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Beaumont Residents Association Annual General Meeting.

Monday 21st February 2000,

Beaumont Pastoral Centre at 8 pm.

Barry Doyle opened the meeting at 8.10 and welcomed everybody.

Gerry Hiney read out the minutes of last years AGM

Barry Doyle read the Secretary's report for the year just ended.

Joyce Moore read out the Treasurers Report. There were no questions about any of these reports and they were passed as being correct.

The Ratification of trustees took place and all the trustees agreed to undertake the job for another year. This was proposed by Peter Boylan and seconded by Eugene Reilly

Barry asked for new committee members, particularly from roads that have no reps on them like Coolatree Road, Shantalla Road etc.

Gerry Hiney announced that he was stepping down for personal reasons.

Barry briefly went through the Constitutional Changes that were agreed at last years AGM. Barry then welcomed Counsellor Sean Haughey to the meeting. Noreen Maher raised concerns about Millennium House on the Beaumont Road. This is a house that has been renovated and is being used as a counselling service for homeless teenagers. The committee had written to the organization providing the service requesting information on what services would be available at Millennium House. The reply received stated that it would only be used for Counselling services. Noreen Maher said that people were concerned about the fact that the house had 7 bedrooms, which could be used to accommodate homeless teenagers' overnight. Des Maguire asked who were the people behind Millennium House and who finances the project. Patricia Doyle asked why we should have a problem with this facility. Barry said that we had asked the people running the house to explain what their plans are and we have to accept what they tell us. (See Page 12) Noreen Maher said residents felt that the association should be objecting to this house. Barry Doyle said fair play had to be seen to be done. He also said that the association would monitor the situation and if things changed he would write to the people involved again.

Mick Hession spoke about the problems since the 16A bus route started operating to and from the Airport. He said the buses being used on this route are not suitable for the purpose they are being used for, as they have not got sufficient luggage space. This means people getting on at the Airport are using the seats for their luggage and people who get on later have to stand. Barry said he would contact Bus Eireann with a view to getting more suitable buses on the route.

Barry read out a letter from the Parks Dept in Dublin Corporation saying that Councillor Paddy Bourke was mistaken in thinking that £35,000 had been allocated for the Park in Coolgreena Close. Sean Haughey said that his understanding was that the amount had been verbally agreed. Mr Haughey will follow it up and come back to Barry if he has any information.

Concern was expressed about the condition of the roads in the area. The roads Department have requested that Shantalla Road be resurfaced. There is also a problem with the condition of the road from Collins Avenue all the way up the Beaumont Road.

The traders at the shops on the Shantalla Road had expressed concern about a suggestion that the Corporation were going to take away some of the parking spaces at the shops between the two roundabouts. Sean Haughey said his understanding is that the matter is being resolved between the Corporation and the traders.

Barry Doyle asked Sean Haughey if he knew anything about work that was due to be done on the sewers along the Beaumont Road. Sean said he would see if there were any plans to upgrade them and would contact Barry.

Peter Boylan wanted to know what was the current status regarding

ramps on Dromawling Road. He said cars were still speeding along Dromawling Road. The Corporation has said Dromawling Road is due to get ramps and Barry will check to see if they have a start date. Peter Boylan also wanted to know if the Corporation has stopped sweeping the roads. Barry will check with the cleansing department. Joyce Moore said her understanding was that the trees in the area were all being looked at by the trees and parks department at the moment.

People also expressed concern about the state of the grass verges. They are in a bad way both because of road works and cars parking on the verges. Barry said he has written to sub-contractors regarding the way they have left the verges but sub-contractors do not respond to letters from the Association.

Filter lights at the Hospital and the junction of Beaumont Road are only switched on in the mornings. Can they be left on all day? A resident of Coolatree Road expressed concerns about people parking all day on Coolatree Road. It was felt that this was people from the Hospital who are reluctant to pay the all day parking at the hospital. Although the residents feel it is causing problems for them, the answer from the Gardai is that they are not breaking the law so nothing can be done. Sean Haughey wondered if the residents would consider disc parking. It was felt this would not be an option. Barry will write to the hospital although it was felt that nothing can be done as the car-park is privately owned. Joyce Moore suggested that residents should park their cars on the road to stop all day parking. It was stated that nobody has an objection to people parking for an hour or so as currently happens when people are visiting the dentist but that all day is unacceptable. Des Maguire suggested putting stickers on the cars telling drivers they could not park there. Sean Haughey said that on Ballyshannon Road and other roads at the back gate of the hospital the corporation installed double yellow lines because residents there were having the same problems. Concern about the condition of some sub-let houses in the area was raised. Sean Haughey said landlords are obliged to register with the Corporation and adhere to certain standards.

Des Maguire proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for all their hard work and to Barry Doyle for all the work that goes into the Beaumont News. Barry Doyle spoke about the fact that some residents appeared to be unhappy with the fact that people in Lorcan are eligible for one of the competitions in the Beaumont News. He explained that if it was not for the sponsorship of Supervalu and Murphy's Jewellers the newsletter would not be as big as it is or have the circulation that it has. With this in mind it was only right that the people in Lorcan be eligible for the competition sponsored by Murphy Jewellers. Eugene Reilly said that while he has no political party affiliations that it was encouraging to see Sean Haughey attending the meeting and he should be complimented for doing so. Eugene also seconded Des Maguire's vote of thanks to Barry.

It was agreed that the subs would be kept to £5 per household. Although if the numbers attending the Senior Citizens party keep growing at the present rate this may have to be looked at again. Barry thanked everybody for coming and said he was pleased at the numbers who attended.

Barry closed the meeting at 21.10.

THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

The Association is in a healthy financial state, with a surplus for the year. The Newsletter made a profit but is finding difficulties in attracting advertisements. The Newsletter has never had to receive any funding from the Association funds yet. We have a loyal group who advertise regularly and they are to be congratulated and supported. The Senior Citizens Party cost increased from £1,025.45 to £1,879.58, but is worth every penny of it. If in the future the numbers swell and the cost increases further, this is when we will have to increase the subscription to the Association, until then it stays at a mere £5. As we approach the Summer period let's all keep the area clean and tidy.



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WHAT A CONTRAST

• *By Tom Darby*

HAS it ever struck you while watching the news on television the different demeanour shown by people who have serious charges to answer. In the first instance we will take the case of a remand prisoner arriving at the courthouse. He usually gets out of a Garda van cuffed to a Garda and more than likely have a coat over his head. As yet this person has not been found guilty of anything and you would have to wonder why he chose to have his face hidden from the public or the cameras. Is it shame or does he not want to be recognised. Is he ashamed his family and friends would see him. Contrast this if you will to what happens in the courtyard of Dublin Castle. In drives the Merc. Or B.M.W. and out steps this well dressed gent with briefcase and is joined by one of the top legal minds available. This gent has already admitted that he was involved in a tax scam but of course a Tribunal is not for charging people. He surveys the castle courtyard so as to make sure the cameras are in place and alongside his legal eagle he struts the catwalk to the Tribunal door. He makes sure the cameras catch him at all angles with a smile thrown in until he disappears inside. Was there any hint of shame? Was there any remorse? Apology? Not likely. Back in the courthouse the handcuffed defendant is again remanded in custody, brought back to the Garda van with head covered and taken to his place of detention. There he will resume the activities of the rest of the prisoners and through still not convicted will be confined and "slop out".

Over in the Castle and having finished his evidence for the day the gent referred to leaves with all cameras focusing and the only worry on his mind is whether he will have a Chablis or a Chardonnay with his meal. The procedure I have referred to happens every week and for those who claim there are two laws in this country, they now have all the evidence to back such claims.

In the first case if the prisoner is convicted he will be sentenced and that's how it should be, but in the second case though guilty, no sentence can be given because a Tribunal hasn't the power to do so. Neither can evidence given at the Tribunal be used in a subsequent court case. We have heard a great deal of waffle with regard to "due process" and the application of justice, but in the end it boils down to what you can pay for.

Violation by subject or allegiance to sovereign or state, breach of faith, disloyalty. These are serious misdemeanours and I am sure that having offshore accounts for the purpose of fraud would at least be classed as disloyalty considering these transactions took place when this country was on its knees. It is highly unlikely however that anyone will be asked to "slop out" for their offences. By the way the first sentence in this paragraph is the little Oxford Dictionary's meaning of the word "Treason".

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VICTIM SUPPORT

We wish to thank most sincerely Beaumont Residents Assoc., our local Gardai, and the Kilmardinny Inn who all supported us in our recent Table Quiz at the Kilmardinny Inn. The night was a huge success. - Secretary, Dublin North East Branch covering Santry, Whitehall, Ballymun and Beaumont.

VICTIM SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Victim Support's activities are made possible by committed trained volunteers, who are dedicated to support those members of their communities who become victims of crime. By providing emotional and practical support, volunteers help individuals in overcoming trauma resulting from crime. Volunteers who come from a cross section of the community demonstrate a high level of social concern and empathy. Some are people who have been victims themselves in the past and have first hand experience of the difficulties which face victims.

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!!!

In Baltimore, in the mid 1800's there was a man who sold corpses to the hospital for research. He stored the cadavers in cheap whiskey to ferment them before turning them over to the researchers. He then sold the whiskey to the medical students, thus the term "rot gut."

It was the accepted practice in Babylonia 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer, and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the "honey month" or what we know today as the "honeymoon."

ANGELA'S ASHES

- A Cameo

Has everyone seen "Angela's Ashes"? God knows it was well publicised between the TV and the newspapers. Still, I never tire of seeing the young McCourt. What an adorable face that child has, so perfect for the part he played. Did anyone notice the resemblance to Blackie of 'Glenroe'? The other youngsters were brilliant too! The children captured my heart. Why else would I see the film twice!!

Didn't Alan Parker get carried away with the floods of water he poured on to the set. There wasn't one dry day. He surely lost it!!

The funeral of a seventeen year old girl was filmed in Glasnevin Cemetery. Being one of fifty extras, we took our positions behind the horse drawn hearse. A few were given the honour of travelling in the chief mourner's carriage. The rest of us were asked to walk a certain distance which had to be rehearsed over and over. We had a shot at the graveside too, which was repeated many times.

The scene was already set for the tears which the director asked from us, reminding all yet again that this was a seventeen-year old girl and that he wanted tears! A dreary, miserable, grey, threatening rain day and in the cemetery too, the request could not be easier!! The actual walking and tear shedding took a whole afternoon. The check-in time was 7 am.

Action and cut were the orders of the day until the director was satisfied; in which case hearing the shout of words like "It's a wrap" was balm to the soul. Our expressions were closely watched on the scanners which were positioned around the scene. I was taken forward from near the back where the young eighteen year old McCourt was watching the funeral from behind a tree, dressed as a telegram boy with his bicycle.

Why was I put so near this camera, spotted out of the corner of my eye on the ground, and remembering the director's words, "Don't look at the camera!" What if I trip over it or walk into it. Let's hope the operator has the interest of the extras at heart.

What I discovered from seeing the film was that they gave me a close-up. Now you must watch the screen after the hearse. If your eyes go to the grave-side you miss me!! So don't blink!

Why did they give me a close-up, I hear you ask, because I was the best crier in the cemetery!!

Margaret (Peg) Cunningham

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ROSS ART - Annual Exhibition of Paintings on the 6th May to 7th May 2000, Pobalscoil Rosmini, Gracepark Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. Entries for exhibition closes on April 7th, 2000. For more information 842 0381 or 837 0821. Admission to exhibition is free.

GET WELL SOON - Wishing Mick Crowley a speedy recovery after his recent operation. All the best.

BEAUMONT NEWS - If anybody needs to look at back issues of the Newsletter they can see the complete files to date (3 years) in either The National Library, Kildare Street or Dublin Corporation Library, ILAC Centre, Dublin 1.

HOAX CALL - To the person responsible for sending the Fire engine to my home at 8.3- p.m. on Wed., March 8. Think carefully before you do this again. What if you were the person who needed this service and they were not available because someone like you sent them on a Hoax Call. Do give this serious attention!! A visit to the local fire station would be beneficial. Getting information on the great work these men do, knowing they are there to serve us in a genuine way if we ever need them. This fact gives me a good feeling and much respect for the often dangerous work these men do. Let this be your reason for never again making a call which is unnecessary. - Kay Cunningham.

THE COOL ACTIVE GROUP - Looking out on the dull dark rainy days in Jan./Feb. morale at a low point. Thoughts occur to me!! Where do all those young energetic senior citizens go for recreation after the Christmas Party? Would a few be interested in getting together (times to be arranged) for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Exchanging view points, some ballroom dancing, an outing, discussing articles for the newsletter, other things of interest. There will be many who will have much to contribute. Please get in touch with Beaumont News for address and phone number. How about calling ourselves "The Cool Active Group", that would take in all the road which start with cool and the active is self explanatory. -P.C.

FAREWELL TO BEAUMONT - After thirty Happy years in Beaumont the O'Loughlin family will depart from Coolgreena Road at the end of April. Following Joe's sudden passing away Mary has decided to move to Swords to be beside her family. She's like to thank all her friends and neighbours for their friendship over the years and during their time of sadness. A special word of thanks goes to their friends Jack and Ann, Paul and Sadie, Pudge and Nancy who were always there for them. Robert Frost wrote about "The road not taken" but all Mary can say is they'll always be glad they took the road to Beaumont. It is with a heavy heart that now she leaves Coolgreena Road and wishes it

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DUBLIN 9 NOTICEBOARD

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could be under happier circumstances, but this is what she wants to do and she knows Joe would want her to do the same. "You will always be in her heart and prayers." The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for you all. - Mary O'Loughlin and family.

LORCAN DRAMA & VARIETY group are starting rehearsals for summer show and drama and light entertainment. Make contact: at the Rehearsals Thurs., 8.30 p.m. All singers, dancers, acting chancers, strollers and thespians . . . Yes all are welcome.

MERCY COLLEGE, BEAUMONT are running a Race Night this year as their Annual Fund Raising Event, this will take place in The Beaumont House on Thursday, May 4th at 8 p.m. Please support this. Everybody is welcome. Race nights are truly very entertaining events. Try it.

COOLGREENA CLOSE PARK - Would the people who constantly litter in this park please stop doing so. Each day this park is awash with lunch paper and cans. If they continue to litter, the Litter Warden will be approached to catch them and fine them. Thank you.

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Father Joe's Column



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The Jubilee Group have organised a programme called 'Come and See' to take place after Easter. 'Come and See' introduces a simple way of sharing the scriptures in small groups. It has run very successfully in a number of parishes. So you may like to come and see. The programme will take place on five Wednesday evenings beginning on May the 3rd.

Our First Communions take place on Saturday the 13th. and Saturday, the 20th. of May. We wish the children and their families every blessing on their special day. Please remember the boys and girls in your prayers as they prepare for this big step in their lives.

Our Parish of Beaumont is twinned with the Triashill Mission in Zimbabwe. As part of our Jubilee Celebrations, the Parish Council are suggesting that we undertake a special project to help the Mission. This is very much in keeping with the original meaning of the Jubilee Year as a celebration of justice and of lifting burdens from people. As you probably know, the whole of Africa has been seriously affected by Aids. Zimbabwe has been particularly affected. This has had a devastating effect on the social structures. The elderly, who would normally be looked after by the extended family are instead having to look after their grandchildren who have been orphaned by this disease. Very many women have been widowed and have to carry the whole burden of caring for their children. Our project would involve helping these people to become self sufficient by giving them the small amount of capital they need to set up small cottage industries like soap-making or raising poultry. They would then be able to support their children and grandchildren. During the month of May, we hope to have a number of speakers at the Sunday Masses to explain how the project might work and how we can help. We hope that this will be the first step in an ongoing relationship with our sisters and brothers in Zimbabwe, something that will be mutually enriching for both our Parishes.

The first gift of the Risen Christ was peace. His first words to his disciples were 'Peace be with you'. I hope you and yours are filled with this peace. Please come and join our Holy Week and Easter Celebration, you would be most welcome. Wishing you every Blessing, Fr. Joe

**LET'S KEEP THE AREA
TIDY**

AGM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH –

This meeting took place on Monday, March 20th at 8 a.m. in Santry Garda Station. This meeting was very well attended by the 18 active Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. A very enlightened and supportive discussion took place. The Gardai are working very hard behind the scenes to improve safety especially between Omni Shopping Centre and the shops on Swords Road, Santry, past the Swiss Cottage. This is a very unattractive place to walk alone, as hand-bag snatching, assault and robbery are the general order of the day. So beware.

Lorcan Estate and Beaumont Woods have had a spate of house break-ins. Morning time seems to be most regular time for the burglars! Santry/Beaumont had a total of 171 crimes since January 2000. New Neighbourhood Watch Books to be launched very soon – we hope to have one for every household.

GRANTS FOR THE ELDERLY – Are you 65 years old, living alone or with your spouse – then you qualify now for a grant. It costs only a small sum of money and £50 a year (£1 a week) to be monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

BEWARE of thieves and watch your cases/handbag/wallet at Dublin Airport as we have had a huge increase in this type of crime lately. Hopefully you will have received a copy of the

newsletter from Santry Garda Station covering 'H' District with this Newsletter. Read and enjoy. – *Beaumont Residence Co-ordinator.*

BEAUMONT WOODS NEWS – There has been a recent spate of break-ins and anti-social behaviour within this new area incorporating Beaumont Hall Apartments, The Park, The Green and The Close. The open spaces, particularly the car park at the proposed crèche and surgery beside St. Paul's is now daily and nightly attracting loitering gangs who have already caused wanton damage and vandalism, not to mention disturbance and considerable annoyance. This serious matter must not be allowed to continue. Terry Saunders of Beaumont Woods is liaising with local Gardai and residents' groups to help resolve this difficulty before it grows further.

He is interested in setting up urgently a local Neighbourhood Watch / Residents Association – and welcomes the widest possible support.

Would all those interested in helping to develop Beaumont Woods, to maintain its charm and character and also provide a safe, litter-free environment for ALL residents, whether renting or home owners please contact Terry @ 086-8668346 or 837 4586.

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ADVICE TO PARENTS ON DRUGS

Drugs are becoming more available and cheaper to buy. As a guardian, what effect or influence can you have with your child. It is always a shock to hear of a young person close to you who may be using drugs. The question "Why?" almost always springs to mind. There are many reasons such as curiosity, boredom, for a buzz, laugh, peer pressure, a party; availability; sadness, etc. All of these reasons are valid. The question for you is "What can I do?"

WHAT CAN I DO

Drugs in the home: Most young people get the first drug from the home. Whether it is alcohol, sleeping tablets, tranquillisers, prescribed painkillers, solvents, cigarettes, inhalers or cough bottles. It can be surprising the variety and amount of drugs we have lying around the home.

Store all cough bottles, tablets and alcohol carefully, if possible in a locked cupboard.

Get rid of all unused tablets / medicines. Return them to the chemist

Discuss with your child why people get medicine from the doctor e.g. Asthma inhalers. Drugs have many valid and useful purposes, it is when they are abused that most problems occur.

Be aware of how much money your child has and as much as possible be aware what they are spending it on.

Become more aware of our own drug use and the messages you may unintentionally give out. There are many drugs people use to help them relax, have a good time or feel better e.g. tea, coffee, tranquillisers, alcohol and cigarettes.

BE AWARE OF THE MESSAGES YOU GIVE

- Lead by example, look at the messages we give about alcohol, drug use, time keeping.
- Set consistent rules.
- Spend quality time together, do things you both enjoy.
- Encourage open and honest discussions.
- Encourage and be involved in their talents, hobbies and activities.
- Listen to them and hear their worries and fears.
- Let them know when you feel proud of them, praise their achievements. Support them and help them to grow and develop as individuals.
- Encourage their involvement in sports, youth clubs and youth activity groups.

BE AWARE

- Know where your child is and who they are with.
- Check out what they tell you.
- Let them know that you love them and that they can talk to you about everything.
- Establish ground rules around times they have to be in, for homework, behaviour etc.

**REMEMBER
KEEP YOUR AREA TIDY
THIS SUMMER**

South African Adventurer



AT THE beginning of one cold Monday night last October I was sitting at home at approx. 10 p.m. changing channels trying to make the monumental decision of whether to go to the Beaumont House or the Kilmardinny. As a comedian I was also remarking how empty my diary was looking for that week. The phone rang. Without sounding pretentious it was my agent.

The conversation went like this . . . "Hi Brendan I see you are free on Wednesday night". "Yes Carolyn what's on?" "Well how does South Africa appeal to you?" "Is that a new pub in Athlone?" I enquired. "No its Capetown, South Africa, they have a new comedy club and they want you there, how are you fixed?" "Can you give me some details?" "Well its summer time there and you have a 5 star hotel for the next 3 weeks right along the coast, chauffeur, free meals and its 60p a pint" It was the 60p bit that persuaded me.

I was supposed to go 2 days later but as it turned out the flight was next day and I was informed of this at 11.35 p.m. and the flight was at 1 p.m. As I have all my clothes filed under 'F' for floor it didn't take too much time to pack. Rang a friend to mind Charlie (dog), Peggy (cat), and the five fish. Arrived at both airports late (Dublin and Heathrow) and I thought I was going to have to sit in front of a disciplinary committee but I wasn't going to bother my arse explaining.

Anyway I stumbled on to South African Airlines and whoosh 11 hours later I was in Capetown. Dear readers, I cannot emphasise enough how absolutely beautiful South Africa is. It may be expensive to get there but everything is so cheap. On day 2 my fellow comedian and myself were invited to climb 'Table Mountain'. This is like a few Croagh Patricks piled on top of one another! Now most normal people would take the cablecar but when you are from Beaumont, hey us adventurers! No we decided to take the 'on foot' route that said 'For Experienced Climbers only!'. The clothes I wore were the ones I normally have on when I am climbing my stairs at home to go to bed in good olde Coolgreena. To make a long story short we got stuck, half-way up. My knees did not work anymore and so I just sat there and looked out at the most beautiful Capetown.

I turned to Tony (who was crying) and said, "Tony I was in Beaumont 2 days ago scratching my arse and NOW I am stuck to the side of a mountain in South Africa, what is going on here?" About 4 hours later 2 'rescuers' arrived and explained that they worked 'voluntarily' so gobshites like us could be saved. Anyway we made the gig in time. Funny old World this comedy business. — *Brendan Burke*

Garda Stephen Daly's Column



Hello again readers, over the past two months I have received a number of calls from residents in the Beaumont area in relation to dogs. From dogs fouling the pavement to excessive barking at night the complaints have been numerous and varied. I would like to cover that subject in this column.

Firstly, all dogs over 4 months old must have a licence. The licence fee is £10 and can be bought at any Post Office. The licence is valid for 12 months from the date of purchase. Next - all dogs must wear a collar identification bearing the name and address of the owner inscribed on it. Failure to have a dog licence or identification for your dog is an offence. The owner is liable to a £25 "on-the-spot" fine. Failure to pay this fine can lead to a prosecution with a maximum fine of £1,000 and or up 3 months imprisonment if convicted.

In May 1998, Dublin Corporation introduced bye-laws which made provisions for the Control of Dogs in certain places. The Bye-laws set out the times during which a dog may be unleashed in a public place. However, certain dogs or restricted breeds are not allowed in a public place unless they are controlled by a person over the age of 16 years and are being led by a strong chain or leash. The list of dogs to which this provision applies include American Pit Bull Terriers, Bull Mastiff, Doberman Pinscher, English Bull Terrier, German Shepherd (Alsation) and Rottweiler to name a few. These dogs must also be securely muzzled. Breaches of the Bye-laws are liable to fines up to £1,500 on Summary Conviction. (Greyhounds must also be controlled/or led by means of a strong chain or leash plus a person may not lead more than four greyhounds at a time in any public place.)

One of the most common complaints from members of the public relates to dogs fouling public areas. A public area can be a street, road, park, playground or any other public place where people and children have to walk and play. Dog dirt is smelly, messy and unpleasant, it can also be a health hazard. The Litter Pollution Act, 1997 states that when a dog fouls a public place the person in charge of the dog shall immediately remove the dog dirt and dispose of it properly. Failure to comply with the above can lead to a £25 "on-the-spot" fine. Again, failure to pay this fine can lead to a prosecution with a maximum fine of £1,500 if convicted.

What about stray dogs? I hear you say. Well dog wardens have the power to seize stray dogs and bring them to the Pound where they will be kept for 5 days. If your dog has strayed or is missing you should contact the Dog Pound immediately to see if the dog has been picked up by the Dog Wardens. If your dog is in the Pound, you will have to pay £10 to re-claim it plus £5 for every night your dog is in the Pound. (Before claiming your dog you must have a current dog licence) If you have an unwanted dog at home you can bring it to the Dog Pound where they will accept the dog free of charge.

Excessive barking which causes a nuisance to any person is an offence. Complaints in relation to excessive barking should be made to the District Court on the appropriate form. Copies of the Bye-laws and Complaint/Prosecution forms for members of the public who wish to complain about dog fouling or excessive barking are available free of charge at the following addresses.

Dublin Corporation, Environmental Health Section, Ground Floor, Block 4, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.
Ph.: 672 3374 or 672 3374. The Dog Warden and Dog Pound Service is at - Ashton Pound, River Road, Ashtown, Castleknock, Dublin 15. Ph.: 838 3236 or 868 3038.

Till next time, *Stephen.*

Letter to the Editor

E-mail to:-
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our Post boxes



As a long term resident of Beaumont it saddens my heart to see the way some of today's Beaumont teenagers are behaving. I have watched quite a few generations of Beaumont off-spring move from the children to teenager to adult stages. All of these have gone through the hanging around corners in gangs phase and quite a few of them went down the "cans in the park or in St. Paul's route.

But in earlier years while these gangs might be a little annoying if it happened to be your garden wall they congregated on they always were well behaved and while they were loud they always were polite to people passing and nobody felt intimidated by them.

Compare that to what is happening now. Go for a stroll any evening now and you will encounter foul mouthed and offensive teenagers of both sexes in gangs at several points around the area. The main congregation areas seem to be Coolgreena Close and the top of Coolgreena Road. Having encountered these gangs too many times for comfort, I decided to change my walking route and stroll in the lovely park in Beaumont Woods. This turned out to be even worse, the gangs in here have to be seen (and heard) to be believed. While I don't know anybody living in Beaumont Woods, I have great sympathy for people who are paying huge mortgages. The last thing these people need is to witness the disgraceful carry-on that is going on in there night after night.

Do parents nowadays not know where their children are or do they just not care. I know every local parent of teenagers will say "well my Johnny or Mary are not in these gangs. They must be from outside the area." To this I would say as both a parent and a member of the community, you owe it to all of us to be honest and to make sure your children are not involved.

As somebody who reared my children in Beaumont, I know how difficult it can be bringing up teenagers, but remember we all deserve to be able to live in harmony without having to put up with anti-social behaviour from members of our own community.

CONCERNED RESIDENT
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CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

SPECIAL THANKS TO SEAN HAUGHEY, RICHARD BRUTON AND IVOR CALLEY FOR THEIR HELP WITH THESE ENQUIRIES.

RE: Complaint and questions raised regarding bus routes in the Beaumont Road area.

Dublin Bus propose to make some changes to Routes in the Beaumont area over the coming weeks:-

- Route 51A will be discontinued in the near future due to poor customer support.
- Route 20B when operating to and from Ardlea Road will operate via Beaumont Hospital, except during peak journeys in the morning to city and evenings from city. Also the Route is being extended to Earlsfort Terrace up to 19.00 hours and after that time the service will revert to Eden Quay.
- A decision has been taken to amalgamate Route 101, 103 and 300 into two new routes, which will be known as Route 103 and 104. Route 103 will continue to serve Beaumont Hospital and Beaumont Road to Omni Park. Route 104 will serve Beaumont Hospital, Beaumont Road, Omni Park and onto Cappagh Hospital.
- I am aware that some buses on Route 16A operating to and from Dublin Airport have only limited space for luggage, but this issue will be resolved over the coming weeks with additional luggage racks.
- Regarding your request for a bus shelter at Beaumont Crescent, I have arranged to get a shelter and seat erected provided it meets with the necessary planning requirements. - **Martin Kenny, - Divisional Manager.**

RE: St. Judes Millennium House 37 Beaumont Road Dublin 9

With reference to your letter, I advise that our house on Beaumont Road will be used for administrative purposes, confidential family and individual counseling mainly to prevent homelessness.

I can assure you and anyone concerned that we do not intend to use the house for any other purpose. We do not envisage that this house will be used for accommodation of homeless children. Fears house will be some kind of drug therapy centre are completely unfounded. Our work in this house will be very discreet, confidential and conducted strictly by appointment.

I trust this will clarify our intentions and should anyone have any concerns, they are invited to visit the house and discuss these concerns with our staff

Representations for a yellow box at the exit from Beaumont Crescent were considered at a meeting of the North Central Area Committee of Dublin City Council held on December 20th 1999.

You will be pleased to know that a yellow box was recommended on the west bound carriageway of Beaumont Road opposite the western entrance to Beaumont Crescent.

Re: Pedestrian Phase on Lights - Beaumont Woods Junction

I refer to your representations of 01/02/2000 regarding the above. I wish to advise you that the pedestrian phase at Beaumont Woods will be installed within the next 3 weeks.

The matter of the yellow junction box has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and I will write you further when I have more information to hand.

Re Condition of Beaumont Road - As you are aware several utilities have excavated trenches up Beaumont Road in the recent past and many of the service openings have not been reinstated satisfactorily. Roads and Streets Department have requested the utilities to expedite the completion of the outstanding reinstatement, which remain the responsibility of the utilities, until they are completed to the Corporation's standard specification.

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ment intend to resurface Shantalla Road including the junction with Beaumont Road shortly.

I trust that this clarifies the matter for you.

Re: Coolgreena Close Grant:-

I refer to our recent correspondence regarding the proposed upgrading of the open space at Coolgreena Close and enclose herewith a letter which I have received from Michael P. Redmond, Finance Officer & Treasurer, following my representations on your behalf.

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Redmond has reviewed the file in relation to the preparation of the Estimates for 1999 and confirms that approximately £5,000 was to be provided for this work in the 1999 Estimates.

My representations have been referred to Mr. Frank Murray, Principal Officer, Environment and Cultural Department and he will advise me in detail about the proposals for Coolgreena Close.

Mr. Redmond informs me that the necessary work will be completed in the near future. I know you will be happy with this information and will be in touch with you again if I have any news to report in relation to local issues.

Re: Reprs. from ramps on Coolrua Drive, Dublin 9.

With reference to the above, I wish to advise you that this matter was considered by the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 19 October 1999.

The Group recommended the following traffic calming measures:

1. Kerb buildouts at the junction of Coolrua Drive and Coolgariff Road, and at the junction of Coolrua Drive and Coolgreena Road to reduce the kerb radii to 2m.
2. Ramps opposite nos. 14, 38, and 58 Coolrua Drive.

These recommendations are subject to consultation with the public, the Gardai and the Chief Fire Officer.

The North Central Area Committee, at its meeting of 15 November 1999 considered this and accepted the report of the Traffic Advisory Group.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS

THOUSANDS of Dublin households will shortly lose their "green box" waste recycling service because the company behind the scheme is being wound up.

THE battle to save Santry Woods ended when Bord Pleanála ruled it can be developed for apartments, offices and a new public park. THERE is a statutory obligation on all landlords to register their properties. The registration fee is £40 per unit of accommodation per annum.

BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION — BEAUMONT COMMUNITY GAMES —

The 2000 Community Games are being planned at present. Our area is interested in taking part in the following activities:-

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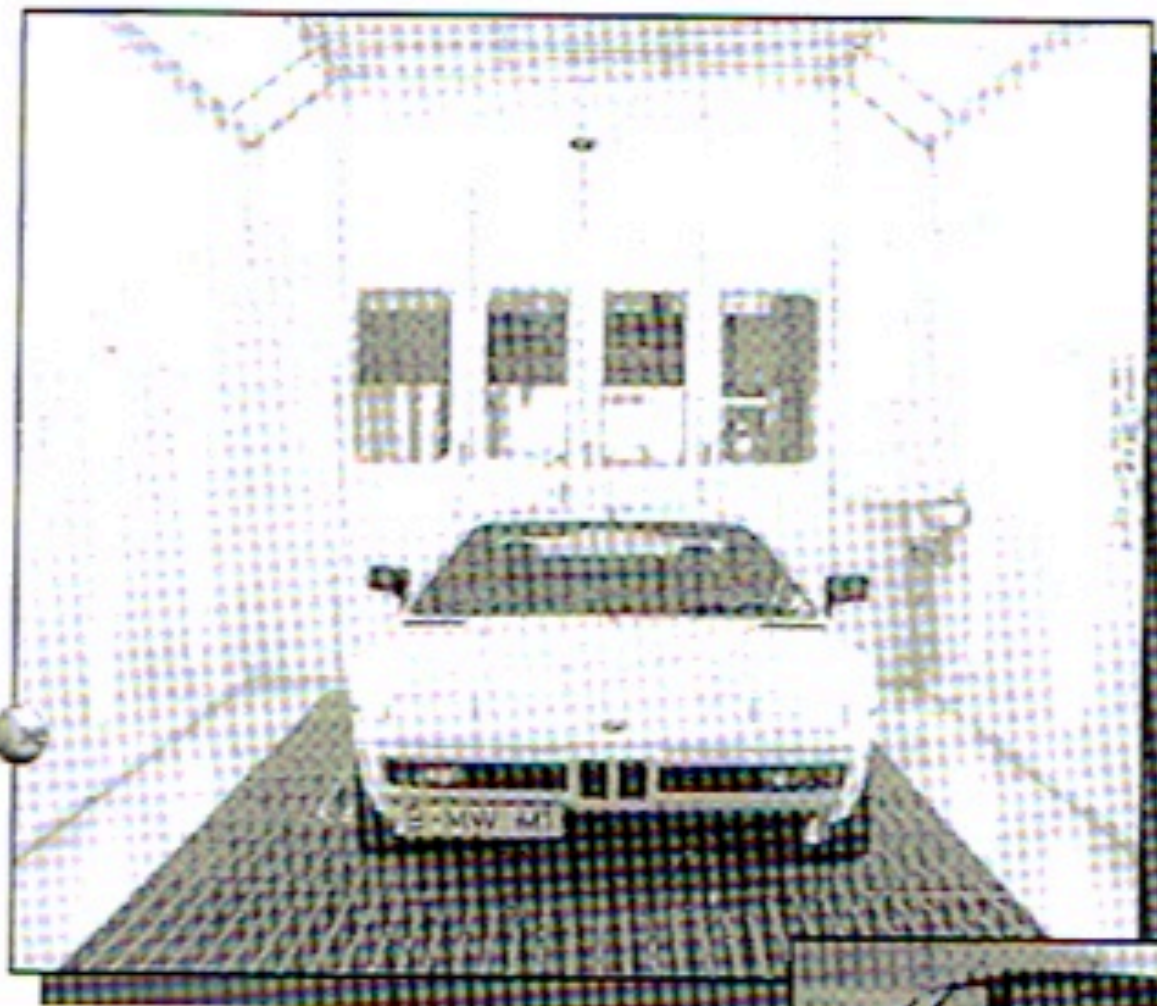
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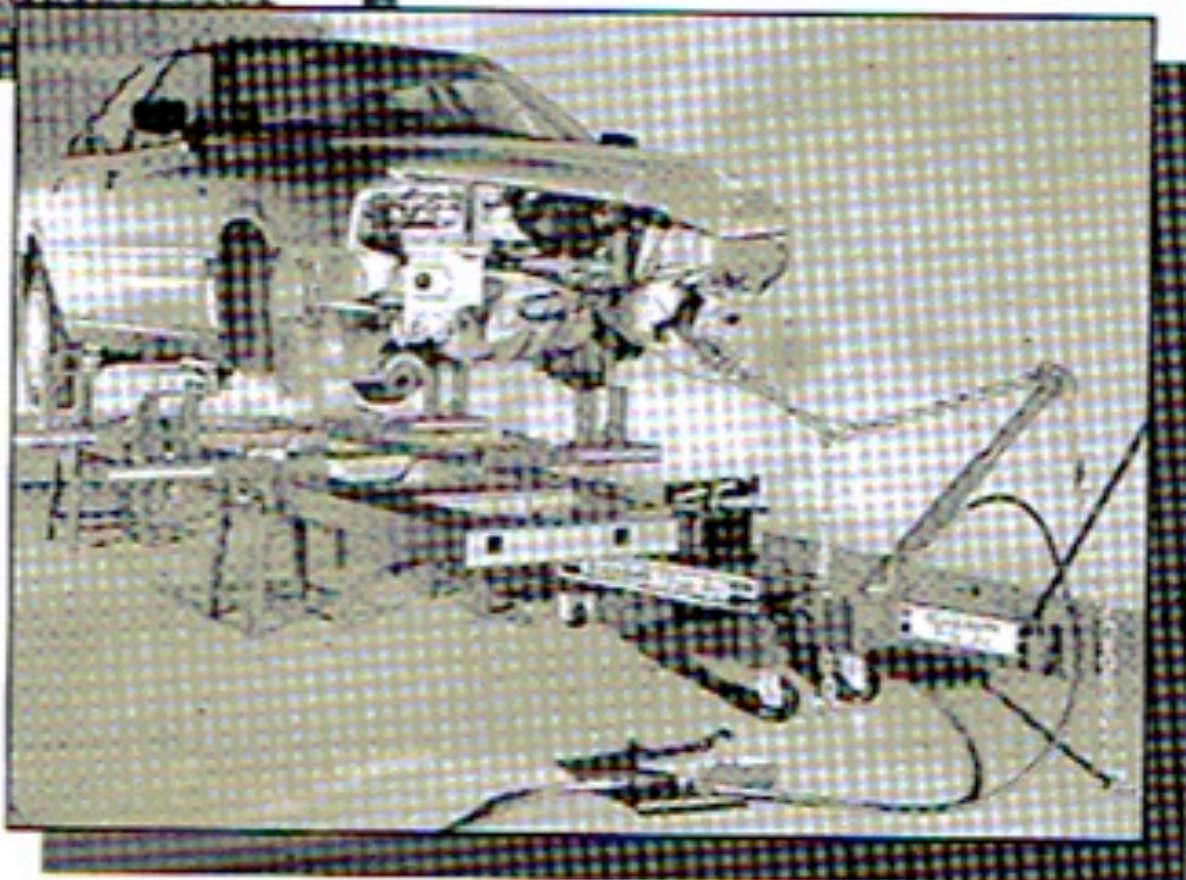


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BEAUMONT'S LONGEST LIVING RESIDENT TURNS 90?

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Rita Kelly who celebrated her 90th Birthday on the 2nd of March 2000. Rita was born in 1910, she lives on the Beaumont Road and she moved to Beaumont in 1936. When she moved to Beaumont it was then a very different place indeed. At the time Beaumont consisted of four large estates, Beaumont Convalescent Home, Artane School, Beltons and Elm Park House. Herself and her husband Thomas married in 1935 and moved into the front gate lodge to Elm Park House. At the time there were two gate lodges to the estate, one at the back and one at the front and they were owned by the Smith family, two ex-British army officers, Alf and Andrew and their sister Lil. The back gate lodge is located at the Hatch Shop and is still standing today and was occupied by the Moran family. The front lodge which was knocked down in 1951 was located directly opposite Dr. Dwans Surgery on the Beaumont Road. At the time when Rita and Tom moved into the lodge they made a deal with the Smiths to tend to the gate of the house in return they received 2 pints of milk per day and a reduced rent. Elm Park House was located where Coolatree Close is today. Also in the estate there was a large orchard in which many a happy apple thief spent hours of fun. The original orchard wall is still standing just inside the gates of Beaumont Hospital. In 1950 the Smith family sold the estate in its entirety to a builder by the name of Perkins. Rita and Tom who then had four children, 2 girls and 2 boys, Marie, Joan, Jack and Tommy were informed that the lodge was to be knocked down. They then moved into one of the first

houses built by Mr. Perkins on Beaumont Road. Rita and Tom still live there and just recently celebrated 64 years of marriage. They have 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Rita and her family and friends had a wonderful party to celebrate this special occasion and a good time was had by all. I think this is a marvellous achievement for both Rita and Tom who are known fondly by me as Nana and Grandad and I wish them well for the future. - Ken



Congratulations to Mrs. Rita Kelly on her 90th Birthday, pictured here with husband Tom.

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