

# Mayfield Matters

**FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER, HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL NEWS**

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## Mayfield Banks Respond to Community Fears

We return to the story of the two impending Bank closures planned for Mayfield. There is a palpable disappointment and resentment in the air all around the locality at the decisions taken by senior management at PTSB and AIB in this regard. Given the massive debts run up by our Banks during the “Celtic Tiger” years, these closures are not unexpected, though neither are they desirable.

When Mayfield Matters contacted the Permanent Trustee Savings Bank (PTSB) for a comment, we were re-directed to its website. This offered nothing by way of apology to us in Mayfield, and indeed, lest we think that our branch is the only one for the chop, there will be fifteen other closures nationwide as well. Its version of good news is that; “There will be absolutely no change to your existing account(s) and all your account details will stay exactly the same”. If you have a PTSB account in Mayfield, you are directed to go to its North Main Street branch now, apparently for your convenience.

### The Credit Unions

The picture with AIB is much clearer. Its local manager stressed that AIB has been building close links with the Post Office network for several years, seeking to share elements of its services with An Post. We understand that at the time of going to press, one of our two Post Offices, either on Kerry Road or in Montenotte, will be enabled to offer many AIB services through their branches. And lest we forget, our two Credit Unions in Mayfield also provide many financial services to the area including, PayPoint bill payments, Cork City Council rent payments, quicklodge, foreign exchange facilities, incoming payments by direct debit, money advice and budgeting service, travel insurance and death benefit insurance. There is, most likely, a branch within easy reach of you and Credit Unions may offer many benefits over the “Main Banks”, not least because they are “not for profit”. Management and staff at Our Lady Crowned Credit Union and St. Joseph’s Credit Union, would be happy to discuss your financial needs with you at any time.

### An Post

We spoke to Mr Frank Curtin, Operations Manager for An Post in the south, who assured us that An Post is willing and eager to assist AIB customers in every way possible. Work is under way “To allow AIB customers in the vicinity of closed branches to lodge cheques, in addition to lodging and withdrawing cash using AIB debit/ATM cards and to make payments to AIB credit card accounts six days a week” at their local Post Office. But while AIB and An Post are striving to make the forthcoming closure as painless as possible, it appears that PTSB is not talking to the Post Office. So, the advice again from PTSB is to get yourself down to North Main Street (at your own expense for what appears to be its convenience).

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# Mayfield Banks Respond to Community Fears (Cont'd)

And so, we have a tale of two banks. In reality, banking for the individual has changed over the years and most people today use ATM's for access to cash, rather than visiting their local bank teller. In the Mayfield area, we are well served by these in the supermarkets and garages and although the machine outside the existing PTSB will most probably be taken out of service, we can expect a new ATM machine to appear in, or near, a Post Office instead. Accounts already in either bank will remain the same and be honoured in the city branches and standing orders will remain unchanged. Your chequebook continues as before and any loans outstanding are also applicable as before.

In the wider context, the news is mixed and confused. AIB assures us that none of the workers in its Mayfield branch will lose their jobs as a result of the closure, while the PTSB website offers no assurances in this matter, one way or the other. When both venerable institutions have de-camped from amongst us, what will become of their premises? We know from experience elsewhere that commercial property situated in residential areas, can run to seed very quickly when un-occupied and attract anti-social behaviour in its vicinity. It is our belief that both banks have operated profitable businesses here on the backs of the people of Mayfield for many years and have a moral responsibility to the neighbourhood now, to ensure they do not leave a mess in their wake.

After all, people are pretty tired of cleaning up after the banks as it is.



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# Mayfield CDP

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Mayfield CDP would like to thank the Mayfield Community Gardeners for helping to organise the launch of the garden by the Lord Mayor, Cllr. John Buttimer which took place recently. The garden is open to all in the Community and the group is always looking for volunteers to help. The group has access to a professional gardener, Mr. Denis Murphy, every second Wednesday morning. Denis's position is funded by the City of Cork VEC. Some members from the Youth Training Workshop in Mayfield, including their leader, Val, also helped prepare the garden for the opening. We would like to thank the Cork City Council who gave a grant of €750 towards the cost of equipment, etc. We would also like to thank Aisling Services for keeping the grass looking so well maintained and the Tús worker who built the wall in order that we could hang the side gate. Thanks also to our Local Councillor John Kelleher and our Community Garda SGT. John O' Connor for attending the launch. Finally, we cannot finish this piece without saying a big thank you to Michael O' Donnell, a founder member of the gardening group.

The CDP Management and Staff would like to thank Glen Walsh who was on student placement with the Resource Office from the beginning of June to the end of July this summer gone. Glen came from the National Learning Network and he worked here on a specific project. He was asked to update our Local Community Directory; he did this with great vigour and kindness to all involved. This directory is a great form of information for houses, businesses and workers in Mayfield. There is now a need for a new directory and we are actively seeking sponsors to assist us in this regard.

Mayfield Action On Suicide helped in the local clean-up of part of the Old Youghal Road, which took place recently. The group has been asked to do a clean-up in the area of Our Lady Crowned Church on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October as the Sunday Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October will be televised as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Mayfield CDP is planning to hold historic walks of the Mayfield area. We are bringing in the expertise of local man, Joe Mullane, to help us with this new venture. We would then hope to be able to offer these walks to local walking groups and schools. Anyone wishing to help with organising these local events or to give us information, please contact Patricia on: 021 450 8562.

At the Community Education Network Meeting which was held in the Mayfield CDP, we were taking names for the new proposed Drama Group for adults.

The Mayfield Camera Club is meeting in the Mayfield CDP premises and this group is open to all in the community. Maureen Considine facilitates this group. The group meets on the first Monday evening of every month. Contact Mayfield CDP for more information.

Rainbow Sessional Childcare is based in Mayfield CDP. It takes care of 8 children in the morning session and 8 children in the afternoon session at very competitive rates. Helena Ross is the Manager, so please contact her for more information on: 021 450 8562.

The CDP Resource Centre is open from 9.30am to 5pm from Monday to Friday, services available are photocopying, faxing, typing and access to the computer room. Groups can have access to a meeting room; times and prices can be obtained from reception. Ring Michelle or John on the number above. We have a Facebook page in relation to up-and-coming events and information on courses available. Search Facebook for 'Mayfield CDP'.

Finally, thanks go to our Mayfield Matters volunteers who work very hard behind the scenes producing this Newsletter.



# Awareness of Local History

Mayfield LCDP and the other local residents are hoping to compile information on historic walks in Mayfield. We are looking for walking groups, schools etc., to participate in this new venture. We have a lot of the information re. various historic buildings and places throughout Mayfield, and we would like to bring this information to walking groups or schools.

Anyone interested in joining this new group or if they have information on old houses, history or folklore, please contact Patricia on: 021 450 8562.

We would like to thank Mr. Joe Mullane for his help in this new venture.

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## Keeping Mayfield Clean

The Mayfield LCDP, in conjunction with Mayfield Action On Suicide (MAOS), is holding another morning of organised "Clean Ups" in the Mayfield Area. On Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> we will be cleaning up the area around the Church of Our Lady Crowned.

The group will meet up in Mayfield CDP Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road at 11 am, and will finish at approximately 12.30 p.m.

To participate, you must be an adult. For more information, please contact Patricia on: 021 450 8562 or look up the MAOS Facebook page.

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## 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 €9, the photographs are sized 7" x 5". Other sizes are available on request. We can also supply pictures from back issues. Contact the CDP for orders or more details on: 021 450 8562.

## Medical Notice

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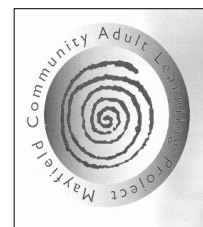
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## New Autumn Courses 2012

### Beginners level computers with internet & email

- Runs either Monday or Thursdays, starting early November 2012.
  - 10.30am to 12.30pm
  - 5 sessions
- Computer room, Community Resource Centre.

### Beginners computers for Men (Community Education Outreach Initiative)

- Wednesday afternoons.
  - 2 to 4pm
  - 6 sessions
- Computer room, Community Resource Centre.

### General aspects of C.A.L.P. courses:

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

*All courses are dependent on numbers and funding available*

*To book your place on any of the courses, please contact: 021 450 8562.*

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Thanks to all who attended our annual information sessions which were held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Two sessions were organised where local and city based educational organisations advertised their courses, services and supports which are available to people living in the Mayfield Community.

Thanks to the CDP Community Resource Centre, staff and management for giving their building over to the Community Education Network to use for the day. The centre and its garden were in pristine condition.

Congratulations must go to the Community Garden Team on the launch of its Community Garden by Cllr John Buttimer, Lord Mayor of Cork, .

# Mayfield Community Garden Launch

by Conor Lynch

The Mayfield Community Garden, based at the Mayfield Community Resource Centre, had its official launch on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. The Garden has been developing nicely for the last 9 months and Wednesday's launch was the culmination of many days and hours of hard work.

The garden was launched by the Right Honourable Lord Mayor, Councillor John Buttimer. The Lord Mayor praised the work being done by the Mayfield Community Development Project, highlighted its dedication to the people of Mayfield and hoped that someday he will receive his "Mayor's Bounty" of fresh produce from the garden! The Chairperson of the Community Development Project, Tom Walsh, thanked the Lord Mayor for visiting the centre and launching the garden project. Many people enjoyed the launch as it was run in conjunction with the open day for the resource centre. A number of local children were clearly delighted with the beautiful sunflowers, planted by the children at Rainbow Childcare!

The resource centre staff, alongside a dedicated team of volunteers, a gardening tutor, the young people from the Mayfield FAS Youth Training Workshop and the Aisling Centre, have made this beautiful community amenity a reality. The garden is another example of what can be done when communities pool their resources together. However, there is still plenty of work to be done and all potential volunteers are welcome to take part in the project. It is a great opportunity to learn about growing your own fruit and vegetables, meeting others and having some fun. The gardening group meets every Wednesday morning at the Mayfield Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road, from approximately 11am to 1pm. We look forward to seeing you!



**Proud Community Gardeners show off their achievements to City dignitaries. Pictured, from Left, are: Community Garda SGT. John O'Connor; Fr. Michael Keohane; Cllr. John Kelleher; Gardening Tutor Denis Murphy; Garden Volunteer Michael O'Donnell; Cork Lord Mayor, Cllr. John Buttimer; Garden Volunteer Conor Lynch and CDP Chairperson, Tom Walsh.**

Picture: Lisa O'Mahony.

# Mayfield in Pictures



**Members of MAOS Committee are pictured with Donncha Cuttriss before his Hill Climb Challenge. From Left: Kevin O'Sullivan; Cyclist, Donncha Cuttriss; Darren O'Connell and Carmel Kennedy.**

Picture: Andy Gibson



**CDP Chairperson, Tom Walsh, helps Brenda Corcoran cut her Retirement cake.**

Picture: Andy Gibson



**Donncha Cuttriss gives the thumbs up before he starts his Patrick's Hill 100 climb challenge.**

Picture: Andy Gibson

# Mayfield Man Conquers Patrick's Hill!

Local man and ultra-cyclist, Donncha Cuttriss, climbed Patrick's Hill, 100 times recently, in aid of Mayfield Action On Suicide (MAOS). Donncha, known affectionately as 'Capper', took six hours and twenty five minutes to complete the challenge, during which he had to endure torrential rain, passing cars and the small matter of the mighty Patrick's Hill. Donncha raised over €2,000 for the Mayfield Suicide support group. Mayfield is very proud of Donncha's inspiring achievement.



**Donncha Cuttriss nears the top of Patrick's Hill during his Patricks Hill challenge.**

Picture: Andy Gibson



**Young Jason Hurley is pictured collecting contributions for MAOS as Donncha Cuttriss starts another of his many climbs of Patrick's Hill.**

Picture: Andy Gibson



# Local Community Development Project News

People may already know that Patricia Cotter is now working for Mayfield LCDP which is based in 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield. Patricia will continue to do the work that she has already been involved in. She will also work with the elderly re.alarms for the elderly, Mayfield Action On Suicide and other local groups in Mayfield.

## Up and Coming Events for October to December 2012.

The recent Forum for the Unemployed was such a great success in April, we have decided to hold another one at 10 a.m. on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This is an opportunity for local unemployed people to speak to all agencies involved in getting back to work. Representatives from Social Welfare, Adult Guidance Service, Mayfield Community Training Workshop, Enterprise person from Cork City Partnership, Employment Support Worker and the Citizens Information Board will all be in attendance. Each representative will tell you what they can offer. For more information ring Patricia on: 021 450 8562 or email [pcotter@partnershipcork.ie](mailto:pcotter@partnershipcork.ie).

We will also be holding a Job Seeking Skills Course for 2 sessions on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. at Mayfield CDP, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield. This course will provide support and advice on job searching skills, including CV layout, format, cover letters/letter of application, application forms and interview techniques. It will provide information on education and training options. If you are interested in doing this free course please contact Patricia on: 021 450 8562 or email: [pcotter@partnershipcork.ie](mailto:pcotter@partnershipcork.ie). Lucy Hastings of the Cork City Partnership will be facilitating the course. People can contact Lucy on: 021 430 2310 or [lucyhastings@partnershipcork.ie](mailto:lucyhastings@partnershipcork.ie) for information in relation to the course.

Donie O'Leary has joined the team in Mayfield CDP. He is an employee of Cork City Partnership and is based in 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield. He brings a great deal of experience and knowledge to his new role here in Mayfield. He works mainly with groups and gives support to the disability sector. He provides disability awareness training to service providers and schools etc. Please contact him on: 021 450 8562 or email him at: [doleary@partnershipcork.ie](mailto:doleary@partnershipcork.ie). Donie is also working with local groups here in Mayfield, representing LCDP on the Health Action Zone, RAPID and is also involved in youth activities in Mayfield.

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## New Mercy Urgent Care Centre

The Mercy Urgent Care Centre is located at St. Mary's Health Campus, Gurrabraher, Cork City on the grounds of the former St. Mary's Orthopaedic Hospital. The Mercy Urgent Care Centre offers assessment and treatment to anyone who has had a recent minor injury, for example, suspected broken bones, minor burns and scalds or cuts. There are, however, certain injuries that cannot be treated, including; Children under 10 years old, injuries following a fall from a height or a serious road traffic accident, serious head injuries, chest pain, abdominal pain, gynaecological problems, serious neck/back pain, pregnancy related conditions and pelvis or hip fractures.

The Mercy Urgent Care Centre is staffed by a team, led by a consultant in emergency medicine, including doctors, clinical nurse managers, staff nurses, radiographers, multi-task attendants, physiotherapists, social workers, pharmacists and clerical staff. Anyone from Cork City and County or those visiting from elsewhere can come to the Mercy Urgent Care Centre.

The Mercy Urgent Care Centre is open from 8.00am to 6.00pm, 7 days a week. After 6.00pm, patients should go to the Emergency Department at Mercy University Hospital or Cork University Hospital.

In an emergency you should go to the Emergency Department at Mercy University Hospital or Cork University Hospital or call an ambulance on 999 or 112.

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Anyone who is using an aerial to receive their television signal will have to take action before this date to continue receiving TV broadcasts. While most people will make the switch themselves, some people may need a helping hand from those who understand their needs. We encourage you to get involved by making sure that the people that use your services are informed of their options. A team of 26 Digital Outreach Champions has been deployed across the country to assist you in this effort.

The Champions are responsible for implementing the Community Outreach Digital Switchover Programme in their area. The programme is a national initiative coordinated by 'The Wheel', in conjunction with Irish Rural Link, with funding from the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.

Your local Digital Outreach Champion will provide you with impartial information on the Digital Switchover, how it may affect the people you work with and what their options are. Your Champion can help you to build a 'digital switchover' dimension into your events from now to October.

You will find your local Champions contact details online at: [www.goo.gl/oaBfS](http://www.goo.gl/oaBfS) or contact Dónall Geoghegan at: [donallg@wheel.ie](mailto:donallg@wheel.ie). For more on the Community Outreach Digital Switchover Programme, visit: [www.wheel.ie/digitalswitchover](http://www.wheel.ie/digitalswitchover).

Contact your local Champion today to help make sure that nobody is left behind on 24th October!

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# Cléire: Oileán Gaeltachta Chorcaí

le Aodán Ó Sé.

Is é Oileán Chléire, atá trí mhíle ar fhaid agus míle go leith ar leithead, an t-oileán is faide ó dheas in Éirinn a bhfuil cónaí ann. Tá sé ocht míle amach ó chósta Iarthar Chorcaí. Tá Carraig Aonair (Fastnet) léi féin 3 mhíle siar ón oileán. Síneann Carn Uí Néid (Mizen Head), an pointe is faide ó dheas ar an mórthír (mainland), siar ó thuaidh.

Chualas trácht ar Chléire de'n chéad uair thart ar 1960, nuair a cuireadh feachtas (campaign) ar bun leictreachas a chur ar fáil ar an oileán. Chuaigh meithil oibre ó chathair Chorcaí, baill den Réalt agus ceardchumannaigh (trade union members) chuig Cléire i rith an tsamhraidh. Iad siúd a dhein an tochailt (digging) chun píobáin uisce reatha agus cuailí (poles) leictreachais a leagan amach. Bhí an t-Athair Tomás Ó Murchú, sagart Chléire an-ghníomach sa bhfeachtas forbartha. Cuireadh Comharcumann (Co-operative) ar bun ar mhaithe le fostaíocht agus áiseanna pobail ar an oileán. Ní fuirist pobal a chaomhnú ar oileán mar seo, agus tá thart ar 125 daoine, Éirinnigh agus eile, ina gcónaí ar Chléire inniu. Gaeltacht bheag bhídeach is ea Cléire, an ceann is lú ar fad, déarfainn. Tagann 200 daltaí scoile ann i rith an tsamhraidh chun freastal ar dhá choláiste Ghaeilge.

Tá féile idirnáisiúnta scéalaíochta (storytelling festival) ar bun i gCléire le beagnach fiche bliain anuas. Shocraigh Nuala Ní Loingsigh, gur as Gaeltacht Mhúscraí í ó dhúchas, lá Gaeilge a reachtáil ar an bhféile i mbliana. Bhailigh roinnt ball de Chiorcal Comhrá an Ghort Álainn ag céibh Dhún na Séad (Baltimore Quay) roimh a deich a chlog maidin an chéad lá Meán Fómhair.

Ghluais bád farantóireachta (ferry) *An Cailín Óir* chun seoil go deas mín ar dtúis, ach bhraitheamar suaitheadh na dtionnta (turbulence) ar ball go dtí gur shroiseamar fothain (shelter) an oileáin. Seo romhainn amach ar an gcéibh Nuala agus minibus an oileáin réidh aici le tabhairt faoisna bóithríne cumhanga (narrow) chuig Coláiste Chiaráin.



Seomra ranga mór le cistin ar chliathán amháin agus leithris ar an gcliathán eile, é go léir suite i lár páirce, sin é Coláiste Chiaráin. Diarmuid Ó Drisceoil a chuir tús leis an scéalaíocht, mar ba chóir, toisc go dtagann a shinnsir (ancestors) ó Chléire. D'innis sé scéal amháin a bhain le brú an Bhéarla isteach ar dhaltaí le Gaeilge amháin nuair a cuireadh na scoileanna naisiúnta ar bun i lár an 19ú aois (19<sup>th</sup> century). Thuig tuismitheoirí (parents) le Gaeilge go raibh gá le Béarla ionnas go bhféadfadh na leanaí taisteal chuig na cathracha nó thar lear chun slí bheatha a bhaint amach.



## Cléire: Oileán Gaeltachta Chorcaí (cont'd)

Rugadh agus tógadh Máire Uí Laoire ag baile fearainn (townland) Ghort na Leabhar ar Chléire. Isé abhí mar bhean an tí againn ar feadh an lae. Bhíodh siopa beag ag a muintir ina raibh bainne agus im an oileáin ar díol, chomh maith le h-earraí (goods) on mórthír, idir feoil, plúr, arán bán, milseáin agus ola paraifín. Bhí scéalta is cúlchaint (gossip) an phobail le clos ag Máire. Níos comónta abea an bhothántaíocht, daoine ag taisteal go tithe na gcomharsan (neighbours) le bheith ag scéalaíocht. Fuaireadar an leictreachas i 1969 agus chuir an telefís deire leis an mbothántaíocht. . Ós rud é nach bhfuil meánscoil ar Chléire, fuair Máire scoláireacht chuig Coláiste Íde sa Daingean. Chaith sí sé bhliana ann mar dhalta cónaithe (boarder). Tá Máire ina cónaí sa Ghaeltacht fós i Múscaí agus cáil ar a mac Noel ar fhoireann pheile Chorcaí, iad siúd fós ag fulaingt ór bhuaigh Dún na nGall orthu.



Oileánaí eile isea Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh. Chaith sí a h-óige ar Oileán Oirr (Árainn) agus ar Chléire, tráth go raibh a h-athair, Feargal mar bhainisteoir comharcumann. Is í an Ghaeilge a príomh-theanga dhúchais (native language) agus d'fhoghlaim sí traidisiún amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós i gCorca Dhuibhne, Gaeltacht Chiarraí, mar a bhfuil cónaí uirthi anois. Ceoltóir ioldánach (multi-talented) isea Muireann a chuireann béim fé leith ar thraidisiún amhránaíochta na Mumhan chomh maith le ceol a sheinm ar an bhfeadóg mhór is ar an bhfeadóg stáin (tin whistle). Is breá liom a cuid taifeadaí (recordings) CD/ iTunes: *Fáinne an Lae* (2006) agus *Dual* (2008) le Julie Fowlis ó Albain (Scotland). Chan Muireann *An Spealadóir (The Reaper)*, *Mollai na gCuach Ní Chuilleanáin* agus *Bruach na Carraige Báine* le tionlacan bouzouki óna fear céile, Billy Mag Fhloinn. Ansin, chríochnaigh sí le cúpla ril Chiarraíoch ar an bhfeadóg. Clár aoibhinn ar fad! Beidh CD nua dár teideal *Ar Uair Bhig an Lae/ The Small Hours* ar fáil ó Mhuireann sar i bhfad.

Is as Gaeltacht Mhúscaí do Eibhlín Ní Lionaird agus Áine Uí Choill a thug léargas (demonstration) dúinn ar thraidisiúin ranna grinn (humorous verses) agus lúibíní (dialogues) na dúthaí sin, traidisiún ata beo bríomhar fós; tá ceard agus faobhar (skill and cutting edge) ag baint leis na míreanna seo. Fé mar is dual (as is the custom) bhí roinnt scéal is eile le rá ag an comhluadar chomh maith. Bothántaíocht thar barr (excellent) ar ndóigh! Ní rud sa chófra ná sa leabharlann é traidisiún Ghaeilge Chorcaí, buíochas le Dia!

# Attention Mayfield Businesses!

## A New Advertising and Information vehicle for Mayfield Matters

Having lived nearly twenty years in Mayfield, a friend from the other side of town told me about a fantastic car mechanic he'd been using for ages. The guy sounded brilliant, as my friend waxed lyrical about him. Apparently this mechanic was top class, really knew his stuff and with very fair prices for what he offered. I remember regretting not knowing about this mechanic when on many occasions, I'd been less than pleased with the guy I was using at the time. It turned out this miracle mechanic had his business across the road from me here in Mayfield!

The secret of any sale, whether you are buying a tin of beans in a shop, or indeed, a new motor car, is that the buyer and seller must be happy. The buyer must be happy with the quality and price and the seller must make a reasonable percentage profit for his goods or services. So, how does the seller find the fair customers who don't want everything for nothing, and how does the person with money in their pocket find the product or service they want or need at a fair price?

We are launching a two page "Advertorial", starting in our next issue, in order to connect the community of Mayfield with good reliable business people in the area. Our readers will get the chance to see the story of a featured business in the Mayfield area every issue. You will learn what your friendly local suppliers can do for you, what they are planning to offer you in the future and why in certain instances, you do not have to go far to find what you are really looking for.

Similarly, businesses in the area, can tell their story directly to the very people who matter most to them, their customers, old and new. Allowing our local businesses to talk directly to customers they may never have met, will create the opportunity for those business people to demonstrate their wares for the benefit of both parties. Our bi-monthly free newsletter has a potential readership of 8,000 people in Mayfield. We view it as a service to the community that we should inform you, our readers, about much that is available close to you, but you were not aware of.

To start the ball rolling, we invite approaches from business people in the Mayfield area who would be interested in discussing an advertorial with Mayfield Matters.

*(Contact John on 021 450 8562)*

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## Forum for the Unemployed

The Local Community Development Project is organising a Forum for the Unemployed in Mayfield. Attendees can access information on employment, educational and training opportunities and welfare rights. The forum is a 'must attend' event for individuals who need to be skilled or re-skilled, require access to education and training, or to avail of, and explore, job opportunities.

The event will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 10am in Mayfield Community Development Project, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield and will last for approximately 2 hours.

Representatives from various agencies have been invited to attend from Social Protection, Community Welfare Service, Adult Guidance Service, Local Employment Service, Enterprise Section of the Cork City Partnership, Mayfield Community Training Centre and the Citizens Information Board. Each representative will explain what they can do to help you and you can talk to them, or make appointments to see them at a later date.

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# Halloween

by Geraldine Mc Auliffe

Halloween is approaching us quickly and what better place to celebrate Halloween than here in Cork. If you are going to take part in the Halloween festivities now is your opportunity to dress up for a fancy dress party. Bonfires, Festivals and Ghosts, Witches, and Goblins are all part of the Halloween spirit!!!

The Halloween celebrations started around 100AD in Ireland. Halloween was a pagan festival and it was celebrated by the Celts in Ireland. They called it "Samhain", and this was an old Irish meaning for the end of Summer. The Celts believed that dead spirits would revisit the earth, and so they lit bonfires to keep the evil spirits away. It was celebrated on the 31<sup>st</sup> October each year, and this was called All Souls Day. The Banshee was invented to scare the daylight out of you, and on all Souls Day we had to walk on the footpaths and not on the road. If one heard the "*Banshee*" cries one was never sure if it was a cat or the "*Banshee*" this was supposed to be a sign of death. Sure, it was all a myth, but some people believed in this.

Trick or Treat was practiced in the old days and poor children went begging from door to door on Halloween, and sang songs or offered prayers for the dead in return for food and money. Trick or Treat at the door in the past had no eggs thrown as this could be your breakfast gone. There were no barmbracks in the old days only a flattened piece of bread and this contained some fruit in it, and it was known as a Souling cake.



The custom of dressing up in costumes was from the old Celtic tradition when people used to dress in costumes that resembled evil spirits. At Halloween, the veil between the living and the dead left men dressing in white, and they blackened their faces to resemble the dead, and they believed this stopped them from visiting your home and annoying you in the middle of the night. Huge bonfires were also lit to keep away the evil spirits.

Today in Ireland, the traditional Halloween cake is called a barmbrack, and it is filled with fruit. Also, included in the cake are the Ring which signifies Marriage, the Bean which signifies Wealth, the Pea which signifies Poverty, and the Stick which signifies

a person being beaten? The shelves today are filled with Barmbracks in the Supermarkets and children love to cut the Barnbrack to see what is in store for them.

What we received at Halloween in the past were nuts and apples. There were no fancy sweets or crisps although I don't think it was for a healthy diet reason only that was all people could afford, at least the "*Monkey Diet*" kept us all slim and there was no need then for "*Weight Watchers*". The games you played in the past were very basic, nothing to get overly excited about. High blood pressure was unknown in those days due to basic foods and lots of exercise. Snap Apple was the most exciting game you got on the night. The apple was dangling from a string attached to the ceiling and the highlight of the night's activity was that you were blind folded and you had to bite the apple, and if you were successful in this trial you won the game. This was supposed to be your "*Celebrity Jungle*". The next big trial you got was to put your head in a basin of water and to try and bite the stem of the apple and pull the apple out. While you were struggling with this task it was necessary to bring your "*Shampoo and Conditioner*" as your hair was thoroughly washed while performing this task. Not alone was your head wet your clothes were drenched as well. We had great fun and great memories. How did our mothers do it? With little money, and so little time, the Halloween party always went on.

I wish you all a Happy Halloween.

# Mayfield Community School Excels

by Tony Walsh (Principal)



The results achieved by the school's examination students were excellent this year where more than 20% achieved 400+ and 500+ points in the Leaving Certificate and 70% of Leaving Certificate Applied students received a Merit or Distinction.

Pictured are some of our high achievers who will now progress to Teacher Training Courses in the University of Limerick and Business Courses in UCC or CIT. I am delighted to acknowledge the commitment and effort of all our students in preparing for their examinations, availing of after school study programmes, the support and assistance of their committed teachers, Guidance Counsellor and school staff, as well as the additional classes provided by staff in their own time and through the UCC and CIT Access programmes.

As Principal, I wish to acknowledge the parents of all our students for their support and assistance in ensuring that our young people enjoy an educational experience of the highest quality, which will prepare them for success in their lives and whichever career path they may choose. These students would also have benefited from our link with Janssen Pharmaceutical, whose staff support students through the 'Business in the Community' Project by acting as mentors and preparing students for life beyond second level schooling.

Our Junior Certificate students also performed extremely well in their examinations and are now currently participating in a varied and busy Transition Year Programme. For all potential new students, enrolment for the 2013/14 school year closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.



**Some of our very successful Leaving Certificate Students proudly display their certificates. From Left to Right; Ashvin Valadyon, Daniel Morley, Aidan De Lacy and Darren O'Riordan.**

Picture: Supplied.



## Know Your Rights October 2012

### Question

I turned 65 in June 2012. I am getting a reduced State Pension (Transition) since my yearly average of PRSI contributions was less than 48. I heard the rates for State Pension (Contributory) were changed in September. Will my pension be reduced when I turn 66?

### Answer

No, it will not be reduced. People getting a State Pension (Transition) are automatically paid State Pension (Contributory) from age 66 and there is no need to re-apply. If you qualified for a State Pension (Transition) before 1 September 2012 you will stay on the same rate when you transfer to a State Pension (Contributory) when you turn 66.

For example, if you qualified for a State Pension (Transition) before 1 September 2012 and your yearly average contributions were 24 you get a pension of €225.80 weekly. When you turn 66 you transfer to the State Pension (Contributory) and your payment will stay the same. However a new applicant (after 1 September 2012) for a State Pension (Contributory) with the same yearly average contributions would qualify for a pension of €196.00.

Although most people getting a State Pension (Transition) transfer automatically, some people might be better off re-applying for a State Pension (Contributory) at age 66. For example, if you were self-employed and paid Class S contributions, you might qualify for a higher rate of pension at 66 (since class S contributions do not count towards a Transition Pension). In a few cases, the credits paid with State Pension (Transition) may give you a higher yearly average and allow you to qualify for a higher pension when you reach 66.

The Department of Social Protection will tell you which option is better for you and in most cases will transfer you automatically if you qualify for a higher-rate State Pension (Contributory). You can also get information on your pension entitlements from your local Citizens Information Centre.

### Further Information

Further information on this and other matters is available in confidence from the Mayfield Citizens Information Centre, Roseville House, Old Youghal Road, Mayfield. Telephone: 0761 076 880. *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 076 850, the Citizens Information Phone Service on: 0761 074 000 or online at: [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Please note our extended opening hours and new phone number.

# Our Lady Crowned Mayfield Choir

by Geraldine McAuliffe

Our Lady Crowned Choir recently commenced choir practice on Sunday mornings in preparation for the forthcoming celebrations of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church. As part of these celebrations, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October, R.T.E. will televise the 11 O'clock Mass live from the Church.

The Mayfield Choir welcomed Fr. Michael Keohane to the parish, and wished him well on his new appointment to the church. Each week, under the guidance of the priest, the final hymns are discussed and are usually related to the Sunday Gospel.

The choir recently welcomed three new singers; Sheila McCarthy, Mary Mc Kenna and Beryl Cronin. They are well known choir singers, from taking part in various performance in the City Hall and Carrigaline Court Hotel. They have been involved in various productions, and have taken part in many concerts over the last decade. Presently, they are amalgamating with the Cope Foundation Choir in the City Hall, for the Lord Mayors Heritage night. We wish them the best of luck, and hope they have a full house on the night.

One of our leading singers, Ram Gregorio, is available for weddings and private parties. His appearance at the Cork City Hall for the Over-60's when he was a guest singer was very successful and his latest CD called 'I Believe' proved very popular. We look forward to hearing more from Ram in the future and we wish him well in his singing career.

Cork well known singer Deirdre White is currently involved in singing in the Mayfield Choir and brings a wealth of experience from her performances at the Cork Opera House and her involvement with the famous "Monfort Singers" in Cork. She sang beautifully at Our Lady Crowned Church for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass. We are fortunate to have her in the choir and appreciate her time and effort, which she gives willingly.

We welcome one of our leading singers Jessica O'Connell who recently returned from a trip to New Jersey, which was very successful. Jessica spent her summer at the New Jersey White Camp undertaking general counselling and teaching the children to sing. She has also spent time in CADA Performing Arts Studio in Pine Street, Cork and took part in several shows and pantomimes. She is presently studying music in the University of Limerick, is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year and is enjoying her experience. She is currently on placement in the Voice Work Studio and we wish her the best of luck in all her pursuits.

Marie Long is as busy as ever composing new hymns for Christmas, and the titles are as follows, "Dreams of Bethlehem" and "Christmas Remember the Day of the Lord's Birth". Marie Long and Michael Joyce have worked together composing music and songs, and their latest hymn "Steps of Time", proved very popular in churches in Cork and Kerry". We look forward to hearing more from these two talented people in the coming year. On behalf of the choir we thank you all for the warm reception that you give us, and welcome your presence each week at our Lady of Crowned Church Mayfield.

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## Situation Vacant

The Mayfield/Old Youghal Road Project based in Ard Bhaile Community Centre has Community Employment Vacancies in the following venues: Childcare Vacancies in Glenfields Community Childcare, Newbury House Family Resource Centre, Baile Beag Creche and Mayfield Community Pre-School.

For more details or an application form call: 021 455 22454, email: moyrp@eircom.net or call into Ard Bhaile Community Centre

# New Parish Priest at Our Lady Crowned Church

‘Welcome to our parish and welcome to Mayfield’, the words of John O’Gorman, Chairman of the parish assembly in Our Lady Crowned, to Fr. Michael Keohane on Sun. Jul. 29th as he commenced work in Our Lady Crowned Church. Similar words of welcome were expressed by Roger Aherne and David Lane at other masses on that weekend. There was widespread sadness when both Fr. Aidan O’Driscoll PP. and Fr. Pat O’Mahony SMA CC were transferred to other appointments during the Summer. Fr. Aidan is the new parish priest in Clonakilty and Fr. Pat is to be curate in Douglas Parish and resident in St. Patrick’s Rochestown Road.

Fr. Michael is taking on substantial additional work in replacing both Fr. Aidan and Fr. Pat. Speaking at weekend masses on the weekend of Jul. 28th & 29th, he said that he is delighted to move to Mayfield. He is looking forward to working with numerous parish groups and representative bodies. He is looking forward to the great participation of so many people in different areas of parish life.

Fr. Michael has previously worked as full-time chaplain to Ballincollig Community School for five years, ten years as curate in Carrigaline parish and most recently, almost eleven years as curate in Douglas parish and priest-in-charge of St. Patrick’s Church in Rochestown. All his work to date has been in new and rapidly expanding areas. Fr. Michael has spent all his years in parish life and we all look forward to getting to know him well as a familiar and welcoming face in his many challenges ahead.

Fr. Michael, we all welcome you to Mayfield and especially to Our Lady Crowned Church. May you have many happy years there and be assured of the goodwill, support and prayers of all parishioners and Mayfield people.



**Fr. Michael settles into his new position at Our Lady Crowned Church.** Picture: Supplied



# Mayfield Community Arts Centre

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## FETAC & Open studio sessions

The weekly Thursday open studio session will resume on Thursday 4th October at the Arts Centre from 10.30am - 12.30pm. The class is €3 per session, with art materials, teas and coffee provided.

FETAC courses in Print and Art & Design Level 3 are also beginning in October. If you would like more information, please contact Lynda on: 453 0434. FETAC Level 3 in Organic Outdoor Crop Production which began last Easter, continues every Wednesday.



## Cúig artist's exhibit in Galway, Bandon and CUH.

Two members of Cúig artists in residence are currently exhibiting art work at Cork University Hospital. Art by Angela Burchill and Bríd Heffernan was on display until the end of September. Following on from this, art work by Stephen Murray, Frankie Burton and Ailbhe Barrett will then be exhibited at CUH until early November.

We are delighted to learn that Ailbhe and Bríd have also been chosen to exhibit as part of 'Impressions 12' at Galway Arts Centre. Impressions is Ireland's longest open print submission and encourages, promotes and showcases the best of print in Ireland. It runs until October 11th in Galway Arts Centre. Work by the five Cúig artists can also be seen in the windows of business premises around Bandon for the annual Bandon 'Engage' Arts Festival. For more information check: [www.engageartsfestival.com](http://www.engageartsfestival.com)

## Mayfield Youth share their imaginations for a better future

### Globalfest Youth Arts Festival



### President Michael D. Higgins Being Young and Irish Seminar



During the summer, young people from Mayfield, Clare, Kildare and Dublin spent 6 days together at a Youth Arts Seminar. The seminar was funded by Leargas through the Youth in Action programme. Young People explored how to imagine a better future for themselves, their communities and for the world. They worked with theatre, dance, animation, rap, creative writing and visual arts. All local councillors, government ministers and people responsible for decisions that affect youth received DVD's, a calendar and a book of the Young People's work.

# Brenda Corcoran's Retirement Party

Pictures by Lisa O'Mahony





# Hal David, the Singer and the Song.

by Aidan O'Shea

Popular songs often plant themselves into the memory. The song may recall key moments in life, like boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl, girl-on-the shelf or the tune they played at our wedding. From Frank Sinatra to Whitney Houston, many of us have a favourite singer whose style shines out, no matter how chaotic the story of their lives. In some cases, like The Beatles, they composed the lyrics, then the tune and made an unforgettable recording.



Rarely is the lyricist remembered in his own right, although he comes up with the initial idea and the words. Hal David (right in photo.), who died recently at the age of ninety one wrote a string of landmark hits to the music of Burt Bacharach (left).

I am sure that you remember some of their titles: *The Story of my Life* (sung by Marty Robbins), *24 Hours from Tulsa* (Gene Pitney), *I say a little prayer for you* (Gloria Gaynor), *What's new, Pussycat?* (Tom Jones), *Magic Moments* (Perry Como), *Close to You* (The Carpenters). Dionne Warwick struck gold with *Walk on By*, *What the World needs Now* and *Anyone who had a Heart*.

Bacharach and David won an Oscar for the song *Raindrops keep*

*falling on my Head* in the film *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. The song played to an idyllic bike ride in the sun with Paul Newman and Katharine Ross. Neither the songs nor the singers have dated over time and they still command a huge audience on YouTube. Hal David and Burt Bacharach met in the famous Brill Building in New York, which was a warren of tiny cubicles where pop tunes and commercial jingles were written in prodigious quantities.

Here is Hal's brilliant description of the work: "Now, how do I go about the business of writing lyrics? I wish I really knew. If I did it would make writing much easier for me. Because I have no formula, sometimes it flows smoothly and other times it is like rowing a boat upstream. Most often a lyric starts with a title. A line in a book I am reading may set me off. Other times some dialogue in a play or a movie becomes the catalyst. More often than not the idea just pops into my head-where it comes from I hardly ever know.

In writing I search for believability, simplicity, and emotional impact. Believability is the easiest of the three to accomplish. One thing a lyricist must learn is not to fall in love with his own lines. Once you learn that, you can walk away from the lyric and look at it with a reasonable degree of objectivity. Often I discard a good line because it is inconsistent with the basic idea. If the line happens to be witty or sad in a particularly fresh way it hurts me to take it out. But that's part of the pain of writing. Simplicity is much harder to achieve. It is easy to be simple and bad. Being simple and good is very difficult.

Above all, I try to create an emotion to which others can respond. Unless I can create an emotion to which I can respond, I throw the lyric away. Although I cannot know how others will react, I assume that if it moves me it may do the same for them. Sometimes I am right, sometimes I am wrong."

Some of his lyrics touch on the American Dream of wealth, fame and the inevitable failure:

*L.A. is a great big freeway.*

*Put a hundred down and buy a car.*

*In a week, maybe two, they'll make you a star*

*Weeks turn into years. how quick they pass*

*And all the stars that never were*

*Are parking cars and pumping gas.*

(Do you know the way to San José). Others have a bitter-sweet humour:

*What do you get when you kiss a guy?*

*You get enough germs to catch pneumonia.*

*After you do, he'll never phone ya.*

*I'll never fall in love again!*

(I'll never fall in love again)

The Bacharach-David-Warwick partnership broke up amid a tangle of lawsuits about rights and royalties from the work. Hal Davis had one last hit with *To all the girls I loved before*, recorded separately in 1984 by Willie Nelson and Julio Iglesias. Hal Davis, a modest genius born in New York of Jewish Austrian parents, lives on in the vibrancy of his songs and the personal memories they recall.

**Harold (Hal) David, lyricist, born 25 May 1921, died 1 September 2012.**

# Brian Dillon's Regains City Title

Brian Dillon's regained the City Division Junior Hurling title when it defeated neighbours Mayfield by 1-14 to 1-10 in a thrilling final played before an enthralled capacity crowd at Ballinlough recently.

John Horgan led the way with a classy point after 23 seconds of play and ended the game as highest scorer with 8 points. More importantly, he set up Dillon's goal when he soared in from the wing and placed the unmarked Kevin Coughlan for a magnificent score.

Dillon's goal came just after Mayfield's, when Terry Lotty was dragged down inside the square and Dan Lucey blazed the penalty into the net. Points by Nicky Kelly kept Mayfield ahead 1-7 to 1-6 at half-time, but they faced an uphill struggle against the wind and failed to score for 17 minutes of the 2nd half.

"Credit to Brian Dillon's," wrote John Coughlan of the Evening Echo, "as some of their defending was right out of the top drawer with their half-back line of Danny McCormack, Mark White and Michael Noonan clearing every danger in sight."

An injury to the impressive Cian McCarthy - on top at midfield with the stylish Tomas Lawrence - compelled the selectors to move him to full-forward where he promptly scored 2 great points near the finish. An earlier injury to Niall Fahy saw veteran, Maurice Carey, coming on and strengthening an already tenacious defence where Danny Murphy and Darragh Brosnan also shone.

Dillon's, whose scores came from John Horgan (0-8), Cian McCarthy (0-2), Kevin Coughlan (1-0), John Noonan (0-1), Tomas Lawrence (0-1), Brian Barrett (0-1) and Philip O'Brien (0-1), had many heroes. Its win was all the more creditable in that the team was forced to play without promising Cork prospect, Darragh Rodgers, who suffered a recurrence of a cruciate injury earlier in the year.

Mayfield, the reigning champions and favourites, had scores from Nicky Kelly (0-6), Daniel Lucey (1-0), Shane Kelly (0-2), Terry Lotty (0-1) and Kevin Punch (0-1).

"On a day when the glory went to Brian Dillon's, both teams deserve credit for the sportsmanship that was evident from start to finish", was John Coughlan's conclusion.



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# Cyberphobia; The Fear of Computing

## Instalment 1.

Fear of the unknown is a rational and natural human failing that we all suffer from. The genre of the horror movie depends on it for its success. However, there are also 'irrational' fears, known as phobias, which are based on a lack of knowledge of the known, rather than anything unknown. "Cyberphobia" falls into this category.

It is defined as "an extreme or irrational fear of computers or technology" and is both unnecessary and easily curable. Like a screwdriver or a lift in a tall building, technology is merely a tool to help you to do a job easier and better. The only obstacle to using a computer is learning how to do so. Once you know how, it can come in very useful in the modern age.

While the younger generation may have had the advantage of growing up with digital technology all around them, many older people have discovered it has crept into their lives without a formal announcement. Suddenly, companies and utilities everywhere are directing you to "look up our website", and when that does not even read as English to you, it becomes pretty difficult to do so. A site is a location of some kind and a web is something a spider spins. Companies like Ryanair will penalise you financially if you do not check-in online and failure to engage at some level with technology, excludes you from much that is happening around you.

But, the good news is that it is not so difficult once you sit down in front of one of these machines with a good trainer to show and guide you. While the "Wired World" is huge and complex, your little corner of it is easy and manageable when you understand the concepts that drive it all. Technology companies have, from the very beginning, been working hard to make the operation of a computer easy and intuitive for you and while there are millions of possible things that can be done with one of these machines, the reality is that most people only wish to do a handful of straightforward tasks repetitively.

These would be known as the basic tasks and are quickly learned if you leave your phobia at home. You cannot and will not break the computer, so do not be afraid of that. Neither will there be anybody laughing at you for not knowing where to begin, because we all have to begin somewhere. The Mayfield Community Development Project on the Old Youghal Road, offers friendly and enlightening courses for the first timer, and if you have the interest as a result, the CDP offers more advanced courses to take you to next level also. The only limiting factor is you yourself.

There is a brave new World out there, sending each other electronic letters free of charge (e-mails), speaking to each other across continents for free also (Skype), and accessing the largest reservoir of knowledge ever known to man (The Internet), while you are nursing a fear of it all. Businesses are being run using this technology and many people around you are making a living from it also.

"Confront your fear and fear is gone", is a saying that is older than technology itself. You can find out more by picking up the phone and calling Liz or Mary on: 021 450 8562 and take the first step on the road to learning a new tool for your own benefit.



# Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn

## Fáilte chuig Náionáin Bheaga 2012/2013

Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn has welcomed two new classes of Náionáin Bheaga this year. The boys and girls have really enjoyed their first few weeks at school and have already picked up their first cúpla focal.

### Celebrating Roald Dahl Day

On September 13th pupils from Múinteoir Lisa's class celebrated Roald Dahl Day. Children read stories from the author and also drew pictures of their favourite Roald Dahl characters. .

### Over €4,000 raised in aid of Barnados

Siúlóid Maarten which took place nearing the end of the last school year has raised over €4,000 for the children's charity Barnados. Every child in the school took part in the annual walk and a big thank you is due to all the nchildren, parents and those in the locality who were very generous in their sponsorship. Go raibh maith agaibh!



### Pupils welcome victorious Brian Dillon's side

The children of Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn gave a big welcome to members of the Brian Dillon's hurling team recently following their victory over near neighbours Mayfield in the final of the Junior A Hurling City Final. Pictured below are members of Brian Dillons' hurling team along with members of their committee with pupils of Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn. Comhghairdeas libh.



# Tank Field Tree Planting for National Heritage Week

To mark National Heritage week and to make our contribution, the Residents Associations of Murmont and Montenotte Park conducted a tree planting ceremony on the Tank Field on Saturday 25th August.

The Tank Field, which is the only flat public green space in the North East of the city, is an important and unique part of the heritage of city. The tree planting reflects this heritage and is part of our commitment to ensuring the continued public use of the Tank Field by future generations.

In all, 5 trees were planted and an interesting aspect of the occasion will be that the actual planting was carried out by a combination of the oldest and youngest residents of the area, reflecting the importance of the Tank Field to all age groups.

The residents were ably assisted in the art of Tree planting by Councillors Tim Brosnan, Ted Tynan, and Chris O'Leary and they were thanked for their support. The residents were also grateful to Des from Beech Hill Garden Centre, where the trees were purchased, for providing the necessary technical advice.



**Cllrs Ted Tynan, Tim Brosnan and Chris O'Leary (far right) with Mr Brendan Goggin, Montenotte Park Residents Association.** Picture: Rory O'Connor.



**Emma Nolan and Breda Madden are pictured with one of the five trees planted to mark National Heritage Week.** Picture: Rory O'Connor.

# St. Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club

The St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club will shortly begin its 15<sup>th</sup> season in operation. It is currently inviting young people aged between 15 – 19 years, who are living in the Mayfield area, or who attend local secondary schools, to consider joining, to experience the friendship and the social opportunities that this club provides for its members.

The Mayfield based club is one of the growing number of over 50 such clubs that are in operation successfully countrywide. These clubs are volunteer led by committed adult leaders who provide a most important real alternative to the young people in the communities where they are based to the alcohol and drugs culture that is having such devastating consequences on the lives of young people and on family life in general in communities that are spread throughout this country in recent years.

Through their involvement in the No Name Clubs, the young people build up their confidence and self-esteem that enables them to say “no” to alcohol and other drugs at their young age that inhibits them from developing their full potential.

Over the past 14 years, St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club has provided a safe, warm and friendly environment for its members without the fear and the pressure of becoming involved with alcohol and drugs. The No Name Clubs demonstrate a lifestyle in which the use of alcohol and drugs are seen as unnecessary to the enjoyment of a happy, cheerful and fulfilling social life for young people.

The club members become involved in a wide ranging programme of social activities that allow them to enjoy themselves socially with their peers in a safe and friendly environment where they are free from the dangers and influences of alcohol and other drugs.

Since the formation of the St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club in 1998, many hundreds of local young people have welcomed their involvement in this club and they valued their membership of the club very highly. The No Name Club organisation believes that young people are entitled to enjoy their youth and to experience their developing years in a natural way without a dependence on alcohol or other drugs to do so.

The work that is done with the young people in the No Name Clubs complements the efforts of the parents in the home, the teachers in the schools and all other groups and organisations who help or encourage young people to use their free time constructively by helping them to make good life choices. The programme in leadership and self-development that is provided for the young people in the No Name Clubs is central to that work.

Those young people who are interested in learning more about the activities of the No Name Club can do so by calling into the St Josephs Community Centre on Monday nights between 7.15pm – 8.45pm.

*Telephone enquiries can also be made to the Honorary Secretary, Joe Mullane on: 021 455 0059, between 2.30pm – 6pm daily.*

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## Mayfield Youth Café

The Youth Café in the Kerrigan Tyrell Centre is recruiting new members. The café is the place for young people aged 11 upwards to ‘hang out’ with friends. Members usually meet on Friday evenings.

The café has pool tournaments, games, internet access and 5-a-side football. Mayfield Youth Café is a cool place to hang out - come and see for yourself!

For further details contact Donie on: 087 196 2028 or call directly to the LCDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield.



# News from Nowhere

by Michael O'Donnell

## Quote of the Month

*He that knows not and knows not that he knows not, he is a fool, shun him.*

*He that knows not and knows that he knows not, he is teachable, teach him.*

*He that knows and knows that he knows, he is wise, follow him.*

## The Collapse of Work

There are 450,000 people unemployed, 70,000 emigrating annually and thousands more on fill-in education programmes; this is the reality of life in today's Irish Republic. What is being done to address this stagnant pool of deprived humanity? Government announcements of job creation are almost a daily occurrence, yet the dole queues remain the same. What is to be done about getting people employment?

The economic model that the Government is adopting will never solve the scourge of enforced idleness. Only a new economic plan that attacks the Neo-Liberal agenda will make inroads into this appalling waste of human talent. In the hungry '30's, ideas began to emerge about tackling hunger and idleness. Two opposing philosophies were at play - Marxism and Laissez-faire Capitalism. Communist Russia and Western Capitalism were selling their brand of solutions. What emerged was the rise of Fascist Dictatorships in Spain, Italy, Portugal and Germany and war became the solution for unemployment. Could history repeat itself? Spain, Italy, Portugal and Greece are languishing under heavy debt burdens and their youth, like Ireland's, have no future.

Work, today, is capital intensive and less labour is necessary for the system to function. The working week should be reduced to four days of five hours a day without loss of earnings. This will take people off the live register. Governments create jobs and only with State intervention can enforced idleness be eradicated. Education for a leisure society should be our philosophy. It is time to be in praise of idleness and the right to be lazy. Modern technology can assist in the pursuit of leisure and end forever the Victorian mentality of drudgery.

To paraphrase Mark Twain; "Lies, damned lies and pinstriped Bankers away" and remember; "Where there is a problem, there's always a solution."

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

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## Job Seeking Skills Course

This FREE course will run over two days  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 10am to 1pm  
and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
at

Mayfield CDP, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield

The course will include:

CV Preparation

Interview Techniques

Job Search Skills

If you are interested in doing the course, please contact Patricia on: 021 450 8562.

Places could be limited.

# Health Action Zone Mayfield - 2012 Activities

## Monday

Walking for Fun every Monday 10am, Roseville Community Centre.

Swimming Classes for beginners Monday at 3pm at Mayfield Community Sports Complex, 6 week programme, €5 per class

Singing for Fun, Monday at 7.30pm, Mayfield C.D.P, €4 per session

## Tuesday

Line Dancing Tuesday at 11am, €5 per class at Mayfield Sports Centre.

Cooking with a Budget will start on the 25<sup>th</sup> September at 10am, St. Joseph's Community Centre.

Alterations Course, Roseville Centre at 2pm, €5 per session limited places available.

Tai Chi on at the Roseville Centre at 2pm, €5 per session.

Flower arranging Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Roseville Centre at 10.30am, €4 per class.

## Wednesday

Stress Control management course starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> September at 10am to 11.30am at the Roseville Centre. This is a six week programme.

Coffee morning, First Wednesday of every month at 10am, Roseville Centre.

Art Classes, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm at the Roseville Centre, €4 per class.

Bridge practice every Wednesday at 2pm at Roseville Centre.

Bridge for Beginners at 11am at the Roseville Centre. (This course will be on for 20 weeks at a cost of €7 per class, 5 weeks in advance must be paid on the first night).

## Thursday

Food for a Healthy Lifestyle Programme at 10.30am in Roseville Centre.

Fun Dancing with Jo, every Thursday at 10am in St. Joseph's Community Centre.

Men only group September the 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Roseville Centre, on offer – Hand Craft with wood, card games, darts and other activities which may be identified by the group.

Bridge Group on at St. Joseph's Community Centre, 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Keep fit by Dancing, Thursday night at 7pm, Kerrigan Tyrell Hall, Tinkers Cross, €4 per class.

## Friday

Yoga, Friday at 10am in the Roseville Centre €6 per class

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

Beauty & Skincare, starting 2<sup>nd</sup> October in Roseville Centre 7-9pm

Interior design

Card making for all occasions

Story telling group

Are also available on request

Training on request: These programmes are available in the Mayfield area if needed:

SafeTalk

Suicide Assist

Smoking sensation

Food for a healthy lifestyle

Walking leadership training

Tea Dance, starting Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September in Brian Dillons, 3.30pm.

All new members and interested parties are welcome to partake in any of the listed activities and courses.

For information on all of the above activities and courses, contact Patty on: 087 653 4419.

# St. Patrick's Infants School

021 455 1593

stpinfants@eircom.net



The Board of Management, Principal and Staff wish to extend a warm welcome to all our new Junior Infant boys and girls and to congratulate them and the Senior Infants on settling in so well. Already we have been very busy.

A very successful Summer Camp "Exploring Pathways to Numeracy and Literacy" was run by teachers in our school in August. Through Drama, Art, Music and Games, the 36 children involved developed and extended their skills in the two core subjects, thus preparing them for their return to Senior Infants in September.

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Ms. Sexton's and Ms. Mooney's Senior Infants went on a big adventure when they visited Spike Island in Cork Harbour. Excitedly, they took the train from Cork and then boarded a boat to travel the short distance to the island, where they spent approximately two hours engaging with a specially devised programme of activities. Much investigating, discussing, comparing and learning about the varied history of Spike Island took place. We wish to thank The Spike Island Teachers Group and Cork County Council for facilitating this trip.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September we were delighted to receive a visit from the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Mr. John Buttimer. Bunting, headbands, flags etc bearing the Cork colours were designed and proudly displayed as the boys and girls gave our very important visitor a huge Cead Mile Failte! Some creative children even donned their very own chains of office. Well done everyone!

## Upcoming events:

- Library visits
- Fieldtrip to Farran Woods for Juniors
- Cork Pops at City Hall for Seniors
- Annual Sponsored Walk

<p>ALL WELCOME</p> <p>FRIDAY, 26TH OCTOBER</p>	<p>MAYFIELD</p> <h1>VILLAGE FAIR</h1> <p>ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY CENTRE</p>  <p>KIDDIES ART CORNER</p> <p>COMMUNITY INITIATIVE</p>	<p>ARTS CRAFTS AND LOCAL PRODUCE</p> <p>FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER</p> <p>11 - 2PM</p> <p>AT ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY CENTRE</p>
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**Frank O'Connor Library**  
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Wednesday open 'til 8:00  
Closed Lunchtime 1.00 – 2.00

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You do not need to be a member to make use of many of the Libraries' resources, such as Local Studies, Learning and 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**

Adult: Standard :**€15**, Concession\* :**€5**, 65 years of age and older **FREE**. Visually impaired persons **FREE**

**\*If one of these categories applies to you, you qualify for the concession fee:**

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3. Unemployed persons, persons on disability benefit and dependent spouses.
4. Lone parents.
5. Asylum seekers.
6. Students over 18 in full-time education.

Up to **ten** items — whether books, CDs, DVDs — may be borrowed at one time, for a period of two weeks. You can renew these items online or on the phone.

E-book service now available. Visit [www.corkcitylibraries.ie/digital](http://www.corkcitylibraries.ie/digital)

## 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 at 11am. New members welcome.

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

Saturday: Colouring Competition all day.

Wednesday 10 October: 11.30a.m. Richard Goodison reads from his book "Visions of the King", following the book club meeting. All welcome.

## Children's Mid-Term Events

Tuesday 30 October 2.30p.m. Val's Mini Music. No booking required.

Wednesday 31 October 3.30p.m. Junior Chess Club (8-12 years)

Thursday 1 November 2.30p.m. 8-12 years. Prizes to be won. No booking required.

Saturday 3 November All-day colouring Competition.



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service including faster response times, and cheaper fares with a 24 hour safe, secure and reliable service. No call out or extra fees will be our guarantee to you.

For regular journeys like school trips, daily drop offs, airport and railway journeys, we will set competitive fares for you. As our drivers are all long term with the companies, their faces will be known to the customers and they are very enthusiastic about delivering this service. Both taxi firms have one aim: to deliver service to all local customers.

Pictured above is Leeds FC U12's, which competes in the Cork Schoolboys League, and is sponsored by Glen Eire Cabs.



Freephones for the companies are located at Dunnes in Ballyvolane, Aldi in Blackpool and many Public Houses in the area. If you feel you offer a service in the area and would benefit from a Freephone, contact us to discuss the matter further.

As a celebration, we will run a weekly draw for any customers who travel in our taxis. The prize will be a food hamper to the value of €50, sourced from local craft butchers in the area, keeping it local and supporting local businesses. Simply ask a driver for an application form, fill it in and give it back to him. Drivers will bring forms to the base every Monday, the draw will take place at 2pm every Tuesday and the winner will receive their hamper on Thursdays. There is one entry per journey and the draw runs from 1st October 2012 to 31st December 2012.

Mayfield Eirecabs would like to thank you for your continuing support and look forward to serving you in the future.

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**STRICTLY: TUESDAY 20th**  
**NOVEMBER 2012**

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