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ABSENT LANDLORDS

By TOM DARBY

THE term "Absent Landlords" has always conjured up a vision in our minds of some aristocrat living it up in some South Seas Island. His upkeep was mainly at the expense of his tenants through the payment of house and ground rents.

Many people in this country were the victims of unscrupulous landlords. The most notable of these in recent years must have been Lord Lucan who for mysterious reasons disappeared from the face of the earth. It is well known that Lord Lucan was the absent landlord of vast properties in the West of Ireland and though he collected the rents he was not known to the tenants. It has always been assumed, in the song at any rate, that the "West's Asleep" until something rouses their passion, and when it became public that Lord Lucan was missing and unlikely to be found the West was very much awake. While no tears were shed for the missing lord the tenants in the West made a very noble decision that they would continue to pay their rent, but would only do so personally to the lord.

I have no idea what the outcome of that marvellous offer was. If we thought for a moment that Landlords disappeared with Lucan then we were mistaken. One has to only go around the roads of Beaumont and you can see quite easily the houses that are let.

It must be said that not all houses that are for letting are shoddy and unkempt in fact some are very well done up. But they are very much in the minority. The majority of these "absent landlords" take their rent and couldn't care less what happens to the property. They allow the property to become run down with gardens growing wild. But they are happy as long as the money rolls in. They couldn't care less what happens at weekends when friends of the tenants all arrive for their "hooley". The landlord doesn't care, he's not part of the community. He has no commitment to the area. You can bet that the same landlord wouldn't stay quite if something similar was happening beside him.

The only regulations that seem to exist is between landlord and tenant, but nothing between landlord and neighbours. Lord Lucan may have disappeared into the brush in some foreign country but if he did he has left behind him a swarm of mini Lucans most of whom have little or no commitment to the local communities in which they hold property.

A question to your candidate in the forthcoming local elections on the issue might do no harm.

POOR BUT BLESSED

We met and we married a long time ago,
We worked for long hours when wages were low,
No TV, no wireless, no bath, times were hard,
Just a cold water tap and a walk in the yard,
No holidays abroad, no carpets on floors,
We had coal on the fire and we didn't lock doors;
Our children arrived, no pill in those days,
And we brought them up without any state aid,
They were safe going out and played in the park,
And old folk could go for a walk in the dark,
No valium, no drugs and no LSD,
We cured most of our ills with a good cup of tea,
No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob,
We felt we were rich with a couple of bob,
People were happier in those far off days,
Kinder and caring in so many ways,
Milkmen and paper boy would whistle and sing,
A night at the pictures was our one mad fling,
We all get our share of troubles and strife,
We just have to face it - that's the pattern of life,
Now, I'm alone, I look back through the years,
I don't think of the bad times, the troubles and tears,
I remember the blessings, our home and our love,
And that we shared them together, I thank God above.
- ANON

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

- By Noreen Maher

THERE has been a number of break-ins in garden sheds recently. So our advice is to have your garden shed well secured with good quality locks and also an alarm system worked by battery is well worth considering. This alarm (for garden sheds) can be purchased from Texas for approx. £15. A lot of cars have been interfered with lately if you have a garage keep your car there. If not listen for your alarm or keep a watchful eye on your car.

WHEN gardening make sure all Back Doors are locked as this is the time of the year for the thief to raid the house while you are gardening in the front of the house. It has happened already in our area over the past few weeks.

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

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

DON'T leave strangers by an open door.

IF you let anyone in - Stay with them all the time.

DON'T part with money, documents or other things whatever they say.

IF YOU ARE SUSPICIOUS - RING THE GARDAL 999

DON'T let workmen do any jobs without getting more than one estimate.

OFFICIAL ORGANISATIONS usually write before they call, have you had a letter? If someone does call check their identity cards. Don't let anyone put pressure on you to let them in.

Beaumont Noticeboard

WE WOULD like to express sincere thanks to all those in the area who sympathised with us in the recent sad loss of our dear mother, Patty Downes of Coolatree Park. A special word of thanks to the medical and nursing staff in Beaumont Hospital who looked after mam so well during her last days with us. We also wish to thank the priests of the Parish who were most supportive, and especially Fr. Staunton for also arranging and concelebrating the funeral Mass which was particularly touching. Finally, we could not forget mam's friends and neighbours whom she held close to her heart. We thank you most sincerely for your support. She is sadly missed by us all. May she rest in peace. - Ray, Dermot, Martin and Michelle Downes and Families

THE FIRST Anniversary of Mr. Mc Laughlin has already gone past. But nevertheless his memory in Beaumont is still as alive as it was well over the years. Mr. McLaughlin was well known in Beaumont to every household who had the misfortune to have illness hit their doorstep. His ability to treat everyone with courtesy and kindness did a lot to alleviate the distress of illness. The people of Beaumont will remember him with gratitude, his soft Donegal accent is sadly missed.

A BIG thank you to all businesses and neighbours who supported Our Lady of Mercy College Fashion Show. Maureen Merragh looked fabulous as mother of the bride. Her outfit was beautiful and was supplied by Beverley Jones. The students looked so stunning and attractive in the latest gear. A great night was had by all.

CHILDMINDER Required to mind 3 children, 2 schoolgoing and 1 toddler. Part-time for approx. 20 hrs a week over 4 days. Mon.-Fri. Tel.: 837 6621 after 6 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mick and Pat Crowley on the birth of another grandson, Alex.; Also congratulations to Dave and Susan Hynes, Cooleen Avenue on their birth of their daughter Jessica. Also to Theresa and Chris Flood on the birth of Gavin; and finally to Bernie Hammond on the birth to her daughter Maria of a baby boy Andrew

BEST WISHES to Mary Connolly after her operation, we hope she has a speedy recovery...

WE would like to wish a very speedy recovery to any of our neighbours who are in hospital and especially to one of our committee members who are in hospital.

OUR LADY of Mercy College, Beaumont Book & Uniform Sale will take place on the last Monday of June (28th) at 1.30 p.m. in the school.

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Junior (10 - 15)	20.00
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New Member (Single)	80.00
New Members (Husband & Wife)	100.00

Festival Week - Tuesday 8th June 1999 to Sunday 13th June 1999

	Day	Evening - Bar	Evening - Hall
Tuesday 8 th	Coaching - Pitch & Putt/ Tennis	Pool Night	
Wednesday 9 th	Pitch & Putt Competition Senior & Junior	Poker Classic	Bumper Bingo, Line Dancing, Rock 'n Roll Dance
Thursday 10 th	Coaching - Tennis	Bridge Classic	Big Band Sound - Music Night (Tickets available Ierne)
Friday 11 th	Coaching - Snooker	Race Night	Open Pool Competition
Saturday 12 th	Coaching - Snooker Target Indoor Bowls	Quiz/Ballads	Fancy Dress Dance
Sunday 13 th	Tennis Fun Day Coaching Outdoor Bowls Target Bowls	-	Festival Club Night/ Presentation of Prizes (Tickets available Ierne)

Ierne are currently accepting applications for Membership of the Club. For information on becoming a Member of Ierne please contact 8360863 or call into the Club.

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Lotto formula for winning

You have to try this one. Don't read the answer.
(Get pen and paper ready before you read on)

STEP ONE

Pick a number between 1 and 100.

Multiply it by 5.

Add your age minus the number in your family

Divide the number by 10 rounding to the nearest decimal

Write down the number on 1 side of a piece of paper

STEP TWO

Pick another different number between 1 and 100.

Multiply by 1998

Add the number in your family and minus your age

Divide the number by 10 rounding to the nearest decimal

Write down the number on the other side of the piece of paper

STEP THREE

Take the first 2 digits of your home phone number and add them to the last 2 digits of your work number and multiply by 365.

Write the number on a new sheet of paper

STEP FOUR

Fold the first page in half. Now fold the second page.

Place them side by side. Now pick up the two sheets - sheet one in your left hand and sheet Two in your right. (Turn page around).

NOW - Find a bin and place the sheets of paper in it. Now use your hands to hit yourself for being such a gobshite and wasting your time doing this. No Lotto Luck?

WHEN cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?

WHY is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

WHY do croutons come in airtight packages? It's just stale bread to begin with.

WHITETHORN RESIDENTS NEWS

AS a result of our AGM held in ABRC on the 27th April '99 a committee was elected with a representative from each road. This should make our Association stronger, and our work load a bit lighter. Welcome to each new volunteer.

In the last issue we brought you a history of the Association up to 1990. We now outline some of the work we've been involved in during the last decade.

ST. DAVID'S HOUSES:

In June 1990, two members of the committee met with Br. T. McDonnell, representatives from Dublin Corporation, Town Planner Mr. Gareth May, and other groups interested in the proposed development, namely St. David's Houses. From thereon in we monitored the situation vis-a-vis Whitethorn. Limited access was a major concern as was no motorised access from the Malahide Rd. We then hired our own Town Planner who briefed us on all stages of development. We conceded 19 houses through Whitethorn Ave. Later in the 90s we got the balance of St. David's Houses. We welcome our new neighbours and hope they are enjoying life in Artane.

VANDALISM/GRAFFITI:

There were many problems with vandalism in the area generally, but particularly around the park area. Neighbourhood watch played a big part in curtailing this, with the help of Clontarf Garda Station. As a consequence of this, it was decided to seek public lighting in Rockfield Park. After many years of lobbying T.Ds, Councillors, Dublin Corporation etc. we are pleased to finally see lights installed this year.

SANTAS VISIT:

Good news for all young children living in Whitethorn came in the visit from Santa in early December. He hopes through the Association to visit every year.

QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR:

As everyone living in Dublin knows, we now have a QBC on the Malahide Road. We also know that traffic is chaotic! We campaigned on behalf of residents to change the lay-out of the Roundabout at Artane, and alter the Donnycarney junction. We wrote directly to Owen Keegan and Christy O'Sullivan of Dublin Corporation, Traffic section. However, it seems we are stuck with what we've got - the idea is get the motorist off the road onto Public Transport - which we know is not adequate.

DATE FOR DIARY:

Thursday 17th June 1999 is clean-up day. Do try and play your part in keeping your estate and surrounding areas looking good, and litter free.

Enjoy the summer,

Regards, Gay and Ann

(Joint Secretary)

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- **NORTHSIDE PARTNERSHIP** established to tackle long-term unemployment and expanded to include the North-East Drugs Task Force, the Local Employment Service and a Northside Arts and Cultural Centre.
- **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES COMPLETED** - including provision of speed reduction measures and pedestrian operated signals at Shantalla Road Shops; traffic lights/pedestrian operated signals at Beaumont Road/Shantalla Road, Beaumont Road/Beaumont Woods and at Beaumont Hospital.
- **STARDUST MEMORIAL PARK OPENED.**
- **DARNDALE REFURBISHMENT FINALISED;** The URBAN Programme initiated; Design of New Darndale/ Belcamp Village underway; Construction of new park at Darndale/Belcamp has begun.
- **PRECINCT IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR CROMCASTLE COURT** commenced and sanction given for upgrading of open space at Coolgreena Close.
- **DUBLIN BAY PROJECT** to eliminate the pollution of our beaches now in place.

OBJECTIVES

- * *The provision of affordable private and well maintained Social Housing.*
- * *The introduction of effective traffic calming and public transport measures.*
 - * *The development and expansion of our Health Services.*
 - * *The promotion of local economic development and the elimination of urban black spots.*
- * *The need for effective policies to tackle litter, waste management and re-cycling.*

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Your Fianna Fáil Candidates for the "Artane" constituency are Seán Haughey, Ita Green and Brian Taylor.
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HAVE YOU EVER FELT COMPLETELY DRAINED -By ROSALEEN CASSEDY

UNKNOWN to many people in Beaumont there has been foul goings on for many years. So prepare yourselves for some dirty talking.

For many years drains have caused intermittent problems on Coolgreena Road/Beaumont Road. The writer has been monitoring the drains on a regular basis and when they became blocked rang Dublin Corporation, or indeed cleared them ourselves. However in the past five years the problem has been getting more frequent, and the situation became critical on the 10th May when the Corporation Drainage Department suggested we contacted the Environmental Health Section who would inspect the drains on our behalf.

Perhaps at this stage I should make people aware of what the obligations on householders are. The Corporation is only responsible for the main sewer which runs down the centre of each road. The number of houses, in our case 12 dwellings, run via small drains into what is called a combined drain which in turn is connected to the main sewer. There is a legal obligation on all householders to keep the drains in an unblocked state. Drains have only been designed to take waste water from sinks and foul water from toilets, baths, wash hand basins, etc. Therefore the system should only be used for this purpose. During the last two weeks I have been informed that people dispose of used nappies, vegetable peelings, and the most common culprit of all cooking oil and fat. I mention this as we discovered large "sticks" of grease which had built up on the base of the drains and which are now coming away from the pipes and causing blockages. Fat from roasting dishes or chip pans should be allowed solidify and /or emptied into leakproof containers for disposal during the normal refuse collection. Any ex-Beaumont Scholars who did Domestic Science will remember household hygiene!!! If people do not comply with the above they are considered to be causing a public nuisance, and the Environmental Health Section has powers to investigate and enforce compliance. All households who share a drain, equally and severally own it. Therefore each house serviced by a private combined drain is jointly responsible for its maintenance. Any expenses incurred must be equally shared between all those served by the drain whether or not you are directly effected by the blockage, or problem.

It is normally left to the person who has the combined drain in either their back or front garden to initially remedy the problem. This householder is also usually the one to call on neighbours for support in the cost of getting the drains professionally cleared. May I say at this stage that my neighbours effected by the drain were terrific and indeed I am very fortunate. I have discovered that this is not always the case. In Beaumont as the houses are now attaining a certain age it will be more likely that blocked drains will occur, simply through usage over many years, whilst many can talk of the times they attacked a drain while their chimney rods, this would have no comparison with the professional job which cleans all drains with a high powered jet of water. Also as my husband can verify cleaning a drain is not a job for those of a weak constitution.

Once the Environmental Health Officer is advised she will write to all the relevant householders individually. Prior to writing she will call out and perform a dye test to verify the number of drains serviced by the combined drain. If a drain is causing a problem it would be no harm to call her out anyway, as she may be able to determine if the problem is solely to do with the private drain or if in fact their could also be a problem with the mains for which the Corporation is responsible. For your information at the time of writing our inspector is Aisling Kenna, telephone number 6796111, which is the number of the Civic Offices, Wood Quay.

On closing I would again like to thank all my neighbours effected on Coolgreena Road, and also Beaumont Road for all their co-operation, but in particular to Stephanie Bolster for her moral support and whose alertness has averted many a disaster. I have to say in conclusion that knowing the drains are now as clean as when they were first built gives a sense of comfort, like having the coal bunker full of fuel in the middle of winter, or the larder full of fresh food. Perhaps it might be an idea for householders to have the

Father Joe's Column



SPRING is definitely in the air and when the sun shines, you could almost believe that summer was on the way, but not quite yet! The old saying, 'Shed not a clout 'till May is out', still rings true. But we can always hope. Anyway, I won't complain, we got two lovely Saturdays for the First Communions, on the 8th. and 15th. of May. The ceremonies on both days were very beautiful. There were between 60 - 70 children each Saturday receiving their First Holy Communion. Congratulations firstly to the girls and boys, to their parents. This is such an important day for you and one we hope you will remember always. Congratulations to the Junior School Principal Aine Boyle and the class teachers, Geraldine O'Donnell, Geraldine O'Dowd, Sile O'Connell and Madeline Horgan on all their work in preparing for this great occasion and the great love they show for the girls and boys. Special thanks also to the Junior School Choir, directed by Carmel Crowley. Everyone was impressed by their beautiful singing. Mention must also be made of Pat Browne who played the organ, the servers and of course our sacristan Eileen Sweeney who worked so hard to make sure everything was ready on the

day. Each of the First Communion Classes had prepared lovely Art Work for the Church and this was added to by the work of the Liturgical Art and Design Group whose flowers and Art Work created a beautiful environment for the celebration. A big thanks to all concerned. After the Mass, it was lovely to go over to the Pastoral Centre where we all could continue the celebration over a cup of tea.

The first meeting of the incoming Parish Council took place on Tuesday, the 13th. of April. The Council meets once a month from September to June. The members of the Council are as follows, Frs. Paddy Staunton, Joe Mothersill, Tony McKinney and Donal Byrne, Sr. Bonaventure and Sr. Josephine, Pat Browne, Peter Boylan, Felicity Dempsey, Jimmy Dunne, Eithne Earley, Margaret Fallon, Fred Haslam, Joe Hoey, Mairin Mhic Sheoin, Frank O'Driscoll, Colm O'Flanagan, Lorcan O'Hoban, Eileen O'Reilly, Helena Ryan and Bernie Somers. At our first meeting Pat Browne was elected Chairperson, Jimmy Dunne Vice-Chairperson and Eileen O'Reilly Secretary. I want to express, on behalf of the Parish, a big thank you to all concerned for agreeing to go forward for this important role.

We are still awaiting word on when work will start on the Church roof, which is due to be replaced. We hope it will commence soon. Thankfully we have not had too many leaks of late but it will be great not to have to worry about the rain.

Finally to wish you all a great summer. If you are travelling, we hope you have a pleasant and safe journey.

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 11-12 Step Aerobics (Beg/Inter)
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WEDNESDAY -
 10-11 Body Conditioning
 11-12 Step Aerobics (Beg/Inter)
THURSDAY -
 9.30-1.00 Gym Only
FRIDAY -
 10-11 Body Conditioning
 11-12 Step Aerobics (Beg/Inter)
SUNDAY -
 11-12 Aerobics

CLASSES - Evenings
MONDAY - 6-7 Step Aerobics (Beg/Inter)
 7-8 Aerobics
 8-9 Body Toning
TUESDAY - 6.30-7.30 Step (Advanced)
WEDNESDAY -
 6-7 Step (Beg/Inter)
 7-8 Aerobics
THURSDAY -
 6.30-7.30 Step (Advanced)
 7.30-8.30 Step (Beg)
FRIDAY -
 6-7 Body Toning
 7-8 Circuit Training

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 5.00-9.00 p.m.
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 9.30 am-1.00 pm
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THURSDAY-9.30 am-1.00 pm
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Financial Matters

In answer to a query from one of our members the following answer was supplied by Whitehall/Beaumont Citizens Information Centre, Beaumont Pastoral Centre.

Capital Acquisitions Tax/Gift and Inheritance Tax

CAT

Capital Acquisitions Tax (CAT) is really two taxes – Inheritance Tax which may apply when a person dies and leaves assets to another and Gift Tax which may apply when a person during his/her lifetime give a gift to another. Both taxes are payable by the person who receives the gift or inheritance. The relationship between the giver and receiver is important.

CAT is subject to self-assessment. This means that you must declare your gifts and inheritances and assess the amount of tax due. You should get professional advice if there are complex property or other transactions involved. The Revenue Commissioners will consider allowing the postponement of the tax due if there is hardship involved.

You may receive certain gifts and inheritances up to a certain value without incurring any CAT liability. The amount involved depends on the relationship between the donor and the recipient and on other gifts/inheritances received.

Gifts and Inheritances Between Spouses

Gifts taken between spouses after 31 January 1990 are exempt from Gift Tax. Inheritances between spouses since 30 January 1985 are totally free of CAT. If a couple divorce, any transfer of assets on foot of a court order is also free from CAT. Property or other dealings between former spouses which do not arise from the divorce will be treated as such dealings are between strangers and will not be exempt from CAT.

Thresholds (from 1st January 1999)

There are certain thresholds above which CAT applies. The appropriate threshold depends on the relationship between the donor and the beneficiary:

CLASS A threshold of £192,900 applies to gifts/inheritances made by a person to his/her child or to grandchildren under the age of 18 whose parent is dead. It also applies to certain nieces and nephews – the rules here are complex but, in general, it applies to nieces and nephews who have worked in the donor's business for five years before the gift or inheritance. It also applies to certain inheritance taken by a parent from a child.

Before the date of death of the donor.

- he/she must not be beneficially entitled to possession of any other house.
 - This relief does not apply if the property is subject to agricultural relief.
 - It does not apply in the case of a gift.
- The 1998 Finance Act extended this relief to other close relatives, e.g. niece or nephew inheriting, who have been living in the house with the owner for at least 10 years, with an effective date of 1st January 1998.

Paying CAT

The payments may be spread over 5 years at an annual rate of interest of 9%.

Rates of Tax

Inheritance tax

First £10,000 over the threshold 20%

Next £30,000 over the threshold 30%

Balance 40%

Gift Tax

The first £1,000 of a gift received in any year to 31 December is exempt. After the appropriate threshold amount, the gift tax payable is 75% of the inheritance tax. If the donor dies within 2 years of making the gift then the inheritance tax rate applies.

Exceptions

There are a number of items which are not assessable for CAT. The most important are:

- The first £1,000 of gifts from one donor (this does not apply to inheritances)
- Superannuation benefits
- Lottery winnings (this means that while you do not pay tax when you receive the money; if you then make a gift of some to another person the gift may be taxable as may the money when passed as inheritance).
- Gifts and inheritances for public or charitable purposes
- Payments made during the donor's life to family members for normal maintenance, support or education.
- Certain works of art, scientific collections, houses and gardens of historic or artistic interest
- The proceeds of certain insurance policies which are designed to produce the money to pay CAT.

- A gift or inheritance which is taken exclusively for the purpose of paying the medical expenses (including the associated cost of maintenance) of a permanently disable person. This is a new exemption introduced from 28 March 1996.

- **CLASS B** threshold of £25,720 applies to gifts/inheritances from certain relatives including children, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, grandchildren and grandparents.

Class C thresholds of £12,860 applies where there is not a relationship as described above.

The basic rule is that if you receive gifts or inheritances or both above the appropriate threshold level then you must pay CAT. In general, gifts and inheritances are aggregated to see whether or not you have gone above the threshold. So, if you received £20,000 from an uncle and later got another £10,000 from your brother (they are in the same threshold category), you have gone over the appropriate threshold. If you get a gift/inheritance from both your father and your brother (they are in different threshold categories), you do not get two thresholds and you do not get to use any unused threshold amount. For example, if you got £100,000 from your father in 1989 it would all have been CAT free then. If you get £50,000 from your brother in 1996, you will have to pay CAT on all of it.

Valuing the gift or inheritance

In general, the gift or inheritance is assessed at market value on the day the gift is made or the inheritance is given to the receiver or is capable of being given. The value may be reduced by the amount of Probate Tax paid in respect of it – you do not have to pay CAT on money already paid in Probate Tax.

There are special rules for agricultural property and family businesses. The value of agricultural land and buildings for CAT purposes is the market value reduced by 75% in the case of inheritances. In the case of gifts, the reduction is 80% on the first £300,000 and 50% on the rest. There is also a reduction of 25% in the value of livestock, machinery and other agricultural assets for both gifts and inheritances.

This relief applies when the beneficiary is a farmer.

Relief for family businesses applies in much the same way. In order to get the full 75% relief, the property must be retained in the business for at least 10 years – this applies both to agricultural land and to family businesses. If it is not, then the relief will be clawed back.

Close relatives sharing the family home

- Where elderly brothers and sisters aged 55 or over share the family home the value of the house is reduced by 80% or £150,000 whichever is the lesser for the purposes of CAT.



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New Chairpersons Column



HELLO again. We have decided to enter Beaumont in the 'Dublin Tidy District' Competition again this year.

To give ourselves a chance we decided to sub-divide the Beaumont area into four sub-sections. The areas are "Beau" consisting of Beaumont Road, Beaumont Grove and Beaumont Crescent, 233 houses approx.; also "Cool" consisting of Coolgreena Road, Coolgreena Close, Coolatree Park, Coolatree Close, Coolatree Road, Coolrua Drive, Cooleen Avenue and Coolgariff Road 402 approx.; also "Shan" consisting of Shanboley Road, Shanglas Road, Shantalla Avenue, Shantalla Road, Shantalla Park and Shantalla Drive, 322 approx.; also "Drom" consisting of Dromawling Road, Drombawn Avenue, Dromlee Crescent, Dromnanane Park, Dromnanane Road and Dromeen Avenue, 127 houses approx.

To succeed in this competition we need the co-operation of all local residents and businesses to combat the litter problem. We need to: 1. To ensure that litter is not swept from shops, houses or vehicles on to the street. **It is illegal and subject to a fine of up to £1500.00.**

2. To ensure that your household refuse is in a proper bin with a lid, or else a strong plastic bag tied at the top. Flimsy supermarket bags are not suitable on their own. 3. Not to overfill dustbins.

4. Avoid putting refuse out for collection overnight.

5. Not to keep dustbins or refuse sacks in front gardens, or anywhere in public view. 6. To use the litter bins provided or if a litter bin is riot at hand, take litter home to the domestic bin. Children should be encouraged to do likewise. Particular care should be taken at shopping areas, schools, bus stops, sports and entertainment places.

Here are some suggestions to help improve our area:

(A) When mowing your front garden, don't forget the grass margins out on the footpath use the clippings to make compost. (B) Cut off weeds as soon as they appear at tree wall bases and road channels.

(C) Touch up neglected house fronts with paint. (D) Help out neighbours who may not be able to themselves.

The Competition is judged under the following headings:-

- Community effort; - Absence of litter, graffiti, illegal dumping and abandoned cars.; - Special clean-up of "Black-Spots"- or initiative shown in new features e.g. flowers, shrubs etc. - Neatness and appearance of dwellings, gardens. - Treatment of communal areas such as open spaces and grass margins.

- Where there are trees in an area and especially roadside trees, there will be marks awarded for obvious community interest in their preservation e.g. grass clipped at base of tree or flowers planted there. Marks will also be awarded for the removal of weeds and grass from roadside channels and wall bases. Dog dirt is a major problem not only in Beaumont but in Dublin overall. Some owners actually bring their pets for a walk in order that they do their business in public parks and public places! This is against the law and dog owners could be fined up to £1,500 plus legal costs for each conviction. Bring your dog's dirt home with you. From the story on page one of this issue it must be blatantly obvious to any burglars or potential thieves as to which houses in our area are let out in flats or are unoccupied, one only had to look at the state of the gardens or the grass margins outside of their houses to know they are empty most of the time. Landlords should if they cannot do it themselves employ someone to look after these gardens, it wouldn't cost that much and it might save their tenants a lot of grief. Overall environmental improvement. One year over another.

Consideration will be given to the effect that exposure to traffic volumes has on our area.

Judging will take place throughout June, July and August. The adjudicators decision will be final.

LET'S ALL MAKE SATURDAY, 19TH JUNE A SPECIAL CLEAN-UP DAY FOR BEAUMONT, WEATHER PERMITTING.

Finally if anybody required Neighbourhood Watch stickers they should contact Gerry Hiney at 837 1553. Those needing the special pens or engravers should contact Noreen Maher at 837 4590. God Bless and enjoy the Summer.



Pictured above from left to right: Fr. Joe (not his communion) and Emmet Egan. Below: Shane Maguire and finally Rachael Dooley, hope they had a lovely day.

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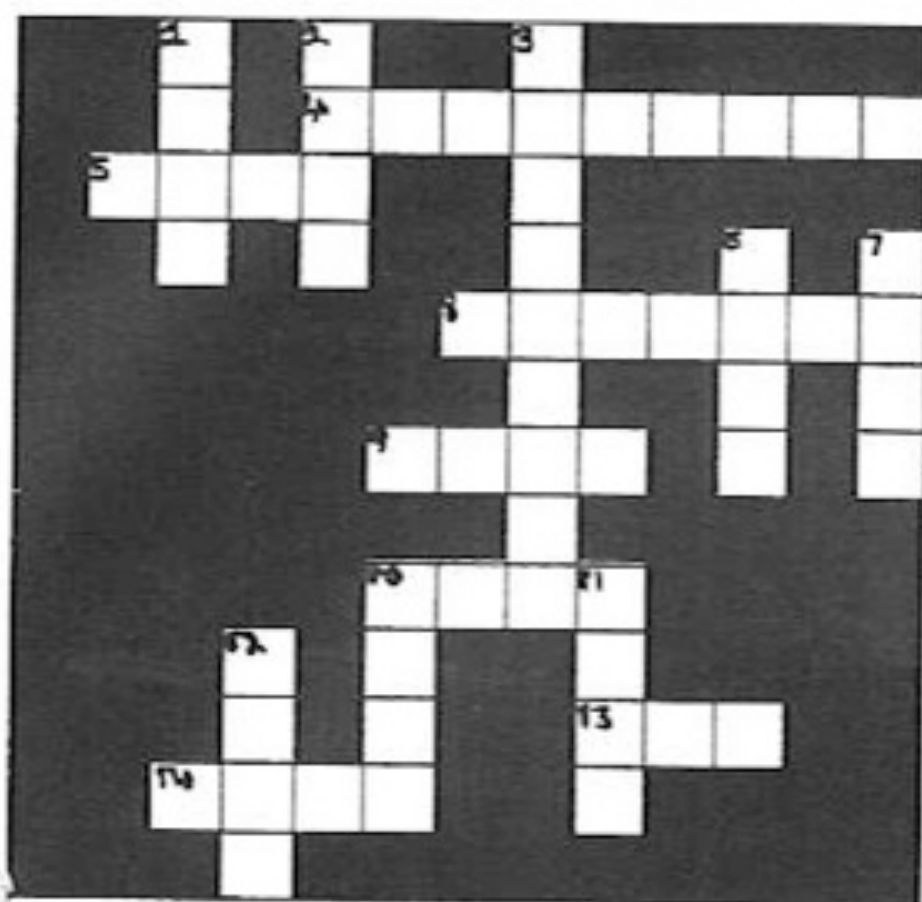
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CLUES

Across - 4 Sign of something to come (4), 5 Without delay (9), 8 A military expedition (7), 9 Clean (4), 10 Playthings (4), 13 A snake (3), 14 Cloak (4).

Down - 1 Something you play (4), 2 Half a quart (4), 3 School subject (9), 6 Anger (4), 7 Something to eat (4), 10 A melody (4), 11 Hit (4), 12 What your read (4).

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUES CROSSWORD

Across - 2 Section, 4 Avid, 5 Clipper, 7 Jester, 8 Pieces, 10 Waalth, 12 Deploy, 13 Lam, 14 Tarot.

Down - 1 Jive, 3 Impedes, 5 XCrucial, 5 Rehash, 9 Envyies, 10 Wallet, 11 Hail.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER

- B. Lynch, No. 5441, Shantalla Drive.

FREE PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

Margaret Flood, Coolrua Drive and M. Ryan, No. 4408

LIFESTYLE SPORTS QUIZ

The winner was Anthony Neville, Dromawling Rd.

Answers to Quiz: The Blades, Reds or Pool, Spurs.

Thanks to the assistance of Fiona Boyle (Marketing), Lifestyle Sports a voucher for £40 will be sent to our winner. A special thank you to Lifestyle Sports for the sponsorship of the quiz in the past.

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1. Males together; 2. Always one hundred;
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Answers please to one of our postboxes, Super-Valu, Lorcan Avenue or Shell Petrol Station, Beaumont Road. before June 25, 1999.

Congratulations to our last winner:

Maura Dolan, Membership No. 4526.

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Tip:- The siren goes whether it is going or coming?

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