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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

SUMMER MADNESS

A Summer Holiday by Larry O'Toole.

In July, this year - no doubt, deranged,
We booked our hols, just for a change.
The psychedelic brochures, bland,
Showed skies of blue and golden sand.
And so it was, with child-like glee
We packed our lightest things - all three,
And filled with avid anticipation
We reached - at night - our destination.
Next morn we rose when came the dawn
And, after a hasty stretch and yawn,
To the window ran, to feast our eyes
On golden sand, blue sea and skies.
Alas we saw, with moans of pain,
Only darkened sky and curtained rain.
It poured all day, and all that week -
We grew so glue we could hardly speak.
At last, pale-faced we went back home
And swore that never again we'd roam
To far-off spots in mid-July -
We'd rather be at home - and dry!

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If you would like to become a members of the Beaumont Residents Association please contact any of the Committee members for further information.

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Draw will take place on Friday, August 15th, 1997

THE TIME IS RIGHT TO BARBECUE

WEATHER PERMITTING



by Kevin O'Mara

It is that time of year again, despite the recent rain and wind, we are reminded each time we visit the Supermarkets to do our regular shopping, that it is time to take the equipment out of storage. All types of barbecues are on display, ranging from the very expensive gas types, to the less expensive charcoal burning smaller makes.

If you are buying a barbecue, here are a few features which you might consider:-

Size - Buy your unit based on the number of people you would normally cook for. How much space is there available in the garden or on the patio?

Height - Most units are standard, but it should be of a comfortable height for you to work from.

Safety - This is the most important aspect of the whole operation, be sure that the barbecue has steady legs or stand, always take extra care when there are children around.

D.I.Y. - An iron grid placed across a few bricks will make an excellent barbecue.

Remember that you will need certain basic equipment in order to operate your barbecue.

A Grill Tongs - You should avoid piercing the skin of meat or fish when turning items on the grill.

Good Quality Oven Gloves - These help to prevent burning your arms.

Skewers for cooking certain food items such as kebabs.

Bristle Brushes for basting food, these are preferable to the nylon or plastic types.

Aluminium foil for the wrapping of certain food items to be placed directly on the coals.

Also place a sheet of foil, with the shiny side facing up, at the bottom of the barbecue, this helps to keep the unit clean, it also reflects a certain amount of the heat back to the grill.

Lighting the Barbecue - A lot of people prefer to use charcoal, because of the flavour which it imparts to the food, but great care is needed in the lighting of the coals, do not use petrol or paraffin, which may cause serious accidents, and will certainly give food an unpleasant flavour. Use the recommended firelighters specially manufactured for barbecues. Build the coals around and over the firelighters and ignite. The type of food to be grilled will dictate the amount of charcoal you should use, e.g. large cuts of meat will require more time to cook and a great degree of heat.

The barbecue is ready for use when the coals are covered with a grey ash, this takes 30 to 45 minutes, depending on the amount of coals on the grill, so, to avoid delays when your guests or family members arrive, light that barbecue well in advance.

Just in case you have a problem or difficulty in lighting the barbecue, perhaps this will help, put the charcoal on an old oven roasting dish, leave them in a hot oven for 30 minutes approx., then place them in the barbecue bowl, use your thick oven gloves when transferring them, this should solve

the problem.

Here are some food items which are suitable for barbecues.

BEEF: Grilling steak, beef burgers.

LAMB: Chops, diced meat for Kebabs.

PORK: Spare ribs, gammon or ham steaks, chops.

CHICKEN: Cut into portions, whole chickens can be cooked where the unit has a rotating spit for this purpose.

SAUSAGES: All varieties.

FISH: Oily fish such as mackerel or the large Portuguese sardines and trout are best.

Most butchers either locally or in the Supermarkets now specialise in food items which have been marinated or covered with savoury herb mixtures and are suitable for barbecues. Marks and Spencers also have a beautiful display of meats, sauces etc., to marinate means to steep fish or meat in a richly spiced pickling liquid for a particular length of time, this both tenderises the meat and adds flavour.

I mentioned kebabs earlier in the article, these may be cubes of lamb or beef which have been marinated for a few hours, these are threaded onto skewers, rotating say a cube of lamb, a wedge of onion, a button mushroom, a cube of green or red pepper, a small piece of smoked bacon, a cube of lamb and so, just be careful not to pack them too tightly, to allow for thorough cooking.

You may also use minced beef, pork or lamb (bound with egg) and shaped into small meat balls evenly sized, leave them to stand for a while before placing them on the skewer and before threading them in a similar manner to the kebabs.

Cubes of chicken or turkey may also be used, adding cocktail sausages to the skewer with the other items already mentioned. Never use frozen chicken on a barbecue.

Cubes of firm fish such as Monkfish or Cod may also be used, or if you have won the Lotto, why not use fresh prawns. Any of the kebabs when cooked may be served on lengths of hot garlic bread. Pressure of space prevents me going on further but if any reader has a query which they would like to raise I will do my best to answer them.

However, no barbecue would be complete without some suitable beverages, which would add to the atmosphere of a well laid out garden and which would compliment well prepared food.

Here is a simple recipe for a lovely summer drink.

1 litre of medium sweet cider.

1 litre of lemonade white or red.

Ice and sliced apples and oranges unpeeled.

Add a measure of vodka. Stir all in a glass bowl and serve in tall glasses decorated with the sliced fruit. Winecups may also be served, as well as cold beers. All of the supermarkets now stock very reasonably priced wines, which would be suitable for such occasions.

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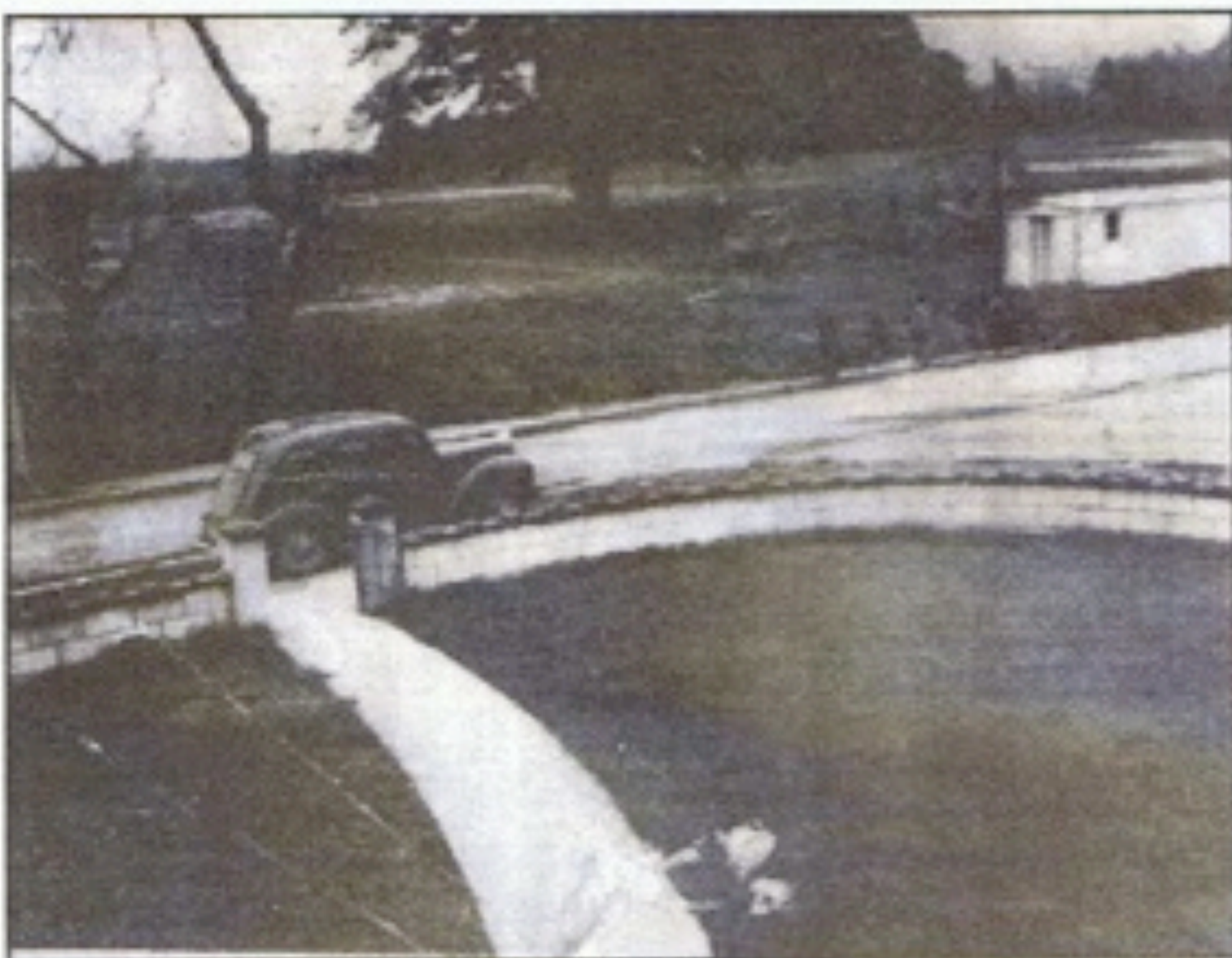
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OUR OLD ROAD

In 1948 Beaumont Road was a country cul-de-sac leading only to Convent of Mercy and Convalescent Home. Old Beaumont Road i.e. that portion as far as Beaumont Mart was as it is to-day with the exception of Lanigans Funeral Directors which was a grocery and confectionery store, the only one in the area apart from Collins Avenue. The converted cottage next to Lanigans was the gate lodge for the entrance to Thorndale House and Estate. Proceeding up Beaumont Road, the last

residence, with a few exceptions was the house carrying on a business as Fairview Egg Store, with a premises on Richmond Road.

Just where Beaumont Grove is on the left and the pumping station is on the right there was a small stone bridge over the river Wad. This has now been cased in concrete pipes but it still runs from Ballymun (hence the name Wadelai Estate) where it emerges again on the open spaces opposite Northside Shopping Centre. In '48 this river (if you could call it such) was the boundary between Dublin City limits and County Dublin. The city boundary was later extended. It was an important factor at the time as rates were payable on private houses, but county rates were lower. Bin collections were once a week by horse and cart. Continuing up the incline from the bridge, on the left hand side was a gate lodge to Belfield House.

DUBLIN BUS OMNILINK Route 300

This route serves the following areas:

Shopping

Northside Shopping Centre
Omnipark Shopping Centre

Pubs

Beaumont House, Beaumont
The Horse and Hound, Harmonstown
The Beachcomber, Killester
The Comet, Santry

Cinemas

Santry Omniplex

Hospitals

Beaumont Hospital
Central Remedial Clinic

DART Stations

Harmonstown
Killester

Timetable

	MONDAY TO SATURDAY									
Omni Shopping Centre	0820	0930	1030	1100	1200	1330	1430	1500	1600	
Beaumont Hospital	25	35	35	05	05	35	35	05	05	
Northside Shopping Centre	30	40	40	10	10	40	40	10	10	
Harmonstown DART Stn.	40	50	50	20	20	50	50	20	20	
Central Remedial Clinic	45	55	55	25	25	55	55	25	25	
Killester DART Station	50	1000	1100	30	30	1400	1500	30	30	
Omni Shopping Centre	0910	20	20	50	50	20	20	50	50	
Omni Shopping Centre	1700	1800	1910	2000	2050	2140	2230	2320*		
Beaumont Hospital	05	05	15	05	55	45	35	25*		
Northside Shopping Centre	10	10	20	10	2100	50	40	30*		
Harmonstown DART Stn.	20	20	30	20	10	2200	50	40*		
Central Remedial Clinic	25	25	35	25	15	05	55	45		
Killester DART Station	30	30	40	30	20	10	2300			
Omni Shopping Centre	50	50	2000	50	40	30	20			
	SUNDAYS									
Omni Shopping Centre	1105	1150	1240	1330	1420	1510	1600	1650	1740	
Beaumont Hospital	10	55	45	35	25	15	05	55	45	
Northside Shopping Centre	15	1200	50	40	30	20	10	1700	50	
Harmonstown DART Stn.	25	10	1300	50	40	30	20	10	1800	
Central Remedial Clinic	30	15	05	55	45	35	25	15	05	
Killester DART Station	35	20	10	1400	50	40	30	20	10	
Omni Shopping Centre	50	35	25	15	1505	55	45	35	25	
Omni Shopping Centre	1830	1920	2000	2050						
Beaumont Hospital	35	25	05	55						
Northside Shopping Centre	40	30	10	2300						
Harmonstown DART Stn.	50	40	20	10						
Central Remedial Clinic	55	45	25	15						
Killester DART Station	1700	50	30	20						
Omni Shopping Centre	15	2005	45	35						

(* = To CRC only)

FLAT FARE: ADULT 60p CHILD 30p

BEAUMONT

By P. O'Donoghue

This house was the property of the Belton Family who also owned most of the land on each side of the road. It was agricultural land and the produce was delivered to Dublin markets, mainly vegetables. On the right hand side were, and thankfully are, the four cottages which I understand were the homes for county council employees. There were fields on the right hand side right up to another gate lodge at the entrance to land owned by Smyths who also had a farm and orchard at the present area of Skellys Lane. The gate lodge was about 400 yards past the present position of Dromawling Road. The shop known as The Hatch was the location of one other family home. As regards transport - for the convenience of visitors to the Convent and/or Convalescent Home there were four buses a day going as far as convent gates, all others ceased at



the Collins Ave. junction all were No. 51A. The photo opposite was taken with a Vest Pocket Kodak Folding Camera from the front bedroom window of what is now 107 Beaumont Road about 1953. The big tree was in position for some years after The Casket was built. It was later struck by lightening and removed for safety. The Casket and the Rendezvous Pub were both built and operated by the Belton family for many years. Picture above was also taken from 107 Beaumont Road in 1997.

MADE IT TO THE TOP



It is only right and proper that when an item of local good news comes our way that we record same. In this case I refer to the appointment of Lar Bradshaw as Chairman of Dublin Docklands Development Authority who will shoulder the responsibility for the development and regeneration of 1,300 acres from the Custom House to the Pigeon House. Appointed to this position of prestige by Minister Brendan Howlin it must be said that he is well qualified to fill that role. Born and reared in Coolatree Road and educated locally he has made his name with the McKinsey & Co. Consultancy firm. I'm told he earned his first few bob as a lounge boy in the "Rendezvous" Pub now Beaumont House and while Lar was handing the pints around his father Jim was helping to produce them at James's Gate. It is a great credit to Lar that being a local he will be able to influence such a major development which will undoubtedly bring the whole dockland area into the Twenty-first Century. We wish him well in this major undertaking.

Tom Darby

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Beaumont Views

*Letters to the
Editor*

*To have a letter published the Editor
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necessarily for publication.*

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DEAR EDITOR - I was delighted to win one of the Crossword prizes in the newsletter this month. It was a welcome surprise, as we arrived home having had an expensive morning, replacing both the rubber and windscreen of our Toyota Hiace van, which was cut out of the van the previous night in front of the house here on Coolgreena Road at 10.55 p.m. I was reading in the front bedroom overlooking the parked vehicle and on investigating a noise outside was in time to see a man in a Toyota pickup discarding a windscreen and coolly driving off. Though I rang Santry Garda as he drove off, they unfortunately did not come for another 1 hour and 20 minutes. On looking closer at the discarded windscreen we discovered it was ours and the reason he left it was because he had cracked it in two places, no doubt, he went on to remove another one, elsewhere, with more care.

The man in the replacement windscreen shop said it is going on a lot, so I feel it would be no harm to warn our members through the Newsletter, as down our end of Coolgreena, none of use had ever heard of such an occurrence before. Forewarned is forearmed. - **NORAH DAVIS, Coolgreena Road.**
P.S. - The prize meal in Beaumont House was delicious.

DEAR EDITOR - Could the shops and take-always in our area please put up big posters in their shops asking their customers to dispose of their litter properly and stop throwing their cartons and papers on the road and in gardens along their way home, also we have cats which are multiplying, they are wild and ask the people who feed them to keep them in check, could we put a reminder in every issue regarding dogs, people are still leaving their dogs dirt on the paths, this is a request from our members. - **JEAN SWAN, Coolatree Park.**

Editor's Note - As and from 1st July this year dog owners will face an on-the-spot fine of £24 if they fail to clean up their doggy dirt, to enforce the get-tough policy Dublin Corporation has increased the number of litter wardens by 600%.

LETTER of the MONTH SUPERVALU £25 PRIZE SPONSORED BY SUPERVALU, LORCÁN AVENUE

THIS MONTH'S WINNER IS P. DOYLE

DEAR EDITOR - I read with interest Garda Clancys Column in last months magazine regarding queries about noisy neighbours. We should all be delighted to live in such a mixed aged area where we can learn so much from each other. Young couples moving in should be delighted to take advice on gardening from their older retired neighbours who have the time to help them. Many a first time mother (including myself) with a colicky or teething baby has been very relieved to learn from an experienced mother that their baby will survive the night and live to cry another day. What about the older people whose own families have moved away. They often love to be surrogate grandparent to young children and parents are delighted to see their children learning about the old days from kind and caring neighbours. In the winter there is many a teenager around to oblige a sick or housebound neighbour who needs shopping. So lets all sit back and learn from and enjoy our neighbours young and old. - **P. DOYLE, Cooleen Ave.**

LETTER TO MEETING OF OLD RESIDENTS

The Executive Committee

Beaumont Residents Association (pre 1997).

9th June 1997

Dear Committee Member/Neighbour,

I write to you as Chairman of the duly elected BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (1997) and mandated to act on behalf of the Residents of Beaumont. This election took place on February 17, 1997 at a special General Meeting of Residents, duly called for the purpose of electing a Committee. Every household in the area was notified of the meeting. In addition, I personally wrote to Mrs Mary King advising her of the meeting and inviting her to attend.

We are a new and somewhat inexperienced Committee. We are active, energetic and enthusiastic and committed, however, I believe that we would benefit from your individual membership and expertise. In this regard, I extend a sincere invitation to each one of you to join our Association as a Committee member or ordinary member. Our Mission Statement is set out clearly and unambiguously in our Constitution and was published in the May edition of "Beaumont News". A copy is enclosed for your information.

In summary, our aims are "to Promote the Interests and Welfare of our Members". Your aims must be the same. Should this be the case, there cannot be any fundamental reason for not accepting my invitation to join with us and together we can further our Common Mission for the betterment of Beaumont. Thank you for allowing this letter to be read at your meeting and I look forward to meeting with you very soon

Yours sincerely,

Des Maguire

Chairman.

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"A HOUSE"

A MORTGAGE

A mortgage is a loan made against the security of a property.
There are two common types of mortgage:

- a) Annuity Mortgage
- b) Endowment Mortgage

These are further divided into "Variable Rate" and "Fixed Rate" mortgages.

ANNUITY MORTGAGE

This is the most common type. It is structured in such a way that each year you pay off part of the money borrowed plus interest. During the early years however, repayments comprise mostly interest and the amount outstanding on the loan goes down very slowly. In the first year of a twenty year mortgage, more than 90% of repayments are interest. The balance changes gradually but it is not until about year fifteen that repayments are 50% interest and 50% loan. The term of a mortgage can vary from fifteen years to twenty five years. The most common term being twenty years.

The positive features of this type of mortgage are:

- a) it is the cheapest over the term
- b) at the end of the term (provided all repayments are made on time) there will be nothing owing and the mortgage will be cleared
- c) a "Variable Rate" annuity mortgage can be paid off at any point without any extra costs or penalties.

ENDOWMENT MORTGAGE

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BUYING A HOUSE – PART 2

endowment policy. The borrower takes out an assurance policy for the same term as the loan. The policy/savings plan is designed to repay the principal sum at the end of the mortgage term.

The borrower has to make two repayments each month; an assurance policy premium and an interest payment on the loan. During the mortgage term, nothing is paid off the principal. The policy is "cashed in" at the end of the term and this money is then used to pay off the principal.

The downsides of this type of mortgage are:

- a) the assurance policy (savings plan) is not guaranteed to generate a sufficient lump sum to repay the principal. Should this happen, the borrower will owe the difference
- b) it is more expensive in terms of repayments than an annuity mortgage
- c) tax allowances applicable to this type of mortgage in the past no longer exists to any great degree. The capping of tax relief on mortgage interest negates any advantage this type of mortgage once had for high earners
- d) should a borrower wish to redeem a mortgage within the first few years of the term, he/she may get no benefit from the endowment repayments due to the fact that most of the early years payments go towards levies and commissions. In some instances the commission payable to the seller of the endowment policy is as much as 90% of the first years premiums. The commission is deducted from the borrowers first years premiums by the assurance company.

The positive side of an endowment mortgage is; there may be (if you're lucky) surplus left when the mortgage is paid.

VARIABLE OR FIXED RATE?

With interest rates at an all-time low and the long term outlook for rates to stay low, why should a borrower consider a "Fixed Rate Mortgage"? In the short-term, i.e. one to two years, interest rates are generally expected to rise significantly with the approach of European Monetary Union (EMU).

EMU is in the news regularly these days and will continue to dominate the headlines for the next eighteen months. It is scheduled to happen on January 1, 1999. The big questions now being posed are: Will EMU happen? Will the scheduled date be put back? What countries will join? Will Ireland join?

If we are to believe our political leaders, EMU will happen on schedule and Ireland will join at the start. However, many economists have very different views and are predicting very serious turmoil in the money markets, particularly through 1998. The speculators are lining up for a big showdown and even if they do not win the war, in the short-term they can push EMU into the future and block Ireland's scheduled entry.

This being the background, and bitter memories of the money speculators battle of '92 and '93 when mortgage interest rates spiralled to almost 20%, borrowers would do well to consider a "Fixed Rate Mortgage".

The consensus among financial gurus is a 3 year fixed rate from now, is the safest and best option. The difference between a variable and 3 year fixed rate mortgage of £65k is approximately £12.40 per month. This is a small price to pay for peace of mind and certainty.

Continued next Issue

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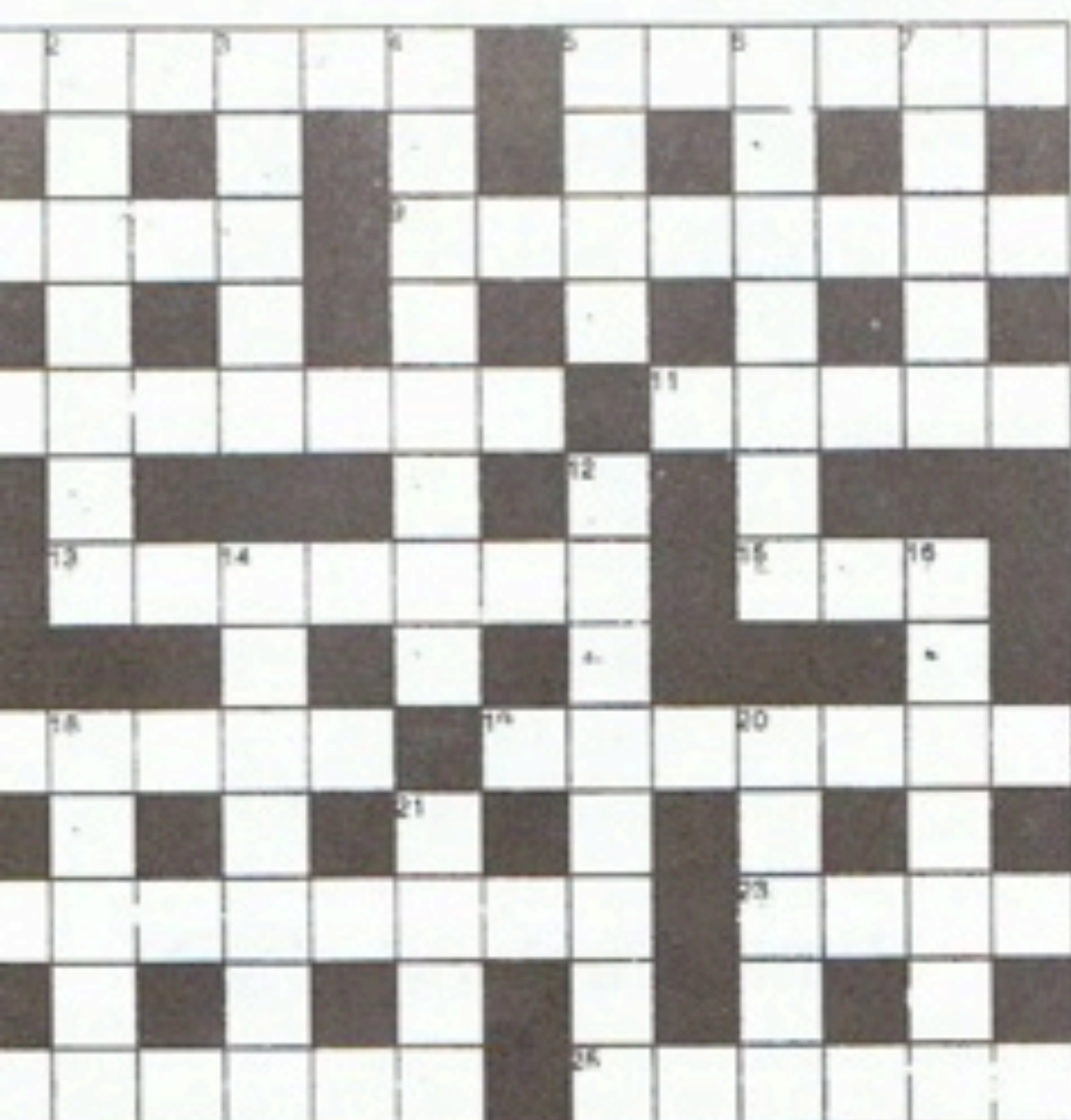
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CROSSWORD

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QUESTIONS

ACROSS - 1 Coax (6). 5 Short and plump (6).
 7 Dressing (4). 9 Recognise (8). 10 Ruler of colony (7).
 12 To sleep, perchance to ----- (Shakespeare) (5).
 14 Indulges (7). 15 Jap. currency; longing (3). 17 They
 are the baddies (5). 19 Enthusiast (7). 22 Film role
 like John Waynes (4, 4). 23 Card game (4). 24 Part of
 an (6). 25 Born in Copenhagen (6).

DOWN - 2 Do away with (7). 3 Weight; jaguar (5).
 4 End of novel (8). 5 Actress and singer (4).
 6 Completely (7). 7 T.V. awards (5). 12 Small planet (8).
 13 Imposing, weighty (7). 16 Sewing implements (7).
 18 Proprietor (5). 20 ----- Welles (Citizen Kane) (5).
 21 Network (4).

- I must apologise for the omission of 6 down in the
 crossword, allowances were made for in the solutions
 in this regard

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS - 1 Till. 3 Cheddar. 8 Lincoln. 9 Ernie. 10 Dusts.
 11 Reynard. 13 Artillery. 17 Teed off. 19 Tempo. 20
 1. 22 In total. 23 Sinatra. 24 Hymn.
DOWN - 1 Toledo. 2 Landscape. 3 Central Africa. 4
 1. 5 Dun. 6 Rue (clue omitted). 7 Cosset. 12
 1. 14 Symmetry. 15 Estate. 16 Ethics. 18 Octet. 21

COMPETITIONS CLOSING DATE

The closing date for all competitions in this issue of Beaumont
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A.I.B. QUIZ

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. A very dark boulder. | 2. Get out of the way. |
| 3. Dispose of this woman. | 4. Chimes demise. |
| 5. Big cats ville. | 6. Not a warm explosive device. |
| 7. Spheres cross over here. | 8. Honest opinion. |
| 9. Duel weapons. | 10. Stormy retreat. |
| 11. A cunning beast stone. | 12. Demolish Leo. |
| 13. Dock was in a hurry. | 14. A rodent before the pits. |
| 15. Scandinavian monacle. | |

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

- 5 4 3 2 1 Lift Off.
- Naked Gun 33 1/3 the Final Insult.
- 1, 2, 3 o'clock 4 o'clock rock.
- 1963 President Kennedy visits Ireland.
- 40 day of Lent.
- 3 balls on a billiard table.
- 1760 yards in a mile.
- 6 players on a volleyball team.
- Colt 45 the gun that won the west.
- 30 pieces of silver.
- 24 hours from Tulsa.
- 3 men in a boat.
- 7 veils of Salome or seven voyages of Sinbad.
- Honda 50 or Hawaii 50.
- Legs 11.

GOOD LUCK. Editor's decision final.

The winners of our CROSSWORD
 for LUNCH/DINNER FOR TWO
 sponsored by THE BEAUMONT
 HOUSE, are Doreen Ryan,
 Coolgreena Road, Catherine Rock,
 Coolgarraff Rd. and Jo Buggy,
 Coolgreena Rd.
 The winner of our QUIZ for £50
 sponsored by A.I.B. Bank,
 Whitehall is Jo Buggy,
 Coolgreena Rd.



*Mrs. Jo Buggy, 99
 Coolgreena Road —
 Winner of Crossword and
 Quiz in June Issue.*

The winners of the X-word and
 Quiz were selected by Peace
 Commissioner, Mr. Bollins to ensure fairness. The other
 competitions were selected by random numbers from a
 computer watched by witnesses.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS

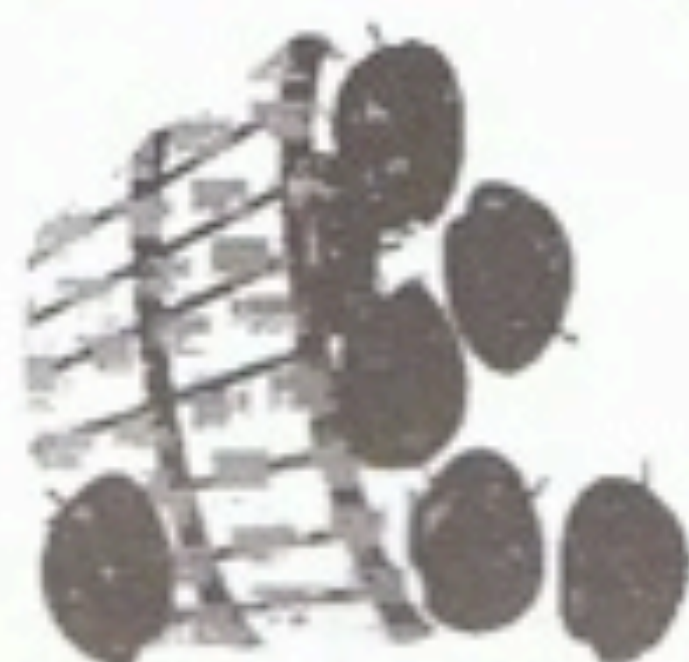
The winner of the PATIO TABLE AND 4 CHAIRS
 sponsored by TEXAS, Omni Park Shopping Centre is
 member number 2461, Brendan and Deirdre Clare,
 Shantalla Drive.

The winner of the YOPLAIT HAMPER, sponsored by
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Social Welfare and You

By Ken Kelly



In this article I propose to deal with those who are ELDERLY and those who are about to RETIRE.

In addition to covering the social welfare entitlements I will also cover additional help and support available from our local Health Centre.

RETIREMENT PENSION :- To qualify for this pension you must be over 65 years of age, be retired from full-time work and satisfy the PRSI contribution conditions. (Your local Social Welfare office will be able to tell you whether or not you satisfy the PRSI condition. As a general rule you will need an average of 24 weeks PRSI to qualify for the minimum rate of Retirement Pension and 48 weeks for the maximum pension)

Also you do NOT to give up work completely. You can still do some part-time work and qualify for the pension.

OLD-AGE (CONTRIBUTORY) PENSION :-

To qualify for this pension you must be over 66 years of age and satisfy the PRSI contribution conditions. (Again your local Social Welfare office will confirm your PRSI situation. The yearly averages for this pension are less than those required for the Retirement Pension).

You are advised to apply for both of the above pensions 3 months BEFORE you reach the required age limit.

OLD-AGE (NON-CONTRIBUTORY) PENSION :- If you do not qualify for the Old-Age (Contributory) Pension you may qualify for a non-contributory one instead. You will qualify if you are over 66 years of age, are living in the State and satisfy a means test. A Social Welfare investigator will work out your means. As with the other pensions listed above you should apply three months before your 66th birthday.

EXTRA ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS :- The following is a list of extra allowances and benefits which pensioners may be entitled to from either the Department of Social Welfare or the local Health Centre :-

1. Living alone allowance.
2. Over 80 years allowance.
3. Free travel.
4. Butter vouchers.
5. Electricity allowance.
6. Television licence.
7. Natural gas allowance.
8. Bottled gas refill allowance.
9. Fuel allowance.
10. Telephone rental allowance.
11. Assistance under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance - see below.

SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCE :- This allowance is paid by the Community Welfare Officer in the local Health Centre. There are a range of additional payments which can be made under this scheme. Some examples of what is available include heating and dietary needs, exceptional needs payments like clothing, bedding or other essential household equipment and funerals. There is also an "urgent needs payment" to meet unforeseen circumstances like a fire or flood.

The SWA booklet - ref. no. 5W54 - has all the details. Our Local Health Centre is in Larkhill.

If there are any aspects of Social Welfare that you would like covered just drop a line to the Editor and I will attempt to cover them in subsequent issues.

OFFICIAL RE-ACTIONS

Letters from Dublin Corporation in response to our letters.

RE: Pedestrian Crossing at Entrance to Beaumont Hospital

I refer to your representations received on 12th May, 1997 concerning the above.

The above location has been examined by the Traffic Engineer. The green man time for pedestrian crossing is 6 seconds and the amber man time is 10 seconds. These timings are more than adequate given the width of the road. The signals are red to traffic during the amber man time. However, there is a problem with right turn driving through the green man at the start of the pedestrian phase. This could be rectified by incorporating another phase (a right turn filter arrow) into the cycle. This has been agreed by the Traffic Advisory Group/Traffic Sub-Committee. This will be done in the next few months. The matter of a pedestrian crossing at Shantalla Road/Beaumont Road was recently rejected by the Traffic Advisory Group/Traffic Sub-Committee because the pedestrian count was only 25% of the warrant.

RE: Gully at the junction of Shantalla Road and Beaumont Road

The above gully was cleaned, as requested. There is no gully at the entrance to the Mercy Convent. As there is a dip in the road which retains water at this location after rainfall, the matter has been reported to the Road Maintenance Division to investigate the possibility of providing a gully there.

RE: Flooding at Mercy Convent on Beaumont Road.

I wish to inform you that the matter concerning the problem of surface water flooding is receiving attention and I shall write to you again when more information is to hand.

RE: Trees located on Coolgreena Road

In this regard, I wish to inform you that the trees have been inspected. They are mature Whitebeam. These trees are grown on a vigorous rootstock and for this reason they have grown at a slant from an early age. They are not in danger of falling nor are they considered a hazard at this time. The situation will be monitored however.

RE: Park at Coolgreena Close.

I refer to your letter concerning the park at Coolgreena Close. In this regard, I have noted that there are a number of issues relating to the open space which you wish to discuss with Dublin Corporation. In these circumstances, I suggest that a meeting should take place on site between Beaumont Residents Association and Dublin Corporation Parks and Landscapes Services Division concerning the issues which you have raised.

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Garda Clancy Column



Hello again Readers.

In this month's column I want to fill you in on the recently established Garda National Traffic Policy Bureau which was launched on 4th July, 1997.

1996 has again shown a significant increase in the number of people killed on our roads - 453 compared with 437 in 1995 and this trend is on the increase again this year. The main cause of all fatal accidents is speed. The objectives of the Bureau will be to make the roads of Ireland the safest in Europe and especially to make speeding and not wearing seat belts as socially unacceptable as drinking and driving.

The following are the speed limits for the various categories of vehicles:

Private cars - 60 mph

Articulated vehicles - 50 mph Buses (single deck) - 50 mph Buses (double deck) - 40 mph

Cars drawing trailers and caravans - 50 mph

The speed limit on motorways is 70 mph. Do not confuse motorways with dual carriageways. In built up areas the limit is either 30 / 40 mph. Remember, these speed limits are not an invitation to drive at or near such speed. If you are prosecuted for speeding, the courts have a discretionary power to either endorse a person's driving licence or disqualify them from holding a driving licence plus a fine.

The Gardai have invested heavily in unmarked video camera cars in all parts of the country, GATSO, the speed detection system

which was introduced in 1996 has been an absolute success. The system consists of an unmarked vehicle which parks along the roadside. Onboard cameras automatically photograph speeding cars and summons are subsequently issued. About 10,000 detections have been made by the GATSO system since it was introduced late last year. Radars are also in use and the introduction of a fine on the spot system (€50) on 1st December, 1996 has resulted in over 800 fines being issued every week.

I can assure you all that the National Traffic Policy Bureau intends to make an impact on the increasing rise in the number of fatal accidents on our roads so be aware when you are travelling. Remember: No one thinks it will happen to them! More on this next month

On another note, it is the holiday season again. Although you would not think so with the weather. If you are heading for the hard earned break in the sun, think HOME SECURITY. Get someone to keep an eye on the house for you, i.e. turn on lights, close curtains, remove mail from letter box etc., Notify your local station of your travel plans and who will have a key. If your neighbours house is vacant, be vigilant. It is only as a community acting together that the fight against crime can be won.

Finally, I would like to offer my congratulations to Sgt. Dick Kinsella and Garda Larry Duffly on their forthcoming retirements. Dick has been in charge of Community Policing in the Santry, Ballymun and Whitehall areas from the beginning. A native of Beaumont, Dick has worked tirelessly in the community for many years. His contributions and achievements are far too numerous to mention here. It has been a pleasure working with you Dick. Have a good one.

Larry has spent over thirty years in Santry Station and has been a loyal colleague and friend to me personally. Larry is moving in to security in the private sector, and with all his energy and enthusiasm, which has never ceased to amaze me, I have no doubt he will be a huge success.

They will be badly missed by all their colleagues. Until The autumn..... Brendan

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REMEMBER ME?

I'm the person who goes into a restaurant, sits down patiently and waits while the waitresses do everything but take my order. I'm the person who goes into a department store and stands quietly while the sales clerks finish their little chit-chat. I'm the person who drives into a petrol station and never blows his horn, but waits patiently while the attendant finishes reading his comic book. Yes, you might say I'm, a good person, but do you know who else I am? I'm the person who never comes back. And it amuses me to see you spending thousands of pounds every year to get me back when I was there in the first place... and all you had to do was show me a little courtesy.



BEAUMONTS' FIRST PLAYSCHOOL

In the early seventies the Fitzsimons family came to live in Beaumont. Coolgreena Close was a quiet cul-de-sac with an open space and ample parking facilities for the residents. The newly built houses were all occupied but one, number 13, this was to be our home.

There were many young couples with children living in the area but no Playschool for the little ones. My daughter and I, both experienced in the field of education decided this was a perfect location for a Playschool. We set up the school during the Summer holidays and it opened in the Autumn of 1972 catering for children from three to five years of age. A lot of work went into the planning and equipping of the Playschool but it was worth the effort. A large Barna building situated in the back garden was converted into a self contained classroom with all the facilities required for the playgroup. It provided a comfortable and carefree environment and the children who attended over the years were happy there. It was a privilege to work with the children and their parents during this time and I would also like to think we contributed something to the community.

I retired in 1985 to spend more time with my family and grandchildren. I frequently see and meet my past pupils, some of whom are now rearing their own families and I enjoy the "craic" with them!

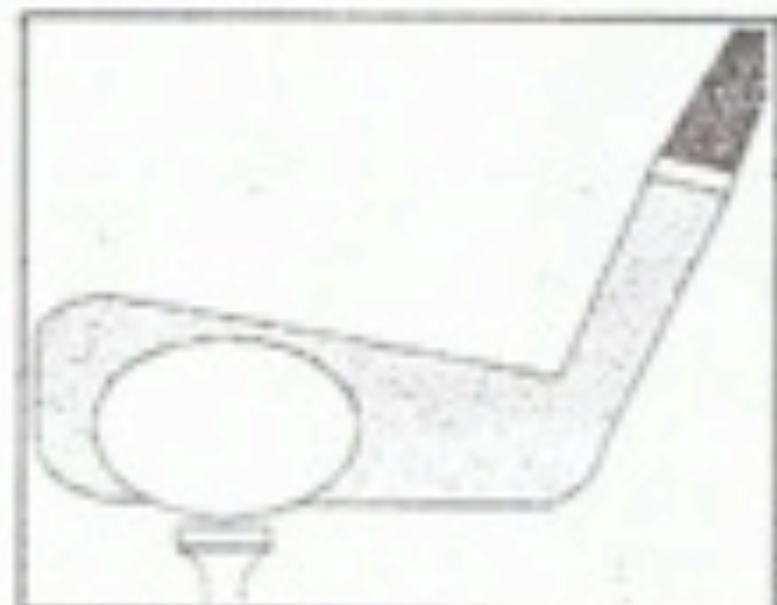
The photo shown here will bring many memories to those who attended the Playschool in the early days, and to their parents who have maintained the friendship that developed more than a quarter of a century ago. The Playschool, now called the iChalet, still stands in the garden and is useful in other ways. It is a grand place to relax and enjoy our grandchildren playing with the old toys when they come to visit us. Memories are made of this!

BRID FITZSIMONS



LEAGUE WINNERS
St. Kevins 8A with their Manager, Charlie Moore.
Winners of Brenfer League

Golfing News



DISTRICT GOLFING SOCIETY

THE Society had its fourth outing of 1997 at Devlin Castle Golf Club on Saturday 31st May. There was a turnout of thirty-five, who played on the finest day so far.

Congratulations to the following winners. 1st Overall - R. Elliott (Whitehall) 35 pts.; 2nd Overall - S. Harrison (Beaumont) 33 pts.; 3rd Overall - T. Darby (Beaumont) 32 pts. 1st Class 1 - S. Fitzgerald (Drumcondra) 31 pts.; 2nd Class 1 - J. Grealy (Swords) 30 pts. 1st Class 2 - R. McDyer (Clontarf) 29pts.; 2nd Class 2 - J. Moore (Beaumont) 27 pts. 1st Class 3 - P. Breslin (Artane) 27 pts.; 2nd Class 3 - G. Connolly (Artane) 26 pts. Front 9 - K. Twomey (Glasnevin) 17 pts. Back 9 - J. Murray (Beaumont) 17 pts.

OUR Captains Day (Sean Darby) took place at Tullamore Golf Club on the 21st June. Forty-two members turned out to play for a superb suite of prizes, Waterford Crystal and Beleck China. The new course at Tullamore proved to be a true test of golf and this coupled with one of the wettest days this year kept the scores low. Our congratulations to the prizewinners.

Overall - 1st Captains Prize - J. Dignam (Ardmore) 33 pts., 2nd P. Meehan (Santry) 32 pts. 3rd J. Murray (Coolgarraff) 31 pts. 4th D. Harold (Santry) 29 pts.

Class 1 - 1st P. Bizzell (Ardmore) 29 pts. 2nd Shay Darby (Beaumont) 28 pts. 3rd J. Johnston (Killester) 27 pts. 4th R. Elliott (Whitehall) 27 pts.

Class 2 - 1st R. McDyer 29 pts. 2nd F. McDyer (Kinsealy) 29 pts. 3rd N. Donnell (Kilmore) 27 pts. 4th R. O'Rourke (Clonsillaugh) 24 pts.

Class 3 - 1st R. Flood (Ardmore) 28 pts. 2nd J. Doogue (Griffith Ave.) 26 pts. 3rd J. Roche 25 pts. 4th A. Eglinton (Shantalla) 23 pts.

Front 9 - D. Fitzgerald (Montrose) 16 pts. Back 9 - P. Kelly (Beaumont) 13 pts. Par 3's - B. Taaffe (Elm Mount) 11 pts. Past Captain's - P. Gannon (Coolgreana) 23 pts. Visitor's - W. Reilly.

BRADSHAW Hon. Sec.

BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INTERIM ACCOUNT JUNE 1997

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"HIGH STREET" NEWS



The almost seamless integration of the Casket with Beaumont House is done with great care and attention to detail. It is a fine example of environmentally friendly and aesthetic modern refurbishment. The tone and tenor of the area is much enhanced as a result. Well done!! to Dermot Carew and all concerned.



Paul and Alison Quinn are the new owners of the refurbished bread shop "Court Cuisine". Paul is a native of Finglas and has more than ten years experience in the confectionery business. Alison is a native of Coolock and they now live in Lusk. Paul was joint owner of this shop upto two months ago when he bought-out his partner and set about a renovation programme. Almost all of the items on sale in the shop are made on the premises. An extensive range of fresh cakes, buns and pastries are on display in hygienic conditions. The Court Cuisine is well worth a visit if you have a sweet tooth, if you want a cake for a special occasion or if you just want a quality fresh sandwich. Alison makes a great sandwich. Good Luck to them both.



"Frans" is a new hairdressing salon, owned, managed and operated by Fran Hughes. Fran is a barber/hairdresser for more than twenty years and worked in many of the city salons including "Knights" on the Green, which he managed for a number of years. Fran refers to his business as hairdressing and claims to offer a more comprehensive modern service than a barber shop. There is only one operating chair in the salon. Fran says "This guarantees personal service, when a customer comes to Frans, he gets Fran". His opening hours are also somewhat of a departure i.e. Open Thursdays and Fridays 'till 8 p.m. and Sundays till 1 p.m. Fran is certainly providing an old service in a new way and at times to suit even the most busy customer. Fran will be delighted to take appointments. We wish Fran Good Luck.



A new business for Beaumont, by a not so new businessman. Paddy Kelly is a well known businessman, a former day footballer with St. Kevin's Boys Club and present day member of Beaumont and District Golfing Society. He is a resident of Beaumont for almost forty years. Paddy Junior (his son) is also a director of Beaumont Travel. The Agency is managed by Bernadette Blackwell from Beauvale Park. Bernadette is experienced in the travel business, having worked with a number of airlines and local travel agent "Personal Travel". Completing the team is Allison Molloy, a tourism graduate from Waterford R.T.C. Paddy's team have just the cure for those rainy day blues. Beaumont Travel has our best wishes.



The new shop front at "Swift" is a fresh new design and must be applauded. It is certainly a pleasant change from the jaded plastic signs. Lets hope it is the start of a trend. Inside, the shop is bright and has an uncluttered look. A wide range of food and other items are displayed in a shopping-friendly manner. It also has a nice deli and fresh bread is baked daily on the premises. Cathal and Deirdre McElearney have our best wishes.



Fresh flowers and fresh vegetables are very much part of the same family. It is no wonder then, that "Flowers Unlimited" moved in next door to "Pick of the Crop". Both businesses complement each other naturally, environmentally and in terms of customers. The shop fronts are very basic and simple and convey a certain rawness which enhances the ambience of both shops. The 'Veg. & Flowers' arrangement is a winning pose. Best wishes to all concerned.