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## AT THE HEART OF BEAUMONT



**SALE OF WORK IN PROGRESS** - Some of the lads working at their Sale of Work in Aid of St. Paul's Hospital and Special School. The organisers were David Noone, David Doyle, John Smith, Shane Maguire, Paul Maguire, Aaron Rossiter. The boys raised £68 in their venture for a worthy cause. A shining example to us all. Good on them.

## KEEP THE AREA TIDY

### Lets go the extra few minutes

Two of the categories in the Tidy District Competitions are Best Presented Housing Estate and Most Improved Area, Lets aim for one of these.

#### Remember:

1. You are responsible for the grass margin outside your house.
2. Keep household refuse in strong plastic bags or a bin.
3. Do not put refuse out overnight.
4. Do not keep refuse in front gardens in public view.
5. Use litter bins provided. Encourage our young ones to use litter bins.
6. Don't forget the grass margin when you mow your lawn.
7. Kill off weeds as soon as they appear at tree and wall bases and road channels.
8. Help out neighbours who may not be able to do it themselves.

# COMMUNITY GAMES 2000

COMMUNITY GAMES 2000 have started very successfully for Beaumont. Our first competition was the quiz which took place on April 17 in Aughrim St. Parish Centre. The team representing us were, Andrew Maher, Peter Ellis, Paul Ellis and Alan Doyle. The boys won the Dublin Final and went on to represent Dublin in Mosney on Saturday May 20. Unfortunately the Ellis boys were unable to compete, but their places were capably filled by Sarah Ross and Emma Reilly. Wexford won the National Final, but our team put in a very good effort and had a very enjoyable day in Mosney. Well done to them all as it was a great achievement to win the County Final and represent Dublin at National level.

Our indoor team competed in the Dublin Football Finals on Sunday, May 7th in D.C.U. The team were George Ingram, Paul Maguire, Karl Moore, Kenny Kelly, Edward Molloy, Ciaran Tuohy and Aaron Dunne. They played well and won two of their three matches. They just missed out on a place in the semi-finals of the competition. Many thanks to Charlie Moore for managing the boys in this competition. As well as all the quiz and the football we have also been holding our area heats in Athletics, Swimming and Art. The Athletic heats were held on Tuesday, May 2 in ALSAA. - Anne Maher.



Our representatives in the quiz were Sarah Ross, Emma Reilly, Alan Doyle and Andrew Maher. Inset: Peter and Paul Ellis (Last year's photo)

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**Car Number Plates** - Complaints are coming in regarding the stealing of car number plates from around the area. Beware of your car and report anything suspicious you see to the Gardai.

**Nuisance Phone Calls** - A number of residents have been receiving nuisance phone calls - report the matter to the Gardai and Eircom.

**Neighbourhood Watch Meeting** - We had our meeting on Monday May 15th. This was well attended by all areas in the H District.

**Under-age Drinking** - This is an on-going problem for all areas. People over 18s are buying drink for young teenagers, are they aware that there is a fine incurred if they are caught doing this, as it is illegal.

**Santry-Beaumont** had 84 house burglaries. As this is summer holiday time it is up to each household to make sure their home is well protected and does not show tell-tale signs that there is nobody home. Tell a reliable neighbour if you are going on holidays and leave a key with them - asking them to leave lights, or the radio on at night, or pulling the blinds and taking the post from out of the porch. Make sure you cancel milk etc. before you go away.

**Traffic Lights** - At the junction of Beaumont Rd. and Shantalla Rd. outside Beaumont Hse., many, many complaints have been received from people being narrowly missed by cars going through on green at this junction. This matter has been reported to the Gardai who with their increased traffic manpower in the area will monitor the situation.

- NOREEN MAHER

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## THE P.J. TROY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

ON the 29th October 1993 a tragic accident took place which resulted in the death of P.J. Troy who was aged 17½ years. He had a profound love of hurling and football and joined Whitehall Colmcille's at the tender age of 8 years. The wearing of the red and white jersey which he did with pride meant a great deal to him. He was of course a great all round sporting teenager as he excelled at other sports namely soccer, volleyball and particularly pitch and putt. He was an active member of Elmout/Ardmore Pitch and Putt Club and had a distinction of winning both the President's Prize and the Club Championship, which is no mean feat. It is only fitting and a recognition of his sporting prowess that the Club Championship is now named the P.J. Troy Club Championship in his memory.

Soon after P.J.'s untimely departure his manager at Whitehall Colmcille's, Mick Keegan came up with the idea of holding a tournament in his honour. Whitehall Colmcille and Coiste na nOg backed the idea and agreed to organise and run an under 13 hurling competition countywide. Then Juvenile Director Mark O'Keeffe and Juvenile Secretary Mick Gibbons planned Whitehall's division respectfully.

At this stage a special word of thanks is well merited by Phil Ryan, a member of Whitehall Colmcille who agreed to sponsor the main trophy.

The tournament is now in its sixth year and this year's will be held on June 10th at Ellenfield Park with the first match at 11 a.m. Over the past six years the tournament has gone from strength to strength with its enjoyment and success. It is also a wonderful opportunity for underage hurling in Dublin. It is said that God only picks the best for his team, but I am sure that when P.J. looks down on Ellenfield Park he will be proud of the legacy he has left behind.

*Details supplied by Mick Gibbons. - T. Darby*

## CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

Re: State of green areas after work was carried out.

Bord Gais were out within two days to see what was left unfinished after their contract work was carried out. Bord Gais agreed to put right green at end Coolgreena Road and outside last house Beaumont Rd at Beaumont Grove and as a goodwill gesture greens at Coolatree Rd. not damaged by them. Also agreed to replace paving at Beaumont Rd./Coolgreena Rd. R. Bruton contacted South Midland Construction Ltd. Who say they will investigate and put right any damage done to greens by them in the area.

*P.S. - When contractors are working in the area please note who they are and what they are doing so that if any damage is caused we can get in touch with them to put it right.*

Re: Proposed changes to ramps, Coolrua Drive.

I wish to refer to your correspondence in relation to proposed changes to ramps, Coolrua Drive. I wish to advise you that I am arranging to have this matter examined by the Traffic Engineer and I will write you further when I have more information to hand.

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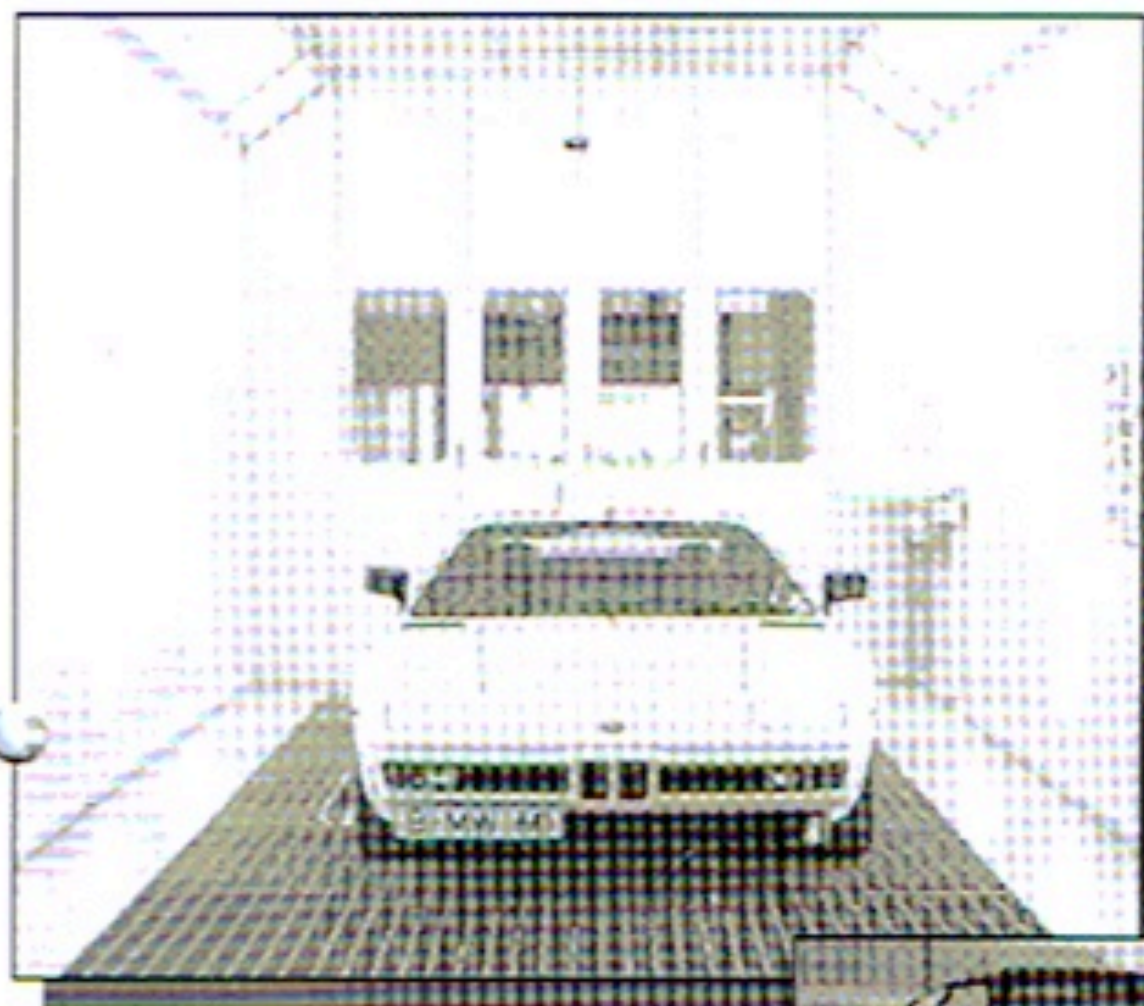
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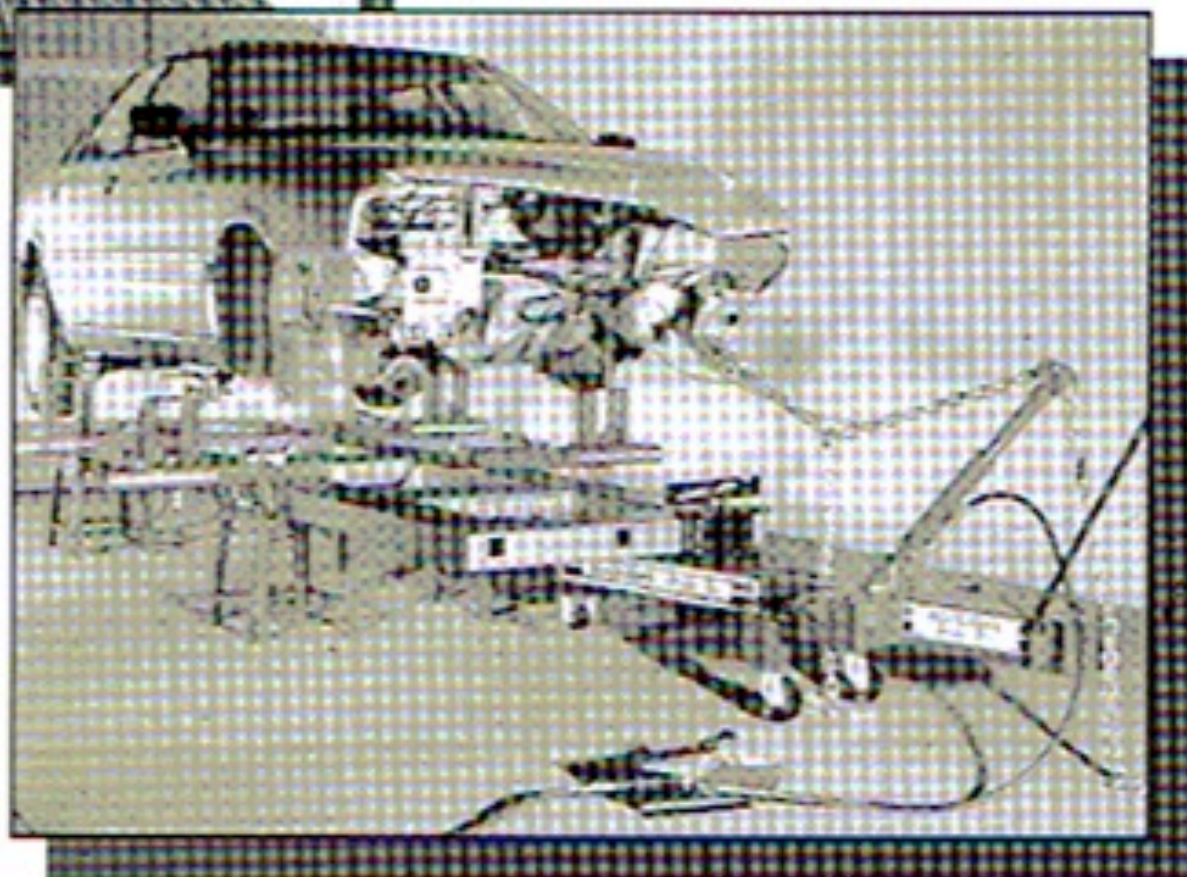


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### Assisting with fundraising and publicity

working with a National Fundraising Committee in raising additional funding for the organisation as well as raising the overall profile.

### National Office Team

volunteers who operate from National Office, Dublin on a daily basis. The primary aim of this service is to offer support to victims who call in person or phone National Office.

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*If you would like more information please contact us at:*

Victim Support, Holiday House, 32 Arran Quay, Dublin 7.  
Tel: 01 8780870. Fax: 01 8780944 Email: info@victimsupport.ie

## ROAD LEAGUES MEMORIES

~ Pdraig Denihan

"YOU were alright", my father said, "but you have to learn to get stuck in..". In fairness to him, he was coming from a staunch rugby and GAA background. Still, it was asking a bit much of a skinny anemic ten-year-old on his first foray into competitive soccer to be getting "stuck in" in any way, shape or form. My Dad's terse post-match analysis was delivered on the way to the car after The Cools had gained a credible 1-1 draw with mighty Santry in the early stages of the Whitehall Road Leagues circa 1977. The Cools - a name which, let's face it, even your average boy-band would dismiss as cheesy in the extreme - were of course comprised of kids from Coolgreena, Coolgarra, Coolatree etc.

The Road Leagues pitted us annually against other teams drawn from estates the length and breadth of the parish - from Elm Mount to Shanowen and from Collins Park to Lorcan. Sometimes there were too many or too few players from one particular area. This meant that the tireless organisers - mostly from St Kevin's Boys - had to become mini-town planners. They were sometimes required to dream up new and exotic-sounding names for composite teams - e.g. Grace Field or Ellen Park. At other times they had to draw temporary borders on the map resulting in unstable and short-lived statelets such as Beaumont East and Santry South.

Every year around March or April, the Road Leagues entry forms would arrive in our doors. This was the cue for eager parents to cajole their sons into signing on for a summer spent in honourable defence of their street's good name. The candidates, let it be said, included plenty of lads who ordinarily wouldn't know their offside trap from their sweeper system and whose hobbies leaned more towards the collecting of stamps than the distributing of passes. They were sent shivering into battle in ill-fitting, foul-smelling jerseys and expected to understand such complexities as which direction they were supposed to run in and why that strange man kept blowing on that silly whistle. This was the great joy of the Road Leagues to my mind - the chance for even the least athletic to find their place in the sun. Or more usually, their place in the rain, the wind and the mud.

For those unaccustomed to the macho world of schoolboy soccer, attention was not always paid to the finer points of the required attire. Like boots for example. Or socks. Or shorts. So it was that quite a large percentage of the playing staff took to the field in shiny brown school shoes, Farah slacks, and grimy nylon shirts inexplicably buttoned, Forrest Gump-style, up to the very top button. When this ensemble was topped off with the Garryowen 3rd XV's cast-off rugby jerseys, the effect was nothing short of surreal. The 'Road Leagues look' was said to have fascinated many of the leading fashion designers of the time, and were it not for the simultaneous rise of Punk Rock, it may have gone on to become the uniform of choice for angry teenagers worldwide.

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## Father Joe's Column



I am very glad to say that I have a lot of good news for you this issue. Our First Communions took place on the 13th and the 20th of May. Both celebrations were very beautiful. Sincere congratulations to all the girls and boys who received their First Holy Communion and to their parents and families. A lot of preparations went into these celebrations and I want to thank the teachers for the excellent work they do and for all their dedication. Thanks also to all who worked behind the scenes, Kathleen Cleary who arranged the flowers, Ann O'Hara and her team who helped decorate the Church, and our Sacristan, Eileen Sweeney who is such a Trojan worker and does so much for the parish. After the Mass we went over to the Pastoral Centre for refreshments. Thanks also to the parents committee who organised these refreshments. All in all they were two very special days and I was very proud to have been a part of them. Sunday, 21st of May had been designated by the Irish Bishops as Jubilee Day of Pilgrimage. However as the day drew nearer the weather forecasts seemed more and more ominous. At best it seemed we could only hope to escape with a few showers. As it turned out the weather was very good and we even had sunshine. About 100 people gathered outside the Church here in Beaumont. After a short prayer service in the Church our pilgrimage set off and we made our way to the small graveyard beside the Oratory at Artaine Castle where we stopped

and recited one decade of the Rosary. We then continued on our way past Ardlea Church and through Coolock Village until we reached the Stardust Memorial Park. Here we were joined with groups from other parishes. Bonnybrook, Priorswood, Kilmore West, Coolock, Ardlea, and Donnycarney were among the parishes taking part on our particular pilgrimage. A very beautiful prayer service took place in the Park. Those who died so tragically in the Stardust fire were remembered and a wreath was laid in their memory. The various needs of the parishes were prayed for. A very interesting history of the area was read explaining how at one time there was only one church in Coolock covering the Northside of Dublin from Glasnevin to Clontarf and people had to walk quite large distances to get to Mass on Sundays. We felt that in some small way we had paid tribute to their great faith. A member of the project committee spoke at all the Masses on Sunday. A Pilgrimage helps to draw us together, to remind us that we are people on a journey with all the hopes and disappointments a journey involves. A pilgrimage puts us in touch with those who have travelled before us. A big word of congratulations to all those who organised the pilgrimage and also to the Garda and the Order of Malta who looked after us at every step of our journey.

Fund raising has begun for our Jubilee Project in support of Triashill, Zimbabwe. Anne Morris, a member of the project committee spoke at all the Masses on Sunday, the 21st, explaining the project and how we can support it. The response to her talk was very enthusiastic and underlines yet again the great generosity and missionary spirit of the Irish people. The Come and See Programme has gone very well and I feel certain that we will be hearing more about it in the near future. Well done to all concerned.

As I write, the Sixth Years from Mercy College are busy practicing for their graduation Mass. I want to wish them and all doing Public Examinations every success and every blessing in the future.

I hope you have a great summer. God Bless, Fr. Joe

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**RULE 1** - Life is not fair: get used to it.

**RULE 2** - The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

**RULE 3** - You will NOT make 40 thousand dollars a year right out of school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone, until you earn both.

**RULE 4** - If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure.

**RULE 5** - Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping, they called it opportunity.

**RULE 6** - If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

**RULE 7** - Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try "delousing" the clothes in your own room.

**RULE 8** - Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades; they will let you try as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

**RULE 9** - Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

**RULE 10** - Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to their jobs.

**RULE 11** - Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one some day.

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## A CARTEL WITH A DIFFERENCE

FROM time to time we have read in the newspapers about the operation of "Cartels". Most of these "cartels" are designed for price fixing but there are many other reasons as well, not least being to stifle opposition. Recently the farmers claimed the owners of meat factories operated such a system and it has been echoed for years that Dublin publicans did likewise. Naturally all parties deny such allegations and it is difficult to accept such denials. However the matter gets a little more sinister when we see the manifestation of this system appear in the political arena.

At a time when political corruption theories are rife it's nothing short of amazing how the political parties have banded together on behalf of the 'profession'. Politicians are now in fear of being asked questions about political corruption, or taking wads of money for favours done. There is a silence in Dail Eireann on these issues which is deafening, where it appears the motto is "embarrass not and you will not be embarrassed".

All of a sudden they have all got together for to "protect the political system". If it wasn't for the news and print media who at the risk of libel exposed these corruptions then they would have continued unabated.

It would have been too much to expect that our political process would have done anything about it considering that it is politicians and councillors who were actively involved. When the allegations were in full swing some years ago, the newspapers were threatened with libel if they broke the news. Now who threatened them, public representatives. Everyone who was in Dail Eireann at the time claim they heard the rumours but did nothing. The political implications of "The silence of the lambs" became apparent for they didn't want to know. The rumours and accusations are now in the public arena while the politicians band together and stay tight lipped and operate a "political cartel" which has no place in a democracy.

How many times have you heard people say when debating politics "sure they're all the same", well that's the true definition of a "Political Cartel"

— Tom Darby

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## DUBLIN 9 NOTICEBOARD

**CONTRIBUTIONS** for this section must be in approx. two weeks before the date of the next publication stated on page 1. Sorry to those who were too late for the last edition.

**ART EXHIBITION** - Lorcan & District Art Group are holding their 3rd Annual Art Exhibition on 16th, 17th and 18th June, 2000. It will be held at the Community Hall, Lorcan Green, Santry. Official opening by Kay Farrell on 16th June at 7.30 p.m. Local artists are invited to participate. Hanging fee is £1 per picture. All are welcome to come along and admission to the exhibition is free. For further information please contact Imelda, phone 842 515, Bridie 837 0650 or Edward 842 0381.

**KILMORE WEST ARTGROUP**, St. Luke's Parish - The Art Group will be holding an Arts and Culture Weekend on Saturday June 10th and Sunday June 11th featuring Music, Dance, Art Exhibition, Poetry Recital, Irish Dancing, Photos and C ele.

**IS SOMEONE'S** Drinking affecting your life? There is help available, call Al-Anon at 873 2699 between 10.30 a.m.-2.30 p.m. Monday to Saturday for support and also for meetings in your area.

**PERSON OF THE YEAR** - As the year progresses keep a look out for nominations for Person of the Year. (Canvassing will disqualify).

**BEAUMONT NEWS** - If anybody needs to look at back issues of the Newsletter they can see the complete files to date (Now in its 4th year) in either The National Library, Kildare Street or Dublin Corporation Library, ILAC Centre, Dublin 1.

## NEXT DANCE PLEASE

SOME three months ago rumours were circulating that the upstairs lounge in Beaumont House was being made ready for a disco. While the rumours were rife very few people believed that such an activity would take place in the middle of a residential area.

However our worst fears were realised when at the end of April a notice appeared in the Irish Independent by Lisham Ltd. Seeking a dance licence for the upstairs lounge in Beaumont House. The local residents when they became aware of this development were both frightened and angered. With the full support of the Residents Association a list of objectors was gathered and I was mandated to consult with a solicitor. I consulted with Mr. David Christie of Christie and Gargan Solicitors, Stewart Hall, Parnell St. David Christie himself being a local fully understood the situation. Consultations took place with Mr. Bernard McCabe B.L. and also Searson Associates Consulting Engineers. The application was due for hearing on Wed. May 24 at 10.30 a.m. Two weeks prior to the date of the hearing a member of the committee of the Residents Association was informed by Sgt. John O'Driscoll of Santry Garda Station that he had been informed by Mr. Dermot Carew that the application for a dance licence was being withdrawn.

Some two days later I was informed by phone by Mr. Carew that he was withdrawing the application for now. I immediately contacted our solicitor who informed me that he had no such notification from the applicants solicitors. Our solicitor was informed in writing on May 16 that the application was being withdrawn. This withdrawal can only take place in court on the morning of the hearing. I attended the Court on Wed. May 24. In the meantime I had received a copy of the costs to date which were £2,001.75. When the case was called the applicants solicitor said the application was being withdrawn. Our solicitor made an application for the residents expenses and the Judge having examined the expenses list awarded £2,000 costs to the residents. We would rather not to have gone through this ordeal, but judging by the reaction of the residents to such an event being foisted on them there was no other alternative. Good law is based on commonsense so let's hope that commonsense prevails in this case. What is printed here is a correct analysis of what I was involved in and also information given to me. — Tom Darby



# IT'S A DOGS LIFE



WHATEVER happened to all the dogs? Ten years ago everybody had a dog. There were more dogs in Beaumont than brown paper bags in Dail Eireann. Short ones, fat ones, skinny ones, long ones and bulging ones. Did they not have any sons or daughters? If they did where did they go? It's a mystery.

We had a few Kings though. Remember Rommel the boxer who guarded Dr. Dwans surgery on the Beaumont Road until some mindless moron poisoned him? Then we had Rocky the Labrador from Coolgreena. He was the William Wallace of dogs. Hell hath no fury when a Killester, Whitehall or Artane doggy trespassed on Rocky's terrain. If he were around today he'd be on National Geographic.

There was a Staffordshire Terrier who was brought for walkies in the field opposite Coolgreena Close (The New Road). He had the wonderful name of 'Muckjaw'. He really looked like a muckjaw though! Then there was 'Pepe Doyle' who had a 'tang' showing from his lower jaw due to a disagreement he had with the bumper of someone's car.

The owners of Beaumont to name but a few were: Cherry Ryan, Bonzo Tobin, Taffy Davis, Goldie Taylor, Sheeba and Dusty Cannon and poor old 'Sparks' who apparently had no owner. I had 'Brownie'. He was a loveable brown and white terrier until you mentioned the word cat to him. There was a cat by the name of 'Sweetie' two doors down from me. If I said 'Sweetie' to Brownie in a whispered voice he would turn into an 'American Werewolf in London'. Sometimes I thought he was going to go through the wall.

I have a black and white Border Collie now. 'Charlie' is more human than most people I know. When I come home from being away I am greeted by love, love and more love. The cat however gives me the once over and has this look on her face which says 'And food??? ... No? ... mmmm "I'm going out to kill a pigeon". I caught her trying to do that the other day. she was actually on top of a poor woodpigeon trying to have him for lunch. I made a swing at her with my boot and if I had connected the cats arse would have landed on the traffic lights at Beaumont Woods. The pigeon bobbed down the road and was saved by a very kindly lady whose dad happens to rear pigeons. When I came back the cat looked at me as if to say "WHAT??? ... I'M A CAT!!!". "THIS IS WHAT I DO. YOU DON'T SEE ME JUMPING ON TOP OF TEN PINTS OF GUINNESS EVERYNIGHT. DO YOU??"

A very strange thing occurred in Clontarf a while ago when a close friend was going back to Malaysia. He was bringing his beautiful Irish Wolfhound 'Ferdia' back with him. Ferdia had to have a very special kennel made for the transportation. He was outside the house in his kennel waiting for the airport people to collect him. During that time every dog from around the area came down as if to say goodbye. There were dogs everywhere. It was so strange. Then a funny thought occurred to me. Maybe these were all the Beaumont doggies that moved out years ago ...

- Brendan Burke

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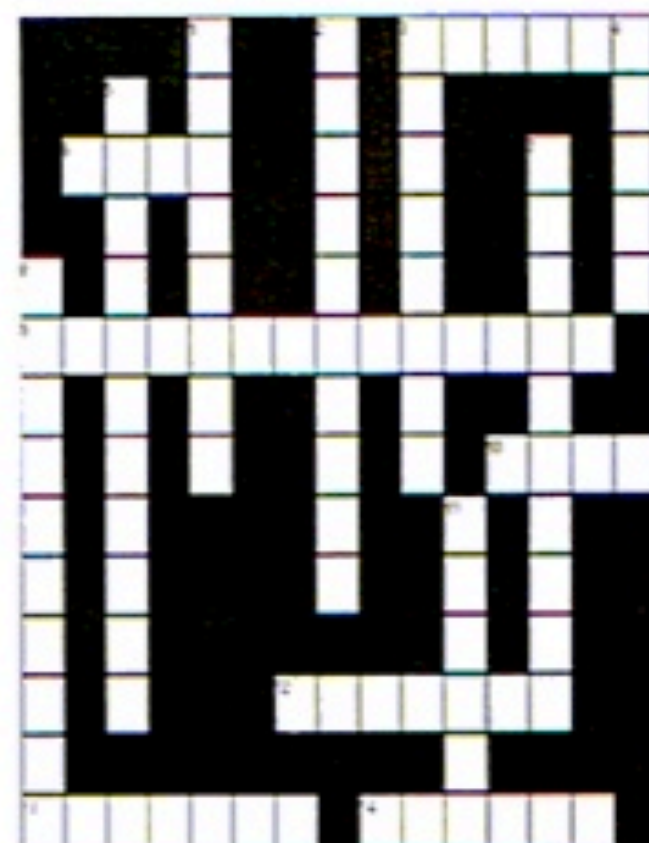
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6. Cooling devices
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10. Leisure activity
12. Live in the out doors
13. Free time
14. Summer month.

### DOWN

1. Summer vacation (2 wds)
2. Biking
3. Sun's rays
4. Rest
5. Go over water on slats
7. Windy day activity
8. Hoops
11. Walking for pleasure

### ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUES CROSSWORD

Across - 4. Dress 7. Bonnet 8. Jellybeans 10. Baskets 11. Tulips.

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### ROAD LEAGUE MEMORIES (Contd. From page 4)

I hesitate to include myself in the ranks of the pasty-faced unfortunates. There was no doubt that I looked the part of the nerdy weakling whose name somehow got put forward by a ghastly mistake. I also shared with these once-a-year heroes a disturbing tendency towards being Very Bad at Football. What made it harder to take was that, unlike them, I was actually out kicking around the road pretty much every day of the week. Yet, tragically, when it came to Road Leagues time, I found myself being outplayed by Billy Bunter-lookalikes and potential Young Scientists of the Year.

Talentless and all as I was, playing for a bunch of virtual no-hopers like The Cools can't have helped. One of the problems with the Road Leagues format was that year-on-year, pretty much the same bunch of young fellows turned out on the same teams. So if you were getting hockeied out of it by Beaumont when you were under-11 (and believe me, I was that soldier), then - short of the introduction of performance-enhancing drugs - the outcome was likely to be much the same the following year. And the year after that. And the year after that. And so on till you just couldn't take it any more.

For the equivalent summer leagues run by Home Farm (as far as I recall from what friends at school told me) all the names went into a hat. You were then allocated to teams named not after an arbitrary collection of roads and houses, but after ace real-life clubs of the day. So where we had Ellenfield, Shanliss, Grace Park and, eh, The Cools, they had Celtic, Liverpool, Barcelona and Borussia Monchengladbach (trust me, they were big back then). A glamour name plus the chance that you'd get on a team with a genuine chance of winning - I used envy those Drumcondra lads I can tell you.

Not that the Road Leagues couldn't boast of an aristocratic team or two. When we were turning out for The Cools, the class act was invariably provided by Brookville. Brookville were prime exponents of the theories of Total Football then made famous by the great Dutch teams of the 70's. They had their Ruud Kroels, their Johnny Reps and even one or two aspiring Johan Cruyffs. And like that Dutch team, they routinely made it to the final stages of the competition before losing out to less cultured if perhaps more determined opponents. Strangely, in those days I was never quite sure exactly where Brookville was but I always had the impression that it was somehow more affluent and more exotic than where we lived. This only added to the aura of class that seemed to surround their team.

If Brookville were Holland then The Cools were more of a Wales or a Finland or, damn it all, an Eire (aka Republic of Ireland - don't forget, Jack Charlton was still nothing but a hated ex-Leeds and England hatchet man in those days). We fell into that category of eager no-hopers with about 4 players who could kick a ball out of their way. We did get to the semi-finals one year though I remember. To get into the semis, we had to win a penalty shoot-out against I forget who. One thing I will never forget though is the little imperceptible nod of the head our then-manager gave towards me to indicate that I should step up for one of the spot kicks.

Believe me, the pros these days don't know what pressure means. In Road Leagues shoot-outs, the spectators - toddlers, grannies, mangy dogs and all - used to crowd onto the pitch and surround the penalty area to get a close-up view of every kick. Miss that crucial penalty and you dare not show your face for Sunday mass much less turn out for the team again next year. When my turn came, the nerves got the better of me. I just about scuffed the ball vaguely in the direction of the goal. There was a huge gasp of horror from the crowd and The Cools lynch-mob was made ready for action. Mercifully though, the goalie's leather-soled 'George Webb's failed to carry him across to make the stop and it trickled agonisingly into the corner. It was The Cools' finest hour.

We still got hammered in the semis of course. And no, I never did quite "get stuck in".



# When in the home

**STORING** - Store raw meats, poultry or fish near the bottom of the fridge so their juices do not drip onto other food. Store cooked food on higher shelves. Place the food in a container or on a covered tray in the fridge. Keep your fridge clean. Discard old food, wash inside surfaces with warm soapy water and rinse. Store all food as directed on the label. For frozen storage, it is best to remove the food from the wrapping and put it into freezer bags to maintain quality. Expel all air from the bag, tie, label and date the bag. Cooked food should be covered and stored in the fridge after the steam has evaporated. Do not leave to cool completely on the kitchen counter.

A common error that results in cases of food poisoning is putting too much warm food in the fridge. In an overloaded fridge, warm food will not be able to cool to the core. When the centre of the food remains warm for too long germs can multiply.

Put your chilled and frozen food into your fridge and freezer as soon as possible after purchase. Freeze food you don't intend to use before its use-by-date, as freezing greatly extends this date.

When re-heating food, heat until steaming hot all the way through (above 70°C) - this will kill any bacteria that may have grown on the food when it was in the fridge. Food should never be re-heated more than once and leftovers should be used within a day of preparation.

Store canned goods in a cool, clean, dry place.

Remember, if in doubt, throw it out.

**THAWING** - Always ensure that frozen food is thawed completely before cooking, unless instructions state "cook from frozen".

Thaw food in the fridge. When using a microwave to thaw food, cook it immediately after thawing. Don't thaw food at room temperature on the kitchen counter. Once thawed, cook immediately.

Thawed food should not be re-frozen in its uncooked state. Washing Always wash hands thoroughly in hot, soapy water before handling food and after every preparation - especially if you have changed the baby or have been to the toilet. After touching raw meats and poultry, wash hands again before you start handling other food.

Always wash raw fruit and vegetables thoroughly before eating.

Wash all work surfaces well with hot soapy water. Ideally use a disinfectant. Wiping with a damp cloth is not enough. Food is easily contaminated. So, think of every crumb or scrap of food as a poten-

tial reservoir of germs. If you are feeling unwell, do not prepare food for others. Change your dish cloth and tea towel regularly and wash well after each use (bacteria can thrive in dishcloths). Avoid storing them near food or on clean surfaces.

Dirty dishes should be washed in warm soapy water and then rinsed in hot water. It is preferable to leave dishes to air dry. Don't place a tea towel over them as this may spread bacteria from the tea towel onto the clean dishes.

Keep a separate cloth to wash the kitchen floor.

Clean your fridge and cupboards regularly. Crumbs in cupboards can attract pests and dirty fridges can carry bacteria.

**COOKING** - Always cook food thoroughly until it is HOT, all parts of the food must reach at least 70°C. When cooking mince, sausages, hamburgers, rolled roasts, pork and chicken, ensure they are cooked right through, that there is no pink meat and the juices run clear. If cooked chicken is still raw near the bone, put it back in the oven until it's done. Never serve hot gravy with cold meat.

When using the microwave to cook, always rotate and stir food to promote even cooking. Leave standing for a few minutes before you check that cooking is complete - food continues to cook even when the microwave is turned off.

**REMEMBER - IF IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT**

## COULD THIS POSSIBLY BE THE REAL MEANING?

Benign.....	What you be after you be eight.
Anery.....	The study of paintings.
Bacteria.....	Back door to cafeteria.
Barium.....	What doctors do when patients die.
Cesarean Section.....	A neighbourhood in Rome.
Catscan.....	Searching for Kitty.
Cauterize.....	Made eye contact with her.
Colic.....	A sheep dog.
Coma.....	A punctuation mark.
D&C.....	Where Washington is.
Dilate.....	To live long.
Enema.....	Not a friend.
Fester.....	Quicker than someone else.
Fibula.....	A small lie.
G.I. Series.....	World Series of military Baseball.
Hangnail.....	What you hang your coat on.
Impotent.....	Distinguished, well known.
Labour Pain.....	Getting hurt at work.
Medical Staff.....	A Doctor's cane.
Morbid.....	A higher offer than I bid.
Nitrates.....	Cheaper than day rates.
Node.....	I knew it.
Outpatient.....	A person who has fainted.
Pap Smear.....	A fatherhood test.
Pelvis.....	Second cousin to Elvis.
Post Operative.....	A letter carrier.
Recovery Room.....	Place to do upbolstery.
Rectum.....	Darn near killed him.
Secretion.....	Hiding something.
Seizure.....	Roman emperor.
Tablet.....	A small table.
Terminal Illness.....	Getting sick at the airport.
Tumor.....	More than one.
Urine.....	Opposite of you're out.
Varicose.....	Near by/close by.

## WHO STOLE MY HOSS?

A cowboy rode into town and stopped at a saloon for a drink.

Unfortunately, the locals always had a habit of picking on strangers, which he was. When he finished his drink, he found his horse had been stolen.

He goes back into the bar, handily flips his gun into the air, catches it above his head without even looking and fires a shot into the ceiling.

"WHICH ONE OF YOU SIDEWINDERS STOLE MY HOSS?" he yelled with surprising forcefulness. No one answered.

"ALRIGHT, I'M GONNA HAVE ANOTHER BEER, AND IF MY HOSS AINT BACK OUTSIDE BY THE TIME I FINISH, I'M GONNA DO WHAT I DUN IN TEXAS! AND I DON'T LIKE TO HAVE TO DO WHAT I DUN IN TEXAS!"

Some of the locals shifted restlessly.

He had another beer, walked outside, and his horse is back! He saddles-up and starts to ride out of town.

The bartender wanders out of the bar and asks, "Say partner, before you go . . . what happened in Texas?"

The cowboy turned back and said, "I had to walk home."

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