

THE BEAUMONT NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Beaumont Residents' Association

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MAYBE IT COULD BE US!!!

As an experiment the Committee of the BRA has decided to introduce a Lotto Syndicate for the Association on a 3 month trial. The performance will be evaluated at the next AGM and it will be decided there whether to continue with the BRA Syndicate. This is an attempt by the committee to give everybody in the association something from the association. Start date Sept. 4th, 2010. We could do the Church Lotto, but the prizemoney would not be large enough to divide up if we won

BEAUMONT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION LOTTO SYNDICATE

To be eligible - Only the names of the householders who are fully paid up members of the Association and whose names are recorded as paid up on the books of the association are eligible to share in any prizemoney won by the Association. People who join the association after a win cannot share in that win.

Each €15 subscription per household will entitle the payee to a share in this Lotto Syndicate. Payout depends on the amount of Fully Paid-Up Members in the Association, equally divided out.

Tickets Purchased - On behalf of the members of this Syndicate the Association will purchase 5 lines with Lotto Plus for each Wednesday and Saturday Draw.

Only Prizemoney over €25,000 if won will be divided among the members of this syndicate, any smaller amounts won will be put into a 'kitty' to purchase the lines for this syndicate. (€250,000 divided is approximately €250 per membership subscription.) Winnings from Scratchcards etc. will be added to the

'kitty'. If 3 Stars come up for the gameshow, any monies won by a representative from the association will be put into the 'kitty'.

Checking the Syndicate Lines - The same five lines of numbers will be used for each draw on Wednesday and Saturday.

These numbers can be checked on <http://magluby.com/lotto/>

The email address of BRA@iol.ie and the Password of **beaumont** will get you into this site where you will be able to check how the lines are performing.

You can look back to see how much was won and when.

Our Numbers

07 15 22 38 42 43	04 06 18 23 43 44
12 16 26 35 39 45	03 19 28 29 32 34
01 11 25 33 40 41	

Your Membership Card - When you pay your subscription to the Beaumont Residents' Association you are issued with a Membership Card. When you pay make sure you receive your card. Only those whose names are on the books of the Association as having paid at the time of a win will be eligible to share in any winnings. Those householders whose names are not on the books will not be entitled to any payout.

Committee Decision Final - The Committee of the Beaumont Residents' Association decision on all issues relating to this Lotto Syndicate will be final and binding. The Committee will arbitrate fairly on all issues associated with this Lotto Syndicate.

SANTA'S VISIT

Ho, Ho, Ho!!

Santa will visit the Children of BRA Members on Saturday, 11th December, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

In Lorcan Community Hall

(Lorcan Villas, opposite SuperValu)

Children up to 10 years of age only.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Entertainment will include:
Disco * Clown * Drinks * Sweets * Face Painting.

Post your children's names into our Post Boxes or to any Committee Member by: Wednesday, 1st December.

This event is for BRA Members children only.

B.R.A. SUPPORTERS

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Please Support the Businesses that support you

Beaumont Residents Association Committee is happy to recommend to our Members the Businesses advertised in The Beaumont News. These local businesses and services are highly reputable and provide quality products and superior services so please support them. More details of their products, services, discounts, etc. are on our website www.beaumontresidents.ie (click on 'supporters')

CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME

FOR OUR SENIOR MEMBERS

On Saturday, November 27th 2010
in Artane Beaumont Recreation Centre

at 7.30 pm.



Free Party + Free transport
Dance the night away!



Party is for Beaumont Residents Association Members only.
If you would like tickets for the Party, please contact any BRA Committee Member or drop your name and phone number into the BRA Post Boxes

Your request should arrive not later than Friday 13th November.

B.R.A. SPORTS AND FUN FEST 2010

Below: Bonny Baby Winner; Sophie Whelan, Dromlee Crescent accepts the winners trophy from the Lord Mayor, Cllr Emer Costello. Sophie also received a cheque for €125.00 from Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union (sponsors of the competition)



THE BONNY BABIES

See our website for more pictures



Above: Winner of the Bonny Baby Boy competition; Jack Shannon, Shantalla Road accompanied by his Mammy. Jack received a winners trophy from the Lord Mayor, Cllr Emer Costello and a cheque for €125.00 from Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union (sponsors of the competition)



One of this year's new successes, the tug-o-war competition.



Getting ready for the racing events on the day.



Deep concentration for the egg and spoon race.

The Bonny Baby competition now in its 4th year attracted a large number of Bonny Beauties. The competition which is generously sponsored by Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union has two sections; Bonny Baby Girl and Bonny Baby Boy. A big 'thank you' to all the babies who entered the competition. Thanks also to the Mummies and Daddies for bringing their little ones along and dressing them up so beautifully. Each winner received a trophy and a cheque for €125. B.R.A. wish to acknowledge and thank Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union for its sponsorship of the event.

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A TIME THAT CHANGED MY LIFE - Part 2

Tuesday 25th May - Today is the day. I wake up at 5.30 and get up and shower. I am due in the hospital at 8am. The bag is packed and ready to go. I leave at 7am and arrive at 7.15 as waiting at home is too difficult. Brenda, one of the cancer nurses came down and met me. She went through what was going to happen and gave me a pack with information about after-care etc. We then went to have a wire inserted to show exactly where the tumour is. I have found the secret to coping for me is not to look at what the doctor is doing. It does not hurt and there is a thing like the top of an arrow sticking out of my breast. This kind of freaks me a little bit but I try not to get upset about it. Then I go for a mammogram to make sure the wire is in the correct position. Its amazing how I have become so used to having the mammogram and don't even think about it at all. All is in place so I am brought up to a day ward to wait. The waiting is the hardest part. I am given surgical stockings to put on. At 1pm I am brought down to theatre. It feels so unreal. I am brought to the "Holding Bay" and put in a cubicle on a trolley. I wish they did not have a sign up saying "Holding Bay". It makes me feel like a Ryanair plane. Then I am wheeled in to get the anaesthetic. I just want to be put asleep and get it over with. The needle goes in and I start to feel sleepy. The next thing I know someone is asking me how bad is the pain on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the worst. I tried to tell her it was between 3 and 4 but I could not get the words out. After that I slipped in and out of sleep all evening. I had no pain thanks to the medication. The rest of the day and night is a bit of a blur but the overall feeling was relief that I was not in pain. The surgeon came up to tell me everything went well and he had removed the tumour and some lymph nodes to check and make sure the cancer had not spread. I truly believe it will be okay and it has not spread. We have to wait until the 9th June to find out.

Wednesday 26th May - Today I have a bone scan and a CT scan. Apparently this is normal procedure to double check. I feel sick today which I assume is the after effects of the Anaesthetic. I go home at 4pm and get in to bed. It is so good to be home.

Thurs 27th May - Now its time to take it day by day. I keep taking the painkillers. No point in trying to find out how bad the pain could be. I have exercises to do each day for the next two years. I don't really understand why - something to do with lymph nodes and drainage. Lots of sleep and being looked after over the next few days. The love, kindness and care from people is unbelievable and so so helpful in my recovery.

Monday 31st May - At 10am the phone rings and it is one of the breast care nurses. She wanted to let me know that the results are back and the CANCER HAS NOT SPREAD to my lymph nodes. Oh My God the relief!!! I truly did not realise how much I was waiting for that news and how much relief I would feel when it came back good news. The nurse phoned me to tell me so I would not have to wait until I see the surgeon on 9th June. Those Breast Care Nurses are such an important part of the whole process.

Tuesday 1st June - I have settled into a routine, up early in the mornings then washed and dressed. Potter around the house listening to the radio. Read for a while, do some colouring in a colouring book (very therapeutic for anyone at home - especially if you are tired and have not much concentration). Back to bed for an hour or so during the day, then bed about 9ish. Every day the wound is healing a bit more and it is just a matter of waiting now to move on to the next stage - the radiotherapy. Oh and do the exercises every day. Very important.

Wednesday 9th June - Back to see the surgeon today. Everything is looking so positive now. Wound is healing well, surgeon is happy he got all the tumour. Now we wait to be called to discuss the radiotherapy. Things are looking so much more positive than they were 4 weeks ago.

Thursday 8th July - Its now just over six weeks since the operation and physically I am back to full health. The kindness and support of people plays a huge part in recovery. Talking to people who have been through something similar is very helpful. A note of warning however if you find yourself in the same situation. I have found there are a very small number of people who will ignore you if they meet you or cross the street and pretend they do not see you. I don't know why this is. Do they think cancer is contagious? Do they think you should not talk about cancer? The first few times this happened me I got very upset. After speaking to other people who have experienced this, I now know that unfortunately it happens and you learn to accept it. Life is strange.

Wednesday 14th July - Today's hospital appointment is with the Radiotherapy Consultant. He goes through all the details of what the treatment entails and what to expect afterwards. He also explains the long term effects of the treatment and what the statistics are for re-occurrence. I don't know if it is a new thing for the Doctor to take the time to explain all this as I

have been lucky enough to get to 49 with no serious illness but I found it very re-assuring to have it all explained to me in such detail. Forewarned is forearmed so to speak!!!

Friday 30th July - Go to have diagnostic scan which will work out the exact places the radiotherapy has to target. This is a bit upsetting as they mark the skin with a big purple felt tipped pen. I don't know why this is upsetting but it is. 11 weeks since diagnosis. How life changes so quickly.

Monday 9th August - First day of treatment. Its such a relief to finally start. The treatment itself takes 72 seconds to administer. Its hard to comprehend how powerful it must be if 72 seconds is all it takes. The whole process takes about 15 mins from start to finish. On a Monday the radiotherapist gives you a card with your times for the whole week. Its good to have a focus to each day again even if it is a hospital appointment.

Wednesday 18th August - 7 treatments over and all going well. No tiredness or soreness so far. The end is in sight. The routine is well established now. Chat to other women in waiting room, get called in and get changed. Into treatment room. Out again and get dressed. Then do it again tomorrow.

Tuesday 7th September - Last treatment. Some days have been tough because of tiredness or soreness but all in all it was fine. Have to wait now to see Consultant for ongoing medication but all in all this is now over. Time to get on with life. This has been truly a life changing Summer for me. I do realise how lucky I have been to be diagnosed so early and to have been treated so successfully. Cancer is most peoples worst nightmare but you get through it. I hope my story has helped even one person out there who may be going through the same thing. More importantly I hope it has shown everyone the importance of regular health checks. If you find yourself in the same position and would like to have a chat please feel free to contact me through the Beaumont News. I consider myself so lucky to have been given a second chance and I will always be grateful and so thankful for all the love, help and support I got from those around me and from the medical people who treated me.

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TO PASTURES NEW



L to R: Fr Donal, Fr Fred, Fr Frank (PP), Fr Paddy, Fr Charlie, Fr Joe, Fr Dermot and Fr Enda.

THERE were tears and genuine shock and sadness among the congregation of Beaumont after it was announced that the Carmelites would no longer serve the parish of Beaumont.

For almost 30 years, the Carmelites have been in pastoral care of the community but they will now hand back the parish of the Nativity of Our Lord in Beaumont to the Archdiocese of Dublin.

The Order said it has no choice but to take the move, as it no longer has enough priests to provide the level of care that the community deserves.

The decision, which was announced to the congregation during the weekend masses, came as a big blow to mass-goers, some of whom were left visibly upset by the news.

Our best wishes to the Priests of the Parish as they move on and retire to their headquarters in Terenure, south Dublin. We thank them for their many years of service to the community of Beaumont and wish them well in their new roles.

They were a great bunch of guys; friendly, pleasant, understanding and always making themselves available. There were favourites of course; Fr Donal was a big hit, particularly amongst the younger people, his hallmark was his classic one minute sermons which always contained a clear and simple nugget of wisdom for everyone in the congregation. Beaumont is not immune to the very rapid changes currently taking place in the Catholic Church throughout Ireland. The fall-off in the number of young men entering the Priesthood in the last few years has resulted in a shortfall in the number of Priests available to minister in communities.

The departure of our Priests who most of us know so well and who are great friends to so many in Beaumont, marks an end to a long period of stability and consistency for the Catholics of Beaumont.

Post Office Access Presenting Problems for Elderly

A number of our members are experiencing difficulties negotiating the entrance step to the Post Office on Shantalla Road. We sent a letter at the end of July to Ian McDonnell, (Proprietor of the Centra shop and Post Office) outlining our members concerns and asking him to consider improving the access to the Post Office -and an invitation to meet and discuss the matter. At time of writing this article, no communication has been received from Mr McDonnell.

The entrance step presents a considerable challenge 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 to a lesser extent, 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 to allow them do so. Having examined the entrance step, it is clear that it presents a significant and unacceptable hazard for anyone who is not fully mobile. Access to the Post Office is not an option for individuals using 'walking aids' or wheelchairs. In 2010 such a lack of facilities for our elderly is not acceptable.

We hope that Mr McDonnell -who is also Proprietor of Supervalu on Loran Avenue, provides an acceptable solution to this access problem very soon.



Beaumont Bus Campaign

The BRA campaign to get the 20B bus to serve Beaumont Hospital continues. It is just over one year since we commenced the campaign -and we are going to continue with it until we get positive results. Paddy Doherty (Operations Manager) Dublin Bus is the man responsible for making the relevant decisions. According to Mr Doherty, Dublin Bus is carrying out a review of its network which started in March this year and he will not be in a position to make any changes while the review continues. Paddy Doherty did not state when the review would be complete.

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Breast Of Chicken Curry

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