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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

AGM TIME AGAIN!!

THE year has flown by and we have seen some major changes in the Beaumont area, mainly with the new housing development and its impact on traffic. Its the end of our first year in office and we hope that we have been of service to you our members. Some of our actions are listed inside this edition of Beaumont News.

With a year approaching we hope if re-elected to organise more community events during 1998 e.g. Community Games, perhaps have Santa visit the area, seek with the Corporations help to upgrade Coolgreena Close. Maybe YOU have suggestions you might like to tell us about.

In common with most AGM's the election of a committee will be one of the main items on the agenda. The majority of the outgoing committee (a mixture of youth and experience, male and female) have indicated a willingness to run for office again. This in itself is an indication of the enjoyment which

the committee has shared. Being on the committee takes up no more than 2 1/2 hours per month. Typical duties include attending monthly meetings (2 hours approx.). Delivering the Beaumont News every second month to neighbours on your road. (20 minutes approx.).

We would welcome new committee members or road reps. particularly from Shantalla Road, Coolatree Road, Shantalla Park, Shantalla Drive, Dromawling Road and Beaumont Road. Any member of the Association can offer themselves for nomination and election to the committee.

Why not come along to the AGM to discuss joining or maybe helping on the committee or sharing your comments with us. New members always welcome. There are many things to be done, maintained and improved in the area.

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BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

AGM '98

*When - Tuesday, February 24th, 1998
at 8.00 p.m.*

Where - Our Lady of Mercy College, Beaumont Road

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of previous AGM**
- 2 Secretaries Report**
- 3 Treasurers Report**
- 4 Ratification of Trustees**
- 5 Election of new committee**
- 6 Any other business**

A 1950's CHILDHOOD IN DUBLIN



The following article was the result of a project by one of the teachers in St. Fiachra's School. The teacher produced a book of the childhood memories of the parents of the children in her class.

WHEN I was young nobody on the road I lived on had a television so for a treat every Sunday night the whole family went over to my auntie's house and we watched television over there. One of the programmes I remember was Sunday Night at the London Palladium. On one of the days during the week we used to go to my Grannies and we watched Ready Steady Go which was a pop music programme at the start of the swinging 60's. The televisions in those days were only in black and white, there was no such thing as a colour television.

Because there was no TV in our house we played a lot more games to pass our time. One of these was called "gitching". We used tops off lemonade bottles into which we had poured molten lead (older brothers usually did this for us), we used the little shore outside each house as the "Maul". From a distance of about eight feet we all threw our lemonade tops at the "maul", whoever got nearest was a "killer", everybody then threw away from the maul and the killer went after them, if the killer hit another top it was his to keep, the other tops could not be "killers" until they got their top into the "maul", then they could kill and keep other people's tops. We also played a lot of card games like "Seven Knockout" and "Twenty Fives". When any of the older people were passing by we used to say we raised it a shilling (5p), with another shilling, and another etc. Between us we wouldn't have a penny, but it certainly confused the passerbys. The equivalent of the Mister Whippy icecream van in our day was a man on a motorbike with a box in front of him called "Charlie Chuk-Chuk". This man sold all sorts of lovely sweets. One of the things he sold was a thing called a lucky lump, if you were lucky and sucked it down small there might be a "trupenny bit" inside of it. (1 1/4p today). He also sold lucky bags and the treasure inside this was a piece of card with 6d written on it. This entitled you to six old pence worth of sweets. A feast in them days. When we went to the pictures it was to the "Blind Asylum" we went, where the entrance fee was I think 2 jam jars, later this changed to 6d. (2 1/2p today). Every Sunday this was our treat where we watched all our favourite films, on the way home every child thought he was John Wayne or The Lone Ranger or whoever the character of the day was.

WORKS TO EXTERNAL SEWERS

Dublin Corporation Implementation Programme

Subject to change

The proposed changes to improve the external sewerage systems in the Beaumont area continues to take place in 1998. These works coincide with the Beaumont Housing Development.

In January and February work will continue on the Malahide Road sewers subject to the roads division consent.

Also in February work at Collins Park off-line storages commences (storage area in Donnycarney for overflow) this coincides with Phase 1 of the development which comprises of 76 houses, these will be occupied then.

In March more work continues on Collins Park sewers until the end of June.

From August on as 48 of the apartments are completed they can be occupied.

From September 1998 until June 1999, 108 houses will be built, this is Phase 3.

From June 1999 to the end of August 1999 they will work on the Wad Storm Sewer.

Phase 4 - The building of 78 houses scheduled from June 1999 until December 1999 approx. Work starts in June through until September 1999 on the Beaumont Road Sewers.

Phase 5 - January 2000 (when all our computers will still be working, I hope) sees 60 more houses will start to be built.

Phase 6 - April 2000 sees 84 more apartments started. All these works are scheduled to end in July.

Hopefully our sewerage system (which is at almost 100% capacity at the moment) will have improved vastly by then and we can lead normal lives without effluent coming up in our gardens.

A BAD DAY IN BEAUMONT!

By Joyce Ward

WHAT happened to the leafy suburbs that Beaumont once was? Is it my own naive image of my childhood stomping ground, (and I do mean stomping) or are we becoming the unsuspecting victims of the 'progress' our city craved in the 1970's? An exaggeration, perhaps? Well, maybe

Take one day last week, for instance. Normal enough day, I suppose. I'm awoken by the sound of - well, it sounds like a gigantic hoover, actually. Only this machine doesn't appear to be sucking the grime out of our locality, but rather it is contributing to the layers of rising dust and choking fumes that have led me to consider developing a set of gills just to prevent an asthmatic attack! Anyway this machine on 'a certain building site' wakes me so I throw open the curtains and horror! - there is a traffic jam outside on Coolgreena Road! - Gridlock is probably a better work for it because I can see Beaumont Road is also bumper-to-bumper thanks to new and definitely biased traffic lights erected nearby which currently serve an almost empty new housing estate. Lucky old estate! If I knew who to sue, I'd consider looking for compensation to

cover the cost of some new sets of false eyelashes!! (the originals having been worn out from fluttering vigorously at kind motorists in an effort to get out of Coolgreena Road at anytime of the day!!)

I think to myself - "self!, Let's do the civic-minded thing here, leave the car at home and use public transport!" Okay, good idea, off I set, broolly in hand, stand there for the obligatory 20 minutes, see the bus approach, step out, hand out, "Grand," I think, "doesn't look too full, then stand with gob open and gape as bus disappears down the road! It took almost one full minute to realise that somebody has moved the b***** bus-stop!

Like some refugee from a distant warring country, I find myself blindly stumbling towards the next stop (or where I think it is!) and down comes the rain! So I open the broolly which promptly faints into a shape beyond all recognition or use! That's it! Enough! I'm going back to bed! I know when I'm beaten! All you property developers and building contractors out there, take note:- I quit! Except, can one of you just give us a hand to get back across the Beaumont Road 'cos someone's moved the traffic lights again!

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SEMINAR - Medical/ Personal Alarms 90% Grant Aided. on Saturday 21st February in St. Fiachras Senior School Hall, Beaumont from 2-4 p.m. Forms, help and advice will be available free of charge.

CONGRATULATIONS - New arrivals on Coolatree Park - To Joe and Jacinta McDonnell a baby daughter Orla and to Joe and Eileen Murphy also Coolatree Park on the birth of their baby son Oisín, born on the 14th December.

ENGAGEMENT - Congratulations to Barry Byrne of "Pick of the Crop", Shantalla Rd. on his recent engagement to Fionn O'Keeffe of Drimnagh during the Christmas period.

JUNK COLLECTION - After extensive inquiries about the junk collection this is how the matter lies. There are only 2 lorries in Dublin for the collection and the different areas have no way of knowing when it will be their turn to have the lorries in their areas. So if you have any household objects that you wish to get rid of all you have to do is phone the Corporation Depot on Collins Avenue and if they have one of the little rubbish vans available they will remove it for you. Phone 837 3226.

MAJELLA LADIES CLUB would like to thank all our friends who supported our raffle in aid of St. Francis Hospice, Rabeny.

EASTER FAIR - Sunday, March 29th, 3-6 in Our Lady of Mercy College, Beaumont. Wheel of Fortune, Stalls, Draw, Raffle. Anything you think we can sell, except old clothes. Phone 8371478. Adm. 30p, Family £1.

'NO FAVOURS ASKED NONE WERE GIVEN'

By Tom Darby

HOW often in the last 12 months have we heard the above quotation used by politicians in order to try to convince us that money that was passed on to them had no strings attached. We are further asked to believe that such monies either big or small should not be seen as an "inducement" for favours. If you were to whisper such statements to an ass he would kick your brains out. We, the public are asked to accept without question the integrity, and high moral standings of our politicians. If that be the case why have we now two more Tribunals about to sit to deal with "political issues", never mind the recent three tribunals all dealing with political dereliction of duty to the people. Their tribunals have been established by people who continually tell us that everything in the garden is rosy so why have them at all? It would be very remiss to state that we live in the age of innocence or that the social climber is careful upon who he tramples on the way up. Just picture if you will what your position would be if there was that slightest suspicion that you committed an offence. The gardai would investigate it and a possible prosecution would take place. You would then have to pay substantial legal fees to prove your innocence. No tribunal for you, no high paid legal team, paid for by the state to support you and in the end the tribunal doesn't jail anyone. It can't. The 'Legal Eagles' are all happily waiting for the next one. If ever there has been a demonstration of two different societies, two different laws and two different types of obligation then the last 12 months has signposted it. We will never know the extent of the corrupt practices in this country and they only come to light when there is a "falling out" and someone spills the beans. The people have every right to hold cynical views of some of our elected representatives and some who are not, bearing in mind the drip feed exposures we get. Some day the lid will be removed from the can of worms but unfortunately when that happens it will be too late. Recently I met a prominent businessman who without hesitation said that if he gave ten thousand pounds to a politician he would be expecting something in return. A truthful statement wouldn't you say, but we are expected to believe otherwise. Oh yes "No favour asked but"

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Living with M.E

IMAGINE driving to Artaine Castle, walking around Penneys for 15 minutes and then having to go home and rest for a few hours because you are totally exhausted. Or think of hanging the washing on the line and then having to sit down for half an hour before you can go up the stairs to make the beds. That is what daily life is like for me since I developed Myalgic Encephalomyelitis or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome as it is also known.

M.E. is believed to be caused by a virus that goes astray in the body and effects the immune system. Some of the main symptoms are tiredness, muscle or joint pain, lack of concentration, severe coldness, memory loss, swollen glands and lack of co-ordination. Because symptoms can differ from patient to patient it can be difficult to diagnose. I was lucky that I was diagnosed very quickly.

When I first became ill I was sleeping up to 16 hours a day and even the simplest of tasks was impossible. I had no energy at all and I would forget what I was going to say half way through a sentence. Peoples names totally escaped me and I had to write everything down. Five minutes after taking a phone message I would not remember who I had spoken to let alone what they told me. It is very frightening when this happens and I started to think I was seriously ill.

As in a lot of illnesses it was a great relief when the diagnosis was made and while it is a very debilitating illness which it can take years to recover from, it is not fatal and with careful management you can lead a fairly normal life. Having said that, nine months on my life and lifestyle have changed almost beyond recognition. I have had to give up work, late nights out are a think of the past, a day in town walking around the shops is only a memory, walking as an exercise which I loved is gone. Anything which takes a lot of mental concentration like knitting, which I did a lot of is also gone by the board. I am looking for a hobby I can take up but so far I have found nothing which suits my current level of concentration.

The secret with M.E. seems to be to learn to control it rather than let it control you. I have learnt how to plan my life around it. If I want to make dinner at 6 o'clock I peel the vegetables at 4 o'clock and sit down for half an hour before I cook them. If I want to see friends in the evening I lie down in the afternoon. A positive attitude is essential. I walk my children half way up to school every morning no matter how ill or tired I feel. Even if I have to come straight home to bed at least I have made the effort. My children have become expert at boovering and keeping their rooms tidy and many a day my Husband has come home from work to make a dinner because I could not move off the chair I would feel so ill. Those days thankfully are less frequent now. Hopefully this illness will leave me soon but if it does not I have learnt to cope with it and manage it. I have also received great help from the Irish M.E. Support Group who can be contacted at P.O. Box 3075 Dublin 2. Phone 2350965.



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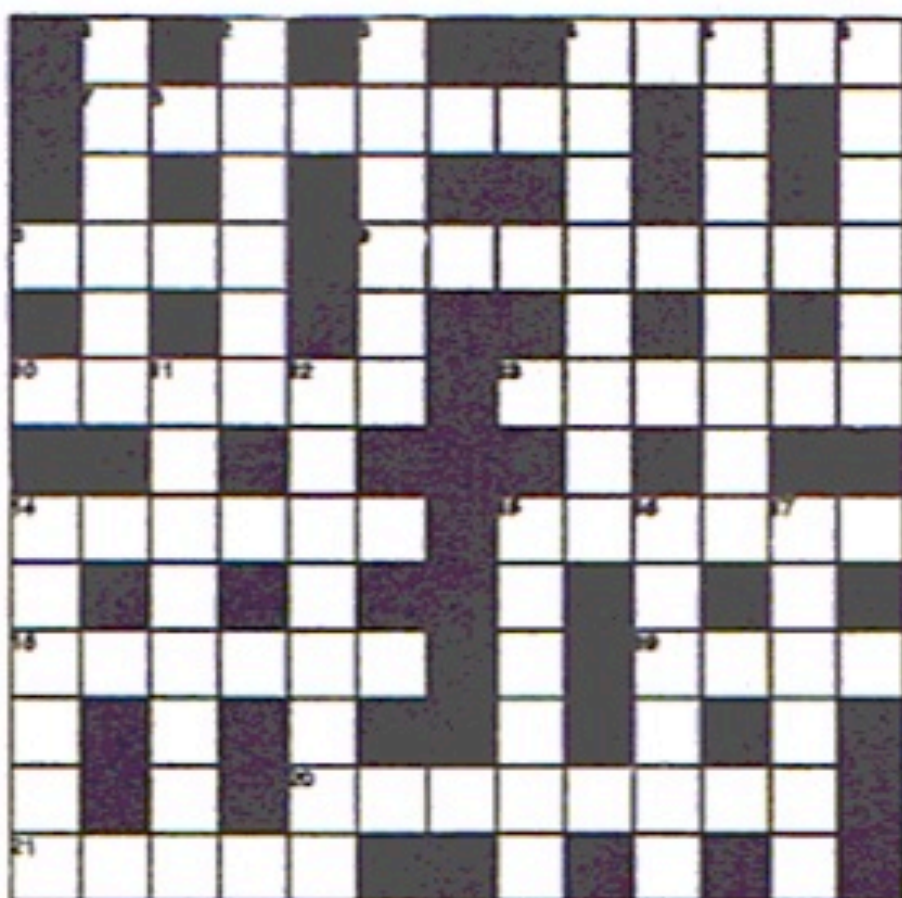
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PRIZE CROSSWORD

By Richard Phillips



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Down - 1 Harm/loss (6) 2 Fraud (6) 3 A groom (6) 4 Yearly (8) 5 First class (8) 6 Window (6) 11 Countrywide (8) 12 Notice of death (8) 14 Snub (6) 15 Method (6) 16 Blood (6) 17 Water mammals (6).

ANSWERS TO CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Across - 1 Reindeer. 3 Wolf. 5 Whale, 6 Swan. 7 Beavers. 11 Parrot. 14 Ravens. 15 Horse.

Down - 1. Rats. 2 Elephants. 4 Lions. 5 Wolf. 8 Spider. 9 Bears. 10 Dragon. 11 Pig. 12 Cat. 13 Ass.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas Crossword who each receive a voucher for two for an excellent meal in the Beaumont House. Betty Lynch, Shantalla Drive (No. 2451), P. Buggy, Coolgreena Road (No. 1499), Mrs. Maura Dolan, 26 Coolatree Park (No. 1626).

COMPETITIONS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION ONLY

Name

Address

Membership No.

CLOSING DATE SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1998

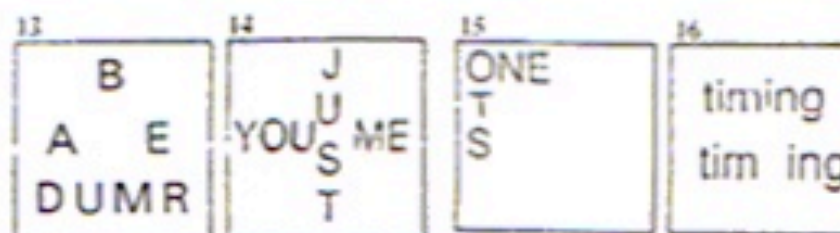
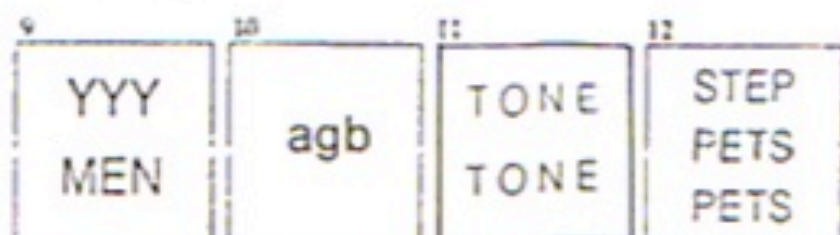
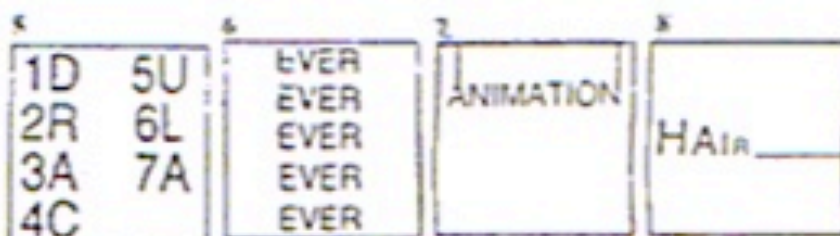
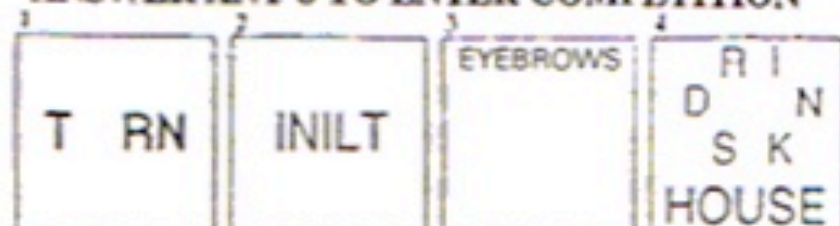
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MIND BENDER

The contents of each box represents a word or phrase. To get you off to a good start - the answer to square number 1 is "No U turn".

ANSWER ANY 8 TO ENTER COMPETITION



A.I.B. XMAS QUIZ SOLUTION

1 Mistletoe. 2 Santa Claus. 3 Black Peter. 4 Klaxon. 5 1895. 6 Charles Dickens. 7 Jingle Bells. 8 Wales. 9 Guitar.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER

John Dolan, Coolatree Park (No. 1626). Allied Irish Banks will be in touch with you soon with your prize. Winners all drawn by Mr. Bollins, Peace Commissioner to ensure fairness. Thanks to him.

CONGRATULATIONS also to the winners of our Christmas Colouring Competition. Prizes are on the way to the following entrants.

Liam O'Neill, Age 6 1/2 Coolgarrif Road.

Rachael Dooley, Aged 6-8, Cooleen Avenue.

David Doyle, Aged 8-10, Cooleen Avenue.

Ashling Dooley, Aged 9, Cooleen Avenue.

Orla Traynor, Age group 10-12, Cooleen Avenue.

Deirdre O'Toole, Aged 11, Cooleen Avenue.

It looks like Cooleen Avenue has its own Artists Quarter?

Beaumont Residents Association Income & Expenditure Account

	Income				
	Beaumont News				2,650.00
	Neighbourhood Watch				316.03
	Subscriptions				2,448.00
Total Income					5,414.03
	Expenditure				
	Coolgreena Action Group				2,331.60
	AGM EXPENSES				
	Notices			75.00	
	Mercy College Hall			50.00	
	Insurance			51.00	
	PA System			127.00	
					303.00
	SUNDRY EXPENSES				
	Dublin Corp - Planning			50.00	
	Stationary			222.52	
	Photographs			70.00	
	Committee Meeting Room Hire			60.00	
	Typing			57.00	
	Expenses			132.66	
					592.18
Total Expenses					3,226.78
Surplus					2,187.25
	Represented by				
	Bank Account				992.25
	Debtors				
		Issue 5		285.00	
		Issue 6		160.00	
		Issue 7		750.00	
					1,195.00
Total					2,187.25

**Neighbourhood Watch Security Seminar -
Saturday, February 21st
in St. Fiachra's Senior School Hall, 2-4 p.m.**

ACTIONS, WORDS AND DEEDS

By Beaumont Residents Association Committee in 1997 which are contributing towards a better quality of life for all of us

- ◆ A number of derelict cars removed
- ◆ Litter bins supplied and erected throughout area.
- ◆ New neighbourhood watch signs erected
- ◆ General tree pruned throughout the area.
- ◆ Specific potential dangerous trees which were causing problems for residents were made safe.
- ◆ Filter light fitted at Beaumont Hospital/Beaumont Road junction.
- ◆ Gullies and drains cleared throughout area.
- ◆ Phasing of new traffic lights at new housing development improved. (Further iadjustment needed).
- ◆ Several problems sorted out for individual Residents with the help and advise of Garda Brendan Clancy.
- ◆ Discussions with E.S.B. on behalf of a number of residents.
- ◆ Discussions with Dublin Bus over the frequency of the 20B bus route.
- ◆ Ongoing correspondence with Corporation regarding parking problems on Cooleen Avenue, grass verges on Beaumont Road .
- ◆ Traffic calming measures for Dromawling Road. Dromawling Road is included in the Elm Mount Traffic Calming Scheme. It is not expected to commence work on this scheme until 1999.
- ◆ The installation of the pedestrian phase at Shantalla Road/Beaumont Road. This work will commence withing the next four months.
- ◆ Agreement reached with St. Paul's school to change the access from Coolgreena Road to pedestrian only.
- ◆ Upgrading of green at Coolgreena Close to a people's park has been initiated with the co-operation of Corporation.
- ◆ A wall has been built by the Corporation between Coolgreena Close park and some back gardens on Coolgreena Road. This wall has helped solve the problem of loitering and anti-social behaviour by groups at this location.
- ◆ Tree planting programme for: Coolatree Park , Coolgreena Road, Dromawling Road , Dromeen Avenue and Dromnanane Park..
- ◆ Arranged with cleansing depot on Collins Avenue to remove any heavy rubbish E.G.fridges, cookers etc. Just phone them on 8373226.
- ◆ Set up a formal communications channel with the Chief Executive of Beaumont Hospital, Pat Lyons. Himself or his representative attends our meetings as required.
- ◆ **COMPETTIONS AND RAFFLES.** In the last four issues of the Beaumont News the following Member Only Competitions have been run; Quiz Four winners. Crossword- Twelve winners, letter of the month-two winners, Free Raffle for members - Twelve winners, Show tickets - Three winners, childrens colouring competition - Six winners.

We wish

Beaumonts Residents Association

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BURIAL DATES NOW GOING ON COMPUTER DISK

RECORDS of the burial places of more than a million people are being transferred to computer disks in a Dublin cemetery.

The award-winning project is planned to make individual burial places in Glasnevin cemetery easier to find. It will eventually become part of the National Archives.

FAS workers at Glasnevin cemetery who are transferring the files, which date back to 1832, have reached the year 1922 so far, with 167,000 records having been computerised.

"The records are in 20 index files that are divided into three sections," explained project secretary John Kinahan. "They cover the periods 1832 to 1908, 1898 to 1938 and 1939 to the present day."

Care is taken to check details before entry on computer records. "A request for information at the moment means looking through the ledgers for the information," stressed Mr. Kinahan.

"The new system will need just name, address and date, keyed in for immediate access".

The non-denominational cemetery in Glasnevin opened in 1832 when a burial cost two shillings and six pence.

AGM TIME AGAIN!

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There are many menacing threats from outside the area, particularly in regard to crime, drug users and drug pushers. We must be united, we must be ready, we must have the will and resources to fight and win. Reacting to situations is not the best form of defence, we must become proactive.

Traffic hazards, congestion and general road safety is fast becoming a significant problem for all of us. We need to be able to effectively influence these decision makers in relation to these matters.

Neighbourhood Watch is a critical force in the community. Its not enough to have a sticker on your window, a sign at the end of the road and then sit back and not participate.

Transition Year Students would be very welcome on the new committee. They would get real work experience and at the same time improve their own community.

LADIES WATCH FOUND
Coolgarriff Road
February 10
Phone 837 1533

THEY DIDN'T LISTEN

With Santry Woods fresh in the news I thought this would be a good time to publish the following poem which we received after the battle for a similar place had been lost. Unfortunately I had to cut verses out to make it fit.

Why didn't they LISTEN to the people of the land
 Who TRIED very HARD to make THEM UNDERSTAND
 The DANGERS INVOLVED when making their PLANS
 To build NEW HOUSES on Beaumont Land

For MONEY was more IMPORTANT than us
 They IGNORED us for CAUSING A FUSS
 Money seems to be the THEME
 With no REGARD for our BEAUTIFUL Green

Our dear old folks in the nursing home
 Feel LONELY and SAD and often ALONE
 They'll be SADDENED with the CONCRETE stone
 It'll REMIND them of their Own Homes

The SICK being cared for in Beaumont Hospital
 While WAITING to RECOVER
 Can look at more CONCRETE and DISCOVER
 The Beautiful Land soon to be gone from sight and country

The CITY MANAGER finalised the DEAL
 He did not LISTEN to our APPEAL
 THE POWER of this MAN was STRONGER THAN
 POLITICIANS and SOLICITORS of this land
 I cannot UNDERSTAND how can it BE
 HOW our CITY MANAGER is MORE POWERFUL than THEE?

An Bord Pleanála, why DIDN'T you LISTEN
 to the INFORMATION which you were GIVEN
 From 3,500 residents who REJECTED
 This AWFUL DECISION by your directors

We've REALLY got a lot to TAKE
 We ALREADY have ENOUGH on our PLATES
 We've PROBLEMS GALORE and I'd like to EXPLAIN
 Our SHORTAGE of WATER is SUCH a PAIN
 Sure SOMETIMES we don't have a drain
 As we watch it sometimes flow down Skelly's Lane

We've OUR CHILDREN to think of going BACK to SCHOOL
 Their LIVES will be in danger as soon as they MOVE
 From their Mammy's and Daddy's who'll WAVE then OFF
 To the TREACHEROUS roads they'll have to CROSS

Some THOUGHTS to all the People of Power
 You've been WARNED and did not LISTEN to Our
 Please and OBJECTIONS because we were RIGHT
 We put UP a very BRAVE FIGHT

The concrete is GOING up for SURE
 On this land that was so beautiful and pure
 More TRAFFIC Chaos we'll have to FACE
 It'll be HARD to keep UP the PACE

I'll KEEP My MEMORIES of how it had BEEN
 Unspoilt, PURE and beautifully green
 The PORT tunnel is next on the LIST
 Please God they won't make a MESS of THIS

A Disgusted Artane/Beaumont Resident

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH by Gerry Hiney

Area Co-ordinator Neighbourhood Watch

"Are you over 65 years of age?"

"Are you living alone?"

"Are you vulnerable?"

(Vulnerability is defined in terms of advanced age, disability, isolation - social or otherwise - and those who have been victims of crime).

Then the Scheme of Community Support is for you. This Scheme is to provide funding to improve the security and social support of vulnerable older people.

Funding can be provided for:-

- Socially Monitored Alarm Systems
- Small-scale physical security equipment

This Grant Scheme will be available from April 1998.

Individual people who wish to obtain information on how they, or older people known to them, can obtain assistance under this scheme should contact your local representatives.

Kevin O'Mara - Tel. 837 1854

Deirdre Higgins - Tel. 837 8680

Noreen Maher - Tel. 837 4590

Irene Molloy - Tel. 837 6808

Gerry Hiney - Tel. 837 1553

A display of Monitoring Alarm Equipment and Security Equipment will be held on Sat. 21st February in St. Fiachras Senior School Hall, Beaumont. (Behind the Church). Time 2-4 p.m. Forms, help and advice will be available free of charge. Medical/Personal Alarms are 90% Grant Aided.

Your Area Co-ordinator

Gerry Hiney

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Gardai suggest that if you are concerned or suspect anything suspicious call both the Gardai on 999 and your local station Santry 842 7555 or Clontarf 833 6182 (depending on which side of the Beaumont Road you live) Santry side is 842 7555 and Dromawling side is 833 6182. Over the Christmas a resident had a response time from a call to the Gardai of 4 minutes. Excellent response, long may this be the case.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Neighbourhood Watch Security Seminar - Saturday, 21st Feb. in St. Fiachra's Senior School Hall, 2-4 p.m. A.G.M. - Tuesday, Feb. 24th, at 8.00 p.m. in Our lady of Mercy College, Beaumont Road.

THINK BEFORE YOU PUT IT DOWN THE SINK!

**(This applies in the bathroom
loo too)**

Some of the main problems we have with our drains are caused by carelessness on the part of our fellow residents.

Never put the contents of the deep fat frier down the sink as it solidifies and causes blockages, this is true of all manners of grease (The grease from the turkey at Christmas turns into a sort of jelly and blocks up sewers).

This is not just a neighbour's problem it is your problem also.

In the kitchen place a strainer over the plughole to collect particles.

A recent overflow of sewerage in the area had a golf ball and other strange objects in it. One wonders how these items got there in the first place. Never put anything down the toilet that you feel will cause a blockage. If we can imagine the sewers as our arteries, the same criteria applies, that we don't want to block them with fats etc.

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The Chairman's Column



WHERE has the time gone? I find it difficult to believe that I'm a year doing this job. I guess I must be enjoying it - though at times, the opposite is certainly the case. It should be noted, that most of the Committee members (including myself) never served on a Residents Association Committee, prior to this one. As with all new associations and committees, it takes considerable time to get momentum going - and we were no different.

We had to start from zero. It was more than 6 years since the old committee had an AGM and established contacts were allowed lapse. Our biggest battle was with the Corporation for due recognition. Our correspondence was, for the most part, ignored for most of the year. Eventually, through the intercession of the Lord Mayor John Stafford, the breakthrough came, suddenly the anonymous corporation officials responded with a barrage of letters, phone calls and even gave their names, departments and extension numbers. I was very surprised the Lord Major commands such "clout" - its certainly worth noting for the future. Thank you John Stafford.

DIRECT lines of communication are now in place with the representatives in the very many departments of the corporation. It will be significantly easier for the new committee to expedite matters. Now that we are moving forward I hope the momentum will be kept up.

BEAUMONT NEWS is without doubt one of our greatest successes and I would hope that the new committee will continue to publish and improve this newsletter. I believe it has great potential. Barry Doyle (Our Secretary) is primarily responsible for its creation and on-going production. Beaumont House, AIB Santry and SuperValu, Lorcan Avenue, are to be thanked for their kind sponsorship of competitions throughout the year. I hope and trust they will continue their generosity. Our advertisers - particularly local businesses gave us great support and I know that many of them have experienced a significant increase in business as a result. I say to them "Don't Stop Now".

A RESOLUTION of differences between the old committee and ourselves is agreed in principal. It was a long and needless quandary. We had a number of meetings through January and agreed the following:

The old committee to hold an A.G.M. prior to our AGM, with two main items on the agenda

- i) The formal winding up of their committee
- ii) The disposal of their funds

OUR AGM is on Tuesday night February 24th next. Most of our committee members are offering themselves for re-election. We need many more committee members. The more committee members we have, the more we can do and the more effective the representation. I believe there is much that can be improved in Beaumont. Our priority however, must be to maintain Beaumont as a safe place to live - for all age groups.

Local businesses should be represented and would be very welcome on the new committee. It is important to have their views articulated. I invite business people to come along to our A.G.M. and nominate at least one representative for election.

A VICIOUS ASSAULT took place very recently on one of our residents. The man was walking home (about midnight) on Friday January 30, along Coolgreena Close, when he was attacked by a number of youths who knocked him to the ground and savagely kicked him. After robbing him of about £20, they continued to kick him about the head and body before fleeing on foot. The victim (who does not wish to be named) suffered severe cuts and bruising and needed hospitalisation. A number of local youths (who may have witnessed the incident) came to his aid. An ambulance was summoned and the victim was detained in hospital for a number of days.

The perpetrators of this crime may be known to some residents. To protect these criminals is wrong - it is as much a crime to protect these 'scum' as it is to engage in the crime. These or any criminals or anyone who aids them in anyway whatsoever, can have no friend or refuge in Beaumont.

IN ANOTHER unrelated incident a young female was attacked while walking on Coolgarrif Road by a youth who alighted from a car and tried to rob her handbag. Fortunately for the lady, quick-thinking and brave passers-by came to her assistance and she was not seriously injured.

These incidents are very disturbing and we cannot be ambivalent in our reactions. There can be no mitigating circumstances considered. We must be absolutely clear and candid in our condemnation of these attacks - and we must be proactive in bringing these criminals to justice. If these 'scum' are allowed go unpunished, you can be sure there will be many more such attacks on residents in the future. Next time it could be you.

I'll see you at the A.G.M.

In the meantime, keep safe and keep a lookout.

CLARIFICATION

I wish to clarify an item in this column of the Nov./Dec. issue.

The questions posed in relation to Mary King referred - not to her personally - but to her in her capacity as Secretary of the old/non functioning committee of Beaumont Residents Association. Any misrepresentation of, or inferred impropriety, on the part of Mary King was unintended, inadvertent and is hereby retracted.

I trust this clarifies the situation for all concerned.
