

Mayfield Matters

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Staff Cuts at Mayfield Community Resource Centre

Mayfield Matters has learned of staff cuts at the Mayfield Community Development Project in Old Youghal Road. Two staff members are being re-deployed to different centres, which represents a 25% cut of Resource Centre staff. This will possibly lead to a reduction in much needed services being provided to the Mayfield community. Cork City Partnership, which employs the two workers, released a statement, which is reproduced in part, below:

Cork City Partnership would like to advise the community of the following changes to its community outreach offices. In the interests of offering a complete Partnership service, we have, through amalgamation of our premises in the north side of the city, developed new one stop shops where people will be able to access our Local and Community Development Programme (LCDP), our Local Employment Services (LES) and our other services in one location. In the past these services were delivered in separate premises which necessitated members of the public travelling to different offices for different services. However, it is important to reassure the general public that our community development workers will continue to provide LCDP services to specific geographical areas that they have done in the past and that all group activities/training will take place in local resource centres to accommodate those availing of those activities.

Another mitigating factor in this re-organisation is that the Company has been subject to significant budgetary cuts over the past number of years including 2012 and in that context the Board have decided that our priority is to maintain frontline services to the community rather than maintain the costs associated with running a large number of outreach offices in the north side of the city.

Relocation of Services

One of the changes is the merger of three offices in the Glen and Mayfield areas into one to be based in the St. Joseph's Community Association building, beside the library in Mayfield. Partnership staff from the Local Employment Service in Mayfield, the Community Resource Centre in Mayfield and the Glen Resource Centre will relocate to the new premises during February. The reception area will be open between 9-5 Monday to Friday. Whilst the Partnership staff will be based in the new office and providing services and activities there, activities will still be organized and delivered across the Glen, Mayfield and Ballyvolane areas.

Cork City Partnership recognizes that there have been concerns recently in the local communities about the Partnership closing offices and not providing services to these areas anymore. The Board would like to reassure members of the public that this is not the case.

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We offer photocopying, lamination, typing services etc. for a minimum cost. We also have a room which accommodates 20 people available to rent for groups/activities, pre-booking for this is essential. We also support the Mayfield Matters newsletter, which is published and distributed locally 6 times per year. Mayfield Matters is always looking for more volunteers. Mayfield CDP also supports the Community Adult Learning Project, Rainbow Sessional Childcare, Mayfield Gardening Group, Mayfield Youth Café, Personal Alarms Applications for the Elderly, Mayfield Action On Suicide and Mayfield Health Action Zone.

We would like to invite local people to join our Community Garden which we have at the Resource Centre. The group of volunteers meets every Monday morning from 11am to 1pm, our professional gardener is here every second Monday to offer advice and help with jobs around the garden. The group grows vegetables, fruits and herbs etc., it is also looking at inserting a poly –tunnel for the garden through fundraising.

We would like to thank all the groups/agencies etc. who contributed to the cost of re-publishing the local Mayfield Community Directory. We were hoping to start this in January but due to an unfortunate lack of funding, we have had to delay this for a few months until more funds become available. We have lodged all cheques etc., and we will honour our commitment to re-publishing the Directory but we cannot give a date yet. Thanks again to all concerned.

The Mayfield Youth Café meet every Friday night in the Kerrigan Tyrell Centre, Tinkers Cross, from 7.30p.m. to 9p.m., young people from 12 years to 14 years are welcome and games, music and refreshments are available. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Eleana O'Connor, a student in UCC on placement with us, who has taken this Youth Café to new possibilities. She has really kept the ship afloat and is proving to be popular with the young people. Happy 21st Birthday to her!

If you are interested in getting information re. courses, etc. please feel free to contact us or call in to the centre. We are always looking for volunteers, as we believe every person in the community has something to offer.

Medical Matters

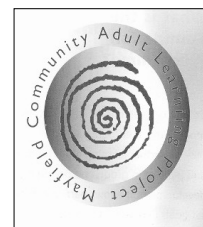
by Dr. Nicholas O'Keeffe, Knight's Hill Medical Centre, Mayfield.

It seemed like everyone had the flu over the past month or two. Very few households seemed to avoid some form of cough, cold or flu over Christmas. But was there really more flu around this year than previous years?

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) monitors infectious diseases around Ireland using some GP practices as 'sentinel practices' (including our one). The number of influenza virus cases shot up after December 16th and has stayed relatively high since then. However the number of influenza cases detected by the HPSC is not much higher than last year, and it is nowhere near as bad as the winter of 2010-2011 when the flu really hit hard. Most of the cases have been due to influenza B, so the dreaded 'swine flu' hasn't been around much this year. Most of the coughs and colds over Christmas were probably due to respiratory viral infections other than influenza. The flu vaccine is still important though, as a peak in influenza occurs every winter and how high the incidence will be each winter is difficult to predict beforehand.

The winter vomiting bug (WVB) also made an unwelcome return, and if you managed to avoid a cold then you might have caught this nasty guy instead. Again it peaked in December and the HSE usually launch a campaign at this time of year to try and keep the winter vomiting bug out of hospitals, nursing homes and workplaces. The WVB usually causes vomiting for a day or two (sometimes longer) with some watery diarrhoea. Outbreaks in hospitals especially are a bit of a disaster as it usually leads to beds or full wards being closed and admissions and operations being cancelled. The general advice is that if you have it, avoid work, hospitals and nursing homes for 48 hours after you're better, and also kids should stay out of school or crèche for 48 hours afterwards. And regular hand washing is important too, especially when preparing food.

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



328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield
021 450 8562

Interested in learning new things for 2013? Keep reading.

Foundation Programme (Personal Development)

- Starting Thursday, 21st February 2013, 10.30am to 12.30pm for 8 Thursday mornings.
- Covers communication skills, health, stress management, self confidence and much more.

Beginners computers

- One morning a week for 5 weeks
- 10.30am to 12.30pm
- Course 1 starting Monday, 8th April 2013 and course 2 starting Thursday, 11th April 2013.

Beginners computers for unemployed Men

- Starting Thursday, 28th February 2013, 2 to 4pm.
- Every Thursday afternoon for 6 weeks.

ECDL modules

EXCEL (spreadsheets) module 9am - 11am and/or Web Browsing & Communications module 11am - 1pm.

- Eligibility: Need to be unemployed or on a social welfare payment.
- Wednesday mornings, starting on 20th February from 9am - 11am.
- Computer room – St. Patrick's Boys School.

Internet skills Level 3 FETAC

- Starting Tuesday, 19th February 2013 for 15-18 weeks.
- Every Tuesday morning from 10am to 1pm.
- Eligibility: Need to be unemployed or on a social welfare payment.
- A nationally recognised component certificate is awarded if successful.
- Component Certificate awarded as part of a General Learning Certificate.

Practical First Aid with Cardiac First Response

- Starting Tuesday 26th February 2013, 9.30am to 1pm. 4 Tuesday sessions.

If you have ideas for new courses that could be offered in Mayfield please let us know and we will explore the options to run it.

If you have a few hours to spare to become a volunteer tutor in any subject please let us know and we can explore if you can offer your skills and knowledge to the adults in the community.

General comments on the courses:

- Childcare places may be available in the Rainbow Childcare Service in the CDP Community Resource Centre.
- Course fees are minimal to cover course costs.
- All courses are funded by part-time tutor hours from the City of Cork VEC/Cork City Partnership Ltd.

If you are interested in taking a place on any of the above courses, contact the project on the above number or drop into us. ****All courses take place in the CDP, at the above address, unless otherwise stated.***

Cyberphobia: The Fear of Computing

Why Bother With Computers At All?

by John Mallon

Introduction

We have examined the fear of computers and discovered what hardware and software really are, so now we can take it a little further and ask the question, “What can you do with these computers?”

Back in the forties and fifties when the earliest computers were being designed, the sole purpose of building them was because of their numeric ability – they were huge calculators. They were called computers because of their ability to ‘compute’ numbers faster than humans could do it. This made them very useful in such fields as Science, Maths, Engineering and the Military. But, a machine back then could be the size of a train engine, could cost \$10m and require a team of eight trained people to operate and maintain it. In other words, they were highly specialised.

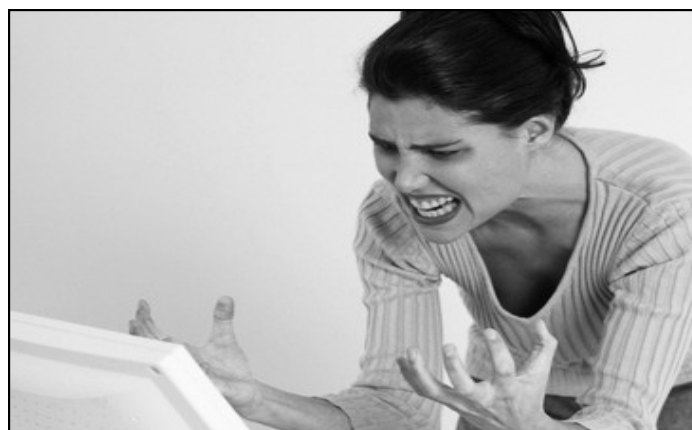
The personal computer that we are familiar with now, came about through a series of trial and error experiments and through the pioneering efforts of early visionaries and developers. There was never any grand plan behind the whole computer revolution but rather a series of events and accidents saw it emerge and evolve in no particular direction, to become what it is in 2013. It is wise to keep in mind that “information technology” continues to develop and evolve and the only guarantee is that it will change still further in the future.

But for now, when you decide to buy and use a computer of your own, you have many choices to make before you even look at what is available, and your choices begin with the simple question that only you can answer, “What do I want to do?” Do you intend to be creative or productive, or both?

Productive

Productive computing, as the name suggests, is the skill of using the machine for clearly defined practical tasks such as record keeping, number crunching or information storage and retrieval. It involves using software tools such as forms generators, spreadsheets, databases and word processors to generate, manipulate, categorise and store information in digital format. Typical examples might include an accounts package to run a business, a spreadsheet to generate graphs or a database of employees or citizen’s details.

Imagine an office without filing cabinets. There would be thousands of papers lying around, on the desktops and surfaces and possibly even on the floors too. If your task were to find a copy of a letter among the piles of paper, that had been written four years before, where would you start? You can immediately see the need to store information in a neat and orderly fashion, making it both secure and easy to retrieve. This is what the software database does. The modern term “I.T.” stands for information technology, and while the computer and all of its parts are the technology, the actual information is generated, filed and stored by users in a series of databases. It can be as simple as your address book or as complex as the personnel files of everyone in the US Army, but it is still a database of information. The census that we all fill out regularly is stored in databases. Even YouTube is just a database of film clips.



Cyberphobia: The Fear of Computing (cont'd)

An everyday example of a database in operation is the Bank ATM. When you go with your card to get cash from the hole in the wall, you initiate a database transaction. Your card and ID number, identify you and your individual personal account with a given bank. In response to that query from you, your account offers you a selection of choices in real time. If you choose to take out €50.00, the database first checks that there are funds in your account to meet that request. It will then perform the dual action of removing €50.00 from your account record while at the same time, dispensing the cash to you. When the database has completed the transaction, it will also save your new balance and record the date, time and amount involved, for storage on the bank's computer system. Your credit and debit cards work in much the same way, as do your phone records, your electricity meters and many other devices that work twenty-four hours a day all around us, and, they are all running databases of various kinds, sizes and structures to do so.

With your own PC at home, you can now interact with your bank databases over the internet to check balances and payments and move money around electronically by paying bills etc. You can do your home accounts on a spreadsheet, keep a record of family and friends on a reminder database and generate and store letters and e-mails sent by you (or to you), for contacts in all walks of life. With a little forethought and planning, you can set up your own efficient systems that will allow you in the future, to quickly find relevant information you may have forgotten that you had - this is productive computing.

Creative

"Inside every man, there is a good book," or so the saying goes. Book writing is an art and a skill that we Irish appear to have. Your personal computer will probably have a word processor (WP) on board and it is all you need to start your book or short story. The computer won't write it for you, as it has neither the imagination nor any ability to express itself. It merely offers the tools for you to achieve your goal, easily and efficiently. The modern PC is a wonderful platform for our creative nature, allowing us to express ourselves in so many ways that used to be either cost-prohibitive or simply impossible for the ordinary person.

There are dedicated software packages in so many creative fields today that cater to our inherent ability to imagine and design. There are wonderful programs with tool kits that are ideal for graphic design, art, photo-retouching, animation, film-making and music composition as well as the humble word processor for creative writing. What used to be the preserve of the Hollywood Studio or the biggest Ad. Agencies, can now sit on your kitchen table at home. If you have the talent and ability, you can write and produce a Eurovision winner at home, design an award-winning ad. or even make a short film of your own.

For the DIY individual, there are design packages that empower you to draw a piece of furniture including measurements and dimensions and then place it in a virtual room of your choice, before ever resorting to a hammer or saw. I did business one time with a few blokes in Dublin who used PC's to create cartoon characters and animate them. Brown Bag Productions went on to win many international awards for their work and are now in high demand from film studios all over the world. I knew a lovely man one time in Co. Clare, who wrote children's books from his wheelchair in his Mother's house - he made a living from this activity.

All of the major music acts today create and produce their music on computers, and the creative and productive come together when these finished musical pieces are put up for sale on the internet using a transactional database as outlined above. Buyers can simply log on, pay for the record and download it to their own computer at home. The composer gets paid and the punter gets the product. The creative person can have the satisfaction of realising their talent and expressing themselves digitally, and may even profit financially in the process. If this should turn into a sustainable business, the self-same computer can perform the day-to-day productive tasks too, associated with running the business.

Conclusion

The modern PC with the right software (tools) added, can be used for hundreds of different tasks, but it does not replace the person. Rather, the role of the PC is to empower the person with all of their interests, abilities and skills and help them to convert those God-given attributes into reality. A computer will never write a great novel until you make it do so. And that returns us to the original question. "What do you want to do with a computer?"

Farewell Trish.



Picture: Andy Gibson

The Management Committee and Staff of Mayfield CDP would like to wish every success to Trish Cotter in her new position which she will take up shortly.

Trish has been working with the CDP since 1999 and previous to that she was a key member of Mayfield Employment Action Project. In 2010 the funding for the CDP programme was transferred to Cork City Partnership Ltd. and, as result of that change, Trish became an employee of Cork City Partnership but remained based and working in the CDP Resource Centre.

Cork City Partnership recently reviewed all its staffing arrangements and has now decided to re-locate Trish to work in Churchfield with development worker, Ann Long. Mayfield's loss is Churchfield's gain and we hope that Trish will be very happy in her new location. Unfortunately, the CDP Management Committee has no control over this situation and cannot do anything about it.

We will miss your cheerful and kind manner, Trish and would like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the Mayfield Community during your time with us. You made an enormous contribution to the success of Mayfield CDP and will be greatly missed.

The voluntary management and Coordinators of the Mayfield Community Adult Learning Project (C.A.L.P.) would like to wish Patricia Cotter every good wish and success in her move to the Churchfield LCDP office. Patricia was the CDP's administrator for many years and continued to work with the project when the funding for the CDP's and her employment was transferred to the Cork City Partnership Ltd.

Patricia, through her wide ranging skills and knowledge, has always supported C.A.L.P. management in its financial accounting and reporting and has always given learners who have attended C.A.L.P. courses in the Community Resource Centre, a friendly welcome and plenty of encouragement and support. Patricia, you have been a valued member of our team and you will be missed. So here's every good wish for the future and thanks for all your work and commitment.



Lifelong Learning Festival 2013



The Mayfield Community Education Network (CEN) will host this year's local event on **Wednesday 20th March in the Mayfield GAA Club, Kerry Rd from 10.30am to 1pm**. The Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. John Buttimer, has been invited to open the event at 10.30am.

The morning will be filled with displays of different types of dance, choir singing and much more, including craft work, art, flower arranging, print making and cookery. Come along and participate in Lifelong Learning in Mayfield. Refreshments will be available during the morning and all are welcome. For further information contact us on: 021 450 8562

Health Action Zone 2013 Activities Mayfield

Contact Patti on: 087 653 4419

Monday

Walking for fun: 10am

Swimming classes for beginners at 3pm at Mayfield Community Sports Complex

6 week Programme €5 per class

Tuesday

Line Dancing 11am in Mayfield Sports & Leisure Complex €5 per class

Beauty & Skincare 10.30am Roseville Centre

Alterations 2pm Roseville Centre €5 per class

Tai Chi 2pm Roseville Centre €5 per class

Wednesday

Yoga 10am Roseville Centre €6 per class

Chat & knit for fun 11am Roseville Centre

Bridge Practice 2pm Roseville Centre

Thursday

Drama for fun and storytelling 9.30 to 11am Roseville Centre

Practice Bridge 11am to 1pm at Roseville Centre

Dancing with Jo 10am Saint Josephs Community Centre Mayfield

Salsa Zumba dancing to Keep Fit 7pm, Kerrigan Tyrell Hall, Tinkers Cross cost €4

Mayfield Bridge Club St. Joseph's Community Centre, 7.30pm all new members welcome

New men's group also available on request Thursday afternoon 2pm

Friday

Stress Management & Women's Health 10am Roseville Community Centre

Ballroom Dancing 10.30am, Kerrigan Tyrell Hall, Tinkers Cross €4 per class

Guitar Lessons for Children.

Teenager Ross O'Regan has started teaching guitar to young children up to the age of 14. The lessons are based in Mayfield Community Resource Centre on Wednesday afternoons. For more info., contact the centre on 021 450 8562.

Nóra Ní hÍarliathe, Bunaitheoir An Chomhar Chreidmheasa Le Nuala Ní Loingsigh

Tá cúig chéad fiche haon chraobh den Chomhar Creidmheasa (Credit Union) sa tír faoi láthair agus beagnach trí mhilliún ball. Bhunaigh John Hume an Comhar Creidmheasa i nDoire agus dúirt sé go raibh sé an- mhórálach as an obair sin thar aon rud eile a dhein sé.

Ba í Nóra Ní hÍarlaithe ó Bhaile Dheasmhúmhán I dTuaisceart Chorcaí ó dhúchas, maraon le Séamus P. Mac Eoin agus Tomás Ó hÓgáin a bhunaigh an Comhar Creidmheasa i mBaile Átha Cliath i Donore Avenue agus sa scoil i Basin Lane.

Bun- mhúinteoir ab ea Nóra agus chaith sí a saol ag obair sa phríomh chathair i gceanntair bhochta. Thug sí faoi ndeara an bochtanas agus an imirce (emigration) a bhí forleathan sna caogadaí. Bhí a lán dífhostaíochta ag an am agus ní raibh an liúntas leasa shóisialaigh (dole) ró mhaith ag an am. Ón méid a chonaic sí bhí géar ghá le hairgead agus go mbeadh smacht (control) éigin ag na daoine ar a gcuid maoine (finances) féin.

Rinne sí cúrsa sna saor ealaíona seachtracha le hOllscoil Bhaile Átha Cliath agus chuir sí suim nach beag sa ghluaiseacht chomhoibritheach (co-operative movement). Bhí Tomás P. Ó hÓgáin mar mhac léinn in éineacht léi. Thug sé cuireadh di freastal ar léacht a thug Séamus P. Mac Eoin ar an ngluaiseacht chomhoibritheach. Bhí Nóra mar chathaoirleach ag an gcuirinníú sin agus bhí sí an tógtha leis an léacht. Mar thoradh ar sin, bhunaigh Nóra Cumann Comhoibritheach le Tomás Ó hÓgáin i mí Márta 1954. Bunaíodh é chun fostaíocht (employment) a shaoláthar agus daoine a choimeád sa bhaile. Iarradh ar Nóra staidéar a dhéanamh ar structúr na gComhar gCreidmheasa, a bhí forleathan i Meiriceá agus Canada. Níos déanaí tar éis daonscoile i Sciorraí bhunaigh Nóra agus a compánaigh an Comhar Creidmheasa.

B'é an ceann i mBaile Feitheáin i gCorcaigh an ceann is túisce ar an dtaobh seo tíre mar bhí an- shuim ag Easpag Chorcaí an Dochtúir Ó Luasa sa ghluaiseacht. Leath an eagraíocht ar aghaidh de réir a chéile.

Bronnadh cúrsa uirthi ar feadh ráithe (three months) in Ameiriceá Thuaidh mar ar dhein sí iniúchadh (close study) ar na craobhaca in Alabama, Toronto, Canada agus Nua Eabhrach.

Cuireadh Acht na gComhar Creidmheasa i ndlí i 1966 agus b'í Nóra a bhrúigh ar aghaidh é. Toghadh í sa bhliain chéanna, chun súil a choimeád ar na craobhacha ar fuaid na tíre.

Fuair sí bás i 1988 tar éis di saol fiúntach (a worthy life) a chaitheamh agus seachas a saothar múinteoireachta a bhí éifeachtach gan dabht, ba mhór an oidhreacht an Comhar Creidmheasa, a chabhraíonn leis an méid sin daoine. Nochtadh leacht cuimhneacháin ina honóir i mBaile Dheasmhúna sa bhliain 2000. Gan amhras cloisimid a neacht (niece) Marian Finnucane ar an raidio gach Satharn agus Domhnach ó haondéag go dtí na h-aon a chlog.

Voices of Cork Community Choir

Voices of Cork is a four part harmony choir which was formed in 2005 with Cork's appointment as the European Capital of Culture.

The aim of the choir is to provide good choral music within the community with particular focus on people with limited access to such music and to give people of the community an opportunity to participate and become members of the choir, regardless of prior experience.

The choir performs a wide range of music in venues such as Cork City Hall, Nursing Homes, Hospitals etc. and is made up of both men and women of all ages, from diverse backgrounds from all over the city. If you would like to join us we rehearse every Wednesday from 7.15pm to 9.30pm in St. Patrick's Infants School, Gardiners Hill, Cork.

For more information check out our website: www.voicesofcork.com

Local Young People win Award



The Mayfield Community Training Centre was the proud recipient of two prizes at the recent Cork City School Enterprise Awards winning in the Top Company and Most Innovative Product categories. Held in Blackpool on the 05/12/12, the Health and Recreation group impressed the judges with their 'Wacky Workouts' product.

Their instructor, Niall McCarthy described 'Wacky Workouts' as 'a fun fitness challenge for all age groups and all fitness levels. The pack consists of 4 sets of cards with 52 cards per pack. Each one details a fitness challenge and ranges from beginner to advanced levels. It also includes a journal to monitor your progress and a poster designed by the trainees. They put a

lot of thought and effort into the product and the awards won were a deserved accolade for an idea that has great potential. At a time when we hear regular reports about obesity, diabetes, and general low levels of fitness amongst young people in Ireland, the product is a valuable tool for introducing the benefits of exercise to all ages.'

The group will now contest the County Final on March 7th at the Cork Institute of Technology before, hopefully, representing Mayfield at the All Ireland Final. Their success shows a degree on innovation amongst young people that bodes well for the future.

The Mayfield Community Training Centre is a FAS funded centre with courses in Computers, Home Repair and Maintenance, Woodwork, Catering, Health and Recreation and caters to local young people aged 16 to 20. The centre encourages all young people in the area to call in and enquire about a course that might suit them.

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My Word!

by Aidan O'Shea

The language of everyday speech is constantly changing. Sometimes the change is so rapid that it is hard to keep up. For example Apple technology has given us the iMac, iPod, iPhone and the iPad in rapid succession since 1998. Who ever heard of an app five years ago or an email ten years ago? Text messaging has its own slang with phrases like *C U 2 nite*. My grand-daughter had to explain to me OMG (Oh my God) and LOL (Laugh out loud). These new words and phrases (neologisms) can cause confusion and misunderstanding. With the passage of time, we forget the origin of a phrase, as these examples show.

Why do we call hooligans yobs?

Yob is a good example of 'back-slang,' a form of slang in which words are spelt backwards as a code so that others (usually parents) are unable to understand them. 'Yob' is simply 'boy' spelt backwards; the 'backward' element seems appropriate in the definition of bad behaviour. Cork has its own slang too, with the likes of a bazzar (haircut), jag (date), lowry (slap in the face), bathing-ah (swimsuit) and sham (a lad) fading from use. We still endearingly call each other "boy" and "girl" from birth to old age.

Why do we bury the hatchet?

This phrase, meaning to end an argument, refers back to a Native American custom in the seventeenth century whereby a hatchet or tomahawk would be buried in the ground to signal the laying down of arms and the declaration of peace between warring groups. Perhaps the most famous use of it in recent times was by the then British PM Harold Wilson when he said of his Cabinet: 'I've buried all the hatchets, but I know where I've buried them and I can dig them up again if necessary.'

Why do we talk about stealing someone's thunder?

This idiom, defined as using the ideas devised by another person for your own advantage, has a theatrical story behind it. It is quite rare for etymologists (those who study word origins) to pinpoint the very first use of a word or phrase. In this case, however, the eighteenth-century actor and playwright Colley Cibber, recounted the exact events that created the idea of 'stealing thunder.' John Dennis, an actor manager of the early part of the eighteenth century had invented a machine that reproduced for the stage the sound of thunder. Dennis used his invention for the first time in his own play, *Appius and Virginia*, performed at Drury Lane Theatre in 1709. By all accounts Mr Dennis's writing skills did not match his creative ones, and his play closed after a short run to be replaced by a production of *Macbeth*. Dennis himself went along to the opening night and was outraged to hear his thunder machine being used. The story goes that he stood up and shouted, 'Damn them! They will not let my play run, but they steal my thunder.'

Who was the fat lady whose song meant the end of something?

It ain't over till the fat lady sings is a well-worn phrase used to reassure someone that there is still time for something good to happen. It is to be found particularly in sport as a message of consolation to the losing team in the course of a championship, and is often attributed to Yogi Berra, the former Major League Baseball player and manager whose witticisms are well known (such as 'Half the lies they tell about me aren't true,' 'The future ain't what it used to be,' and—one which sounds very much like the phrase in question—'It ain't over till it's over'). Operas, of course, frequently involve a well-endowed soprano closing the proceedings with a famous aria, and so the connection with the idiom is a very plausible one. That said, the etymologist Michael Quinion quotes a 1976 booklet of Southern Quotes and Sayings that gives other forms to the saying, including 'Church ain't over till the fat lady sings.' If, as seems likely, the phrase had been around for some time before being recorded in print, it may have related to something entirely different, and have been part of Southern American slang for many years before. The Deep South is justifiably famous for its Gospel choirs, whose lead singers are sometimes well-built ladies.

Slang is fun, and many activities such as sports, entertainment, trades and professions have their own special language and secret slang. I leave you with a short list of slang words for money: bread, dough, dosh, moolah, spondulicks, bucks, loot, lucre, lolly, readies wherewithal and shekels. The Irish word for cash is *airgead tirim*.

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Montenotte Park Residents Association

Christmas Draw



Tim O'Malley of Coolmore Meats and Vera O'Connor, Treasurer, Montenotte Park Residents Association conducting the draw.

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The Montenotte Park Residents Association Christmas Draw took place at Coolmore Meats on Saturday 22nd December.

The Association is very grateful to Coolmore Meats for facilitating the draw, which was attended by a number of the residents. Those present were also treated to some seasonal nibbles. The winning tickets were drawn by Tim O'Malley, Coolmore Meats, and the following were the lucky winners: Judy Talbot, Paul Costello and Don Walsh.

The Association would like to thank Tim and all the staff at Coolmore Meats for the use of the shop and for their hospitality. The Association would also like to take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Montenotte Park a very Happy New Year.

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Get Involved!

Mayfield Matters invites comments, observations, suggestions, stories or news from our readers for possible inclusion in our next issue. If you would like to compose a piece to be considered for publication, please send it to us by e-mail to: mayfieldcdp2@eircom.net. Those who do not have access to a computer may simply visit us at the centre and we will arrange to make one available to you so that you can compose your piece. It is our intention also to begin a letters page in future issues of Mayfield Matters to allow the residents of Mayfield to air their views on the area or to offer suggestions that would benefit us who live here.

Again, contributors may use our email address: mayfieldcdp2@eircom.net or post it (or deliver by hand) to: Mayfield Matters, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, Cork.

Letters and contributions for publication are subject to our editors decision, which will be final.



MAYFIELD GARDA COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT PRESENTS

An Evening of Music & Song

Rebecca Storm & The Band of Garda Siochana

NIAMH O'SULLIVAN

MC: MICHAEL TWOMEY

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Our Lady Crowned Church, Mayfield

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Concert in aid of COPE

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Rebecca Storm, The Band of An Garda Siochana and Niamh O'Sullivan feature in the concert on 21st February 2013 at 7.30pm, and it promises to be a great evening of entertainment.

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News From Nowhere

by Michael O'Donnell

Quote of the Month.

‘Gambling is the drug of illusion:
A fantasy world inhabited by impoverished suckers.’ (MOD)

In December 2012, the manager of a rural post office in Co. Carlow was sentenced to three years imprisonment for stealing €1.75 million from his place of work over a period of fourteen months. He was not using the money to buy a house or a car: he was using it to feed a compulsive gambling addiction.

He fritted all the money he stole in an on-line account with Paddy Power. He was often wined and dined by employees of the company and taken on outings to sports events. Once he gambled €40,000 - the equivalent of his annual salary - on the outcome of an obscure football match in Norway.

Only two months before the man was convicted, Paddy Power announced the opening of its new head office in Clonskeagh, Co. Dublin, which cost €10 million. It is claimed that six hundred new jobs are to be created there by 2015, in the areas of “social media, quantitative research, risk management and on-line marketing.” Enda Kenny announced the jobs with one of his vacuous clichés: “Thus is a statement of confidence by Paddy Power, both in Ireland, and its people and in particular in our young people,” he beamed, before being herded off by his minders.

Gambling is an exploitative industry. It does not create wealth but merely transfers it out of the pockets of weak and vulnerable people and into the hands of capitalist vultures. Naïve and desperate people are drawn towards gambling by the belief that they can instantly solve their financial problems. This illusion is compounded by the intensive advertising and marketing by the gambling industry, which preys on people's weaknesses. According to “Gamblers Anonymous,” many compulsive gamblers think of themselves as morally weak or worthless. There are countless harrowing stories of compulsive gamblers impoverishing themselves and their families with their addiction. Yet the Taoiseach thinks the expansion of the gambling industry is a statement of confidence in the Irish people.

Of course Kenny and other right-wing politicians will try to justify the gambling industry on the grounds that it creates jobs. But could this logic not then be applied to drugs and prostitution? He was quick to lead the charge to close down the head shops in his home town of Castlebar and I'm sure he doesn't believe that pimps are legitimate job-creators. So why the hypocritical position on gambling?

The difference is that the gambling industry is embedded within Irish politics. A former Fine Gael minister, Ivan Yates, owned a chain of betting shops until he went bankrupt. Fianna Fail infamously used Galway races to curry favour with builders and we know the result of that gamble.

In many ways, the massive growth of Paddy Power summarises modern Irish capitalism. It will not invest in anything that is socially useful unless it is profitable. Financial services and turning tricks with money are incredibly profitable and therefore attract most investment. As with banking, gambling has been massively deregulated over the last twenty-five years. The main street of every city and town in Ireland is littered with bookies-nearly always close to a pub. A look inside any of these will reveal a melancholy atmosphere of mainly working class men losing money that they and their families desperately need.

Like banks, Paddy Power employs some of Ireland's best and brightest. These mathematicians apply probability theory and statistical analysis to the huge amount of data gleaned from local bookies to assess the risk and to ensure that the house always wins.

In any logical society these gifted minds would be used for something socially useful, but in Ireland they are used to exploit people and increase profits for bookies. Just like capitalism, gambling brings out the darker desires of people, such as greed, selfishness and rampant individualism.

Mayfield Hurling and Football Club prepares for 2013

by John Brennan, Club Chairman

The club has started preparations for the New Year both on and off the field. Our underage Coaching Academy under the leadership of Eoin O'Mahony is proving to be a resounding success, catering for boys up to 10 years. During the winter the Academy meets each Monday night from 6-7pm at the sports hall in the Community School complex. Under the guidance of trained coaches the boys quickly learn the skills of the games. Bring your child along if he is not already a member.

Our juvenile section, under 12s to minor, had their AGM recently and with Kieran O'Donovan in the chair this section of the club is looking forward to a successful year. If your child is not involved in sport we would actively encourage them to do so and we provide excellent coaching for both boys and girls in a very safe environment.

The club has appointed Ronan Sheehan a former Cork player as coach to both our adult Hurling and Football teams. The hard graft of training has commenced and with Kieran O'Sullivan putting the players through their paces, fitness levels should not be a problem.

As announced prior to Christmas the club received a grant of €117,000.00 from the Dept. of Sport towards the construction of a sand carpet floodlit grass pitch. This facility will allow the playing of games in all weathers and the lights will be of huge benefit to training in the dark evenings. We hope to be in a position to commence work on this exciting project in March. The first phase of the project will cost in the region of €200,000.00, so fund-raising to raise the necessary finance will play a big role.

As most people in Mayfield are aware, our social facilities on Kerry Road are available to everyone in the area for meetings, family events and fund-raising for different groups. We are constantly improving the premises to maintain it as a top class venue for the people of Mayfield. Why not drop in any evening to see our club in action, and maybe for a small annual fee you might consider becoming a social member of our club. Details are available in the club. For further information contact our management team Robert Boyle or Susan Teegan on: 021 450 8113 or Mob: 087 213 7921.

On behalf of all at Mayfield Hurling and Football club our hope for the New Year is that it will be a happy and successful one for club members and all the people of Mayfield.

Parish Priest Dies Suddenly



The death has occurred of Rev Fr. Christopher Harrington of Mayfield, Cork, dearly beloved son of Dolores and Christopher and much loved brother of Paul. He is sadly missed and deeply mourned by his heartbroken parents, brother, nephew Andrew, niece Carmen, sister-in-law Teresa, aunts, uncles, relatives, neighbours and former parishioners in Ecuador, Peru, Ballincollig, South Infirmity/Victoria Hospital, Blackpool and St. Joseph's Church, also his extended family in Spain. He had served as parish priest of St. Joseph's, Mayfield since his appointment in 2011.

Fr. Harrington studied at St Patrick's College, Maynooth and at Seminario Mayor de San Jose, Palencia, Spain. He was ordained at Christ the King Church, Cork in 1986 at the early age of 23 years.

He previously served in Ballincollig, Blackpool and as Chaplain in St. Finbarr's/Victoria Hospital. Bishop Buckley said that his prayers and sympathy are with Fr. Christy's family at this sad time. Interment took place in the grounds of St. Joseph's Church, Mayfield.

Local Choir Conductor Receives Popes Medal

by Geraldine McAuliffe.



Michael Joyce, Conductor of Our Lady Crowned Choir, shows off the Pope Benedict xvi Benemerenti Medal Certificate he received from Bishop John Buckley, Bishop of Cork and Ross. Fr. Michael Keohane is also pictured.
Picture: Supplied.

The Pope Benedict xvi Benemerenti Medal was awarded to Michael Joyce in recognition of his long-term service to the church. It was presented by Bishop John Buckley, Bishop of Cork and Ross. Fr. Michael Keohane was in attendance and congratulated Michael on his 30 years service. Michael's wife and family were present at the presentation.

As he was being congratulated by the Bishop, a well deserved round of applause was given by the congregation. Photographs were later taken of Michael being presented with the Benemerenti Medal. It was a great honour and a privilege for Our Lady Crowned Church Choir to celebrate this joyous occasion.

On Friday 14th December, Mayfield Church Choir joined in with the visiting choirs organised by the Marian Singers in St. Joseph's Church. St. Patrick's Choir, as well as choirs from different areas of the city, participated in a night of carol singing. Mrs. Noreen Sexton, Conductor of Na Phiarsaigh Choir, put in long hours of practice and as usual Noreen on the guitar added to the success of the choir.

The various choirs amalgamating on the night created a most enjoyable night. As the night progressed, the congregation joined in the singing as well. It was a well organised night of Christmas Carol Singing by the Marian Singers. The Mayfield Church Choir gladly received this kind invitation to St. Joseph's Church.

On Sunday 16th December the Mayfield Church Choir participated in the Christmas Carol Concert in our Lady Crowned Church. The host of the night was Mrs. Rita Clohessy. Rita, with her good sense of humour, added to the night's entertainment. As always she does a superb job introducing the various choirs, bands and singers.

We were also joined by the local schools choirs, who sang so well on the night. Credit must be given to their teachers who must have put in long hours of practice. Mayfield Community College gave us a great variety of carols also, and congratulation must be given to Siobhan, their music teacher, who worked long hours in preparation for this Christmas Carol Concert.

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St. Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club

The current members of the club are busily preparing for the forthcoming Youth Awards and Super Talent Competitions which are the highlight of the annual programme of events for all young people that are involved in No Name Clubs countrywide.

Recently, a group of our club members who were accompanied by club leaders took part in a weekend of outdoor/indoor activities that involved over 200 young people from a number of No Name Clubs that was staged in the Scout/Guide Camp based in Mount Mellary, Co. Waterford. Despite the inclement and cold weather conditions that prevailed throughout the weekend, the young people enjoyed their involvement in a very entertaining programme of activities that tested their staying power to the full, under the strict supervision of the team of adult leaders that coordinated the weekend events.

Each year, the young people who join the No Name Clubs partake in a training programme that is provided by the National Organisation on the benefits of their involvement in this worthwhile and caring youth organisation.

At this stage of the year, the members of St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club have completed their training programme and they have qualified to receive a certificate in Personal Development and Organisational Skills later in the season.

The Annual Internal Club Youth Awards Competition that provides the young club members with the opportunity to compete to become the clubs Host and Hostess of the Year is currently underway. Among the rewards for winning this event is a valuable cash prize as well as having the honour of representing our club in the forthcoming Regional Finals of the National No Name Club Youth Awards competition that will be held on Saturday 9TH February 2013 in the Mallow GAA Complex.

That event will be followed by the Regional Final of the National No Name Club Super Competition which is scheduled to take place in the Community Youth Centre in Fermoy on Sunday 10th March 2013.

The Talent Competition is comprised of no less than 10 categories that include:

- Comedy/Novelty Act
- Best Band
- Best Female Singer
- Solo Dance
- Group of Singers
- Male Singers
- Group Dance
- Solo Musician
- Musical Cameo
- Two Minute Film.

A number of club members have chosen an event in the Talent Competition and during the coming weeks they will be preparing for their involvement in the Regional Finals.

A Public Speaking Competition is also being staged in conjunction with the Super Talent Event this year. Each club is invited to enter a team of 3 members in this event which is sponsored by the Road Safety Authority with the focus of the competition being to promote a deeper awareness and understanding of the issue of road safety among the young people countrywide and in particular those involved in the No Name Clubs in Ireland.

GROW – Taking Care of Your Mental Health

GROW is a Community Mental Health Organisation, which helps people who may be suffering from any mental health or emotional difficulties. Whether you suffer from depression, stress, anxieties, isolation, panic attacks, lack of self esteem, GROW's 12 Step Programme can offer assistance in a practical, positive and confidential manner.

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Meetings are held throughout Cork City and County areas. The local Mayfield meeting is held every Tuesday evening, 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Mayfield Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield.

No introductions are needed, just come along.

If you are in need of support or would like further information on behalf of yourself, a friend or a relative, please contact Finola on: 086 770 2807, our local office: 021 427 7520 Wed-Fri 9am-2pm, or locall: 1890 474 474. Or you can check out our website: www.grow.ie

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Mayfield Community Garden News

The members of Mayfield Community Garden do not let the grass grow under their feet (so as to speak). While mother nature has gone to sleep as far as growing anything at this time of year is concerned, the lads and lasses of the garden club are as busy as bees honing their gardening skills for the forthcoming growing season.

In that regard, the garden club members are gone back to the books and have started a gardening design course in City North Community College. They are undertaking a FETAC Level 3 course which is 50% theory and 50% practical and they are as the jingle goes “lovin it”. Watch out for the prize blooms and super sized vegetables that will appear in Mayfield this year as a consequence. A new fruit section is also to be developed this year in Mayfield Community Garden and the members are also presently clearing a site for planting shortly.

If you wish to join the group, contact Donie O’Leary on: 021 450 8562, or call in to the Mayfield LCDP Centre at 328 Old Youghal Road. There is always a welcome on the mat in Mayfield LCDP office so just drop in and see for yourself.

A Word of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who supported my fundraising CD for the Marymount Hospice, in particular the outlets who sold them for me and also the generous buyers. You will be delighted to learn that it raised seven thousand euro for this worthy cause and your money will go directly to comforting those most in need.

So my thanks again for your generosity and support.
Noreen Sexton



Scoil Naomh Eoin Aspal

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The school would like to wish all our school community and friends a happy and prosperous new year.

Literacy:

The Literacy Lift Off model of station teaching, under the guidance of Miss Henchin, has proven to be highly effective with the junior classes. Miss Melia's second class has just enjoyed 6 weeks of the initiative where they partook in a daily circuit of reading, writing and phonics. It was fast moving and very successful. The boys worked hard and were proud as they advanced through the different book levels.

Sport:

Indoor hurling has begun for 3rd and 4th classes with Tony Hegarty of Mayfield G.A.A. and Finbarr Kiely is coaching the boys of 5th and 6th classes on a weekly basis and matches will be coming up soon. Thanks to Miss Barry and Mr. Lyons for all their work with our school teams. Boys of the upper classes are trying really hard to gain a place on the Tennis team for the upcoming Barber Cup.

Science:

Recently, second class has completed a project on volcanoes. They conducted science experiments to explore how volcanoes erupt, discovered facts about the ancient city of Pompeii, as well as making their very own clay volcanoes.



Volcanoes!!



Literacy Lift Off!!

6th class boys went on a trip to U.C.C. to work on some very interesting science projects. The day is best explained by the boys themselves;

On December 21st, our class went on a trip to U.C.C., thanks to Junior Achievement and Bord Gais. A bus arrived at our school in the morning and we headed off for U.C.C. First, we went into a lecture theatre where three members of Junior Achievement and Bord Gais employees were waiting for us. They split us into 3 groups; blue, red and yellow. The groups continued to smaller rooms where they did 3 experiments. We had to wear real scientist uniforms with goggles and gloves, while we explored how hovercrafts work, how to estimate measurement and the reaction of mixing chemicals.

Padraig O'Callaghan, Adam Nugent.

In U.C.C. we did science experiments. Our day was sponsored by Junior Achievement and Bord Gáis. One of the favourite parts of the day was our trips to the University Cafeteria. For our first snack, we had muffins, fruit and orange juice and then we were treated to a hot lunch later. After the lunch we returned to the first room and completed a survey on everything we had learned. After lunch, the bus collected us and we returned to school. It gave some of us the desire to go there after our Leaving Cert.

Jim O'Driscoll, Seán Sheehan.

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Rás an Ghoirt Álainn 22nd April 2013!

To help us set a good example for the children we cater for, Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn has decided to organize a 5km road race around the Mayfield Montenotte area. This event is open to everyone in the community and all funds gathered will be donated to the newly formed Jump for Jerry charity. Jerry is a sibling of 2 children attending our school and is suffering from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. This is a serious genetic muscle wasting condition. All money raised will be donated to this charity. Check out our Facebook page: Rás an Ghoirt Álainn or our school website www.gortalainn.ie for more information.

Rang 5's Cork Heritage Project



Pictures: supplied.

Rang a 5 recently did a project for Cllr. Kieran McCarthy's Cork Heritage Project. They chose Shandon Bells, The Titanic and Roy Keane as their three reasons to visit Cork for The Gathering 2013. Each child did research for their own individual projects and then we amalgamated the information to produce one single piece of work. They made a model of St. Anne's Church out of cardboard and beads. They also included 'De Goldie Fish' sitting on top of The Four Faced Liar. They showed their work to members of the public in the local library and also in Our Lady Crowned Credit Union. Children and parents in our school came to observe their work and were guided around by the boys and girls in Rang 5 who enthusiastically imparted their knowledge on the chosen topics. We in the school are very proud of the work, commitment and interest that the class has shown during this time.

School Website

Our old school website has recently been re-launched. Pictures and videos of school activities will be posted as they happen and any general information pertaining to the school/class will also be found here, i.e. updates on the new school or notice of training being cancelled due to bad weather. This information will be written up on the home page of the site and will be updated regularly. www.gortalainn.ie

Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn (cont'd)

Leabhair bailithe i gcóir scoil i Uganda

In éineacht leis an Irlanda Italiana bhailigh páistí ó Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn leabhair do scoil i Uganda. In association with Laura, Vittorio and Sandra from Irlanda Italiana, our pupils collected a huge number of books for a school in Uganda. Well done to everyone involved!



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Aistear i Seomra na Naíonáin Bheaga

This year for the first time Junior Infants in Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn are using the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework of Aistear. Aistear sees structured play being used to teach different aspects of the curriculum. The children engage in drama, art and construction during playtime. Aistear helps us greatly in the Gaelscoil because it also gives the children a chance to use the Irish they have learnt to date in an informal manner.

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Christmas Fete

On Monday 17th December, something magical happened in St. Patrick's. Our school halla was transformed into a Christmas Wonderland. There were stalls selling cakes and treats, colouring activities, Christmas movies, carol singing and even Santa Claus took time out from his busy schedule to set up home for the day in a spectacular grotto. The halla was decorated in festive bunting, incredible art work and wonderful Christmas displays. Parents were invited and each class in turn visited the fete where the boys and girls sampled mulled apple juice, mince pies and sweet treats. All children visited Father Christmas in his grotto, had their photo taken and received a gift. The atmosphere was truly amazing and the whole event was a huge success.

A huge words of thanks to our Parents Association especially Sarah, Stephen, Nuala, Carol, Sinead and Tracy. We also wish to thank St. Patrick's Girls School choir for their participation on the day. Well done everyone!



The Nativity Play

On Tuesday 18th December we all journeyed back in time two thousand years to a little stable in Bethlehem where a very special baby was born. Our Senior Infants jointly performed the Christmas story through song and narration and how wonderful they all looked in their costumes. The boys and girls sang and played various instruments and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas with a spiritual, moving performance.

Open Day

Our annual Open Day for prospective pupils takes place on Wednesday 13th February at 9.30 a.m. and we invite all children who are starting school in September to come along and get to know our staff and friendly ethos.

New Website

Our school has recently set up a wonderful new website and we encourage you to check it out at: www.stpatricksinfants.net.

The website is clear, colourful and very easy to navigate, with dropdown menus for all eight classes featuring photos and videos of the children at work and play. The website has information about our school and a calendar of special dates and events to keep you up to speed. We aim to add assembly performances, etc. each week and we welcome any suggestions from the parents. A big word of thanks to Ms Sarah Mooney and Mr Stephen Moroney for creating and delivering this project.

Parents' Association

Well done to very industrious Parents' Association who raised €980 in the annual Christmas draw and to all our fabulous parents for their support

Upcoming School Events

February 12th: 9 week Art Project begins for all classes

February 13th: Open Day for children starting school in September

February 21st: Irish Dancing begins for all classes



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Retirement News

Mrs. Mary Forde retired recently following thirty-six years service in Scoil Mhuire Banríon. Over the years Mary worked with four Principals; Sr. Nolasco, Sr. Kate, Sr. Lelia and of course our current Principal, Mrs. Regina O'Sullivan.

Mary said that there was never a day in all those years that she didn't look forward to coming to school! Mary was an important part of our school community and was a constant and caring presence for generations of girls in Scoil Mhuire Banríon. She will be missed by colleagues and pupils alike.

We wish Mary the very best in the future.
Go neiri leat!

Mayfield Kids Theatre

Under the direction of Ms. Avril O'Callaghan, the Scoil Mhuire Banríon drama group gave a memorable performance for parents and friends in the school hall on the 18th December.

The group encourages the girls to be more confident and has already produced a few potential Oscar winners!

Classes take place in the school hall on Tuesday afternoons at 2.40 p.m..

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This applies to those:

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- who are renewing their learner permit/ driving licence on or after 19 January
- who are replacing their learner permit/ driving licence on or after 19 January
- who are exchanging a foreign driving licence for an Irish driving licence on or after 19 January.

In Ireland, the longest period a licence lasts is ten years so it follows that every Irish licence holder will hold a new-style licence by January 2023.

Is there a new application process?

Yes. From January to September 2013, anyone applying for a learner permit or driving licence will do so through the local Motor Tax Office as before. However, because the plastic card is produced separately, it will not be possible to get your licence over the counter in the local Motor Tax Office. It will be posted out to you directly from the plastic card producer.

Is there a new application form?

Yes, both the Learner Permit D201(PDF) and Full licence application D401(PDF) forms, are available to download here. Irish versions can be found under downloads.

Where to apply?

The Motor Tax Offices will continue to handle all applications until September 2013.

Will a colour photograph be required?

A colour photograph will need to be provided with your application however on the new NDLS driving licence it will appear as a black and white image. This is due to the secure printing process employed in producing the new licence which uses laser technology to transfer the image onto the card and produces a black and white photograph.

How much will it cost?

Following a decision made by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport Mr Leo Varadkar TD the fees for driving licences and learner permits will increase from 1 January 2013. This fee increase is the first since 1989. During this time the fee has not kept pace with inflation to the result that the service was under funded. The increased fee will ensure that the service into the future will be self-financing

Charges as of January 1st 2013

- Driving Licence : New Driving Licences and Renewals €55
- Three Year Licence (Age or Medical Grounds) €35
- One Year Licence (Medical Grounds) €25
- Replacement or Duplicate Licence €35
- Exchange a Foreign Licence €55
- Learner Permit: All Learner Permits €35
- Replacement or Duplicate Learner Permit €35

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What's On?

Book club meets on the second Wednesday of each month 11am. New members welcome.

Ciorcal Cainte meets on the first and third Fridays at 11am. New members welcome.

Junior Chess Club meet every Wednesday at 3.30p.m. 8-12 years. New members welcome.

Saturday: Colouring Competition all day.

2013 Calendar

Cork City Libraries has published an A3-size 2013 calendar based on photographs of Cork in the early 1900s. The images are taken from the Day photographic collection and contain images of streets, buildings and people of bygone days. The calendar is available in all libraries for €3.

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