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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Section of the crowd attending the Beaumont Residents Association AGM held on 6th February 2007 in Pastoral Centre, Beaumont.

The Annual General Meeting was well supported again this year.

It's always nice to see a good turnout and nice to know the Committee's work is acknowledged and appreciated. In times of relative calm when there are no major emotive issues in the community, it is more difficult to capture the interest of the Members. Even though there are no major issues for the community, there are the day to day mundane chores that must be attended to in order to keep the Association active and it's not easy to be motivated by mundane issues. The Community can rest assured that they are living in a very safe area where there are no major incidents of any kind and almost zero burglaries. This just doesn't happen by accident – it is down to the day to day vigilance and mundane hard graft of the BRA Committee and Road Reps. It is

now your opportunity to show your support, solidarity and community spirit – regardless of your nationality, colour, religion, race or whether you own or rent your accommodation. Everyone who lives in the community is part of the community – whether you choose to be or not. Everyone is welcome to join and benefit from membership of Beaumont Residents Association – together we're better. Subscription envelopes will be delivered to you shortly, please cooperate with your local BRA Road Rep and have the envelope ready when he/she calls to collect it. Road Reps will present ID when collecting the envelopes. Print your name on the envelope as you wish to see it on your membership card. Membership fee is €15 for 2007 as agreed at the AGM.

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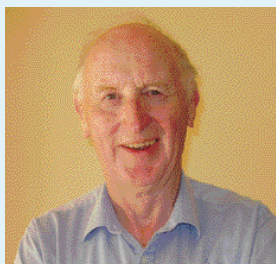
Happy Golden Pig Year



What's a Novena?

By: Fr. O'Gara

There is scarcely any need to explain the idea of a novena to an older generation so my brief explanation is for those who have forgotten their purpose or never had it explained to them. It is a prayer event that takes place over a nine day period and usually made in honour of a particular Saint. It can be local to a particular church or wide spread throughout the church generally. I personally remember St Peter's in Phibsboro packed to the rafters for the novena to the Miraculous Medal held there on a Monday night in the 40s and 50s. I made a point of attending the Novena to the Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Clonard monastery, Belfast when considering my vocation. I share a conviction with many others that they are important to the Church and assist many people to develop their spiritual lives. They can lead to even greater dedication to God and his church and also to personal spiritual growth. Novenas are rooted in past ages but they still have a real function in these present times.



What sort of blessings can come from a novena? People feel that they have someone to go to for help when they were in need. They attend a novena and feel consoled and present their needs to God through the Saint's intercession or influence. I am convinced people learn to trust God through novenas and are assisted in following the Lord more closely. Not everyone has the same problem but all problems have a need to be addressed. Praying a novena is a most wholesome way of submitting a problem to the Lord. The wonderful thing about a novena is that people mostly come away feeling the better of it and at peace with themselves and the world.

The Novena of Grace has great popularity in Dublin. The novena is held annually in Gardener St from March 4th to March 12th. Its origin is the life of Francis Xavier (1506-1552) who was born into a religious family in Navarre, Spain. The father died unexpectedly when the children were quite young and the family experienced great difficulties. Francis left for Paris to try to change family fortunes. In Paris he met with a Jesuit priest named Francis Loyola and was greatly influenced by him. Xavier became a disciple of Loyola and was ordained a Jesuit in due course. His first appointment was as a missionary to India where he spent most of his adult life. He died in the year 1552 leaving a huge pastoral legacy behind him. Shortly after his death a young man was cured of serious illness and so a novena commenced in his honour. It spread worldwide and was first celebrated in Ireland in 1712.

The parish of Beaumont this year will honour the Saint on March 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. Talks will be given during morning masses by Fr Joe Mothersill O Carm. He will speak at the 10 am Mass on both the 6th and 7th and then the 9 am Mass on the 8th and 9th. You can also make your own Novena by tuning into Mass on our parish radio or simply making a private novena at home. Here is a prayer you could say for the nine days.

Dear Lord,

To day I praise you with St Francis, for all the gifts you have given to the world and also to me. I ask you especially for the following request...(name request)...if it be for my good or the good of person I'm praying for. My only desire in life is to do your will and for all others to do the same. Amen.

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MINUTES OF BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 6th February 2007



Seated, L to R: Bernie Bolger (Treasurer) Noreen Maher (Chairperson) Deirdre Higgins (Secretary).
Back, L to R: Sean Mullins, Chris Foy, Phyllis Redmond, Samuel Bolton and Des Maguire.
Missing from photo: Ann Maher, Joan Ennis, Patrick Martin, Frank O'Driscoll, Tony King and James Cheng.

Chairperson, Noreen Maher opened the meeting at 8.13 pm and welcomed everybody. She extended a particular welcome to the immigrant neighbours present and thanked all for their attendance.

Noreen advised the meeting that the minutes of last year's AGM were published in the March 2006 issue of The Beaumont News and should be taken as read and asked that they be adopted. Bettie Kavanagh proposed and Angelia Lee seconded. Vote taken and AGM minutes were adopted.

Des Maguire presented the 'Secretary's Report' Bernie Bolger presented the 'Treasurer's Report' Both reports were adopted.

The three serving Trustees; Noreen Maher, Anne Maher and Chris Foy were ratified for another year.

Chairperson (Noreen Maher) advised that outgoing Committee Members; Thomas Doyle and Connie Butler were not presenting for election and were stepping down for personal reasons. Nancy Noone stepped down during the year. Noreen Maher thanked them for their great work with the Association and their service to the community.

Noreen Maher paid a special thanks to the 'Road Reps' and 'Helpers' for their great work and assistance during the year. They are seldom acknowledged for their background work.

Chairpersons proceeded to accept nominations for Committee Members. Fourteen nominations were received as follows: Deirdre Higgins, Bernie Bolger, James Cheng, Anne Maher, Chris Foy, Frank O'Driscoll, Samuel Bolton, Phyllis Redmond, Noreen Maher, Tony King, Pat Martin, Joan Ennis, Sean Mullins, Des Maguire. Each nominee was proposed, seconded and voted on.

Chairperson then proceeded to seek volunteers for 'Road Reps'. Thirteen people offered their services as follows; Frank Gurry, Thomas Hopper, Marcella O'Donoghue, Margaret Doyle, Aidan Buckley, Laura Ennis, Bobby Ennis,

Roger Farrell, Connie Butler, Loraine O'Toole, Roi Lacey, Kay Maguire, Sharon ?

All were accepted by a block vote.

Chairperson asked the meeting to consider an increase in the Association's subscription fee. A short discussion took place on whether it should increase to €12 or €15 or remain unchanged at €10. Brian Traynor proposed that it should increase to €15. This proposal was seconded by Bernie Hammond and was carried almost unanimously.

Chairperson introduced Garda Martin O'Brien and Sergeant Noel Pepper from Clontarf Garda Station and Garda Fintan Curley from Whitehall Station.

Garda O'Brien spoke on the low levels of crime in our area and he concurred with the Secretaries Report in this matter. He thanked BRA and Neighbourhood Watch for their great work and cooperation. He said there is a high level of undercover Garda activity in the Beaumont area, monitoring the movements of known and suspected criminals in and passing through the area. He also advised that people should not leave their car keys in the hall table inside the door where they may be visible to thieves. Houses are broken into for keys to a car – particularly if the car is a high-powered vehicle. House keys should not be left in back doors of houses – it is a very common habit and a dangerous one. Thieves are aware with this.

Garda Curley spoke about the importance of reporting incidents – however small and suspicious activities, to the Gardai. If the Gardai are not made aware of crimes they cannot act on them. The information supplied to the Gardai will help prevent similar things happening to others – this is particularly important in respect to burglaries. If the Gardai do not get calls from the area, the area will not receive the attention it may deserve from the Gardai. The best number to call is 999 and the call will be given to the Patrol

nearest the incident.

Sergeant Pepper expressed his satisfaction at being invited and with the large attendance. He spoke about young people and their activities. He asked parents and grandparents to be vigilant and keep a close eye on their teenagers; who they are with, where they are and what they are doing. So often, he sees good young boys and girls falling in with bad company and gangs without the knowledge of parents – and so easy for it to happen. Graffiti is becoming a problem in the area and some of the gangs are responsible for this illegal activity. They are being caught and prosecuted.

Sergeant Pepper warned of People calling on homes of older residents, offering to pave their driveways, etc. Many of these callers are criminals and should not be engaged and should not be allowed into your home. They have vans and only mobile telephone numbers, some are from Northern Ireland. Use only recommended and reputable contractors.

Chairperson thanked the Gardai for their presence and contributions. She then requested questions from the meeting under AOB.

Q: What were the results of survey in respect to introduction of Ramps?

A: Cooleen Avenue; 60% in favour and 40% against the introduction of Ramps.

Coolatree Park; 90% in favour and 10% against the introduction of Ramps.

Dissatisfaction was expressed with NTL Contractors for the state in which they left the grass margins after the excavations and cables laying. NTL erected a large control cabinet outside on the verge blocking the entrance to a driveway on Cooleen Avenue. The house owner had to force NTL to remove the cabinet. It was agreed that such practice is not acceptable.

Concern over car parking, the lack of car parking space and the resulting congestion is the biggest issue Beaumont is facing today. A number of members wanted Dublin City Council to turn the grass verge into a hard standing space for parking a car. There appears to be some 'by-laws' preventing this from happening. However, if individual home owner's carry out this works themselves, DCC generally will not object. Many house owners are removing their front garden wall, paving the garden and using it as a car parking facility – particularly where there is more than one car in the household.

Serious concern expressed about a 'green area' between Shantalla Drive and Beaumont Grove; "It's like a war zone, youths setting fire to trees and everything ..." Gangs frequent the vacant sheds (once belonging to Kitty's and now closed) The sheds back onto the green and the sheds are used to store the gang's 'gear'. Garda Curley undertook to make appropriate inquiries as to who now owns the sheds and investigate this problem.

Chairpersons closed the meeting at 9.20 by thanking everyone for attending.

She invited all to refreshments served in the next room.

THE DAY I WENT THROUGH THE TUNNEL

By: Barry Doyle



Like a lot of people in the area, I had gotten so used to the roadworks on the M1 and the building site at Collins Avenue, I had forgotten what was actually going on underground.

So when I was lucky enough to be given an invitation to go and see the tunnel for myself one Sunday last December I didn't really know what to expect. On a beautiful dry bright Sunday morning myself and my husband made our way to the car park at Whitehall church where we were told a courtesy bus would be laid on to take us to the main entrance of the tunnel on the East Wall road.

When we got to Whitehall car park I couldn't believe my eyes. There were hundreds of people all patiently queuing to board the fleet of double decker buses that were lined up to transport us down. There were people there ranging in age from babes in arms to people in their 80's and each one was as excited as the next at the prospect of at last seeing the tunnel. When we arrived at the car park on the East Wall road we were greeted by Santa's elves who were serving mulled wine and we were quickly and efficiently ushered into a huge marquee where the great man himself was waiting. The Lord Mayor of Dublin was also there but for some reason Santa made a bigger impression!! We were then treated to a beautiful sit down meal and all the children were given a selection box to take home with them.



The Lord Mayor made a lovely speech about how proud we as Dubliners should be of this amazing feat of engineering which was now running right under us. The time then came to get back on the bus for our history making journey. Into the tunnel we went. It was hard to believe that we were being driven under places we have known so well all our lives. Fairview Park, Marino, Griffith Avenue etc etc. It was mind boggling to think that you can now drive from East Wall to the other side of Santry UNDER THE GROUND in 6 minutes. This to me was as big an occasion as when the Americans landed on the moon. To think that a tunnel could be put under our feet and we could now drive through it. Amazing!!!! Whether or not you believe that it will ease the traffic congestion in our city I think you will agree it is a thing most of us never thought we would see under the streets of Dublin and the effort and hard work it took to construct it has to be admired. A huge thank you must go to the organisers of the open day for the thought and effort they put into showing the local people their new tunnel.



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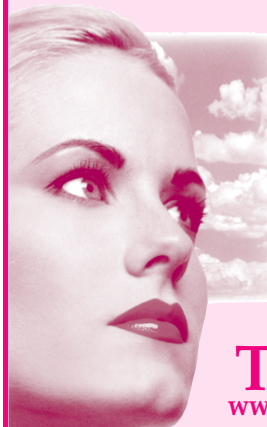
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The Beaumont News INTERVIEW

By: Des Maguire

Driving rain and storm force winds almost wrenched the car door from its hinges as I stepped out onto the road on a dark winters evening in Dromawling. I rapidly negotiated the driveway to the house to meet my 6.00 pm appointment. I was about to knock when the door opened and I was greeted by two smiling female faces and a great blast of heat. One of the girls introduced herself "I'm Sheelan and this is my mom". Her mother could readily pass for her sister. After the warm welcome and hand shakes I was ushered into a lovely cosy sitting room. A coffee table in the centre of the room contained a large dish of fresh fruit and a large plate of assorted biscuits, I was invited to help myself to the display. Mom offered tea or coffee and I opted for coffee which was served with the efficiency and finesse one would expect in the best coffee shops. As I sipped the coffee and listened to both ladies tell me their stories, I was truly taken by their warmth, welcome and openness to me. It was my first time to enter the home of a Muslim family and it was my first time to meet with anyone from Iran. I did not know what to expect even though I had visions of being greeted by Burqas, Khimars, Veils and the Koran – I was completely wrong and I was so delighted to be wrong this time. There was no sight of any religious paraphernalia whatsoever and both ladies were wearing very normal Dublin attire.

Sheelan's mother tells me she is an Architect and is registered with the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI). Her opinion of Irish Architecture is that unlike Iran, Ireland does not have its own style of Architecture. In particular, residential accommodation is very different from Iran. The buildings in Tehran are mostly high-rise and range from 5 to 25 floors. Living accommodation is on one level and open plan – no upstairs downstairs like her current two storey accommodation. She found going up and down stairs took some getting used to.

Sheelan Yosusefizadeh, her brother and her mother arrived in Ireland about four years ago and set up home initially in Kildare town. They chose Ireland because it was a Democratic Republic, English speaking and felt it would be a nice place to live and rear a family. Sheelan enrolled in a primary school in Kildare for about six months. Her English was very poor at first but she found the Teachers very good and really helpful to her. Having come from Tehran a large city and capital of Iran, they found Kildare a little small, lonely and remote. They decided to move to Dublin and get a place near the city centre and with reasonably good public transport. A house in Beaumont became available, fitted the bill and the Landlord was very nice so they moved to Beaumont in May 2003. Sheelan enrolled in St Fiachra's senior school and joined 6th class for about one month. She had great praise for St Fiachra's teachers and for the Principal Mr. Barrett who encouraged her to join the local Mercy College. She chose the Mercy College primarily because it is close to her home.

Sheelan's first year in the Mercy College was very difficult. A Romanian and Sheelan were the only two non Irish students in the class. The second year was much better because by this time Sheelan had made friends and there were more non Irish in the school. In 2006 there were 25 different nationalities in the Mercy College and prompted the school to organise an "International Day" in December 2006.

How do you as a Muslim feel about attending a Christian Catholic school? "I find it very interesting and the teachers are really nice and they always include me in discussions, example Geography, they would mention that I am from Asia. When doing Religion the teachers would ask me how to pronounce certain words and would ask me to share information about my country with the class. I feel by now everybody knows me and Iran they know a lot about Iran (she laughs). When I was in Kildare the Teachers in the school brought us to Mass and it was the first time I saw Mass, everything was feeling new to me and interesting, like you if you go to Mosque it is interesting for you.

What do you do while the Angelus is being said in school? I always say my own prayers, I actually think it's a good thing and all say their own prayers. All my international friends are Christian and there is only one more Muslim girl in the school and she came recently from Iraq so there are only two of us Muslims in the whole school.

Do you practice the Muslim Religion? I try to yes, we are not too strict. In the Muslim religion you are not forced to go to the Mosque, we pray at home and it is much more comfortable. I got a good grounding in the Muslim religion and the Koran in school before I left Iran. My mom always keeps me in touch with my country and traditions, some days are special days in Iran, like Ramadan. I often did a few days fasting but never did the whole month. Some days I'm not allowed to listen to music because it's a special day or sad day in my country so we are kind of informed about it. My mom marks the days on the calendar.



Sheelan Yosusefizadeh
Nationality: Iranian

Have you experienced any Discrimination, Racism or Harassment from your School Colleagues? Yes, I did at the beginning, it was almost like .... and I still feel after three years, I know they do not do it on purpose and I know that the students who do it have their own problems – do you know what I mean? The students who are really good don't do it and the ones that do it I don't know what their reasons are. I don't think it's because of my religion I am bullied, I think it's because I'm from another country. Sometimes when I get bullied I don't know if it's because of my Religion or because I'm from another country.

Do you have many friends? Most of my friends are international students but I have a few Irish friends also, 'our gang' you know (she laughs loudly). My international friends are from India, Philippines, Romania and Cameroon, two are from Ireland and myself – 'the gang of seven'.

Do you feel you are being bullied in school? Yes I do, it's the things they say and it's particularly in sport and PE. We play in groups and I now know which group they are going to be in. There are 10 girls in that group and 7 in our group. The lines are drawn and nobody is going to try and change it, they know there's no point, the three years they have been together so you can't force them to move to the other side. I play sports after school; Volley ball, Badminton, Basket Ball and some circuit training. I'm really interested in Badminton. It's something interesting, most of the people who do the training after school, most are international students, not the Irish girls, they never join the sports. I enjoy sports after school more than sports during school because I'm with my own friends and the teacher always lets us do what we want. He says I know you're a good group so just play what you want. Mr. O'Reilly is the PE teacher. He knows we are going to get on well with each other we are there to play. When the Irish girls are present they always mess around, they don't want to play. There are always fights.

Sheelan presents me with her recent School Test results. They make for spectacular reading; I can't remember seeing a set of results closely resembling them. All grades 'A' – except for English which was grade 'B'. The comments of the Teachers were 'excellent student'. Application comments varied between 'excellent' and 'very good'. The results show: A1 in music and A1 in Religion. (she laughs loudly) I hope I do as well in my Junior Cert.

How do the students behave towards you outside of school? Some of the Irish girls when they meet me outside of school speak to me but some of them just ignore me. I'm in third year now and the class is split up into different groups. I know that this is not a good thing and I feel we should not be forced to join other groups out of your comfort zone. My mother tells me that I should have more Irish friends and not always be with the international ones and I try to talk and make friends with the Irish girls but it's uncomfortable, I try to understand them but it does not work out. I have one great friend since first year and she is Irish. There are 25 international students in the school right now. Before last year we had no one from India, now we have six people from India.

So you started a trend? Maybe, kind-of yah! (she laughs) The Teacher who organized the International Day is from Nigeria and her name is; Ms Offiah

What do you do to entertain yourself outside of school? On weekdays after school, I don't really go outside. On weekends I go out with my friends, go to the Cinema maybe – the group of seven. I have a friend from my country – she is not the same age, she is in first year so we have this thing in common and she lives in Blanchardstown, most of the Iranian groups live in Blanchardstown. I go out and see them at the weekends. Last year I used to play Tennis in Rockfield Park but this year I don't play because of my exams. Other pastimes; I just like reading books.

Do you miss your home in Iran? No, I see Ireland as my home now. My Grandparents live in Iran and they come to Ireland to visit. They were here last summer and stayed for a few months. I have not gone back to Iran since I came to Ireland – maybe next year. My father lives in Kuwait. I am very happy living in Ireland and I'm very optimistic, I was always very happy about coming here. It was very difficult for me at the start like making friends. The things that friends do here are very different than what friends do in Iran. Here girls of my age go out with their friends, in my country I would go out with my mom and my family. My country is much more family centered – you stick with your family, here girls go with their friends shopping and everything. I go shopping with my mom. Some of the girls are too much with their friends, they spend all of their time with their friends. They hang around after school – that's impossible for me, how do you possibly have time. My mom just would not let me stay out late, that's not something I would do.

How much time would you spend studying? It depends like, maybe two hours a night, before an exam maybe three four hours.

Do you have a Boyfriend? No, I don't have a boyfriend – I do have friends who are boys! (she laughs)

Golden Pig Year

By: James Cheng



Happy Chinese New Year and wish you all the best of luck in golden pig years. The most interesting thing about the "Golden Pig Year" is that married couples in China are all trying to have a baby in this year because this year in China is not just the year of pig, but "Golden Pig Year" which takes 60 years to meet one. This "Golden Pig" will bring the best luck to all the "Pig Year Person". The Chinese people believe in lucks and fortunes, so it is great news for all the "pigs" including me.

The followings are the years of pig, you can understand if you are a "Golden Pig". Year: 1899 / 1911 / 1923 / 1935 / 1947 / 1959 / 1971 / 1983; and the difference between is "12".

If you are a "Golden Pig", congratulations to you and I can share my golden luck with you all!

Following are some introductions about the Chinese New Year, I hope you enjoy the reading of the Chinese culture and once again wish you all the best in Golden Pig year.

MYTHS

Ancient China, the Nian was a man-eating beast from the mountains (in other versions from under the sea), which came out every 12 months somewhere around winter to prey on humans. The people later believed that the Nian was sensitive to loud noises and the color red, so they scared it away with explosions, fireworks and the liberal use of the color red. These customs led to the first New Year celebrations. Guo nian, which means to celebrate the New Year, literally means the Passover of the Nian.

NEW YEAR PRACTICES

RED PACKETS

Traditionally, red envelopes or red packets are passed out during the Chinese New Year's celebrations, from married couples or the elderly to unmarried juniors. It is common for adults to give red packets to children during this period.

NEW YEAR MARKETS

Markets are set up near the New Year especially for vendors to sell New Year-related products. These usually open-air markets feature floral products, toys, clothing, for shoppers to buy gifts for new year visitations as well as decor for their homes. The practice of shopping for the perfect plum tree is not dissimilar to the Western tradition of buying a Christmas tree.

FIREWORKS

Bamboo stems filled with gunpowder that were burnt to create small explosions were once used in ancient China to drive away evil spirits. In modern times, this method has eventually evolved into the use of firecrackers during the festive season. Firecrackers are usually strung on a long fused string so it can be hung down. Each firecracker is rolled up in red papers, as red is auspicious, with gunpowder in its core. Once ignited, the firecracker lets out a loud popping noise and as they are usually strung together by the hundreds, the firecrackers are known for their deafening explosions which it is thought to scare away evil spirits. The lighting of firecrackers also signifies a joyous occasion and has become an integral aspect of Chinese New Year celebrations.

CLOTHING

Clothing mainly featuring the color red is commonly worn throughout the Chinese New Year because it is believed that red will scare away evil spirits and bad fortune. In addition, people typically wear new clothes from head to toe to symbolize starting anew in the New Year.

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Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs)

By: Garda Mark O Connell, Community Policing Unit,
Santry Garda Station.

On January 1st 2007 a number of laws came into force to deal with Anti Social Behaviour problems from adults. On the 1st March 2007 similar laws were put in place to deal with these same problems from juveniles (persons between the ages of 12 and 15 years). These laws made up part of the Criminal Justice Act 2006 and are more commonly known as ASBOs.

What is Anti Social Behaviour?

Anti Social Behaviour is defined as when a person *acts in a way that causes or, in circumstances, is likely to cause someone harassment, significant or persistent alarm, distress, fear of intimidation, or impairs their use or enjoyment of their property in a significant or persistent way.

*Part 11 of the Criminal Justice Act 2006

In more basic terms it defines the Anti Social Behaviour as behaviour that causes ongoing problems from a person or persons that causes alarm, distress, fear or intimidation. It also covers the loss or enjoyment of a person's property through the behaviour of a person or persons.

What should you do if you are affected by Anti Social Behaviour?

Currently Gardai have a number of powers under the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994 that can resolve incidents Anti Social Behaviour before reverting to ASBOs. If you are affected by this behaviour you should contact your local Garda Station. You should have as much detail of the Anti Social Behaviour as possible – please remember the incidents must be persistent or significant in order to allow Gardai to take action.

When Gardai become aware of such behaviour and the member of An Garda Siochana believes a response other than a prosecution or caution under the Public Order Act is warranted he/she may issue a Behaviour Warning to the person or persons involved. The warning will detail the behaviour of the person or persons and also when and where it took place. The order will direct a person to stop their behaviour and will explain if they fail to do so a Behaviour Order may be issued by the Courts. In the case of a juvenile who fails to obey the warning he/she may be issued with a Good Behaviour Contract from the Gardai.



What is a Good Behaviour Contract?

If a juvenile fails to obey a Behaviour Warning a meeting is convened with the affected juvenile, his/her parent(s) / guardian and the Gardai. These meetings can only be called by the local Garda Superintendent. At this meeting a contract is drawn up which is signed by the juvenile his/she parent(s) / guardian and lasts for a period of 6 months. This can be renewed for a further period of 3 months. If the contract is broken or in the opinion of the Garda Superintendent is broken he/she may reconvene a meeting to renew the contract or refer the matter to the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme or apply to the Children's Court for a Behaviour Order.

A Behaviour Order can last for up to a maximum of 2 years.

What happens in the Courts?

A senior member of An Garda Siochana will apply for the Behaviour Order which can prohibit the adult or juvenile from breaching any conditions set out in the order.

A Judge may prohibit persons from acting in a certain way, direct a juvenile to attend school and plan supervision of the juvenile concerned.

What happens if the Orders are breached?

In the case of an adult the penalty is a fine up to 3000 and or a maximum of 6 months in prison.

In the case of a juvenile who fails to comply with the order there will be a fine up to €800 or detention in a detention school for a maximum of 3 months or both.

You can find more information on ASBOs and related topics at [HYPERLINK "http://www.justice.ie"](http://www.justice.ie)

International Day in Beaumont

By:Sheelan Yousefizadeh



International gathering of students from 25 Countries.
-All attending Mercy College, Beaumont.

On Thursday, 7th of December 2006 an International day was held in Our Lady of Mercy College Beaumont.

The aim of the event was to encourage friendship, understanding, interculturalism, diversity and integration within our school community.

We have students from thirteen different countries in Mercy College, including the Philippines, India, Iraq, Iran, Cameroon, Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya, Romania, Latvia, Tunisia, Caribbean and Greece. A representative from each of these countries had a stand where one could taste traditional food, see artefacts and get a free permanent tattoo at the Indian stand. Most of the students wore beautiful traditional dress. The Irish girls proudly displayed their GAA jersey, Irish dancing costumes and offered bowls of Irish stew. There were traditional dances from India and the Philippines. A PowerPoint presentation was also organised, displaying pictures from all the countries. Music from each country was played on the day.



Toha Abbas (Iraq), Sheelan Yousefizadeh (Iran)
and Aoife Moore (Ireland)



Mr Des Tomlinson and Ms Offiah

Mr. Des Tomlinson, the intercultural development officer from the FAI was also present on the occasion. He spoke to the students about the benefits of integration.

The day was a great success and we all enjoyed ourselves. We learned about each others culture and there was a great atmosphere on the day.

We would like to thank all the parents who attended and helped us set up the hall and also the students who helped us on the day.

We hope to continue this activity in future in our school.

Finally, yet importantly we would like to thank our former principal Sr. M. Boneventure who was very supportive. In addition, a special thanks goes to Ms Offiah who was the main inspiration behind the day.



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HOLIDAYS IN DUBAI AND ABU DHABI.

We recently went on a short holiday to Dubai. We stayed in Abu Dhabi which is the capital of the U.A.E. and is an hour's drive from Dubai. Abu Dhabi is a beautiful city full of life, culture, lovely people, great hospitality. We looked in amazement at the beautiful architecture and design of the Buildings. Each one unique and so different. There is plenty to see and do with beautiful exotic shopping malls, adorned with marble, water falls the likes we have never seen before. It's a shopper's paradise, with plenty of really fabulous designer shops. We shopped around for the best buys etc. We were treated to a visit of the Emirates Palace.

It was built three years ago and that it definitely a must if visiting this city. Such a beautiful Palace with the best luxury and the interior design that one can only imagine. The hostess gave us a tour of the Palace and we were served with Irish Coffees and cakes. We visited the beach, which are generally privately owned by Clubs and Hotels. The sprinklers came on every few hours to look after the grass and the flowers along the side of the roads. In January its around 20degrees or so. On the Sunday morning we were able to get 9am Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, which is about a twenty minute drive from the city. We decided to go back to Dubai the day before we came home. There we visited the Burj Al Arab Hotel - the only seven star Hotel in the world. The Burj Al Arab dominates Dubai's coastline and rises to a height of 321 metres. Its beauty and architectural design took our breathe away. We were treated to a luxury afternoon tea with the best of food and service. We were impressed with the staff who are so polite and friendly. When we shot to the top in what seemed and felt like a rocket to us, we were treated to delightful panoramic views and we actually saw Palm Island which is the next big thing to be developed in Dubai.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2006.

As Christmas approached, the committee started the preparations for our annual Christmas party with plenty of shopping, and asking the various shops and businesses around the area to support our annual event which is always very well supported with spot prizes and some donations. The Seniors were all picked up by buses and some by cars and brought to and from the party. Everyone was entertained to some really good music by a top band named Classic Gold. Michael Maher was the M.C. and kept everyone happy with plenty of spots, prizes re raffie and jollied everyone along with singing and dancing. The scrumptious sandwiches were prepared by our own Chief Phyllis Redmond and her team of helpers on the Saturday morning. Her kitchen was a busy place with plenty of fun thrown in with the work. We also had fourteen homemade fruit cakes made by Therese Ellis which went down a treat with the Seniors. Beaumont House provided the cocktail sausages and chicken tenders. Santa and his two beautiful helpers went to each person and presented them with a gift. Such a jolly Santa chatting on his way and keeping the spirits and the magic of Christmas alive in each and every person. Beaumont Market provided each lady with a bunch of flowers which is always a big hit with



SINCERE SYMPATHY RIP

Sincere sympathy to Stephen Minto on the sudden death of his Partner Liz (Elizabeth) Kavanagh. Sympathy also to daughters; Jessie, Lynne and Leah and to Liz's sisters. May Liz rest in peace.

the ladies at the end of the night. The Gardai were also busy helping us out on the night with picking people up and bringing home all our delph, kettles, etc. at 2am in the morning. Thanks to Jimmy Byrne who came along at such short notice and helped us with his mini bus and went the extra mile.

We wish to thank the following who helped in so many ways to make the night go so well and who were a great support for the committee: Michael Maher, Andrew Maher, David Doyle, Shane Maguire, Kay Maguire, Noel Ellis, Paul Maher, Stephen Bolton, Bobby Ennis, Laura Ennis, Niamh Coyle, Ciaran O'Donoghue, Margaret Peel, Dymna Guilfoyle, Susan Maher, Roi Lacy, Saida Immoa, Sinead Flanagan, Geraldine Gillian, Gardai Mark, Martin and Cathal. Sincere thanks to all our wonderful committee who all worked so hard to make the night a memorable one for all our Senior Citizens. If we have omitted any helpers names we apologise and thank you.

Thanks also to The Artaine Beaumont Recreation Centre for the use of their lovely hall. It's very much appreciated.

Thanks to the following who donated to the Senior's Party in so many different ways Beaumont Road, Lanigan's Funeral Home, Beaumont Market.

Outsidethearea. Mary from The Cremore Clinic, The Goose Tavern, Paper Pieces, Superquinn, Dairyland Cuisine, The Tolka Egg Stores, and Buttercrust.

Shantalla Road, Plasters Union, Byrnes Butchers, Barry from Pick of the Crop, Karizma Hairdressers,

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Omni Shopping Centre, Carey's Menswear, Books Unlimited, Hughes and Hughes, Cosgrove Butchers, Golf Shop, Hobbycrafts, Hairdressers, Drycleaners, Omniplex and Montrose Jewellers.

Artaine Castle, Tesco, King Jewellers, Hairdressers, Penny, Photoshop, Book Shop and Beverly Jones.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2006 (Santa's Visit)

This was held on Sunday 17th December 2006 at the Locan Community Hall. Santa arrived at 2.30 pm by The Gardai Jeep with lights flashing and siren on. He presented each child with a selection box in his beautiful Grotto. The children had their photo taken with Santa by our usual photographer Des Maguire. D. J. Derek provided the disco music and kept the party going. Coco the Clown, arrived at 2.40pm and played games and danced with the children keeping them entertained and happy. We wish to thank Michael Maher who put in such hard work and effort acting as the clown for the afternoon, also to Derek Doyle and Sam Bolton our wonderful and Best Santa in town. Not forgetting to thank our Face Painter - Olivia Bolton who done a great job in presenting so many happy painted faces. To each and everyone of you who helped on the day we say a big thank you. Namely: Ciaran O'Donoghue, Laura Ennis, Niamh Coyle, Kay Maguire and all our committee who were present on the day.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our bi-monthly meeting took place on Monday 26th February. The meeting was very well attended. Beaumont has still relatively very little crime. We have a new J. L.O. Sergeant in Santry Garda Station namely Seamus Treacy who is looking after practically the whole of the Northside of Dublin as far as Howth, etc. An account of the crime figures for the H District was discussed, which covers from Richmond Road area as far as the

Airport. While crime figures are down in Beaumont remember never to take anything for granted. Do use your alarms even if you are going down to the local shops and also at night. Keep your back doors locked especially if you are going upstairs etc. Remember to report all crime even if its your shed that the burglar broke into. Its helping the Gardai to build up a profile on the burglar.

MOVIE EXTRA SAYS THANK!

Movie Extra wish to thank anyone in our area who contributed to the Christmas collection held in the Nassau St. area just before Christmas. The grand sum of €14,000 was collected for three very good causes namely; St. Luke's Hospital, AWARE and an Orphanage in Slovakia.

DOHERTY'S PHARMACY PLAN MAJOR EXPANSION.

Doherty's Pharmacy are expanding and will remain open during the renovations. They wish to apologise in advance for any inconvenience and assure all their customers that any disruption will be kept to a minimum. All their services and opening hours will be as normal Monday - Friday 9am to 8pm and Saturday 9am to 6pm. We look forward to a revamped, extended and new-look Pharmacy.

ST. FIACHRAS FOOTBALL WIN

Congratulations to the Boys Senior Football Team who won the Cumann Na Buns Scoil "Corn Kitterick". Scoil Fiachra defeated Bishop Galvin School, Templeogue. The Star of the Match was Cormack Costello. A Special word of Thanks to Aidan and Breda Buckley for the use of their electricity and all the work Aidan put into cleaning up the park and making it safe for the children before the event started.

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE

Our Lady of Mercy College, Beaumont is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary on October 7th 2007. They would love to hear from all past pupils or anyone connected with the school. Old photographs, stories, memorabilia most welcome. Phone: 01-8371478

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March Makeover

By Susie Boland



Here we go again, the bright evenings and fresh days are putting a 'spring' in your step! This year you are thinking of getting around to all those healthy things you promised yourself to do last year! Especially fitness, but where did the time go??

So, what are your intentions? Are you going to turn over a new leaf? How long will it last? Think about it, after all you know yourself very well, so be realistic!

Are you thinking of joining a gym? Once you hand your money over, do you put the responsibility to the gym, are they going to make you go? What happens if it's cold outside, you know you would rather stay in looking at your favorite soap, leave fitness till tomorrow? But tomorrow never comes!!

Your time is precious! You will always have an excuse not to exercise BUT still want to look and feel great!

Here are some tips.

- You could purchase a piece of equipment to use in the home, for example a bike or rowing machine, a fit ball, a skipping rope and an exercise mat.
- Plan your day and keep 30 minutes for exercise. It can be any time of the day, get a diary write it in and pretend it's part of your job.
- Exercising every day gets rid of that bloating feeling, removing all that excess fluid that you carry about making you feel uncomfortable.
- Think of it as credit in the bank, if you put a workout in every day, by the end of the week you will feel and look great!!!
- Your heart is a muscle therefore it needs exercise every day. The word aerobic means with oxygen, when you do an aerobic exercise (walking, cycling, swimming etc.) it stimulates the respiratory and circulatory systems so your body can work efficiently burning fat and carbohydrates leading to natural weight loss
- It is important though to know that all this extra energy you intend to use is going to come from your food. Therefore, what you are eating and when you are eating it, is what you need to address FIRST. Once you've managed that, you will be bursting with energy and exercise will not be a problem, I promise!!
- If you want more information on foods you need to increase and decrease and a good exercise programme call me...

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Beaumont House Golf Society News

By: Paul Fitzsimons

Hello again everyone, here is an update on the local golf Society.

This year we celebrate our 25th year and during the course of the season we intend to mark the occasion for posterity of some sort! We had our AGM in February and a full programme for the outings was distributed to all of the members. We also agreed that our membership fees have remained at 50 for the coming year. This is very good value.

Our programme for 2007 looks like this:

Knightsbrook Sat Mar 24th, Bellewstown Sat. 14 April, Citywest Sat. 12th May, Kilkea Castle (Captains Day) Sat. 23 June, Killeen Sat. 28th July, Rathcore Sat. 11th August, Trim (Presidents Day) Sat. 15th September, Kilcock Sat 20th October, and Edenderry (Turkey Shoot) Sat. 17th November.

The annual Challenge Cup match versus the Comet Golf Society is scheduled to take place on Oct 6th. We hope to retain the trophy again after last years narrow win in October.

Our new Captain for this year is Charles Elston and we all hope he has an enjoyable year. The rest of this year's committee is as follows:

President, Sean Moore; Hon. Secretary, Colm Dolan; Hon. Treasurer, Michael Dolan; Vice Captain, Alan Eglington, Ex Officio, Paul Fitzsimons, Jimmy Murray, Tom Redmond, and Glen Brady.

As usual, new members are all welcome and the society caters for all local golfers male and female of all abilities. If you would like an application to join please contact any of the aforementioned committee members. One or more can normally be found in the bar of the Beaumont House at weekends. Also as usual, we would appreciate any sponsorship from local businesses.

Finally, this year on our first outing in Knightsbrook, we will play for a new perpetual trophy, which we have commissioned, to commemorate the contribution the late Paddy Gannon made to the society over all the years of its existence. May he rest in peace.

WHY WE HAVE EASTER EGGS!

Easter Eggs are a popular tradition that is associated with the great celebration in the Christian calendar of the resurrection of Christ. During the period of Lent, proceeding Easter, eggs were forbidden as part of the fast in preparation for the festival. So it was natural for the end of Lent to be marked by the eating of eggs on Easter Sunday.

As traditional symbols of life and creation —eggs suggested the resurrection. An expensive custom developed in Imperial Russia, where the nobility exchanged egg-shaped curios made of precious materials and decorated with jewels. These eggs are now extremely valuable. So eggs coloured like the rays of the sun may have originally symbolized the return of spring.

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Ladies Beware!!!

I am a grown adult with a responsible demanding career, a busy home to run and an active social life. I have given birth several times; have overcome illness and family traumas and came sailing through all that but the one thing that will send me round the twist is a visit to the Dentist. I am so terrified of the dentist that any treatment, no matter how simple cannot be undertaken without me being sedated. Time and time again I give myself a good talking to and tell myself if little children can get fillings, root canal treatment etc, without complaining then I should be able to do the same. Then I get my appointment and all logic goes out the window again. I end up having to fast for 6 hours beforehand, force myself to go to the surgery even though my stomach is in a knot. Then I get knocked out to have the treatment done and have to be collected and brought home and put to bed where I will sleep for anything from 24 to 36 hours. Now bear in mind it doesn't matter whether I am going for a simple cleaning or for root canal the sedation still has to be administered before the poor dentist can go anywhere near me. My logical side knows this cannot be good for my body and it is ridiculous to be losing whole weekends after treatments on a Friday afternoon. However my phobic side wins out every time. I can honestly say that given a choice I would rather give birth than have dental treatment without sedation. Do you see now what I mean by EXTREME and IRRATIONAL. So if you are one of those lucky people who do not have a phobia, thank your lucky stars and spare a thought for those of us who suffer on even though we know there is no logic or basis to our fear.

Ladies Beware!!!

A friend of mine was travelling home by bus one evening, paid her fare and placed her purse in her bag and zipped it closed. When she reached her destination called into the local shop to make a purchase. Upon opening her bag she discovered her purse was missing. She continued home and told her family her purse was missing/lost. A family member on checking her bag discovered a slit across the middle of the bag. My friend can only assume that the young lady who sat down beside her with a heavy coat draped over her arm slit her bag and removed the purse. So ladies beware keep an eye on your bag and personal belongings at all times.

When a Majority is not enough!

Having recently attended the Beaumont Residents Association AGM, I was left feeling shocked and dismayed. I learned that a survey carried out during the summer of 2006 on Cooleen Avenue in respect to the installation of road ramps, resulted in a majority 60% to 40% in favour. Although this shows that over half of the road is in favour, Dublin City Council cannot be approached about this issue unless a much greater majority is achieved. As I do not know the reasoning behind the 40% who voted against, I cannot comment about it but surely their reasoning could not outweigh the safety of our children, grandchildren or for that matter our neighbours and ourselves. This survey was to be the first step in enhancing the safety of Cooleen Avenue but regrettably, it can go no further due to the views of 40%. I would like to appeal to those 40% residents to re-evaluate their reasons - whatever they may be and reconsider their choice in favour of the safety of all of us. If your opinions have changed or you did not fill out the survey form, please approach a member of the committee or a 'Road Rep' on this matter.

Concerned Cooleen Avenue Resident.

Wouldnt it be Nice!

As a resident who has seldom missed an AGM of the Beaumont Residents Association, may I take this opportunity to thank all the hard working and dedicated members who freely give of their time and expertise to enrich the lives of the people of Beaumont.

As I sat in the hall at this years meeting a thought just struck me. Wouldn't it be nice if the hundreds and hundreds of people who get enjoyment each year from the Senior Citizens Christmas Party or Santa's Visit or the Summer Sports Fest, took the time to attend a two hour AGM and let the hardworking volunteers on the committee know that yes, they are appreciated and yes, they are making a difference to community life of Beaumont. It's just a thought for next year!



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Bernie and Paddy Flood celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to them both.



Bernie Bolger celebrated a 'Big Birthday' recently.



Congratulations to Joan and Eoin Roche who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary recently. Note insert photo 'how they looked when they were wed 50 years ago'



Louise Redmond, Tara Flanagan, Ashling Fitzsimons and Ciara Flanagan, made €270 for Temple Street Hospital by selling Bands and Scoobies. Well done girls!



Mrs. O'Connor, St. Fiachras Senior School, admires part of the Art Exhibition created by 4th class and held in the Pastoral Centre. The standard of the exhibits were excellent. Congratulations to Mrs. O'Connell and her Associates and well done to all the pupils.



Congratulations to Paul Maher, Coolgreena Road and Lisa McCormack, Dublin who were married at University Church in December 2006.

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