

THE BEAUMONT NEWS

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Archbishop Diarmuid Martin with Fr Dan Nguyen and Fr Gerard Deegan.

BEAUMONT'S NEW TEAM

A CAPACITY crowd filled the Church of the Nativity of Our Lord, Beaumont on Sunday 21st November, to celebrate the arrival of 'The New Team' and to give a formal send-off to 'The Old Team' - the Carmelites. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin was the principal celebrant at the 12.30 Mass. He was assisted by Fr Martin Kilmurray, (Provincial of the Carmelites) and Fr Gerard Deegan (new Administrator of Beaumont Parish). Fr Frank O'Gara and Fr Paddy Staunton also assisted.

Lorcan O'Hobain (Chairman of the Parish Council) opened proceedings by welcoming the Archbishop and the many Carmelites who returned to Beaumont for the occasion. Lorcan thanked the Carmelites for their great service to the community of Beaumont during their 29 years in charge of the Parish.

The Carmelite Provincial, Fr Kilmurray told the assembled that twenty-five Carmelites had ministered in Beaumont since their arrival in 1981. He was aware of the close bonds that had developed between the Order and the community of Beaumont. He reiterated his statement of July 2010 that the Carmelite Order were unable to maintain an ongoing community and pastoral presence in Beaumont. Fr Kilmurray recognised the great sadness and disappointment felt by many in the parish resulting from the departure of The Order - and he thanked the people for their understanding of the Orders position.

The Senior Choir, Junior Choir and Beaumont Gospel Choir performed magnificently, sang their hearts out and added wonderful spirit to the pomp and ceremony of the occasion. Most of the Carmelites who served in Beaumont at some stage during the twenty-nine years were in attendance and took their places in the seats closest to the altar. All were dressed in white and resembled a group of mature altar servers. A notable absentee was Fr Nobert Heaslip.

Archbishop Martin in his homily stuck to his script about the Gospel of the day, about Christ the King feast day and its relevance for people today. It was only when the Mass concluded that he rose to say a few informal words on the purpose of his presence. He thanked the Carmelites for doing a great job in Beaumont and wished the Priests present well in the future. He stated that he recently celebrated Mass for the twenty Priests who died in the Diocese during the year - and in the same period he ordained only one Priest.

The Archbishop gave little indication or direction for the future of Beaumont Parish, save to request the support of the laity for Fr Gerard and Fr Dan. He thanked Lorcan O'Hobain and the Parish Council for their great work and urged more involvement by the laity. Outside the Church after Mass, the Archbishop stood and greeted the people as they made their way from the Church across to the Pastoral Centre for food and refreshments. Many adults and parents shook the Archbishop's hand while the little children appeared a little scared of the man wearing a tall spiky hat and holding a long steel crooked stick.

The emotional outbursts of welcome, joy and sadness were saved for the old team. Fr Donal, Fr Joe, Fr Paddy, Fr Brian and Fr Frank took the brunt of the people's emotions. Hand-shakes and hugs were lavished on the Priests as if they were finalists in X Factor. The Priests too appeared a little emotional as their strong bonding with Beaumont became very obvious. One elderly lady said; "I can't believe they are being taken away from us at this time and just when we needed them most"

There can be little doubt that the Carmelites -and particularly the last crew of Priests, played a huge and so important part in the lives of so many people in Beaumont. They were a rock of stability in a rapidly changing world. Their departure from the Parish leaves a vast void.

**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**
Dec. 11th, 2010
Lorcan Community
Hall
2 p.m.
BRA Members only



NEW SERVICE FROM DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

The DCC has setup a service where you can report issues that you come accross on the streets of Dublin. You can report issues such as abandoned vehicles, graffiti, illegal dumping and much more. All you have to do is log onto www.dublincity.ie and click on "Report It". You get a reference number so you can track the progress of your request. If you don't have a computer just call (01) 222 2222 from 8-6, Mon-Fri and a customer service agent will log the request on the system for you.

**BEAUMONT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
SENIOR MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2010**



MORE PICTURES ON BACK PAGE

**AGGRESSIVE ACTION BY ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL
BRINGS B.R.A. INTO CONFLICT**



AFTER almost ten years enjoying good relations and of harmonious co-existence with St. Paul's School and Hospital, Beaumont Residents' Association has suddenly been plunged back into conflict with St Pauls, by their opening of the emergency gate at the end of Coolgreena Road to vehicular traffic.

Since the completion of St Paul's new school in 2002, the gate has remained closed, the school and our community has enjoyed good relations and lived in harmony. However, on a morning in mid September of this year, the gate was opened up for vehicular traffic. No warning, no communications was received and no reason was given by St Paul's for its actions. Beaumont Residents Association (BRA) in response to a deluge of complaints from Members, wrote to St Paul's School Principal; Angela Leonard on 6th October 2010 expressing its concern and annoyance at the opening of the gate. BRA requested that St Paul's close the gate immediately and referred them to the relevant Planning Condition. At time of going to press, no reply or communication whatsoever has been received from anyone in St Paul's and the gate remains open during the school hours.

BRA agreed with St Paul's back in 1998 that it would not object to their Planning Application for the school in return for a new wall and gate that would be closed at all times. BRA also agreed to a 'controlled pedestrian gate' adjacent to the emergency gate. BRA worked proactively with the Planners to facilitate and expedite the Planning Permission. The Planners fully accepted and agreed with BRA's single condition; no vehicular access via Coolgreena Road and the gate remain closed at all times.

Condition number 5 of the above Planning Permission refers to an access gate from Coolgreena Road. Condition number 5 states **"The access gate from Coolgreena Road shall be closed to vehicular traffic, with all vehicular access to the school and hospital being from the main access gate save in case where access is required by emergency service vehicles. REASON: To protect the amenity of neighbouring residential areas."**

Many of our Members are very angry with St Paul's for opening of the gate without consultation and for the resulting volume of traffic it has generated on Coolgreena Road.



**New Wheelchair
Access to Post
Office**

**-Good News for Our
Elderly**

FOLLOWING representations by Beaumont Residents Association on behalf of its elderly members, Ian McDonnell has agreed to construct a ramp at the entrance door to the Post Office. The ramp will facilitate wheelchairs and will enhance the experience of visiting the Post Office for all who are not fully mobile. Mr McDonnell is the proprietor of the Centra shop and Post Office on Shantalla Road. He is also the proprietor of Supervalu on Lorcan Avenue.

The current entrance step presents a considerable hazard for

many of our elderly members and indeed the step presents an insurmountable obstacle for some.

The Post Office is an essential service and facility for the elderly and also for the wider members of our community. Pensioners generally draw their pensions on a weekly basis at the Post Office and therefore safe and easy access to the Post Office is essential for them.

The good news is; Ian McDonnell has promised that the ramp will be installed and completed before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS TITBITS

The ancient Irish custom of burning the Yule log was performed to honor the Great Mother Goddess. The log would be lit on the eve of the Winter Solstice, using the remains of the Yule log from the previous year, and would be burned for twelve hours for good luck.

The Irish custom of "feeding the wren" on December 26 consists of carrying a wren door to door, to collect money for charity. The custom is based on a legend of St. Stephen. Once he was forced to hide in a bush, but a chattering wren gave him away. Children cage the wren to help it do penance for this misdeed. Often the children carry a long pole with a holly bush at the top, which is supposed to hide a captured wren.

The modern Christmas custom of displaying a wreath on the front door of one's house, is borrowed from ancient Rome's New Year's celebrations. Romans wished each other "good health" by exchanging branches of evergreens. They called these gifts *strenae*

after *Strenia*, the goddess of health. It became the custom to bend these branches into a ring and display them on doorways.

Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria of England, was credited with introducing the German custom of the Christmas tree into the English home in 1841.

St. Nicholas was bishop of the Turkish town of Myra in the early fourth century. It was the Dutch who first made him into a Christmas gift-giver, and Dutch settlers brought him to America where his name eventually became the familiar Santa Claus.

The Christmas turkey first appeared on English tables in the 16th century, but didn't immediately replace the traditional fare of goose, beef or boar's head in the rich households.

The custom of singing Christmas carols is very old - the earliest English collection was published in 1521.

The first charity Christmas card was produced by UNICEF in 1949.

The first Christmas card was created in England on December 9, 1842.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUSES

The BRA campaign to get the 20B bus to serve Beaumont Hospital continues. We are advised by Dublin Bus that a review of the 20B bus route and other north side bus routes will take place in January / February 2011. Dublin Bus will also engage in a 'consultation process' with interested parties. The new revised routes will be put on display in Artaine Castle in February / March 2011.

20B Service - Dublin Bus is proposing to re-route the 20B service and relocate the terminus to where the No. 16 is at present in Santry. The 20B would take the 16 route as far as Collins Ave. and continue on the current 20B route down the eastern end of Collins Ave. and into the City Centre via the Malahide Road and Fairview. It would terminate at Dundrum Shopping Centre.

16 Service - The 16 and 16A service would no longer serve the Beaumont side of the Swords Road so a connection to the Airport would be lost.

3 Service - Dublin Bus is looking at the possibility of running the number 3 service from its terminus in Larkhill estate to Shantalla Road, Beaumont Road, Collins Ave., Swords Rd. and into the City Centre via Drumcondra.

To express an opinion on these proposals contact Dublin Bus by post or e-mail infor@dublinbus.ie

MIGHT BE USEFUL TO YOU NEXT YEAR

WE ALL think we know how Proportional Representation works, but do we really. Test yourself to see if you knew it all. Here is a Punter's Guide to PR.

Where do I go to vote? - You will receive a voting card in the post - bring this along with some form of ID to your local polling station, which is indicated on the card. An official at the station will give you a ballot paper and pen, and then you can go to an available booth.

How do I cast my vote? - The ballot paper will list all the candidates alphabetically, and if they wish it will also have their picture and party logo.

You rank by number who you would like to vote for in order of preference - including as many or as few names as you like. You then return to the official's desk and place your vote in the ballot box.

What happens then? - When the polling stations close, all the ballot boxes at each polling station are brought to a single count centre in your constituency. The count begins the next morning.

How is my vote counted? - First all the boxes are opened, the number of votes is counted and any spoilt votes are excluded. This gives the Total Valid Poll for the constituency. This number is used to calculate the quota - the number of votes a candidate must get to be elected. The first preferences on all the votes are then counted.

What happens at the end of the first count? - It is probable than not enough candidates will get over the quota to fill all of the seats available. If one or more candidates do get more votes than the quota on the first count, they leave what is called a surplus.

All of the successful candidates' votes are then examined to see what second preferences are on them. The other candidates will get a percentage of the surplus based on how many second preferences they got in those votes.

What if this isn't enough to raise another candidate to the quota? - The next step is to eliminate the candidate in last place. Two or more candidates can be eliminated in this way in one go if it is already clear they cannot escape elimination in the long run.

These candidates' votes are then transferred according to their next available preferences. If this results in someone being elected, then only the last votes that brought that candidate over the quota are examined and then distributed, as opposed to all of the votes they received.

How many counts are needed? -

The process repeats itself until enough candidates reach the quota.

What if a candidate isn't happy with the result?

A candidate can request a recount of a particular count or of the entire count. In a recount of a particular count, all the relevant votes are

checked and moved where necessary.

In a complete recount, all of the votes are checked without moving any of them, and at the end an official called a returning officer decides on the overall effect of any errors.

If a significant error is uncovered that would likely result in a different outcome, the count is redone from the point at which the error happened.

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Connie Butler's Annual Fundraising in aid of St. Francis Hospice

Connie Butler wishes to express her thanks to all who contributed to her Annual Sale

In aid of St. Francis Hospice. She raised the grand sum of €2, 676. She is most grateful to all her friends and neighbours who helped her in so many ways especially Bridie Dunne, Maura Dolan, Deirdre Walsh and Joan O'Connor.

Coolatree Park Collection

Connie Butler and Maura Dolan collected from friends and neighbours for the following neighbours who died over the past few months.

Brid Watters: €260 plus wreath and a mass card.

Noel Hayden: €310 and a mass card.

May Fogarty: €315 plus a Mass card

All the monies collected went to St. Francis Hospice in their name.

May they Rest in Peace.

Thank You Notice

The wife and family of the late Noel Hayden of 33 Coolatree Park would like to thank all those who sympathised with them in their sad loss. Especially all the neighbours and friends who donated €310 to St. Francis Hospice. A Mass has been said for their intentions.

Coolgreena Road and Coolrua Drive

Eileen Dempsey and Sheila Donohue from Coolgreena Rd. died recently. Also Paddy Hammond from Cooleen Avenue who died 8th November. May they all Rest in Peace. We extend our deepest sympathy to all families in Beaumont who were bereaved in the past year.

Also the death has occurred of Gerry Carberry. Gerry was a teacher of St. Fiachra's Senior National School for over ten years. He only retired in May of this year.

He was also a long time member of Whitehall Colmcille GAA Club. May he Rest in Peace. We extend our sympathy to his wife Marian and his family.

Sergeant Jim Murphy's Annual Summer Outing

The annual summer outing took place in July this year to Powerscourt and then on to the Keadeen Hotel in Newbridge. Twenty five seniors from Beaumont Residents' Association enjoyed the day immensely and all were treated with a beautiful four course meal and a drink of their choice. The music kept them entertained for the night. We wish to thank Sergeant Jim Murphy and his crew for helping to make the day so enjoyable for all concerned.

Lorcan new restaurant

Have you tried the new restaurant D9 at Supervalu Lorcan Ave. Santry? I would strongly

recommend treating yourself to lunch where you will experience beautiful home made soups, a wide range of lunch menus and all day breakfast. Soak up the cosy atmosphere with your friends and treat yourself to something tasty.

A Celebration in aid of the four Carmelite Priests leaving Beaumont.

On Saturday 30th October we attended concelebrated Mass at 7.30pm and a reception for Fr. Frank O'Gara, Fr. Donal Byrne, Fr. Brian and Fr. Martin. O'Carm. The people of Beaumont showed their appreciation and love for their four priests by attending in great numbers. The choir sang the Mass while Fr. Brian played the organ. Fr. Frank concelebrated the Mass with Fr. Donal and Fr. Martin. A beautiful reception was held in the Pastoral Centre after Mass. It was packed and everyone was eager to say goodbye in the nicest possible way to our four priests. Farewell Cards were being signed quickly by all who attended. A beautiful cake was finally cut by our priests. We will miss the Carmelites so much. They put so much effort into everything and had such great time for the people of Beaumont. Thanks so much for all your support, love and time over the past 29 years. May God Bless you all in all your work.

Welcome to our new parish priests

We wish to welcome Fr. Gerard Deegan. Fr. Dan along with Mr. Conor McCann our new pastoral coordinator as we now have only two priests as against four in the pas. We will all do our best to make our Parish work and run as smoothly as possible.

Neighbourhood Watch

It was reported by some neighbours that two young men were seen searching in the mail boxes of people's houses. Please be aware and phone the Gardai immediately.

Also coming up to Christmas there is usually an increase in burglaries. We must be all on the look out for any unusual activity on our roads etc. and reports all suspicious matters to the Gardai.

Best to close our curtains when it's getting dark and if we are going out to keep our lights on and also the radio.

Living Alone

Please be a good neighbour and keep an eye out for our seniors especially those who are house bound in the winter months ahead. Maybe a phone calls or just to drop in would make a difference to someone living alone and in need of a few groceries etc.

54 Years of Married Life

Congratulations to Maura and John Dolan of Coolatree Park who are over 54 years married.

John a Dublin man comes from across the Liffey from a place called Harold's Cross. Maura hails from Co. Roscommon.

It all started quite a long time ago but as John put it its only like yesterday we were married.

John met Maura at a dance at the Four Provinces Hall in Harcourt Street over 53 years ago. It was the summer of the year 1953. At that time John was driving a bus for Great Northern Railway from Dublin to Cavan route. They were only dating a short time when one night John was driving the bus back from Cavan and it broke

down. He had to wait for a replacement and alas it was 12 midnight when the replacement got back to Amiens Street Train Station. John was in a state as he had a date with Maura that night and he had not way of letting her know the predicament he was in. Not everyone had a landline phone in those days.

Next day John got in touch with Maura to explain what happened and he wanted to ask her for a date but Maura replied No thank you. I have another date to night. I am going to a dress dance with another lad.

It was to be a year later that they met again at the same place and a dance of course. John and Maura started dating again. John knew this was the girl for him. They started saving and eventually got engaged. They went to look at a house on Coolatree Park and decided to put down a deposit which was 32 pounds and ten shillings. The value of the house was 1,800 pounds with a grant of 150 pounds. Now John was only earning seven pounds a week and Maura four pounds. The mortgage was six pounds seven shillings and one penny a month for thirty five years.

John and Maura got married on 8th February 1956. Couples were not allowed to get married during Lent in those days. John was now working for G.N.R. and they were working to rule. He had to ask some of his friends to work a day each for him in order that he could get married and go on their honeymoon for the week. They went to London. Their first baby was born on the 16th December 1956 and they went on to have one girl and three more boys. They have seventeen grandchildren.

In 1958 GNR taken over by C.I.E. John started work as a conductor for C.I.E then a driver from 1964 to 1970. He went on to be an Inspector for 20 years until he retired in 1990. John enjoys playing golf and he a great artist. He showed me some of his great paintings. Maura has spent 40 years doing very worthy voluntary work.

We wish them well and congratulate them on their long life together.

Names of Deceased

Whitehall Church

November 2009 – Philip McNevin, Harry Jacobs, John Smith, Thomas Shields. **December 2009** – Ned Dalton, Roisin Curran, Bridget Keogh, Terry Connolly. **January 2010** – Charlie Hyland, Edward Kavanagh, Anthony Ivory, Susan Cassidy. **February 2010** - Richard Flood, Patricia Sinnott, Michael McGovern, Marcella Molloy, Nelly O'Reilly. **April 2010** – Maureen Cassidy. **June 2010** – Michael Church, Kathleen Byrne. **July 2010** – Edward Kelly. **August 2010** – Noel Hayden, Bobby Williams. **September 2010** – Bridget Kane, Richard Daly. **October 2010** – Paddy Byrne, Eileen Dempsey, Jim Feehily, Desmond Heller, Philip Ryan, Ann Kavanagh. **November 2010** – Patrick Hammond.

May they Rest In Peace.

We asked in the Nativity of Our Lord Church, Beaumont for a similar list. but they declined to supply one.

More News in Our Next Newsletter

WINNING LETTER

Winning Letter Prize €50



Dear Editor - One of the things I regret about my earlier life is that I did not write down and keep a record of some of the things my Dad told me about his life, his relative and his time growing up in Dublin and his old acquaintances and friends.

If we ask questions such as : How did your parents meet? What first drew them to each other? Where did they live after they were married?

Where were you born? How well did you get along with your siblings?

For instance, maybe you're curious about the sort of embarrassing mistakes they made when they were your age and how they would handle things differently if they had to do it over again.

Were your parents strict or lenient with you? What was your best subject in school? What was your worst? Did you have a favourite teacher? What made that teacher so special?

What was your first job? Did you enjoy it? If you could choose any line of work, what would it be?

If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be? What hobby or skill would you like to develop?

What do you think are the most important factors in a good friendship? In a happy life? In a successful marriage? What is the best piece of advice you ever received?

Choose some or all of these questions to get the ball rolling and write down the answers. The above suggestions can help you to get better acquainted with your parents. The same principles can help you reconnect with your parents – or even connect with a parent you never really knew.

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

Any parents out there can write down information concerning their own lives, their "autobiography" and leave it for their offspring to peruse later on in life.

Name and Address with Editor.

Dear Editor - I recently read this piece on the Dublin Bus website and I thought about eutopia.

Etiquette at the bus stop and boarding

Buses collect passengers at bus stops or bus shelters.

While waiting for the bus, please queue in order of arrival. (Leaning against the wall or railing does not count as queuing)

Please put your hand out to tell the driver that you want him to stop so that you can get on the bus.

As the bus arrives and leaves the stop, stand well back to avoid the side mirrors on the bus.

As the bus approaches check if it's the right bus for you by watching out for the destination and route number on the front scroll.

If you need the bus to be lowered or to use the ramp, just ask the driver when the bus stops. You will hear a bell/buzzer while the bus is kneeling or the ramp is being lowered. Please be patient and stay clear until this has finished.

The bell/buzzer will stop when the operation is complete; it is now safe to get on the bus. For your safety, please do not attempt to enter or leave the bus from the side of the ramp.

If you are vision impaired or are unsure whether the bus is the one you need, just ask the driver, who will be pleased to help you.

Please allow other customers to exit the bus before you get on.

Please queue and enter the bus on the left hand side if paying with coin and on the right hand side if you have a prepaid ticket. (When the bus arrives this does not mean coming out of nowhere and getting on the bus ignoring all those that have queued properly.

It would be a pleasure getting a bus if other people followed these simple rules.

Name and Address with Editor.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg, even though you're slightly cracked!

OR Sometimes Slightly Scrambled!!

May you always have Love to Share , Health to Spare, and Friends that Care!



DROP IN MEMBERSHIP PUTS FUNCTIONS IN JEOPARDY

ALTHOUGH the drop is not significant, totalling only 60 households this year, the loss of nearly €1,000 in subscriptions is a slice of revenue taken from our yearly outlay on events that we cannot do without.

The hardest task the committee has during the course of the year is the collection of the subscriptions. Nobody likes collecting money and the members of the committee are no different.

We introduced the envelope to the collection to make it easier to get the subs in. With the co-operation of everyone, when the committee members misses you on his or her collection we would appreciate it if you posted the envelope with your details and subscription into any of our collection boxes or committee members homes.

The people doing the collection cannot keep calling back hoping that you might be in. The Association uses up all the money it collects on a year to year basis. We used to receive various grants from different Government agencies but this has all stopped.

We organise a Christmas Party for the Senior Citizens, we organise a Sports Day for the younger members and we also have a Party at Christmas at which Santa pays a visit.

It would be an awful shame if we had to drop one of these events. The annual subscription of €15 works out at less than 30c per week per household. Play your part in our community and support your residents association and the events it runs for the people in your area.

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2. Who does Dougal replace as Craggy Island's milkman?
3. What Christmas present from Father Ted does Mrs. Doyle destroy?
4. Who was the only character to play himself in the series?
5. What is the name of Father Dougal's priest-friend who steals the old grey whistle?
6. Why is Father Jack sent to St. Clabbert's home?
7. What is the title of Ted and Dougal's Eurovision song contest entry?
8. Why was Ted awarded a Golden Cleric?
9. What is the name of Father Ted's Doppelganger priest who lives on Rugged Island?
10. Which celebrity did Dougal and Ted meet in the Caves?
11. Which Bishop sent Father Ted to Craggy Island?
12. What is the name of the priest who offers to take Ted to America?
13. Father Ted repeatedly makes what claim about the missing money that was the cause of him being sent to Craggy Island?
14. In Cigarettes and Alcohol and Rollerblading, what does Ted suggest that Dick Byrne should give up for Lent?
15. What does Bishop Brennan have a fear of?
16. Who won the Lovely Girls competition?
17. What is Mrs. Doyle's Christian name?
18. What was Dougal's hamster called?
19. What was the sponsor on Douglas football shirt he wears to bed, and for a bonus point, what campaign was the shirt from?
20. What does Fr. Jack call rabbits?

Try your best, whoever has the most correct answers will be entered in the draw. Answers on our website in January.

Entries to one of our Postboxes in Beaumont House Office Licence or in the Post Office or email it to info@beaumontresidents.ie before Dec. 20th Members Only for 1st Prize. Winner will be notified.

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LIES AND DAMNED STATISTICS

THE ODDS of getting various number combinations in the Irish Lotto (and Lotto Plus draws) are listed here. Don't let them put you off playing, but just keep in mind that the prizes the National Lottery offer are not commensurate with the actual odds.

Most people think that buying multiple tickets improve their odds... True, it might, but not to the extent you think.

Suppose your odds are 1 in 100 on one ticket. That is fine. Most people think if they buy a second ticket, now their odds are 1 in 50. This is not the case. Your odds did not go up by half. In fact you only now have 1 more chance to win, so your odds really are 1 in 99. On your next ticket purchase, your odds would be 1 in 98, and so on, until you purchased every ticket and were guaranteed a win.

- Jackpot: 8,145,060 / 1
- 5 plus the bonus: 1,392,317 / 1
- 5 numbers: 34,807 / 1
- 4 plus the bonus: 14,274 / 1
- 4 numbers: 732 / 1
- 3 plus the bonus: 579 / 1
- 3 numbers: 45 / 1

The correct Calculation for one line is: $(1/45 * 1/44 * 1/43 * 1/42 * 1/41 * 1/40) / 6 \text{ Factorial} = 8,145,060$.

The above should be clear enough, but it is possible to write down the equation in factorial form.

Let B = Total number of balls (45)

Let D = Number drawn = Number selected (6)

Let H = Number correct ("Hits") (6)

The probability is (read on only if you have no fear of equations):

B-D! D! B-D! D!

P = -----

B-2D+H! D-H! B! H! D-H!

I'm not a mathematician but these are the odds as far as I can find out.

-Editor



PADDY BYRNE

Paddy Byrne was born in old Finglas opposite the Royal Oak in 1932. He was a local milkman with his father for many years around that area. In 1956 he married Imelda from Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Leitrim, and they were very happily married for fifty four years. Paddy came to Beaumont in the late sixties to work in the local butcher shop on Shantalla Rd owned then by the great horse trainer Mick O'Toole. Paddy took over the shop in the early seventies and the rest of the family moved to Beaumont at that time. Paddy and Imelda had six children, four boys Peter, Michael and Aiden who still run the butcher shop to this day and Barry who runs the local fruit and veg shop "Pick Of The Crop". There are also two daughters Patricia who now lives in California and Nuala who lives in Swords and works in Aer Lingus. Paddy as a lot of people know was very successful in the greyhound world, in which he entered the highly acclaimed Hall Of Fame in 2009, all Paddy's dogs names began with the prefix Catunda and he was regularly referred to in sporting circles as Paddy (Catunda) Byrne from Beaumont. Paddy was a very special and warm person and was greatly loved by all who knew him at home and abroad, he will be greatly missed by the local community in Beaumont where he had many many friends. Paddy's wife Imelda and the rest of the family would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local people in Beaumont including all their customers for their support and best wishes at this very sad time.



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Wed. 22nd Dec:	9.00am – 8.00pm
Thurs. 23rd Dec:	9.00am – 8.00pm
Christmas Eve:	9.00am – 5.00pm
CHRISTMAS DAY:	CLOSED
ST. STEPHENS DAY:	CLOSED
MON. 27TH DEC:	CLOSED
Tues 28th Dec:	10.00am – 3.00pm
Wed 29th Dec:	9.00am – 6.00pm
Thurs 30th Dec:	9.00am – 6.00pm
New Years Eve:	9.00am – 5.00pm
NEW YEARS DAY:	CLOSED
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MON. 3RD	CLOSED
Tues 4th Jan. 2011:	9.00am – 8.00pm

NORMAL OPENING HOURS

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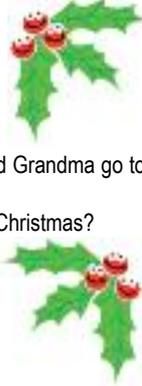
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- 3 Where was I when I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus?
- 4 What was the name of Rudolph's dogsled driving friend?
- 5 What carol contains the line "O tidings of comfort and joy"?
- 6 Name the three reindeer whose names begin with a "D"?
- 7 In the song "Grandma Got Run over by a Reindeer" what did Grandma go to get?
- 8 What was the first gift my true love sent on the sixth day of Christmas?
- 9 In what city did Miracle on 34th Street take place?
- 10 Who kept time with the Little Drummer Boy?
- 11 What is the last ghost called in A Christmas Carol?
- 12 What colour is the Grinch?
- 13 How many pipers piping did my true love give to me?
- 14 In the movie The Santa Clause, who starred as the substitute Santa Claus?
- 15 What holiday drink contains sugar, milk, and eggs?
- 16 Name the two reindeer whose name begins with a "C"?
- 17 What did the Grinch use as a substitute for reindeer?
- 18 What 1990 movie told of a boy's experience when two men break into his house during Christmas?



Answers to Christmas Trivia

1 Suzy Snowflake 2 "White Christmas" 3 On the Stairs 4 Tiny Tim 5 "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" 6 Dasher, Dancer, Fancer, Rancer 7 Her medication 8 Six geese a-laying 9 New York 10 The ox and the lamb 11 The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come 12 Green 13 Eleven 14 Tim Allen 15 Eggnog 16 Comet and Cupid 17 His dog 18 Home Alone

CAKE OR BED

A HUSBAND is at home watching a Liverpool football match when his wife interrupts, 'Honey, could you fix the light in the hallway? it's been flickering for weeks now.' he looks at her and says angrily, 'fix the lights now? does it look like I have 'ESB' written on my forehead? I don't think so!' 'Fine!'

Then the wife asks, 'Well then, could you fix the fridge door? It won't close right' to which he replied, 'Fix the fridge door? Does it look like I have 'Zanussi Man' written on my forehead? I don't think so!' 'Fine!' she says

'Then you could at least fix the steps to the front door? They are about to break' 'I'm not a carpenter and I don't want to fix steps', he says, 'Does it look like I have 'Tommy Walsh' written on my forehead? I don't think so! I've had enough of this, I'm going to the pub!!!!'

'So he goes to the pub and drinks for a couple of hours . . . he starts to feel guilty about how he treated his wife, and decides to go home, as he walks into the house he notices that the steps are already fixed, as he enters the house, he sees the hall light is working as he goes to get a beer, he notices the fridge door is fixed.

Honey, he asks, 'how'd all this get fixed?' she said, 'Well, when you left I sat outside and cried. just then a nice young man asked me what was wrong, and I told him. He offered to do all the repairs, and all I had to do was either go to bed with him or bake a cake.' he said, 'So what kind of cake did you bake?' she replied, 'Helloooooo.., do you see 'Mr Kipling' written on my forehead? I don't think so!'

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Lifted Spirits at Whitehall Colmcille

2010 has been an exceptionally busy and very successful year for Whitehall Colmcille.

With so much gloom and doom all around us, the members of Whitehall have lifted the spirits of their community with an action-packed agenda on and off the field.

From the nursery group to the adult teams to the tireless workers behind the scenes, hundreds of men women and children have contributed to a vibrant season.

On the playing fields, the highlight was the club's first ever A championship hurling success when the Under 16 hurlers captured the title, defeating the mighty Ballyboden St Endas in a thrilling final in Parnell Park.

This was followed in early November by another championship victory-this time by the Under 15 hurlers who captured the B championship. Back in June our under 13 hurlers won the PJ Troy title.

With both adult hurling teams winning promotion (intermediates regained senior status) and with many of our under age teams competing in the top divisions, this has been the most successful year ever for the club. Cormac Costello was one of the Dublin minor hurlers' star performers this year and he still has two more years at under 18 level.

In football, the club fielded teams from under 8 up to adult level. Again silverware here was provided by our under 10 footballers

who had a fantastic season culminating in success in the All Ireland blitz in Newry. The under13 footballers won their league and the under 11s won their cup competition earlier this year.

Our main adult team are still in the hunt for promotion at the time of going to press.

Fantastic work is being done in the Nursery and go-games section, with the emphasis firmly on participation at the younger age groups. This concept is facilitated by small-sided games (7, 8 and 9 aside) for the small children.

The ladies section is going from strength to strength, with pride of place going to the under 14s who completed a fantastic treble of two féile wins and a football league success. The club fields adult teams at both camogie and ladies football and a recent innovation has seen introduction of Gaelic for Mothers, an initiative which provides coaching and games for ladies who may have played in their younger days. It also provides an outlet for those who have never played before and it has been an unqualified success. The ladies have taken part in a number of blitzes and the highlight came when Whitehall ladies had the privilege of playing in Croke Park. The benefits in terms of physical well-being and social involvement are immeasurable.

Off the field it has been just as busy. Thanks to the tremendous dedication of people

who give of their time freely, the past year has seen a number of ventures which have contributed greatly to the social development of the club.

These include the Annual Cycle, Fashion Show, Golf Classic, Lá na gClub, Poker Classics, Race Nights, Music Nights, Quizzes, Family Fortunes and most recently the Christmas Fair. The club is the venue for a weekly bingo session every Wednesday night and an Old Folks Party is held in December.

Whitehall Colmcille is very much a community based club. It provides a sense of identity for the young and not so young in the Whitehall, Beaumont, Santry area.

Along with our neighbouring clubs in Craobh Chiaráin, Na Fianna, St Vincents, Parnells, Ballymun Kickhams, Setanta and Erin's Isle, we try to be inclusive and to encourage and welcome everybody-regardless of age or ability. For people who have recently moved in to the area, involvement with a GAA club is a great way of getting to meet people.

Our clubhouse is located in the heart of the community and we are hoping to have some positive news shortly in relation to our proposed move to the Port Tunnel site (just a short hop away!).

Our website has been recently updated and is well worth checking out www.whitehallcolmcillegaa.ie. Here you will find updated news and contact details.

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ELAINE BANNON'S WORK FOR VERY NEEDY PEOPLE IN ROMBO, KENYA

**By Sr. Kathleen O'Keeffe,
Coolatree Close, Beaumont,
Dublin 9**

IN 2002 Elaine Bannon, 36 Elm Mount Ave., Beaumont, who was manager of a lighting company in Dublin went on a holiday to Kenya. When she saw the poverty she decided that she wanted to do something about it. She came home, gave up her job, sold her car and went back to Kenya, and has worked there ever since.

Her field of endeavour is in Rombo – an area of fifty square miles in Southern Kenya, with a population of 29,000 people. The tribe that lives here is Maasai. They were traditionally nomadic, but global warming has made it impossible for them to move about with their cattle because the grasslands have dried up.

The adult generation is for the most part illiterate, but they realise that the only hope for their children is through education. Elaine has built several schools. She has organised sponsorship of almost 300 young people in education at all levels, and continues to expand this work.

Over the years she has got 22 wells dug, giving clean water to thousands, but a lot

needs to be done, because in times of drought people often are forced to drink cow's urine to avoid death through dehydration. There is a very efficient health service from three well equipped clinics, where originally people had often to go thirty miles for health care. Elaine has food programmes for mothers and babies, A.I.D. sufferers and a wider group in times of famine.

To maintain this service takes a lot of money and the recession has made it very difficult. In the past month she has had her laptop stolen, has suffered from pneumonia, and her car has given up. She is eight hours from both Nairobi and Mombasa (from where all supplies have to be brought) and the journey in between is through wild animal county. A replacement for her car will cost €40,000, because only a four-wheel drive can cope with the terrain.

I would be very grateful if your readers would consider giving her support. All donations will be acknowledged in the form of a Christmas card which will state your support for her work and which would make a suitable Christmas gift for a friend.

The accompanying picture shows Elaine with a little girl whom she rescued last Christmas. At that time she was suffering from

severe malnutrition and could not absorb food. Now, as you can see, Ciara is a happy, health child.

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STRANGER AT THE DOOR

Keep a copy of your Utilities Numbers nearby. **Example Gas:** Contact Tel. No. Your customer reference no. Others would be Electricity, Telephone, Doctor, Community Alert / Neighbourhood Watch, Garda Station.

* Be on your guard when answering the door to a stranger. Don't let anyone in until you are satisfied you know who they are and what they want. If necessary, check their story.

* Always keep the door locked while you use the phone, or ask them to call later when you have someone with you.

* Don't leave strangers by an open door. If you let anyone – Stay with them all the time.

* Don't part with money, documents or other things whatever they say.

IF YOU ARE SUSPICIOUS – RING THE GARDAI

Check the identity of any strangers that call, ask for their ID Card.

IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT

BEAUMONT HOUSE AUCTION

In Aid of Beaumont Hospital Foundation

UNBELIEVABLE but true; alcohol was sold for less than half price in Beaumont House on the night of 18th November 2010. A large crowd was present for the unique event and the drink ran out before all thirsts were quenched. It was a charity event in aid of Beaumont Hospital Foundation. Alcohol confiscated at Dublin Airport was auctioned off in Beaumont House and the proceeds went to Beaumont Hospital Foundation.

Punters were present in large numbers and appeared well fired up for the gig. Men and women of all ages could be seen pulling wads of Euro notes out of shopping bags, hand bags, jacket pockets, and trousers pockets and from much more private places. Mention of the R word and all thoughts of the R word were suspended for a few hours as everyone in the Beaumont House was somehow transferred back in time to the Tiger Days – to a time when few knew the price or value of anything.

Fully loaded with fists full of Euros a group of excited buyers moved closer to the specially constructed stage for the occasion. They were strategically well located when the Auctioneer arrived to open proceedings which started about 9.00 pm. What appeared like hundreds of bottles of whiskey, vodka and wine were displayed on the stage and this sight greatly increased the punters enthusiasm and thirst. First lot up was five bottles of whiskey and there was almost a stampede towards the stage. The Auctioneer valued the lot at about €120 and he said "first one to give me €50" There was frenzy around the stage as lot one was snapped up in seconds. This set the tone for the rest of the Auction and punters got more excited as it progressed. A numbered



complained that the Auctioneer was giving them a blind eye in favour of others. The auction continued at a frantic pace until much too soon there were no more bottles left on the stage. There were many happy customers at the end and also a few disappointed punters. The Auction finished about 10.00 pm but could have continued for much longer had more bottles been available – such was the ferocious demand.

The stage was not empty for long. George Murphy (senior) soon took his place on stage and entertained a full house of revellers. George's famous son (of the same name) jetted in from New York for the occasion and thrilled the audience with unique voice and spectacular rendition of 'Raglan Road', 'The Old Triangle' and more.

Pete St John, the famous and prolific songwriter and balladeer (with his band) took to the stage after the Murphy boys. By this time the night was in full swing and everyone was having a good time – it was the good days again. Pete St John and his boys dished out song after song and all of them well known to the revellers. The Murphy boys came back on stage again to join Pete and crew for a few more songs and the craic was ninety in the Beaumont House.



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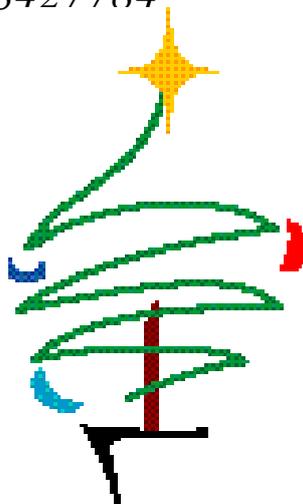
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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Christmas Eve (Friday)	9am – 5pm
Christmas Day	Closed
St. Stephen's Day	Closed
Monday 27th	Closed
Tuesday 28th	10am – 2pm
Wednesday 29th	9am – 7pm
Thursday 30th	9am – 7pm
New Year's Eve	9am – 5pm
New Year's Day	Closed
Sunday 2nd	Closed
Monday 3rd	Closed
Tuesday 4th	Business as Normal



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OUR LOTTO RESULTS

2010-11-24	Main	07 15 22 38 42 43	3 numbers
2010-11-03	Plus1	03 19 28 29 32 34	3 numbers
2010-10-16	Plus2	12 16 26 35 39 45	4 numbers
2010-10-02	Plus1	03 19 28 29 32 34	3 numbers
2010-09-11	Plus1	12 16 26 35 39 45	3 numbers

The Residents' Association launched its Lotto Syndicate in its Newsletter in September 2010. This experiment was for three months and it will be reviewed at the next AGM of the Association as to whether we will continue this syndicate or not.

If we were lucky enough to win a big prize of say maybe €1m this would divide into very manageable funds for each membership participating in this syndicate, each membership would receive approx. €1,000. A nice tidy sum indeed.

Unfortunately as can be seen in the results above we were not lucky this time. We had one 3 Stars which we sent in to no avail and a few small cash prizes. Maybe next time it could be us.

CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT 2010



Despite the weather a great night was had by all at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Sat. Nov. 27th in Artaine Recreation Centre.

Visit our website for lots more pictures of the Xmas Party and the Auction in the Beaumont House and more



The Beaumont Residents' Association wishes to thank the Beaumont House for its sponsorship of the Newsletters throughout the year. Without this help it would not be possible to produce our Newsletters. Thank You

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