

THE BEAUMONT NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Beaumont Residents Association

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DECEMBER 2008

 *Merry Christmas
to all our
Immigrant Residents
in our Community*

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Joyeux Noël
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Narodzenia
Feliz Natal
Feliz Navidad
Maligayang Pasko
Suksan Christmas
Nadolig Llawen 

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BRA SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATED ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party held on 29th November in its usual place; Artane Beaumont Family Recreation Centre, was its 10th anniversary in the current format. It lived up to its billing and a large crowd braved the sub-zero temperatures and freezing fog to attend Beaumont's bash of the year for senior citizens.



The Lord Mayor; Cllr Eibhlin Byrne, shares a sausage with Peggy Nolan at the Christmas Party

Transport in the form of coaches, cars and Garda mini-buses were laid on to ferry the revelers to and from the party. Michael Maher was M.C., Stephen King provided the music and the Lord Mayor; Cllr Eibhlin Byrne was Guest of Honour. Santa Clause dropped in with presents for everyone at the party. Fr. Frank O'Gara and Fr. Donal O'Byrne made their appearance as did Fr Tom from Whitehall and mingled with the guests and heard a few confessions on the hoof. Community Gardai from Santry and Clontarf Stations under the command of Sergeant Stephen Daly were in attendance and provided assist with transport and logistics. The Lord Mayor was warmly welcomed and was treated to a fabulous performance of Riverdance by Ciaran Keating's

Dance Troupe. She toured all the tables, shook hundreds of hands and listened to many stories. Before leaving for another engagement across on the south side the Lord Mayor wished everyone a Happy Christmas and she left to great applause.

Sincere thanks to all who helped on the night; Businesses for their donations, Dublin City Council, Beaumont House for the tasty hot food and to all who contributed in any way to making the night such an enjoyable occasion for our Senior Citizens. Thanks to the Committee and helpers and a special thanks to the many young helpers –they were absolutely brilliant. The whole crew was an almost perfect example of teamwork at its best and they transformed a bare basketball arena into a colourful cosy Christmas party-popping room in about 90 minutes. The exercise and indeed the whole event is a real living example true community spirit across all age groups.

More Photographs on page 10 inside. All of the photographs from the party are on the website www.beaumontresidents.ie



Christmas is a very special time for many children -- the day presents are left by a magical person..

In the United States and Canada, his name is Santa Claus. He flies through the sky in a sleigh pulled by eight reindeer.

In England his name is Father Christmas. He looks much like Santa Claus, but he has a longer coat and a longer beard.

In France, he's known as Pere Noel.

In Germany, children get presents from Christkind, the Christ Child on the 24th of December. Also, in Germany Knecht Ruprecht and his helpers come on the 6th of December. Krampus brings coal or a

Santa Claus! A big hit with children around the world

wooden stick to the children that have not been good, Knecht Ruprecht brings mostly cookies, nuts and a small toy to the good children. Belsnickel - German version of Santa who carries a switch to beat the bad children. In Germany, Father Christmas can also be called der Weihnachtsmann.

In Poland, Santa "Święty Mikołaj" (Saint Nicholas) was a cardinal in the Catholic Church, he visits children on December 6th and he brings presents, mostly sweets, which he leaves in children's clean shoes.

In Puerto Rico, children receive gifts from the Three Kings on January 6th. Each child puts grass under their bed for the camels and in the morning the grass is replaced with gifts.

In Spain the children the night of January 5th put their shoes under the Christmas tree and have presents from the Three Kings (Los Reyes Magos: Melchor, Gaspar and

Baltasar). Santa Claus is called Papa Noel and there are children who have presents both days on December 25th (from Papa Noel) and on January 6th (from the Three Kings).

In Italy, he is called Babbo Natale. Also, they receive their presents on January 6th from the gift bringer an old lady called Befana.

In China, he is called Shengdan Laoren.

In Portugal Santa Claus is known as Pai Natal. He brings presents on Christmas Eve. However, the portuguese tradition says the presents in that night are brought by the Newborn Jesus "Menino Jesus".

In Greece, Santa Claus is called "Aghios Vassilis" and he comes on the night of 31st December leaving the presents under the tree for the children to find them on New Year's Day.

In Ireland he is called Santa Claus and children abbreviate this to just Santy.

The Spirit of Beaumont Parish goes out to the Wider World

Elaine Brannon's work for very poor people in Kenya.

By Sr. Kathleen O'Keefe

Through the generosity of Matt Porter (who heard what I had to say about Elaine's work at Mass in Marino) I got a ticket to Kenya to visit Elaine and see her work. On the morning of December 4th I left Ireland, and after a two-day journey of four stages (by air and road) I arrived at my destination on the night



of December 5th. Though it is the rainy season, the rain is very sparse, and both the people and the animal are extremely malnourished, with little hope for the next four months, but now, due to global warming, the crops are dying in the fields, except where there is irrigation. Where Elaine has been able to pipe water there is good growth, because the ground is fertile.

The most difficult part of living and working in a place like Rombo is seeing little babies dying because their mothers have no milk, due to hunger. On the other hand, I met women who were full of courage and determination to provide for their families, and Elaine has arranged loans for them so that they can make some money from growing tomatoes, and sunflowers (for the oil), making beaded jewellery or keeping hens and goats. The scene in the local town square in the early morning is reminiscent of Ireland in famine times. The people were gathered in the hope of getting a day's work in return for food. One would wonder how hungry people can work, but the Massai are a proud and dignified people who are self-reliant, and will only come to ask for food when in crisis. I did see a lot of crisis. One woman, whose daughter died of AIDS, came because she was looking after her house grandchildren and one of them had broken his arm three weeks before. She had no money to bring him to hospital and the pain was getting worse!

Another woman who has AIDS had been abandoned by her husband and was unable to work. Her only son was the bread earner, but unknowingly he was working on a lorry that was transporting stolen goods, and then the police caught up with him they shot him dead. She had a nine year old daughter who was very bright but was suffering from a serious heart condition.

On the same day a woman who had AIDS died in the Health Centre, and the body would not be released until the fees of the clinic were paid, and the cost of the ambulance journey home paid also. I could go on, but the struggle to survive is very obvious.

On the other side the people have great faith. The little churches are full on Sunday's and the singing and dancing (at the Offertory) is wonderful. After the Mass I attended on Sunday there was a meeting to arrange who would donate a goat or lamb for the Christmas dinner. The cooking would take place outside the church, while the Mass was going on, and everyone would eat together. This is probably how it was in the early church!

I saw the schools, water pumps, and pipelines that Elaine has been responsible for providing, and I met the women's groups who have got new heart from her presence and intervention on their behalf. I have listened to her hopes and dreams for those who come to her house on a daily basis seeking help of all kinds, especially for their children's education. Most people I know, including myself, would be overwhelmed by the sheer volume of suffering, but this woman who was a child when Beaumont Parish was set up thirty years ago manages to continue to work unceasingly, with courage and good humour. We can be justly proud that from out midst a woman of generosity and love has gone out to a very needy people and is working lovingly with them.

Since returning from Kenya the elections have taken place. For the first forty years after independence there was a one-party government, and no effort was made to change to a democratically elected government. With the new millennium a new spirit of freedom dawned, but like most countries dealing with a long, and painful history of colonization, with all the power in the hands of the few, the transition is slow and, the road is rocky. Gandhi said that the most important quality on the road to freedom is courage. The road ahead is difficult and uncertain, and she needs our prayers and support.

At present she is mounting a food program and if you feel like you would like to send her financial help, the bank details with her account (and transfers the money to Kenya) is that Bank of Ireland in Wexford (Acc. Name: Joseph House of Hope. Acc 88233 182 Branch Code 90 02 87) Lodgements can be made in any Bank.

If you need any further information I will be delighted to help, call me on; 01-8377023

Beaumont's Big Bear Band



Bear Band – a spectacular and unique musical quartet from the northern territories, are in residency in the Beaumont House lounge over the Christmas period. Their kind has rarely been seen in Ireland and their presence on a specially designed hi-tech stage rig is sure to cause a stir in the neighbourhood and cause major traffic jams as huge crowds descend on Beaumont over the festive season to see these novel rap stars. The Bear Band's special 'rap' arrangements and 'funky' renditions of many well known Christmas Classics will ensure the songs get a new lease of life and make them hot hits with a new younger audience. A well placed source who declined to be named said "Beaumont House is embarking on a new exciting venture to transform the hostile into an eco-friendly heaven for rare and threatened talents –and the Bear Band is only the first phase"

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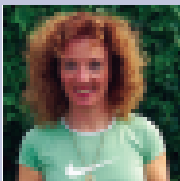


STRESS (SUGAR TIME OF YEAR!!)

By Susie Boland

In the 1800's the average intake of sugar a day was 2 teaspoons! This is the amount of glucose that we have in our blood constantly.

Today the average intake of sugar is around 40 teaspoons a day. Did you know that a chocolate filled bar can contain up to 15 teaspoons of sugar and fizzy drinks about 7.



When we get stressed we experience it in different ways but our bodies respond to it the same way, preparing itself to 'fight'!

- The adrenal gland releases adrenalin, this releases our stores of sugar into the blood.
- Calcium is also released from the bones to prepare for the "fight".

The problem is there is no real fight or emergency!

There is no switch off point for sugar that is released and is not used up. This sugar will be converted to fat which may end up on the walls of our arteries, resulting in stored fat and higher cholesterol.

Calcium that is released may also end up on the walls of our arteries leading to hardening and may be deposited into the tissues of our joints contributing to arthritis. When calcium is not returned to the bones there is also a risk of increasing osteoporosis.

Stress maybe the reason for cravings (chocolate, coffee or caffeine drinks) so the next time you get stressed check how you deal with it!

We all have lots to do this time of year making lists for Christmas etc. You may find yourself rushing around and not giving yourself enough time to eat!

Does this sound familiar?

Do you usually end up having a quick drink and a cake or a bar?

Do you feel bad afterwards and think "I'll never lose those few pounds for Christmas?"

YOU NEED A PLAN...

Whether you want to lose weight or just feel good, why not add some exercise to that list!!

I can give you vital reasons why you should add exercise to your daily routine.

- Decreases blood cholesterol levels
- Decreases bone loss
- Improves ability to deal with stress
- Improves circulation
- Improves heart function

SNACKS

Bring some fruit with you when you go shopping, (apple, banana) to keep your blood sugars level.

IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT!!

So whatever your going to do in the next few weeks spare some time for yourself and tone up your body and enjoy the results. Every day you do some exercise you will raise your metabolism and this contributes to a healthy and fit body.

Susie's special offer: Two sessions of Personal Training for the price of one, until Christmas. Susie Boland is a qualified and accredited Fitness and Nutrition Consultant with over 25 years experience. For more information on foods and a fitness programme to combat stress call Susie on: 086-8580500 or 01-8318011



GREENING ST. PAUL'S

By Orlagh Blake-Dillon

The Pupils and Staff in St. Paul's special school, Beaumont Woods, are continuing their green school's efforts this school year.

The School was awarded their first Green Flag, for their recycling efforts as part of their Litter and Waste project in February 2007. Work on renewing this flag is currently underway.

In addition, they are incorporating energy saving measures and the school hopes to apply for their second school flag later this year. Pupils and Staff are busy reducing and monitoring their use of water, heating, lighting and electricity in the school.

Beaumont Gospel Choir



From left to right: Colm Mansfield, Clodhna Nolan, Leona Melling, Niamh Kilcawley, Aisling Murphy, Sophie Goldsbury, Paul Carroll. Keyboard Player is Karl Elliot not in photograph

The Beaumont Gospel Choir is a Dublin based gospel group of dedicated young people who have been meeting every Thursday evening for the past year.

In July 2007, Niamh Kilcawley thought about setting up a gospel choir as part of her transition year project. During that summer, she made up leaflets and posted them around all the houses, shop windows and schools in Beaumont and after receiving a good response put together a group of singers and keyboard players.

Niamh is now 17 years old and was a member of the Lindsay Singers from the age of 7 years and is now using her training and experience for her own choir. Niamh has a strong background in music having achieved her grade seven in piano, as well as studying music at school.

The choir's enthusiasm and energy has been welcomed by the Church of the Nativity, Beaumont where they perform the first Saturday of every month. The priests Fr. Brian McKay pp, Fr. Donald Byrne, Fr. Frank O' Garza and Fr. Paddy Staunton, appreciate the music that the choir bring to the church and show great encouragement. The choir have a large repertoire of both spiritual and folk hymns.

Gospel music is written to express aspects of Christian life and give the church a more lively appeal without having to use secular music. The songs often feature common themes of praise, worship or thanks to God, Christ or the Holy Spirit.

The Beaumont Gospel choir are always looking for new members, should you wish to join the choir call Niamh Kilcawley at: 01-8317107 or email: kilcawleym@eircom.net. Or if you want to drop in to rehearsals call to the Pastoral Centre between 8.00 – 9.00pm on Thursday evening.



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Changing Economic Times Changing Shopping Trends

By Patricia Doyle

Remember when Aldi and Lidl first opened their supermarkets in Ireland in 1999?

The general opinion was that they were cheap shops with very little variety of goods and were really only going to be used by "foreigners" and people in working class areas. The rest of us were doing so well from the Celtic Tiger that we would not dream of being seen darkening the door of these places. After all we had to be seen spending all our money on gourmet smoked salmons and expensive wines from the Irish owned more upmarket stores. Even if we did go in just for a look there would never be anything on the shelves of Lidl or Aldi that we could possibly want or need.

Then despite ourselves, we started looking at their magazines and wondering what their specials would be next Thursday or Monday. Of course that's all we would buy, we still were too well off to buy their groceries. But of course – as per the plan of their marketing people – snobishness gave way to curiosity and we had to bring a couple of things home just to see what they tasted like when they were such a bargain. At this stage there are very few people in Ireland who have not tried a €5 bottle of wine and lived to tell the tale. As we were buying a few more things each week we started to see the value of shopping there although we still insisted to ourselves we were only doing it as a social experiment to see how the other half shopped.

Then the dreaded R word started to creep in and suddenly it was not only cool to be seen in Aldi it was almost compulsory. If you did not admit to your friends that yes of course you did a lot of your shopping there it was as if you were not doing your bit for your country. Go into any Aldi or Lidl carpark nowadays and there will be as many yummy mummies driving 4X4's as there are polish students on bicycles.

The thing I want to know is; if these supermarkets can give us such good value, have pleasant and courteous staff to serve us and be open the hours we need them to be open, why can't the Irish supermarkets do the same?

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BRA Post Box is not welcome in Topaz, Beaumont. The Shell filling station and shop changed ownership earlier this year and after some refurbishment reopened as Topaz. BRA Post Box was housed in the Shell Shop for many years, however, Topaz could not find a space for it. Despite a number of requests to the manager and staff to have the Post Box fixed in a suitable location with ease of access for our Members; it remained inside the counter for months. Recently the box was retrieved from Topaz and removed from the premises. A new home is being sought for the BRA Post Box.

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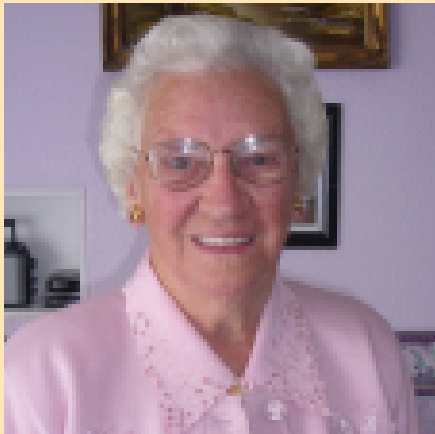
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Sheila Rock

This is my Life Story

I was born in Scotland just outside Glasgow. My Father was blind from an accident and he worked in O'Connell Street in Dublin. They sent him in his late 20's to Belfast and he met my Mother and got married in Belfast. There was always trouble there and they were a bit nervous in Belfast not being able to see so they moved to Glasgow and I was born there. I was 7 years old when I came to Ireland. I remember I must have had a little accident we were out playing in the Tenement Houses in Mount Joy Square -that's where my mother got a room. I was out playing with the other kids and I remember my mother crying me.

I was married from Mount Joy Square and then moved to Orchard Terrace near the North Circular Road. St Brendan's was at the back, all my kids were both there you see.

It was a 3 room little cottage, it's gone now. The kids were sleeping "heads and tails" and one of them would be saying "you're putting your feet in my mouth" another would be saying "I'm freezing, get

daddy's top coat and throw it over the bed"

We applied for a Corporation house and we were told that we had a cubic foot too much. There were 9 of us like, we had a sittingroom and a bedroom and a kitchen but we had no sittingroom as it was turned into a bedroom. Tenement houses, I'm not ashamed to say I lived in them. I used to light the fire at night and get the big galvanised bath and wash the kids one-by-one. What's this one of my grandsons said to me; "you were born in the stone age"

Then we saw these houses and we decided to move up here. That was great, the kids loved it; a toilet, bath and all. When we moved to Beaumont first, there was no walls or gates outside the front like there is now. I used to walk up Beaumont Road with the pram. Beaumont Road ended at the hatch and Skelly's Lane was fields all the way along to the Malahide Road. The bus came only as far as where the Beaumont Drive-In Market is now and we had great times you know.

Dalymount Park was near where I lived in N.C.R., St Peter's Church was our church and Jimmy and Brendan were alter boys there and I used to iron their skirts, all the little lace. They were very good, they would get up at 7 in the morning and we'd go down and the cattle would be down the road coming from the market on their way to the boats. The boys were scared of the cattle. The bulls would have a hook on their nose and a rope attached.

My husband Rupert started the "friends and neighbours" here in Beaumont to help the less well-off families, particularly the families where the father would have died. We were all only struggling at that time. Hubert would organise ladies on certain roads to make a collection and the money would be brought back here and put on the table and sorted out. We did that for years. Then Tom Elliott said; let's give a dance for all the people who gave the money. Tom Elliott, George Caprani and Rupert formed a committee to organise the dances and that went on for years and then he said "I'll leave it to them, they're younger than me"

We used to dance you know and when we'd go anywhere Rupert would say; "Come on Sheila get up" will you wait till there's a few in the hall, "you wont get a shagging dance, get up now" he'd say while there's room on the dance floor.

Rupert worked for 52 years in the Woollen Mills and ended up as Manager. Do you know what really hurt me? I was passing there one day lately and I said I must go in and I was reminiscing to myself. I walked in and there was an elderly lady behind the counter and over there was a man with no jacket on him -they used to wear jackets in the old days. I said to the one behind the counter; "God I'm just looking, my husband used to work here, would you have known him?" "Who was that?" I said Mr Rock. "Gone and forgotten". Well she took the wind out of my sails, I nearly died -wasn't that a wicked thing to say - very hurtful.

Hubert used to be called at all hours of the morning when the shop would be broken into. He had no car and he would have to go down and board up the windows. Sometimes the Guards would be there and sometimes they wouldn't. After Hubert retired, they got shutters on the windows because they weren't going to get up in the middle of the night.

When we were getting married -and its something I never forgot, you know them days unless you had five pounds, you couldn't have the Mass on the Alter - you had to go into the little side Chapel. You know Marlborough Street, you know St Kevins, that's where we were married. But coming out all the girls from my factory and the Woollen Mills were there and I got so shocked and so did he, what did he do, he jumped into the Taxi before me. We got so excited by the crowds. We often talked about that. We were sixty years married you know -I miss him terrible!

I have six children (5 boys and 1 girl) I was going for a Football Team but I settled for a 5-a-side, isn't that all right? Jimmy my son brought me to Riverdance in the Gaiety for my birthday and Tony - that's the youngest boy came by car. Well I could have got the bus I would be quicker. I go to town myself on the bus everyday. "you can't go up that street ma your cant go down that street ma" Well we ended up going down Georges Street and then upstairs in a carpark -but I enjoy going to the shows.

I have 25 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. 5 are in Canada and the rest are here in Ireland. The last one as born on my 90th Birthday!

I enjoy life; everyone is so good to me. I thank God every morning I wake up.



Sheila celebrates her 90th Birthday with neighbours



Des Maguire and Noreen Maher present Sheila with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of Beaumont Residents Association, on her 90th Birthday



Sheila in her home surrounded by flowers and Birthday cards.



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Tues 23rd Dec:	9.00am - 8.00pm
Wed 24th Dec:	9.00am - 5.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: CLOSED
ST. STEPHENS DAY: CLOSED

Sat 27th Dec: 9.30am - 1.30pm

SUN 28TH DEC: CLOSED

Mon 29th Dec:	9.00am - 6.00pm
Tues 30th Dec:	9.00am - 6.00pm
Wed 31st Dec:	9.00am - 5.00pm

NEW YEARS DAY: CLOSED

Friday 2nd Jan: Business as usual

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Mon – Fri:	9.00am – 8.00pm
Sat:	9.00am – 6.00pm

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And a Peaceful New Year*

Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

By Des Maguire

October 5th 2008 was a big day for Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union (DBCUC). It marked its 40th anniversary, 40 years of growing and 40 years of success. It was only fitting that a big day of celebrations should mark a very significant milestone.

The big bash began with 12 o'clock Mass in Donnycarney Church celebrated by Fr Peter Finnerty PP and Fr Frank O'Gara con-celebrated representing Beaumont Parish. The Lord Mayor, Cllr Eibhlín Byrne was guest of honour and the local public representatives (TD's and Cllrs) also attended. Antoinette Heery was the soloist and music was provided by the Artane Boys Senior Band. The great sense of pride and success was palpable among the capacity crowd. The mood was captured beautifully in the well crafted speeches by DBCUC Chairperson Anne Phelan and by the Lord Mayor.

The formalities over, it was to the adjacent Le Cheile hall for food, refreshments and entertainment. It was lunchtime and the guests tucked into beautiful displays of food, tea, coffee, soft drinks and wine with great vigour. The Artane Boys Band entertained the large crowd of all ages from one to ninety. The Lord Mayor and public representatives mingled generously with the crowds for some time before departing. Meanwhile special entertainment for the children (face painting, punch & judy, magic tricks, etc) was underway in rooms off the main hall. It was now coming up to 2.00 pm the Band had finished their gig –time for the first big prize draws of the day. Michael Maher was the MC and he called for the crowd's attention for the draw. Seven tickets were drawn for cash prizes –with a top prize of €1,000.

Next up to entertain, was the McCarthy Duggan Dance Troup. The talented dancers put on a fantastic display and performed a number of spectacular pieces including 'Riverdance' which was greatly appreciated by their audience. It was time for the next prize draw at 3.00 pm and seven more lucky winners were drawn.

Back to entertainment and Beaumont Gospel Choir with their excellent and unique singing talents and most interesting repertoire, kept the crowds engaged. Ceoltas Ceoltoiri Eireann local traditional group of musicians played a selection of traditional Irish tunes and they brought the day's entertainment to a close. The final prize draws and a 'car draw' took place about 4.00 pm and concluded the day's celebrations. Everyone who attended went home happy and many people went home a lot richer.

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Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union Celebrates 40 years in the Community





The Hammonds

Bernie & Patrick Hammond, Cooleen Avenue, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 31st July 2008. Family and friends celebrated this momentous occasion at their daughter Dymphna's house in Artane. Bernie's bridesmaids, Nuala & Vera and Patrick's best man, Jerry were also there and as good a night was had by all as was 50 years ago!

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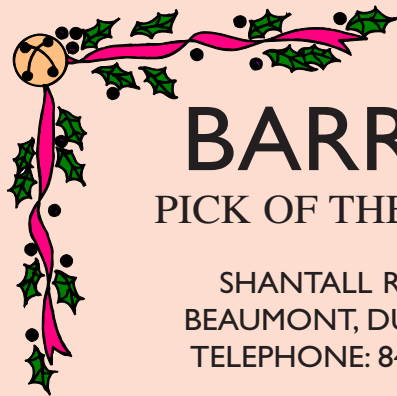
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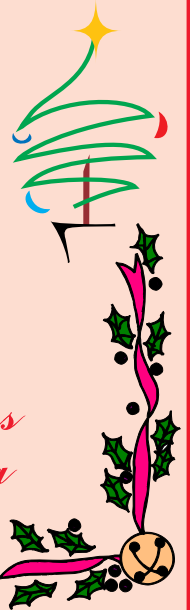
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Uzbekistan

On 3rd August we set off for Abu Dhabi and then on to Uzbekistan. A country, which was part of USSR until 1991, when it gained its independence.

We were invited to a wedding and what a surprise we had. The Wedding was celebrated for four days. Completely different from western weddings. It was celebrated in a very cultural, colourful and unique way. The capital Tashkent is a very big modern, beautiful city and up to date with everything that a city holds. We went on to Bebad way up country around 100 miles. On the way we were amazed to see little donkeys and carts, such as ladas, old cortinas etc. Lots of people coming to and fro from markets on the way. When we arrived at our destinations, we were made feel so welcomed and fussed over so much that it was hard to take in. The people there are not very well off, but they are full of hospitality, good nature and would do anything for you. The only thing was the language barrier. But with the help of translators and sign language this can be overcome. The people are into natural herbal remedies straight from the earth. There is a cure for lots of everyday ailments. It reminded me so much of the Irish in bygone days. They do believe in sharing everything, helping each other with the work, celebrating together, supporting each other. The Food is excellent, all home cooking. Dancing and singing is a big part of all celebrations. Alcohol is the last item on the list for celebrations. The people are very resourceful, making their own cloths, bedding, bread and cakes. We experienced a great sense of togetherness love, good humour and welcome for us Irish. The dresses adorned with jewels etc. are very beautiful to the eye. We were informed that we were the first Europeans to visit this particular part of Uzbekistan. The country is very rich in gold, oil, cotton and iron.

Either you are extremely rich or poor. No middle class. The news speaks for itself.

We experienced a very enjoyable, educational and memorable holiday.

THREE BEAUTIFUL PRIZES for three lucky Couples married 30 years, 40 years or 50 years. This is a competition sponsored by Christopher Murphy Jewellers. Write and tell us the story of how and where you met and a brief account of your wedding day and how you got through the years. If you had children, how many, etc. Make it short and simple. Post your entry in our Post Box in the Post Office. If you are not in, you can't win!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: The First National AGM of Neighbourhood Watch took place in September 2008 in Athlone. It was very well attended with people from all

over Ireland. President Mary Alesse is the Patron of Neighbourhood Watch and she gave a wonderful speech, which was very inspirational. I was amazed by the dedication and the interest Irish People have in their Neighbourhood. We all learned from each other. The problems we have in Dublin are the very same all over Ireland.

A little of anti social behaviour takes place in most areas over the weekends. The residents living close by such activity should report this to the Gardai when things get out of hand. We are the representatives of Neighbourhood Watch but all the community are part of Neighbourhood Watch too. It just takes a phone call, to sort it out. Don't rely on someone else. Do dial 999, ask for the Gardai and ask that your call to be logged. Please be aware, that burglaries are more common coming up to Christmas. Do keep a close eye on your Neighbour's House if they are out and about. A few cars have been vandalised recently. Always report any suspicious activity to the Gardai.

SINCERE SYMPATHY - We offer our sincere sympathy to Marie Kenny on the death of her brother Liam Kenny, Coolgreena Road, who died very recently. We also wish to extend our sincere sympathy to all who have lost a love one in the past few months. May they Rest In Peace.

St. Francis Hospice - Connie Butler wishes to thank most sincerely all who helped and contributed to her recent fund raising event for the hospice. To date the total sum is €2,700.

18th Santry Scouts - The Scouts are planning a once in a lifetime trip to Switzerland next summer. To help finance this, we will be organising fundraising activities in the New Year. If you see us, please support us.

Bogus Charities - Be aware of bogus charities leaving in leaflets for used unwanted clothes etc. These are not going to our charities here or abroad but are sold on to countries in Europe. It's a business not a charity.

The Mad Hatters Tea Party

Stitch is a new Knitting Café just opened on Shantalla Road beside the Boston Bakery. They had their opening Day on the 3rd of October, the theme of the day was the Mad Hatters Tea Party. Everyone was welcome for tea and cake, although it rained on the day it didn't dampen spirits. The shop was packed with enthusiastic Knitters for the afternoon and the party didn't end until 7 o'clock that evening.

(Who said knitting was dead) There definitely is a Huge amount of people out there who knit. Everyone seemed very

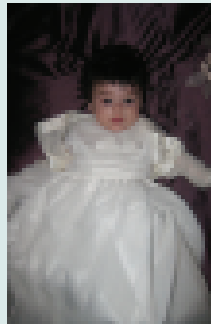
happy to have a knitting/haberdashery shop in Beaumont. Also on the day they had the Innocent Smoothies Big Knit for Age Action. 20,000 small hats were to be knitted for the top of Innocent Smoothie bottles which will be on sale in the Topaz garages from the 6th November and €1 from every sale will go to Age Action to help the elderly pay their

heating bills during the winter. They hope to raise €20,000. In the short time Stitch is opened it has brought people from as far as Donegal, Wexford, Lucan, Mount Merrion and Clondalkin to Beaumont to purchase wool, etc. so the word is spreading fast. They have also featured on TV3 teaching Alan Hughes how to Knit and have been interviewed on the Dave Fanning show for Radio. So if you fancy a cup of tea or coffee bring your knitting, crochet, or embroidery etc., come, and join them for a chat. They would love to see you.

Congratulations

to Sinead and Kevin O'Sullivan, Coolgreena Road on the birth of son James. Congratulations also to grandparents, Joan and Eoin Roche.

Dervla Wai, daughter of Aoife + Fai Wai, granddaughter of Roi + Barry Lacy, Coolgreena Close was Baptised recently. Congratulations to the Wai and Lacy families.



Dervla Wai

SECURITY SYSTEMS: Most people aged 65 years and over are eligible for a grant for the total cost of a range of personal security devices and equipment including; Personal Pendant Alarm, External Security Lights, Smoke Alarms, Door Locks, etc. Beaumont Residents Association is an approved administrator of the scheme, funded by the Department Gaeltacht and Rural Affairs. Applications are now closed for 2008 and will open again in early 2009. This is an excellent support scheme for older people and we are happy to promote and administer it free of charge. Applicants can contact Des Maguire (manager of the scheme) for an application form on: 086-8575814 or Email: info@beaumontresidents.ie



Why did the Chemist cross the road? ... to be close to the Comet!!!

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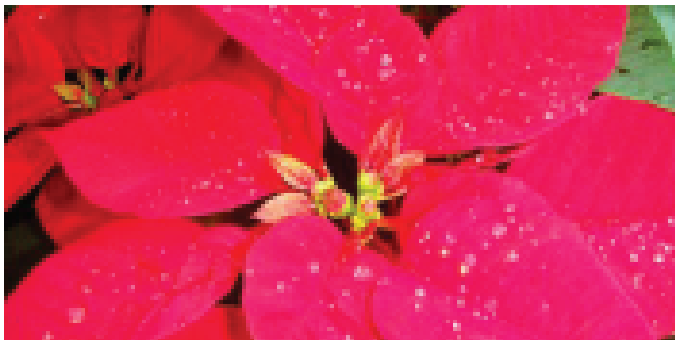
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Beaumont Residents Association Senior Members Christmas Party 2008





THE MIRACLE OF THE POINSETTIA!

At Christmas in Mexico, most houses display the Poinsettia. Just as we have Holly, Mistletoe and the Christmas Tree, the Mexicans have the poinsettia. They believe that the beautiful plant brings a blessing that will last all year. The tradition has existed since 1834 when a miracle occurred in a tiny village.

In those days it was customary for people in the villages to take gifts to the Baby Jesus at Christmas Eve. Little Maria, a poor peasant girl had no gift, but she did so want to enter the church and see the Baby Jesus in His crib.

She stood outside, watching others as they entered, carrying their gifts. Some took food, some took crochet and lacework. Others carried flowers. But little Maria had nothing. One lady passed her with a huge bundle of flowers in her arms. As she walked by, a leaf fell from the enormous bunch and landed at Maria's feet. She picked it up and thought, "I will take this leaf".

Others saw Maria pick up the leaf and smiled as she carefully wrapped it in her small handkerchief. And then, clutching her tiny gift, Maria entered the church. She took her place at the end of the line of people waiting to make their offerings. Then at last, it was Maria's turn. She stretched out her arm and carefully opened her fingers to place the leaf on the altar in front of the crib.

There was a gasp from the adults who had seen Maria fold the leaf into her tiny handkerchief. For as her fingers separated, it was seen that the little peasant girl was now holding a beautiful flower. The miraculous bloom was formed like a star with brilliant scarlet leaves. Word of the miracle spread quickly through the church and people fell to their knees. The gift of the Poinsettia came to be known as "The Flower of the Holy Night"

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Wheely bin, a burglar's best friend.

Dear Editor,

In this age when we all are trying to be more security conscious and protect our homes, I wonder if it has occurred to the growing number of residents in Beaumont who leave their wheeley bins in the front garden or side lane, how easy they are making it for burglars to use them as a handy tool to gain access to your home and property. It only takes an agile burglar a few seconds to get over your garden wall or gain access to a first floor bedroom, using your bin to stand on. You might as well leave a ladder out for the burglars. So please, think about where you park your wheeley bin and if you can, move it into the back garden where (hopefully) it will be used only for the intended purpose.



Enjoy Christmas

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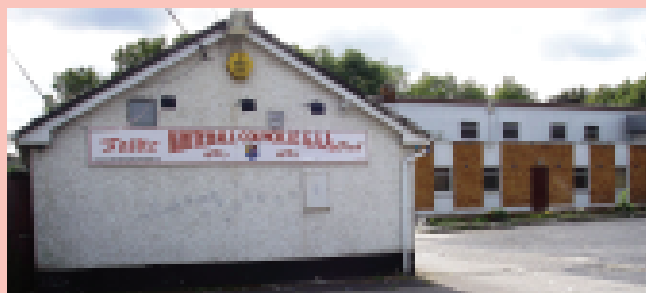
As we come into the busiest and one of the most stressful times of the year, we should all try and take some time out of our hectic schedules to appreciate all we have.

None of us know what is around the corner so we should try and live each day to the full. Take joy in the happiness of our children instead of fussing because the sitting room is untidy. Appreciate our partners love and support even on the days they are driving us insane. Be glad if we are lucky enough to still have our parents, and if we are not that lucky, then take a few minutes to remember them. Enjoy the company of our friends, knowing they will be there for us in dark times. Make time to get out in the fresh air and appreciate that we have our health. Mourn the loved ones we have lost but take comfort from the fond memories we will always have of them.

Even though we are living busy lives, we can all benefit from taking a few minutes to take stock of what we have and not stressing ourselves out over things that are not really important. Does it really matter if we don't spend every Sunday from now until Christmas traipsing around the shops for presents for people we haven't seen since this time last year? Better to make a donation to charity and spend the day doing fun things with your partner or kids. Life is too short to waste it. So enjoy the holiday season but enjoy it the way you want to, not the way consumerism dictates you should. **ENJOY CHRISTMAS.**

WHITEHALL COLMCILLE GAA CLUB

Round-up By Noel Ellis



As a long and hectic GAA season draws to a close, the club can look back on a very eventful and successful season. On the playing fields, Whitehall are now fielding teams in hurling, camogie and Gaelic football for male and female teams. The nursery section is going from strength to strength and with the growing members of course, comes the need for more volunteers to help out. The increase in the number of players is already bearing fruit with some our underage teams competing at division 1 and 2 level. However the club welcomes new members of all abilities and ages and you can join at any time. No trials are necessary. Our GPO (Games Promotion Officer) Cilian O'Driscoll who gave magnificent service during his three years at the club has been replaced by Vinnie Whelan who has immersed himself into the job straight away. If you would like further information on the club you can access our website on www.whitehallcolmcille.ie



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