

Mayfield Matters

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Local Refocus Young People raise €600 for Mayfield Action On Suicide.

There was great excitement in St. Josephs recently when 14 Young People graduated from their Refocus course. The course is designed to assist young people, that are unemployed, back into the workplace or education. Great emphasis is placed on the individual as well as the group needs. the course content included C.V preparation, interview skills, addictions, self-esteem, massage, literacy, computers, first aid and manual handling. There was also an opportunity for the Young People to attend courses in different colleges to discover what it is like to return to education. Several speakers came and talked with the group on a wide range of topics from personal grooming, to suicide and depression.

After the group received a talk from Mayfield Action On Suicide (MAOS), it decided to give some support to this cause. The group, assisted by the Mahon Refocus group, held a coffee morning which raised €600 towards MAOS. As a result of the course, some participants secured full and part time work. The group facilitator, Breda Ryan Long, who is a counsellor specialising in addictions and eating disorders, as well as a motivator, said the group was a pleasure to work with for the duration of the course. **(Cont'd on Page 2.)**



Michael Daly presents the cheque on behalf of the Local Refocus Group to Kevin O'Sullivan of MAOS . Also pictured is (far left) Breda Ryan Long, Facilitator of the Refocus group.

Picture: Andy Gibson

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Speaking after the cheque presentation, Kevin O'Sullivan of MAOS said; "Mayfield Action On Suicide is thrilled with the money raised by the Refocus Group and it will be used to provide low cost counselling for people in the Mayfield area."



Margaret McSweeney receives the Student of the Year award from her brother and former winner of the award, Alex McSweeney.

Picture: Andy Gibson



Jim O'Donovan, Director of Community, Enterprise and Development, Cork City Council, presents Shane Keniry with his Practical First Aid certificate.

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Sarah McCarthy and Gemma Kelleher present Michael Daly with a special award for being the participant that has made the most significant personal change on the Refocus course.

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Progression Exposé

by Rosella Sheehan

A Progression Exposé was held on 11th May 2011 in Kerrigan Tyrell Youth Centre, Mayfield, for Community Employment participants from four local projects; Wallaroo Playschool, St. Patrick's Hospital Cork (CES) Ltd, Mayfield Old Youghal Road Project and Mount Cara Ltd. The event sought to highlight the way in which people can access information on training, education and employment opportunities. It was well attended by community employment participants, supervisors and FÁS personnel.

An awards ceremony also took place with a presentation of certificates by Una O'Donoghue, Community Services, FÁS. The awards were largely for FETAC accredited training courses attended, which included Core Skills, Computers, First Aid and Childcare, to name but a few.

For some participants, it was a particularly significant and proud moment as it was their first time being presented with an award for a certified course. The event was very positive and successful and enjoyed by all present.



Some of the Graduates of the various FÁS courses are pictured with invited guests, from L-R, front row: Michael Looney, Phil Murphy, FÁS Trainers; Una O'Donoghue, FÁS and Rosella Sheehan, FÁS Supervisor.

Picture: Andy Gibson



More course participants are pictured with invited guests after the Graduation ceremony.

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MAYFIELD CDP.

Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield.

Telephone : 021 450 8562.

Personal Alarms: We are happy to report that our application for this scheme has been successful. If you are over 65 and living alone, or with a dependent person, you may be eligible for this grant. This year, the grant will also cover the cost of obtaining a Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Alarm. If you are interested, application forms are available from Mayfield CDP, so call in and fill one out.

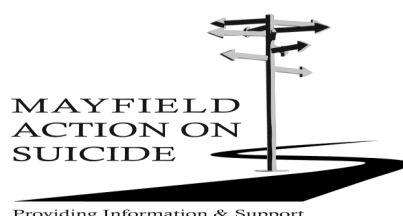
Family Buses to Youghal: It's that time of year again and plans are being made in co-operation with the Health Action Zone for the family trips to Youghal. These trips will take place on four Thursdays, from the 14th July until the 4th August. The cost per family is still only €5, and tickets will be available at the CDP Resource Centre from 7th July. So don't forget to come in and fill out your application form. Buses will leave Our Lady Crowned Church at 10.00am and return at about 6p.m. For the past few years these trips have been very successful and we hope there will be a big response again this year. We cannot guarantee sunshine, but despite the weather on many occasions, a great time was had by all who travelled.

Youth Café: The Mayfield Youth Café has taken a break for the summer months, as the young people drop off once the long evenings come in. We will resume again in September so look out for posters and notices. Thanks to all the Youth Café volunteers for their commitment and dedication over the past few months. We are conscious that there seems to be a gap in services for young people from 8 years upwards, so in September, in co-operation with RAPID, we hope to organise a Youth Information Evening to highlight the services that are available, and to look at the gaps. If there are people who would be willing to assist with running groups for the younger aged children, we would be delighted to hear from you and we would organise training and support for those interested. Feel free to contact us for any further information. We will be writing to all the groups who provide services for young people soon.

Rainbow: We would like to welcome a new staff member to our Rainbow Sessional Childcare, Sabrina O'Connor started work with us on a Community Employment Scheme in May and is settling in very well both with the children and her colleagues, Helena and Cathleen. We hope she will enjoy her time with us.

Mayfield Action On Suicide: This group continues to work on developing community supports to prevent suicide. Recently, a wallet sized Information Card was developed and is available in the CDP Resource Centre and many other services in Mayfield. This card is aimed at Young People to encourage them to talk if they are feeling low. It gives contact details for many support groups, and was produced through funds raised locally. Thanks again to the students in Mayfield Community School who raised €306 through their Abba Performance and to the Refocus Group who raised €600 by their Cake Sale and Coffee morning. We would like to re-assure everyone who donates money to MAOS that their money will be put to good use. Currently, if you know of anyone who would like to access counselling, it is available at a very nominal charge, as the group is subsidising the cost of each session.

Kevin O'Sullivan, the MAOS main fundraising organiser, is now busy planning a Soccer Tournament on the **23rd July** between Doolans Cow Bar, The Cotton Ball, Ashburton Bar and Mayfield GAA Club. Kick off is at 3p.m. and this will be followed by an after match function in **Mayfield GAA Club at 8.30p.m.** There will be music by John Maguire and Guests, finger food and spot prizes. All are welcome! Look out for posters and sponsorship cards locally. There is also a BBQ & DJ in Doolans Cow Bar on Sunday 24th July at 6p.m. For more details, phone the CDP on the number at the top of this page.



STATUES

by AIDAN O'SHEA ©
Heroes and humour on Ireland's streets.

We in Ireland have issues about our public statues. Many of them represent standing or mounted heroes of Britain's colonial past. Some of these have been erased from our view by explosion, which removed Nelson's Pillar from the heart of Dublin. Others just disappeared, like the statue of Queen Victoria recently unearthed from the President's Garden in Cork University. Statues of nationalist and religious figures took the place of our former colonial masters. Poets, priests and patriots are now jostling for our attention.

There he stands at the centre of Cork, life-size in bronze, his right hand gently extended, as if to calm us. Father Theobald Mathew (1790-1856), a priest of the Capuchin Order of St Francis, led a mass-movement of temperance which spread from Cork throughout Ireland, Britain, The United States and beyond. It seems appropriate that he should stand at the head the main street, gazing over the North Channel of the River Lee. His motto *Ireland sober is Ireland free* still carries a ring of truth.

Time was when most city buses stopped at *The Statue* and many a nervous lad waited there for his true love to arrive. We Irish don't take our heroes or their statues too seriously; Father Mathew has sported Cork colours on many a sporting rally. That is an irony, as he was a Tipperary man. Beer bottles have been placed in his extended hand! Another local wag has suggested that Father Mathew is indicating with his hand and saying "I've been drinking pints of stout since I was that height." His delicate feelings are mentioned in a popular ballad:

*The smell on Patrick's Bridge is wicked,
How does Father Mathew stick it?
Here's up 'em all says The Boys of Fairhill.*

Dublin folk also love to mock their statues and monuments, and each new piece of public art quickly gets a nickname. The Spire which replaced Nelson's Pillar at the General Post Office is called *The Binge Syringe* because of the local drugs culture, and more coarsely *The Stiffy on the Liffey*. The 6-metre bronze figure of *Anna Livia*, James Joyce's mythical female representing the Liffey, reclined voluptuously in a trough of flowing water on O'Connell Street. Very poetic it might be, but the Dubs renamed her *The Floozy in the Jacuzzi*, and many a drunken reveller joined her in her watery bed. Some of the carryon was outrageous, so she was removed into storage, and later was floated up the Liffey in a mock-heroic ceremony to rest again at Croppy's Green. There she lies in peace at last near her watery self, her modesty protected by railings.



Literary greats are also gently mocked. A fine bronze of the poet Thomas Moore stands at College Green on a traffic island, with an underground toilet below; Moore's popular ballad *The Meeting of the Waters* is the sly name for this site. Oscar Wilde reclines languidly on a large granite boulder at the corner of Merrion Square; even he would have enjoyed the subtitle *The Fag on the Crag*. The poet Patrick Kavanagh is commemorated seated in bronze by The Grand Canal at Baggot Street Bridge. Given his grumpy manner, *The Crank on the Bank* is well-deserved.

Dublin's most faithful chronicler, James Joyce, stands in a characteristic pose, leaning on his cane at the junction of O'Connell and North Earl streets. As this is a family audience, discretion demands that you fill in the blanks of his nickname; *The P***k with the Stick*. Even Dublin's most famous mythical character, the street vendor Molly Malone, still wheels her bronze barrow at the foot of Grafton Street, her jaunty pose and décolletage earning the name *The Tart with the Cart*.



James Joyce

Medieval kings kept a joker or fool at court, and Shakespeare gave these characters wisdom as well as wit. Perhaps wit is wisdom. A special joker's chair was kept near the throne to ensure that the fool, the innocent, the common man was close at hand to deflate the pretensions of power and fame. A bronze Joker's Chair stands in the garden of Merrion Square, Dublin as a memorial to one of our finest satirists, the actor Dermot Morgan (1952-1988). The chair stands symbolically empty, inviting comedians of the future to poke fun at our heroes, past and present.



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All volunteers are Garda vetted and carry official Age Action identification cards. Care & Repair is sponsored by Irish Life.

Low Call: 1890 369 369

Mayfield RAPID Update

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/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.

Summer Fun Night – Thursday 23rd June

A family fun event is being planned by the City Council and local community groups for Thursday 23rd June from 5 pm. to 8 pm. in Glenamoy Park. Face painting, music, games, storytelling, dance, sport and much more is being planned. If any person or group would like to get involved or perform on the night, please contact Paul on: 492 4773.



Pictures of local residents enjoying themselves at last years event.

Physical Environment

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. They recently organised a major clean-up of the courtyard in Dun Ard in conjunction with some local residents. The pilot weekly glass collection recently began in three locations in Mayfield and is proving very popular.

Employment & Training

Project ReFocus is a training/education project for 18 to 25 year olds from Mayfield and the Glen. It started back again with a new group in early November and it takes place in St Josephs Community Centre. The scheme is supported by local projects such as Glen Young Adults Project, Glen NYP, Mayfield Training Centre, Mayfield NYP, Mayfield Local Employment Service and Ógra Chorcaí, as well as agencies such as the Dept. of Social & Family Affairs, FAS, Cork City Council and City of Cork VEC. The participants organised a very successful coffee morning as a fundraiser for Mayfield Action on Suicide and raised over €600. They graduated on May 26th and will continue to receive support over the next two years.

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Thank you for supporting our recent table quiz fundraiser.

The voluntary management committee of C.A.L.P. would like to thank everyone who participated in the table quiz held on the 10th May 2011 in the Mayfield GAA Club, Kerry Rd.

Thanks to Don, the quizmaster and the sponsors of the spot prizes. Over €500 was raised on the night and this will go towards upgrading the equipment in the computer room in the Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd. This computer room is used to run C.A.L.P. computer courses and local groups such as the Aisling Services uses it on a weekly basis. Local adults who also need access to a computer to print projects, C.V's etc are welcome to use the facilities. A minimal charge applies which goes towards the computer room upkeep. For further information, contact: 450 8562.



Pictured from left to right after the Table Quiz are: Quizmaster Don Deane, Mary Kelly (CALP), Majella Finnegan CALP Chairperson, Cllr. Ted Tynan, Margaret Forsythe and Sheila Condon (CALP Committee members).

Picture: Andy Gibson

Possible courses for Autumn 2011

Foundation Programme - Personal development, Computers - beginners level with internet & email, Computer Literacy Level 3 FETAC & Information Technology Skills Level 4 FETAC, Office Procedures Level 3 FETAC, Basic First Aid with First Responder training & ECDL modules. All classes are:

- Run in the morning or evening time
- Have a small charge to cover material costs
- Are available to adults living in the Mayfield Community.
- Have access to childcare in the Rainbow Childcare service
- Are funded through part time tutor hours from the City of Cork VEC/Cork City Partnership.

More information on courses will be available at the Mayfield Community Education Network Open Day in September 2011 and in the August/September edition of Mayfield Matters. For more information contact Mary on: 450 8562

Mayfield Ladies Gaelic Football

Ladies Gaelic football is one of the fastest growing sports in the world and we have it on our doorstep. For just €2 per week, you can get fit in a fun environment.

We are always looking for new members - skill or prior knowledge of the game is not required, as we have some fantastic coaches to help you on your way. If you are interested in getting involved, then please ring one of the following numbers, or call to the Mayfield GAA pitches on Wednesday evenings between 6.00 and 7.30

U10 - Training 6.00 to 7.00 Wed	Contact Michelle on: 086 861 2732
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U14 - Training 6.15 to 7.30 Wed	Contact Catriona on: 086 060 5717
U16 – Training 6.15 to 7.30 Wed	Contact Tina on: 086 315 0141
Junior Training Mon & Thurs	Contact Susan on: 086 361 9753

NEW TO OUR CLUB

If you'd prefer to learn the skills of Gaelic football in a non-competitive way, then our new initiative; GAELIC FOR MOMS is exactly what you need. This initiative is to entice women to have fun and get fit in a sociable set up, it has just started and will run for 6 wks for 1hr per wk. So grab your boots, and the other females in your life, and join us for a fun filled hour of craic! Contact Marion on: 087 266 0592 for further information.

Mayfield Ladies also have the great honour of taking part in the Feile Na nOg 2011. This huge competition is taking place in Cork this year and Mayfield Ladies will be hosting a team from Maghera, Co Derry. At this point, our feile team ladies can't wait to meet their Derry counterparts and enjoy a weekend that is sure to lead to lifelong friendships; we extend a huge warm welcome to the Glen Maghera ladies and their mentors. Mayfield is also a host venue, which means the people of Mayfield and surrounding areas will have this competition on their door step. So please put a reminder on your phone or calendar at home and support these very talented Mayfield Ladies on Thursday 29th June, Friday 30th June and Saturday 1st July. C'mon the girls, lets show them how it's done!

We would like to wish the best of luck to all our girls who are sitting state exams at the moment.

News From Nowhere

by Michael O'Donnell.

In the game of life and in the game of chess, the Queen and Pawn go into the same box.

When King Farouk of Egypt was overthrown in 1952, he went into exile to Italy. One evening, while playing poker, he discussed the demise of the European Royal Households with Umberto, the deposed King of Italy. On discovering that he held a hand of four Queens, he said to Umberto, while revealing his cards; "There will be five Queens left in Europe eventually, the Queen of Hearts, the Queen of Clubs, the Queen of Diamonds, the Queen of Spades and the Queen of England."

Another recent visitor, President Barack Obama of the USA, delighted the Republic with his heart-warming and inspiring speech. A stroking of the national ego which was a welcome departure from the gloom and doom of recent years. Nevertheless, there is a saying; 'Beware of Greeks bearing gifts'. President Obama is the immediate boss of the US Treasury Secretary, Timothy Geithner. Geithner stymied an IMF proposal last November, to 'haircut' \$30 billion of unguaranteed bank bonds. The US government priorities lay with the bankers and not the Irish public.

This writer is not in the mood to give a 'Cead mile Fáilte' to people who tightened the millstone round the necks of the Irish nation. I'd prefer to do business with our nearest neighbour.

Baby, Won't You Dance With Me?

by Áine Tierney

On a night out, when I tell my boyfriend I want to dance, he'll start telling me the music isn't 'right'. He doesn't like the band. There aren't enough people on the dance floor. There are too many people on the dance floor. It's just never the right song: too slow, too fast, too techno.

But it all boils down to one thing really – not enough alcohol.

Eventually, he'll pinpoint the problem. He needs another drink first. And another. And another. At last, he feels sufficiently fuelled. At this stage, he's mad for it. All indecision and uncertainty is forgotten - why haven't we been dancing all night? Time is pressing; we need to be out there, on the floor, showing the rest of them how it's done.

He takes me by the hand, or what he thinks is my hand; at this stage he is just as likely to grab my elbow – or foot. He leads me on to the dance floor, not stopping when I bend down to tighten the strap on my shoe – I feel my feet will need all the support they can get. It's reminiscent of that scene from the Quiet Man where Maureen O'Hara gets dragged home by the top of the head by John Wayne – and she loves every second of it. I'm mad to hit the dance floor.



I forget you see. I forget the co-ordination skills of my boyfriend are poor when he is sober, never mind when he is drunk. You know the way those pull-along trolley suitcases have become so popular? There are two ways of wheeling them. The first is to pull it slightly behind you. This way you cut a way ahead of your case through the crowd and it is unlikely anyone will trip over your luggage. The second is to wheel the case alongside you, thereby increasing the breadth of the space you take up on the footpath. These case wheelers trot along paying no heed to the fact that their case is little over a foot high and people can't see it until they are sent flying over it. Passersby, streetlamps, bins – nothing stops them. My boyfriend belongs to the latter category, except he wouldn't be seen dead with a pulley case – I'm his baggage, or at least that's how he treats me. He pulls me along and I do my best with the limited bit of rope I have (his arm) to avoid oncoming obstacles.

And now he's pulling me onto the dance floor. He eyes a fairly empty spot and makes for it. Then he's off. He gives a quick look around to see what 'moves' are *de rigueur* in these circles. Then he starts not to replicate them, but to better them. This involves kicking his legs higher, waving his arms harder, and shaking his body quicker than everyone else on the floor. But his favourite moves involve spinning me around. He sends me out like a spinning top on a string, then winds me back in again, out again, in again, under his arm, twirl. At this point I'm beginning to feel dizzy. At over six foot, he has plenty of leg and arm to throw around the place and with which to throw me. I'm sent flying to various corners of the dance floor. All that talk of a suitable song was in vain – it doesn't matter what the song is, he is dancing to his own beat.

At last, it's over. I'm beat. He tells me he wasn't that gone on the song. Funny, but somehow the dance floor has emptied. The others mustn't have really liked it all that much either.



Mayfield Citizens Information Centre

Roseville House,
Old Youghal Road, Mayfield

Tel: 021 450 8300

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Know Your Rights Question

I recently lost my job and have spare time available, so am thinking of volunteering. Will my Jobseeker's Benefit payment be affected? How could I find something to do that matches my skills?

Answer

Voluntary work is a good way to keep active, learn new skills and get involved in your local community. You may do some unpaid work as a volunteer and keep your social welfare payment. However, you must continue to meet all the conditions attached to your payment (which include the requirement that you are available and looking for work).

The Deciding Officer at your Social Welfare Local Office or the section paying your social welfare payment will usually decide whether you can keep your social welfare payment and work as a volunteer. A number of factors are taken into account by a Deciding Officer in determining whether the work is voluntary. These include:

- The aims and standing of the voluntary organisation (they can be national or local voluntary groups)
- The type of work involved
- The weekly number of hours worked

Examples of unpaid voluntary work you could do includes assisting youth clubs, care groups, sports groups, church groups and local residents' associations.

If you want to do voluntary work and still continue to get Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's Benefit, you must apply under the voluntary work option before you start any voluntary work. To apply, fill in application form (VW1), which is available from your Social Welfare Local Office.

2011 is the European Year of Volunteering and to celebrate and promote volunteering the Lord Mayors Cork Volunteer Week is to take place from the 6th to the 12th June 2011. For those interested in volunteering a Volunteer Fair is to be held in the City Hall on Friday 10th June (6-9pm), Saturday 11th June (10am – 4pm) and Sunday 12th June (1pm – 4pm). Admission is free. Information is also available from the Cork Volunteer Centre, 70 Shandon Street, Cork. Tel: 021 439 6510 (www.volunteercork.ie).

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. *Opening hours are Monday to Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm, Tuesday to Thursday 2pm – 4pm and Wednesday Evening 7.30pm – 9pm.*

Citizens Information is also available through the Cork City (North) Citizens Information Service on: 021 4302 301, the Citizens Information Phone Service on: 1890 777 121 or online at: www.citizensinformation.ie



Mayfield Arts, Newbury House

Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, Cork

Ph: 021 453 0434 Email: mayfieldarts@gmail.com Web: www.mayfieldarts.org

FETAC & Open studio sessions

The weekly Thursday morning open studio will recommence on Thursday 22nd September from 10.30 - 12.30. The class is €3 per session, with tea and coffee provided. FETAC courses in Print, Horticulture and Arts and Crafts are continuing at the Arts Centre. For more details phone: 453 0434.

Cúig artists

Cúig Artists in residence, Frankie Burton and Ailbhe Barrett, have been invited to exhibit in The Museum of Everything in London, to expected audiences of 200,000, followed by an international tour. All of the artists will be exhibiting in Kismet, Kinsale during Kinsale Arts Week.

Youth activities

Nora has just completed an arts project with Mayfield Community School through the creative connections programme. Congratulations to all the young people involved.

Young people from the Wednesday group had a team building outdoors activity weekend in April and are continuing with the weekly workshops.

A new group has formed on Monday evenings to work with graffiti and street work, working towards the Globalfest Youth Arts Festival

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 15+

Other Young People are continuing in after-schools programmes on Tuesdays making mosaics that are now decorating the entrance to the Arts Centre

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ARABIC PROVERB

Creative Connections is a two-year intercultural arts training programme for Cork women run by Mayfield Arts Newbury House and Cork Midsummer Festival. Funded by the European Integration Fund, our training programme is for both Irish born women and women from many different countries including Burma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Nigeria, Somalia and South Africa.

The programme includes weekly visual arts workshops at Mayfield Arts Newbury House led by artists Aine Crowley, Carolyn Collier and Columbian artist Julian Urrego. Activities include projects in printing techniques such as dry point and etching as well as pyrography (burning into wood) and embroidery and collage.

This year, Creative Connections is also working with a guest artist—writer and performer Priscilla Robinson—to develop **Home is Where the Art Is**. Priscilla's most recent work was **Help Me! Help Me!** presented at last year's Dublin Absolut Fringe. Other shows include **KuddelMuddel**, **The Show about The Show**, and **The Robinsons' Sunday Roadshow Café**.

This project is co-financed by the European Commission under the European Integration Fund and is supported by the Office of the Minister for Integration and Pobal.



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CÉRBH É THADY QUILL?

Le Aodán Ó Sé

Níl ach páirc phoiblí ghalánta amháin i gCorcaigh, Páirc an Ghearaltaigh ar An Máirdíog, ar ndóigh. Ansan abhí Taispeántas Idirnaisiúnta Chorcaí ó 1902 go 1903. Is ansin a chuimhním ar bhailéad Thady Quill. Sa dara véarsa deirtear:

At the Cork Exhibition there was a fine lady

Whose fortune exceeded a million or more

But a bad constitution had ruined her completely

And medical treatment had failed o'er and o'er.

Chuir Thady cóir leighis ar an mhaighdean ghalánta seo abhí cráite ceal (for lack of) grá. Cantar an bailéad ar fuaid an domhain ó ré na Clancy brothers i leith. Tá cion speisialta ag muintir Chorcaí ar an Bould Thady Quill toisc ar bhain sé amach ar pháirc na h-íomána agus ar tholg an ghrá araon. Ba bhreá linn aithris (imitation) a dhéanamh ar a chuid aclaíochta uilig. Ach cérbh é Thady, nó an raibh a leithéid inár measc ariamh?

Ar an gcéad dul síos, 'sé Johnny Tom Gleeson (1852-1924) a chum an t-amhrán bríomhar seo. Ba mhinic a chumadh sé aoir áiféasach (satires) ar chúrsaí reatha i Reighleán na Rince ina rugadh é, comh maith le Baile na Graoi agus ceantar Mhúscraí i gcoitinne. Bhí féith na filíochta (poetic skill) ag Johnny Tom óna athair Tomás agus óna mháthair Mary Golden freisin. Tuigtear dúinn gur bhain Johnny Tom triail as an sagartóireacht, ach níor thaithn sí leis; níor thaithn an fheirmeoireacht leis ach oiread. B'fhearr leis bheith ag seinm ceoil ar an mbosca agus ar an bhfliúit, ba chuma leis bheith ar bhainis nó ar thóramh (at a wedding or a wake). Bhí véarsaíocht ar a thoil aige, agus is annamh a theip air rann grinn a rá ar an dtoirt. Ar ndóigh, maireann an nós chéanna fós i nGaeltacht Mhúscraí.

Pé scéal é, comharsa le Johnny Tom Gleeson abea Thady Quill féin. Rugadh Thady i mBaile na Graoi i 1860 agus is annsin a fuair sé bás i 1932. Théadh Thady ar aonaigh (fairs) in Iarthar Chorcaí agus i gCiarraí chomh maith, ag ceannach is ag díol stoic. Bhí aithne ag muintir na tuaithe air dá bharr. Is minic a deintí margadh sa tábhairne (pub) freisin, lá an aonaigh, cé nach raibh Thady féin ro-thugtha don ól.

Ach b'fhearr leis bheith ag bothántaíocht (visiting neighbours) le comharsain, agus ag éisteacht le seanchaíocht cois tine. Fear téagartha (stocky) abea Thady, agus é sé troigh ar aoirde. Ag tracht ar lúth-chleas, ní hí an iomáint ach bolaereacht bóthair an spórt ab annsa leis. Cad fé na gníomhartha gaisce a luaitear sa bhailéad, más ea? Cinnte,

níor imir Thady Quill ar fhoireann iomána Chorcaí ariamh, ach amháin i samhlaíocht Johnny Tom Gleeson. É sin ráite, bhain Thady an-shásamh as a ainm a bheith i mbéil na ndaoine. Is amhlaidh a chuimhnítear fós air. Cad mar gheall ar eachtraí grá? Níor phós an laoch Thady Quill ná an t-údar Johnny Tom Gleeson ariamh.

Tá leagan Ghaeilge ar bhailéad Thady Quill agus seo libh é.

TAIDHGÍN Ó CUILL.

A cháirde is a chomharsana, má's áil libhse spórtaíocht, seo scéal agus comhairle dhíbh, aosta is óg

Gluais in bhur sluaite chun páirce na lúthchleas, is chífidh sibh iontas ná faca sibh fós.

Beidh rince is rás ann is peil is iománaíocht, ceolta go h-álainn ann geallaim-se dhíbh

Is i dteannta na sárfhear a bheidh ar an láthair beidh gaiscíoch na h-áite seo – Taidhgín Ó Cuill

Curfá

Le scéalaíocht, le spórtaíocht, le plé le mná óga

Nó líonadh go scórnach le pointannaibh dí

Nil mac sa pharóiste, sa tír, ná san Eoraip

A sheasódh comórtas le Taidhgín Ó Cuill

I gceartlár na h-Éireann bhí iníon rainséara go raibh aici spré milliún punt agus bó

Ach ní raibh a sláinte chomh maith lena táinte, is thóg a dochtúirí raidhse táillí thar fóir

“Och, a mhaithrín” ar sí “chuig an diabhal le pillíni. Níl luibh ann ná leigheas i n-aghaidh galar an chroí

Nó fiú amháin *vaccine* chun cosc ar an aicíd, ach aeríocht aon oíche le Taidhgín Ó Cuill”

I gcluiche Chraobh Éireann bhí Corcaigh á dtraochaint d'ainneoin gríosadh lucht leanta na Laoi

Is ar eagla go léasfaí ár mbuachaillí féinigh do chuireamar scéala go Baile na Graí.

Seo Taidhgín d'ár faoiseamh is chuaig sé sa choimheascar. Dhein éacht leis an sliotar ná feicfear airís

Bhi trácht ar phaipéirí is Raidió Éireann ar ghaiscíocht mhór-éachtacha Thaidhgín Ó Cuill.

St Joseph's Community Association

Active Retired Club

Having survived the worst winter in living memory, where we were housebound and all activities cancelled, the first event of the year was a visit to Kinsale to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 15th. with the Kinsale Club and other invited groups. When we arrived at the venue the Hall was nearly full. However we rose to the occasion and with Kevin McSweeney on the keyboard, we sang and danced the afternoon away. Dan McSweeney won the special talent prize. It was time then to leave and head for the Viaduct Inn for our evening meal after which we organised our own entertainment and headed for home at 10.30pm tired but happy.

Birthdays are always a great excuse for a celebration and the following Tuesday we had a double event. Tim Dwane, our ex-chairperson, had a very special one and our most senior member Minnie Murphy surprising us announcing her 90th birthday. Congratulations Minnie, and one day the club might be having an almighty hooley for your 100th!



Our annual spring event was organised for Sunday 10th April in the Montenotte Hotel. Those present included our own members and groups representing Blackrock,, Mahon, Ballyphehane, our friends from Dillons Cross and a couple from the Glen. They all arrived in great style in anticipation of the Glamorous Granny Competition, this was held after the meal. The musicians for the evening were well chosen to suit our tastes, praise due to Vincent McCarthy and John O'Connell who kept us on our feet until 10pm. St.Joseph's contribution to the entertainment was the group singing old war time songs in which everybody joined in. Most of the ladies wore turbans and aprons. The men wore caps which was prevalent of that period. The glamorous Granny was Rita Hourigan from Ballyphehane, and the winner of the period dressed lady was Joan Maguire, St. Joseph's. Judges were Rose, Pauline, Kay. Congratulations to Marie O'Sullivan, Ann Mc Sweeney, Pauline



Marie O'Sullivan presents the Lord Mayor with a bouquet of flowers.

Picture: Dan McSweeney

Margaret Sehilly presents Tim Dwane with a window box.

Picture: Dan McSweeney

St Joseph's Active Retired Club (Cont'd)

Tuesday 19th April saw a very informative afternoon of Cork history, with slides of bygone scenes mainly of Patrick's Street, presented by Liam Higgins. He spoke of the houses, shops and businesses that once graced the streets but are now gone. Liam had slides of the rivers and canals that are now covered over. He delighted the members who were able to share their own memories with him. A truly magical afternoon with Liam Higgins, Historian.

On Tuesday 26th April we visited the City Hall having received an invitation from The Lord Mayor, Cllr. Michael O'Connell. Being welcomed by the Lord Mayor in the council chambers, we were provided with refreshments, had time to relax, look around and be photographed. We then proceeded to the Lord Mayors chambers and had an historical talk relating to the silverware and artefacts displayed. Chairperson Marie O Sullivan presented The Lord Mayor with a bouquet of flowers.

On Tuesday 10th May we embarked on **"a half day outing"** to Griffins Garden Centre. The centre is set in beautiful grounds near Inniscarra Lake and is a joy to behold the magnificent array of colour around the huge expanse of the centre. On arrival we were served a light lunch, after which Margaret Sehillly, Centre Director, spoke for an hour on **"How To"** plant and pot window boxes, the current seasons flowers, tomatoes, fertilisers and shrubs. During the talk, Margaret was making up a window box with a variety of potted flowers for which she had a draw. The lucky winner was Tim Dwane. The green fingered ladies were now let loose and bought trolley loads of plants which are now blooming in Mayfield gardens. Next stop was Farran Woods where the group split, some playing a game of "French boules", the others "parachute exercises", then all flying off to the Viaduct Inn, making a safe landing where we really enjoyed our meal. The final item of the day was our own organised entertainment until the bus arrived to take us home. Another great day.



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ST. JOSEPHS (MAYFIELD) NO NAME CLUB

The recent 2011 National No Name Club Youth Awards Finals and Banquet function, which was staged in the Lyrath Hotel, Kilkenny on the 16th April, has set a new record attendance. Over 1100 people attended this event, which is the highlight of the calendar of activities for the young people involved in the ever increasing number of clubs now operating successfully countrywide.

The No Name Club as a national adult led youth organisation, is now catering for over 20,000 young people between the ages of 15 – 19 years in clubs spread nationwide, where they learn to socialise with their peers in a safe, warm and friendly environment, without the dangers of becoming involved with alcohol and drugs. With the present culture of over-indulgence in alcohol and drugs by young people in this country, these problems have resulted in devastating consequences for young people and their families. The No Name Clubs that are spread throughout the country with their emphasis on personal development, and building up the club members self esteem and confidence, are a positive and popular alternative to the pubs and drink and drugs culture for young people.

The growing number of young people in Ireland who are joining No Name Clubs and the adult volunteer leaders who support and provide them with this alternative, have found a real and positive option for those young people who do not wish to indulge in consuming alcohol at a young age.

The No Name Club organisation was founded in 1978 in Kilkenny by four long time friends from Kilkenny and Wexford. They were Fr. Tom Murphy, Eamonn Doyle, Kilkenny, hurling legend Eddie Keher and the late lamented Bobby Kerr, the father of the current Dragons Den panel member of the same name.

The St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club was represented at the 2011 National Final and Banquet by a representative group of club members who were accompanied by a number of adult club leaders. The event was an outstanding success in terms of organisation and co-ordination considering the record number of people who were present at the function. In the lead up to the event, the members of St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club were called upon to attend a photo call outside the local Community Centre, together with Dale O Sullivan (2009 winner of the Hostess of the Year award title), and Joe Conway (Dungarvan 2009 No Name Club finalist), to facilitate the publication of an article in the Sunday Business Post on the 17th April.

The members of St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club have recently attended a drugs awareness workshop that was provided in the Community Centre by the youth officers involved in the St Josephs Youth Programme, Mairead Quarry and Fiona Callanan.

The clubs adult leaders and the young people involved in the club wish to convey their sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who contributed so generously to the clubs fundraising bag packing that took place recently in Ryan's Supervalu Store, Glanmire to whom they express their thanks for their co-operation with this venture.

Our Lady Crowned Church, Mayfield.

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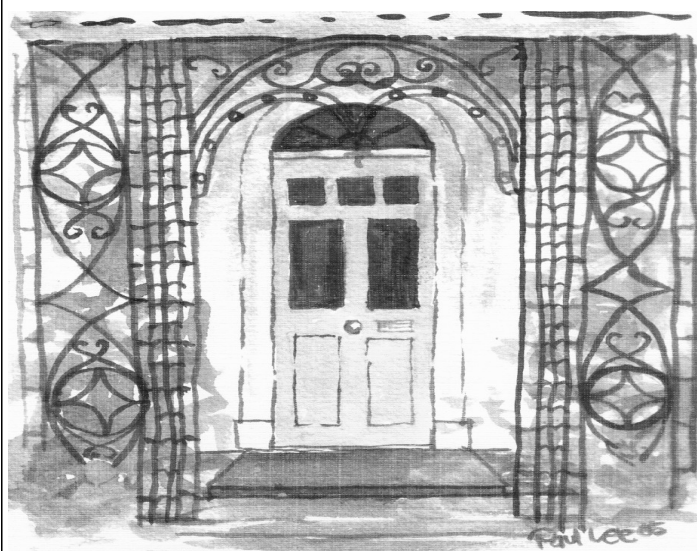
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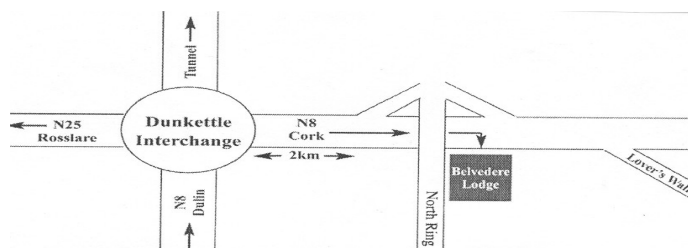
Or find a tranquil spot to sit and chat in our lovely garden, weather permitting!

I had a tea party, this afternoon at three.

*T'was very small, Three guests in all,
Just I, myself and me,
Myself ate all the sandwiches, while I
drank up the Tea.*

*T'was also I who ate the pie
And passed the cake to me.*

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SAVE OUR COMMUNITY WARDEN!

Mayfield is in danger of losing its community warden, Mick Murphy. Cork City manager, Tim Lucey, confirmed at the start of the year that funding from the Department of the Environment for the Community Warden scheme had been reduced by 50 percent.

Socialist Party Councillor, Mick Barry warned of the impact that losing the Community Wardens would have. "There are 28 different jobs that Community Wardens provide," he said. These are wide ranging and very important. Mountains must be moved to ensure these workers are kept on."

Among the many roles that Community Wardens fulfil are organising bonfire nights events, clean-ups, summer camps, walking groups, supporting local youth cafés, patrol of estates, painting schemes and local schools work.

There is a petition to sign to save Mick's position in Mayfield CDP - just go along during opening hours and add your name to the many others who have already pledged their support.



Community Adult Learning Project (CALP), Newbury House Ltd & Mayfield Community Arts Centre, Home School Community Liaison, Write-On Basic Adult Education Service, Health Action Zone, Lotamore Family Resource Centre Ltd., Mayfield Men's Group & St Laurence Cheshire Home.



City of Learning Festival 2011.

Members of the Mayfield Community Education Network would like to thank all those who participated in its annual City of Learning event on the 13th April 2011 in the Mayfield GAA Hall, Kerry Rd.

The venue was full to capacity with young people from local schools participating in choir recitals, Cúig Artists provided a drama presentation and local adults performed different dance routines. Many tutors and learners provided displays of craft work, print making, woodwork, cookery, sewing, make up and photography. The local Irish speaking circle and the environmental forum also gave information on their initiatives. We would like to thank the Mayfield GAA Club for providing their facilities for this event.

Mayfield Community Education Network

**Open Day/Information Sessions
Educational Opportunities for Adults in the Mayfield Community.**

Monday, 12th September 2011
10am to 1pm & 7pm to 8pm

Venue: CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd.

For further details contact: 450 8562

Love Letters in the Sand.

by Ger McAuliffe

This song was very popular in the late fifties and it was sung by Pat Boone who was an American singer, who went on to make several hit records. The disease called love was written about in books, and many songs were written about love. Would you recognise it if you were in love?

Well in the olden days celebrating your Birthday would reveal a lot according to the well known author "John Gray." He believed that if your partner was really in love with you and found you irresistible, you would receive a special exclusive gift like for instance a gold watch with both your initials carved on the back of the watch, or a gold bracelet, or an expensive holiday abroad.

God help poor Joe Bloggs who had little money, how did he show his love? According to Gray, he has to resort to writing love letters, and sometimes poetry and he had to express to her how grateful he was that she was in his life. If she was not impressed with this, his last resort was to write his own love letter in the sand. He may have to wait for the tide to go out, and may have to look up The Ten Day Weather Forecast, before writing his love letter, but if you are in love there are no boundaries.

Gray believed that that if you did not receive some romantic gift on your birthday or on some other significant occasion - ladies you might as well call it quits. He is not in love with you, and chances are that you won't get the most expensive gift of all a "**Wedding Ring**". You will know quite early in the relationship if he loves you. He will usually give you flowers and trips to his favourite restaurant and if this does not make an impression on you he may gain your affection by buying you a diamond ring. I wonder is Gray thinking of Liz Taylor and Richard Burton, who constantly give Liz diamonds.

So, if he is truly in love with you, he won't mind travelling forty miles to see you, and may even swim the ocean for you. Ladies it would take a lot to beat that! Well with the current price of petrol at €1.50 a litre I think he may be travelling on his Honda 50. As he continues his nonstop journey he could listen to Roy Orbison singing "**I drove all night to get to you**" and this may give him some comfort.

Therefore if your man is really in love with you he will do everything to make you happy. He is not aware that you are two stone overweight. No more attending "**Weight Watchers**" as he is truly in love with you and will only see you as being nice and cuddly. Well ladies, if you come across this man who is so valuable, wrap him in cotton wool please as he is a rare species and post him to "John Gray", and someday in the upcoming future we may have the opportunity of seeing him entered into the Guinness Book of Records!

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MAYFIELD NOVICE CAMERA CLUB

Mayfield Novice Camera Club 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 7pm onwards. New members and former students are always welcome. For more information, ring Maureen on: 086 882 8557

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

Mayfield Men's Group



Members of Mayfield Men's Group are pictured after a recent visit to Collins Barracks Military Museum.

Picture: Andy Gibson

NEWSFLASH!

Congratulations to Mayfield United AFC Under-15 Team, which won the Cork Schoolboys Cup at Turner's Cross on Sunday 29th May. Mayfield defeated Avondale United by two goals to one. Well done to the Manager, all the players and supporters.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION NETWORK



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Tutor: Denis Murphy

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Times: 10am to 12noon

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CHARLIE WILKINS: GARDENING

THE JUNE GARDEN

DREAMS; The dreams of a garden start in childhood. These are places of refuge, of hidden pleasure, somewhere unknown to the rest of the world. We have all been there. I admit to having never outgrown the thrill of being in a strange garden and in my youth I spent time (like most boys) 'investigating' grand gardens full of croquet lawns, flowers, fruit and vegetables. Perhaps I spent too much deliberating on where the best fruit section was to be found, but I first had to negotiate the shrubby veronicas, dusty *lonicera nitida*, thorny berberis, and the all-embracing vinca ground cover. If you could peel back the layers of tarmac and concrete which now cover these long-lost properties you would find hayfields and ornamental gardens alongside community vegetable plots, and white painted glasshouses strung about in small orchards. Whilst I can still remember their exact locations, few survive and of those that do, they look like time capsules. Half hidden, I recently saw a shed to the rear of a grand property where I played as a child. It was still standing, swathed and festooned with ancient ivy and it made me realise that I passed that way a hundred years ago. As for the remains of the garden, I tread ever so softly, aware that I may have been in danger of walking upon the dreams of others. And yet there, shadowing the shed was the old misshapen lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*) that I remember, a plant now gnarled and twisted that it looked as if it had stood in that spot for a thousand years. If the gardens of my youth have changed beyond recognition, then so have the varieties of May-flowering lilac they contained!

WILD FLOWERS; No matter where we live, summer brings a freedom from care that is unlike any other time of the year. The season is full of playfulness, wild flowers, light and relaxation. There are dog daisies and red poppies now growing along the wayside and they brighten our environment irrespective of the prevailing weather. The daisies are composites, flowers with an amalgamation or blend of smaller flowers which make a larger image. I like daisy-flowered plants in the garden and there are many good forms which bloom without pause until autumn. There are varieties of *Anthemis tinctoria* in various shades of lemon, but the lemon-yellow form sold as E.C.Buxton is particularly handsome especially when the light falls from directly overhead as it does in July. Compared to some daisies, the flowers of anthemis are small but they are carried in great profusion, and supplemented by magnificent ferny foliage. If I could grow but one daisy plant, then it would have to be 'Jamaica Primrose'. It makes a solid, floriferous bush (eventually) of about three feet covered in blooms of clear yellow petals with rich golden centres. Ideal for pots and ornamental containers it will flower to December given a warm sheltered spot. Kept dry over winter, the plant will spring into life the following year. Cuttings, which root with vulgarity, may be taken at any time during summer and these can be safely over-wintered if you live in a cold area.

TOPICAL TIP; Following the very high temperatures of early June I want to recommend a labour-saving trick which you may like to note. I have used the water absorbing product sold as Phostrogen Swell Gel and found it reliable when you have to be away from your potted treasures for a few days in hot weather. Like all products sold over the counter please stick to the recommended dose-even if you fear a very dry summer. The gel will swell when you first water it and if you put in too much, it will break out through the soil like frog spawn. When the plants are established, feed them weekly with the diluted general Phostrogen food and once flowering really begins, switch to tomato food (Brandon if you can get it)

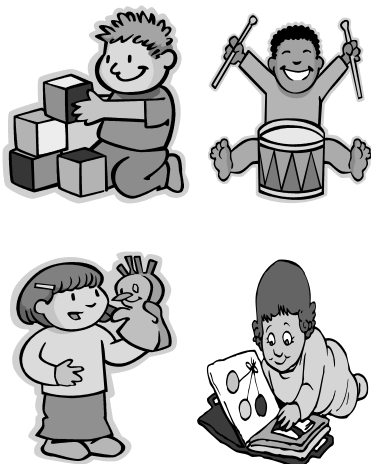
SALVIAS; I return again to salvias. In dry conditions it would be hard to beat the many marvellous forms of shrubby salvia. Most of them survive the winter outdoors and mine are flowering like mad for weeks past. I have a splendid show of red flowers on some big bushes of 'Hot Lips' with plenty more opening on another favourite, the pale yellow 'La Luna'. All members of this group are excellent buys, so look for those with additions like *jamensis* and *greggii* to their varietal names. They are the greatest introductions in carefree, no nonsense plants for the past 20 years.

TRAILING PLANT; If you want an amazing show from a trailing plant, the answer is still to buy the yellow-flowered *Bidens*, even at €2 a plant (sometimes less). It has masses of clear single yellow flowers over spidery foliage like fennel and it spreads in a great tumble out of any pot or window box, growing way beyond the modest size at which you buy it. I have never seen it better than in hanging baskets against the big walls of commercial outlets throughout the entire west Cork region. It really is such a generous plant.

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St. Patrick's College

St. Patrick's College represents Ireland at The European Parliament in Strasbourg

On Thursday 8th April, 24 students from 5th Year Business in St. Patrick's College, represented Ireland at The European Parliament in Strasbourg. The students were chosen to take part in the Euroscola programme, due to their dedicated work and promotion of The European Union throughout the year.

The Euroscola programme brings Young People together from different EU countries and gives participating students an opportunity to see what it would be like to an MEP. Students were split into various working groups to discuss various EU issues. The students were given an opportunity to see the issues they discussed from different points of view and to think again about their own opinions at a Parliamentary forum. Each school from each of the 27 member states made a presentation about their school, city and country and Rebecca Parry of 5th year made St. Patrick's College proud by highlighting the many achievements of the school and extending a warm 'Cead míle Fáilte' to our European counterparts. The trip to The European Parliament was a tremendous success and a huge honour for the school.



5th Year Business Students pictured outside the European Parliament building in Strasbourg.

Picture: Supplied



Pictured from left are: Michelle Crowley, Nicole Mullins, Derval O'Rourke, Eve Morey, Ciara Condon and Casey Swords.

Picture: Supplied

St Patrick's College wows at The National Dairy Council Advertising Awards

A group of 5th year Business and Home Economics students made it to the National finals of The Milk It Advertising Awards Competition. The 'Udder Girls Advertising Agency' was one of 6 teams chosen out of hundreds of applicants nationwide. The St. Patrick's College Advertising Agency was made up of Michelle Crowley, Ciara Condon, Eve Morey, Nicole Mullins and Casey Swords. .

Guest of Honour at the event was Cork sprinter, Derval O'Rourke, who said in her blog; "There were some great representations from schools in Cork and in particular I was super impressed by the 5th year girls from St. Patrick's. They gave a great presentation and were totally engaging."

A second agency representing St. Patrick's College, The Pro-Teen Queens, also did the school tremendously proud by reaching the semi-finals stage, beating off stiff competition from hundreds of schools. The Pro-Teen Queens was made up of Joy Boyzinski, Shauna Keegan, Ciara Burke, Rachel McCarthy and Kelly Tabuno. The ProTeen Queens not only produced some extraordinary Vox Pop research, but also produced a demonstration DVD on making yummy, but healthy milkshakes.

Scoil Mhuire Banríon

Scholarly Pupils!

We were very proud of our 6th class pupils Michaela O'Flynn and Danielle O'Regan who both received scholarships from Mayfield Community School. Congratulations must also go to their families and we wish them every success in their future studies.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to second class girls who behaved so prayerfully and reverently at their Holy Communion Ceremony. They were a credit to their parents and teachers.

"The Walking Man"

Second and third class girls were delightfully entertained by Theatre company "Graffiti".

H.S.E. – Cookery/Nutrition Course

Well done to our parents who attended this course, they found it very enjoyable and learnt lots of useful tips. It was great to have a dietician visit during the course and advise on nutrition for a family. Enjoy the cookery book!

Computer Room

We have recently upgraded our computer room. It now boasts state of the art facilities. Well done to our I.T experts Sr. Margaret Daly & Mrs Ger O'Leary who have worked tirelessly to ensure all is up to speed!

Road Safety Shuttle Bus

The arrival of the R.S.A. shuttle bus created great excitement. We are committed to ensuring our children and their families are reminded at all times of the importance of road safety.

Remember the Safe Cross Code - Be safe, Be Seen!

If you have any queries regarding our school, contact
Mrs Mary O Sullivan, School Secretary: 021 450 3003.

Summer is almost upon us. Have a safe and happy holiday!

AWARE (Helping to Defeat Depression)

Aware (Helping to Defeat Depression) is pleased to announce that it has commenced a second Support Group for those affected by Depression, Anxiety or Stress every Thursday night at 8pm in Blackpool Community Centre.

This is addition to the other Support Group held on Tuesday Nights at 8pm in Inniscarraigh House, Western Rd., (just after the old Muskerry Petrol Station). There is also a meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday for relatives or friends of those affected in this centre only.

All are most welcome. Just be brave and come along - you will be warmly welcomed and together we can all help one another. For more information ring: 087 938 4225

St. John the Apostle B.N.S.



Scoil Naomh Eoin Aspal

Congratulations!

St. John's is proud to say that the school focus on high academic standards has reaped rewards once again with two sixth class boys gaining second level scholarships. Congratulations to Dylan Morley and Stephen Barrett, along with their teacher Miss Cronin.

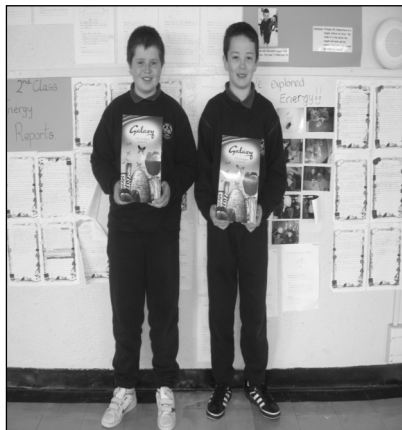
Sport:

Cork City Sports

On Friday the 13th of May, the school's Athletic Team competed in Cork City Sports in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The boys ran very well in their individual sprints and relays with Cian Cronin taking second place and Aaron O'Neill taking third in their respective races. Well done to all the team who represented the school admirably.

Sciath na Scol

The school hurling team had some inspiring performances during the season, most recently against Padre Pio School and Blarney Street School. All members of the team did the school proud, match after match. A special thanks to Finbarr Kiely for his expert help, training and commitment during the year and to the teachers Miss Barry and Mr Lyons.



Junior Achievement

Miss O'Shea's fourth class completed the Junior Achievement Programme. During this time they learned about natural, man-made and human resources and set up their own pretend businesses which had to survive without going into debt! Groups learned through board games about income, expenditure, profit and tax. Each student received a certificate to congratulate them on their business skills.

Confirmation

Wednesday, May the 11th was a very special day in my life as I was confirmed by Bishop Buckley in Our Lady Crowned Church in Mayfield. When I was dressed in my white robe, we got into the car and headed for the church. As I arrived there was great tension in the air. I walked into the church and sat at my appointed seat. There were 47 boys and girls in all. The Bishop and our two local priests walked up through the church as we sang our opening hymn. There was a sweet sound of music throughout the entire mass and during the Offertory Procession an Irish Air was played on tin whistles and glocks. This was a very calm moment. After the celebration, the Bishop posed for photographs with all the confirmation candidates. I got one with just myself and the Bishop. Everything went as planned and the teacher was pleased with our attention. It was a joyful and exciting mass for all who attended.

(6th class student)

Special Thanks and Farewell

St John the Apostle would like to take this opportunity to extend its gratitude to two long serving members of the Parent's Association who are leaving us this year as their sons embark on their secondary education. Nuala Nugent and Valerie Morley have served the school community in countless and valuable ways over the years and will be sorely missed by teachers, students and parents alike.

MAYFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Super Trouper Hits Ring Out In Mayfield Community School

Students from Mayfield Community School had their families, teachers, fellow students and friends dancing in the aisles last week when they performed a series of special shows at the school. The sounds of ABBA rang out as Transition Year students were joined by teachers Liam Begley and Eddie Ellard to perform *Super Trouper* - a spectacular show featuring the songs of Sweden's most famous group. The students worked very hard on the show, putting in hours of rehearsals during the school day as well as after school.

The high-energy production was staged in co-operation with CADA, with musical director Siobhan Carne and artistic director Catherine Mahon-Buckley helping the students. Well-known Cork actor Jim Mulcahy, who directed the show, also performed as part of the cast. School Principal Tony Walsh praised all involved in the production and said all at the school were proud of the students for putting on such a wonderful show.

Homework Club Trip to Blackrock Castle

by Nathan Buckley, First Year

This year I went to our Homework Club group every week. The club meets three times a week after school for one hour. It is a great place to get your homework done and get some study done as well.

To celebrate our end of term, we were brought to Blackrock Castle. We went to the bus at 1.15 p.m. and got on the bus that was bringing us to the Castle. It took us about 10 minutes to get there.

When we got there we were split up in four groups. There was a room with TVs telling us about Stone Age animals and technology. The second room was a circle with magnetic stars and you have to move the magnet around and the stars would move.

After that, we went up on top of the Castle and saw the whole of Cork Harbour and all the ships passing by. The view was spectacular. Then we went down the stairs and went into this small little room. At first we didn't know what it was used for but then we got told that those who lived in the castle in the past, used to hide in the room when they were fighting. After that we went outside, the bus was already there. We got on the bus and it took us back to the school. We all had a great laugh on the bus. I think we all enjoyed the trip out.

Trip to UCC for Science (Chemistry) Competition

by Luke O'Driscoll, First Year

Our Science teacher Mr. Begley told us that the eight pupils who got the highest results in class tests were going to UCC to participate in a science competition. On my team were David, Vasile and Thomas, and on the other team were Lauren, Ryan, Alan and Alex. When we arrived in UCC, we had to do some practical and investigative work to discover which substance matched the killer in a murder case we had to solve. We really loved this as it was like something you would see in CSI Miami.

We also were asked to mix samples of various chemicals. This was great fun. After that and lunch we went to a Chemistry show which was very good and after that we went back into the main room for the results.

In the murder case we didn't win anything but in mixing samples we came first and got mini-clocks and we got Chemistry sets for the school, and when we came back our Principal, Mr. Walsh was delighted and said that he was very proud of us.

Chinese Professor's Visit to our School

by Adam Geraghty, First Year

On Friday 13th May Class Ciara 1 were presented with certificates by Professor Fan Hong, the Head of Asian Studies in UCC. We got the certificates for completing a ten week course with our Chinese teacher, Mr. Pan. Mr. Pan taught us lots of things like how to write in Chinese and to paper cut. We also learned some Chinese and we all know how to say hello, goodbye and write our names in Chinese.

On Friday after we got the certificates, St. Patrick's B.N.S. 5th class came with their Chinese tutor. We taught them how to do some Chinese paper cutting.

We are all very proud of ourselves as Professor Fan Hong told us that we are the first secondary school in Cork to study Chinese in first year. After the paper cutting we went into the Cafeteria to watch two songs from Mamma Mia. It was a very enjoyable day.

GAELSCOIL AN GHOIRT ÁLAINN

by Laura Ní Dhonnabháin

The children of Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn have had a very busy year to date with many children participating in various **drama**, **music** and **art** initiatives. At present our children are busy with various school exams, but all are looking forward to our school sports day, school tours and of course the Summer Holidays!

Comórtas Gael Linn: Boys and girls from fifth and sixth class took part in the Gael Linn mixed football competition on Thursday 19th May. This competition is unique where boys and girls from Gaelscoileanna all over Cork play on 9-a-side teams. With some exciting play and great teamwork, they managed to top their group to reach the semi-final. In the semi-final having gone in ahead by a couple of scores at the interval, the pupils showed great determination facing in to a fierce wind to hold on to reach the final. With already having played two Sciath na Scol games the same week and now heading in to their fourth game of the day, the girls and boys played extremely well in the final. The game finished with Gaelscoil Mala coming out on top but both teams secured places in the Munster finals in the coming weeks. The team will represent Gort Álainn in the Gaeltacht of An Rinn (Ring, Co. Waterford) against some of the best Gaelscoileanna in the province. Tá gach duine an-bhródúil. Go n-éirí libh.



Sciath na Scol – Cailíní sa chraobh arís!

Mí Márta a bhí ann. Bhí na cailíní réidh, bhí siad dírithe, bhí siad ag súil leis na cluichí seo tar eis an cluiche ceannais a bhuachant an bhliain seo caite. Bhí an chéad cluiche i gcoinne Caisleáin Uí Liatháin.

After winning the game against Castlelyons the girls were confident entering the Sciath na Scol competition although at that early stage we had yet to settle on a goalkeeper! Training sessions continued twice a week, with lots of experienced players from 5th and 6th class being joined by girls from 4th class who seemed to improve with every training session they attended. Training was all about practising skills and working on our fitness. When our second match came we were playing against Killeagh we won that with great defending from our backs and excellent scoring from the forwards. When our third match arose against Belgooly we weren't so lucky. We were five points behind at half time and we weren't very confident, but we managed to wake up in the second half and make a decent game of it.

We lost by a point but it was an excellent game between two very good sides. After losing our 3rd match we were even more determined to win the next one against Rathduff, luckily at half time we were ahead and when the final whistle blew we jumped for joy. With training sessions becoming more intensive and two matches within a day of each other following the Easter holidays, the girls were more focused than ever. Thankfully by then we were after finding a goal keeper and everything was going well. We won our final two home games against Glounthaune and Glenville and we were through to the final! Cheers and celebrations followed the win and some girls were even cart-wheeling on the pitch! Then we took a team photo.

Anois táimid ag dul go dtí an cluiche ceannais i bPáirc Uí Rinn i gcoinne Belgooly. Tá súil againn go mbhuaifimid é.

St Patrick's G.N.S.

The end of another busy, productive and fun year!

It's amazing to look back over the months since Christmas and think of all that has taken place in St. Patrick's! We are sad to be saying good-bye to our wonderful 6th class. Both Ms. Conron and Ms. Fitzgerald's classes have done the school proud during the year. They will continue to work hard with an upcoming visit to U.C.C for a science workshop, followed by a trip to the University of Limerick, all before their Graduation ceremony! We wish them all the best in the future.



National Music Day

On the 8th of April, the two 5th classes of St. Patrick's GNS went to the Mayfield Library to join with some other local schools in celebrating National Music Day. We sang a selection of hymns and performed 'Dance Evolution' from the Peace Proms, in which we had taken part last February. Ms. McAuliffe's third class performed the musical Annie, which we all enjoyed. Earlier that morning Ms. Thuillier's fifth class and Mrs. Quill's first class visited the City Hall Library to perform hymns, musicals and a violin piece. This was the 1st class' debut performance as they have only recently started learning the violin. They had practised very hard and everyone at the Library enjoyed and appreciated the performance! We had a great day and can't wait for next year!

By Mollie Garvin in Ms. Hegarty's 5th Class.

City Sports Celebrations

Friday 13th May was certainly not an unlucky day for St. Patrick's GNS, with our City Sports athletes doing us proud by bringing back seven twinning trophies! Kiah Olotu came 1st in the individual running (7 - 8 years). She then went on to come 1st in the County Semi-Finals and then achieved 3rd place in the County Final, which only five others qualified for. Our other speedy individual winners were Lauren Kelly (8 - 9 years) and Kate O' Connell (10 - 11 years). We are also very proud of our Relay team - Shannon Woods, Caroline O' Connor, Jessica Bloss and Amber Smollen - which came 2nd. Congratulations to all of our pupils who took part.

1st Class Enrolments - September 2011

If you wish to enrol your daughter for next September, please contact the school secretary, Siobhán Nagle, on: 021 450 9246

That's just some of the news from our busy school. For more information on our school please check out our website: **www.stpatricksgirls.net**

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

You are invited to join us in our celebration of Irish Fiction, Myths and Legends.

During July and August, you are welcome to taste the *Salmon of Knowledge* with Fionn Mac Cumhaill, travel to *Tír na n-Óg* with Oisín, spend time with *The Children of Lir* on Lough Derravarragh, read *The Turf Cutters Donkey* by Patricia Lynch, *Under the Hawthorn Tree* by Marita Conlon-McKenna, *Run to the Wild Wood* by Tom McCaughren and many more enchanting stories from Irish authors.

Throughout July you can create your own Irish myths & legends cards, take part in our Irish myths & legends reading tree, colouring competitions and word puzzles.

Dates to remember:

Friday 8th & Saturday 16th July

11.30am Irish Myths & Legends story time

Age 7 - 10

Thursday 14th July

2.30pm Dogs Trust Ireland - "How to look after your dog."

Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd July

10.30am to 12.30pm Drama and craft workshops with Oceans of Notions Age 8-12

Places are limited, so booking is essential.

Junior Chess every Wednesday afternoon at 3.30pm, Age 7 - 14

Wednesday 27th July - Junior Chess Tournament at 3.30 pm

The Salmon of Knowledge
Fionn and the Dragon
The King's Secret
The Giants Causeway
The White Gander

Once upon a time there lived a king called Lir...

Seven year old Setanta was determined to become a member of the famous Red Branch Knights ...

Eileen & Seamus lived in a cabin just beyond the crossroads at the edge of the great bog...

(The Turf Cutters Donkey)

The new moon was cradling the faint outline of the old moon in its lap as the vixen made her way quietly up through the darkened fields...

(Run to the Wild Woods)



Ógra Chorcaí

Community Based Drug & Alcohol Services

Mayfield Youth 2000 Phase 1 & 2

A Local Drugs Task Force Initiative

Services available to young people and their families:

- ♦ Individual support for people on a wide range of issues
 - ♦ Assessment for Drug and Alcohol Problems
 - ♦ Access to Community Addiction Counsellors;
Pat O’Riordan and Liam O’Mahony (free of charge)
 - ♦ Access and Referral to affordable Counselling
 - ♦ Family Support & Family Support Group
- ♦ “Reduce your Use” Groups, for people who want to change drug & alcohol use/habits
 - ♦ Various other groups/programmes e.g. Strengthening
Families Programme & Youth Committees
 - ♦ Drug Awareness talks & info for groups of
interested young people and adults.

Deirdre Dennigan
Drugs Task Force Worker
Mayfield Youth 2000 Phase 1
Kerrigan Tyrell Centre
Tinkers Cross
Mayfield
086 852 3077

Martina O’Keeffe
Drugs Task Force Worker
Mayfield Youth 2000 Phase 2
Family Resource Centre
20 Lotamore Park
Mayfield
086 368 2061

St. Josephs Youth Programme

Where?

Based in St. Josephs Community Centre, Old Youghal Road (beside the library)

For who?

All young people aged 8 - 18 years who live in the St. Josephs Parish of Mayfield

What do we do?

Group - issue and activity based.

One to One support on any issues young people may need support with

Family support work

Work with young people in the local primary and secondary schools on issues like health and drugs.

Ongoing groups include:

Issue based groups

Art groups

Youth Committee

Playstation and pool leagues

Golf programmes

Chill out nights

There are more programmes always being developed

How do I get involved?

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

Mairead Quarry: 086 810 3632, Fiona Callinan: 087 997 0951, Ógra Chorcaí Ltd, Youth Workers,
St. Josephs Youth Programme, Mayfield: 021 455 9085

Rainbow Sessional Childcare



Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, Cork.
Tel: 021 4508562

Two sessions daily: 9.30 to 1pm and 1.30 to 4pm.

Vacancies for September 2011.

Contact Helena Ross, Manager, for booking form or further information.

Priority will be given to children of parents who are in Education or Training.



MAYFIELD HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB
Cumann Iománaíochta agus Peile Baile na mBocht

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

in association with Gerald Kean

at BLARNEY GOLF RESORT

Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th June 2011

Mayfield Hurling and Football club is holding its Annual Golf Classic at Blarney Golf Resort on the above dates in June. As well as providing our members and friends with an enjoyable sporting and social occasion, we hope it will be a very valuable source of funding for our club.

Details of the event are as follows:

Date Thurs 23rd {2-4pm} & Fri 24th {10-1pm & 2-4.45pm}
Teams Three Man Team – Texas Scramble
 At least one GUI member per team
 Max Handicap – Non GUI Members: Men 18; Women 26
 Society Handicap if lower applies.

Subscription: €150 per team covers green fees and food. 10am – 12noon
Subscription: €180 per team covers green fees and food. 12.00 – 4.45pm
Subscription Corporate: €250 covers team, food and tee box sponsorship.

When forwarding your entry please state your preferred Tee Time and while it will obviously be difficult to suit everybody, we will make every effort to cater for your needs.

Committee Members: Paul O’Sullivan, Adrian Greene, John Teegan, Robert Boyle, Peter Bracken, AJ Cronin.

ENTRY FORM

Name of Team: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Preferred Tee Time: _____

Cheques payable to Mayfield GAA Club

All enquiries on Tee Times to Adrian Greene 086 816 8771 or AJ Cronin 087 273 2704

Visit our website – www.mayfieldgaa.com

As go brách linn.

le Ciorcal Comhrá Ghaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn.

Sinn-ne baill rang Ghaeilge i nGaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn. Buailimid le chéile gach Déardaoin ar a naoi a chlog ar maidin, agus tá fáilte roimh chách.

Bhí sé réitithe againn dul chuig áit dúchais Pheig Sayers, an tOiléanach, Kruger, agus Murphy's Icecream!

Dá bhrí sin, chuaigh an lucht fhoghlaimeora, ár bpáistí agus dhá mhadra atá líofa go dtí contae Chiarraí i rith saoire na Cásca seo caite.

Bhí na páistí in ann dul suas go dtí an siopa nó taisteal timpeall ar a rothair. Bhíomar in aice le tránna álainn agus an t-uisce bréa le snámh, sléibhte le dreapadóireacht, pótaadóireacht le déanamh, siorcanna (sharks) le feiceáil agus mílte rudaí deasa eile. Bhí an ghrian ag taitneamh an t-am go léir.



Ar an Aoine, chuamar amach ag rothaíocht go dtí Ceann tSléibhe. Thainig Réiltín an madra is lú, in eineacht linn ar an rothar, madra an- chliste agus greannmhar. Fuair na tuismitheoirí caifé, na páistí uachtar reoite agus an madra uisce ar an mbealach. Ansin trasna linn go souterrain chun é a fheiceáil agus ceol a sheinnt ar an chósta garbh sin.

Bhí seanfhear ann ag obair ar an geata agus ag féachaint ar bháinis Kate agus William ar an teilifís istigh san tigin. Duirt sé linn, “Ó, bhí sí go hálainn, bhí gúna deas bán uirthi”. An lá úd, bhí Corca Dhuibhne i bhfad ó gach áit agus bhíomar le chéile fé dhraíocht na Gaeltachta.

ST. JOSEPHS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LTD OLD YOUGHAL ROAD, MAYFIELD.

St. Josephs Community Centre is located on the Old Youghal Road adjacent to the Frank O Connor Library. The building was newly refurbished back in June 2008 and officially opened by the then Minister for Education, Batt O’Keeffe TD. The Community Centre has a number of fully furnished meeting rooms that can be used for community groups, voluntary organisations and any other groups that wish to rent the rooms. There are three rooms that can facilitate meetings and we also have an activity room which can hold larger groups. St. Josephs Community Association Ltd has two youth workers who work with all the schools in the area, as well as one to one sessions, in conjunction with Ógra Chorcaí. The Centre is open from 9am to late at night with three caretakers covering the centre at all times. Groups using the Community Centre are Gramophone Circle, Active Retire Person’s Club, Legion of Mary, No Name Club and Ladies Club.

The Community Association is presently installing a defibrillator in the Centre and twelve Members of Mayfield No Name Club will start training shortly.

For further information on the Community Centre and bookings, contact the Office Administrator, Michelle Hanifin on: 450 0538.

POETRY PAGE

Matinee

by Cliff Wedgbury.

waiting in the darkness
for the film to begin
a matinee performance
with very few in

I chew dry popcorn
coat taken off
sweet bags are opened
someone coughs

sitting on our own
in a world of private dreams
anticipating love
interpreting what that means

half a dozen ladies
and sentimental me
waiting for the romance
at half-past three

Bitter Eucharist

by Catherine McNeill.

Huddled closely they waited.
Always waited.

For what, they knew not.
A river bench their bed.

Quay walls their room with a view.
Frosted fog lavabo to wet bearded faces.

Companionship was theirs.
From a ragged pocket of one,
yesterday's bread is withdrawn,

Broken and shared.
Dregs of last night's wine passed to one another.

All give thanks.
Eat and drink their shared communion.

They who would always drink from life's bitter chalice.

Two White Doves.

by Harry O'Shea.

Two pure white doves one April day
Were left where Padre Pio prayed
Bought by a lady donor they
Rested by Our Lady's Statue there.

They went aloft through doors now bright
Soaring in morning gold sun-light;
Gathering pilgrims prepare for Mass
See the Padre emerge at last.

The Sanctus bell has sounded now
All present with deep reverence bow,
The Sacred Host is lifted up
Also the Blood in Golden Cup.

The two birds fly in swift accord,
Over the altar they greet the Lord,
Hovering in silence – a minute they stay
Then silently too they fly away.

RESIDENTS & COUNCILLORS MEET TO SAVE THE **TANK FIELD**

A public meeting was organised by the Murmont and Montenotte Park Residents' Associations on April 19th in the Ambassador Hotel about the planning application by the Department of Education and Skills to build a school for Gaelscoil An Ghoirt Álainn on the Tank Field. The meeting, chaired by Roland Steinmetz and Dave McGrath from the two associations, was attended by 250 people. The meeting was lively and informative and, at its conclusion, the following motions were overwhelmingly passed.

1. *"We reject any attempt to build on the Tank Field and call on public representatives and public officials to ensure that taxpayers' money and public resources are not wasted on destroying this invaluable green, open, public space."*
2. *"We call on the Department of Education to withdraw their planning application for the Tank Field and use the resources already in state ownership to provide a site for the Gaelscoil."*

Speaking on behalf of Montenotte Park Residents Association, Brendan Goggin gave the meeting information that had been pieced together from documents obtained from the Department of Education and Science under the Freedom of Information Act and other sources. He outlined how the documents showed that a site had been available to the Gaelscoil since 2001 at Tinkers Cross. The Gaelscoil at that time had said the site there was entirely suited to their needs and asked the Department of Education to buy it for them. The Department examined it, found it suitable and agreed to buy it from the Cork City Council, the owners. On the 10th December 2001, the City Council decided, on the recommendation of the City Manager, to sell the site to the Department for the Gaelscoil.

The meeting heard that the site in Tinkers Cross is still available and that last May, a senior official in the Department of Education had recommended to the then Tánaiste and Minister for Education that Cork City Council be contacted with a view to buying it. The meeting was also told of other sites that would be available for the school but that had never been properly considered by the Department of Education or the Gaelscoil. Instead, an arrangement, involving the Gaelscoil, Brian Dillons GAA, Cork City Council and the Department of Education, had been done to take over the Tank Field. Part of it would be sold for the Gaelscoil and the remainder transferred to Brian Dillons. In effect, the public space in the Tank Field would become private property from which the public would be excluded.

Maurice Forde, speaking on behalf of Murmont Residents Association, described the importance of the Tank Field in the life of the community. In an heartfelt address, he spoke of what it meant to him and his family, of how it is a focal point where neighbours meet and how it is extensively used by people of all ages. Building the Gaelscoil would cause an incalculable loss. There are alternative sites available for the Gaelscoil but no alternative for the Tank Field. Once built on, it would be lost forever.

Four members of Cork City Council were present at the meeting, Local Councillors Tim Brosnan, Ted Tynan and Joe Kavanagh, each of whom represent the North-East Ward. Also present was Councillor Jim Corr, from the South East Ward. Each of the Councillors addressed the meeting and pledged their support for retaining the Tank Field as a green, public, open space and sports ground. They each voiced their opposition to the building of the Gaelscoil there. Cllr. Corr, who is Chairperson of the Planning and Development Committee of the Council, quoted extensively from the Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015 to show the importance that the City places on protecting green areas from development and said how it is particularly important in the case of the Tank Field.

In lively contributions from the floor, a wide range of speakers expressed their opposition to the planning application. They called for the Gaelscoil to be built elsewhere and the Tank Field to be retained as the open, public, green space and sports ground that is such an important part of the life of the community in the North East of the City.

A new website has been set up to give information on the Tank Field: www.tankfield.ie

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