Mayfield Over 60s Heat - A Great Night in Mayfield GAA Hall

The Mayfield Heat of the Over 60s took place on Friday 13th March 2015 in Mayfield GAA Hall and a huge crowd turned up for the event. The competition has been running now for 39 years with Paddy O'Brien at the helm. The Mayfield Ladies Club lead by Marie Barry organised a wonderful night and there were 9 fabulous contestants. It was a difficult decision for the judges but there can be only one winner and that was Tony Kelly with his rendition of “There's Always Me.” Music on the night was by the very talented Con Twomey.

Our Lady Crowned Credit Union were once again delighted to be the sponsors of the event and the first prize was awarded to Tony Kelly by Iris Wilkins McCarty, Hon. Secretary of the Credit Union.

The contestants on the night were: Tony Kelly, Tadgh McAuliffe, Tom Brennan, Dan McSweeney, Breda O'Gorman, Tom Roche, Frank Forde, Pa Hurley and Michael Loring.

In This Issue:
Details of upcoming local courses and services, Church Holy Week Ceremonies, photos of yore, articles, stories, poems, GAA news, gardening tips and much, much more!

Please Note
To guarantee inclusion of adverts / items in Mayfield Matters, please ensure they are submitted before the closing date which, for the next edition, is: Friday, 15 May

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DO YOU REMEMBER...

Charlie Wilkins

It seems odd now to look back to Christmas with its imagery of light, and yet, it is only now that we are experiencing the real festival of light, of resurrection and new hope in everything around us. Suddenly, there are longer days of sunlight, earlier dawns, later sunsets. What once appeared dead begins to stir. Easter has dawned!

And yet, 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. In the not too distant past the long weeks of reflection were made even more depressing for church altars were dressed in stark nakedness and the Cross above the main alter was shrouded in purple sacking, denying the congregation all comfort, much like a face turned away to the wall. Statues and stations-of-the-cross were also concealed and shrouded, but for Easter Sunday all were drawn away and flowers and colour reinstated once more.

Arum lilies were 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 some gardens are frothing with it!

The Arum lily (illustrated) makes an excellent cut flower and lasts a long time in water. They appear in flushes from January through to late summer, although there may be the odd flower at other times of the year in mild gardens. 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.

To close, remember that Easter embraces the season of birthing, and all around this great community people are witnessing new growth and new life. Do you notice it? In my world this wondrous happening is a daily occurrence, a phenomenon everyone, even non-gardeners should experience. I appreciate of course that in these days of economic depression many believe that new life is not abundant at Easter or that longer, brighter days will lift their spirits. For those financially stressed, without jobs and hope, the air can be cold and stagnant, the garden of life unlively, and no birds sing. However, the sight of new life, of spring flowers, or the whiff of an evocative flower fragrance, can raise spirits and bring about an appreciation for what may have been deemed utterly lost. No wonder aromatherapy has gained such favour in today's busy world.
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EASTER CLOSING

The centre will be closed on Friday, 3rd April 2015 (Good Friday),
Monday, 6th April (Easter Monday) and Tuesday, 7th April 2015.
Re-opening Wednesday, 8th April 2015 at 9.30am

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MONDAY Haniel Therapy (also Friday mornings)
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WEDNESDAY Over-eaters Anonymous
THURSDAY Over-eaters Anonymous

Rooms for hire:
The Community Resource Centre has a training/meeting room (20-25 people capacity) which is available for use by individuals and groups. Contact the resource office for more information.

Computer room:
The Community Resource Centre has a computer room with 8 computers with WIFI access this is available to local people to use on a drop in basis during the day and in the evening. The room is also available for groups to run courses. To find out about this resource please contact the Centre’s resource office.
Age Action Ireland: This organisation uses the computer room on a Monday morning to run their one to one basic computer tuition to adults who are over 55. Additionally the local Aisling service, use the computer room on a Tuesday afternoon.

Mayfield Community Adult Learning Project C.A.L.P.: This project runs community education, first step courses for adults living in the Mayfield community. Courses include Beginners computers, QQI (FETAC) Level 3 and 4 computers, ECDL modules, Personal Development and First aid.

Rainbow Childcare Service: This morning service is available to parents/carers of children aged 6 months to 5 years. Please contact Kathleen at 4508562 to enquire about available spaces.

Mayfield Community Garden: This garden is based in the grounds of the Community Resource centre and it costs you nothing to join but your time and as the produce is ready to harvest you can take it home to eat! New members always welcome.

Mayfield Matters – local newsletter: This local newsletter is produced in the Community Resource Centre on a bi-monthly basis by a group of volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the centre.

Senior Alert Alarms for the over 65’s: For information on this scheme call into the Resource Office.

Mayfield Community Directory: the Directory has gone to print and as this edition of Mayfield Matters is being distributed, a launch of the directory will be in the planning stages. Once it has been launched the Directory will be available to the public from the Community Resource Office reception and will be distributed throughout the community. It is a really useful Directory to have near the phone. Thanks to Stanley (CDP Resource Centre worker) for the work he has put into this publication.

Welcome The CDP voluntary management committee and staff would like to welcome Katherine Dullaghan to our team as the Centre Manager/Development Worker. We wish Katherine all the best in her new role. Thanks to two students Shannon and Demi who were on placement with the project in February/March and we wish them well in their studies.

A few words from Katherine, our new Centre Manager:

Hello everyone,

My name is Katherine Dullaghan and I began working with the Mayfield CDP team on 9th February. I am based in the Community Resource Centre on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday should you wish to drop in and discuss anything of concern to you. I look forward to working with the people of Mayfield and the various organisations to identify the needs of the area and together develop new initiatives.

For further information regarding any of the above items please contact the Mayfield CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield at 4508562 or call into the Centre, we would be delighted to talk to you!
The Mayfield Community Education Network (CEN) would like to thank everyone who was involved in this year’s local event to mark the 2015 Cork Lifelong Learning Festival, held on the 25th March 2015.

Thank you to the Frank O'Connor Library for letting the Network use their premises to hold the event and to all of the local talented young people, adults, groups, schools and organisations who organised displays and demonstrations of their work.

It was a great morning which showcased the wide ranging ‘learning’ that is happening in our community. Thanks also to the Aisling Service who provided a cup of tea or coffee for everyone to enjoy.

Pictured at the Mayfield Over 60s Heat: Marie Barry Mayfield Ladies Club, Iris Wilkins McCarthy Hon. Sec. OLCCU, Richard Mack, Laura O Sullivan & Sean Lehane of Our Lady Crowned Credit Union and Paddy O Brien MC. Photo: Iris McCarthy.
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SOCIAL MEDIA - A TASTER COURSE: (NEW)

Starting Tuesday, 21st April 2015 until 5th May 2015.
10am to 12noon
3 sessions
Venue: Computer room, Mayfield CDP Community Resource Centre,
328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield.

This course will cover the use of Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and more. It will show learners how to set up a Facebook or twitter account, update and post information, privacy settings, create a business page, back up and delete information and look at Facebook policy’s and terms of use & any other questions you might have.

“HOW TO APPLY FOR A JOB ONLINE”: (NEW)

Potential employers increasingly want potential employees to apply for jobs online through their CV or applications forms. This course gives you the basic knowledge on how to do this.

Tuesday, 12th and 19th May 2015.
10am to 12 noon
2 sessions
Venue: Computer room, Mayfield CDP Community Resource Centre,
328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield
Content: emailing CV, checking jobs online, uploading cv to sites like monster jobs and jobs.ie, making changes and updating cv, converting cv to pdf to use online and any other questions you might have!

BASIC FIRST AID:

End of April - start of May 2015.
Time to be confirmed.
Venue: Front room, Mayfield CDP Community Resource Centre,
328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield.
Content: Scene Safety; Stress Management; Making a Diagnosis; Shock, Heart Disease & CPR; Fractures; Consciousness / Unconsciousness; Diabetes; Stroke; Epilepsy; Respiratory System / Asthma / Choking; Burns; Poisons; Bleeding; Use of a Defibrillator. Certificate of attendance will be given to participants.
SHORT GARDENING COURSE:

This short course will start late April, early May and will run for 6 two hour morning sessions in the garden of the Mayfield CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd, Mayfield, Cork. The course will cover a variety of topics from growing vegetables/flowers/shrubs, care and maintenance. The qualified tutor will be available to answer the questions that you have regarding your own gardens and will have many ‘green finger’ tips. The course is funded by the Cork Education & Training Board.

OCCUPATIONAL FIRST AID COURSE (QQI & FETAC LEVEL 5):

Are you updating your CV? An Occupational First Aid QQI (FETAC) Level 5 qualification may benefit you...

Week 1:  
Tuesday, 14th April, 9.45am - 2.15pm  
Thursday, 16th April, 12.45pm - 4.45pm

Week 2:  
Tuesday, 21st April, 9.45am - 2.15pm  
Wednesday, 22nd April, 9.45am - 4.45pm

Venue: Mayfield CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield (Tutor: Finbarr Barrett)

Criteria for participation: People who live in the Mayfield community & in receipt of Unemployment / Social Welfare Benefit

A contribution of €20 (unemployed) and €40 (all others) is charged to cover the cost of QQI Certification and course materials. Full attendance and completion of a practical and written exam is required.

KEY FEATURES OF THESE COURSES:

- Qualified tutors teaching small groups.
- Course costs are minimal.
- Childcare may be available in the adjacent Rainbow Childcare facility.
- All courses are funded by the Cork Education & Training Board.

To book your place on any of the above courses please contact the project:  
Mayfield CALP at 4508562
EASTER
Richard Goodison

The daffodils yellow shake out their bells;
Easter is coming, Easter is near!
And chocolate eggs will crack their shells,
For Easter is coming, Easter is near!
The woodland bluebells will perfume the air;
Easter is coming, Easter is near!
Candles will burn and breathe up a prayer,
For Easter is coming, Easter is near!
The birds are singing, the streams purl along;
Easter is coming, Easter is near!
Buds are opening, tender but strong,
For Easter is coming, Easter is near!
The boat rides the water, the sea nets the sun;
Easter is coming, Easter is near!
The swan leads the cygnet, the brooding is done,
For Easter is coming, Easter is near!
Let lambs fill the fields, let calves bless the byre;
Easter is coming, Easter is near!
Let the foal try its legs, let blossoms 'catch fire,'
For Easter is coming, Easter is near!
Chase off the gloom, let us be of good cheer;
Easter is coming, Easter is near!
Depression be banished with old Winter sere!
For Easter is coming, Easter is near!
Let worry be conquered, the anxious be freer;
Easter is coming, Easter is near!
Let happiness joyfully dance in our hearts,
For Easter is coming, Easter is near!

Arise, arise, arise, arise!
Easter is coming, Easter is near!
Arise, arise, arise and declare:
"Easter's upon us, Easter is here!"

EASTER JOY
Catherine McNeill-McCarthy

Exult, rejoice this Blessed Morn,
For we, lost children, are this day reborn
To a life of hope, and joy and love,
Purchased for us with Our Saviour’s Blood.

In haste now to the garden with Mary,
And behold the great stone from the quarry
Rolled away, Oh, with what ease,
Setting free His everlasting peace.

Let all creation with one accord,
Lift its voice to praise the Lord,
For we no longer fear earthly law,

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Mayfield Matters Meets…

In this, a new feature of the newsletter, we take a look at people making a difference in Mayfield and surrounding areas, the aim being to put a face to the name, role and organisation of the people in question. To get the ball rolling, we have decided to begin by interviewing our own newly appointed Resource Centre Manager here at Mayfield CDP. Without further ado, then, Mayfield Matters meets…

KATHERINE DULLAGHAN.

Hi, Katherine, welcome to Mayfield CDP. What is Mayfield CDP?

Mayfield Community Development Project is located on Old Youghal Road across from Newbury House. We work with the local community to identify the needs of the area and try to meet those needs in cooperation with other organisations. The Community Resource Centre has a computer room and a large meeting room available. Mayfield CDP promotes education as a way of building people’s confidence and skills and promotes inclusion and equality at community level.

What is your role within the project?

I started working in Mayfield CDP six weeks ago in a new role of Resource Centre Manager/Development Worker. I see my role as supporting the excellent work already being done and consulting with local people and organisations to identify the needs of the area, with a view to establishing new initiatives to meet those needs.

Tell us a little about your background?

I worked with adults with a physical disability in St. Laurence Cheshire Services on the Tivoli dual carriageway for nine years. Other posts included working with people from the immigrant community and young people 12-18 years.

What are your hopes for the Mayfield area?

I believe Mayfield has a very strong community spirit with many community and voluntary organisations doing great work. I hope that spirit will always welcome and include people who have moved into the area and continue to be a place of involvement and encouragement. There are many challenges particularly economically, but when people experience support in their local community it is always easier to take on those challenges.

What are your interests outside of work?

I enjoy singing and have been taking lessons with the same teacher for 20 years. I have been a member of two choirs, a Gospel choir and the Multicultural World as One choir in Cork city. I like going to musicals, drama and the cinema.
Family Support Services

We are here to provide services to families and individuals who need help.

Family life is not always easy. Life events like birth, death, depression, redundancy, separation, illness, abuse, disability or financial problems can put stress and strain on families and relationships.

Simply having someone to talk to about your problems can be the easiest way to begin to deal with your problem.

At Newbury House we support families in every aspect of our work. The coordinator will work with each family on an individual basis, support can range from providing information on services available to giving someone the opportunity to speak in confidence about an issue they are dealing with.

If you need support or just want to talk to someone please call into the centre and speak to a member of staff.

Reflexology and Massage

The centre also provides a Reflexology and massage service

Some of the benefits of this therapy are:

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We offer a low cost counselling service. Counselling provides you with a safe space to talk. You can talk about any personal or family problems that may be troubling you, in a private and confidential setting.

If you would like further information please contact the centre on 021 4507999

Childcare Services

The primary focus of the childcare service is to support families from the locality by providing a high quality childcare service.

We offer the following childcare services:

- ECCE 3 hour Free Preschool
- Special Needs Service
- Early Years Centre Crèche

Places available for September 2015

Courses being run this year also include:

- Cooking on a Budget, Tai Chi,
- Sewing and Stitching,
- Beauty and Skincare.

No dates have been decided; contact us on 021-4507999 for more information.
DANCING IN THE ARCADIA BALLROOM

Geraldine McAuliffe

If you grew up in Ireland in the fifties and sixties, rock and roll, and the Showbands, were a great part of your life. The Arcadia ballroom was quite popular as large showbands were invited to play there. Dance halls were popular in Ireland, and were usually quite full at the weekends. Discos were unheard of in those days. The dance halls were located in many towns in Munster. Dance halls in Cork always tried to have the best entertainment. Bands like the Dixie’s who came from Cork had a large following in the dance halls. Showbands like the Miami, Joe Dolan, the Cadets, Brendan Boyer, Clipper Carlton and so many more came frequently to Cork.

The Arcadia was a large and famous Cork dance hall on the Lower Road. Everyone in Cork knew it as the “ARC.” Many young girls and boys met their spouse in the Arcadia. It held happy memories for many people who frequently went to dance there. Michael Prendergast opened it in 1924 and it was used as a roller-skating ring. This did not prove very popular, and quite a few attempts were made to encourage roller-skating but alas it did not appeal to people. The Arcadia had many owners. The first one was Michael Prendergast and then his son Michael Junior. Afterwards his son Peter took over the management of the Arcadia. He arranged for the best ballroom bands to come to the Arcadia and this attracted large amounts of people who attend the ballroom. Individuals got buses from all different parts of Ireland to follow their favourite showband. Sunday nights were usually very busy, and we often had to queue for some time before the doors were opened. Individuals who travelled to Cork had to linger for hours for the doors to open.

Peter enforced strict rules when you entered the ballroom. Minerals were allowed to be served to the general public, drinks like Orange, Fanta, Soda water, and this was the norm on the night. Peter introduced the Showband, and they usually appeared in the most glamorous suits, and played their most popular numbers. They got a great reception from the crowds as they danced the night away. Rock and Roll was quite hectic, and as many people were sweating after the dance, a quick rush to the mineral bar was made to satisfy their thirst.

The Arcadia opened six nights a week and popular nights like Stephen’s night and New Year’s Eve dance had streamers, hats, and presents hanging from the ceiling. As the night progressed they were released, and the crowds jumped up to snatch their hats and streamers. As motor cars were expensive, bicycles were used quite regularly to give a person a lift home. Some preferred to walk home, as their dresses might get trapped in the spokes of the bike. High heels were frequently mended, and that meant shoe-makers in Cork were kept very busy. The boys adopted the Cliff Richard and Elvis Presley style haircuts. This meant copious amounts of hair oil poured into their hair. They wore white shirts, pants, and pointed toe shoes. Boys from the rural areas usually cycled to the dance and placed their trousers into their stockings. When a guy liked a girl it was the norm to wait for the last dance to ask her home. Walking in the rain after the dance meant the sale of umbrellas soared.

I have fond memories of the dance hall, and the showbands of the sixties. They were from a different era, and full of innocence, wonder, hope, and expectations.
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The administration of the Seniors Alert Scheme is transferring from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government to Pobal in 2015.

We apologise for the recent delay in service as we know how important these alarms are to people. Happily, normal service has been resumed.

If you are interested in getting one of these alarms, please contact Mayfield Community Development Project at 4508562 and we will keep informed on when the applications are through.

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SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE
Bhain na paistí go leir an taitneamh as Seachtain na Gaeilge. Much fun was had by all practising our Irish phrases, reading Irish fairytales, having our annual Irish Dance sessions and a visit from our Patron Saint Patrick who made a special effort to call to our weekly assembly and to visit all the children in their classrooms.
Congratualtions to the Gaeilgeoiri na Seachtaine who received a special certificate at assembly. We would encourage you to continue speaking Irish at home with your children.
Lean ar aghaidh leis an obair iontach.

VISIT FROM SAINT PATRICK
Monday March 16th was a very special day in our school as we celebrated Saint Patrick and all things Irish. It looked like the school was invaded by little leprechauns as the boys and girls donned “the green” and various wonderful and creative accessories in honour of our most famous namesake Patrick. What a lucky people we are that the man himself chose to visit us that very morning! He regailed us with his tales of long ago and how he taught the Irish people about God . Then onto each classroom to recount his journey to Ireland and the children had the opportunity to pose questions and sing La le Padraig. A big thank you to Patrick, a.k.a. storyteller Paddy O'Brien.

IRISH DANCING
Nothing lifts the spirits more than lively music and an energetic dance and so we welcomed Irish Dance teacher Nicky to our school to teach the boys and girls the basic steps and routines of our own national dance. The children proudly displayed their dancing skills to their parents who were special guests during Seachtain na gaelige.

GREEN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME
Our Green Schools’ committee has been very busy working on our latest initiative TRAVEL where we are promoting environmentally friendly ways of travelling to school. As part of our Green Flag travel theme, the children received a special visit from Karen from The Road Safety Authority. They had lots of fun learning about safe ways to travel to and from school.

Our special visitor was very impressed with the children’s knowledge of the rules of the road and even more impressed with their singing and dancing. Well Done everyone!

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
The Senior Infant classes have been working very hard at using descriptive language and giving directions, by playing barrier games with a partner. The boys and girls had some very special guests come into their classrooms to watch and participate in the Barrier games. Many of our parents took time out of their busy schedules to join us and we also welcomed Sandra Ryan, a lecturer from Mary Immaculate College who is very interested in seeing parental involvement in schools. Ms Ryan was hugely impressed by our parental participation and interest and the children really showed off their oral language skills throughout the session. Well done boys and girls!

WORLD BOOK DAY
There was a special assembly in our school on Thursday March 5th to celebrate World Book Day and the boys and girls were encouraged to bring along their favourite bedtime story where they were entertained by a special “inhouse” storyteller. All classes were very busy in recent weeks reading books, discussing their favourite authors and characters and also creating their very own books.

LEARNING WITH SAINT PATRICK’S BOYS
Wonderful collaborative learning took place in our school during March when some of our past pupils from Saint Patrick’s Boys N.S. came to take part in Shared Reading activities and to carry out Science investigations with our Infant pupils. A big thank you to all those boys who participated.

UPCOMING EVENTS
“Cat in the Hat” in The Everyman theatre: March 26th - Junior Infants.

EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday March 30th – Friday April 11th inclusive: no school.
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On 2 July 2015 the age limit for the One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) will reduce to 7 years for most claimants. This means that a large number of people will no longer qualify for OFP from July 2015 because their youngest child will be over the age limit. If your youngest child is aged under 7 you can continue to qualify for OFP. (There are exemptions to the age limit for people parenting alone who are getting a Domiciliary Care Allowance or who have been recently bereaved.)

If your payment is ending in July 2015 the Department of Social Protection (DSP) will write to tell you the date your payment ends. You may also be requested to attend an information seminar. At this seminar you will get information about the other social welfare payments that may be available to you and help with applying for these. It is very important that you attend the seminar so you fully understand your options and so that you are not left without a payment when your OFP ends in July.

If you are getting Family Income Supplement or a carer’s payment, this payment will automatically be adjusted when your OFP ends and you will not be invited to a seminar.

You may also qualify for the new Back to Work Family Dividend (BTWFD). If you are getting FIS and your OFP is ending in July 2015, you will be sent an application form for the BTWFD along with the letter explaining the changes to your OFP payment.

If you were getting a One-Parent Family Payment in the last 3 years and your youngest child is aged under 14 you may qualify for the Jobseeker’s Allowance transitional arrangement. This arrangement allows you to work part-time and still receive a partial payment.

You can get more information and advice on these changes at your social welfare local office or Intreo centre or your nearest Citizens Information Centre

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 Wed. 7pm to 9pm.
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April
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Karl Marx wrote that religion is the opium of the people. One could argue that Television is the opium of the people today. It is by turns soothing and stimulating, boring and addictive, just like opium. We often sit for hours in the vague hope that the next programme will entertain or enlighten us. Here and there among television’s bewildering variety of rolling news, addictive soap dramas, chat shows featuring minor celebrities and confessional stories, embarrassing reality shows about weight control, contrived endurance tests and broken dreams, a gem of artistic merit emerges.

Such a gem is the TV series *Wolf Hall*, the story of Thomas Cromwell adapted from the book by Hilary Mantel. Wolf Hall (2009) is a historical novel set in the period from 1500 to 1535, documenting the rapid rise to power of Thomas Cromwell in the court of Henry VIII through to the death of Sir Thomas More.

Born to a working-class family of no position or name, Cromwell rose to become the right-hand man of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, adviser to the King. He survived Wolsey's fall from grace to eventually take his place as the most powerful of Henry's ministers. In that role, he oversaw Henry's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and marriage to Anne Boleyn, the English church's break with Rome and the dissolution of the monasteries.

Historical and literary accounts have not been kind to Cromwell; in Robert Bolt's play and film *A Man for All Seasons* Cromwell is shown as the calculating, unprincipled opposite of Thomas More's honour and rectitude. Paul Scofield’s playing of Thomas More was a masterclass of film acting. Mantel's novel offers an alternative to that characterisation, a more intimate portrait of Cromwell as a pragmatic and talented man attempting to serve king and country amid the political machinations of Henry's court and the religious upheavals of the Protestant reformation.

BBC Two spent £7 million on the recent lavish television adaptation of *Wolf Hall*, comprising six one-hour episodes. The series features three memorable performances, by Damian Lewis as King Henry VIII, Jonathan Pryce as Cardinal Thomas Wolsey and Mark Rylance as Thomas Cromwell. It is no easy task to convey the political and sexual intrigue, religious ferment and struggle for power of this era. Rylance manages this in a most subtle and moving way, by underplaying the character, by being in fact our eyes and ears at the royal court. His performance is all the more effective because he is relatively unknown as an actor. In a BBC interview for *Desert Island Discs*, he seemed surprised at his belated fame, giving credit to everyone but himself for the success of the BBC production.

Mark Rylance was born in 1960 in Ashford, Kent, the son of Anne and David Waters, both English teachers. His parents moved to Connecticut in 1962 and Wisconsin in 1969, where his father taught English at the University School of Milwaukee. Rylance later attended this school, where he began acting. His first notable role was in a 1976 production of Hamlet (with his father playing the First Gravedigger), and he later played Romeo in the school's production of *Romeo and Juliet*.

In 1995, Rylance became the first Artistic Director of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, a post he held until 2005. The Globe, on the south bank of the Thames, was built in 1997 on the site and in the style of the original Elizabethan circular theatre of Shakespeare’s time. Rylance directed and acted in every season, in works by Shakespeare and others, notably in all-male productions of *Twelfth Night* where he starred as Olivia, and Richard II where he took the title role.

Rylance is a social activist and a patron of Peace Direct, an international charity supporting reconciliation. He is also patron of The Outside Edge Theatre Company. It works from the perspective of creating theatre and drama with people affected by substance abuse. It provides theatre interventions in drug and alcohol treatment and general community facilities throughout Britain, as well as producing professional public theatre productions that take place in theatres, studio theatres, and art centres. Rylance believes it to be "proper initiatory old style theatre."

Hilary Mantel explains that *Wolf Hall* is historical fiction, not history. It is her characterisation of the people and events. Some critics do not agree with her rehabilitation of Thomas Cromwell. Simon Schama, presenter of A History of Britain criticises the narrative in *Wolf Hall*. "It grates a bit to accept that millions now think of Thomas Cromwell as a much-maligned, misunderstood pragmatist from the school of hard knocks who got precious little thanks for doing Henry VIII’s dirty work. When I was doing research for *A History of Britain*, the documents shouted to high heaven that Thomas Cromwell was, in fact, a detestably self-serving, bullying monster who perfected state terror in England, cooked the evidence, and extracted confessions by torture.” Cromwell also fell from royal favour and was beheaded at Tower Hill having been condemned without trial.
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The young people involved in No Name Club operating successfully countrywide are currently involved in preparing for their participation in the premier events in the national programme of healthy social activities – e.g. the youth awards and the super talent competitions.

Our club members are no exception to all other club participants who are presently engaged in rehearsals for their events in the southern regional super talent finals that are being held on Sunday 22nd March in the community youth centre, Fermoy.

On the 7th February last a representative group of club members accompanied by their adult club leaders travelled to the regional youth awards final that were staged in the Commodore Hotel, Cobh.

Our two representatives Tara Matthews (Hostess) and Aaron O’Regan (Host) performed admirably in their events against young people from Cobh, Killarney and Dungarvan clubs, but they were not among the winners in a closely contested competition where there was only a margin of five marks between the first and last competitor in their event.

That competition involved the contestants in a private interview on their knowledge and understanding of the aims, objectives and philosophy of the No Name Club, and also their hopes and plan for their careers following the completion of their secondary education.

The interview was followed by a public stage performance by each competitor who had a choice from their party piece. Aaron O’Regan played the guitar and sang one of his favourite songs and Tara Matthews presented one of her amateur film entries that won a prize in the 2014 youth film festival in Yougghal, Co Cork. This year the national No Name Club organisation are providing an updated training programme on child protection guidelines for adult leaders in all affiliated clubs countrywide. On the 23rd February last the adult leaders in St Joseph’s (Mayfield) No Name Club together with representatives of the Cobh and Killarney clubs took part in the child protection course that took place in St Joseph’s Community Centre.

With the approaching national youth awards finals event which is the highlight of the years activities for all young people who are involved in No Name Clubs nationwide comes the news that the current international Rose of Tralee winner Maria Walsh will be among the invited guests of honour at the function which takes place in the five star luxurious Lyrath Estate Hotel in Killarney on the 25th April next.

This is great news for all No Name Club members who will be attending the 2015 national finals and will have this opportunity of meeting with Maria Walsh who is a previous winner in 2004 of the prestigious title of The No Name Club hostess of the year. Maria is a wonderful role model for all No Name Club members and she has close links with the Mayfield based No Name Club who hosted the 2004 national youth awards and cabaret finals in the Silversprings Moran, Hotel Cork that year.

The current chairperson of St Joseph’s (Mayfield) No Name Club Dale O’Sullivan who won the 2009 national hostess of the year title has been appointed to the judging panel for the 2015 national youth awards finals. We congratulate Dale on her appointment and we wish her well in this important occasion in the lives of those young people who are competing in this years events.

The annual general meeting of the No Name Club organisation takes place on the 30th March in th Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone where they will review the past numbers of years progress in developing a strong network of clubs throughout this country for the benefit of young people aged between 15 – 19 years of age.

The No Name Club operates throughout the academic year from September to May to facilitate the young people in Transition year in their second level education.

In the St Joseph’s (Mayfield) No Name Club membership for this year is now closed, and new members are welcome to join the club in the next school term in September for further information – please contact Mr Joe Mullane, Hon Secretary on 021-4550059.
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1915: Civilians and soldiers gathered for a British Army World War recruiting meeting.

1956: Then as now, a hive of activity. Note the Mayfield (No. 9 as it was then) bus crossing bridge.
NEWS FROM NOWHERE
Michael O’Donnell

Quote of the Month
“The rigour of the law is the height of oppression”

To get to the truth in the news one has to dig deep; for example, many commentators distorted the reality behind the jailing of the Right 2 Water protesters.

Serious newspapers such as the Irish Times wrote that they were jailed for attempting to prevent fellow workers from installing Water Meters, implying that it was the meter workers that sought the injunction.

It was the company, Siteserve, owned by our old friend Denis O’Brien, who seems to own everything.

The most interesting of O’Brien’s companies is Siteserve and one of its clients is Irish Water, for which it is installing water meters in homes around the country, contrary to the wishes of householders. By the way, Topaz, which operates about 300 petrol stations across the state, another of O’Briens’s companies, appointed former Taoiseach Brian Cowan to its board of directors in May, 2014. This is the man that oversaw the appalling bank guarantee that wrecked havoc on the Irish economy.

What is the function of the state? Is it even handed in its dealings with citizens? The evidence suggests otherwise. How many employers are imprisoned for flouting the law by not paying the minimum wage? How many bankers are in jail whose gambling led to our economic collapse? Yet a handful of protesters who did no damage to this economy are languishing in jail because the water charges are a step too far and the law that jalled them is unjust.

Recently serious criminal offenders were released because of overcrowding to make way for three citizens whose only crime is that they opposed an unjust law. Had those who built the gas chambers in NAZI Germany been prevented from their evil deeds 6 million Jews, Gypsies, Communists, Socialists and Trade Unionists would have lived.

“They came for the Communists and because I was not one of them: I said nothing.
They came for the Socialists and because I was not one of them: I said nothing.
They came for the Trade Unionists and because I was not one of them: I said nothing.
They came for the Jews and because I was not one of them: I said nothing.
They came for the Homosexuals and because I was not one of them. I said nothing.
They came for the Gypsies and because I was not one of them: I said nothing.
Then they came for me!”

MAYFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Greenfingers welcomes all you budding gardeners to the season of planting. We are busy sewing potatoes as we have permission from St. Patrick! Mrs Greenfingers is active in our polytunnel planting tomatoes, strawberries and a variety of exotic herbs. Our outdoor plots are being cultivated with fruit bushes, spring cabbage, rhubarb and parsnips.

The group are delighted to have the support and invaluable advice from Beech Hill Garden Centre. You may go to supermarkets for your garden supplies but it’s only at Beech Hill that you will get professional advice on all your garden needs. It’s on your doorstep so why not pay a visit to the finest garden centre in Cork, open Monday to Saturday.
THE KING OF THE MOUNTAIN STREAM

Richard Goodison

In the wilds of Ireland, on a heather hillside, there flows an impetuous stream. It winds among the rocks' haphazard plan, slipping down through narrow clefts and over lips of worn stone into hollows deep. One such hollow is perpetually filled by water from a rapid, tiny waterfall, white and furious and fresh, the water plunging, mingling down through water, air bubbles then rising upwards through water to the surface of the pool to disperse immediately, their existence momentary. In this one deep pool, just beyond where the bubbles rise, there dwells a trout in the clean, clear depths.

A specimen of size and speckled beauty he lies in the translucent water and watches for food, nourishing morsels carried down from above. He is king of the stream, delighting in the freshly aerated water which cleanses the dappled gravel beneath him. His eyes are keen; his mouth and gills move regularly. He waits, his body gently waving in the current like a dark underwater plant, his tail its moving extremity. Nearby, sprouting from a little soil trapped in a rock's fissure, a lonely, lovely primrose trembles as it is splashed by spray from the little waterfall. The trout lives in peace.

Then, clambering over rocks and heather, comes a man with rod and line, with net and hopeful basket. He comes to a place just a little below the pool and faces the evening sun so that the fish, facing upstream, cannot see him or his shadow. If the fish moves, frightened by some accident or darting for food, it returns immediately to its former position as trout are wont to do. The man, standing well behind the fish, now casts his line upstream above the fish's place of rest so that the tempting bait comes from above with the waters nearing the fish's front. Three times the fisher tries to no avail. Then he tries again and at last the trout, spotting the trifle as something tasty for his meal, darts to his own destruction, for, attempting to swallow the fly or the worm, he is caught by the cruel little hook of man's ingenuity. He plunges deep, he struggles in the pure rushing waters, diving down towards the gravelly bed of the stream, trying to release himself, trying not to break water on the surface, but he only succeeds in confirming the hook in his jaw. He fights, he struggles, he dives, he feints and relaxes, a beautifully stippled thing, a true creature of the water, striving body and soul. But at last with contorting, silvery, flashing sides he is drawn in and netted. The stream has lost its king, but with primeval patience it will await another.

As the man leaves that place with his prize the sun sets slowly and there is a golden luminosity in the Western sky just above the horizon. The man makes his journey homeward in the twilight. Soon the stars hang like great lamps in the sky, now dark, and their reflections dance and shiver in the lively pool. But tonight the dry white flesh of the pool's denizen will whet the appetite of a man and satisfy it for a few moments. O trout, was this the reason and end of your whole life?! O beautiful one, what an end! Vanity of vanities, all is vanity! But wait! Were you not lord of the little river? May not your progeny continue to the end of time? And even next year may not some scion of yours be king of the mountain stream? Will life, love, and beauty not win out in the end? All is not lost. All can be renewed. And after all, truly, at the end of life, in very death, to be the sustenance of a man is no small purpose nor mindless conclusion. It is at once the final ignominy and glory of a colourful, dramatic existence. So be it, so be it.

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PYJAMA DAY IN AID OF AUTISM ACTION

Pictures show children and staff of Lotamore Pre-school who held a Pyjama Day in aid of Autism Action. €320 was raised on the day.

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CHURCH OF OUR LADY CROWNED

Arrangements for Holy Week 2015

Monday, March 30th

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 9.30am

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7.00pm
Chapel of Repose will remain open until 10.30pm

Good Friday, April 3rd

Stations of the Cross: 12.00 noon
Brief Reconciliation Service after Stations
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion: 3.00pm
Brief Reconciliation Service afterwards
Prayer around the Cross: 8.00pm

Easter Saturday, April 4th

Easter Vigil: 9.00pm
Confession: 12.00 noon – 1.00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Mass: 9.30am and 12.00 noon

Easter Monday (Bank Holiday), April 6th

Morning Mass: 11.00am
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HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

2nd April 2015
HOLY THURSDAY
Morning Prayer 10.15am
MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER 7.00 pm
Silent Hour of adoration from 8pm to 9pm

3rd April 2015
Good Friday *A day of fast and abstinence*
Morning Prayer 10.15am
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 12 noon
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION 3 pm

4th April 2015
Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer 10.15 followed by Confessions
EASTER VIGIL: (6 pm)
CELEBRATION OF CHRIST’S RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

5th April 2015
EASTER SUNDAY
MASS 11am

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS
AFTER EACH MASS DURING THE WEEK

GOOD FRIDAY
After the 12noon Stations
As usual these past weeks have been very busy for the staff and pupils of Scoil Mhuire Banrion! There were many activities for our pupils, including:

Seachtain na Gaeilge:
Our language & culture was celebrated throughout the week of March 9th – 13th, culminating in our Céilí where pupils, teachers, families and friends enjoyed ‘ceol, craic agus damhsa.’

Life Time Lab:
On the 4th of March Mrs O’Leary’s fourth class went to the Lifetime Lab for an Explorer’s Marine Workshop. We did a few experiments like floating and sinking. We learned about marine animals and their remains. We saw starfish, crabs and even a sea cucumber! We really enjoyed the Lifetime Lab. Rachel and Zoe

Irish Authors, One Community:
Ms O’Neill’s 5th class will be completing their enjoyable study of the book ‘The Ark of Dun Ruah’ by Cork author Maria Burke. The closing ceremony of the home, school initiative takes place on 24th March in Mayfield Library and children from 5 local schools will attend with their parents and teachers to celebrate the joy of reading.

Artist in Schools:
5th class are delighted to welcome the artists Alva Barret and Sophia Davern to the school. Over three workshops the artists from Newbury House will demonstrate and share a number of techniques with the girls. Parents and friends will attend the final exhibition of the girls’ work.

Life Long Learning:
3rd and 4th classes will represent our school at the Life Long Learning festival in Mayfield Library on 25th March. They will sing 3 songs from the musical ‘Annie’ which they performed so well in the City Hall on 19th March for the Cór Fhéile.

The ‘Sing’ Programme:
On Wednesday 25th March, Mrs O’Leary’s 4th class will be involved in the Music Generation Cork City Concert Party which showcases all Music Generation Programmes in the city. They will perform, sing and sign to the song ‘The Moon’ in the Opera House.

Green Schools:
Our green school’s committee are working hard again this term to spread the message to ‘Reduce, Reuse and Recycle’. Our used battery recycling campaign has been very successful with 4,655 batteries collected so far! Keep them coming!

Sacraments:
On March 11th, second class girls had First Penance in our church with the boys from St. John the Apostle. They are busy at the moment preparing for their next big event, First Holy Communion on May 16th. Sixth class girls are looking forward to their Confirmation Day, on March 26th.

Enrolments:
For Early Start and Junior Infants places for September 2015 are currently taking place. Please contact 021 4503003/ 086 3805164 for forms and information.
Pictures include:
Mr Jeffers’ and Ms Mullane’s 5th Class on a history walk around Cork City centre, exploring a scale model of Cork city at the Cork Vision Centre, enjoying a picnic lunch next to the old medieval city walls in Bishop Lucey Park and visiting St. Fin Barre’s Cathedral.

Also included is Paddy O’Brien on a recent storytelling visit to the school and 6th Class are pictured with American storyteller Patrick Ryan.
MAYFIELD GAELIC ACADEMY CÚL NOTES

This Newsletter is our Academy’s way of keeping you informed of events that are taking place over the coming months.

Interested in joining our Academy?

NEW members of all age groups are always welcome To Join the Fun, Make New friends in the home of your club, a family club. See contact details below of coaches involved with the different age groups.

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Under 12 & 11 Born in Year 2003 & 2004
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From the Month of April all our Academy teams will be training outdoors.

All academy training will be on Every Friday Night from 5pm-6pm at Mayfield Playing Pitches Lotabeg Road.

Great news on Cúl Camp 2015.

Following the fantastic week we had at Cúl Camp 2014 our academy will be holding another Cúl Camp in July, 2015.

Everyone in the greater Mayfield area ARE more than welcome to attend the cül camp and enjoy a fun filled week with our Academy coaches and special guests. NAMES CAN BE GIVEN TO COACHES AT TRAINING ON ANY FRIDAY NIGHT.

We are looking for help from you the parents! Help with Coaching, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Organising of Events.

For more information on the above or for all other enquiries on the Academy.

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New members welcome to all age groups.
Scoil Eoin Aspal, Mayfield, winners of the Primary Schools Bands Competition and the Teddy Forde Memorial Trophy for the group with exceptional talent at the Ringaskiddy Youth Talent Festival, 1986. (Included in picture is music teacher Ms. Herlihy)
ST JOHN THE APOSTLE B.N.S.

Sport:
St John’s boys have been engaging in many different sports this term. 2nd and 3rd class boys in Ms. Synnotts class have been enjoying participating in the Sports for Life Programme. The programme is delivered every week for 12 weeks by Kate, a student from UCC. The boys are learning lots about their muscles and how to keep fit and healthy!

Hurling:
We are very lucky to have two coaches coming into the school each week. Denis (Tuesdays) coaches Ms. Synnotts and Ms. O Donovans classes, while Finbarr (Thursdays) coaches the 4th, 5th and 6th class boys.

Well done to our fourth class indoor hurling team who got to the semi finals.

Sciath na Scol hurling leagues will get under way next week. We wish our team the best of luck in their matches.

Congratulations and best of luck to Ryan Myers who is representing our school at the Cork Primary Game trials.

Basketball:
6th class has been doing very well in the local basketball leagues with help from Ms. O Donovan. They recently won a tournament in Neptune Stadium.

Congratulations boys!

World Book Week:
To celebrate World Book Day, the school had our annual week long timetable of events. Reading was the number one priority with all classes participating in D.E.A.R. - (Drop Everything And Read) time and specific activities each day. There was paired reading and writing, which saw 5th and 6th class boys creating stories for the Junior Infant superheroes. We also had a wonderful Book Fair organised by the Parents’ Association.

Sacrament Classes:
Both the Ceremony of Light and the First Penance were serene yet joyous occasions in Our Lady Crowned Church in March. The children sang beautifully and enjoyed the religious celebrations in the company of their families, school and community. They are now busy preparing for their big days - Confirmation on March 26th and Communion on May 16th. Here are our second class boys looking very angelic outside the church.

Open Day:
We held a very successful open day in the school which gave future parents and pupils an opportunity to see our school at work. The school choir performed excellently under the direction of Ms. Cronin.

Well done also to Ms. Melia’s Junior Infants who performed their poem “Brown Bear Brown Bear.”Enrolments for next year can be made by contacting the school office - 4505716

Cór Fhéile na Scol:
We are delighted to be taking part this year in Cór Fhéile. Our performance takes place on the 20th March in City Hall where 40 boys will take to the stage. This is a fantastic opportunity for St. John’s boys to show their talents. They have been working very hard with Ms. Synnott and Ms. Melia on their three songs; Wagon Wheel, Time of Your Life and The Cup Song – as Gaeilge. We wish them the best of luck in their performance.
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