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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Merry Christmas to all the residents of Beaumont to our local politicians and to all the people who have helped us throughout the year.

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SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

At time of writing this is all organised and has been greatly supported by businesses. It will have taken place on Saturday, December 5th, 1998 in the Artaine Beaumont Recreation Centre and approx. 100 senior citizens were in attendance. A report will appear in the next Beaumont News.

SANTA VISIT

Parents of children whose names were sent in for the visit of Santa to their own homes should be receiving details of this event shortly. The preliminary date is Dec. 20th, 1998 the only day that Santa could spare in his busy schedule. Please be at home at the time stated on the letter you will receive.

RESIDENT'S PARTY

Two out of three ain't bad. Unfortunately this has had to be cancelled. We booked a venue preliminary for Nov. 23rd, but we had to cancel because two weeks before the day we had not received enough names to make the party financially viable. We'll try again next year.

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FRIENDS

The old man turned to me and asked
"How many friends have you?
Why 10 or 20 friends have I,
And named off just a few.

He rose quite slow with effort
And sadly shook his head
"A lucky child you are
To have so many friends!, he said

But think of what you're saying
There is so much you do not know
A friend is just not someone
To whom you say "Hello"

A friend is a tender shoulder
On which to softly cry
A well to pour your troubles down
And raise your spirits high

A friend is a hand to pull you up
From darkness and despair . . .
When all of your other "so called" friends
Have helped to put you there

A true friend is an ally
Who can't be moved or bought
A voice to keep you name alive
When others have forgot

But most of all a friend is a heart
A strong and sturdy wall
For from the hearts of friends.
There comes the greatest love of all!

So think of what I've spoken
For every word is true
And answer once again my child
How many friends have you?

And then he stood and faced me
Awaiting my reply
Softly I answered
"If lucky . . . one have I
You!"

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Christmas Tree Time



The Christmas tree season is upon us again. The most commonly available trees are the Nobil Fir, the Lodge Pole-pine and the Norway Spruce. The Nobil Fir is widely regarded as the best Christmas tree of the non-shed variety, the Lodge pole-pine, also non-shedding, is a tree of narrow habit and is particularly suitable for smaller rooms. The Norway Spruce, the traditional Christmas tree, has a naturally bushy shape. This is the cheapest of all the trees but unfortunately it does shed its needles.

The shape of your Christmas tree is very important; it should be symmetrical and have a fully furnished branch structure up to eye level. While some people like a small tree, the usual demand is for a tree of around seven feet tall.

No doubt, you will be inundated with choices of suppliers, but buy where there is a good selection of stock and you can see what you are buying.

Traditional house plants for Christmas include poinsettias - with three red brackets, Cyclamen and Potmums - which come in a range of beautiful colours, and Hyacinth bulbs give a nice fragrance. Holly wreaths, Christmas door swags and table arrangements are widely available and add to the Christmas atmosphere.

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*A Sappy
 Christmas &
 A Prosperous
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THE DEATH has taken place of Paddy Buggy, 99 Coolgreena Road. A resident of Beaumont for more than 45 years, he was well known and a pillar of the community. A true gentleman and a great neighbour, he will be sadly missed.

Paddy always wore a smile, he was quick witted and always good for a joke and a laugh. He was such a positive individual, never complaining, never despairing, he had an uncommon ability to communicate comfortably with young children, teenagers and adults alike. A keen gardener he spent many hours manicuring his lovely gardens. A more than one-time winner of the 'Beaumont News' competitions, he proved himself to be an expert at crosswords and quizzes. He also had a fair liking for a pint and was a regular in the Kilmardinny.

Paddy was a man of strict routine and precision timing, you could set your watch on Sunday mornings as he started his car for 11.30 o'clock Mass.

He enjoyed the company of his family and particularly his grandchildren, he was so proud when it was his turn to collect them from school. Paddy's high esteem in the community was evidenced by the large attendances at his Removal and Funeral Mass.

Our sincere sympathy to his wife Jo, daughter Helen, son-in-law Alan and four grandchildren. May he Rest in Peace.

HOUSES FOR SALE (THEN)



FIRST TYPE (above) Two reception, three bedrooms, kitchen/larder/built-ins, h. and c., bath, etc. Fuel store, garage space, gardens back and front – the latter tastefully laid out for you. PRICE £1,332-10-0 NETT. Deposit £32-10-0. Final taking-over payment of £47-10-0 to cover all other outlays, legal fees, etc. Loan of £1,250, repayable at 29/4 per week.

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THE last section of this modern estate is now in course of construction, and from now to 31st October, a 1955 gas cooker will be presented free to every approved purchaser of any of the three types of houses listed below.

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MY!! HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED - THE ADVERTISEMENT ON THE LEFT IS FROM A NEWSPAPER FROM 1955 SHOWING THE PRICE OF HOUSES IN BEAUMONT. BY CONTRAST THE ADVERTISEMENT ON THE RIGHT SHOWS WHAT PRICE THEY GO FOR NOW. (Apologies for the poor quality of the pictures)

Beaumont Woods (Now)

BY COMPARISON look at the way house prices in the area has changed.

THE demand for good quality homes has meant that there are only 25 houses left in the second phase of the Beaumont Woods development in Dublin 9.

Prices for the remaining houses vary from £153,450 to £189,950 and the selling agent is Hamilton Osborne King much much sought-after development is Castle-thorn Construction's most recent new homes scheme. Already, over 150 houses have been sold in the development.

All that remains are two three-bedroom detached units, 13 three-bed semi-detached houses, two four-bed semi-detached homes and two three-bedroom detached bungalows. selling agents expect these to be sold.

The location for the development is not only attractive, but also very practical as it is within reach of the city centre, Beaumont Hospital, the M50 ring road, the airport, Eastpoint Business Park



Only 25 houses of the second phase of the Beaumont Woods development in Dublin 9 remain unsold

and the IFSC. The amenities of Malahide and Howth are also within easy access. Despite its suburban location, the development also gives a feeling of remoteness and exclusivity, set as it is among eight acres of open space which is to be carefully landscaped.

When completed in the year 2000, Beaumont Woods will contain 454 houses and 132 apartments.

Holiday Assistant

Pay Rate: £1/Hr plus shift differential

Filling deadline: 23/12/98 Notes: Selected candidate must be available for international travel, holiday and night work; be physically able to lift heavy packages over shoulder; and possess a sleigh to perform work assignment.

Duties: Make list and check it twice. Identify and deliver packages to proper recipients by way of reindeer-powered airborne sleigh. Supervise 100 umibly elves in the production of requested items. Disperse and maintain holiday spirit when faced with turbulent weather and physical demands of riding reindeer sleigh over 10,000 miles to accommodate 4 billicon people in 16 hours.

Requirements: Skill to determine who's naughty and nice, sleeping and waking bad or good, for goodness sake; skill to establish co-operative working relationships with elves and gnomes; knowledge of proper diet and training required for flying reindeer; ability to consume approximately 1 billicon cups of lukewarm coca/milk; and similar amounts of stale, leftover cookies; skill to decipher correspondence written in crayon; skill to quickly manoeuvre down chimneys or other available means; skill in "ho, ho, hoing" while simultaneously shaking belly

Desirable: Heavy, white facial growth; rosy red cheeks.

Applications to: North Pole, Northern Hemisphere, P.O. Box XXXX.

Killing the Innocent

By Annalee Browne (14)

The house shook from the loud music. The party was so wild it could make you sick

I overcame my biggest fear

And said no when they offered me beer.

The party ended soon, and I drove away in my car,

Our house, I knew, was not very far.

Then all at once I felt the pain and heard the sound

And the next thing I knew, I was on the ground.

All the glass around me was splintered and broken,

A policeman's voice, soon I could hear,

He said; 'The boy that hit her was loaded with beer.

At that moment I knew' didn't have long.

And I wouldn't be able to say goodbye to my Mom.

It hurt to know I was going to die

Without ever saying a little goodbye.

If only they could go through that too.

Then maybe they wouldn't do what they do.

If only all this pain I could show,

Then they'd see that drinking and driving don't go.

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Question: What's red and white and gives presents to good little fish on Christmas?

Answer Sandy Claws.

Question: Why does Santa have 3 gardens? So he can ho-ho-ho.

Question: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Answer: Frostbite.

Question: Why was Santa's little helper depressed? Because he had low elf esteem.

Question: What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wrapped?

Answer: Ribbon hood.

Question: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

Answer: Claustrophobic.

Question: What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Answer: Snowflakes.

Question: Why did the little girl change her mind about buying her grandmother a packet of handkerchiefs for Christmas?

Answer: She said "I could not work out what size her nose was!"

Question: What was so good about the neurotic doll the girl was given for Christmas?

Answer It was wound up already.

Question: What was wrong with the boy's brand new toy electric train set he received for Christmas?

Answer: Forty feet of track - all straight!

The following is an excerpt from THE ALASKA DAILY NEWS

Gnome, Alaska: Authorities today arrested a man impersonating the Santa . "He was apprehended after several witnesses saw him leaving various houses carrying a large bag of goods during the holiday season," authorities said. Santa is being held on multiple counts of trespassing, breaking and entering, burglary, emotional harrassment, disturbing the peace, and for having wild animals in a suburban neighborhood.

A Christmas Message from the "man himself"

You think you got it bad? All night long, soot in the chimneys, smelly socks, cross dogs, shot at, mistaken for a stork, driving all night in the snow - damn near got killed by a 747. Mrs. Clause is fed up cause I got in so late.

Donner and Blitsen and Rudolph got sick over Albuquerque and you should see my suit. The damn elves won't clean the sleigh unless I pay them double time. I'm so sick of cookies and milk, I could vomit. The only highball I had all night was when I slipped getting out of my sleigh

HO! HO! HO! X XXX MERRY CHRISTMAS

A LITTLE POEM ABOUT LIFE YOUR YOU ALL



Lizzie is athletic,
She keeps herself in trim.
If Lizzie isn't swimming,
She's sweating at the gym,
No such thing as cellulite
On Lizzie's thigh and hip,
When I compare to her,
It really makes me sick.

While Lizzie's pumping iron,
I'm eating fish and chips.
As the weight falls from her bottom,
It's piling on my hips.
When I look into the mirror,
I see all those moon-like craters:
I then have to console myself
With creamy mashed potatoes.

Lizzie has a waistline,
A slender, hourglass shape.
I used to have one also,
Till it struggled to escape.
It took off many years ago
With all that chocolate pud.
I should be eating yogurt,
But it doesn't taste so good.

Lizzie's got a bustline
That points up to the sky
But gravity has got to mine,
It makes me want to cry.
I bet she wears those knickers
You could stuff into a locket,
No matter how I folded mine,
They'd dangle from my pocket.

BUT
Don't think that I'm bitter,
And please don't think me rude,
But which one of the two of us,
Best enjoys her food?
Does Lizzie's mouth start watering
When she eyes her plate of greens?
Does Lizzie's heart beat faster
As she tucks into her beans?

Lizzie wouldn't know the rapture
Of a dinner on her knee:
Tucking into a takeaway,
With her favourite show on TV.
Does she know what she is missing
When I boe into my chips?
Does Lizzie know the delights of
Creamy buns and chocolate whips?

I think I'll keep my bottom,
Chubby waist and droopy boobs.
I'll hang onto my rolls of fat
And thighs that look like cubes.
I wouldn't trade my caramels
For all of Lizzie's charms,
I'm too busy licking icecream
Off my fingers and my palms.

So while Skinny Lizzie's busy
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5. Do away with some others
6. Do away with the women
7. "Not a warm" closing device
8. "Song bird" on a mound
9. Type of sheep or a dolphin's quarter back
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER - P. Arnold, 61 Cooleen Avenue, Beaumont winner of the £50 from A.I.B., Whitehall.

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XTRA-VISION MOVIE QUIZ

Answers to last quiz - 1. Di Caprio, 2 Tom Hanks, 3. Forrest Gump, 4. John Wayne, 5. Mel Gibson, 6. Bruce Willis, 7. Yul Brynner, Steve McQueen, Robert Vaughan, James Coburn, Charles Bronson, Horst Buchholz, Brad Dexter. And the Winner was - Jo Buggy, Coolgreena Close.

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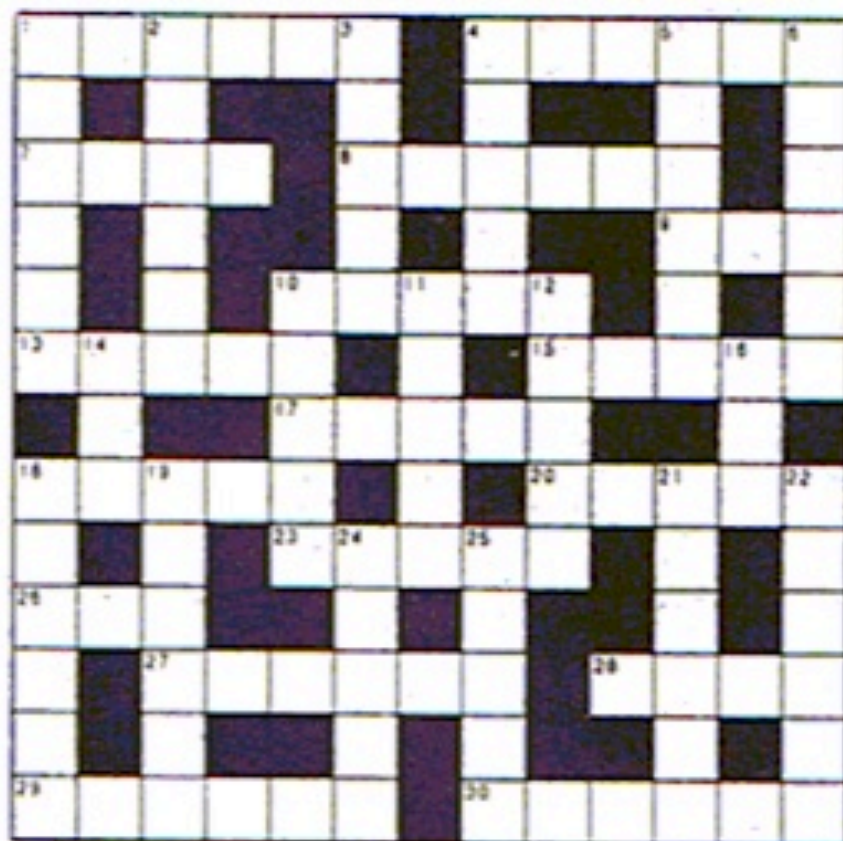
Answers in envelope marked Sport Quiz, post in either SuperValu, Lorcán Avenue or Shell Petrol Station, Beaumont Road.

Answers to last quiz - Offaly 2-16, Kilkenny 1-13. Cork 2-15, Kilkenny 1-9. Winner: Mr. B. Higgins, Beaumont Crescent, Dublin 9.



XMAS PRIZE CROSSWORD

A special thank you to Richard Phillips who has compiled all our Crosswords to date



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BEAUMONT HOUSE
Prize: Meal for Two

Clues Across - 1. Bravery (6) 4. Ho spring (6) 7. Message (4) 8. Nonsense, twaddle (6) 9. Beast of burden (3) 10. Lowly dwelling (5) 13. Enthusiasts' meeting (5) 15. Workers' association (5) 17. Keen (5) 18. Stage front (5) 20. Golf clubs (5) 23. Correct (5) 26. Variety of lettuce (3) 27. For men and women! (6) 28. Period in cricket (4) 29. Yarn (6) 30. Slender (6).

Clues Down - 1. Thin coating (6) 2. Deadly (6) 3. Communications device (5) 4. Cunning (5) 5. Spiced sausage (6) 6. Dried grape (6) 10. African carnivore (5) 11. Indistinct (5) 12. Shocking (5) 14. Serpent (3) 16. Possess (3) 18. Polar region (6) 19. Outcome (6) 21. ——— Reed, British actor (6) 22. Woe (6) 24. Stone worker (5) 25. Former president of U.S.A. (5)

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUES CROSSWORD

Across - 1. Resonance, 6 RUC, 8 Drawing, 9 Sofia, 10 Auen, 11 Plumbing, 13 Echoes, 14 Alters, 17 Missouri, 18 Lava, 20 Scent, 21 Tiptoe, 22 SOS, 23 Dispenser. **Down** - 1 Radiate, 2 Stagerhisps, 3 Nail, 4 Niggle, 5 Ensemble, 6 Refrigerators, 7 Clang, 12 Revolted, 15 Slander, 16 Gratis, 17 Muses, 19 Epee.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER

Member 4212 Paddy McGuinness, Beaumont Crescent.

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Beaumont Noticeboard

ON BEHALF of myself and Bridie Dunne I would like to thank all our friends and neighbours who contributed so generously to our coffee morning for the Hospice Movement. We were absolutely delighted to have raised £1,372.37 which goes to St. Francis Hospice in Raheny. We would like to express a huge Thank You to the committee of the Beaumont Residents Association for their very generous contribution of £200 towards this very worthy cause. As you know the Hospice Movement brings comfort and support to a lot of people when they need it most and we are glad to support them in any way we can in this trojan work. - Connie Butler.

THE FAMILY of the late Gary and Eva Sweeney, Cooleen Avenue, Beaumont, Dublin would like to thank most sincerely all those who expressed sympathy with them in their recent bereavements. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for the intentions of all.

SINCERE Condolences to Mrs. Nugent and all the family on the death of her husband Jim. Jim was a committee member of the Original Beaumont Residents Association. He trained many young boys for the local football team over the years. Jim was also widely known throughout Dublin as the tall policeman who wore long white gloves and directed traffic at O'Connell Street Bridge - he was our monument in those days. He will be sadly missed by all. As somebody said "He was a gentle giant". - N.M.

LOCAL NEWS FOR LORCAN BEAUMONT GROUP

The Active Retirement Group held their Hallow'een Party in the scouts hall, this was mostly fancy dress and was a very good and enjoyable night. They also held their fourth birthday party at the Windmill in Skerries. The night

was enjoyed by everybody. The next outing is to the Howth Lodge for the Christmas Party, with Daddy Christmas and his missus, so here's hoping for many more days and nights in 1999. There is a fantastic team spirit among the committee, both in the past and now and we all hope they will stay with us for long many a day.

THE ACTIVE Retired Group had a coffee day and a coffee morning organised by Peggy Tallon which raised £880.10 this year, Connie Butler also had a coffee morning which raised £1,372.37, both were very enjoyable occasions. The Active Retirement Group are wondering why we have so many shy men in Lorcan and Beaumont, are they afraid the ladies will beat them at Pitch & Putt, or cards, bowls, darts, table tennis and indoor bowls. These are some of the things we do when we are not on our travels, much to the enjoyment of everybody.

CONGRATULATIONS to David Doyle, Cooleen Avenue on winning Dublin Corporation's Plastic Bags Competition in the last edition of Classmate.

APOLOGIES to Ashling Hyland on not including her name in the last edition as one of the children who raised the money through a Sale of Work for the victims of the Omagh bombing.



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Father Joe's Column



It is hard to believe that it is almost Christmas and that another year is drawing to an end. We are beginning our last year of preparation for the Jubilee Year. This year is dedicated to God the Father, the First Person of the Blessed Trinity and a central theme of the year is Reconciliation. Please God, the Peace initiative in our country will be one of the things we can celebrate in the Jubilee.

The Jubilee Group in the Parish have been working very hard. They see their role as not only preparing to celebrate the Jubilee year 2000 but also putting in place structures and initiatives which will last well into the new Millennium. Earlier in the year they organized a series of very successful talks which took place during Lent. At the time of writing, they are making final preparations for a Parish Day on 28th of November in the Pastoral Centre. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance and that this will be a day of grace and renewal for the parish.

The Parish liturgical Art and Environment Group was host to a meeting of all Art and Environment groups. It took place in the Pastoral Centre on Saturday the 7th of November. Approximately 80 people attended coming from parishes throughout the country. Helen O'Keeffe gave a very interesting presentation on preparing Banners for the Church. Fr. Bernard Cotter, Editor of *Intercom* and our own Anne O'Hara from Ardmore gave talks on the final year of preparation for the Jubilee and how we might present the themes of this year in the artwork in our churches. The Art and Environment Group are involved in decorating the Church and preparing the hangings over the Altar. They had done a lovely job in preparing the Centre. It looked really great and there were a lot of compliments from the visiting delegates for it. Congratulations to all concerned.

I am always struck by the wealth of talent in Beaumont, especially among our young people. I feel that it is sad that there are not more opportunities or avenues for people to use these talents and let the rest of us enjoy them. So it is really great that a group of young musicians from Ceoltas are now playing at the 9.30 Mass, which is celebrated in Irish. They play on the second Sunday of the month and have added greatly to our celebration. Well done to them and their teachers and parents.

The Cygnets celebrated their first Birthday here in Beaumont in October. The Cygnets are the youngest section of the Guiding Movement and cater for girls between the ages of five and seven. The group here in Beaumont began as a pilot project and has proved very successful. A special word of congratulations to the leaders of the Guides, Brigins and Cygnets who have dedicated so much time and effort to making this group so full of life and fun. The Cygnets and the Brigins meet on Sunday mornings in the Junior School at 11 a.m. and the Guides meet on Friday evenings at 8 p.m.

The priests of the parish would like to visit parishioners in their own homes. However this isn't always very easy as it may be difficult to find a time that is suitable for all concerned.

Perhaps you could help us? If you would like to have your house Blessed, to have Mass offered in your house perhaps to mark a special occasion, to have Holy Communion brought to someone who is house bound or if you would simply like a visit from a priest, then please contact any one of the priests. Sometimes it is easier to make contact if you have a name to ask for, so we have divided the parish into Areas of Care, assigning one priest

to each particular area. These Areas are as follows:

Ardmore / Montrose, Fr. Tony McKlinney

Whitethorn / St. David's / Beauvale, Fr. Donal Byrne

Beaumont/ Elm Mount, Fr. Paddy Staunton

Collinswood / Beaumont Woods, Fr. Joe Mothersill

Of course you are welcome to contact any of the priests if you so wish. These Areas of Care are simply meant as a guide to facilitate you in contacting the priests. You can

contact us at the Presbytery, Montrose Park. Phone: 8477740/8476359

We look forward to hearing from you.

Our parish Penitential Service takes place on Wednesday, the 16th of December beginning at 7.30 p.m. We hope to have a large number of visiting priests to help us on this night.

Finally can I take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts and in our homes this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING SANTRY GARDA STATION 9/11/98

MEDICAL ALARMS

So many people have applied for grants that the Department has to make cut backs. The Dept. only had £2m. on hand – they applied for more money – they got £2m. They really needed £6.4m to give 90% grants. What will happen now is that the elderly are to get 64% so they will have to pay 36% themselves. VAT on Medical alarms has been reduced from 21% to 12%. This will cut £23 off the bill.

Cheque was granted for Dublin to accountant on November 9th. It will take approx 3 weeks for the Santry District etc. and all the other districts to receive their cheques. Then the three trustees have to sort out each area and call them to a meeting. The Medical Alarms service is three years on the "go" and so far the Government have spent £10m. Sgt. John O'Driscoll said the Social Welfare will advertise again next year – it is only advertised once. May 22nd was the closing date – so it is 5 months now since it closed.

BUSES

There has been many complaints about damage and graffiti to school buses (National and Secondary School level). A few boys were caught on video doing damage to the buses (graffiti) they were brought to the garda station and given a warning that the next time they will end up in The Children's Court. Dublin Bus and Gardai ran a project with some schools to highlight the damage done to their buses. In a 10 month period it cost £2m. to repair and clean and upholster (also wages of people doing this) buses that were vandalised. The biggest problem is graffiti. These buses are used after school hours for public transport.

THIEVES

People are asked to be aware that a couple posing as corporation workers checking water or other similar scams were robbing elderly people on the Northside and they should be very vigilant. They should make sure that anyone who calls can show proof of identity (ID). Check with Corporation or whatever agency they say they are from, a genuine caller won't mind waiting for they situation to be clarified.

PATROLS

It takes 2 ½ hours for a Garda Patrol to do a full circle around all hot spots in the district.

Remembering School Days in Beaumont



The 'Bowier' or was it the 'Beauier'? Remember that one? The single decker 51A that brought us back and forth from Scoil Mhuire Marino. It was a penny-halfpenny (the old pennies) in the morning and a halfpenny home at lunch hour and another halfpenny back again. Then at 4 o'clock it was a penny home. Don't ask me who arranged these fares but maybe they could have been related to the people who put the yellow box down on the wrong side of the Beaumont Road (At the end of Coolgreena). However it was better in the 'double decker' bus in the morning because there was more room to 'cog' your 'ecker'. I really don't know how I got away with it because of the hustle and bustle on the bus my writing was all over the place. The double decker was much easier to hide in as well as you could 'skip your fare'. It only seems like yesterday I used to run down to the end of Coolgreena with my schoolbag under my arm wondering was 'The Beauier' at the terminus or was it just pulling out with half a million school kids aboard and me left behind again. When that bus went without you there was a silence on Beaumont Road. Silence on Beaumont Road? That was a long time ago. How did we survive the double decker? The platform was the size of Croke Park. Safety? me arse. The stampede to get on that thing was like the first 20 minutes of 'Saving Private Ryan'. The bus used to pull out with 400 hundred of us holding on for dear life. By the time we got halfway home we all had 'G Force' haircuts because of the wind. Sometimes you had to throw your schoolbag onto the bus first so you could use both hands to grab the pole. If you couldn't get on, then the bus went off into the horizon with your 'ecker'. Sometimes the schoolbag was kicked back off the bus and all your books ended up all over the road. Do you remember the bell? It was a 'plunger like' instrument which only the bus conductor was 'allowed to use'. Once to signal the 'caged concealed' bus driver to stop and twice for him to go. The bus stop before the terminus was at the corner of Coolatree Road and Beaumont Road. When the bus pulled in the trick was to wait as long as possible on the stairs blocking everyone behind you getting off. As Soon as the bus moved off again you could 'leg' it down the stairs and jump off leaving 60 million of them screaming and watch with great delight as they had to be driven all the way to the terminus. Oh the innocence and bliss of it all.

Brendan Burke.



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BRAIN OF BEAUMONT

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There is one flashlight. A maximum of two people can cross at a time.

Each party who crosses, either 1 or 2 people, must have the flashlight. The flashlight must be walked back and forth and cannot be thrown etc. Each band member walks at a different pace. A pair must walk together at the slower mans speed.

Bono - 1 min. to cross

Edge - 2 min. to cross

Adam - 5 min to cross

Larry - 10 min to cross

For example, if Bono and Larry cross the bridge and Larry takes the flashlight back 20 minutes will have gone and you have failed the test.

Notes: There is no trick behind this, it is the simple movement of resources in the correct order. There are two known answers to this problem.



MONSTER DRAW - In aid of Our Lady of Mercy College, Beaumont. Car, Holiday, Electrical Goods, Cash Prizes. To be won each month for six months beginning December 1998. Tickets £60 or £10 a month for 6 months. Available in the school every Tuesday evening 8.00-9.00 p.m.

Dear editor (Sorry no anonymous letters)

We received a reply to the letter in the last issue regarding the ramps on Coolgreena Road but the letter was not signed. The writer felt that the comments could not be allowed to pass unchallenged.

The writer felt that there is nothing wrong with the design of these ramps, even a child would acknowledge that when traversed at a suitable speed they should cause no problem.

The writer also felt it was not true to say that this residents association is "very Coolgreena Road biased". These streets were intended to be pleasant places in which to live and were never laid out to carry the volume of traffic now using them, "rat running" is now generally accepted as one of the blights of our age. I have witnessed in excess of 100 cars an hour using Coolgreena Road at peak times, and this is no exaggeration. All these drivers, I assume, are on a mission to at least save the world and couldn't possibly spare the extra few minutes it would take to use the main roads!

With regard to the problem you are having with parked cars making Coolgreena Road an "obstacle course", the writer had a theory on this - perhaps it's the residents getting some revenge by making life as awkward for you as possible!

Accompanying this letter was an article from the London Times from which I quote: -Why rat runs are now cul-de-sacs - "People who live and work in these mean streets deserve better than having the likes of you and me grinding past their front doors every morning and evening. They are suffering to support our delusions. Rat runners are giving the car a bad name, or a worse name than it has already. This we can do without.

R.I.P.

Many coffins white and brown
Are slowly lowered in the ground,
Grieving relatives stand and piercingly cry
In Omagh town, 'why? O why?'

Carnival spirits filled the air
Till a massive bomb created despair
Young and old injured and died
'Why? O Why?' they piteously cried

O men of evil and scheming wiles
Why did you change to tears their little smiles,
Why are they in coffins, brown and white
Who gave you your proclaimed right?

See the loved ones many tears
They'll be shed over many years
Don't try to excuse your desperate deed
Your protestations and excuses
They cannot heed.

Their loved ones lie cold and still
Are you now satisfied or have your fill
Of sorrows caused by your selfish will,
Who gave you the right to decide
Who was injured or who died.

Kevin Fitzsimons

24 August 1998

A CHRISTMAS TRUCE

In the Jungle
The Message is heard:
Peace on Earth and Goodwill . . .
All emerge to celebrate,
Some to kneel in humble praise,
Some to join a noisy truce,
Toasting liquid friendship.

But come the Aftermath:
The Seasonal virtues waft away,
Rose-tinted, still, like
Smoke in a dying bonfire,
And the symbols of Love and Peace
In the bin are thrown,
Dusty, dry and broken.

Pale wassailers now from havens creep
With scowl or spurious smile
And, donning shield and spear, return
To the Jungle.

TEMPUS FUGIT

The weeks waft by
Like soap bubbles on the breeze -
Unretainable.
The years creep toward us
Then suddenly have passed,
Unnoticed
By our pre-occupied ego,
To join the sad roll of hopes
Unrealised

By Larry O'Toole
Aged 92 years young

Garda Stephen Daly Column



IN this month's column, I would like to talk about one of the many projects being undertaken by the Community Police Unit in your area at the moment. Operation "Graffiti Clean Up".

Vandalism/Graffiti on school buses in the Dublin Area has been on the increase for the past number of years. The following is a breakdown of the cost to Bus Atha Cliath from January to October this year.

Damage to seating	-	£256,724.00
Labour cost to change seating	-	£23,600.00
Costing of cleaning materials	-	£5,346.00
Cleaning labour cost	-	£55,000.00
Total cost	-	£340,670.00

This enormous cost to Dublin Bus is total unacceptable and is set to rise even higher up to 31st December 1998.

On Tuesday December 1, 1998 at 11 a.m. it is hoped to launch operation "Graffiti Clean Up". This will be a joint operation between an Garda Siochana and Bus Atha Cliath.

This project will attempt to reduce the amount of vandalism graffiti being cause on school buses and will entail a Community Garda from the area along with a driver from Dublin Bus visiting both primary and secondary schools and talking to the students. The aim is to highlight the problem and change the students attitude to vandalism/graffiti.

Dublin Bus have offered 4 prizes of £500 - to whatever schools show the best initiative in reducing the problem on school buses. The project will run until the end of February 1999 when the prizes will be awarded. This project has the full backing of the school principals in your area and it is hoped that all parents give this project their full support.

Finally it is hoped that the grant for the elderly re: pendant alarms, door/window locks, security lighting etc. will be passed in the next two weeks. We will contact all applicants for the grants in due course.

The Community Police Unit wish you all a Safe and Happy Christmas and a trouble free New Year..

Till next year

Stephen

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The Chairman's Column



Hello again and seasons greetings.

THE Corporation eventually replied to our query on the location of the 'half-yellow box' on Beaumont Road, at the Coolgreena Road junction. According to their traffic experts, the box is in the correct location and is there to facilitate traffic exiting from Coolgreena Road. This response is no more than an insult to our intelligence. It does nothing to help us - but, it does explain why there is so much traffic chaos throughout Dublin. The Corporation rarely admits making a 'cock-up' and it certainly maintained its consistency on this occasion.

Beaumont Woods junction is another long running saga. Hundreds of child-crossings occur at this junction each day - yet, there are no pedestrian signals or no school warden. The Corporation has changed its mind more than once in the last few months, regarding this junction. A recent residents meeting voted to take whatever action is necessary to have this junction made safe for our schoolchildren. This includes blocking the junction in the morning, lunchtime and afternoon each school day. This action is scheduled to start from early in the next school term. The Corporation, Public Representatives and Castlethorn Construction have been informed. We are hopeful the the Corporation will facilitate our very reasonable requests prior to us taking this action. Does it necessitate a fatality or a serious injury for the Corporation to act.

I LOST a great neighbour and good friend very recently. Paddy Buggy, 99 Coolgreena Road, died suddenly. He was a big supporter of our competitions and a winner on more than one occasion. Paddy had a great sense of humour and a very positive outlook on life. May he rest in peace.

SINCERE thanks to the sponsors of our competitions for their support. The number of competitions entries are increasing with each issue of our newsletter. A big thanks also to our advertisers, without their support there would be no Beaumont News. I would ask you the readers to do your bit and support our advertisers and sponsors. Thanks to Fr. Joe Mothersill and Garda Stephen Daly for their regular contributions. Both men advise us from different perspectives, on how to keep on the 'straight-and-narrow'.

GREAT response to the Senior Citizens Party. It will probably be over by the time you read this. Many thanks to

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Noreen Maher and her sub-committee for all the hard work. I WAS disappointed that so few parents wanted Santa to visit their children in their own homes this Christmas - Santa will be visiting the children who sent in their names. Ho! Ho! Ho!

BIG disappointment in relation to the grants for security systems for the elderly. It appears the number of applicants exceeded the funds available. We were advised that up to 90% grants would be available - now it appears that only about 50% grants will be available. Full details will be available in the next few weeks.

I wish all our readers a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. Keep safe and look after one another
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