will go down in the annals of our family history. The doll was quite a novelty. She talked; and when she did she spoke quite clearly. This was years before the era of miniature electronic speech implants that are now commonplace in many toys. A string with a knob on the end dangled from the doll's back which, when pulled and released, randomly initiated a typical toddler expression such as "I want a drink of water," "Please put me to bed," "Kiss me goodnight" and a few others in similar vein. Our daughter made good use of the talking feature and was always glad of an opportunity to show off her doll's verbal expertise.

Came the sad day when a tearful little girl appeared with a silent doll in one hand and the mechanism's activating string in the other. She approached me, her technically orientated Dad, fixer of everything. I confidently gave comforting assurance that it would be quite a simple matter to restore the doll to her former verbosity and thus produced a hopeful smile on that tear-stained face. There followed an exploratory examination of the doll necessitating the use of scissors on clothing and other indignities that eventually exposed a clever sound reproduction device. It operated on Edison's mechanical principle using a tiny plastic disk with several short mechanical sound-tracks recorded on it. A stylus and diaphragm reproduced the child-like voice as the disc revolved. The disk was driven by a speed-controlled clockwork motor, wound by pulling the string. On release, it activated the mechanism. My technical experience and understanding of such basic principles would clearly be of benefit in the circumstances and my daughter would soon hear the familiar accent of her doll's voice once again. Simple!

Kitchen table cleared for doll-surgery, tools laid out, (most of which I knew I would not need but I had a most impressive-looking tool-box in those days and it made a good impression), temporary lighting was set up, a magnifying glass ready for use and with my daughter's anxious and challenging eyes staring from the opposite side of the table, the operation commenced. Dismantling the mechanism appeared straightforward – at first. Things became a little tricky when I attempted to attach the winding cord. More in-depth dismantling of the intricate mechanism was needed. The watching eyes became increasingly anxious, perhaps justifiably, as the critical reassembly steps commenced. Eventually I uttered a triumphal, "DONE! Now test it." The six-year-old looked doubtful but she gingerly reached for the cord prepared to test her beloved doll's vocabulary. Watched by both parents and two brothers she slowly pulled the cord and paused for dramatic effect before releasing it... From the doll came a ponderous, very deep, male, (very male), voice worthy of an XX certificate, which requested: "Please put me to bed." The audience exploded with helpless laughter. Somewhat bemused initially, then upset, the doll's owner quickly succeeded in sobbing and laughing simultaneously. Then she pulled the cord again and released it. In a tone that would have made the toughest Chicago gangster sound genteel by comparison, the slow voice growled threateningly: "I want a drink of water."

We shrieked and doubled up in uncontrollable paroxysms of mirth, eyes streaming. Through my tears I saw a new, mischievous glint in my daughter's eye as she reached once more for the doll's cord and pulled. "Kiss me goodnight" said the eloquent doll in a deep, sexy tone worthy of an XXX certificate and a red light above the door. My offer to undo the damage was voted down by everyone, including our daughter. That night and for weeks afterwards members of the household could be caught stifling a snigger every time a deep, inappropriate voice could be heard coming from her bedroom.

During the days that followed the operation, the doll was taken to visit our neighbours in order to demonstrate the result of my attempted repairs. They all laughed as expected and I felt that they looked at me in an odd way whenever we met thereafter. If life became dull in our house the doll's cord would be pulled and we would all be laughing again. I remember hoping we wouldn't be obliged to attend any funerals. Choking down suppressed laughter on such solemn occasions is rarely successful and is prone to being misconstrued. The possibility was a source of worry. The sound of any low-pitched male voice could easily trigger a memory of that doll demanding, three octaves below normal: "Where's my potty?"

# Save the Tank Field Campaign.

The Campaign to Save the Tank Field from development and keep it as public open green space continues apace. The campaign has been spearheaded by the Residents' Associations in Murmont and Montenotte Park and they have been heartened by the widespread support locally and in the city generally.

## Residents Associations' Newsletters

The two Resident Associations have produced an informative newsletter setting out many of the issues involved, such as the statement Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015 about our area: "A deficit in the provision of areas of public open space has been identified in the North-East of the city." The newsletter is entitled "Tank Field Update" and copies may be obtained from the Residents' Associations or on the website [www.tankfield.ie](http://www.tankfield.ie).

## City Council Proposals

Under Freedom of Information the Residents Associations have obtained a substantial number of documents about the proposals for Tank Field from the Department of Education, Cork City Council and the Office of Public Works. These date back over ten years in some cases and they have heightened the concerns that the proposals would lead to the exclusion of the public and the effective loss of the Tank Field as a public green open space.

The documents include, for example, the lease drawn up by the City Council which would be the legal agreement under which they would give up possession of more than 9.5 acres of the Tank Field for 99 years. That document makes no mention whatsoever of public rights on the Tank Field. Neither is there any mention of public rights in the resolution about the lease which was passed by the City Council in 2005 or the Manager's Order made by the then City Manager in 2006.

The campaign by the Residents Associations has been going on since 2006 when the proposals first came to public notice. The issues that have come to light have been far reaching and have attracted much attention. For instance, from Dr. Elaine Byrne, lecturer in politics in Trinity College Dublin, who is well known as a newspaper columnist and as a panelist on current affairs programmes on radio and television. She wrote on her website that

"If the Tank Field in Cork was in Dublin, the issues it raises would probably receive the national attention it deserves. The issues around the Tank Field are not unique to Cork but have relevance to the administration of local government nationally and the decision making process within the Department of Education. It is a case-study in governance and public policy." <http://elaine.ie/2011/07/29/the-tank-field-update/>

## Recent Development

An important recent development has been that a civil bill was served on Cork City Council asserting the public right to the use of the Tank Field. While for legal reasons it was lodged in the names of twenty individuals from the area, it is fully supported by the Residents Associations and enjoys widespread support throughout the community.

The Civil Bill asserts the:

- Public and private rights of way on the Tank Field;
- Rights to play sports and carry on other recreational activities on the lands;
- Rights of children to play on every part of the surface of the lands;
- Right 'of perambulation over the lands';
- Rights to 'wander and saunter over the lands'

## Fund Raising

During the last year both the Murmont and the Montenotte Park Residents' Association have organised a range of fundraising events to support the Tank Field campaign. These have included table quizzes, draws, cake sales, social events and house to house collections. Further events are planned for the near future and the associations would appreciate any support that can be given.

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## Cork City Adult Guidance Service

The Cork City Adult Guidance Service supports your return to Education which is a free, confidential and impartial Service. To make an appointment you can drop in to our Resource Centre at 22 South Mall, Cork City on Mondays and Tuesdays between 2.30 to 4p.m or Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

Telephone: 021 490 7149 Email: [guidanceinfo@corkvec.ie](mailto:guidanceinfo@corkvec.ie).

## Know Your Rights April 2012

### Question

I am getting a One-Parent Family Payment and my Rent Supplement claim is being reviewed. My current rent is over the new limit but I am tied into a lease for another 4 months. Will I be asked to move out of my home?

### Answer

In January 2012 the Department of Social Protection (DSP) reduced the maximum level of rent that it will accept for Rent Supplement purposes. The reduced rent limits applied to new claimants immediately. They are being applied to existing claimants when their claims are reviewed or if they move to new accommodation (see [citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie) for the limits, which vary from area to area).

In your situation the DSP will ask you to re-negotiate your rent with your landlord. If the landlord insists that the terms of the current lease are not negotiable and does not reduce the rent to the new limits, the DSP representative (formerly known as the Community Welfare Officer or CWO) will discuss your options with you. These may include seeking other accommodation. If this occurs you will continue to be paid Rent Supplement for a reasonable period of time while you secure new accommodation.

In some cases Rent Supplement can be paid at the discretion of the DSP representative where the rent is over the relevant limit. These situations include the following:

If you or a member of your household has special housing needs (for example, a person with a disability in specially adapted accommodation).

If you will be able to pay the rent yourself within a short period, for example, if you are taking up employment. In this case Rent Supplement at a higher rate can be paid for a short period of 6-8 weeks.

### Further Information:

Further information on this and other matters is available in confidence from the Mayfield Citizens Information Centre, Roseville House, Old Youghal Road, Mayfield. Telephone: 0761 07 6880. *Opening hours are Monday to Friday 10.00am – 1.00pm, Monday to Thursday 2pm – 4pm and Wednesday Evening 7.30pm – 9pm*

Citizens Information is also available through the Cork City (North) Citizens Information Service on: 0761 07 6850, the Citizens Information Phone Service 0761 074 000 or online at [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Please note our extended opening hours and new phone number.



# Cork Money Advice & Budget Service

MABS is A Free Confidential and Independent  
Service for People in Debt or in Danger of Getting into Debt

MABS can help you to:

Create a Personalised Budget Plan to Manage Your Money

Avoid Disconnection of Electricity/Gas Supply

Avoid Rent Arrears

Take Control

Maximise Your Income

Pay Your Debts

Negotiate with Your Creditors

Advice Clinics at Roseville House (lower level)  
Old Youghal Road, Mayfield

Wednesday Morning: 9:00am-1:00pm

Tel for Appointment: 0761 07 2090

Email: [cork@mabs.ie](mailto:cork@mabs.ie) or: [www.mabs.ie](http://www.mabs.ie)

Main Office:  
Unit 12  
Penrose Wharf  
Penrose Quay  
Cork

National Helpline: 0761 07 2000

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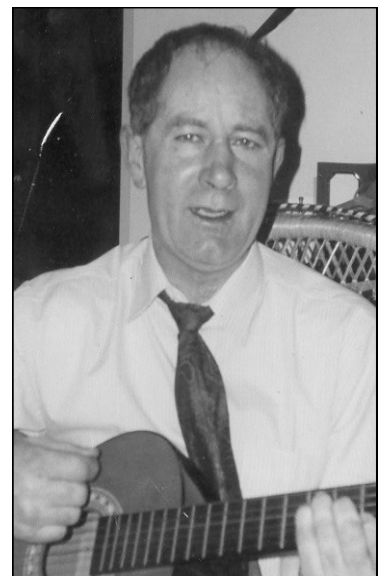
## Winner of Over Sixty Singing competition in Mayfield GAA

Just a bit of local news for Tadhg McAuliffe who won the Over Sixty Singing Competition in Mayfield GAA hall recently. The semi final is being held in the city hall in April. Tadhg lives in Lovers Walk , Tivoli. He is married and has two children. He went to school at St. Patricks and the School of Commerce. He recently completed a two year course at CSN College Cork, in Cultural and Heritage studies. He played football and hurling for the Cork minors and played most of the time for Mayfield GAA.

He later went on to become a referee for hurling and football for various clubs in Cork His favourite hobby is singing and his favourite singer is Joe Dolan, who he listens to regularly. Tadhg is involved in Our Lady Crowned church and Fr. Pat congratulated him on his recent win and wished him the best of luck in the competition. He received a big round of applause from the congregation at mass. He was naturally delighted with the response from the people.

We wish him the best of luck in the semi final

Best wishes on his success from all his friends and supporters in Mayfield.





## Get Mayfield Working!



Do you need to access information on employment, educational opportunities, training opportunities and welfare rights? Do you need to be skilled or re-skilled, need access to education and training, or to avail of and explore job opportunities, if yes to these questions, Mayfield Local Community Development Project is Hosting our **Annual Forum for the Unemployed.**

This local event will take place on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12 noon in Mayfield Community Development Project, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield.** This will be Mayfield's One Stop Shop for 2 hours. We have invited representatives from various agencies as follows: Dept. Of Social Protection, Adult Guidance, Service, FAS, Mayfield Community Training Centre, Local Employment Service, MABS, Cork Jobs Club, Enterprise Section of the Cork City Partnership, Citizens Information Board.

Each representative will explain what they can do to help you and you can talk to them, or make appointments.

All are welcome so why not take that first step to a brighter future?

Mayfield Local Community Development Project Limited receives funding from Cork City Partnership Limited, Pobal, Community Services Programme and VEC

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## News from Nowhere.

by Michael O'Donnell.

### Quote of the month

"I have come, said the Mayfield gardener, to abolish the concrete jungle."

### Wisdom of Words.

Notice in an English country church bulletin:

"Due to the high cost of maintaining the church, it would be appreciated if parishioners would cut the grass around their own graves."

Did you know? If you've ever brushed against nettles, you know that the sharp bristles of those weeds can leave you smarting and itching with an irritating rash that can last for days.

'Nettle' originated as a plant name that we can trace to the Old English word *netel*. Eventually, people likened the nagging itch caused by the plant to the nagging aggravation of being annoyed, and '*nettle*' became a verb used as a synonym of 'vex' 'peeve' and of course 'irritate'.

Some people believe that weasels can suck the insides out of an egg without damaging the shell. An egg thus weasel-treated would look fine on the outside, but it would be actually empty and useless. People started using the 'weasel word' to refer to any term intended to give the impression that everything is fine when the speaker is really trying to avoid answering a question, telling the truth, or taking the blame for something. What class of people spring to mind immediately? Politicians!

The light at the end of the tunnel could be the headlight of an oncoming train.

If everything appears to be going well, you're either dead or don't have a clue what's going on.

Never argue with an idiot, people might not know who's who.

# Gaelgeoirí an Ghoirt Álainn ag Taisteal

Le Aodán Ó Sé.

Tá dul chun cinn mór déanta ag lucht na Gaeilge sa Ghort Álainn le cúpla bliain anuas. Tá trí chiorcal comhrá fé lán tseol (in full swing):

- Sa leabharlann ar an gcéad is tríú Aoine gach mí ó 11.00am go meán lae.
- Sa Ghaelscoil gach Déardaoin i rith téarma na scoile ó 9.00 go 10.00am.
- Sa CDP (bungaló bán trasna an bhóthair ó Newbury House) gach Déardaoin ó 2.30pm go 4.00pm).

Tá beagnach dachad duine ar fad ag freastal ar na ciorcail seo, agus bheadh fáilte romhat teacht chugainn am ar bith le snas a chur ar do chuid Gaeilge. Bheartaíomar (we decided) taisteal go Baile Átha Cliath ar thuras lae le déanaí. Is é Tomás Ó Deasmhumhan a dhein na socraithe ar fad agus a bhí mar threoraí (guide) againn i rith an lae. Seisear déag ar fad a thaisteal ar an lá, sinn ar fad leath inár ndúiseacht ar bord traenach roimh 7.30 ar maidin.

Bhaineamar amach reilig Ghlaise Naíon (Glasnevin Cemetery) roimh 11.00 am. Tá musaem nua bunaithe ann le dhá bhliain anuas, le cuntas a thabhairt ar an gcéad reilig in Éirinn ina bhfuil lucht gach creideamh agus iad gan creideamh curtha in aice a chéile, 1.1 milliún ar fad! Is é Domhnall Ó Conaill (1775-1847) a bhunaigh an reilig, tráth dá raibh sé mar Ard-Mhéara Átha Cliath.

Díreach taobh istigh den gheata tá Ó Conaill féin curtha fé charn (mound) ina bhfuil tuamba cloiche (stone vault). Tá cloigtheach (round tower) ard os cionn an tuamba. Is féidir lámh a leagadh ar chónra luaidhe (lead coffin) thaoiseach mór na h-Éireann san 19ú aois. Tá an phlásog phoblachtach (republican plot) in aice láimhe, ina bhfuil curtha comrádaithe chogadh na saoirse, mar atá Éamon de Valera, Cathal Brugha, Constance Markievicz, Art Ó Gríofa a bhunaigh Sinn Féin agus Peadar Kearney, a chum Amhrán na bhFiann.

Aistríodh taisí (remains) Kevin Barry agus Óglaigh eile a cuireadh chun báis i bpríosún Mountjoy chuig láthair speisialta anso, agus bíonn uaigh Mhícheál Ó Coileáin clúdaithe le blathfhleascanna (wreaths) ó cheann ceann na bliana. Tá cinnirí 1916 curtha ag Cnoc an Arbhair (Arbour Hill) áfach, áit inar lámhachadh iad i ndiaidh an Éirí Amach. Ná deinimis dearmad ar Charles Stuart Parnell “Rí na h-Éireann gan coróin” atá curtha faoi charraig mhór óna thailte ag Avondale, Contae Chill Mantáin. Tógáil chroí a bheith i measc laochra móra na h-Éireann a bhain amach saoirse polaitíochta is creidimh dúinn.

Ní raibh dóthain ama againn dul tríd an mhusaem istigh, ina ndeintear tuairisc ar nósanna báis a bhaineann le gach aicme creidimh ar domhan, conas a thugaimid ómós dosna mairbh. Bhí minibus ag feitheamh linn le dul go istitiúd tábhachtach eile i nGlaise Naíon. (Glaise Naíon = Stream of the Infants)

Bunaíodh Garraithe Náisiúnta na Lus (National Botanic Gardens) sa bhliain 1795. Tá clú agus cáil orthu (famous) as na tiomsacháin (collections) bhreátha de phlandaí ina bhfuil breis is 17,000 de speicis agus de chineálacha plandaí as gach aird ar domhan. Ba bhreá linn na gairdíní áille tírdhrechtaithe (landscaped) agus na tithe gloine, go háirithe Raon Cuarlineach Turner agus Teach na Pailme Móire, atá athchóirithe (restored) go fíor-ornáideach agus plandaí curtha iontu. Bronnadh gradam (award) Europa Nostra ar an dá theach as sárchaighdeán a bhaint amach san ailtireacht chaomhnaithe. Is féidir le cuairteoirí sásamh a bhaint as gnéithe mar na ciumhsóga bláthanna, gairdín na rósanna, gairdín na coillearnaí, na locháin, an carragán, an chrannlann agus gairdín na dtorthaí (fruit) agus na nglasraí (vegetables) orgánacha.

Ins na tithe gloine, tá aoraidí éagsúla ina bhfuil na plandaí as a dtagann tae, caifé, bananas, rís agus ar uile. Is mór an áis foghlama é seo conas an dúlra (nature) a chaomhnú ar fuaid an domhain. Is é an misean atá ag Garraithe Náisiúnta na Lus ná go gcaomhnófar agus go gcothófar éagsúlacht phlandaí anseo in Éirinn agus timpeall an domhain. Cuirtear an misean seo i gcrích trí chlár fhairsinge sa bhithéagsúlacht (biodiversity) san eolaíocht (science), sa chaomhnú, san oideachas agus sa ghairneoireacht (horticulture) in Éirinn agus thar lear. Tá ról tábhachtach ag caomhnú i saol gharraithe na lus agus is i nGlas Naíon a thugtar aire do bhreis is 400 speiceas de phlandaí atá i mbaol.

Cinnte go raghaimid ar ais i lár an tsamhraidh nuair a bheidh iliomad plandaí fé bhláth. Ár mbuíochas chuig Tomás Ó Deasmhumhan agus na treoraithe insan dá ionad as an lá aoibhinn.

# Images from the Mayfield Community Market

by Andy Gibson



**14-month old Jane Donovan was one of the customers at the Community market.**



**Seoighe Bia Blasta sold various hot rolls and was run by owner, Paul Joyce.**



**Cúig Artist, Brid Heffernan, from Newbury House Arts Centre, displays some of the clothes she designed that were for sale.**



**Andrea Stapleton designed and sold notebooks made from various crafty materials.**





# Mayfield Community Arts Centre

## Newbury House

Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, Cork

021 453 0434

mayfieldarts@gmail.com

www.mayfieldarts.org

### FETAC & Open studio sessions

The weekly Thursday open studio session continues every Thursday morning from 10.30 - 12.30. The class is €3 per session, with art materials and teas and coffee provided. FETAC courses in Print, horticulture and drawing are continuing at the arts centre until Easter.

### Cúig artist's exhibitions

Two members of Cúig artists in residence, will be exhibiting in the coming weeks. Angela Burchill's work will be on display at 'Le Chéile' at the L'Arche Community, Togher. Entitled 'Icons', Angela's new work explores iconic religious imagery, a theme that is close to her every day life. The exhibition opens at L'Arche on April 2nd at 7pm. Ailbhe Barrett has collaborated with 5th & 6th class students from Gaelscoil and Ghort Alainn, each of the classes selected a piece of Ailbhe's work and responded to it creating beautiful and unique artwork. These pieces will be exhibited at Mayfield Arts Centre during Lifelong Learning Festival on Tues 27th March, 11am - 1.30pm. Other upcoming Cúig events are group shows at the Skibereen Arts Festival and at Cork University Hospital.

### Connecting through Creativity Training

Mayfield Arts, Newbury House are looking for Participants for a Youth in Action 4.3 training programme; Connecting through creativity. Connecting through Creativity integrates arts methodology across the Youth in action programme to promote integration diverse groups (eg mixed ability groups, inter-generational groups, intercultural groups.)

The programme includes: Presentations/ case studies, hands on creative exercises, Reflection and analysis on the role of arts in integration, networking and project development opportunities. Tips and training in writing proposals. The training event will take place in Cork City from 11th June to 17th June with the participation of organizations from Estonia, Greece, Romania and Ireland.

If you are interested in attending our Connecting through Creativity event, please go to: <http://web.me.com/mayfieldartscentre/ctc/About.html> for an application form and return to: mayfieldarts@gmail.com

The deadline for registrations from Irish participants is Thursday 12th April. A registration fee of €50 is required to secure a place. We look forward to hearing from you.

### Dance Classes

Dance Classes with Patricia in Hip Hop/ Disco/ Salsa will run at the arts centre from April to July for young people ages 13-15 yrs at €2 per class. For more info please contact Nora on: 021 453 0434



# National Library launches Public Photo Archive

by Aidan O'Shea

If you turn off St. Stephen's Green into Kildare Street in central Dublin, you will pass three important national buildings side by side. Firstly, The National Museum, then Leinster House, seat of Dáil and Seanad Éireann, and finally The National Library. I have been in the library just a few times, visiting a public exhibition. But I always felt, rightly or wrongly, that the library catered only for serious research scholars. Buildings make a statement, and this one seemed to say "Approach with extreme care".

I knew that the library collected personal papers and memorabilia of writers, politicians and other public figures. But I did not realise that it also stores 630,000 photographs, far too many for the current staff to catalogue. The logical step is to preserve these photos in digital form, and this work is continuing. But library staff have been hampered by the lack of captions or other details about many of these valuable images of Ireland, past and present. So the library has released a range of these photos, 744 in all, on the photo-sharing website Flickr. Thus the public world-wide can download, share and comment on the material, free of charge. In the few months since the launch of the Flickr file <http://www.flickr.com/photos/nlireland/>, many messages and clarifications have been posted, and the number of online visitors has exceeded actual visitors to the library. Online visitors have reached 190,000 per month. Well, it is a national library and now a world resource, and the images released are no longer subject to any copyright, other than acknowledging National Library of Ireland as the source. It looks as if we have tapped into a fascinating new source of local history on the net, comparable to the surge of interest in the Census details of 1900 and 1911. I have selected three of the Flickr images to give a sample of the range of online material in this archive.

## Cork Streetscape.

The first photograph shows Bridge Street, Cork, about 1900. As you can see, an electric tram is travelling north towards St. Luke's and the centre of the street carries a double set of tram lines. Horse transport can be seen on either side of the tram. If you look at the larger image on Flickr, the detail of people and their clothes can be seen. The structure of the buildings has survived to this day.



**Bridge Street, Cork 1900**



**National Army troops, Passage West**



**Steam train in Cork**

## Civil War in Cork

When the Anglo-Irish Treaty was passed by Dáil Éireann on January 7<sup>th</sup> 1922, there was deep division among those who had fought together during The War of Independence (1919-21). Although many efforts were made to reconcile the two sides, a civil war followed. The IRA units which took control of Victoria (now Collins) Barracks in Cork, sided with the Anti-Treaty side. They also commandeered The Cork Examiner, in order to publicise their view of the issues at stake. Many trunk roads had been mined, and the railway bridge spanning the River Blackwater at Mallow had been demolished.

To overcome these obstacles, 450 troops of the National Army under Emmet Dalton were brought by sea from Dublin to Passage West in August 1922. They were well equipped and had to engage in a fire fight with Anti Treaty forces from Passage West through Douglas towards the city centre.

The battle for Cork lasted three days, with an estimated death toll of thirty. The photograph of Passage West shows troops sheltering behind a Peerless type armoured car located where the road divides at the centre of Passage West. Are they under fire from Republican forces? At the bottom right corner of the photograph, the name W.D.Hogan, Henry St. is embossed. Apparently this professional photographer travelled by sea with the troops to record the propaganda value of the military campaign. You can read a fuller account of these events in *The Battle for Cork* by John Borgonovo, published by Mercier Press for €12.99. The streetscape at Passage West has changed little since then.

### Last days for steam trains.

The final photograph brings us well within living memory. A short single railway line linked Kent station via Lower Glanmire Road, over Brian Boru Bridge to reach the terminus of The Bandon and West Cork Railway. This terminus stands just downstream from Cork City Hall. The rail link from Kent Station transported goods only, and trains travelled through the streets at walking speed, preceded by a man carrying a large red flag. I remember the frustration of car drivers, fuming at the train taking up half of the carriageway over the bridge. The sketch below shows the elaborate plan of the West Cork railway, with branches serving Kinsale, Courtmacsherry, Clonakilty, Baltimore, Skibbereen and Bantry. Returning to the photo, St. Patrick's Catholic Church is clearly seen in the background. Notice that the steeple has scaffolding around it. This steeple has been under repair many times since then.



By closely examining just three archive photos from The National Library of Ireland, we can reveal layer after layer of our local history. Social, political, military and transport details help us to capture the past and to better understand the present. Congratulations to The National Library on this fine initiative.

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## *Mayfield GAA Club*

**What:** Ladies Gaelic Football  
**Where:** Mayfield GAA Pitches  
**Who:** 4 years and upwards  
**Teams:** U10's, U12's, U14's, U16's, U18's and Junior

Introducing our Brand New Girls Gaelic Football Academy Catering for ages 4, 5, 6 and 7 year olds.

Fun and Friendship is the aim!

For further details please contact Amanda on: 086 341 4471

Gaelic 4 Mothers & Others

Non-competitive Gaelic Football for Women, no football skills required, just a pair of boots! Please contact: Marian Cronin: 087 266 0592, Sarah Clynch: 085 120 7374 or check out our website at:

[www.mayfieldgaa.com](http://www.mayfieldgaa.com)



## Women's Aid Dating Violence Campaign

### Why highlight dating abuse?

Women's Aid hears from young women when their relationship starts to feel unhealthy, often after something has happened that may have made women feel unsafe or uncomfortable. When it feels like he is just 'too into you'.

We also hear from women who have been living with domestic violence for some time that signs that their partners were possessive and controlling were there from the start.

Our experience, national and international research show that young women are at risk:

- 1 in 5 women over the age of 18 experience physical, emotional and sexual abuse in Ireland.
- 40 women aged 18-25 have been murdered in the Republic of Ireland since 1996. Of the resolved cases, 53% of women were murdered by a current or former partner.
- In Ireland, almost 60% of people who had experienced severe abuse in intimate relationships experienced abuse for the first time under the age of 25.
- 95% of young women and 84% of young men reported knowing someone (mainly young women) who had experienced abuse, violence and harassment including being followed, being forced to have sex, or being hit by a boyfriend.

### Stay Connected to Women's Aid

Follow us on Facebook & Twitter to stay updated on our work, and help spread the word about our work and campaigns. Sign up for our quarterly e-zine at: [www.womensaid.ie](http://www.womensaid.ie).

#### Let us know what you think

2in2u is now in its second year. We have received feedback from communities across Ireland about the campaign message and how it was used effectively and creatively by community organisations. We hope to share these examples widely this year.

#### Other Women's Aid support available to your organisation

Women's Aid is Specialist Support Agency on the issue of Violence against Women to the Local and Community Development Programme throughout Ireland.

#### The Women's Aid National Freephone Helpline

The Helpline offers confidential information, support and understanding to women who are being physically, emotionally, financially and sexually abused by their partners and ex-partners and is also available to professional supporting women who would like to access further information. It can be accessed in 170 languages through an interpretation service. The Helpline acts as a referral to local domestic violence support services, refuges and other statutory and voluntary agencies.

**Women's Aid National Freephone Helpline:**

**1800 341 900**

**7 Days a week 10am - 10pm**

# Ógra Chorcaí

## St. Josephs Youth Programme

### Where?

Based in St. Josephs Community Centre (beside the library)

### For who?

All young people aged 8 - 18 years living in St. Josephs Parish of Mayfield

### What do we do?

- Group issue and activity based including personal development work, drugs awareness programmes and other youth led issues
  - One to One support on any issues young people may need support with
    - Family support work
- Work with young people in the local primary and secondary schools on issues like health and drugs.
  - Work in the community to promote youth activities and programmes
    - Home visits

### Ongoing groups include

- Issue based groups
  - Art groups
  - Youth Committee
- Playstation and pool leagues
  - Golf programmes
  - Chill out nights

And there are more programmes always being developed!!

### How do I get involved?

Simple! Call or pop into see the youth workers below and chat to them about what options are available for you. Fill out an application form and that's it!

St. Joseph's Youth Programme  
St. Joseph's Community Centre  
Old Youghal Rd  
Mayfield 021 455 9085

Youth Workers -  
Mairead Quarry 086 810 3632  
Fiona Callanan 087 997 0951  
Email - [stjosephsyouthprog@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsyouthprog@gmail.com)





Scoil Naomh Eoin Aspal

# St. John the Apostle Boys' Primary School

## Port of Cork Project:

The pupils of fifth class are busy researching the history of the Old Train Line as part of the Port of Cork Schools Initiative 2012. The boys have been working on the project for 5 weeks now under the guidance of Miss O Shea, Miss O'Brien and Mr. Cremen. On Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, equipped with maps and old photographs, they went on a trip from Cork to Crosshaven, following the old railway line. They made plenty of stops along the way to explore the old railway stations.

## Sacraments:

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to the sixth class pupils who celebrated their Confirmation in Our Lady Crowned Church, on Thursday, March 22 with chief celebrant Mon. Leonard O'Brien. The boys looked splendid in their robes and the readings, singing and tin whistle playing all contributed to the spiritual and uplifting atmosphere of the ceremony. Many thanks to the teachers; Carmel Cronin and Emma O'Shea, the church; Fr. Aidan, Fr. Pat and Sr. Imelda and all the parents and families involved.

## First Penance:

The boys from second class received the Sacrament of Penance on March 14. They sang beautifully and are now preparing hard for their First Communion.

## Sport:

**Soccer :** The school team participated in the **FAI 5 A Side Soccer Tournament** in Middleton on Wednesday. The boys were successful in their first match against Blarney Street, thanks to a stunning goal from Dylan Murphy. The second match was against Scoil na nÓg and despite not winning, there were great goals from Sam Brickley and Eric Lyons. The team played with great spirit and did the school proud.

**Hurling:** The third class team competed in the Indoor Hurling Tournament in February. They played with great purpose and just narrowly missed out on a place in the final.

Practice continues weekly with Tony and Finbarr for the boys from 3, 4, 5 and 6, with the Sciath na Scol competition beginning next week.

**Tennis:** The school team is putting in some intensive training in preparation for the Barber Cup.

## One Book One Community:

The fourth class boys and their teacher and families have been involved in this Home /School literacy project. They are reading the book *Spirit of the Titanic* by Nicola Pierce as part of the 100 year anniversary of the Titanic. We were delighted to see so many parents in the classroom with their sons for the Art Workshops.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. School reopens on Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>.





# Léargas actively looking for volunteers

by Conor Hogan



No Irish demographic has been hit harder in the recession than the young. In fact, of the working population under 30, one in three is now unemployed – a statistic that doesn't bear thinking about. Many are hit with the uncomfortable choice of drawing the dole, working for free as an intern or emigrating. There are some interesting options, however, the European Volunteer Service (EVS) being one of them.

The EVS scheme is funded by the European Union, and open to applications from anyone between the ages of 18 and 30. "The feedback we have gotten from those who have taken part has been almost uniformly positive,"

Des Burke of Léargas, which manages European, national and international exchange and cooperation programmes in education as part of the Department of Education, tells us. "It isn't easy, but the rewards for people who do it make it more than worthwhile."

In essence, the service is a volunteer swap between different nations in the EU (and some outside of it including Switzerland, Iceland and Norway). The aspiring volunteer identifies a country and volunteering position they would be interested in from an extensive database. Generally, he/she will start their position three months after their application, and will undergo training in Swords, Co. Dublin before setting off. Transport costs are provided for, as are accommodation and meals. The volunteer also receives a small subsistence allowance and language lessons.

"Many countries in the scheme have populations with very good levels of English anyway," Burke says, "so speaking French or German isn't really an essential requirement really. The volunteer will also be mentored and provided with plenty of support in the host country."

Positions available have designated themes including Arts and Culture, Media and Communications, Anti-discrimination, Disabilities, European Awareness and Rural Development. Some of the people who have participated in the scheme have ended up working in such diverse areas as helping blind people, working with the homeless, conducting art projects with theatre companies or participating in environmental or conservation projects.

The length of placement can vary anywhere from two months to a year depending on the volunteer. The funds available to administer it are relatively healthy at the moment, so Léargas are hoping more Irish people take up the opportunity to do it. "We are currently taking more volunteers in than are going out," Des Burke says. "85 volunteers come here as part of this compared to 35 Irish people that go abroad. It reflects the fact that Ireland is a popular destination, because of the English language and other Irish cultural aspects, but there is an opportunity for far more Irish people to take it up."

*For more information, contact Léargas via email at [evs@leargas.ie](mailto:evs@leargas.ie). Deadlines for application are on May 1st, November 1st and February 1st.*

W: [leargas.ie/](http://leargas.ie/)

# Important News for Northside as Mercy Urgent Care Centre opens.

The Mercy Urgent Care Centre, which will treat patients with minor injuries quickly, opened on 20<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's Health Campus (former St. Mary's Orthopaedic Hospital), Gurranabraher, Cork. The new centre will treat patients, aged 10 and over, with minor injuries such as suspected broken bones, minor burns, scalds and cuts requiring stitching and will have the facilities to take x-rays and apply plaster casts.

The centre will open from 8.00am to 6.00pm, seven days a week and will treat people suffering from minor injuries in Cork city and county who self-refer or are referred from other services such as general practitioners and Southdoc.

Forming part of the HSE South's network of emergency services in Cork, the centre will be under the governance of the Mercy University Hospital (MUH).

The centre will be led by a consultant in emergency medicine and staffed by doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, radiographers and other health care professionals. They will treat adults and children, aged 10 and over, presenting with non-emergency conditions that are unlikely to require hospital admission. Patients in many cases will be treated quicker than at the emergency departments and the normal €100 emergency department charge will apply to non-medical card holders. The fee will not be applicable for patients referred on from GPs/Southdoc.

Minor injuries comprise typically around 40% to 50% of patients who present to Emergency Departments (EDs), most of whom present during the day. The opening of this centre will help to alleviate waiting times and volumes at the CUH and MUH EDs.

It also strengthens Mercy University Hospital's close working relationship with other city hospitals and adds to the co-ordinated regional approach to emergency care to the benefit of patients. Staff at the Mercy Urgent Care Centre will have direct access to the MUH Emergency Department and all MUH hospital services.

Ger Reaney, HSE Area Manager Cork said "Today's opening represents the culmination of six months work from a dedicated project team comprising staff from the HSE South, Mercy University Hospital and South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital. I am confident that patients will reap the benefits by getting swift treatment for minor injuries; freeing up our emergency departments for more complex cases."

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## Children's Bunny Biscuits Recipe

Prep/Total Time: 20 min.

Yield: 5 Servings

### Ingredients

1 tube (7-1/2 ounces) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

10 raisins

20 slivered almonds

1 tube pink decorating icing

5 red-hot candies or red candied cherries

### Directions

Gently shape five biscuits into oval shapes; place on a greased baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Cut remaining biscuits in half. Shape biscuit halves to form ears; press firmly to attach to whole biscuits. On each biscuit, press on two raisin eyes and four slivered almond whiskers.

Bake at 375° for 8-10 minutes or until biscuits are browned. Cool slightly; use icing to frost ears and attach candy noses.



# ST. JOSEPHS (MAYFIELD) NO NAME CLUB

Since these notes last appeared in print the young club members have been busily involved in competitions and in completing the final phase of their training programme to qualify for the National No Name Club Approved Certificate in Personal Development, Leadership and Organisational Skills.

The Annual Internal club Youth Awards competition turned out to be a close affair with just two marks separating the top three contestants in the hostess category. The winner was Aoife Burke, a transition year student in St Patricks Girls College, Gardiners Hill. In second place was –Tara Curtin, and in third place was Tasha Walshe, both of whom are colleagues of Aoife Burke in St Patricks College.

The winner of the host category was the Hungarian born Adam Gyulavari who is a student in Mayfield Community School. In the clubs Motto Category which is open to both male and female club members the result was 1<sup>st</sup> place-Tasha Walshe, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Tara Curtin, joint third prize- Aoife Burke, Adam Gyulavari. The club adult leaders wish to convey their sincere thanks and appreciation to The St Josephs Credit Union for their generous sponsorship of the prizes for that competition.

In the regional finals of the No Name Club Youth Awards that were staged in the Dr Crokes G.A.A. Club Complex in Killarney on the 25<sup>th</sup> February last our clubs two representatives, Aoife Burke and Adam Gyulavari, performed very well in their events. Although they were not among the winners on that occasion the club members who were in attendance at the event were justifiably proud of both Aoife and Adams performances.

Recently our club received delivery of their new hoodies that were designed with the suggestions put forward by the young club members. All of the club members are now proudly wearing the new garments that bear the club name and logo with the members name attached. The club members are currently involved in finalising their entry in the 2012 H.S.E. sponsored Community Based Health Promotion Project which they have appropriately named” A Healthy Body and A Healthy Mind” which must be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May to meet the adjudication deadline.

## Dale’s win in the 2012 Garda Youth Awards continues the No Name Club success in that event

On behalf of everyone involved in St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club we wish to heartily congratulate one of the clubs leading members, **Dale O’ Sullivan**, who has won the eight Cork City Garda Youth Award Trophy for the club. She received her award at a special function held in The Rochestown Park Hotel on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012. Dale has been an outstanding ambassador for her Club, Family, Community and The No Name Club Organisation Countrywide.

Dale won the “2009 Title of Hostess of the Year” in the National Youth Awards Finals that were held in Castlebar, Co. Mayo and she has been a role model for all young people involved in No Name Clubs that are operating successfully nationwide. Dale is a popular and well deserving winner of a prestigious 2012 Garda Youth Award. Once again Mayfield Matters would like to offer their congratulations to Dale.

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## Picture Sales

All pictures included in this issue are available for purchase from the Mayfield Community Development Project in Old Youghal Road. Priced at a very reasonable €7, the photographs are sized 7” x 5”. Other sizes are available on request. Contact the CDP for orders or more details on: 021 450 8562.

# Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn

## Tionscadal Rang 6 – An té nach gcuireann san Earrach, ní bhainfidh san Fhómhar

Disneyland Paris is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday and sixth class at Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn have designed and built a spectacular birthday cake to help celebrate in style. The cake is made from a variety of materials including papermaché, wire, glass, Disney characters and clay.

One interesting aspect of the cake is the pupils' "message in a bottle". Students have included a small bottle each on the cake containing their wish to travel to Disneyland Paris. As part of their entry, the children included a video, edited by one of the school parents Peter Gleeson, where they performed some well-known Disney songs.

The children's project, which has been guided by art teacher Mary Timmins and their class teacher Múinteoir Deiric is in conjunction with RTÉ's children's show Elev8. The lucky class and overall winners will be flown to Disneyland Paris. As we say in Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn – Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh siad.



## Scoil Nua do Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn

Pupils, parents, staff and the wider community of Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn have welcomed their inclusion in the School Building Programme for 2013. The school has campaigned for a permanent site for its school since its opening in 1993.

As an Irish-medium Educate Together school, Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn has a distinct ethos which recognises, embraces and celebrates diversity. The school has in excess of 300 pupils at present. A growing school population and a demand for school places has displayed the need and desire for such a school in the area.

*The school looks forward to working with the local community and authorities to ensure that students attending Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Alainn get the long awaited school building they deserve. Ní neart go cur le chéile.*

## Hina Matsuri i nGaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn

The children of Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn celebrated the famous Japanese festival of Hina Matsuri recently. Hina Matsuri is the Japanese Doll Festival. It is also known in Japan as Girls' or Daughters' Day and is held every year on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Boys and girls from the Junior Infants classes performed songs in both Japanese and Irish to mark the occasion which the entire school took part in.

## Gairdín Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn faoi bhláth

Chuir Naíonáin Bheaga agus tuismitheoir Marie síolta san Fhómhar i ngairdín na scoile. Thug said aire mhaith dóibh I rith na bliana. Cuireann bláthanna an Earraigh fáilte mhór roimh phobal na scoile anois gach maidin agus sinne ag déanamh ar an scoil le fuadar. Tá ár dtimpealleacht i bhfad níos deise anois. Maith sibh Rang Eilish agus Rang Anna.



### History in Action

Congratulations to our excellent historians and their teacher Sr. Margaret Daly who were awarded First Prize in the model-making category of Cork Heritage Project. They are seen here with their trophy – Cork Civic Trust Perpetual Trophy. This is the first time the school has entered this competition. We are so proud of their achievement. It would not have been possible without the help and encouragement they received from home. Well done to all the girls in fifth class.



### One Book One Community

The pupils in Ms Galvin's class and their parents have had a memorable time reading the novel "Spirit of the Titanic" and enjoying the various Art and Craft activities along with it. The wonderful mural they produced can be admired by all when you visit our school.

### Confirmation Time

The sixth class girls were recently confirmed by Monsignor Leonard O'Brien. It was a very reverent and joyous occasion for all. Congratulations to the girls, their families and their teacher Ms Olivia Collins. Many thanks once again to the parish team for their support.

### Cycling Safely

Our third class girls have been perfecting their cycling skills and their knowledge of Road safety. Bicycling helmets must be worn and your high visibility jacket. Be safe! Be Seen.



# More Memories of 1952

by Billy Herdman

They stood there on the quayside  
Their faces gaunt and dour  
And the song they sang as the Angelus rang  
Was 'Now is the Hour'

In the last article I explained that I had joined the Innisfallen as a deck boy in 1948. In 1950 I was a sailor, and in 1951 I signed on as an A.B., which is a certified deck hand. She was a sturdy ship joined together with rivets with no welding available at that time. Her tonnage was 3,700 gross and 340 feet long and could do a speed of 18 knots which would be about 21mph. We were the first cross channel ferry to have stabilisers, which reduced the rolling considerably. Also we were certified to carry 902 passengers, 500 cattle and twelve horses. There was one cattleman to every hundred cattle, who had to keep them all standing or they would be trampled.

As I am on about the cattlemen I remember one night one of them went to the bridge to make his hourly report for the ship's log. It read, 11.15pm one horse dead, one hour later his report read, one horse still dead at 12.15am. He passed away two years ago, and he was still being ball hopped about the incident. Thank you Mickey for the way that you lightened our lives during those hard years. There were eight deckhands on board. There was the for'ard watch and the after watch. I was on the after watch and would have been on gangway duty as the third class passengers came on board, and many a sad scene. I watched as they struggled on to the ship with their big cardboard cases many of the passengers would have working clothes on, ready to start work. They had overalls or bibs and braces, which would be scrubbed and spotless. They would have canvas bags with their trade tools in them. They always kept these close to themselves all night, as it was their livelihood. On some nights when a large crowd was expected the two A.B.'s on gangway duty would be given clocks to count the numbers coming on board. As I already mentioned our official passenger numbers was 902. Then the two clocks would be checked by the officer on duty and an office clerk. My clock would number 500 and the first class clock would number 600. It always amazed us that they were so bad at maths, for the numbers always added up to 902.

As the hour moved closer to sailing, the people on the quayside got denser. Friday night was our busiest time as it gave the emigrant time to find accommodation and enquire about work. We saw many of the same crowd every Friday night who came down to enjoy the sing song which they probably started themselves. At about 5.45 the singing would start. They would have graced many a concert hall. I remember the songs well from those days. They would start with "Goodbye Johnny dear and send me all you can" and "Wish me luck as I wave you goodbye". Then as the ship drifted from the quay at six o'clock, with the bells of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's ringing out the Angelus, the strains of "Now is the hour for me to say goodbye" would flow out over the flowing Lee. I will now tell you about the layout of the 'Fallen' third class consisted of two lounges, a small office, two small hatches, one for tea and sandwiches and the other for bottles of stout and beer. That was all the catering there was for hundreds of passengers.

On the next deck below there was a lounge for women and children only, and about ten two-berth cabins. On the lowest deck which was below water there were two dormitories, one for gents and the other for ladies. As one passenger said to me as he was leaving the ship "I'll tell ye boy, I know now how Davy Jones felt, it was like being buried at sea". There was a large hatch between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class and there was a narrow barred gate dividing the two classes. This gate had a large padlock which was nearly always locked, and like the Titanic, passengers would not be able to get to the lifeboats because it was the only way up, except for a small door which led through the restaurant.

The 1<sup>st</sup> class passengers travelled in comparative luxury. On the boat deck there was a very comfortable bar which held about seventy or eighty people seated. Alongside the bar was a seating lounge with settees and armchairs, and if I remember there were two writing desks with inkwells and embossed paper with the BI logo. Below, on the next deck were about two hundred berths looked after to perfection by many bedroom stewards and then on the lower deck was a spacious restaurant which would be on par with a top class hotel. I still have a menu from those times and perhaps I could let the editor of Mayfield Matters have it in another article as I have run out of space. But to finish, I remember one fierce stormy night when we had to turn back at Blackrock Castle, and as we came alongside the quay with the wind and rain piercing our bodies, a voice shouted from the wharf "Hey Captain, what happened, did ye get a puncture?"



# St. Patrick's Infants School



## St. Brigid's Day

Every year in St. Patrick's, February 1<sup>st</sup> is a milestone as it officially marks the beginning of Spring and we celebrate one of Ireland's premier saints, Saint Brigid. We were delighted to mark this special occasion with a prayer service celebrated by parish priest Father Harrington. The boys and girls as always sang beautifully "Sing a song to Brigid" and "La le Bhride" and well done to those children who read prayers. We were pleased that a large number of parents were able to join us. A big thank you to Fr. Harrington who is a frequent and very welcome visitor to our school

## Grandparents' Day

Our Grandparents are very important people in our lives and we in St. Patrick's wanted to celebrate this and so we invited all grandparents to come in and join us for a morning in school. The day began with a special assembly and then the children proudly escorted their Grannies and Granddads into their classrooms to meet their teacher and classmates and to see their work. This was a very special event for the children and grandparents alike and we were more than delighted with the huge turnout. Photos were taken and conversations were had and then onto the real treat 'a nice cup of tea'. A big thank you to all the Grandparents who attended.

## Open Morning in St Patrick's Infants School

On Wednesday 8th February, we were very excited to welcome the boys and girls who are hoping to start school here in September. Accompanied by their parents, they visited various classrooms where they were given a lovely, warm St. Patrick's welcome with the pupils entertaining them in song, drama, science to name but a few activities. We look forward to working with them and their families in the next school year. A number of places are still available for anyone who wishes to send their child to our school in September, call into Nuala in the office or contact us on: 455 1593.

## Irish Dancing

All classes have been enjoying Irish Dancing classes each Thursday with specialist Mary McCarthy since January and the boys and girls were thrilled to invite their parents and family into school last week for a display of steps and dances they have mastered so far. A big thank you to Mary for delivering the 'Dance' element of our P.E. curriculum

## Shave and Dye in aid of Cancer Care

The staff of St. Patrick's Infants recently took part in 2 FM's Shave and Dye campaign to raise money for cancer charities. The pupils and parents were amazed to see the teachers, special needs assistants, the secretary and even the caretaker appear with hair of various colours ranging from pink to red to green to purple. Senior Infants teacher Mr. Shane Donnellan was very brave and agreed to have his hair dyed green in our school assembly by our principal, Ms Anne O' Connell. Many thanks to all who participated and/or donated and a grand total of €848 was raised.

## World Book Day

On Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> the staff and pupils alike took on the role of their favourite character to celebrate World Book Day. Snow White, Where's Wenda, Top Gun, Puss in Boots, Little Red Riding Hood, Fireman Sam to name but a few were spotted roaming the corridors. Local storyteller Mr. Paddy O' Brien visited each of the classes, telling stories, reciting rhymes and riddles and in general promoting Literacy among our infants. A big thank you to our Parents Association for organising the Dress down Day, raising over €250 which will be used to buy Literacy Packs.

## Mobile Farm

The Mobile Farm arrived at our school recently to the delight of all the boys and girls. Each class had the opportunity to get up close, touch and stroke a wide variety of farm animals including chickens, ducks, sheep, pigs etc. For many of our children this is their only opportunity to experience farmlife at close hand and their faces said it all - sheer exhilaration!

This visit complements our S.E.S.E./ S.P.H.E. programs and many more areas of the Primary curriculum.

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**Bealtine Events**

Wednesday 2 —Tuesday 22 May Health Action Zone Painting Exhibition: Rosehill Centre. Free admission.

Friday 4 May 11.00a.m. Ciorcal Cainte. Fáilte roimh gach éinne.

Tuesday 8 May 3.00p.m. A performance by renowned Irish traditional folk singer Jimmy Crowley.

Free admission. All welcome.

Wednesday 9 May 11.00a.m. Book club meeting. New members welcome.

Friday 11 May 11.00a.m. Knitting Club. New members welcome.

Friday 18 May 11.00a.m. Ciorcal Cainte. Fáilte roimh gach éinne..

Friday 25 May 11.00a.m. Knitting Club. Members welcome.

Wednesday 30 May 11.00a.m. St. Joseph's Gramophone Circle introduce a morning of music and song.

Presenter : Tim Dwane. Free admission. All welcome.



# Poetry Page

## Alcoholic

I was talking to my granny one day,  
(NOT in a galaxy far, far away!)she said:  
"It has occurred to me  
That I need a new knee."  
She told me of her pain,  
She had when she was in Spain,  
A week later she went off to the doc,  
Her appointment was for twelve o'clock.  
She went to the surgery,  
In six hours she'd have a new knee!"  
For the next few weeks she was stuck in bed  
And had pains in her head.  
Now she's okay,  
And it's safe to say  
She's well.  
I still find it ironic  
That I can say:  
My granny is part bionic.

By Alex Burke aged 11

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Bua an Earraigh

Teacht an Earraig atá anois againne,  
Nios treise an ghrian is an fuacht nios luige  
Solus an lae ag éirí comh fada,  
Imithe arís tá an Geimhreadh Dána.

Lusanna croim cinn comh buí ar an bhféar  
Éiníní ag cantain is ag seoladh san spéir  
Páistí ag súgra go meireach san scoil  
Buíochas le Dia is go ndeintear DO Thoil.

By Harry O'Shea

If you were anybody else  
People would say you were cruel  
The way I always take you out  
But make me look like a fool.  
Still, we have a got a bond  
That they will never understand  
The way I'm always by your side  
With you embraced in my hand.  
For I can always pick you up  
Every time I feel down  
You help me forget about my troubles  
Any time they're around  
I empathize with other men  
That be flirting with you  
Because your blonde and gold complexion  
Has a radiant hue  
They crave you on their lips  
Just to savor your kiss  
While pausing for a breath  
Contemplating on the next.  
So luscious  
You aptly complement cigarettes  
Nursing my stress  
Via rest.  
For money means nothing  
When it comes to spending on you  
Because I could never be me  
If I never had you  
Yet people still talk  
Saying you're soaking my wealth  
And even worse  
Saying you're affecting my health  
Claiming you are to blame, every time I'm arrested.  
But I deny your involvement  
To the judge, and contested.  
The courts say I should leave you  
That you're the source of my blues  
But I don't care what they say  
Because I'm in love with you, booze.

Emmett Ó Corbáin

## Smile

A smile is something nice to see, it doesn't cost a cent.  
A smile is something all of your own and never can be spent.  
A smile is welcome anywhere, it does away with frowns.  
A smile is good for anyone to ease the ups and downs.

Cliff Wedgbury

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