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THE NEW COMMITTEE TO LEAD US INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM



BACK ROW (Left to right) - Eugene Reilly, Sam Bolton, Joyce Moore, Barry Doyle, Tom Darby, Mick Hession, Frank O'Driscoll, Deirdre Higgins, Peter Boylan and Irene Molloy.

FRONT ROW - Gerry Hiney, Lorraine O'Toole, Ann Maher, Phyllis Redmond, Mary Bolton, Noreen Maher, Jean Swan, Chris Foy, and Margaret Doyle. Committee member not in the photo: Catherine Connolly.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Feb. 22, 1999 in the Pastoral Centre

The meeting was opened at 8.10 by Des Maguire who welcomed everybody to the meeting. He then invited Barry Doyle, Secretary to read out the minutes of last year's AGM.

After the minutes were read out they were adopted and seconded, then Barry gave the Secretary's Report. He outlined the objectives of the committee at the start of the year and detailed their achievements to date. (All of these have been reported on in previous newsletters). This report was adopted and then seconded.

Des then invited Sean Dooley, Treasurer to make his report. Copies of this report were distributed to those present.

Income At 31/1/1999

Beaumont News	£264.90
Subscriptions	£2,820.00
Previous Residents Assoc.	£5,919.38
Dublin Corporation Grants	£350.00
Total Income	£8,824.48

Expenditure

AGM Expenses	£211.50
Old Folks Christmas Party	£1,025.45
Community Games	£402.25
Lawnmowers purchased	£634.00
Donations - Hospice & Omagh	£355.00
Sunday Expenses	£910.35
Total	£3,538.55

Surplus	£5,285.93
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Opening Balance	£2,137.25
Plus Surplus in Year	£5,285.93
Total	£7,423.18

Represented by:

Bank Account	£588.07
Previous Residents Assoc	£5,919.38
Neighbourhood Watch Funds	£316.03
Funds owed re Adverts in Beaumont News	£600.00
TOTAL	£7,423.48

This was dominated, seconded and passed.

Peter Boylan proposed a vote of thanks to Sean for his work.

The Chairperson had no report because due to work pressures and commitments he is resigning. He spoke about how difficult the first year had been and about the achievements in the last year. He said how it was interesting to see the building business now and how we know that what we did with regard to our objections to Beaumont Woods were correct. But it was time to move on and be positive. The Corporation can be difficult at times to work with, and sometimes objectives can only be met by threats from the Association to block roads etc. He said the objective of the Association was to make Beaumont a better place to live. He wished the new committee well and said he made good friends during his time as chairman. He thanked everyone for their help over the years. He proposed amendments to the Constitution to allow the elected committee to pick the new chairperson, and to facilitate the election of Officers.

The amendments are: Article 5 (i) b): Committee Members: There shall be not less than fifteen elected Committee Members.

As far as it is each 25 households.

Article 5 (ii): All Committee Members elected at the AGM shall remain in office for one year.

Article 5 (iv): Election of Committee Members shall be by simple majority at the AGM.

Article 5 (xi): The elected Committee Members may elect Officers - other than Trustees, from within their own ranks.

These were all proposed and seconded and passed by clear majority.

The Trustees were all ratified and returned for a further year. Noreen Maher, Ann Maher and Joyce Moore.

The following people were all nominated and seconded as members of the new committee: - Outgoing committee: Barry Doyle, Gerry Hiney, Ann Maher, Irene Molloy, Chris Foy, Deirdre Higgins, Jean Swan, Peter Boylan, Eugene Reilly, Catherine Connolly, Lorraine O'Toole, Mary Bolton, Sam Bolton, Margaret Doyle, Phyllis Redmond. Other nominations: Tom Darby, Frank O'Driscoll, Mick Hession.

Outgoing Committee members: Brian Traynor, Terry Wickham, Con O'Halloran, Jim Little. (Thank you to them all for their help over the year).

Des congratulated the new committee and wished them well for the year ahead.

It was proposed that the subscription to the Association remains at £5. This was agreed.

Tom Darby mentioned a beer garden being put in at Beaumont House without planning permission. He wished to draw people's attention to what was happening. Barry Doyle read a letter aloud which he received from the Corporation Planning Dept. about the above mentioned item. The situation was being closely monitored by them.

Peter Boylan asked about tree pruning and footpaths in the area. The Secretary said that the Corporation have stated that it was their intention to replace all the Cherryblossom trees that cause this problem as soon as they have the funds to do so.

Charlie Moore asked about the yellow box at the end of Coolgreena and inquired as to why the winners of the competitions in the Beaumont News seem to be weighted towards certain roads. Barry said that a request for the replacing of the box had already been seen to; also with regard to the draws he said all the winning entries for each competition are placed in a big cardboard box, shaken and a winner is drawn by a Peace Commissioner, Mr. William Bollins who always obliges when asked to do so. He also said that the same people tended to enter the competitions in each edition and because of the percentages of memberships for each road it only followed that roads with a greater membership and more entries would have more winners?

The percentages are thus:

Beaumont Road 33%; Beaumont Crescent 83%; Beaumont Grove 64%; Coolgreena Road 83%; Coolgreena Close 71%; Coolatree Park 82%; Coolatree Close 30%; Coolatree Road 34%; Coolrua Drive 82%; Cooleen Avenue 86%; Coolgarraff Road 16%; Shantalla Road 37%; Shantalla Drive 36%; Shantalla Park 17%; Dromawling Road 54%; Dromnanane Road 100%; Dromnanane Park 50%; Dromlee Crescent 19%; Dromleen Avenue 44%; Drombawn Avenue 13%; Shanboley road 60%; Shantalla Avenue 60%; Shantalla Road 55%.

A discussion developed about ramps, the advantages and their disadvantages.

Barry, thanked Des for all his work over the years, for his direction and encouragement and leadership he also thanked Sean for his excellent work also and asked those in attendance to show their appreciation.

The meeting finished at 9.20 p.m.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS 1999

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- **NORTHSIDE PARTNERSHIP** established to tackle long-term unemployment and expanded to include the North-East Drugs Task Force, the Local Employment Service and a Northside Arts and Cultural Centre.
- **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES COMPLETED** - including provision of speed reduction measures and pedestrian operated signals at Shantalla Road Shops; traffic lights/pedestrian operated signals at Beaumont Road/Shantalla Road, Beaumont Road/Beaumont Woods and at Beaumont Hospital.
- **STARDUST MEMORIAL PARK OPENED.**
- **DARNDALE REFURBISHMENT FINALISED;** The URBAN Programme initiated; Design of New Darndale/ Belcamp Village underway; Construction of new park at Darndale/Belcamp has begun.
- **PRECINCT IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR CROMCASTLE COURT** commenced and sanction given for upgrading of open space at Coolgreena Close.
- **DUBLIN BAY PROJECT** to eliminate the pollution of our beaches now in place.

OBJECTIVES

- * *The provision of affordable private and well maintained Social Housing.*
- * *The introduction of effective traffic calming and public transport measures.*
- * *The development and expansion of our Health Services.*
- * *The promotion of local economic development and the elimination of urban black spots.*
- * *The need for effective policies to tackle litter, waste management and re-cycling.*

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Your Fianna Fáil Candidates for the "Artane" constituency are Seán Haughey, Ita Green and Brian Taylor.
Polling Day: June 11th 1999.



FIANNA FÁIL
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Father Joe's Column



At the time of writing, we are busy preparing for Holy Week. I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Priests of the Parish to wish you all a very happy Easter. All around us at the moment, we can see signs of new life, the days are getting longer, the birds are singing and the trees are breaking into leaf and into flower. All this reminds us of the new life Christ has won for us and the new hope he has placed in our hearts, 'I am with you always'. May we all experience the joy and new hope of Easter.

Confirmations took place in the Parish on the 12th. and 13th. of March. In all, five classes were confirmed. On Friday, the 12th. we had Bishop Moriarty with us and on Saturday, the 13th., Bishop Kavanagh performed the ceremony. Both celebrations were very beautiful and special tribute must be paid to the Senior School Choir and Musicians who performed so beautifully. Many families stayed on for the reception in the Pastoral Centre. Both days we were blessed with beautiful weather, the result I am told of Sr. Madeline's prayers! Congratulations to those who were confirmed and to their families.

On Wednesday, the 10th. of March we had our First Confessions. Again it was a beautiful celebration. I particularly enjoyed the little drama on Jesus and Zacchaeus the Tax Collector. We are looking forward to the First Communions which will take place on two Saturdays May 8th. and the 15th.

Nineteen new Altar Servers completed their training and were welcomed at the Masses on Sunday, the 28th. of February. It adds so much to the celebration to have Servers and we really appreciate their service to the Parish. Congratulations.

Finally, just to welcome the new Committee of the Residents Association and to wish them every success. May God Bless your work in building community and reward you for your labours. *Happy Easter.*

MS. ORLA BRODERICK: A TRIBUTE

March 12th 1999 is a date anyone connected with Mercy College Beaumont will never forget. It was on this day that we lost one of the brightest, most beautiful, bubbly and happiest people to ever grace our corridors and classrooms. It was the day we lost Ms. Broderick, whom we all loved, and her husband Brian, in a fatal car accident. In the words of the teachers and students alike, Mrs. Broderick brought out the best in everyone, and through her very humane approach she touched everyone she met very deeply. She was one of us more than a teacher, she was a friend and perhaps the saddest thing is we will never see her smile again. Music was her love and she taught it with passion and flair and involved herself in all types of school concerts. Brian and Orla will always be remembered and we will never let their memory fade as they will never leave us in spirit. Ms. Broderick will be remembered through music and laughter and since we have lost her our school has lost a certain spark - the one she always carried around in her eyes and her smile. - A STUDENT

BEAUMONT NOTICEBOARD

TO the family of the late Paddy Downes we extend our sincere sympathy, she was a lovely neighbour to have and will be sadly missed by her many friends, to Ray, Dermot, Martin and Michelle, we hope time will heal your sadness. Paddy rest in peace. - Jean

WILL the woman in the wine coloured car please stop putting rubbish on Coolatree Park, we have been watching you and will inform Dublin Corporation and the Gardai, as what you are doing is an offence.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mandy and Kevin McCarthy on the birth of their son, Alex, William on March 22nd, 1999, weighing in at 7lb 11oz.

ON behalf of Helen and myself I would like to thank most sincerely all my friends and neighbours for their great support and kindness to use when Paddy died R.I.P. Many thanks especially to Des Maguire for his wonderful tribute to Paddy in the Beaumont News. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all. - JO BUGGY

COMPLAINTS about horses in the park at Coolgreena Close, they are tied up and racing through the park, and, are a danger to children and adults alike, the people with these horses seem to be local and have been seen to beat the horses for no reason. Graffiti and cans have appeared again, so lets all watch these people.

- CONCERNED RESIDENT

A special thank you to Jean Swan for her help at the Old Folks Christmas Party, I omitted her name from the last issue's list of helpers. - Editor

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSES THEY REPRESENT

Tom Darby (837 3069) - from Girls School to Beaumont Grove from Pumping Station to Coolatree Road.

Catherine Connolly - Beaumont Road Veg. Mkt. To Collins Ave. and Collins Ave. up to Pumping station.

Deirdre Higgins (837 8680) - Beaumont Crescent and from Hatch to Beaumont Hospital Gate.

Eugene Reilly (837 4004) - Beaumont Grove and from 21 to 72 on Shantalla Drive.

Gerry Hiney (837 1553) - Coolatree Close, Coolatree Road and Beaumont Rd. houses facing hospital.

Noreen Maher (837 4590) - Coolgreena Close and Coolgreena Rd. 1-33.

Joyce Moore (837 5767) - Coolgreena Rd. - 34 -101, Shantalla Drive 1-20, Shantalla Park.

Irene Molloy (837 6808) - Coolatree Park 1-30

Jean Swan - Coolatree Park 31-63

Mary Bolton (837 4293) - Coolrue Drive 1-37

Anne Maher (837 3616), Chris Foy (837 5301) - Coolrue Drive 37-70 and Drombawn Avenue

Lorraine O'Toole (836 8868), Cooleen Avenue and Coolgarraff Road.

Sam Bolton (837 4293) - Shantalla Rd.

Frank O'Driscoll (837 5919) and Peter Boylan (837 3564) - Dromawling Road, Dromleen Crescent, Dromnanane Pk., Dromnanane Rd.

Margaret Doyle (837 3058) and Phyllis Redmond (837 5857) - Shanboley Road and Shantalla Ave.

Mick Hession (842 0956) - Shanglas Road

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Garda Stephen Daly Column



VICTIM SUPPORT is a non-political, non-sectarian community based voluntary organisation which was founded by Derek Nally in 1985. Derek Nally is a retired Detective Sergeant, he is also known as a candidate in the last Presidential Election. Derek got the idea while attending a Conference in England. While there, Derek heard a speech from Helen Reeves who is the Director of Victim Support in the U.K. Derek was impressed by Helen Reeves and he felt the need for a similar support group here in Ireland.

Victim Support is a free and confidential service to victims of crime. It provides emotional support and practical help. It has also been promoting the cause of victims of crime, through

- (1) The provision of information about victim's rights;
- (2) Influencing social and criminal justice policies to obtain fair and compassionate treatment for everyone affected by crime.
- (3) Increasing public awareness of the needs of victims of crime and the issues affecting them.

Victim Support work closely with the Gardai in an area from whom the branch get referrals. A liaison Garda is appointed at an early stage so there is close involvement. When a crime is reported to the Gardai they pass this information to the co-ordinator of the local Victim Support. Then trained volunteers call to the victims and give them an opportunity to talk about what has happened.

Victim Support also provide the following services

- (1) Tourist Victim Support - Ph. 478 5295.
- (2) Families of Murder Victims Service - Ph. 670 5100.
- (3) Victim/Witness Programme - Ph. 873 3335 providing support through the Court process.
- (4) Freephone 24 hour Helpline - 1800-661-771.

If anyone is interested in joining Victim Support and has an hour or so a week to spare they should contact Victim Support head office, 29/30 Dame Street, Ph.: 679 8673 or Sgt. John O'Driscoll/Jacinta Horby at the Neighbourhood Police office, Santry Garda Station and they will be happy to provide you with further information. There is a group of volunteers from the Santry, Whitehall, Ballymun area in training at the moment and it is expected to have a local branch from May this year. The District Officer Supt. Albert Treacy has given his support to this project.

Finally, as you know Des Maguire has stood down as Chairman of the Beaumont Residents Association due to extra work commitments. Since joining the Community Police Unit last year, I have enjoyed working with Des. In the short time I have known him I have been amazed at his enthusiasm for the job and dedication to the association. Congratulations to Barry Doyle and the other members of the new committee on their election. I look forward to working with you all. Till next time. *Stephen*

BEAUMONT NOTICEBOARD

CADBURY NATIONAL SCHOOL ALL-IRELAND FINAL - Congratulations to Peter Ellis of Coolgreena Road and his team mates namely John O'Connor, Dermot Burke and Matthew Byrne who came second in the above even on Sunday March 14th at the Burlington Hotel. They were representing St. Fiacras National School, Beaumont.

MR. PADDY O'ROURKE of Coolgreena Road, husband of the late Brenda O'Rourke wishes to thank most sincerely all the friends and neighbours who sympathised with them in his recent sad loss; those who sent Mass cards, wreaths, attended the removal and the Mass. Thanks to Fr. Joe Mothersill and Fr. Donal Byrne who were very supportive. My grateful thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of St. Francis Hospice, Raheny. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

ORLA BRODERICK, R.I.P. It was with great sadness and shock the teachers, Sr. Bonaventure, staff and students heard of Orla and her husband's death on Friday, March 12. R.I.P. They were killed instantly while driving their car to Dublin at 7 a.m., they collided with a lorry a few miles outside Carlow. Almost all the students and teachers travelled to Carlow to attend the removal and the Mass at the Church of the Holy Family in Askea. Guards of honour were formed by the students of Orla's from Mercy College and the school's choir sang throughout the Requiem Mass. Orla was a very popular teacher and was very well thought of. She had a great sense of humour and was a friend to all who knew her. She will be sadly missed. R.I.P.

MERCY COLLEGE, BEAUMONT - Cultural Arts Day will take place on Sunday, April 18th from 3-6 p.m. Garda Band in College Concert Hall - Tuesday, April 27th at 8 p.m. Fashion Show - Wednesday, May 5th at 8 p.m.

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FOR THE TIMES THEY HAVE A CHANGED

WHEN I first came to Dublin in 1940 it was a city much different than today. There were none of the junk food shops that are all over the place now. There was I think one ice-cream parlour in O'Connell St.; also there was McBierney's and the Green Rooster Restaurants. I do remember having a mixed grill which included lamb chop, a piece of steak, sausages, black and white pudding, egg, tomato and chips all for 1/9 (one shilling and nine pence) in old money. At that time you would get 20 Players and a box of matches for 1 shilling, that was before rationing started. Money was denoted thus = £-s-d i.e. pounds, shillings and pence. One penny was denoted 1d. A pint of plain porter was I think 8d. I was in "digs" with a couple of mates in Henry St., somewhere along where Arnotts is now, I think it was known as the Limerick Cafe. Our local later when we had the price of a pint was Humphreys on the corner of Moore St. and Henry St.

Our dancing was well catered for, there was loads of outlets and in those days dancing went on till 2-3 a.m. Our clothes was pretty conventional, navy blue suit, brown shoes, white shirt and nearly always red tie.

Trousers always had turn-ups and were usually 18"/20" wide at ends. Hair was always short, back and sides and Brylcreeme was the order of the day. - MICHAEL WALKER

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FUEL FOR THOUGHT

THE full Gas Central Heating turned on by the Flick of a switch brought instant heat into my home. The cosiness, the comfort, oh where are the words to describe my joy of this wonderful system. Scalding hot water at the turn of a tap, such luxury, far removed indeed from days long gone by when twigs and tree branches had to be gathered before that first kettle of the day could be boiled. The appetite well stimulated by the morning walk through the lush grass, the dew just lifting. Ah memories! Today -I press a button on my modern Gas Cooker and hey presto - my fire is lit. Dreamily moving from room to room sliding my hands gingerly along each radiator. I'm astonished that this great heat can be had with no effort from me. My thoughts travel back through the years remembering the many fires I struggled with to light and the methods used - such as paraffin, wooden boxes chopped small, spills of newspaper rolled and tightly twisted meant slow burning allowing turf, coal, or briquettes to catch light. Then to make the fire last, dampened slack, a shovel or two at the back. The best economical tip for a lasting fire was newspaper pulp mixed with slack rolled into balls and left to dry. This ensured a lovely fire lasting for hours. I must say here that I always thought my father's parents had the best *method* of fire lighting in that period. They had a very large arched fireplace. The chimney was so wide that daylight shone through. On the hearth the fire was lit and underneath this hearth was something which blew air when activated by a fan bellows. The bellows was situated approximately 6 feet from the hearth on the right hand side by the chimney wall. This contraption had the circumference of a car wheel around which was a leather strap and a handle. A few twists of the handle sent the bellows in motion blowing air underneath the pile of turf on the hearth. The blaze created by this was a sight to gladden the hearts of all who ever lost their tempers over the lighting of a fire!!! Furthermore, the turf ash stayed alight all night. In the morning a few sods of turf were placed in a pattern around and on this ash, a gentle swirl from the fan bellows and the flames were caressing the Big Iron Kettle. In no time at all boiling water spouted forth from its spout. The Iron kettle hung from a crook which hooked into one of six holes in an iron bar which swung back and forth from its fixture in the wall at the back of the fireplace. This crook also held a Dutch Oven in which the best bread ever was baked. The holes in the iron bar acted as a modern day thermostat. The oven could be booked high, medium or low, depending on the strength of the fire on the hearth. Times have indeed changed - still, in that period much

happiness came from the soil in what was planted and grown and that included a good season of turf cutting in the bog. The shed full to the rafters of dry turf meant all year round warmth. So, come to think of it, they did enjoy many cosy hours around that big blazing turf fire. On reflection, would my grandparents exchange their besting system for my Precious Central Heating? I think not!

- MARGARET CUNNINGHAM



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New Chairpersons Column



HELLO - Welcome to my first column as the new Chairman of the Association. Firstly a big thank you to the outgoing Chairman Des Maguire for all his hard work over the last two years. He set a very high standard and I aim to maintain it. I would also like to thank Sean Dooley and the other committee members who have not gone forward this year.

ITS that time of the year again for your Annual Subscription. The subscription is still only £5 per household, which I am sure you will agree is great value for money. Where else would you get a great magazine delivered to your door regularly, competitions, Christmas Party, Santa visits and lobbying of politicians and the Corporation for £5 as year, and all done with enthusiasm by your dedicated committee members.

WE ARE entering teams in the Community Games again this year and will be aiming to achieve results as good as last year or maybe even better. This year we have entered two extra events, Draughts and Quiz. There should be an event to suit every child's taste and ability so we will expect a huge entry.

THERE appears to be an increase in local crime again. The sad fact is none of us can afford to be complacent. We all have to be vigilant at all times to protect ourselves and our neighbours. If you see or hear anything suspicious, Call 999. You could be saving somebody a lot of heartache and grief.

OUR association is now a strong, dynamic and progressive association. It took a lot of work to get to this stage and we as a community should be very proud of how far we have come in the last few years. It is very heartening to see the Community Spirit creeping back in. With a little effort from all of us we can keep Beaumont a great place for all of us to live and work. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to enable this to happen.

Till the next time, all the best.

B. Barry

Y2K Problem Solved

Corporate has defined a lower cost alternative for Desktop conversions that also addresses the Y2k (Year 2000) issue. The goal is to remove all computers from the desktop by Dec, 1999. Instead, everyone will be provided with an Elch-A-Sketch. There are many sound reasons for doing this:

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Q: How do I turn my Elch-A-Sketch off?

A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: What's the shortcut for undo?

A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: How do I create a New Document window?

A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: How do I set the background and foreground to the same colour?

A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: What is the proper procedure for rebooting my Elch-A-Sketch?

A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: How do I delete a document on my Elch-A-Sketch?

A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: How do I save my Elch-A-Sketch document?

A: Don't shake it.

JUST FOR A LAUGH!

An Irishman walks into a bar in Dublin, orders three pints of Guinness and sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more. The bartender asks him, "You know, a pint goes flat after I draw it; it would taste better if you bought one at a time." The Irishman replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in America, the other in Australia, and I'm here in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together." The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there. The Irishman becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three pints and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and orders two pints. All the other regulars notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your great loss." The Irishman looks confused for a moment, then a light dawns in his eye and he laughs. "Oh, no, he says, 'everyone's fine. I've just quit drinking for Lent.'"

Springtime promises

I saw one today, For the first time this year,

What a thrill when you see them appear.

Standing proudly,

Its delicate little white head, Strongly upon its slim green stalk.

Strong winds of January,

Buffeting from side to side,

Bending with each gust,

Righting itself as if on a

spring.

The first Snow Drops,

So constant, so true,

Growing year after year,

Renewing hope as they appear.

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In their coats of many

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A ROBBERY occurred at Shantalla Stores on Tuesday, March 2nd, a large sum of money was taken and the Gardai are now investigating the matter.

Crime in the Beaumont Area is up 47%. The breakdown is as follows:- 17 reported crimes. 12 Burglaries (4 detected), 2 Robberies from person's (1 detected), 3 Larcenies from vehicles.

If a crime occurs please report it to 999 as all reported crimes are timed and noted.

THE GRANTS SCHEME

THE Grants Scheme for the Elderly has been running for some months now. As with all schemes some teething problems have arisen in connection with the work carried out by the contractors. These problems can be resolved by both parties with a little give and take.

Any problems please ring any of the following:- Deirdre Higgins 837 8680; Noreen Maher 837 4590; Irene Molloy 837 6808; Mick Hession 842 0956; Gerry Hiney 837 1553.

A BIG welcome to Mick Hession, 37 Shanglas Road who has joined the Neighbourhood Watch team; also a big welcome to Frank O'Driscoll who has joined the Committee.

Yours as ever, GERRY HINEY (Area Co-ordinator)

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT is taken from a letter from Dermot Aberne, T.D. in response to a letter from the Residents Association.

I refer to your recent representations on behalf of Beaumont Residents Association, regarding the 1998 Scheme of Community Support for Older People. My Department has, since 1996, operated the schemes of Community Support for Older People. This funding is provided by way of grant to voluntary groups and organisations who have undertaken to identify those elderly people in need of assistance under the Scheme. A sum of £2 m. was initially allocated to the Scheme in the 1998 Estimates. Having reviewed the level of demand under the Scheme last year I sought and obtained, Government approval for the allocation of an additional £3m to the Scheme, bringing the total allocation in 1998 to £5m. The actual amount of the grant varies in the light of individual circumstances and needs and the overall demands which must be met. It is important to realise that not all applications received under the 1996 and 1997 schemes were funded at a level of 90%. Therefore, I am satisfied that the level of funding made available in 1998 was sufficient to allow my Department to make a meaningful response to worthwhile applications and to assist a large number of people again that year. My Department has, in consultation with the Departments of Finance and Health & Children, commissioned an independent review of the Scheme. The final report from the consultants will be available shortly and the future operation of the Scheme will be determined in the light of the outcome of this review.

APPLICATION FORM

For Membership of Beaumont Residents Association

Name

Address

Annual agreed subscription £5 per household per annum. A Committee members will call on you within the next few days. If the committee member misses you and you wish to join drop this coupon in one of our letterboxes, stating at what time you are available to meet the committee member. Crossed cheques and application forms can be dropped into one of our postboxes also.

THE "PITFALLS" ON BEAUMONT ROAD

WE are all expected to put up with an amount of upset in the name of progress, however what has happened over the last twelve months on Beaumont Road was not alone well over the limit but reached bullying proportions. Since the machinery first appeared on the road for cable laying on behalf of "Ocean" they have returned to their trench on three different occasions.

It was not unusual, in fact it was quite common for the workforce to arrive at 10 or 11 o'clock at night to start this work. On a couple of occasions work continued until 4 a.m. Complaints at all levels were disregarded. On another occasion this work continued all night outside the house of a long-time resident who was seriously ill. One would have imagined that after all this upset and trauma that Beaumont Road would be restored to its normal state. Not so. As of now the road from Collins Avenue to Skelly's Lane is a disgrace with different levels of surface. It can only be described as a new brand of pothole. Tarmacadam was dumped on grass verges and left there and is particularly noticeable at the corner of Coolgreens Road and Beaumont Road.

When a firm seeks permission to undertake work which involves encroachment on Corporation property it is with the strict understanding that such property be returned to its original standard. These rules would only apply to individuals like you and me but not to the monetary might. This all brings me to my next point. Within the next couple of months you will be visited by various shades of political opinion seeking your vote in the forthcoming local elections. As is usual promises of all kinds will be made, but instead of promises the answers to a few questions might be more enlightening.

- (1) What effort has been made by the elected representative on the Corporation to deal with the traffic situation on Beaumont Road and Gracepark Road.
- (2) What representations have been made to restore Beaumont Road to its original state?
- (3) Why do democratically elected representatives to Dublin Corporation fail to accept their responsibilities with regard to major planning decisions? The case of Beaumont Wood is a classic example in as much as the elected representatives voted unanimously to reject the planning application, but they were overruled by the City Manager. Three "Jeers" for democracy.

When you are approached to vote in the forthcoming local elections you will have every right to insist that those elected should have their mandate acknowledged on all matters. If that doesn't happen all you can say is "Who cares about democracy".

TOM DARBY

BRENDAN GETS HIS BLACK BELT

BRENDAN DARBY, grandson of Tom and Eileen Darby, Beaumont Road, recently graded to Junior Black Belt at the Rush Kenpo Karate Academy. Brendan is just 10 years of age and has been studying Karate for the past four and a half years. He has put a lot of work into the sport and practices twice and sometimes three times weekly. The club has over 75 active members and in 1996 Brendan was awarded Club Student of the Year. He has taken part in many championships, including the European Championship in 1997.



Brendan Darby, receiving his Black Belt Certificate at the Club's Annual Competition recently.

WHITETHORN RESIDENTS NEWS

THEY WERE the best of times and the worst of times. The best of times because we were all young, with young families, and new houses. The worst of times because many problems existed in these same 310 new houses, with very poor local amenities and large mortgages to be met while inflation was rampant. All of which combined to prompt the residents to emulate the estates surrounding them and form a residents' association. And so, Whitethorn Residents Association came into being some 25 years ago.

Many capable and generous people volunteered their services and in a short time were taking on builders, architects, Dublin Corporation legal eagles, running dances, holding special functions, swimming sessions, introducing neighbour to neighbour and building up a sense of place and community. These people were not professionally trained for these tasks but what they lacked in training they made up for in enthusiasm and dedication. True amateurs, yes, but they achieved much that we take for granted.

Glancing back over minutes written over the last 20 years we get a sense of our local history and development and the changing nature of the problems which faced our association and how we succeeded in resolving them. Perhaps the following headings will bring back memories:

1978 - On-going negotiations between the Association and Dublin Corporation to take the estate in charge finally concluded in 1992 - some 18 years later.

Open space - This is how the residents referred to what is now Rockfield Park. On September 26, 1978, plans for the open space were exhibited and approved at our AGM. For many of you involved at that time it was a labour of love and bore fruit.

Artaine Castle, Beaumont Hospital - These projects were still the stuff of debate and the Association was keeping an eagle eye on developments.

Ground Rent - Back then a burning issue with people being brought before the courts for non payment, our Association was in negotiation with solicitors representing builders.

Proposed Bus Facilities - CIE could not yet extend the service due to lack of turning points.

Social Scene - Our once vibrant Ladies Club had almost ceased to exist and the Swimming Committee had to forego our option on St. David's pool due to lack of support.

Problems with Builders - Due to lack of progress by the Builder in correcting reported faults, it was decided to picket their premises, thankfully the builders acted promptly and averted this action.

1988-1990 Millennium - Very successful Millennium celebrations were held, enjoyed and remembered by all, including a supper dance, recital in the park by Dublin Concert Band and bouncing castle.

Trees - Dublin Corporation planted trees on all road in the estate following a contribution of £1,000 from the residents.

Neighbourhood Watch - Neighbourhood Watch was established by the residents.

Entrance Stone - To mark the entrance to our estate, a 2.5 tonne stone was purchased and inscribed 'Whitethorn'.

Tidy District Competition - Dublin Corporation awarded Whitethorn Estate third prize in their Tidy Districts Competition.

Though the reason for having a Residents Association may vary from decade to decade and the problems arising vary in nature and solution, few can deny the value of a well supported, vibrant Association, irrespective of the pressing issues of the day, the Residents Association still has a vital role to play in promoting a sense of place and a sense of awareness and good neighbourliness. *Signed: The Secretary*

To be continued in the next issue

A.G.M. takes place on Tuesday, April 27th at 8.30-10 p.m. in Artaine Beaumont Recreation Centre.

Golfing News



THE Beaumont and District Golfing Society had their first outing for 1999 at Ardee Golf Club on Saturday 13th March. Favoured with a beautiful day and the course in good condition the following claimed the spoils.

1st Overall D. Harold (Santry) 34 points
2nd Overall J. Murray (Beaumont) 32 points
3rd Overall P. Shelly (Swords) 31 points

Class One 1st J. Dignam (Beaumont) 30 points
Class One 2nd P. Kelly (Beaumont) 27 points

Class Two 1st M. Dungan (Elm Mount) 29 points
Class Two 2nd K. Twomey (Glasnevin) 29 points

Class Three 1st P. Gannon (Beaumont) 30 points
Class Three 2nd R. Scully (Whitehall) 28 points

Front Nine P. Bizzell (Beaumont) 18 points
Back Nine S. Harrison (Beaumont) 18 points.

The next outing will be to Athy on April 24th, 1999

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CONFIRMATION DAY



Congratulations to Laura Trueman on making her Confirmation



Also congratulations to Daniel Connolly on his Confirmation.



Congratulations also to Karen Maguire on her Confirmation



Also all the best to Alan Doyle on his big day



Yet more congratulations to Amanda Reilly on her Confirmation Day.



And finally congratulations to Andrew Maher on his great day.

A.I.B. QUIZ

**Sponsored by A.I.B. Swords Road
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IF A = ALPHA AND B = BRAVO AND C = CHARLIE
WHAT ARE THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS

Q	, R	, S	,
T	, U	, V	,
W	, X	, Y	.

ANSWERS TO ONE OF OUR POST BOXES: Super-Valu, Lorcane Avenue or Shell Petrol Station, Beaumont Road, before April 18th, 1999.

SOLUTION TO A.I.B. QUIZ JAN/FEB.

DINGBATS ANSWERS: 1. Laptop; 2 Too many irons in the fire; 3. Shortsighted; 4: Make no bones about it. *In the past I always gave an example of the first answer, I probably should have also given one the last time. Editor.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER - S. Bolster, 136 Beaumont Road.

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SPORTS QUIZ

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*All you have to do is
answer the following
questions.*

**What are the nicknames for the
following clubs: Sheffield United?
Liverpool?
Tottenham Hotspurs?**

Answers in envelope marked Sport Quiz, post in either SuperValu, Lorcane Avenue or Shell Petrol Station, Beaumont Road before April 18th.

Winner of our last competition: Jo Buggy, 99 Coolgreene Road. Answers: The Blues, The Reds, The Saints, United.

OUR Xtra-vision winner was Billy Lynch, Shantalla Drive. Congratulations.



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Answers please to one of our postboxes, SuperValu, Lorcane Avenue or Shell Petrol Station, Beaumont Road, before April 18, 1999.

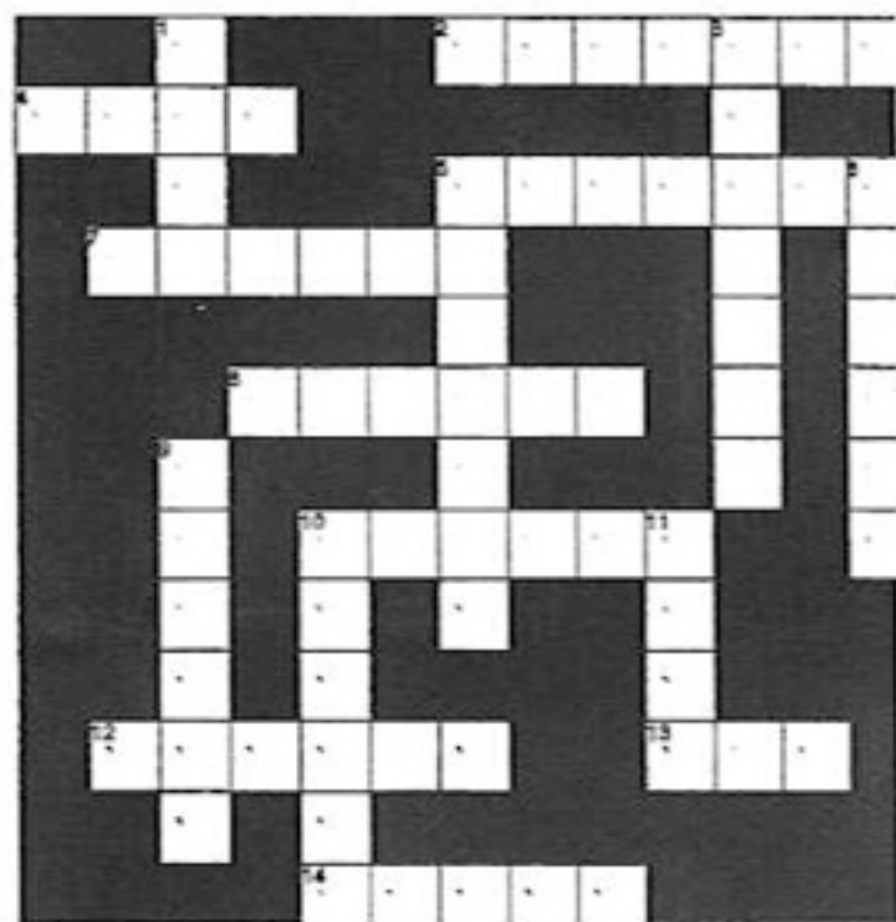
Congratulations to our last winner: Rita Phelan, 15 Cooleen Avenue, D.9.

Answers - 1. The Comet 2. The Vicount. 3. The Swiss Cottage. 4. Fagan's. 5. The Beachcomer. 6. The Coachman's Inn; 7. The Kilmadiney. 8. The Slipper. 9. The Autobahn. 10. The Cat and Cage. 11. The Goose Tavern. 12. Meaghers (Mars). 13. Sheaf of Wheat. 14. The Yacht. 15. Beaumont House.

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If so, we could use someone to help us gather info on all sporting events in the area. (Might suit retired person).

PRIZE CROSSWORD



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Prize: Meal for Two

Clues Across: 2 Connected physical subset; 4 Filled with eagerness and enthusiasm (4); 5 Cutting tools (7); 7 One who entertains with comic behaviour (6); 8 Parts (6); 10 It's the law, strangely, that there is prosperity and riches (6); 12 Put troops out for battle (6); 13 Escape, flight, get away (3); 14 Cards used in fortune-telling (5).

Clues Down: 1 A style of dancing usually done to jazz music (4); 3 Obstructs; 5 Of great importance (7); 6 Has her mix-up been a mixture of materials already used? Like this crossword (6); 9 Eve's in difficulty because she experiences jealousy (6); 10 Small case for bank-notes etc.; 11 To say nice things about (4).

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUES CROSSWORD

Across - 2 Hail, 4 Meeting, 7 Wee, 9 Section, 11 Dusk, 12 Crucial, 13 Pods, 15 Annual, 16 Ayah.
Down - 1 Federal, 3 Intent, 5 Impedes, 6 Clipper, 8 Reptile, 10 Trivial, 11 Deploy, 14 Lam.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER -
 Margaret Hunter, 30 Coolgariff Road.

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