

# Mayfield Matters

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## Our Lady Crowned Parish Celebrates its Jubilee.



**The Bishop of Cork and Ross, the Very Rev. Dr. John Buckley is joined by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Terry Shannon, priests and altar servers at the 50th Anniversary Mass at Our Lady Crowned Church, Mayfield on Sunday 27th May 2012.**

Picture: Andy Gibson

This issue of Mayfield Matters joins in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Our Lady Crowned Church. The church is closely connected to the spiritual, educational and social life of our community.

Many of the social services in our area were initiated at parish level. The parish can take justifiable pride in the contribution of the many priests, sisters and lay Catholics who have served the common good. Our Lady Crowned Parish has reflected the changing profile of the area, welcoming newcomers and bringing all together in a community of faith.

Mayfield Matters is staffed by a dedicated team of volunteers who contribute to the Newsletter in all the various stages of production. All contributors who write for the Newsletter do so on a voluntary basis. Mayfield Matters operates independently and is entirely self-funded.

# Mayfield/The Glen Refocus Graduation



**Refocus participant, Lorraine McCarthy, is presented with her CV Preparation certificate by Garda Sergeant John O'Connor and Garda Denis Howard at the Mayfield Refocus graduation ceremony held in May.**

Picture: Andy Gibson



**Breda Ryan-Long receives her Suicide Alertness certificate from Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, Fianna Fáil.**

Picture: Andy Gibson



**Refocus co-coordinator, Breda Ryan-Long and participants of the Mayfield/The Glen Refocus project present Alex McSweeney, representative of the Burkley family who were bereaved three times by suicide, with a cheque for €2,150. The money was raised from a coffee morning/waxing event.**

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# Mayfield CDP

Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield.  
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## Job Seeking Skills Course.

This free course will run for two consecutive mornings on Tuesday and Wednesday 12th and 13th June from 10am until 1pm at the Mayfield CDP. The course will cover CV preparation and interview techniques. If you are interested in attending this course please contact Mayfield CDP on the above number.

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## Family Trips to Youghal.

The very successful family coaches to Youghal, organised by the Community Development Project and Health Action Zone, are running again this year. The dates are Thursdays 19th and 26th July and Thursdays 2nd and 9th August. Tickets will be available in June from the Mayfield Community Development Project. The cost is usually €5 per family and the coaches leave Our Lady Crowned Church in Mayfield at approximately 10 a.m. and leave Youghal for the return to Mayfield at around 6 p.m. Ring Mayfield CDP for more information on: 021 450 8562.

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## Mayfield Community Garden at the Resource Centre.

Volunteers have been working on the new Community Garden at the rear of the Mayfield CDP Resource Centre. This is a mixed group of men and women who plant vegetables, herbs, potatoes and fruit. We look forward to great results in the coming months. Thanks to Atkins Garden Centre and Beech Hill Garden Centre for their donations to us.

The group meets every Wednesday morning from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a professional gardener facilitates the session. The group welcomes new volunteers, with, or without, experience. The group hopes to visit other community gardens in Cork city and county during the summer.

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

### Acknowledgment

The Mayfield Community Garden Group would like to thank Cllr. John Kelleher of the Labour Party and Cllr. Ted Tynan of the Workers Party for their kind donations. These donations helped us to purchase a walk in greenhouse. We would also like to thank John Doolan of the Cow Bar for his generous donation which will help towards the cost of a wooden garden bench.

Michael O'Donnell - PRO

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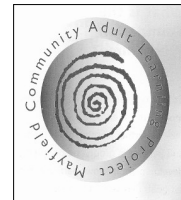
Rainbow Sessional Childcare is based at the CDP Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield. It caters for children from 6<sup>th</sup> months to 5 years old. The staff provide two sessions per day: 9.30am - 1pm and 1.30pm - 4pm. The team can cater for eight children per session.

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

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



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



From the period January to June 2012, over 100 learners have completed courses, accredited and non-accredited, in the areas of Computers, Personal Development and First Aid. Thank you to all of the learners for participating and we hope you enjoyed your experience with the project. Thank you to all tutors who have been part of this process, their commitment to the learners and the project is greatly appreciated.

C.A.L.P. will remain open during the summer months in preparation for the start of a new round of courses from the end of September. So if you have ideas for courses needed in the Mayfield community, or you are interested in any of the courses mentioned in this article, drop into the project or give us a call on: 021 450 8562.

Look out for C.A.L.P.'s stand at the Mayfield Community Education Network's annual information sessions being held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 from 10am to 1pm and 7pm to 8pm in the CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd, Mayfield.

## Possible courses for Autumn 2012:

Foundation Programme (personal development)  
Beginners computers  
Computer Literacy FETAC Level 3  
Practical First Aid  
ECDL module – File Management  
Occupational First Aid FETAC Level 5

All courses have a minimal fee. Courses are funded through part time tutor hours from the City of Cork VEC/ Cork City Partnership. Childcare places may be available in the Rainbow Childcare service next to the CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd.



## Annual Information Sessions about Courses in Mayfield

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

10am to 1pm  
and  
7 to 8pm

CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd, Mayfield.

Further information call: 021 450 8562



## Picture Sales.

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

# Lá Chéad Chomaoineach.

le Aodán Ó Sé.

Is mór an tábhacht a bhaineann le Sacraimint An Chéad Chomaoineach san Eaglais Chaitliceach. Creidimid go dtagann Críost féin chugainn go pearsanta nuair a bheannaíonn an sagart an t-arán, bristear agus tugtar do phobal Dé é. Seo aithris shollúnta chruinn ar ghníomhartha Chríost ag An Suipéar Déanach.

Cé go ndeineann na leanaí óga ullmhú roimhré ar scoil agus ag freastal ar aifrinne speisialta, bíonn sceitimíní orthu ar an lá mór féin, cuid acu feistithe mar a bheadh réiltíní scannán. Bíonn costas is caiteachas, ní h-amháin ar éadaí faiseanta, ach ar chóisir is ar bhrontannaisí thar cuimse. Téann teaghlaigh áirithe i bhfiacha dá bharr san is uile. Is “lá d’ár saol” é an lá seo, agus scrígh an file Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill dán breá ina thaobh i 1991.

*Lá Chéad Chomaoineach.*

*Ar ndóigh táimid déanach. Sleamhnaimid isteach sa phiú deireanach*

*I mbun an tséipéil, an cailín beag sa ghúna bán ar an ngrua.*

*Tá an t-iomann iontrála thart, is daoine ag rá an ghnímh aithrí:*

*A Thiarna déan trócaire, éist le mo ghúí is ná stop do chluais.*

*Sliochtanna as an mBíobla, an Chré is an Phaidir Eocaraisteach,*

*Gaibheann said trím’ chroí ar eiteoga, mar ghlór toirní i stoirm.*

*Tá an cór ag canadh “Hosanna ins na hardaibh”,*

*Gur ag Críost an síol, is ina iothlann go dtugtar sinn.*

*Is tá mórshiúl Comaoineach de gharsúin is de ghearrchailí beaga*

*Ina ngúnaí cadáis nó a gcultacha le rosette is bonn*

*Ar chuma ealta mhín mhacánta d’éanlaithe feirme*

*Á seoladh faoin bhfásach gan tréadaí ná aoire ina mbun.*

*Agus is mise an bhean go dubhach ag áireamh a cuid géanna sa mbealach,*

*Ag gol is ag gártháil, ag lógóireacht don méid a théann ar fán,*

*Iad á stracadh óna chéile, ag sionnaigh is mictíre ár linne –*

*An tsaint, druganna, ailse, gnáthghníomhartha fill is timpistí gluaisteán.*

*Deinim seó bóthair dinn. Tarrac beag mear ar mo sciorta,*

*“A Mhaimí, a Mhaimí, canathaobh go bhfuileann tú ag gol?”*

*Insím deargéitheach: “Toisc go bhfuil mo chroí ag pléascadh*

*Le teann bróid is mórtais ar lá do chomaoineach, a chuid”,*

*Mar ag féachaint ar an ealta bhán de chailíní beaga,*

*Gach duine acu ina coinneleir óir ar bhord na banríona,*

*Conas a inseod di i dtaobh an tsaoil ata roimpi,*

*I dtaobh na doircheachta go gcaithfidh sí siúl tríd*

*Ina h-aonar, de mo dheargainneoin, is le mo neamhthoil?*

FOCLÓIR: bán ar an ngrua = pale-cheeked, iomann iontrála = entrance hymn, sliochtanna = extracts, eiteoga = wings, ealta = flock, mórshiúl = procession, bonn = medal, go dubhach = sad, lógóireacht = lamenting, sionnaigh = foxes, mictíre = wolves, deargéitheach = a complete lie, de mo dheargainneoin = in spite of my best efforts, le mo neamhthoil = against my will.



# Mayfield Community Arts Centre

## Newbury House

Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, Cork

021 453 0434

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[www.mayfieldarts.org](http://www.mayfieldarts.org)

**Cúig artist Bríd Heffernan to exhibit in Belfast:** Cúig artist Bríd Heffernan has been invited to exhibit her artwork as part of Community Arts partnership Belfast's Trash Fashion show event. Bríd's art work is influenced a lot by fashion and pop culture and was spotted by staff of the Community Arts Partnership on a recent visit to the arts centre. The fashion show and exhibition will take place at King's Hall Belfast on Sat May 26th. Good luck Bríd!

Open studio sessions will resume in September at the arts centre. Anyone interested in art classes in a relaxed and creative environment contact the arts centre on: 021 453 0434. Classes are €3 per session with art materials and tea and coffee provided.



**Cúig artists exhibit at Skibbereen Arts Festival:** Cúig artists in residence will exhibit new art work at Skibbereen Arts Festival in July. Hosted by Working Artists Studios, the artists will exhibit a selection of prints, drawings, paintings and mixed media pieces. For more information on the festival go to: [www.skibbereenartsfestival.com](http://www.skibbereenartsfestival.com)

**Globalfest 2012:** Globalfest Youth Arts Festival 2012 is fast approaching. Workshops for young people aged 15 and over will be starting soon in street art and graffiti, creative writing, theatre, music, song writing, rap and dance. The launch will be on June 29th at 6pm at Touchwood Skate Park and the Globalfest main event will be on July 14th at Bishop Lucey park at 12noon. For more info on workshop places, contact Nora on 4530434.



**The Mary McCarthy Irish Dance Group performed after Our Lady Crowned 50th Anniversary Mass.**

Picture: Andy Gibson

# Angel Guardian Nat. School Class 55th Anniversary Reunion.



**Pictured at the Reunion, from left, back row; Sean Cronin, Cyril Murphy, Liam Hurley, Pdraig O'Neill (Teacher), Michael Whyte, Seamus Corbett, Raymond Cremin, Stiofan McNeill and Brendan Goggin. Front row, from left; Eleanor McGarry, Eileen O'Donovan, Mary Ivers, Eleanor Forde, Miriam Rohan, Mairead Curtin, Catherine O'Driscoll and Rena Forde.** Picture: Supplied.

On Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2012, the Primary Certificate Class 1956/57 of Angel Guardian National School, Mayfield, held its third reunion at the Montenotte Hotel, Cork. This gathering was to commemorate the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the class which graduated in June 1957.

The first reunion was held in 1982 in the Metropole Hotel on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee. In 2007, the Golden Jubilee was celebrated in the Ambassador Hotel. It was decided after the 2007 event, as the clock of time was advancing, that future reunions should be held every 5 years and thus seventeen of the class came together in April.

The gathering commenced at 3.00pm with a meet and greet reception and shortly afterwards Pdraig O'Neill, our former teacher, joined the group. He had travelled from Galway to join the celebrations and, now approaching his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday, his mind was as sharp as it was all those years ago. All were conscious that two of our classmates, Timmy Lotty & Brigitte O'Brien, had gone to their heavenly reward since the gathering of 2007, bringing to 6 the number that are now deceased from the Class of 1956/57.

At 5.30pm, Mass was celebrated by Fr Donal O'Brien. Fr Donal's late mother was Nellie O'Driscoll from the village and he helps out in Our Lady Crowned Church. The Liturgy of the Mass was enhanced by the Choristers Choir and we have to thank our classmate Raymond Cremin for organizing their attendance. In the Prayers of the Faithful our six deceased classmates, Hanley Crowley, Declan Gibbs, Timmy Lotty, Eddie Walsh, Breda Talbot and Brigitte O'Brien were remembered.

At 6.30pm all sat down to dinner and after coffee was served a 50 minute PowerPoint presentation of the Mayfield, Montenotte, St Luke's, The Tank Field and Dillon's Cross areas was shown that generated much discussion and fond memories of years now long gone. A letter from our absent classmate Sean O'Brien, formerly Dillon's Cross and now residing in England was read out explaining his absence. Sean has an excellent gift in putting into words his thoughts of his years in Mayfield and in doing so he was very witty. He mentioned that he and a few mates decided to visit Cudmore's orchard without permission as they felt that the need to taste the fruit before it found its way to Cudmore's shops to make sure that it was as fresh as the company said it was. At the finish of the presentation tired bodies began to drift off having given a commitment to meet again in 2017.



# Visions of the King.

## A Book of Spiritual Insight and Inspiration

by Richard Goodison

Local Mayfield man, Richard Goodison, has written a book of cameos which take the reader through a series of visions of the Christian mysteries. These insights are based on his life experience and they are inspired by the writings of scripture and the poetry of the Indian mystic-poet, Rabindranath Tagore.

Most of the visions are fictional, or partly so, and have deeper meanings to be discovered. Some are parables, some reflections, some prayers, some short stories and others are poems. The author does not claim to have had any extraordinary visions.

The book is on sale for €12.50 at the following locations: Mayfield CDP, Old Youghal Road; Mayfield Service Station, next to Mayfield Library; Coolmore Meats, St. Christopher's Drive, Montenotte; Tierney's Centra, Gardiners Hill; Hennessey's Newsagents, St. Lukes Cross; St. Anthony's shop, Old Youghal Road; Easons, Patrick Street and Liam Russell's, Oliver Plunkett Street.

Here are three short extracts from the book:

*The King came into my room and said: "Take up your pen and write as I tell you" and I, as The Kings secretary, took up my pen and waited on his word. I wrote down quickly as he spoke, so that people might read and see visions of The King.*

*The old fisherman bowed his head, tears of humility and joy streaming over his limed face. White smoke poured from a little chimney and the whole of creation hummed with applause.*

*As the tiger upon the crag, as the swan upon the river, as the sun upon the sea, so were you resplendent on the mountain, and then you oh King descended to the humble task of tending to the needs of a sick child.*

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## A Plea from Ennismore Retreat Centre.

The Dominican community has been a stable presence in our area since in the 1960's. Ennismore Retreat Centre, with its beautiful grounds, offers an oasis of reflection and calm. The Retreat Centre opens its doors on a daily basis to groups and individuals who come for prayer, reflection, information, support and on-going education in many areas of personal and communal life. The staff and community have an open door policy in keeping with its Dominican ethos of engaging with all.

However in recent months there have been a number of anti-social incidents on the grounds of the Retreat Centre. The quietness of the retreat house is being disturbed by the gathering of youths on the front and back gardens. Needless to say, this has had a negative impact on the purpose of the Retreat Centre and has caused no little inconvenience to the retreatants. The safety and comfort of all who enter its grounds is a priority for the staff and community of Ennismore. The Retreat Centre wishes to draw the attention of the public to the privacy of the grounds around the retreat house - the grounds are for the sole use of the retreatants. Ennismore Retreat Centre is not a public park. We would ask all to please note the signs requesting privacy within the Retreat Enclosure.

Ennismore Retreat Centre provides a service in being a 'still point' at the centre of busy and stressful lives. Ennismore will continue to offer this service, but is being impeded by the recent anti-social behaviour of some youth. Ennismore has offered to support the work provided by local services for young people in the area. Ennismore has a long tradition of successfully working with young people. We wish to become part of the solution to supporting our youth.

# Charlie Wilkins - Gardening

## Lilac and Dreams

The dreams of a garden usually 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, swaged 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 so 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!

Everything that is fresh, vibrant and spring-like is captured in lilac; colour, form, and a heavenly scent which can pervade for yards in every direction. Try putting a small spray into a bowl of water by your bed and it will transform the atmosphere. Any garden I would argue, (apart from the very smallest) which does not have a single lilac of brilliant white, mauve, or purple in full bloom during May, could be described as positively undressed. What a pity they have fallen from grace and favour.

There are many shrubby varieties of lilac but the common *Syringa vulgaris*, so frequently seen in the past has been with us since the sixteenth century. In itself it was never a particularly beautiful tree once the blooms had finished and gone, so it's positioning was discreet, never prominent.

Nowadays there are so many good modern strains of *Syringa vulgaris* that choosing properly can actually be difficult. But choose you must, from those with single or double flowers and bluish shades, through to the more traditional lilac colours of pink, red and purple. There's even a yellow form to choose from if you so desire but my own choice would be "Monique Lemoine" in white or "Firmament" which is an extraordinary lovely sky blue flowering quite early in May.

Lilacs are still not easily placed in the shrub garden owing to their awkward growth habit. In too sunny a position the flowers fade more quickly, and in shady places they can grow rank and be rather shy at flowering. A site in dappled shade, and ground that drains easily in winter would perhaps be their most favoured spot. On the other hand, they have a noted value for gardens on lime soils or in very bleak and cold districts such as north-facing beds and borders. These modern strains are worth investigation.

## Tit-Bits

Peonies (or paeonies) take their name from a hymn of praise to Apollo and I am drawn to them now by their imperial splendour. I especially love the yellow form known as 'Molly the Witch'. This adopted name came about because its correct botanical name is so hard to spell (*Mlokosewitschii*). Neither is it easy to pronounce even in a good Cork accent! Its flamboyant elegance puts it above many in the same family and for this I give it a prominent position where it can posture during its spectacular, if rather fleeting time in the spotlight. Make sure that all peonies don't go short of water during flowering or that they don't cook in too warm a spring sun. For your efforts, the flowers remain all the longer.

After a long dark winter, ivy growing on house walls can now be looking a little the worst for wear. Encourage fresh new foliage by trimming off many of the old leaves with a shears. Once trimmed, the main shoots can be brushed with a stiff yard brush to remove dead leaves and shoots along with debris which will have collected down the years. Although the wall will look rather bare for a few weeks, a new crop of shoots soon develop with a colour and freshness that only new spring foliage can provide. At the same time, do check that the ivy is not beginning to invade gutters and down pipes or get under roof tiles. Cut shoots back by a foot or so from the eaves, and keep it back also from windows and drains. One word of warning; do make sure that no birds are using the protection of the ivy as a nesting site. If they are, leave well alone. The same precaution should be taken later on when hedges will be getting their first trim, so always check before you begin cutting.

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# Memories of Yesteryear.

by Billy Herdman

*What wondrous memories I have of the Lee  
From sweet Inniscarra right down to the sea  
You've held up your head with grandeur and pride  
I'll never forsake you I'll drift with your tide.*

My love of the Lee and the sea came at an early age, as my father was captain on the 1930 Innisfallen. He sailed from Cork on her maiden voyage, and remained as commander for the next nine years. I still have a pair of brass binoculars, which were presented to him by Harland and Wolff of Belfast when he took over in the shipyard. When I was old enough, which would be about at the age six years of age, and for the next two years my father took me on many weekends to Fishguard and back, to give my mother some respite, as there were nine of us in the family, and as José Murinho would say. "I was chosen as the special one". I slept in my father's cabin on a settee and ate in the restaurant, could life get any better. Then in 1939 my father got a stroke and had to retire. And we moved to Dublin, lock, stock and barrel, where my father died five years later when I was thirteen years of age. When I was fifteen I got a job as a telegram boy, and for the next twelve months I thought that my name was 337, because that is all I answered to in the G.P.O. Then I got an interview from the B+I line and went as deck boy on the Innisfallen in Glasgow. I have already explained what happened next, and so I will continue with the later episodes of the ship.



It must have been hard for the emigrants and indeed the tourists to see what delights that they would miss on this fabulous river Lee on a beautiful summer's evening. It also had its darker side. In mid winter when the wind is blowing fiercely, it would ruffle the placid ripples of the river and turn them into vicious spray. But this would not last and soon it would be back to its calming drifting self. As the ship left the quay with the sound of singing in the background which now was like a dirge or lament, but that would soon disappear as we slowly passed Fords and Dunlops. Then there was Tivoli on the left, with perhaps people waving from the number eleven bus which was then on that route.

After that it was the glorious Marina with the Shandon Boat Club at its start and in between was the Lee Rowing Club and then the Blackrock Club. We would pick up speed after that and round Blackrock Castle into the vast expanse of Lough Mahon; of course these wonderful sights were all free whether you were first or third class. So they had something in common. Soon after that it would be Passage West and as some of the crew were from that area you would hear whistling and shouting. As we approached Monkstown, it would be a sharp turn to port, which is left, as you would know anyway, and then pass Rushbrooke and into Cobh with St. Colman's Cathedral ringing at seven o'clock. After that it was plain sailing as we passed Crosshaven and Fort Camden and on the left Fort Carlisle, and Roches Point. As we are now out on the open sea it brings back a memory of a man who was a hero of mine. It was Christy Ring and he was on his way to London for a G.A.A. celebration. He was invited to the bridge and I happened to be steering at the time. The officer on watch asked him if he would like to take the wheel, which he did. After about ten minutes he said that he had enough and asked me how he did with the steering. I told him that he'd be better off by steering the ball into the net. He shook my hand and went away chuckling. The officer asked me why I did not tell him that he did well as we usually did. I said that there was no problem there, and there was no better boy to take a ballhop.



# Memories of Yesteryear. (Cont'd)

To finish up, I will tell you of an incident that happened on our way into Cork one early morning. We were clipping along at about two miles off Ballycotton when we felt a slight bump. The captain who had just come onto the bridge sent some of the seamen forward to check over the side to see if we had hit a submerged log or something. As we neared the bow we heard a loud thumping noise. We looked over the rails and there was a huge basking shark impaled dead centre on the bow of the ship. The captain put the ship into reverse to see if that would shake it off but it did not work, so we had to take it all the way to the berth, with its tail slapping the hull most of the way. It was sad to see and hear this mighty fish of about twenty feet long ending its life like that. It was taken off by crane and landed on the quay. A photo was in the Echo that evening and hundreds of people came to see it.

Just one more thing which I can't forget is that I met Maura in the late fifties and like the Prince and Princess of Once upon a Time stories, we got married and lived happily ever after.

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## Happy Talk Project.

A new approach to language learning.

We welcome the arrival of *Happy Talk*, a community-based project aimed at improving the language abilities of children from birth to six years old. The project is being pioneered by Cork City Partnership in Mayfield and The Glen areas. It will provide training programmes for parents and also work with childcare providers and teachers. Children with specific difficulties will be offered additional support.

*Happy Talk* aims to create an environment that is rich in language. It will provide child-friendly signs in the area. Story Points will be developed which children can visit with parents and other adults. This is a phased project which will run until April 2014. We hope that our children will become more observant and be able to describe what they see and do by learning new words and phrases. For example, if a child is playing with a jigsaw, explain the colours, the shapes, the objects, the people, the clothes and the background in the picture. Pre-school children can pick up a huge amount of language in this way.

When the child attends pre-school, he or she will be happier with others, learning through story-telling and play. There are twenty pre-schools in the project area and these will be actively involved in this language initiative.

*Happy Talk* is also supporting language learning in the Junior Infant classes at Scoil Mhuire Banríon and Scoil Eoin Aspal in Mayfield, St Mark's NS and St. Brendan's NS in The Glen and St. Patrick's NS, Gardiner's Hill. The children will work in small groups with a teacher, a Special Needs Assistant or a parent, using the resources of the project. At the end of a programme lasting nine weeks, *Happy Talk* staff will continue to visit every three weeks to support the on-going work.

This excellent project is being delivered by Sheila Dillon, Co-ordinator; Jen Keogh, Speech and Language Therapist (SLT); and Aoife Doyle, SLT.

**For further information contact Sheila Dillon at 087 757 3749,  
or email: [sdillon@partnershipcork.ie](mailto:sdillon@partnershipcork.ie)**

*Happy Talk is supported by Cork City Partnership, Cork City Council, Barnardos, UCC, City of Cork VEC, HSE, Cork City Childcare Company, Tomar Trust, National Early Years Access Initiative and POBAL*

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I hope you publish this letter, it's very important that in the current climate (ha) of our city of Cork that we as citizens have the right to choose if we can go out for an evening, dress well, act right, be responsible for our actions and drink responsibly in moderation, and respect the people around us no matter their differences/race/colour etc/ability/disability and so on.

The point I'm getting at is that security/bouncers/managers running or owning the nightclubs in Cork City which are supposed to be public places of social and enjoyment places/venues are the most ignorant, unprofessional, egotistical bigots that ever gathered in one City, and be in control.

I have personally had the most unpleasant experiences at the doors of these "clubs" on (all) of the rare occasions I have had the opportunity, or finances, to 'have a night out'. I would love to know to how many people roughly, this disgraceful and undeserved treatment is also experienced or tolerated. I'm 41 years old, a mother of 3 children and a Corkonian, who rarely goes out but when I do, be able to at least "choose" if I want to go dancing and have another few drinks, sensibly, with my friends and other people, regardless of troubles, just for the "chance" to have a good night out.

I would like to get some idea of how many people, in this age group, 35 - 40 mostly, male and female and all other age groups of course, and conduct some kind of research into why this happens so particularly in Cork City. I would be grateful if you would publish this letter, we all live in difficult times now and they're not going to go away soon, all industry is important and we as people should be important to one another.

Yours sincerely,  
Dawn Sheehan

*Mayfield Matters would like your views on this letter. Have you experienced the same treatment? Do you have any other comments about the Cork clubs and pubs scene? If so, send your letters to: [mayfieldcdp2@eircom.net](mailto:mayfieldcdp2@eircom.net) or by post to Mayfield Matters, Mayfield CDP, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, Cork.*

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## New Suicide Bereavement Support Group in Cork

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month between 7.00pm and 9.00pm, location: Console, 1A Perrott Avenue, College Road, Cork

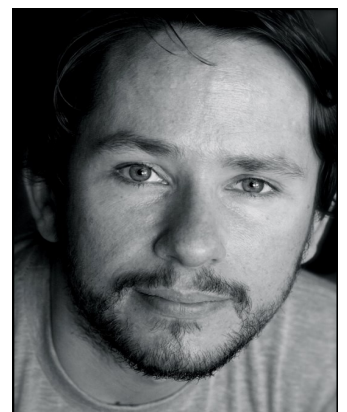
This open support group, which is facilitated by Console counsellors is suitable for anyone who has experienced the loss of someone close to suicide. No appointment or referral is necessary.

For further information contact Console: [www.console.ie](http://www.console.ie) E-mail [info@console.ie](mailto:info@console.ie) or call Console National Helpline – Tel: 1800 201 890, Console in Cork – Tel: 021 427 4218. This initiative is funded by the HSE South in conjunction with Console

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## Mayfield Man to take part in London Olympics!

Darragh O'Leary of Mayfield has recently started work at the London 2012 Olympics. He is part of a team of 20 choreographers who will prepare the participating teams for the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Darragh has been assigned to the British team and he describes this as his "dream job". He is currently working with the team in a studio in central London and will soon move to the former Ford factory in Dagenham, for further rehearsals. Then it's back to the Olympic arena in London for final preparations for this memorable event. Watch out for Darragh who will walk beside the British team at the opening ceremony.



# Staying Safe in the Sun

Here are some easy ways to protect your skin from sun damage:

**Wear sunscreen with a SPF 15 or higher.** If you have fair skin or light hair, you are more susceptible to the sun's rays and should use a sunscreen with a higher SPF.

**Choose sunscreen labelled "broad spectrum"** meaning that it protects against two types of harmful rays: UVA and UVB.

**Use waterproof sunscreen** to make sure it stays on longer, even if you perspire or get wet.

**Reapply sunscreen often** – usually every two hours, but sooner if you've been swimming or are perspiring heavily.

**Cover your whole body.** Remember those areas that can be easy to forget, such as your ears, eyelids, lips, nose, hands, feet, and the top of your head.

**Seek shade or avoid the sun during the peak hours of 10am – 4pm.** The sun is strongest during those hours, even on cloudy days.

**Wear a hat with a wide brim** to help shade your eyes, ears and head.

**Wear wrap-around sunglasses that provide 100% UV protection** to safeguard your eyes.

**Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing that protects a larger area of your skin** such as long-sleeve shirts or long pants. Tightly woven fabrics in dark or bright colours are best.

# Humour

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

Behind every successful man is a woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and fifty for Miss America?

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

It's not the fall that kills you; it's the sudden stop at the end.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Laugh at your problems, everybody else does.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

He who smiles in a crisis has found someone to blame.

# Our Lady Crowned Jubilee

1962 -2012.

A brief history.

Soon after his appointment as Bishop of Cork and Ross, Bishop Cornelius Lucey (1902-1982) proposed an ambitious plan to build five new churches in the fast- developing suburbs of Cork. The new churches were named after the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. They were as follows: Church of the Ascension, Gurranebraher (1955), Church of the Assumption, Ballyphehane (1956), Church of the Resurrection, Farranree (1958), Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross (1960) and Church of Our Lady Crowned, Mayfield (1962).

Our Lady Crowned was therefore the completion of a circle of new churches around Cork city. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Timothy and Ellen Spillane who generously donated the site for the church. Such was their generosity that when it came to building the presbyteries a number of years later they gave part of their front garden "willingly and without cost" to the parish. The parish community took up the huge task of fundraising.

The architect for Our Lady Crowned was Messrs. Boyd Barrett and the building contractors were O'Regan and O'Leary who had successfully completed work on the church in Farranree. The design of the church is an open plan cone shaped building with the altar placed at the apex of the cone and the roof sloping towards the sanctuary. Progress on the building proceeded to plan until the roof stage was reached. The roof was to be of concrete with steel interlacing. Difficulties were encountered in completing the roof, forcing the bankruptcy of the building contractor. P.J. Hegarty & Co. completed the work and the church was opened for worship on June 10th, 1962. On that day, High Mass was celebrated by Dr. Mc Donagh, Bishop of Savannah, USA. Among the attendance were Anthony Barry TD, Lord Mayor of Cork and Dr. Harry Atkins, President of UCC.

On October 8th 1979 Bishop Lucey decreed that the Parish of Upper Mayfield be established. The new parish led to a division of the existing parishes of St. Patrick's and to a limited extent Glanmire.

In 2005, the church required major repair and refurbishment at a total cost of €1.43 million, Parishioners have been most generous in supporting special collections at Mass, in making regular direct bank debits and in supporting many fundraising events. The balance due on this work stands at €39,000 in May 2012, and it is hoped to have this debt cleared by the end of the year.



**The congregation is pictured listening intently to Bishop John Buckley at the 50th Anniversary Mass.**  
Picture: Andy Gibson



# Jubilee

by Aidan O'Shea

It stands for over eighteen thousand days,  
Witnessing the drama of our daily lives,  
Reminding us of the life to come  
And lifting up our hearts.

Days of joy, when infants join with Christ  
At the baptismal font of grace.  
His love will call them back  
To the communion table.

Days of love, when bride and groom  
Exchange their marriage vows  
And hand in hand explore  
Their unmapped voyages ahead.

Days of hope, when a single phrase  
Of scripture may be a lifeline,  
Helping us to persevere  
Against unequal odds.

Days of sorrow, when loved ones pass away,  
Some before their time,  
Others free at last  
From suffering and pain.

Ordinary days, when we may pause  
To rest a quiet while  
Beneath the Virgin Mary's gaze  
And silence forms our prayer.



**Pictured after the Mass are, from L: Fr. Aidan O'Driscoll PP, Fr. Robert Young, Lord Mayor Terry Shannon, Bishop John Buckley, Fr. Noel O'Sullivan and Canon Donal Linehan.**

Picture: Andy Gibson

## Know Your Rights June 2012

### Question

What is the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance?

### Answer

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA) helps you to meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children going to school or college.

In 2012 the age limits changed, and BTSCFA is now paid to children aged from 4 to 22. They must be aged between 4 and 22 on or before 30 September of the year that you apply for the payment. Children aged between 18 and 22 must be in full-time education in a recognised school or college. The rates have also changed in 2012. The allowance paid for each eligible child aged between 4 and 11 on or before 30 September 2012 is €150. The allowance paid for children aged 12-22 on or before 30 September 2012 is €250.

You (the parent or guardian) must be getting certain social welfare payments or payments for training, employment schemes or adult education for at least 6 weeks between 1st June and 30th September. The scheme operates from June to September each year.

The start date for the 2012 scheme is 1st June 2012.

In 2012 the Department of Social Protection will pay BTSCFA automatically to a large number of qualified people. If you received this payment last year and your circumstances have not changed you should receive a letter by mid-June stating when and how your allowance will be paid. If you haven't received a notification letter by mid-June and are eligible for the allowance, you should make an application. Application forms will be available by mid-June in all social welfare offices, the Department's website [welfare.ie](http://welfare.ie) and Citizens Information Centres.

The Department will examine all applications received and will post updates on [welfare.ie](http://welfare.ie) on the progress being made in processing them. You will get a letter informing you of the decision on your application and, if it is approved, when and how your allowance will be paid.

### Further Information:

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

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

Please note our extended opening hours and new phone number.

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Advice Clinics at Roseville House (lower level)  
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Wednesday Morning: 9:00am-1:00pm  
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Email: [cork@mabs.ie](mailto:cork@mabs.ie) or: [www.mabs.ie](http://www.mabs.ie)

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## A SENSE OF PLACE

This book was researched and compiled by the Mayfield Local History and Folklore Group. It contains a trip down memory lane for all past and present residents of their home place.

You can purchase this book for the amazing price of just €5!

The proceeds from the sale of the book are being donated to

Our Lady Crowned Church Debt

The books are available from  
Mayfield CDP: 021 450 8562  
or Joe Mullane: 021 455 0059

# St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club

A representative group of young people involved in St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club, accompanied by their adult leaders, were among the 1000 young people and their club adult leaders who were present in the luxurious surroundings of the Lyrath Estate Hotel in Kilkenny on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April to attend the 29<sup>th</sup> annual No Name Club Youth Awards Finals and Banquet.

The event is the highlight of the year's programme of social activities for all young people involved in the growing number of clubs that are operating successfully countrywide. It is noteworthy that this annual event is among the biggest and most popular non-alcohol functions for young people aged between 15-19 years that takes place in this country.

The compère for the event was R.T.E.'s Damien Tiernan, who was ably assisted by two former winners of these National Awards – Marty Waters (2011) of the Ring of Hook club, Wexford and Dale O Sullivan (2009) of the St Josephs Mayfield Cork Club. A feature of the 2012 National finals was the presentation of two new perpetual trophies to the winners of the host and hostess categories. The trophies were named after two former leading officials in the organisation who are now sadly deceased. These are Jo Hannon, wife of Tommy Hannon, both of whom did trojan work as adjudicators in this competition over many years and Mr. Bobby Kerr, father of the Dragons' Den member of the same name, who played a prominent role in the promotion of the No Name Club ethos following the setting up of the organisation in 1978.

The trip to Kilkenny involved a one night stay over in the hotel by the young club members, under the supervision of the event committee and adult club leaders. At the invitation of the event organising committee, our club's winner of the National Hostess of the year in 2009, Dale O'Sullivan, was given the task of introducing the 2012 finalists in the hostess category and she later presented the runner up trophies to the competitors in the host category.

The 2012 function was filmed by R.T.E. for showing on the Nationwide Programme, and a C.D. is being developed for distribution to all affiliated clubs as part of the promotion of the No Name Club activities to Communities Countrywide. On the club front, the St Josephs Club members are currently involved in the National H.S.E. Sponsored Health Promotion Project. That included participating in a Healthy Eating workshop and a Boot Camp of physical activities for both the young people and adult leaders that tested their fitness levels to the full.

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## Mayfield Man to Compete in the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in South Korea.

Local man, Roy Saville has been selected for the Irish team to compete at the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in South Korea.

Roy, who hails from Upper Lotabeg Road in Mayfield, will compete in the Floorball event, which is an indoor sport made up of three outfield players and a goalkeeper.

The youngest son of Pat and Shelia Saville, Roy attends the Bonnington Training Centre, Cope, Montenotte and is a member of their golf and basketball teams. He is also a member of the Ballincollig Gunners Special Olympics Soccer Club, which has won the 5-a-side Munster League and Cup for the past three years.

Mayfield Matters, and the local Mayfield community, would like to wish Roy every success at the games.



Picture: Andy Gibson

# Blarney Woollen Mills.

## The Aran Jumper and Mayfield

by Geraldine McAuliffe

Christy Kelleher was a remarkable man who went to work in Blarney Woollen Mills at the very young age of thirteen. He worked previously as an apprentice machinist and worked in the mill for twenty-two years. He eventually rose to the position of supervisor and was responsible for maintaining the heavy Industrial machinery. He was a man of great vision and started a small souvenir shop in Blarney, and eventually he purchased the Old Mill, which had closed its doors in 1973 due to a decline in business. With the help of his family, he finally purchased the Old Mill.

His souvenir business from the thatched cottage was transferred into the Mill and the remainder converted into a hotel. The fact that the business prospered is a testament to Christy's enthusiasm and entrepreneurial spirit. He was always there, with a kind word for everyone, especially the many visitors whom he met in Blarney.

Christy encouraged young homemakers in Mayfield in the early sixties to knit for Blarney Woollen Mills, and of course this meant that it could give us knitters an income, which would provide extras to help with the household. It gave us young housewives the opportunity of getting together and we would gossip about the price of food, and the cost of baby clothes, and the nights we had to endure without sleep. We knitters were a great support to one another, and it helped to make life more enjoyable during the early years of child rearing. I am sure many of our readers in Mayfield still remember their knitting days.

Blarney Woollen provided us in Mayfield with the lovely Aran which was beige in colour and it usually came in plastic packages with a pattern, which we had to follow. The pattern usually had the blackberry stitch, and the half diamond stitch, and the honeycombed stitch, all included in the pattern. A supervisor called and looked at the work we produced and examined the garment to see if the knitting was up to the standard they required. The click clack of the knitting needles could be heard at night in our homes, and were sometimes heard as the clock chimed out twelve o'clock. There was something relaxing about knitting as it passed away the winter nights. Those were happy days as we knitters got together and had some lovely days knitting while our small babies slept in their prams. Some knitters used to bake scones while the knitting went on and we would stop to have a cup of tea, and then finally put away our knitting.

The Aran jumper became very popular worldwide and it is now sold as a good Irish product and a handmade craft. Today it is sold to a worldwide market abroad and it is all due to Christy Kelleher the man who had so much vision. When Christy Kelleher died in 1991 at the age of 76, more than 400 people were employed in the business. Today, more than half a million visitors pass through the old stone buildings and historic old mill each year. On behalf of all the knitters in Mayfield. I wish all of his family the very best of luck now and in the future.

# Our Lady Crowned Mayfield Choir.

by Geraldine McAuliffe.

The Choir in Mayfield Church has been in existence for many years and has a combination of people both young and old. The choir, under the musical direction of Michael Joyce, and the priest set the tone for the Mass. The music is carefully chosen, as it leads the parishioners into the message of God. The emphasis of the Mass is to bring together people to rejoice in the word of God. The congregation at Our Lady Crowned on Sunday will notice that the priest, the choir and music, play an essential role in the Mass. One cannot help noticing the large amount of people who love to hear singing in the church by their attendance at Mass.

The choir is a group of inspirational people whose love of music helps to make the choir and music what it is today. Michael Joyce, the conductor, has been involved in music since he was quite young and each week he looks at the Gospel and selects certain hymns that relates to it under the guidance of the priest. Our Lady of Crowned choir has achieved a reputation for its remarkable music, and many people come from different parishes to listen to the choir. Recently Michael Joyce and Marie Long put lyrics and music to a beautiful hymn called "Steps of Time". This hymn has been sung by the choir, and was sung in the Church in Listowel for the opening of the John B. Keane's Writers Festival in May 2012. Marie Long is well known for her poetry and songs, and has written songs in the past for the Eurovision Song Contest.

We have several solo singers in the choir. Ram Gregorio one of our leading solo singers recently compiled a series of his best songs, and the title of his CD is 'I Believe', which includes some of his most popular songs. The CD can be purchased at Our Lady Crowned Church.

Cork's well-known singer Deirdre White has spent over thirty years in the musical business, and has recently joined us in the choir. Deirdre started her musical career with the Montfort Singers in Cork and travelled to Dublin with them and sang at the Concert Hall there. She sang with the Cork Tenors in various venues in Cork and continued to sing at the Cork Opera House for shows like 'Hello Dolly' and 'Camelot'. These shows were very successful. Some of her time was spent in radio recording which she enjoyed. Many of her past years were spent in various drama groups in the Everyman Palace Theatre in Cork. Deirdre is currently singing at weddings and funerals and frequently spends time singing in the churches in Cork.

The musical side of the Choir consists of Joanna Mullins who started her career at a very early age, joined the Mayfield Brass Band and learned how to play the trumpet, under the command of Dan Nolan, and his son Liam who later followed his example. Joanna got valuable experience playing in the rooms with several young musicians, who were equally dedicated to their music. Joanna has played in festivals all over Munster with the Mayfield Brass Band, which participates in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Joanna and her family are dedicated to music, and are seen regularly with her at church.

Esther O'Flynn has been playing the Violin since she was very young and played for several years in her local school. She gave up her music for a period and went back to it in 1991. Esther played in the Cork Youth Group in Medjugorje, and it was from her prayer group in Medjugorje that she joined the Holy Trinity Church and started to play the Violin there every Wednesday night, and continues to play with them. She really enjoys her music and loves to meet people after Mass who usually give her constructive feedback on the performance of the choir. Esther recently won €2,000 and is donating it to Mayfield United Soccer Club. We wish her all the best on her journey this May to Medjugorje.

Liam Barry, our saxophone player, has spent many years involved in music and joined the School of Music when he was quite young. He was a well known figure in the Regal Showband in Cork and the Paramount Showband in Tuam. He played in several Showbands in Cork, which were popular in the 1960s, when rock and roll music became very popular. Liam joined the Mayfield Choir several years ago in the brass section, and truly enjoys his music. We are fortunate in Mayfield to have a group of musicians who contribute their time voluntarily each week to the choir.



## Mayfield in Pictures.



**The Health Action Zone Ballroom Dancers are pictured with their tutors, Betty and Eddie McHale at the Mayfield Lifelong Learning Event. The group meets on Friday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 at the Kerrigan Tyrell Centre, Mayfield.**

Picture: Andy Gibson



**The Mayfield Roseville Singers performed a number of songs conducted by their vocal coach, Muireann Joyce at the recent Mayfield Lifelong Learning Event. For more information on the group, call Patty O'Brien on: 021 452 9023 or 087 653 4419.**

Picture: Andy Gibson



# stresscontrol

Face your fears; be more active; watch what you drink

If you want to learn better ways to handle common problems such as anxiety, depression, low self-confidence, poor sleep and panic attacks then come along to Stress Control. Stress Control is a class that runs over six mornings (10.00am – 11.30am) in a row in Mayfield.

Stress Control is a class – **not** a group therapy – so you do not have to talk about your problems in front of others. You just sit back and learn some great ways to control stress. As stress is so common, there are often 40 people in the class. As it is so popular, we make sure the courses run frequently throughout the year so you will not need to wait long to start a class. Feel free if you want to bring someone with you. They can give you a bit of support and also gets that person on the same wavelength.

What happens in each of the sessions?

**Session 1:** Information about stress; **Session 2:** Control your body: relaxation, exercise; **Session 3:** Control your thoughts: learn to think your way out of stress; **Session 4:** Control your actions: boost self-confidence; **Session 5:** Control panic and **Session 6:** Control sleep problems; control your future.

As part of the Stress Control classes, there are booklets to read before the course starts. These will tell you:

- All about stress
- How to measure stress
- How to work out how and why stress is affecting you
- Self-help ideas to tackle stress

You can also get more booklets and a relaxation CD when you come on the course.

**Please contact Dr. Jessica Dudley, Clinical Psychologist for the next class dates.**  
***To book a place, please call 086 787 1716.***

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## *Mayfield GAA Club*

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

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

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

# Ógra Chorcaí

## St. Joseph's Youth Programme

### Where?

Based in St. Joseph's Community Centre (beside the library)

### For who?

All young people aged 8 - 18 years living in St. Joseph's Parish of Mayfield

### What do we do?

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

### Ongoing groups include:

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

And there are more programmes always being developed!!

### How do I get involved?

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

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

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



# St. Patrick's Infants School

www.stpinfants.com

021 455 1593



**Streetwise:** The boys and girls in St. Patrick's Infants School have become experts at crossing the roads safely thanks to a recent visit from the Road Safety Association. Our halla was transformed into a miniature village, where the children practised crossing at zebra crossings, walking safely on the footpath and cycling in the cycle lane. The children were delighted to receive their very own 'safety licence' and will be keeping an eye on all their friends and family to make sure they stay safe on our roads.

**Into The Wild:** On Wednesday 16th May the Junior Infants ventured into our wildlife garden to explore a natural habitat. Parents were invited to come along and join their child looking for minibeasts, decorating the fairy garden and using scientific equipment like bug collectors, magnifying glasses and binoculars. Everyone had great fun and a big thank you goes out to Catherine and Michelle, our H.S.C.L. team, for organising this activity.

**Drama:** We are very pleased to announce that drama lessons have begun with specialist Evelyn Quinlan and will run for the rest of this term. Each class has an half hour slot every Thursday, during which the children will learn drama methodologies and also prepare for our annual concert in June.

**Camogie/Hurling:** We would like to welcome back one of St. Patrick's familiar summer visitors, Mrs. Liz O' Mahony. Liz is our school's Camogie coach and she puts each class through their paces every Friday when she trains the children in one of our country's greatest sports, hurling. We would like to say a BIG welcome back to Liz.

**Reception Evening:** St. Patrick's Infants wish to invite all parents/guardians of incoming Junior Infants to come along to our school halla on Tuesday 19th June at 7 p.m. for an information evening about starting primary school. Along with learning about our school and the curriculum, you will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and principal.

**Upcoming Events:** Summer concert Wednesday 20th June (junior infants) and Thursday 21st June (senior infants) at 12 noon in Girls' School halla. Swimming for Senior Infants in Mayfield Sports Complex.



**Seo Ciorcal Comhrá An Ghort Álainn, atá ar bun le trí bliain anuas. Beidh siad ag teacht le chéile sa CDP arís i mí Meán Fomhair. Gach eolas ó Aodán Ó Sé ag: [tracton8@gmail.com](mailto:tracton8@gmail.com) Beidh fáilte romhat!**

Picture: Trish Cotter



Scoil Naomh Eoin Aspal

# St. John the Apostle Boys' Primary School

## Minister Hogan Presents Green Flag Number Two

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May, we were delighted to receive our second Green Flag for the collaborative effort on the theme of Energy. The Minister for the Environment, Phil Hogan, presented two student representatives from the Green School Committee with the flag at a special ceremony in The Silversprings Hotel.



## Port of Cork Project

The pupils of fifth class presented their project on the Old Train Line as part of the Port of Cork Schools Initiative 2012, to the Customs House for display. The boys worked diligently on the project for six weeks under the guidance of Miss O'Shea, Miss O'Brien and Mr. Cremin. The pupils were rewarded for their efforts with a trip to Cobh and whilst there, they enjoyed a boat and train ride.

## Communion

Congratulations to Second Class which recently made its First Holy Communion in the Church of Our Lady Crowned, Mayfield. The boys were excellent throughout the ceremony and did their teachers and school proud. Special thanks to Miss Neville for all her hard work and musical talents.

## City Sports

On Friday 18th May, the School Athletics Team went to Páirc Uí Chaoimh to compete in the Primary School Sports Competition. Well done to all the boys who proudly represented their school and congratulations to Cian Cronin who came first in his race and, in the process, made it to the County Finals.

## Trips

Upcoming trips include a visit to Ballyhass as part of the Junior Achievement Programme for 6<sup>th</sup> Class. The school's 5<sup>th</sup> Class have been invited to C.I.T.

## Maths Challenge Cup

The current holders of the Maths Challenge Cup are Ms. Neville's 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. It was a nail biting finish, with a sudden death final round. Hard luck to Ms Griffin's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class who put up a great challenge.

## New pupils

All new pupils for the year 2012/2013 will be contacted for an interview time in early June. Any queries, please call Michelle or Nano on 021 450 5716.

School will close on Friday 29th June for Summer Holidays.



### First Holy Communicants.

On Saturday 12th May our second class students received their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all our First Holy Communicants. Once again a great day was had by all. Thank you to Fr. Pat for the lovely Mass. All the children were very reverent and prayerful on their special day. Thank you to Ms. Noreen Crowley who prepared the girls so well.

### September Enrolments Junior Infants – 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

If you wish to apply for a place for your daughter for September please contact: Principal, Regina O'Sullivan or Secretary, Mary O'Sullivan on: 021 450 3003.

### Barber Cup (Tennis).

Once again Scoil Mhuire Banríon will participate in the Barber Cup at Sundays Well Tennis Club. This is an annual event in which we have participated for many years. The team to represent the school this year is: Emily Whyte, Loren O'Driscoll, Leah Harrington, Emer Kenneally, Lyndsey Aigabolga and Ellen Bowman. Thank you to John O'Rourke, Catherine Murphy and a special thank you to Ann McCarthy for all the coaching sessions in the Glen Resource Centre. Best of luck in the competition, girls.

### Cork City School Sports.

Scoil Mhuire Banríon entered the City Sports this year, after a few years off. It was a great day for those involved. The participation in all sports is encouraged and hopefully onwards and upwards from here. Ms. Hession must be thanked for all her hard work and training. The following girls participated: Emily Whyte, Loren O'Driscoll, Shelley O'Connell, Emer Kenneally, Stephanie Cambridge, Tabitha Crowley, Andrea Carroll, Megan Hennessy, Sophie McCarthy, Sophie Harte, Leah O'Riordan. Teegan Murphy, Casey Hegarty and Hayley O'Driscoll.

### Mural Painting in the School Yard.

Jean Barry Murphy will be busy with parents and children over the coming weeks painting the walls in the yard. Jean has already been busy indoors with a mural of the Titanic. A sincere thank you to Pat McDonnell Paints for their very kind sponsorship of paint for this venture.

### Micro Biology for 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

Local Scientist Brenda Murphy past pupil will deliver talks on Micro Biology to 6<sup>th</sup> class students in June. We are really looking forward to having Brenda back in school.

# Scoil Mhuire Banríon (cont'd)

## 50 year Celebration

### 1962 - 2012

This year is very important for Scoil Mhuire Banríon. The school is celebrating 50 years in education in Mayfield.

Sunday 17th June is our day of celebration. The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon in the Church of Our Lady Crowned. The school will be open to past pupils from 2.30pm to 4.30pm and we also look forward to welcoming past teachers. We are calling on all past pupils to come along on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June to meet with old friends. A slide show will be set up in the hall showing a selection of photographs taken over the past 50 years. We are still on the look out for more photographs, if you have any, we would be delighted to see them. These will be scanned and returned to you. Please give any pictures to Mary in the office, or ring: 021 450 3003 and we will collect them.

If you were one of the 111 pupils registered on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1962, we would be very eager to hear from you. A list of these girls is available in the school.

#### Principal's Project

To involve present pupils in the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations, the Principal, Mrs. Regina O'Sullivan, has organised a project competition for the girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes. The project is "Scoil Mhuire Banríon through the years."

Children may be looking for information from as far back as the '60's, so if you can help the girls in anyway, please do! It is very important to give our pupils a sense of the past and of belonging to the school which we are also proud of today. Prizes will be awarded for the best projects and all projects will be displayed on the day of celebration.

Scoil Mhuire Banríon celebrating 50 years in education.

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### News from Nowhere

by Michael O'Donnell.

*Quote of the month- "Forgive all your enemies but never forget their names"*

#### Austerity.

This word when understood is frightening. It means less money in your pocket, larger class sizes and longer hospital waiting lists. But does it apply to everyone? Of course not: only to those on fixed incomes, such as the unemployed, pensioners and lone parents. How does the "Recession" affect people on different incomes? Some people are expected to survive on 200 euro a week while others are living on 2,000 euro a week. Are the underworked and overpaid politicians, Government advisers, the higher civil servants, the RTE Prima Donnas and the hospital consultants feeling the pinch? We all, rich and poor, pay the same price for a loaf of bread. One thing is certain: there's no such concept as, "Poor Countries," only poor people. As the theory goes, "We're all in the same boat together." Then why are the poor doing all the rowing?

#### Pedal Fanatics.

Cycling is a healthy pursuit and should be encouraged. More cycle lanes are needed. Nevertheless, there are cyclists who do not obey the rules of the road and cycle recklessly on footpaths and pedestrian ways. Footpaths in Cork city are no longer safe for the old, the unsighted and parents of small children.

The Road Traffic Regulations 1997 provides that "A pedal cycle shall not be driven wholly or partly along or across a footpath." News from Nowhere is informed by the Minister. "That instances involving cycling on footpaths may constitute a more serious offence of riding a pedal cycle without reasonable consideration, careless riding of a pedal cycle or dangerous riding of a pedal cycle. A fine of up to €2,500 and/or three months imprisonment can be imposed."

Walking is also good for you and if pedal fanatics want exercise, I suggest they walk.



# Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn

## Assembly Sharing: Féasta Foghlama Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn



As a multi-denominational school, our Ethical Education Curriculum – *Croí na Scoile* – explains and explores the major belief systems in the world in an educational manner, teaching children about these faiths and beliefs without endorsing any particular one as religious truth. Recently, Naíonáin Mhóra explored the Japanese festival, *Kodomo Ho*, Rang 1 celebrated Lá Bealtaine (May Day) and Rang 5 agus Rang 5/6 marked the Holocaust. The educational aim of this work is to model positive information about world faiths in a respectful atmosphere which highlights rights and responsibilities. We all learned a lot at assembly.

## Innovative Research Project in Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn: Cé Sinn?

We are delighted that University College Cork has chosen our school as an important research site. Dr. Stephen O' Brien, UCC, aims to explore how children's identity development is diversely shaped in our unique school – the only Irish-medium, co-educational, multi-denominational Educate Together school in Ireland. We look forward to participating fully in this exciting research project. Above all, we look forward to learning more about ourselves. We also look forward to presenting an informed perspective of 'who we are' to the wider community.

Ní h'aon ualach í an fhoghlaim!

## Tionscadal Rang 5

Ghlac Rang 5 páirt i gcomórtas dar teideal "*Longa, Traenacha Gaile, Eitleáin Mara – Nasc Chuan Chorcaí*" a bhí eagraithe ag Calafort Chorcaí le déanaí. Cruthaíodh taispeántais ina bhfuil dánta téamacha, líníochtaí, grianghraif agus faisnéis curtha le chéile as ábhair éagsúla i bhfoirm 3T. Bhí an tionscadal ar taispeánt go poiblí i dTeach an Chustaim do mhí Aibreáin. Bronnadh teastas rannpháirtíochta agus turas saor in aisce ar an rang ag searmanas speisialta sa chathair. Mar thoradh na hoibre, beidh Rang Shíobhán ag déanamh ar an *Titanic Experience* agus ag filleadh ar ais i mbád. Beidh turas teoraithe Chuan Chorcaí curtha ar fáil dóibh ar 30 Bealtaine 2012. Táimid ag súil go mór leis an lá! Ar aghaidh linn! Comhghairdeas Rang 5!



## Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn i bhFéile Gael Linn

Bhí lá iontach ag na páistí a ghlac páirt i gComórtas Gael Linn i mbliana. Is comórtas é seo ina bhfuil cúigear buachaillí agus ceathrar cailíní ag imirt ar an bhfoireann céanna in aghaidh foirne ó Ghaelscoileanna / scoileanna Gaeltachta eile. D'éirigh le Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn i ngach cluiche agus bhí comh scór ann sa chraobh. Níor éirigh linn sa chraobh. Tá dea scéal ann don scoil áfach mar beidh páistí ón scoil, ó Ghaelscoil na Dúglaise agus ó Ghaelscoil de hÍde ag dul ar aghaidh go dtí cómórtas na Mumhan a bheidh ar siúl sa Rinn ar an 5 agus 6 Meitheamh 2012. Beidh Cóimórtas Peile, Trá na gCeist agus rince ar siúl ag na páistí ann agus beidh said ag fanacht thar oíche i gColáiste na Rinne! Táimid anseo sa scoil fíor-bhuíoch dóibh siúd ar fad a chabhraigh leis an gcóimórtas a eagrú anseo i gCorcaigh; Múinteoir Deaglán, Múinteoir Deiric, Gael Linn agus CLG Baile na mBocht ach go háirithe. Maith sibh!

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## Read, Learn And Explore.

You do not need to be a member to make use of many of the Library's resources, such as Local Studies, Learning & Reference resources, newspapers & journals, or to attend any of the talks, readings, classes or other events which take place regularly in Cork City Libraries. Use of these is free to the public.

## Membership Fees:

Everyone up to 18 years: FREE

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You can renew these items either online or by 'phone.

## What's On?

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

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

Knitting Club meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 11am

Junior Chess Club meets every Wednesday at 3.30p.m., catering for 8-12 years. New members welcome.

Saturday is Colouring Competition day, all day.

## Saturday 16 June

10.00a.m.- 1.00p.m. & 2.00p.m. – 3.30p.m.

Western Front Association presents 'Understanding The Great War'

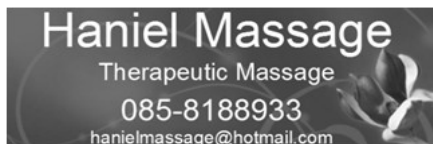
Did someone in your family serve in the Great War? Would you like to know more about the Great War from a Cork perspective? Do you have medals or documents? Bring them along.

Our Summer programme for children will be available at the end of June. Join in the fun.

Pick up a copy of the programme from us.



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## Lotamore Preschool and Afterschool Service



Lotamore Preschool is now taking names for afternoon sessions. Sessions run from 12 noon until 3:00pm. Apply before the end of June as places are limited.

**\*Summer Camp places still available\***

Summer Camp runs for the whole of July and sessions are Monday to Friday from 10am - 1:30pm.

**Camp costs just €35 per week**

**Discount for families!**

The preschool has a lovely atmosphere with genuine, caring staff.

Lotamore Preschool, 20 Lotamore Park, on the Glanmire Road, 3rd right after the Amber Garage by the Grotto.

For further information call Ciara on: 021 450 2997



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Monday to Friday

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