

MINUTES OF BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 24th February, 1998,
Convent of Mercy 8.00 p.m.

Meeting was chaired by Des Maguire and started at 8-08 PM. He opened by welcoming members and listing the agenda for the night.

Minutes of last year's AGM

Minutes of last years AGM (as published in the first issue of Beaumont News) were read aloud nominated, seconded and passed without any debate.

Secretaries Report

As per last issue of the Beaumont News was read aloud nominated, seconded and passed

Treasurers Report

As per last issue of the Beaumont News, was read aloud explained in some detail, nominated, seconded and passed.

Chairman's Report

You have heard the Secretaries Report and the Treasurers Report. Barry listed the tangible visible items, we as a committee have done throughout the year. The less tangible results however, are much more important to all our futures.

These include:

The creation of a new awareness among the ordinary people of Beaumont, that we can be a united community.

We can do things for ourselves.

We can make a difference.

We can influence the decision makers charged with protecting our environment.

It has become clear to most of us over the last two years, that reacting to events is the least effective method of achieving the desired results.

Throughout last year, we were reacting to a whole series of problems - not least the problems caused by the new housing development.

Next year we plan to be in pro-active mode. We will be leading from the front.

Our finances are in good shape - unlike last year when we had large debts.

Our pro-activities for this year will include:

- Entering a number of competitors and teams from Beaumont in the Community Games.

- A Mid-Summer "Field Day".
 - A Traffic and Transport Committee. This sub-committee will be responsible for all aspects of traffic, traffic lights, road marking, safety, traffic calming, public transport etc. in the area. It will also look at the Pros and Cons of bringing LUAS to Beaumont.
 - Continuous improvement of 'Beaumont News'. Continue efforts to acquire a "Main Sponsor".
 - Residents Association Christmas Night Out.
 - Get Santa Claus to visit the children in Beaumont.
 - A Park Development Committee to upgrade Coolgreena Close Green to a People's Park.
 - Neighbourhood Watch. Enlarge the committee and become more pro-active.
- These are some of the more significant activities we have in mind for 1998. With your support, goodwill and assistance we believe we can be successful.

Looking forward, experience gained over the last year will be used by a pro-active rather than reactive committee with more events planned:-

- Community Games
- Mid Summer Field Day
- Traffic & Safety Sub Committee
- Beaumont News
- Christmas Function
- Santa
- Upgrade Coolgreena Close
- Neighbourhood Watch

Ratification of Trustees

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

Election of new Committee

New Committee were elected:-

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| Chairman | Des Maguire |
| Secretary | Barry Doyle |
| Treasurer | Sean Dooley |
| Vice Chairman | Gerry Hiney |

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Four Committee members opted not to be re-elected:- Tom Darby, Beaumont Road. Richard Phillips, Beaumont Road, Carmel McDonald, Dromawling Road and Joe Bollard..

- The Chairman thanked them for their efforts and contribution over the last year.

Any Other Business

Annual Subscription

Chairman suggested that the annual subs re-

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main at £5 per household. This suggestion was passed unanimously.

Letter from Old Association

Chairman received a letter at the meeting which was read aloud. Some background was given by the Chairman in that he had met with committee members on several occasions over the last year but any undertakings given failed to materialise. They now state that they are going to call a meeting in March to:-

- wind up their association and dispose of the funds they have on hand.

We'll wait and see again!

Discussion developed from the floor

- It was suggested that the funds be given to the Raheny Hospice
- Members of the old Association including many present at this meeting could decide on how the funds could be utilised
- Treasurer (Sean Dooley) suggested that the funds be passed to the new Residents Association and could be used for the benefit of the people of Beaumont, perhaps to upgrade Coolgreena Park.

• Dublin Corporation Issues raised in discussion:-
Committee acknowledged Lord Mayors intercession in getting replies to many queries/requests.

- Poor drainage at the junction of Beaumont Road and Shantalla Road leading to large puddles
Request for yellow boxes at Coolgreena Road
- Parish council request major set of traffic lights and yellow box at Montrose Close (very busy junction at mass times) we need to liase with Ardmore/Montrose Residents Association.
Telegraph Poles were used for lamp stands temporarily and have remained
- Yellow lines needed on Beaumont Road from Beaumont House to the bus stop near Coolgreena Road. Very difficult for residents with Pub traffic blocking driveways etc.
- Traffic calming on Dromawling Road needed say some, not needed say others, perhaps a survey of residents on Dromawling Road should be undertaken.
- Lollipop lady is required at entrance to new housing estate as roadway is very wide particularly for school children.

A large Hospital sign is needed at the entrance to Beaumont Hospital

Other Business

- Crime seminar in St Fiachras was poorly attended perhaps because a similar seminar had been organised recently by the Active Retirement Group.
- Active Neighbourhood Watch continues

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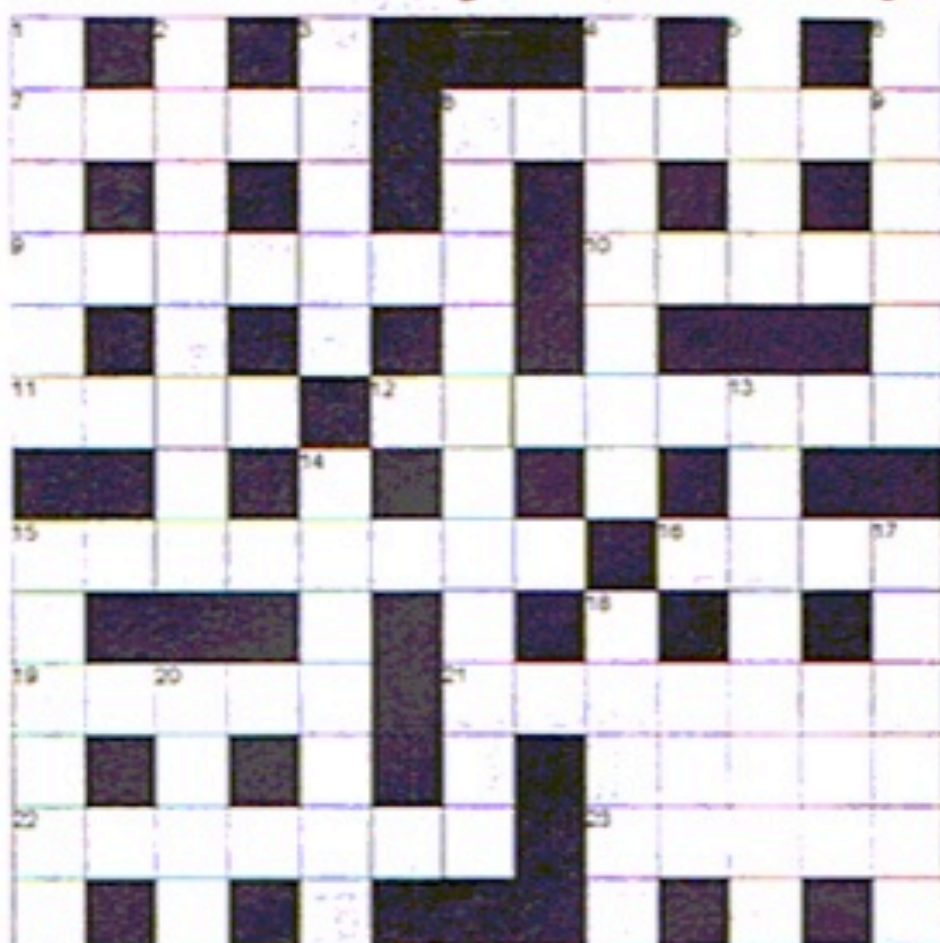
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PRIZE CROSSWORD

By Richard Phillips



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Prize: Meal for Two

Clues Across - 7 Beautify (5). 8 Forecast (7). 9 Nimble (7). 10 Justify (5). 11 Separate (4). 12 Nippers (8). 15 Doc (OK Corral) (8). 16 Part of speech (4). 19 Craze (5). 21 Make Clear (7). 22 Fail to do (7). 23 Secret hiding place (5).

Down - 1. City (6). 2 Bragging (8). 3 Diplomat (5). 4 Esteem (7). 5 Swimming, boating centre (4). 6 Tension (6). 8 Dilemma (11). 13 Grace-polish (8). 14 Mosque tower (7). 15 Merciful (6). 17 He sang at the Point (6). 18 Room (5). 20 Near (poetic) (4).

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

Across - 1 Acted. 7 Aversion. 8 Bane. 9 Laburnum. 10 Mentor. 13 Slater. 14 Retain. 15 Syphon. 18 Brogue. 19 Anti. 20 Redemmer. 21 Folly.

Down - 1. Damage. 2 Deceit. 3 Ostler. 4 Annually. 5 Topnotch. 6 Dormer. 11 National. 12 Obituary. 14 Rebuff. 15 System. 16 Plasma. 17 Otters.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS - Jack McCourt, Beaumont Road, Member No. 1160. Michael Cunningham, Coolatree Road, 1818. Joan Armstrong, Cooleen Avenue, 2039. Vouchers for a meal for two in the Beaumont House are on their way.

COMPETITIONS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION ONLY

Name

Address

Membership No.

CLOSING DATE SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, 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". The last one went so well we decided to give everyone another chance.

ANSWER ANY EIGHT TO ENTER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR A.I.B. WINNER

Mrs. Eileen Doherty, Coolgreena Road, No. 1436. 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.

A.I.B. QUIZ SOLUTION - No U turn. Nothing in It. Raised Eyebrows, Drinks around the House. Count Dracula. Forever and ever. Suspended Animation. Hairline. Three Wise Men. Mixed Bag. Two Tone. One Step Forward Two Steps Back. Bermuda Triangle. Just Between You and me. Corner Stone. Split Second Timing.

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Father Joe's Column



At the time of writing, we are making final preparations for the Official Opening and Blessing of the new Pastoral Centre by Bishop Jim Moriarty. The Centre has two small meeting rooms, an office which also serves as an extra meeting room, a large hall and a kitchen/tea-room. Judging by the number of applications to use the Centre, it is fulfilling a real need and will be a great asset to the community for many years to come.

Confirmation was celebrated in the church on the 12th and 13th of March. Altogether, there were 5 classes for Confirmation. Bishop James Kavanagh was the celebrant on the 12th and Bishop Moriarty on the 13th. Attending the ceremonies, you were struck by the great wealth of talent and energy of so many young people. Congratulations to the young people who were confirmed and to their families. It's really up to us as a community to see that our young people have the op-

portunity of using their energy and talents for the good of everyone. May they have every blessing for the future.

The girls and boys from Second Class will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday the 9th of May and Saturday the 16th of May. We hope they have a great day and a great sense of belonging to the community. The Lenten Talks, organised by the parish Millennium Group, have been a great success. There was a great variety of speakers and of topics and each night was different. You got the sense of a great deal of enthusiasm and interest from those who attended. Finally, just to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Easter and every blessing at this special time.



Front view of New Pastoral Centre.

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The Beaumont News is open to all. Articles, letters, or other submissions, from contributors are always welcome. Why not drop your contribution in with your entry for the draw for the meals for two as highlighted in this issue. However, such published contributions do not necessarily reflect the views of the Beaumont Residents Association.

BEAUMONT NOTICEBOARD

REGENCY HOTEL - On stage productions presents **THERE GOES THE BRIDE**. A hilarious comedy by Ray Cooney and John Chapman. Directed by Kay Farrell. Bookings: 837 1515/837 3544 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Daily. Adm. £6 Mon. to Sat. Dinner/Supper Optional. Although at time of going to press I have not seen this yet, if the other plays in the Regency are anything to go by, this play should not be missed. They really are hilarious.

ENGAGEMENT - Congratulations to Noleen Doherty, 36 Coolgreena Road and Andrew Finucane, Tarbet, Co. Kerry on their recent engagement.

GRATEFUL THANKS - I would like to thank my neighbours, friends, relatives, the Beaumont Residents Association and Whitehall Credit Union for their great help to my appeal for the Chernobyl Childrens Spring Project. I was thrilled with the great response. All the items are going out on a truck to a hospital in Belarusa, where they are all urgently needed. I believe the hospital has just four bare walls. We really don't realise how lucky we are. - Jo Buggy.

CONGRATULATIONS to three sets of proud grandparents on Cooleen Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. O'Carroll on the birth of their grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Cahill on the birth of their grandson also and Mr. and Mrs. Curran on the arrival from New York of their 1st grandson.

SINCERE condolences to all members who have lost loved ones recently.

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Garda Clancy Column



ONCE again we have reached that time of the year where we are seeing a nice stretch to the evenings. For most of us, it is an opportunity to enjoy an extra couple of hours of sunshine and brightness but for many it can be the beginning of a summer long nightmare. What am I talking about? Gangs of youths congregating at various different locations in your area, often drinking, using drugs, intimidating passers-by and residents and generally causing a nuisance. Nine times out of ten these youths are local and so, I appeal to all parents to know where your children are at all times. Do the occasional spot-check. It is our intention here in Santry to operate a specific Patrol in the area to purely deal with these gangs and I can assure you that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.

CRIME

There have been a number of burglaries in the area recently. Be security conscious. Look out for your neighbour and review your own security arrangements.

ID SCHEME

For the first time in this country, computerised tamper-proof ID Cards are now available in your area. These cards cannot be altered in any way. Vintners and off-licences will refuse to serve youths not equipped with a Card. The Cards are issued through the Neighbourhood Watch system and cost £3 or £2 if a person is a holder of an earlier type Card. Obviously the Card is targeted at young people but it can be used as identification for any purpose, i.e. cinemas, discos, libraries, etc.

GRANTS

Are you over 65 years of age and living alone? Do you know someone over 65 and living alone? If the answer is yes, you may qualify for a grant of up to 90% on the installation of an alarm system as well as other security features, such as locks etc. Contact Sergeant John O'Driscoll at Santry Garda Station for further details, John is co-ordinating the scheme.

Finally, Superintendent Jack Behan of Santry, who is a neighbour of you all, has recently been promoted to Chief Superintendent and has now moved from Santry. As a Beaumont man, Chief Behan has a special interest in your area and during his years at Santry he was actively involved in many initiatives in the area. Congratulations to Jack, and best wishes to him and his family in the future. Superintendent Albert Treacy is his successor and I have no doubt, Superintendent Treacy will continue the momentum and indeed instigate new initiatives for your area in the coming months.

Till next month.

Brendan

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As it is extremely difficult for the committee to collect advertising fees, we would urge our advertisers to pay promptly within the 14 day period as per their invoice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but it has now become necessary to insist on prompt payment of all accounts.

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Beaumont Residents Association

Projects and Sub-Committees for 1998

1. COMMUNITY GAMES

Select, train and enter teams/individuals in competitions for Community Games. Fund raising, sponsorship etc.

Sub-Committee - Irene Molloy, Anne Maher, Chris Foy, Charlie Moore, Lorraine O'Toole, Con O'Halloran, Brian Traynor, Eugene Reilly, Margaret Doyle.

2. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

All aspects of traffic, including; traffic lights, safety, hazards, road markings, traffic calming and public transport.

The Pros and Cons of bring LUAS to Beaumont Hospital (via back entrance) should be looked at.

Sub-Committee - Kevin O'Mara, Catherine Connolly, Jim Little, Cathleen Spenser, May Doyle, Peter Boylan.

3. PARK DEVELOPMENT

Up-grade of Coolgreena Close 'Green Area' to a People's Park on a phased basis. Funding, design, Corporation approval, Residents approval, etc.

Sub-Committee - Des Maguire, Joyce Moore, Sean Dooley, Esther O'Hanlon, Jean Swan.

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Enlarge Committee.

More seminars, Pro-active approach.

Sub-Committee - Gerry Hiney, Noreen Maher, Deirdre Higgins, Kevin O'Mara, Breda Buckley, Terry Wickham, Charlie Moore, Phyllis Redmond.

5. BEAUMONT NEWS

Continuous improvement.

More local news.

More sponsors and advertising.

Sub-Committee - Barry Doyle, Des Maguire, Noreen Maher, Sean Dooley, Sheila Maguire, Peter Boylan.

6. COOLGREENA ACCESS TO ST. PAUL'S

Manage and co-ordinate the change from vehicular to pedestrian gate. Fund, design etc.

Sub-Committee - Des Maguire, Joyce Moore, Barry Doyle.

7. ROAD NAME-STONES

Design and install large granite stones at end of road, avenues, etc. Liaise with Corporation, Local Residents, Funding etc.

Sub-Committee - Des Maguire, Noreen Maher, Chris Foy, Mary Bolton.

8. B.R.A. CHRISTMAS PARTY

Organise a Christmas 'Night-Out' for residents. Location, transport, funding, etc.

Sub-Committee - Sean Dooley, Kevin O'Mara, Jean Swan, Peter Boylan.

9. BRING SANTA TO BEAUMONT

Identify number of children.

Invite Santa, costs, transport, etc.

Sub-Committee - Anne Maher, Breda Buckley, Catherine Connolly, Barry Doyle, Eugene Reilly, Deirdre Higgins, Jim Little.

Confirmations

March 1998, Church of the Nativity, Beaumont



Tanya Noonan



Michelle Noone



Paul Moore



Nicole Kennedy



Emma Flanagan



Richard Moore

CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENED



Bishop Jim Moriarty cuts the tape looked on by Sean Haughey, T.D., Cllr. Pat Burke, Pat Browne (Chairman of Parish Council), Fr. Staunton and Peter Boylan.

Your Local Credit Union - a brief history

by W. Bollins

WHITEHALL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATIVES

The Whitehall Community Development project commenced in 1962, when the parish was still young and home to many thousands of young married couples, all hoping to achieve success in rearing families and providing them with the education and opportunities, which had been denied many of the parents themselves in their youth. At the time wages were small and "credit" as it is known today available only to those who already had the means of purchasing needs.

In that environment, news of the Antigonish Movement, gave heart to some parishioners who decided that this gave them the encouragement to join in Co-operatives, and together achieve control of their economic circumstances. The Antigonish Movement itself grew out of the work of a Nova Scotian priest named Father James Tomkins (later Dr.) who, in his ministry among impoverished fishermen, farmers and coalminers in Eastern Nova Scotia during the Depression years, was angered that poverty and ignorance allowed his people to be "ripped off" by suppliers and large customers for their fish etc. He spent most of his time preaching, coaxing and haranguing his parishioners to work together and to understand why they were poor. In the power of their united resources he showed them that they held the whip hand over both suppliers and markets and he insisted that self help, ideas, and combining of financial resources, would relieve them of the burden of debt resulting from the existing share cropping approach to their livelihoods. The Movement was successful, as soon as his people were aroused from the apathy of their existence. Since the banks were not prepared to support them individually, they decided to form their own bank, a Credit Union in which the united resources of the community were made available to neighbours to help them achieve the purchase of boats, nets, etc. The system worked.

From that small beginning grew the Co-operative movement which is still helping developing countries to work for themselves against international bankers and debt. In Ireland our Agricultural Co-ops were the backbone of the farming community and have now become giants in the international world of business and finance. On a lesser scale the Credit Union movement has been working very well for small savers. In Whitehall, the organisation based on the Antigonish movement which supports overall development of the community, flourished and thrived over the years. The unit was based on the Catholic parish of the Holy Child Whitehall and the boundaries of the parish were boundaries of the movement. A number of Co-operatives were set up to deal with various aspects of activities, such as Servus, which arranged special discounts with certain traders. Energy supplies such as coal, gas, electricity and oil were supplied to members by the major

suppliers and payment arranged through the Co-op. The Credit Co-operative is the power house of all these activities.

The Whitehall Credit Union Co-operative is registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893. Membership is confined to two hundred families but there is provision for the setting up of fuller co-operatives if the need arises. Membership is by means of shares at £1.50 per week and it is the accumulated shares over the years, which form the base of financial activity. It also provides for a Mortality Benefit and access to loans at reasonable rates of interest.

A Board of Directors (unpaid) organises and runs the Co-op, and meets each week to receive payments, approve new loans and to discuss proposals, which may benefit the members. All are volunteers and give of their time with enthusiasm. Any member can become a member of the Board which is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) At the A.G.M. the general membership study the public auditor's report, approve the rates of interests payable, approve any rebates and dividends on members savings/loans and pass resolutions pertaining to the running of the Society. It is a matter of great pride that in all the years, bad debts have not been a problem, and people have respected the spirit of the movement. From small beginnings (Shares 12.5p per week) the Credit Union has grown and benefited the members, removing much of the stress from their families.

In the event of death members are covered by an Indemnity scheme which runs in co-operation with two other co-operatives based on the Antigonish Movement. Contributions by the joint membership of the three Co-operative fund an Insurance scheme which cover outstanding liabilities of the deceased member and provide a lump sum mortality benefit. Members thus have great peace of mind.

The years have passed very quickly and most of our members have matured and prospered. Their families have grown up and left, hopefully to carry the message of co-operation to new parishes scattered around Dublin. The loss of those members, who resign on leaving the Parish, has reduced the level of activity in Whitehall. However, new families and faces occupy the homes of former members and, although the Celtic Tiger may be roaming around the Financial Centre and the Central Bank, one can assume that a level of need may exist among some people. If they are interested in what they can do for the Community and what it can do for them, then they are welcome to contact the Board of the co-operative through: 1) W. Bollins, 45 Cooleen Avenue 2) L. Fogarty, 4 Coolatree Park.

New blood will infuse renewed energy into the developmental aspect of the activities with members supporting other members in their businesses and local traders who service the needs of the local community.



Beaumont Hospital have started to computerise their out-patients dept. When it is fully operational this will bring the outpatients dept. in line with other depts. such as in-patient, social work dept. and casualty. At the moment if you have been seen in casualty or as an inpatient all information on these visits will be on

computer but if you are in the out patients dept. the information is in a paper file and not on your computer file. It can only help the doctors to treat you better when all your records are on the same computer file. Good luck to them with this project.

PARENT STAY UNIT - £160,000 has been raised by the fund-raising department for the proposed Parent Stay Unit in St. Raphael's Ward. Building work on this development will begin this year. It will be located in the green area to the left of the corridor to St. Raphael's Ward and will connect to the ward via the Endoscopy suite.

IRISH KIDNEY ASSOCIATION HOSTEL - The Hospital Board has agreed to allocate a site to the IKA for a hostel to provide accommodation for patients and their families attending the National Kidney Unit at Beaumont. This project will be funded by the Department of Health and the Irish Kidney Association. The facility will include eight en-suite bedrooms, a sitting room, kitchen, laundry room, meditation room and a caretaker's flat. A planning application is currently being prepared by the IKA's Architects for this development.

FASHION SHOW - A fashion show will take place on Tuesday, April 7, 1998 at 8 o'clock in the Convent of Mercy. It is a great fun event and will feature fashions from Dunnes Stores, Beverly Jones, Arnotts and Principles and other top names.

WHAT MONEY CAN AND CANNOT BUY

*A bed, but not sleep.
Books, but not brains.
Food, but not appetite.
Finery, but not beauty.
A house, but not a home.
Medicine, but not health.*

*Luxuries, but not culture.
Amusement, but not happiness.
Boon companions, but not friends.
Flattery, but not respect.*

ANON

NOTICE

Shanboley Road, Shanglas Road,
Shantalla Avenue

In response to representations from a number of residents from the above roads, Beaumont Residents Association Committee have agreed to enlarge the associations geographical area to incorporate the above roads and avenues.

A committee member will call on you within the next few days for your subscription. Refer to application form on back page.

PASTORAL CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENED

-By Peter Boylan

WE HAVE at last got our Pastoral Center. On March 29th at 4 o'clock, Bishop James Moriarty D.D. blessed and officially opened our new centre. Among those present were Sean Haughey T.D. and Pat Burke Cllr. and a large gathering of parishioners despite the very bad weather. Bishop Moriarty praised the parish for the great commitment which we had made for over 11 years in getting the new centre built, he gave special mention to the late Donal Calahan R.I.P. and Fr. Heaslip for their great efforts which made all this possible.

Fr. Paddy Staunton thanked the builders and foreman for a wonderful job well done, he also thanked the National Lottery for the grant of £15,000 towards the cost. He hoped the various groups in the parish would make full use of the centre. Mr. Pat Browne, chairman of the Parish Council thanked the Bishop and all present for braving the elements and to help make the day such a great success. The centre consists of the main hall, three meeting rooms, a fitted kitchen and toilets. The decor of lemons, pinks and blues gives the whole building a bright airy feeling, yet a warm and cheerful glow. It is not yet fully furnished but in time we will build up a comfortable presence and enjoy the different activities of the parish.



Pictured here is Peter Boylan, (Parish Council member) and Bishop Jim Moriarty at the opening of the centre.

WOULD the person who is leaving their rubbish at the corner of Coolatree Park, please refrain from doing so as the cats are tearing the bags apart.

The Chairman's Column



HELLO! I'm back again. Many thanks for re-electing me for another year. Our new committee is considerably larger than last year, totalling 29 members. I welcome particularly the new members and thank all members for offering their services for the betterment of Beaumont.

I WOULD like to thank outgoing committee members; Tom Darby, Richard Phillips, Carmel McDonald and Joe Bollard who stepped down for personal reasons. They served with dedication and enthusiasm and I do hope they will rejoin at another time. Tom Darby promises to keep in touch and write articles for Beaumont News. Richard Phillips will continue to compile our crossword.

PRO-ACTIVITIES will be the feature of this new committee. With an expanded committee we are in a position to set up a number of sub-committees for projects as listed on other pages. I believe the sub-committee systems will be both efficient and effective. Time will tell of course and one year from now we can all assess progress.

A BIG 'Thank you' to our sponsors; Beaumont House and AIB Swords Road for renewing their sponsorship of our competitions. We are introducing a new prize draw for members. The prize is sponsored by Beaumont House and two lucky members will receive a meal for two in Beaumont House. To be in with a chance just place your name, membership number or address in the boxes at SuperValu or Beaumont Select Station or give it to any committee member.

A SUB-COMMITTEE met John Sadler, Technical Services Manager of the Mater Hospital, on site in relation to the Coolgreena access to St. Paul's. The type of wall and access gate was discussed and agreed. John was accompanied by a contractor who will prepare a specification and quotation for the works. We expect to have a firm costing within a few weeks. We will of course, get our own contractor to price the job also.

A SITE meeting has been requested with the Parks Superintendent, Mr. Barry, to discuss the upgrade of the Green at Coolgreena Close. Residents of the immediate area should take particular note and perhaps let any members of the sub-committee know their views and suggestions on this matter. Suggestions from any resident would of course be welcome. Don't forget our Post Boxes as stated in above paragraphs.

THE New Pastoral Centre (Parish Hall) was officially opened and blessed by Bishop Jim Moriarty on Sunday, March 29. It is a very fine building, was much needed and fits well into its environment. Congratulations to all concerned.

A NEW SHOP opened on the "High Street" (Shantalla Road) "Pat's Butchers". This shops houses a mega array of items,

from bubblegum to beef, papers, milk, etc. A most welcome addition to the shops on Lower Shantalla Road. It is a big hit with the junior residents who love exploring for sweets and bargains. The kids have renamed it the "Curiosity Shop". Best wishes to Pat.

BOYLE & ASSOCIATES (Estate Agents) recently opened a new very modern office on St. Brigid's Road, Artane just off the Roundabout. Eileen Dunne (of RTE News) performed the official opening. Des Boyles lavish hospitality was enjoyed by a large crowd of guests. Des Boyle is a longtime supporter of Beaumont News and we wish him every success in his new premises.

MARY KING, Secretary of the pre 1996 Residents Association, advised our A.G.M. that her Committee would be holding an A.G.M. in March 1998, for the purpose of winding up the committee. (See reference in AGM Minutes). March has come and gone and at time of going to press, no notification of an AGM was published.

COMING up shortly is your chance to do your bit for Beaumont. Every household and business in Beaumont should join our Association. Our agenda is clear and unambiguous, put simply - it is to maintain and where possible, improve the quality of life for every resident. If you agree with this - you must support it by joining our Association. The time for ambivalence is past, you must do the right thing. The 29 Committee members are giving many hours of their valuable time to serve you. Make sure you help them to help you, have your subscription form and subscription ready when they call. You will recognise the members of the Committee from the photo on the front page.

APPLICATION FORM

For Membership of Beaumont Residents Association

Name:

Address:

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Annual Subscription (as agreed at A.G.M.) £5 per household per annum.

A Committee Member will call on you for your subscription within the next few days.

Your co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated. Committee Members can be identified from the Picture on the front page of this Magazine.

If our collectors fail to make contact with you, please deliver this completed Application Form together with subscription to your nearest Committee Member (refer to Page 6 for names and addresses.)
Many Thanks