

# Mayfield Matters

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## **CDP CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY.**

On Friday 14th January over 120 people came to Mayfield GAA Club to join Mayfield Community Development Project (CDP) Management and Staff in celebrating the CDP's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This function should have taken place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December but due to the severe weather it had to be postponed. It was great to see so many former volunteers and staff having the opportunity to catch up with those currently involved in the CDP. A great number of local people who have supported the Project were also present. Thankfully, the weather was OK on the night and we didn't have frost or snow to spoil the celebrations.

Guests of honour on the night were Canon Donal Linehan and Sr Enda Dineen who were founder members of the CDP, and it was great to see them both looking so well. Canon Linehan is now based in Waterfall and Sr.Enda is in Hollyhill. Canon Donal congratulated everyone involved in keeping the Project going over the 20 years and said starting something can be easy, the challenge is in keeping it going!



**Pictured cutting the anniversary cake are L-R: Sr.Enda Dineen; Tom Walsh, Chairperson of CDP; Brenda Corcoran, Project Co-ordinator and Canon Donal Linehan.**

Picture: Andy Gibson.

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## **MAYFIELD CDP 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**



**CDP staff members pictured at the event.**

Picture: Andy Gibson.



**Members of Mayfield CDP Voluntary Management Committee.**

Picture: Andy Gibson.



**Former CDP/Mayfield Employment Action Project staff members, Margaret Hartnett, Catherine Healy and John Macdonald enjoy the 20th anniversary celebrations.**

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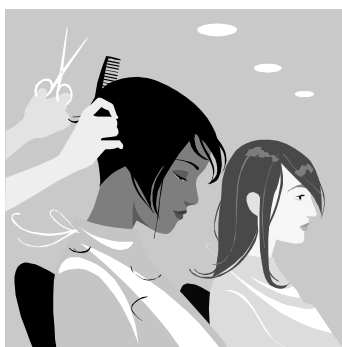


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## *Mayfield RAPID UPDATE – January 2011*

*RAPID is a process of community groups, local agencies, residents and councillors working together for the good of the area. This is an outline of the current activities in the Mayfield part of the Mayfield/the Glen/Blackpool RAPID area. The initiatives outlined below are a result of the hard work on the ground by a variety of the people outlined above.*

### **Physical Environment**

Lotamore – the City Council has completed the estate enhancement works in Lotamore. These works will enable the estate to finally be handed over to the County Council. The works included traffic calming, landscaping, signage and the enhancement of footpaths. It also included the securing of the vacant site off the Boherboy road. This will hopefully alleviate the anti-social behaviour which is prevalent there.

Mick Murphy, the community warden, continues to work with residents and community groups on clean-ups and other local issues. He also works very closely with the Probation and Welfare graffiti removal service which is operating very successfully in the area.

### **Community Safety Forum**

The next Community Safety Forum will take place on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30p.m. in St. Josephs Community Centre**. This will be led by the Garda Síochána and Cork City Council, and representatives from the two agencies will be in attendance. Issues raised will be dealt with by the Community Safety Unit and all are welcome.

### **Employment & Training**

The latest round of *Project ReFocus* began in early November with 18 participants. Ongoing, it takes place in St. Josephs Community Centre and is supported by local projects such as Mayfield Training Centre, Mayfield NYP, Mayfield Local Employment Service and Ogra Chorcaí as well as agencies such as the Dept. of Social & Family Affairs, FAS, Cork City Council and City of Cork VEC. It runs for two mornings per week and focuses on helping young people get closer to the workforce. Many of last years participants have been successful in obtaining places on full-time course in the College of Commerce, Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa etc and some have gained employment. The participants will continue to be supported for a further 2 years. Phase 1 finishes at the end of January and Phase 2 will begin in mid-February. Cllr John Kelleher chairs the Project ReFocus steering group.

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### **Mayfield Novice Camera Club**

Mayfield Novice Camera Club has restarted after the Christmas break. The group meets on the 1st Monday of every month to discuss project work and on the 3rd Monday of the month to learn basic photography related computer skills. Each meeting is held in Mayfield Integrated Community Development Project from 7 to 8pm. New members and former students welcome! For more information ring Maureen on 0868828557

# A Parade in Cork

by Marie Guillot

At the corner of Cork City Hall, the marching band sets off. Our crowd is now moving. Slowly at first, then faster, as the men in uniform are leading the pace. We are instructed: "Walk four abreast, all of you. Four abreast." Our eagerness is boundless: each foursome is making an effort to keep the cadence. But something is amiss. Soon, there are stragglers, crossing the bridge in dribs and drabs. Turning into Oliver Plunkett Street, we are somehow gathered again. The *four abreast* has become *between-two-and-six across*. It works better that way.

The Christmas shoppers are watching us, not knowing our purpose. Protesters? Doubtful. Usually, protesters are not preceded by military music and not followed by a large fire truck, all lights flashing. A Santa Claus parade? A new kind then: the marchers are only carrying ancient books, all dull-coloured. Nothing really to attract young children. The organisers are distributing leaflets to the onlookers, who read them and smile at us. Now they understand: the old books are being transferred from Anglesea Street to the Grand Parade library in commemoration of the burning of the Carnegie library in 1920. The books were donated after the fire by generous families (not only Irish, but from other countries as well), to start a recovery.

Having reached its destination, the parade is brought to a halt along the stalls of the Christmas Market. The participants raise up their books for the cameras, all jolly in unison. They enter the library to reinstate them, one by one, a symbolic gesture in memory of the donations. Several public readings follow, some read by descendants of the donors. All texts are expertly selected, bringing history to the occasion. They remind us how a tragedy can trigger determination and bring goodwill out of an extended community towards the restoration of its city.

To recuperate from these emotions we are then invited beside the festive Christmas tree, to share wine and mince pies. The elderly books rest on a table, worn out from their many journeys. A few fanatics among us take advantage of the quieter time to look at them and exchange impressions. In particular, a book about Cork City (published in 1801) is almost torn apart between two admirers. Such is the destiny of books.



Illustrations by Victor Sullivan

The text above is a contribution from the Cork Non-Fiction Writers Group,  
meeting in the Cork City Library.

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## History of Mayfield Men's Group:

The Mayfield Community Development Project set up the Men's Group in Mayfield in October 2006. The group's first meeting was on Monday evening the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2006. Through the V.E.C. we were able to employ a Part-time Tutor who facilitated the men's group.

The group always met on Monday nights and held various sessions. They had some great guest speakers in the past, i.e. Legal rights, health, history, and meeting other men's group both regionally and nationally.

The group is now looking for a new direction. We would encourage people interested in joining or giving ideas on the group to attend an open session on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 3 p.m.** in the Community Development Project.

The Men's Group is always looking for new members and also new ideas on why this group should continue in Mayfield.

Please contact Mayfield CDP on: 4508562 for information on the group, or if you have ideas to bring forward.

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## **Answer:**

The Universal Social Charge is a new tax payable on your gross income. It is payable on notional income (benefit in kind payments) and it is deducted before pension contributions. It replaces the health contribution and the income levy and comes into effect on 1 January 2011. It does not replace the Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) system.

Everyone (including medical card holders) is liable to pay the Universal Social Charge if their gross income is over the threshold of €4,004 in a year. All Department of Social Protection payments (including State pensions and Child Benefit) and similar payments (for example, CE schemes and Back to Education Allowance) and income on which DIRT has been paid are exempt.

The rates of the Universal Social Charge are:

- > 2% on the first €10,036
- > 4% on the next €5,980
- > 7% on the balance

People over 70 are not liable for the 7% rate but pay at 2% on income up to €10,036 and at 4% on all their income above €10,036. The Universal Social Charge will be deducted from all income. If you have earned less than €4,004 during the year, you can apply to your local Revenue office for a refund at the end of the year.

## **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: (021) 450 8300.  
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Citizens Information is also available through the Cork City (North) Citizens Information Service on: 021-4302 301, the Citizens Information Phone Service 1890-777 121 or online at: [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)





## **The Great Things About Retirement**

### **By Geraldine Mc Auliffe.**



One of the great things about retirement is the freedom to sit in your living room and read your favourite novels, or so you hope. Going to play a round of golf with your friends, or taking an interest in the garden. Or it may be sitting on a beach with your grandchildren and enjoying your new freedom.

An ideal retirement might be where you learn some new skills and have some interaction with other people. It is the time when you may want to go sightseeing and may also get to know interesting people, that's if your health is okay and you having the energy to do these things. But for some people who may not be so fortunate and have not good health, there are many other ways of enjoying your retirement.

For those people who are housebound, taking up painting as a hobby can give the individual the freedom to express themselves in so many ways. There are many people who are wheelchair bound and have found this a great way to socialize and meet new friends. For some people who may have arthritis in their legs, but still have the mobility in their hands, painting is a hobby that does not requite physical strength.

Taking up painting as a hobby is one way of unleashing the Rembrandt in you. Apart from discovering your talent, it is a great way to relax and each person is blessed with some degree of artistic talent. Getting started with your hobby will require you to find a teacher in your area. Art is something that is possible to learn, and you will be taught how to use your pencils, charcoal and oils. There are many outlets in Mayfield that you can join, and the teachers there are most helpful to everyone who takes part in these classes.

There are also other areas to explore, such as Bridge, Swimming Classes, Computers for both beginners and advanced and also First Aid Classes. If you like dancing there is also Salsa Dancing, Ballroom Dancing, and also a dance called Zumba Dancing. If dancing is not for you there is also flower Arranging and Cooking Classes. There are so many courses available in Mayfield that anyone who is retired, or who in the near future will be retiring, now is your opportunity to participate in the hobby you never had time for.



# **News From Nowhere**

by Michael O'Donnell.

**“They imprison the man who stole the goose from the field,  
but let the greater evil loose who stole the field from the goose.”**

This is a quote from 150 years ago but could be read in yesterday's paper. The banks repossessing people's homes and the bankers who encouraged the wrecking of the economy get off scott free.

We get the chance every four years to elect our leaders. This right, to vote for those we consider best to run the country, was hard won over centuries of struggle – use it by registering at the City Hall. Don't be one of the cynics who say; “It doesn't matter who gets in, they're all the same.” Working class areas tend to be of this viewpoint, which is why such areas are always neglected by the authorities.

The voting system is in need of radical change in two areas; Firstly, voting should take place over a weekend as is the case in France. This would allow students and those working away from home to engage with the democratic process, otherwise they are disfranchised by the current system. The second area of change should grant all Irish people living and working abroad the right to vote in elections. Ireland is one of the few countries in the world which denies its citizens a vote - why?

Some young people from Mayfield will be watching the St. Patrick's day parade in New York instead of watching the parade in Cork. These are the victims of the economic mess. At least give them the vote.

Canvassers will be calling on your door looking for your vote in the next few weeks – if you're registered, which is a good reason, the cynic might say, for not registering. Nevertheless, engage all with civility and make your mind up accordingly.

## **Election 2011**

As the date for the election is now on 25th February, it is important to know that if you are not registered to vote that you should do so **WITHOUT DELAY!** Once you are over 18 years of age you can vote but you must ensure you are on the Register of Electors.

- > If you need to check the Register go to: **[www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)**.
- > If your name is not there you need to get a Supplementary Register RFA2 Form from, your library, local authority or Garda Station or download **RFA2 Form**.
- > Complete the RFA2 Form. This form must be stamped and signed by a Garda. Remember to bring photo identification with you.
- > RFA2 Form **must arrive** in your City or County Council for the area in which you live **15 working days before the election date**. (by Feb.10th)

**If you do not have access to the Internet or a computer, please call into the CDP Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road and we will check if you are registered for you. Registration forms are also available in the Centre.**

## Mayfield Action on Suicide.

The MAOS Group would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas Raffle. It was held on St. Stephen's Day in the Cow Bar as it could not be held on the 19th December as planned. This was because people couldn't get to Mayfield to hand back the tickets they had sold, due to the bad weather.

The raffle raised €1,240 and great credit and huge thanks must go to organiser Kevin O'Sullivan for his hard work.

The winners were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Hamper – Scott Hyde  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Ipswich Shirt - B. Mangan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Turkey/Ham - M. Cleary.

The money received from the Raffle and other fund-raising events will allow local people have access to low cost counselling. Mayfield Action on Suicide has linked with Oaktree Counselling, who will meet people by appointment in any local venue that suits them, such as Lotamore Family Centre, CDP Resource Centre or KT Youth Centre.

Because we are subsidising the cost of sessions, the client will only need to make a small payment according to their means. If you would like to access this service, you can make an appointment by ringing **Oaktree Counselling** on: **087 756 5490** or **Mayfield CDP** on: **450 8562**.

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# CHARLIE WILKINS:

## GARDENING

### SPRING IS ON THE WAY!

Many gardeners would agree that the reality of spring is seldom as momentous as the idea. They argue that like summer vacations, the best part is in the waiting and the anticipating. Sometimes I'm tempted to agree, for spring does not really 'spring' like a jack-in-the-box with the unstoppable force of compressed energy, but it delays and dawdles as the weather dictates. Some years it takes ages to really get going and this year is no exception for it is constantly doubling back on itself allowing winter to bite and snap at the unsuspecting. No one, it would seem, can anticipate what the weather is going to be like tomorrow or the day after! But then I have always claimed that anticipation was the mood of March, not fill-dyke February as this month was known in pre global warming days. February this year I hope will be dry and that cold east winds will not predominate.

The light intensity continues to improve and our line of vision is no longer frozen behind grey spattered windows to a distant view. It is now time to move outside, for the actions of the old enemy, winter, is fast losing ground. Oh yes, the spiteful action of hard frosts and the persistence of heavy rain will return now and again to haunt us, but their days are already numbered. Here in Mayfield victory is within our grasp and survival is no longer a possibility but a guaranteed assurance! The ache of regret is at last overcome and we can once again move outside to the semi-dormant world. At first, everything may look rather delicate; flowers will certainly seem smaller and the light startlingly different, but as we become accustomed to the change we find the air cleaner and filled at times with a perfume which envelopes like an invisible cloak. Spring, glorious spring has at last arrived.

**BULBS;** This is a most precious time, and every opportunity should be taken to view each new plant arrival as if it had never been seen before. The trick is to open your eyes to what is about the garden each day, and to look forward to even better as temperatures and light levels continue to increase. Snowdrops are on their way so too the scillas, narcissi, wood anemone and erythroniums. These will arrive on time to keep their jubilee, their petals matching perfectly the new green that is rushing up over the land. Later still, notice the likes of the crown imperial (*Fritillaria imperialis*) with its top-knot of pineapple-looking leaves and circular ring of bell-shaped blooms each containing a drop of crystal clear dew. How I wish these spring days were here already!

**DAHLIAS;** Examine stored dahlia tubers and plunge them into a bucket of tepid water if they have shrivelled. Remove when they look improved then box up in damp peat to start them into growth. When new shoots appear, do exactly the same as you would with fuchsias; take soft tip cuttings! Should you not wish to take material for cuttings allow them to grow on in the damp peat until plenty of shoots have been formed. Re-pot into a larger container at this stage (use a good brand of compost) and when mid-May arrives, planted in the open where they are expected to bloom. Do remember that dahlias are very prone to frost damage so protect until all the frosts have finished.

**GLADIOLUS;** The corms of the frail and very lovely dwarf Gladiolus 'The Bride' have arrived in the shops and these should be potted up straight away if early blooms are needed. By 'early', read mid July and later, and for those planted in the open ground, expect results during August and September. If I had a hot garden, one where sunshine was guaranteed for at least three months of each summer then I think I would grow these by the hundred not by the pot-full as of now. Beech Hill Garden Centre will be able to supply you with all your needs of summer bulbs; dahlias, gladioli, lilies and begonias. These latter bulbs give a great return. Tell them Charlie sent you and they'll give you extra attention if not a few cents off the price.



# An t-Earrach, séasúr an dóchais.

## Le Aodán Ó Sé.

Níl mé ró-tógtha le opera ar an stáitse, ach is aoibhinn liom éisteacht leis na *arias* ar dhlúth-diosca (CD) nó ar Lyric FM. Seo véarsa ó Samson is Delilah le Camille Saint-Saens, na focail i bhFraincís, ar ndóigh.

*Printemps qui commence, portant l'espérance aux cœurs amoureux.*

*Ton souffle qui passe de la terre efface les jours malheureux.*

*A Earraigh, a chuireann dóchas i gcroíthe an ghrá,*

*Ceallaíonn do anál na laethanta gruama.*

Is ábhar misnigh dúinn na focail sin. Má's rud é go bhfuil an grá inár gcroíthe istigh, b'fhéidir go bhfuil sé fé ghlais ag coraí crua an tsaoil. Seans go scaoilfidh áilleacht an earraigh an grá sin amach. Tosnaíonn obair agus aclaíocht amuigh fé'n aer le teacht an earraigh. Seo dán gleoite a thugann léargas ar an lá ag dul síneadh. Cuireann na focail an pictiúir seo thíos le Paul Henry i gcuimhne dhom.

*AN t-EARRACH THÍAR. Le Máirtín Ó Direáin*

*(1910-1988)*

*Fear ag glanadh cré de ghimseán spáide*

*Sa gciúnas shéimh i mbrothall lae:*

*Binn an fhuaim san earrach thiar.*

*Fear ag caitheadh cliabh dá dhroim*

*Is an fheamainn dhearg ag lonrú*

*I dtaitneamh gréine ar dhuirling bháin.*

*Niamhrach an radharc san earrach thiar.*

*Mná i locháin in íochtar diaidh-thrá*

*A gcótaí craptha, scáilí thíos fúthu:*

*Támh-radharc síothach san earrach thiar.*

*Toll-bhuillí fanna ag maidí rámha*

*Currach lán éisc ag teacht chun cladaigh*

*Ar ór-mhuir mhall i ndeire lae*

*san earrach thiar.*

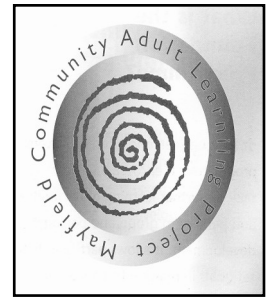


**Launching the Currach. Paul Henry**

## GLUAIS FOCAL

Cré = Soil, Brothall = Heat, Cliamh = Basket, Feamainn = Seaweed, Duirling = falla briste, Niamhrach = gleoite, Támh = Drowsy, codlatach, Toll-bhuillí fanna = hollow and weak strokes of the oars, Cladach = trá chloiche.

**Mayfield Community Adult Learning Project. C.A.L.P.**  
**CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd.4508562**



**SPRING/SUMMER COURSES**

**"Balancing life, family & me" (personal Development)**

- Come along on Monday, 14th February 2011. 8 sessions.
- 10.30am to 12.30pm
- Held in the Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd.
- Content: Stress management, self confidence building techniques, assertiveness, communication skills and much more. You can name topics you want to cover.
- Great opportunity to have time out for yourself, meet new people and make friends.

**Computers (Next round mid-March)**

**Beginners level with internet & email:**

- One morning a week for 6 weeks. (Tuesday or Thursday - 10am to 12.30pm)
- Located in the CDP Community Resource Centre.
- Content: turning on the computer, opening a Word Document, saving, typing, turning computer off, introduction to internet & email.

**Office Procedures Level 3 FETAC**

- Starts Thursday, 17th February 2011, 7 to 9.30pm, for 10 sessions.
- Held in the Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd.
- A nationally recognised component certificate awarded.
- Content: Role & function of the office - become familiar with main functions of an office, identify ways of recording information, operate petty cash, be able to use some office equipment and use common software applications. Practical office skills e.g. filing, use telephone, duplicate and collate documents & process mail. Personal skills - teamwork, personal appearance and hygiene & maintain safe working environment.

**Practical First Aid - Cardiac First Response**

- Starting Thursday, 3rd March 2011. 7 sessions. 10.30am to 12.30pm.
- Content: Responses to the needs of unconscious casualties, CPR, Choking, responses to the needs of casualties with major injuries, common illnesses and conditions and the use of a defibrillator.
- Opportunity to get a certificate from the Red Cross stating that you are a trained Responder, valid for 2 years.

**Courses are open to adults living in the Mayfield community.**

**A small charge for each course. Childcare places may be available in Rainbow Childcare Service if required.**

**Courses are funded by the City of Cork VEC.**

**Book your place by contacting Mary or Liz at 4508562 or call into the centre.**

# **MAYFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION NETWORK.**

## **City of Learning Festival 2011**

This year's festival will be held across the city from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

Local Mayfield event 13TH APRIL 2011, MAYFIELD GAA CLUB, KERRY RD. 10.30AM to 1PM.

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## **INVITATION TO WRITERS**

The Cork Non-Fiction Writers Group is a community group focused on writing, sharing, and positively critiquing works of non-fiction writing.

Established in 2008, the group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Cork City Library on Grand Parade, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

There is no membership fee or charge when attending a meeting (Voluntary collections cover any expenses the group may incur). Members of the group publish specific works in the group's official blog. The blog features a variety of non-fiction work ranging from poetry and memoir to essays and more. Topics for 2010 included: nonfiction essay, childhood home and humour. The blog content is determined by the group.

The Cork Non-Fiction Writers Group always welcomes new members. You will find us friendly and very supportive.

Take a look at some of our work on our blog: **[corknonfictionwritersgroup.blogspot.com](http://corknonfictionwritersgroup.blogspot.com)**

You can also contact us by E-mail: [corkwriters@gmail.com](mailto:corkwriters@gmail.com)

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## **Mayfield Youth Cafe.**

Mayfield Youth Cafe has just completed its first year of operation and although it took a while to become established, it is now going very well. It is run by trained volunteers and we would welcome new people, especially men who would like to get involved. Training will be provided. If you would like to help please contact Mayfield CDP at 4508562 or call into the CDP Resource Centre. You may also contact any of the Youth Workers listed below for further information. There is a rota and you might be asked to volunteer approximately one Friday evening per month.

The Youth Cafe is open every Friday evening in the Kerrigan Tyrrell Youth Centre Kitchen from 7-9pm, and is especially catering for first year students in the local schools. There is TV, Music and a Pool Table etc. Snacks and hot chocolate are all provided. A donation of €1 is charged to help to cover our costs.

***Mairead Quarry/Fiona Callinan***  
***St. Joseph's Youth Programme***  
***St. Joseph's Community Centre***  
***0868103632/ 0879970951***

***Deirdre Dennigan***  
***Mayfield 2000 Phase 1***  
***Kerrigan Tyrrell Centre***  
***086 8523077***

***Martina O'Keeffe***  
***Mayfield Youth 2000 phase 2***  
***Lotamore Family Centre***  
***086 3682061***

# *Enter, laughing.*

**Sister Rosario, my impresario.**

**© AIDAN O'SHEA**

Being the youngest of three boys is a great start in life. When I arrived, mother and father had already been house-trained as parents. If toys or ornaments were broken, I rarely got the blame. I quickly learned that a frown, a sob and then a few tears yielded a dividend of hugs for you and a scolding for your brothers. All around my little frame was a melodramatic cast of bigger people talking, singing, shouting, smoking, sulking, bossing and posing. In this drama, mother played the lead role. Her lines ran like this. "Pull up your socks, wipe your nose, take your elbows off the table, go to the toilet. What are you doing so long on the toilet? Don't say *dis an dat*, it's this and that. Where did you hear that awful word? Sit on my lap, give your mam a kiss."

These commands were punctuated by mother's songs, recollected from her time in the chorus of Cork Operatic Company. By the age of four I could give a fair rendering of Lehar's *Girls were made to love and kiss, and who am I to interfere with this?* This was often followed by Thomas Moore's pledge of love in *Believe me if all those endearing young charms*.

Father too was an unwitting voice coach, loudly leading the chorus of *We stand for God* and *To Jesus' heart all burning* at Sunday Mass. He had been a member of Herr Fleischmann's choir in The North Chapel, and he showed it. Our parish priest, Fr. Coveney, also had dramatic flair. He would have made the final auditions for The National Theatre, given the rhetorical flourish of his sermons. "Think well on the four last things: Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven" he warned. Home might have been music-hall, but church was high drama. I soon developed a habit of mimicking these words and melodies, often to the amusement of the adults round about. I made up love songs, jumbled up the words of hymns to comic effect, and preached hellfire and damnation to puzzled aunts. Mockery and mimicry were my cheeky response to authority. Mostly, I got a laugh, and occasionally a clip around the ear. "Just wait until you go to school. That will soon knock the corners off you". I was warned. But they had not reckoned with Sister Rosario.

It was official policy that boys to the age of seven be taught by female teachers. That explains why I started in the girls' school of The Presentation Sisters in 1947. They were a jolly lot, including Sister Patrick who liked to hitch up her skirts to play football with the boys, and Sister Rosario whose teaching tool was not the *bata* (cane) but the tuning fork. Much of the Sister's body was covered by a veil, a linen hood, and a starched breastplate over a black shapeless frock, held at the waist by a rosary bead girdle. This ensemble left only her face and hands on view. With these she could control and conduct fifty four-year-old boys. She loved music so much that she used it to teach virtually anything. We sang the alphabet, our prayers, our arithmetic tables and our geography. Her big production was First Communion Day for senior infants, aged seven.

There we are. All forty nine of us are beautifully dressed and groomed. I now know that Sister Rosario had a discreet store of outfits on standby for lads whose families could not afford the cost of the clothes and shoes. We practised first confession with her, and even rehearsed receiving the host, using cream crackers for the Eucharist. Come the day, and we sang like angels: *Tantum ergo sacramentum, veneremur cernui*. Next autumn we moved next door to Scoil Chríost Rí (Christ King Boys' School), a tougher regime in every way. Class sizes were now in the low 70s, controlled by Presentation Brothers and some male lay teachers. My giddy humour was quickly curbed, as any tendency to show off would be hammered into place in the school yard.



**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS, 1950**

Sister Rosario made a comeback into my life in 1954, designated a Marian Year. She and Brother Bonaventure organised a show involving her Communion Class of 1950. It was actually three Acts, to ensure that every boy took part. Act 1 was a choral verse account of the life of St. Bernadette of Lourdes. I landed the part of narrator. This was enhanced by a coloured slide show, drawing gasps of amazement and fervour from the capacity audience. In a bold contrast, Act 2 featured a lively medley of cowboy songs, to cover the time taken to set up the Big Production Number of Act 3. This one put Walt Disney to shame with our (all-boy) version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, in which I was cast as the wicked stepmother. I spat out my lines with venom: "*Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?*" I relished the hisses and boos from the packed audience.

The first night was a triumph. Brother Bonaventure and Sister Rosario came round to the dressing room as we wiped off the stage makeup with Ponds Cold Cream. I sat back and waited for the compliments. "Very good, Aidan. But could we make you a little more um.. Ladylike?" he said. Sister Rosario nodded discreetly, and next evening I was given two fine Jaffa oranges to stuff in my bosom. I was transformed! Venus de Milo would have been jealous of me. Next evening Act 1, the humble life of St. Bernadette Soubirous tugged their heartstrings again. But disaster struck when I returned the dressing room. My bosoms had been peeled and eaten by one of the cowboy chorus! If I could get my hands on that *Old cowhand from the Rio Grande* I would have lynched him. But I rallied, stuck out my bony chest and went right on stage again, an even more villainous wicked stepmother. There's no business like show business, like no business I know! Thanks, Sister Rosario. You gave me my first big break.



# **ST JOSEPHS (MAYFIELD) NO NAME CLUB – NOTES**

Following the recent spell of arctic weather conditions that delayed resumption of the members weekly club night sessions in early January, it is now all systems go as our club members and adult leaders prepare for the busy programme of activities that lie ahead.

Over the next two months our club members will become involved in the regional finals of the National Youth Awards and Karaoke Competitions and the semi-final of the National Super-Talent Competition, all of which takes place between 5<sup>th</sup> February and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Added to these fixtures is the South East Conference for all No Name Club members and adult leaders that will be held in the Garda Training Depot, Templemore, Co. Tipperary on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February and it has become evident that a busy schedule is in store for all concerned.

The current group of young people who joined the St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club in September 2010 have recently completed their induction and training to become hostesses in the club. They can look forward to engaging with the members of other No Name Clubs at the forthcoming competitions up to, and including, the 2011 National Youth Awards Finals and Banquet that will take place in the Lyrath Hotel, Kilkenny on the 16<sup>th</sup> April.

A number of our club members recently took part in the National No Name Club/Road Safety Authority Sponsored Poster Competition. The emphasis is on promoting safe driving practices and the club members await the decision of the competition judges - the results are to be announced later. The R.S.A. has joined with the National No Name Club Organisation in providing the opportunity to all club members to raise the awareness of road safety through the Poster Competition among their peers in communities countrywide.

A recent addition to our regular programme of club activities was the cookery demonstration held over two sessions, which was provided by Ann Curran and was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the young people who were present. The National Board of the Health Service Executive provided the funding to the No Name Club Organisation to support a programme of healthy food and healthy living for teenagers in clubs throughout the country.

The adult leaders in the St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club wish to take this opportunity to publicly express their thanks and appreciation to Mayfield based Community Garda, Jonathan O Donovan, for all his help and co-operation while he was involved in our club during his time based in the local community. Jonathan was recently transferred to Bantry, Co. Cork and we wish him the best of luck in his new assignment.

The selection of the 2011 Hostess of the Year in the St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club is currently ongoing with the winner going forward to represent the Club in the forthcoming Regional Final in Killarney on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

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## U.C.C. - Junior Conferring

The sixth class girls and their teacher Ms Aisling Galvin, had a memorable tour of U.C.C, visiting the Honan chapel and the Aula Maxima. Each girl was then presented with her parchment. A taste of what's to come in the not so distant future. We wish the girls well on their path to graduation.



## Christmas Carol Concert

Well done to the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class girls who sang so beautifully at the Christmas Carol concert in the church. It was a wonderful evening

## One Book One Community



This year again we are launching our One Book One Community reading initiative. The girls in Mrs O'Leary's fourth class and Mrs O'Connor's third class will be reading "The Firework Maker's Daughter" by Phillip Pullman. Each family will receive a copy of the novel and the parents and children will be enjoying the book together. Adults and children thoroughly enjoy the experience. We will be launching this Initiative on Wednesday 26/1/11 in Mayfield library at 11.00a.m.

## Junior Infant Enrolments September 2011

If you wish to enrol your daughter for next September, please contact the secretary Mary O'Sullivan at 0214503003.  
Places are limited.

## Thank You

We had quite a serious situation with burst pipes at Christmas. Thankfully we were in a position to re-open on January 10<sup>th</sup> which was due in no small way to all the help and support of so many people. We wish to express our gratitude to all those who helped in any way.

"Together we can do great things".

It is the start of a new year and a new term.

"Go nÉiri Libh".

# ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE BOYS' PRIMARY SCHOOL



Scoil Naomh Eoin Aspal

## PRAISE FOR SCHOOL

*Scoil Eoin Aspal in Mayfield has been praised in the latest round of school evaluations by the Department of Education. Among its strengths, wrote the Inspectors, were the school choir and the positive spirit among the staff. The school was also praised for its sporting successes while another notable initiative was the school garden where kids grow their own vegetables.*

(Evening Echo, December 2010)

## NEW YEAR'S CONCERT

Even though it was a little out of season, our pupils performed their Christmas concert to a packed hall on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the show, which included everything from an Alien Invasion to an Elvis Santa.

All the hard work put in by teachers and pupils was appreciated with rapturous applause.

We'd like to give a special thank you to the Parents' Association for organising the raffle and spot prizes, and congratulations to all the winners.



## ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

The 'One Book, One Community' family reading initiative will begin this term. The book chosen is ***The Firework Maker's Daughter*** by Philip Pullman. Both Miss Walsh's and Miss O Shea's fourth classes are eager to get started on the book.

# ST. PATRICK'S G.N.S.

## Shared Reading

At St. Patrick's we put great emphasis on the importance of reading. Reading is vital for success in learning, but it is also very important that children enjoy reading! To promote reading for fun, every year the first and second class girls take part in our shared programme. Part one of this year's programme has just started and the girls and their parents are enjoying reading together every night! The girls were delighted with the wonderful selection of new books which were purchased with money raised from our sponsored walk.



## Another Busy Month!

In addition to shared reading, the **2<sup>nd</sup> classes** are also busy preparing for their First Confession on 30th March..

The **5<sup>th</sup> classes** are making music of their own and are getting ready for the Peace Proms!

Meanwhile the **4<sup>th</sup> classes** are looking after the environment and are hoping to learn about new ways to conserve energy when girls from St. Patrick's Secondary School visit to give them a talk.

Over in the **3<sup>rd</sup> classes**, the girls are tapping into their creative side and their parents are coming in to help them! They are enjoying using 'Story Cubes' to develop their story making skills.

In addition to all the hard work they are doing in preparation for their entrance exams, the **6<sup>th</sup> class** girls are getting ready for their Confirmation!

That's just some of the news from our busy school. For more information check out our website: **[www.stpatricksgirls.net](http://www.stpatricksgirls.net)**.

## Christmas in Mayfield by local photographer Andy Gibson



**Peg and Tim O'Leary: Clearing snow on a chilly Saturday afternoon**



**Rainbow Crèche Manager Helena Ross meets Santa Claus**



**The Callaghan and Kozlowski families enjoy a day of fun at the snow covered Tank Field**



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Friday 10.00—5.30, **Saturday 10.00—5.30**, **Closed Lunchtime 1.00 – 2.00**

**Wednesday 2, 7, 9, 16 and 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 3.30p.m.**

Chess Club. New members welcome.

**Friday 4 and 18<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30a.m.**

Ciorcal cainte. Fáilte roimh cách.

**Saturday 5, 12, 19 and 26<sup>th</sup> February**

All day colouring competition

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00a.m.**

Book club. New members welcome.

**Friday 11 and 25<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30 a.m.**

Knitting group. New members welcome.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am**

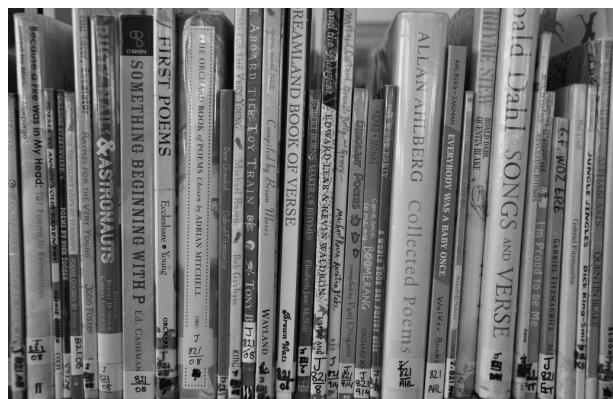
'A morning in spring', music and song presented by Mayfield Community School Choir conducted by Siobhan Carne and The John Bermingham Singers conducted by Michael Joyce.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 11.00a.m.**

'Springtime in the library' Gramophone recital presented by St. Joseph's Gramophone Society.



Dave Kirwan introduces his son, Cathal, to the joy of books.  
Picture: Andy Gibson





## MAYFIELD HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB

Cumann Iománaíochta agus Peile Baile na mBocht

Mayfield Hurling and Football Club will hold their gala dinner on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February at Silversprings Moran Hotel. A great evening with friends and celebration, presentations and entertainment is assured along with special guests and guest speakers. We have a fantastic line up of entertainment for our pre-dinner reception. Don't miss this great event of traditional Ceol agus Rince.

This year's presentation of Juvenile Section awards took place on Sunday 30th January at 3pm in the lounge at Kerry Road; 2010 was a fantastic year for the Juvenile Section with many memorable games and challenges. One to be fully commended was the outstanding defeat of a very strong Castlelyons side in the Fe 12s County Football Final. Moreover that this award will now go down in history given that the Mayfield Fe12 Panel of 2010 were to be the last recipients of this trophy under the competitive games structure of the City and County Bórd na nÓg structures. From January 2011, all games up to and including Fe 12 are now considered to be non-competitive.

Mayfield Minor Panel for 2011 held a very successful management and team meeting recently. Much was discussed between all that attended; in particular the commitment from all concerned was most prevalent if 2011 is to be successful. This minor panel has already been treading the mill, with some eight weeks gym and fitness training to prepare them for the new season. The management team for 2011 consists of Tony Hegarty, Pat Coughlan, Donie Goulding, Clive O'Donovan and Dave Barry. Contact Tony Hegarty for further information on 086 3486588.

Arising from our AGM in December Mayfield have gone through a complete restructuring process. The Juvenile; Street leagues and Senior side of the club have integrated into one strategic group. Generally it was felt that that by making such a change it would improve communications across all the codes and grades. There will be greater openness and accountability but more important is that each working member of the new management structure has a full understanding of what goes on to effect the management program and activities of the club. Under the old structures, information flow was not adequate; each group worked in separation. Now there is greater clarity with renewed focus and understanding of what each section is doing.

As you will see from the website (link below) the current management structure is more practical and gives equal opportunity and openness across all codes.

[http://www.mayfieldgaa.com/club\\_officers/club\\_officers.htm](http://www.mayfieldgaa.com/club_officers/club_officers.htm)

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# Mayfield Write On Adult Literacy Scheme

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## How do Adult Literacy Services Work?

The Adult Literacy Service in Cork City is a community based provision comprising of seven Literacy Schemes, each providing a service in their own district of the city. Together, these districts cover the majority of the city area. An eighth Literacy Scheme provides a citywide service for the members of the travelling community. Each scheme has a Referral Group, which in partnership with the community, accepts responsibility from the VEC for the provision of literacy services in its district. An Adult Literacy Organiser manages the operation of the schemes. Many of the learners start in an individual setting of one to one tuition and having developed their confidence and their literacy skills may then join a group to progress further. Others begin their learning journeys in groups where, in a confidential setting they encounter other adults, who like themselves, are engaging in a second chance education.

In making the literacy service available to learners, schemes are always aware of the difficulties a learner may have, in coming to or in participating in learning. A core principle of good literacy work is to meet the needs of society by first meeting the needs of the person.

The literacy service provides a flexible, adaptable and responsive approach needed to meet Ireland's future education and skills requirements in a number of ways:

- Provide an avenue back to education for adults who have taken the decision to address individual literacy and numeracy difficulties through the efforts of experienced skilled tutors.
- "One to one" tuition to adults through local literacy service
- Meet the educational needs of the adult learners by providing group tuition in a safe, comfortable and confidential environment. Groups involving a variety of group-learning situations. each of which involves a number of learners with one or possibly more tutors
- Provide classes and learning opportunities in outreach settings and community venues, schools, church halls and family centres
- Provide specific learning programmes such as **Communications, Numeracy, Literacy & Computers, Junior Certificate English, and Junior Certificate Maths, Family Literacy, Return to Education, Intensive tuition in Adult Basic Education, Driving Theory Programme, Family Literacy and Art Programmes, Literacy and the Older Person and Skills For Works Programmes.**
- Provide family learning programmes which benefit the wider community and society by helping to build modern family structures that support our educational, social, and economic development.
- Provide specific programmes to meet the needs of our functioning economy by providing specialised programmes to up skill adults in the workplace.

This is a **confidential, free** service, funded by the City of Cork Vocational Education Committee, through the Adult Literacy Development Fund of the Department of Education and Skills. Adults wishing to avail of the literacy service may do so, by ringing the Adult Literacy Organiser in their local scheme.

**The Literacy Service is totally confidential and free.**

# **St. Patrick's Infants School**

## **Christmas Panto**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December all the boys and girls from Senior Infants embarked on an exciting journey with **Sinbad** . Brave Sinbad could not return to Cork until he had returned the King's treasure to Fiji. Along the way he encountered many pirates and inevitably came to the rescue of a beautiful mermaid, **Mirabelle**. The boys and girls were indeed spellbound by the adventures of our gallant hero **Sinbad** in this year's pantomime **Sinbad and the Pirates** showing in the Everyman Palace Theatre. Great fun was had by all and well done to the children on displaying excellent behaviour at all times.

## **Visit from the Band of the 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Brigade**

In keeping with the musical spirit of Christmas, the boys and girls were treated to an exciting concert by the band of the 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Brigade from Collins Barracks on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Lt. Brian Prendergast and his band staged a forty minute long performance for the children, playing a medley of tunes from Walt Disney, classic cartoons and old time Christmas favourites. The boys and girls were introduced to the various instruments ranging from the **Tuba** to the **Piccolo** and they listened very attentively to the variety of sounds produced. A GREAT BIG thank you to all the soldiers who performed.

## **The Nativity Play**

On Friday 17th December the four senior infant classes staged a wonderful performance of the Christmas Nativity. Indeed choirs of angels and songs of shepherds were to be heard throughout the corridors. Well done to all the children and staff involved in the production

## **Roll of Honour**

Coming to school everyday from an early age is vital in helping your child achieve their full potential and to establish a positive attitude towards school. Here in St. Patrick's Infants School we take pride in our pupils who try to reach as full a school attendance as possible. The names and photos of these pupils are now proudly on display on our Attendance Roll of Honour, which is located outside the halla along the main corridor. Please take the time to view the display of these committed students. Attendance in January has improved with both boys and girls achieving well over 90 % attendance. Well done to you all and keep up the good work as it will pay huge dividends for your children.

## **Simon Christmas Appeal**

We had a great response to the Simon Christmas appeal, which we ran in the school in the run up to Christmas. Proceeds raised from the event were over € 270 and a GREAT BIG thank you to all those who donated money and food for this cause. In response to the Simon Santa Letters, which each class sent in early December, Santa wrote to all the boys and girls and true to form, left very special gifts for all.

## **Visit from Santa**

The boys and girls were in for a BIG treat on Wednesday 22nd December when a special visitor took time out from his busy schedule to pay us a visit here in St. Patrick's Infants School. Santa Claus arrived early in the morning and stayed for the duration of the day visiting all the boys and girls in each class. Santa was treated to lots of Christmas song and cheer from all the boys and girls.



**Santa Claus made a surprise visit to the Rainbow Crèche at Mayfield CDP in December. Pictured are Helena Ross and Kathleen Morrissey with some of the children who attend the Rainbow Crèche.**  
Picture: Andy Gibson.



**Dylan Keane from Silversprings does his bit for S.H.A.R.E.**  
Picture: Andy Gibson.



**Paul McKullagh and his dog 'Plumber' experience the snow in Mayfield.**  
Picture: Andy Gibson.







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## **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL NEWS**

All information printed in this is understood to be true and accurate at the time of printing. We do not accept responsibility found to be untrue, we do on the other hand accept responsibility for any and all grammatical and typing errors. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter, watch out for our next issue which will be available in local shops and services.

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