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There can be few more distressing and irritating nuisances than a deafening noise shattering the peace inside your house. However, you don't have to put up with it: there is much you can do to cut down the problem, if not eliminate it altogether.

Before you try to deal with a noise problem it's helpful to understand the nature of the enemy, as there are two types of sound. Airborne sound is transmitted through the atmosphere as a series of pressure waves. When these waves strike an object three things can happen they can be absorbed, they can be reflected; or they can cause the object to vibrate and thus transmit the sound. Tackling an airborne noise problem (from aircraft, for example) invariably involves placing a series of barriers in the way of the sound waves so that they are gradually weakened. Lay thick insulation 100mm (4 ins) or more between the joists in the loft, then nail down sheets of chipboard on top. This will help combat aircraft noise especially if it is combined with some or all of the solutions for traffic noise. One warning though avoid the temptation of blocking up eaves and airbricks as condensation problems could develop in the loft space. **Traffic noise solutions** - Fit sealing strips to windows and doors. These will dramatically cut down the noise as well as the vibrations. Double-glaze the windows that take the brunt of the noise. Hang heavy curtains in windows if the noise becomes more apparent at night. Grow a tall hedge, or plant a row of quick-growing conifers along your boundary that is nearest the road.

THUNDERING DISGRACE

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expedite the completion of the outstanding reinstatement, which remain the responsibility of the utilities, until they are completed to the Corporation's standard specification. Roads and Streets Department intend to resurface Shantalla Road including the junction with Beaumont Road shortly.

I refer to representations made by you on behalf of the Beaumont Residents Association enquiring about proposals to lay sewage pipe or water pipe along Beaumont Road.

There are no proposals to lay a watermain along Beaumont Road: I have confirmed this with the Waterworks Engineer. There are proposals to lay sewers in the area, principally the North Fringe/ Northern Interceptor Sewer and branches off it. Perhaps you might suggest to the Secretary or Chairman of the Residents Association that they contact Mr. Gerry Doherty (Tel: 6722931). Mr Doherty will provide the residents with full advice, information and assistance about proposals for the expansion of the public drainage network and will be in a position to give precise information in relation to their queries.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

TREES - Again we have young people setting fire to the bases of our trees, thus killing them. The amount of cars has been noted that are hidden in the Park on Coolgreena Close. It has also been noted that some people are throwing their rubbish over their back wall into the Park at Coolgreena Close. We strive to keep our park and grass corners etc. in Beaumont neat and tidy. If people persist in using the Park as a dumping ground we are wasting our time entering the Tidy Districts Competition. Instead of encouraging people to be tidy we will have to get the Litter Wardens in and they will face a hefty fine and have their names printed in the National Papers.

Although we are coming to the end of the Summer Holiday period it is never to late to remind people of the Holiday Security that they should use.

Holiday Security: 1. Do you have your neighbour park his/her extra car in your driveway when you are away for a few days?

2. Do you have a neighbour pick up your mail or newspapers when you are away?

3. Do you cancel all deliveries?

4. Do you leave curtains/blinds in their normal position?

5. Have you a reliable neighbour whom you can notify of your travel plans and give a key to, with a request for a periodic house check?

Outside Security: 1. Is your house number visible from the street?

2. Can your neighbours see your house?

3. Do your neighbours have a clear view of your windows and doors?

4. Have you trimmed all the hedges and bushes so they can't hide a burglar at work on the windows or doors?

5. Have you ever walked around your house looking for ways a burglar might be able to get in?

6. Do you keep tools or ladders etc. in places inaccessible to potential burglars?

- Noreen Maher

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I am delighted to get this opportunity to put together a few words about our very good friend Davy Murray. It was with great sadness and disbelief I received a phone call last Thursday morning to inform me of Davy's sudden death. Within seconds I set about passing on the bad news by phone to a lot of other people that were great friends of Davy's, but much to my surprise they already knew. My word, there is a lot of truth in the old saying - had news travels fast.

I am sure most people that knew Davy were devastated, we all hold very fond memories, and everybody I have spoken to over the last few days have a story to tell about him. He was just one of those very special people who could relate to everybody, and we all loved him dearly. Strange, you don't get a huge amount of time to think of people and how much they mean to you until something like this happens.

I knew Dave since we were kids, and on reflection my earliest memories were in the mid sixties when we all played out moul together on Coolgreena Road. For people who don't know what this was, it was endless hours of throwing pennies from about 10 feet at a wall to see who got the closest, and there was many a row over who took the money. I also recall him wearing his first pair of Beate boots of which he was very proud.

He was the main man. The Kelly's, the Noone's and Murray. We were the neighbourhood terrors. Davey went to serve his time as a glazier, and I am sure there are many windows fitted in Beaumont which are testament to what a wonderful tradesman he was. He could turn his hand to anything, blockwork, carpentry, plastering, tiling. I have never come across a man that could do all, and produce such a perfect finish. He was the guy we called on, and he was always willing and glad to help. As soon as he was asked to do anything, he would oblige.

With all his family and work commitments, he always found time to involve himself in nature. From his earliest days with his dogs Bruno and Rocky. To his many hours tending to his tropical birds in the aviary he built in his back garden. I guess the stage was set for his eventual departure from Dublin to Feenagh in Limerick where he settled almost six years ago. We were all sorry to see him go, but we knew his love for the countryside and nature would eventually win out.

Dave was laid to rest last Sunday afternoon by his family and friends. I'm sure for the most of the huge congregation it was the saddest day of their lives. The number of people that travelled from Dublin was astonishing, and indeed looking at the old faces I have not seen in years, it showed the enormous impression Dave made on us all.

The people of Feenagh equally had a wonderful respect for Dave, as they demonstrated in the manner in which they welcomed us. For our part within one hour of arriving in the village, we were handed the keys of Pat and Helen O'Callaghan's house, a person we had never met before, and put up for the night, and told whatever time we arrived home that night there was a supper in the kitchen and breakfast in the fridge for the next morning. Saturday night we met many local people, and they were all very proud to have been a part of Davy's life. After the funeral the people of Feenagh arranged lunch in the local Community Hall for everybody who attended. We would like to say a special thanks to all our Limerick friends.

To Bernie and Dave's five children - Andrew, Sean, Alison,

Sorcha, Aoife and Breda and the Murray family we wish to say how heartily sorry we all are.

And alas from all your many friends you will be sorely missed Smircher. May you Rest in Peace.

A Raffle has been organised to help his wife and family. The tickets are £5 each. The Prizes are 1. A weekend for 2 people in Manchester, 2 night B&B in Princess Hotel, 2 Man U. Tickets & flights inclusive. 2. Romantic Weekend for 2 in Cabra Castle, Co. Carlow. 2 nights B&B plus 1 Dinner. 3. Weekend for 6 people in Country Cottage in Youghal, Co. Cork. 4. Weekend for 2 in the Abbey Gate Hotel, Tralee. 2 night B&B. Plus many more prizes!!! The draw will take place on Wed., Sept. 13th, 2000 upstairs in the Comet Pub. Please support this raffle. Phone 857 1632 for tickets.

WHITETHORN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Our AGM was held in Artane Beaumont Recreation Centre on Monday 10th April 2000. A welcome was extended to those present, and disappointment expressed at the poor attendance. Main items dealt with included joyriding and speed of traffic in and out of Estate. Traffic calming measures are under review at present. As we have no through road in our Estate, the problem of speeding is caused mainly by residents and visitors. Dog-fouling and the level of litter in the area has been a great source of concern to all the residents and we have been informed by the relevant authorities that laws in respect of these matters will be rigidly enforced. Signs have been erected by Dublin Corporation and every household received a leaflet outlining fines etc. We have approached the retail outlets in our area requesting them to take greater responsibility for the level of litter deposited by their customers in the vicinity. We anticipate full co-operation.

CLEAN UP DAY - Wed. June 7th at 7 p.m. We had mostly children out helping to tidy up. They enjoyed the work and were rewarded with coke and crisps afterwards, which they enjoyed.

PRESENT COMMITTEE:- CLOSE: Norma Harte.

RISE: Gerry Clarke, Rose Doyle, Collette McDonald.

ROAD: Lilian Plunkett, Sarah McGlinchy, Charlie Percival

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PARK: Margaret Murphy, Mary Pizeman, Lorraine McHugh

HELPERS: Jackie Kellett, Deirdre Lawless, Bernie Broderick

A big welcome to Sarah, Charlie, Jackie, Deirdre and Bernie.

Linda Jago left us this year and we are very grateful for her contribution to the Association.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Frank Plunkett has agreed to represent us again.

HOSPICE MILLENNIUM WALK: 10 Ladies from White-thorn took part in the 10 mile walk in Connemara on Saturday 20th May 2000. Despite very inclement weather for the first 5 miles they managed to finish the course and help raise €30,000 for St Frances Hospice Raheny. Congratulations girls. Enjoy the Summer Sunshine. - Gay & Ann.

Re: Playground at Rockfield Park - beside Whitethorn

Ivor Cailley would like to advise the Principal Officer of the Environment and Culture Department of Dublin Corporation has indicated to him that the restoration of the playground at Rockfield Park will be considered in the 2001 year estimates.

LORCAN NEWS:

Re: Tennis Courts at Ellenfield Park

Following a request that the Parks superintendent of Dublin Corporation enter into talks with Lorcan/Beaumont Tennis Club to agree mutually convenient arrangement for the future management and provision of tennis courts at Ellenfield Park, I understand from the Principal Officer of the Environment and Culture Department that there is no objection in principle to a community based club running the tennis courts at Ellenfield. It has been suggested that the club contact Mr. Gerry Barry, Parks Superintendent, to discuss the matter - *Item from Ivor Cailley*

Re: Road Ramps at Coolgarriff/Beaumont

I have been advised by the Principal Officer of the Roads and Streets Department, that the provision of ramps on Coolgarriff Road is scheduled for October, 2000. Ramps will be provided on Lorcan Avenue in November 2000, subject to the agreement of the Chief Fire Officer. - *Item from Ivor Cailley*

Can You Afford To Retire?

Did you know that the average retired household spends approximately £220 a week while the current State pension is only £77.50 per week. If you are one of the approximately 500,000 employees in the country that have no work related pension in place have you given any thought as to how you are going to fund the difference when you retire? Even if you do have a pension scheme in place, can you be sure that it has been funded to a sufficient level.

The sooner you start to fund for your retirement in an adequate way, the less the overall financial strain will become. Indeed, our experience has shown that many people who have not retired but who find themselves without any adequate pension almost give up saving. It should be remembered that any saving for retirement is always far better than none at all.

Many people are not aware that any contributions to a pension arrangement are fully deductible for income tax purposes up to certain limits. Not only that, but many schemes can also provide benefits such as lump sum payment for death in service or an income

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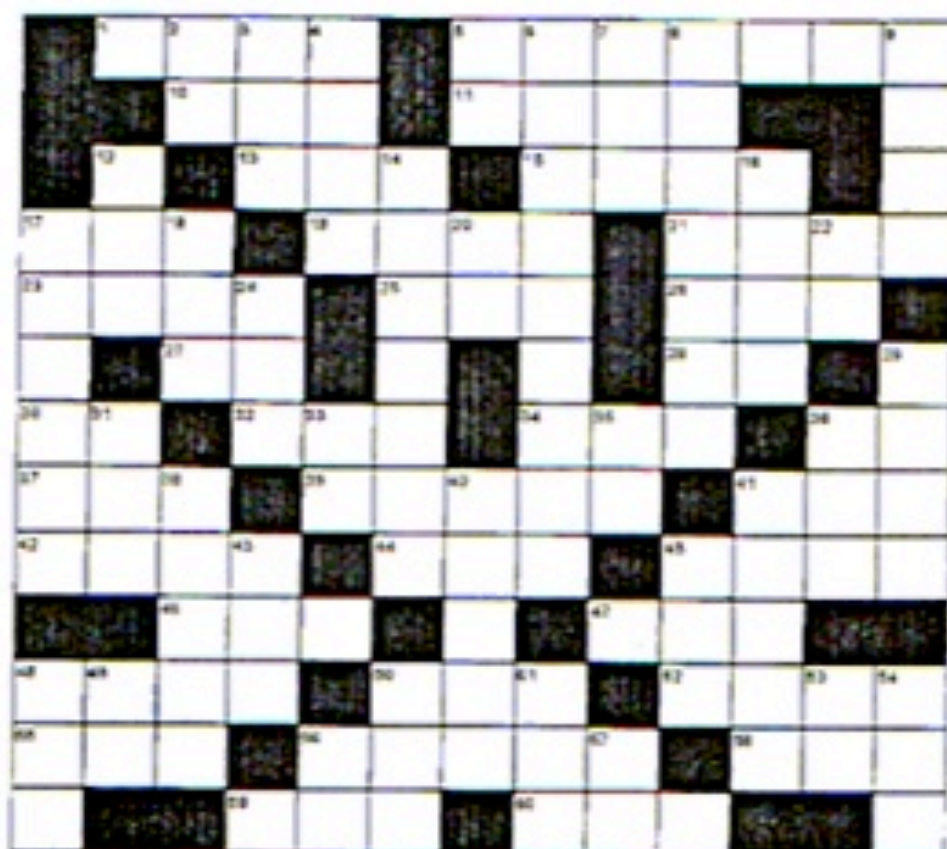
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vial. 15. Air def. center (acr). 17. Peck. 19. Liquefy. 21. Nuts/bell. 23. Seed.
25. Allow. 20. Central American tree. 27. Function. 29. Both of us.
30. Among. 32. Parent teacher assoc. 34. Cape. 39. Midwest state. 37. Dog.
39. Infiltrate. 41. Curved plank. 42. Ages. 44. Spread hay to dry. 40. Belongs
to. 46. Economic Adv. (acr). 47. Compass point. 48. Adam and eve.
50. Extreme utmost. 52. Alleviate. 55. Creator.

DOWN - 2. Greeting. 3. Philippine Island tree. 4. Lyric. 5. Assam Tribe.
Naga Hills. 6. Sprinkled. 7. Forefoot. 8. Shuns. 9. Abomination. 12. Divide
(abbr). 14. Dependent. 16. Square. 17. Bulletin. 18. Small toy dog.
20. French article. 22. Behold. 24. Scrub. 29. Methods. 31. Near (scot).
33. Thee (fr). 35. Arabia (abbr). 36. Motel. 38. Ran in competition.
40. Appendages of jaw. 41. Perspire. 43. Senior (abbr). 45. Sole. 49. Coal
size. 49. Execute. 50. Military term, rank. 51. Mischief.

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUES CROSSWORD

Across - 3. Summer. 6. Fans. 9. Airconditioner. 10. Play. 12. Camping.
13. Leisure. 14. August.

Down - 1. No school. 2. Easyriding. 3. Sunshine. 4. Relax. 8. Basketball.
5. Waterskiing. 11. Hiking. 5. Kitesurfing.

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Father Joe's Column



I hope you are enjoying the summer and taking things just a little bit easy for a few weeks. We had a lovely pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday, the 23rd. of July last. The weather was really beautiful. Our Parish Choir combined with the Choir from Navan Parish to provide the singing at the main liturgy and as usual they did us proud. There were a large number of pilgrims in Knock, groups from most of the Carmelite Communities throughout the country as well as from many parts of Meath because it was the joint Carmelite pilgrimage and also the Meath Diocesan pilgrimage. There were also many other smaller groups. One group had walked from parts of Belfast and Derry praying for lasting peace in our country. A special word of thanks to Marie Balfé who organised all our travel arrangements so that everything went smoothly and we all had a very safe and comfortable journey.

As part of our Jubilee celebrations, the Jubilee Group have organised a pilgrimage to Glendalough for Saturday, September 2. We are leaving the Church here in Beaumont at 9 A.M. by coach and returning for 11 P.M. Glendalough is a really beautiful place and has a long association as a place of prayer and pilgrimage. It should be really beautiful in the early autumn. Jubilee is all about getting back to what is really important in our lives and remembering who we are and where we have come from. This pilgrimage is a chance to come apart for a little while and spend some time with the Lord. Details of the Pilgrimage can be found on the notice board of the Church.

During the summer, we heard that Fr. Tony McKinney is leaving us to become the prior of the Carmelite Community in Kildare. We will certainly miss his kind and gentle ways, his prayerfulness and his wisdom. We wish him every happiness for the future. Fr. Philip Brennan is coming to us from Knocklyon Parish. Philip will be working as Vocation Director and will also help out in the Parish. Philip is no stranger to Beaumont. As a student, he helped out in the Elbeau Summer Project. He was ordained in 1997 and has worked since that time in Parish Ministry. We are glad to welcome him back to Beaumont.

As I write many young people are waiting for their exam results. We hope and pray that they will be pleased with their results and will be guided in their plans for the future. Two young people are going to the World Youth Day in Rome from our parish and we hope that they have a really great trip.

Before long we will be hearing the 'Back to School' ads on the Radio and T.V. The summer just flies by. May God Bless all those returning to School and especially those starting in a new school, both teachers and students.

Wishing all our Readers Every Blessing.

Fr. Joe

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILD IS?

This was the subject of a recent anonymous letter sent to the magazine. Unfortunately we cannot print anonymous letters regardless of their content. For letters to be printed the Editor must have the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication. If the writer requests anonymity the name and address will not be printed.

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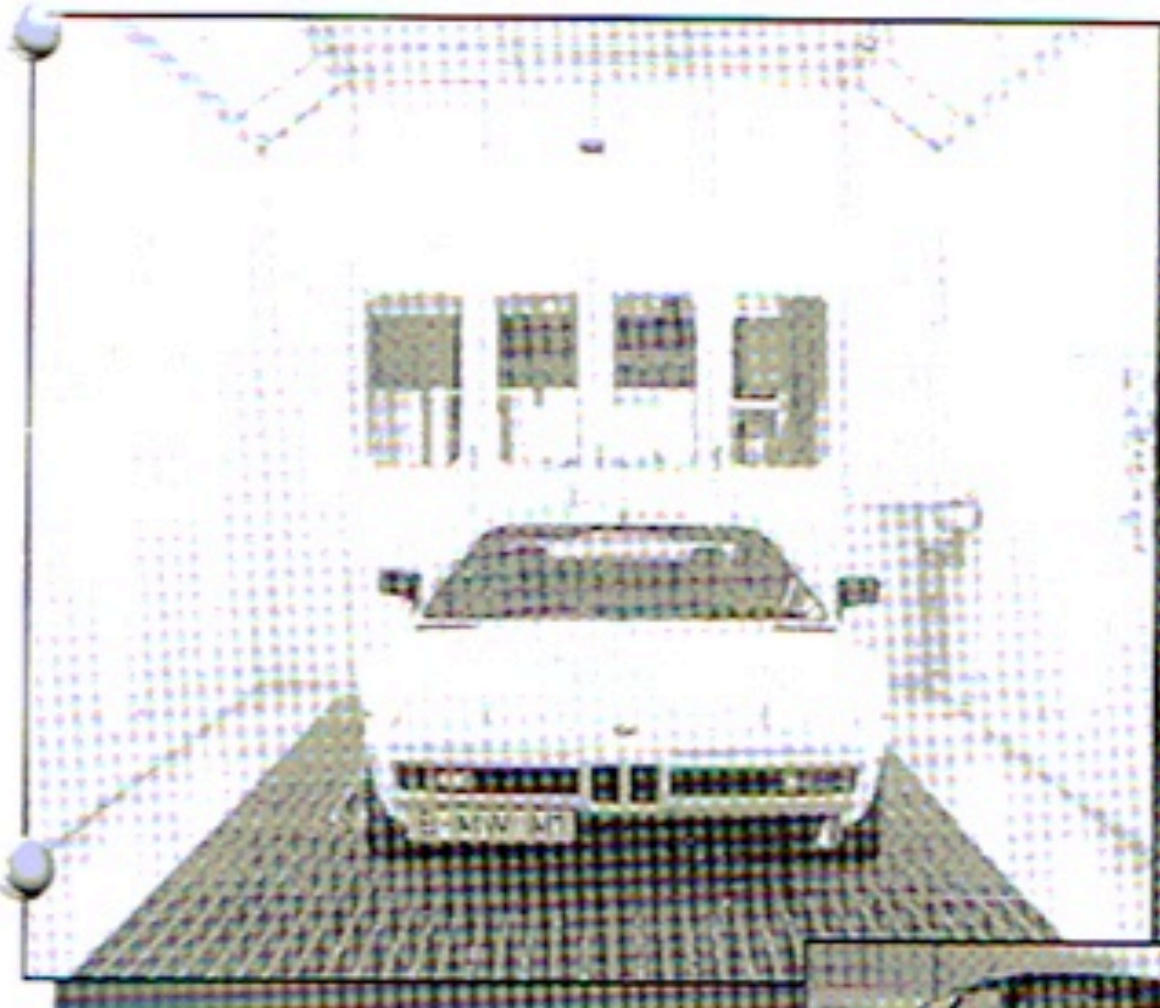
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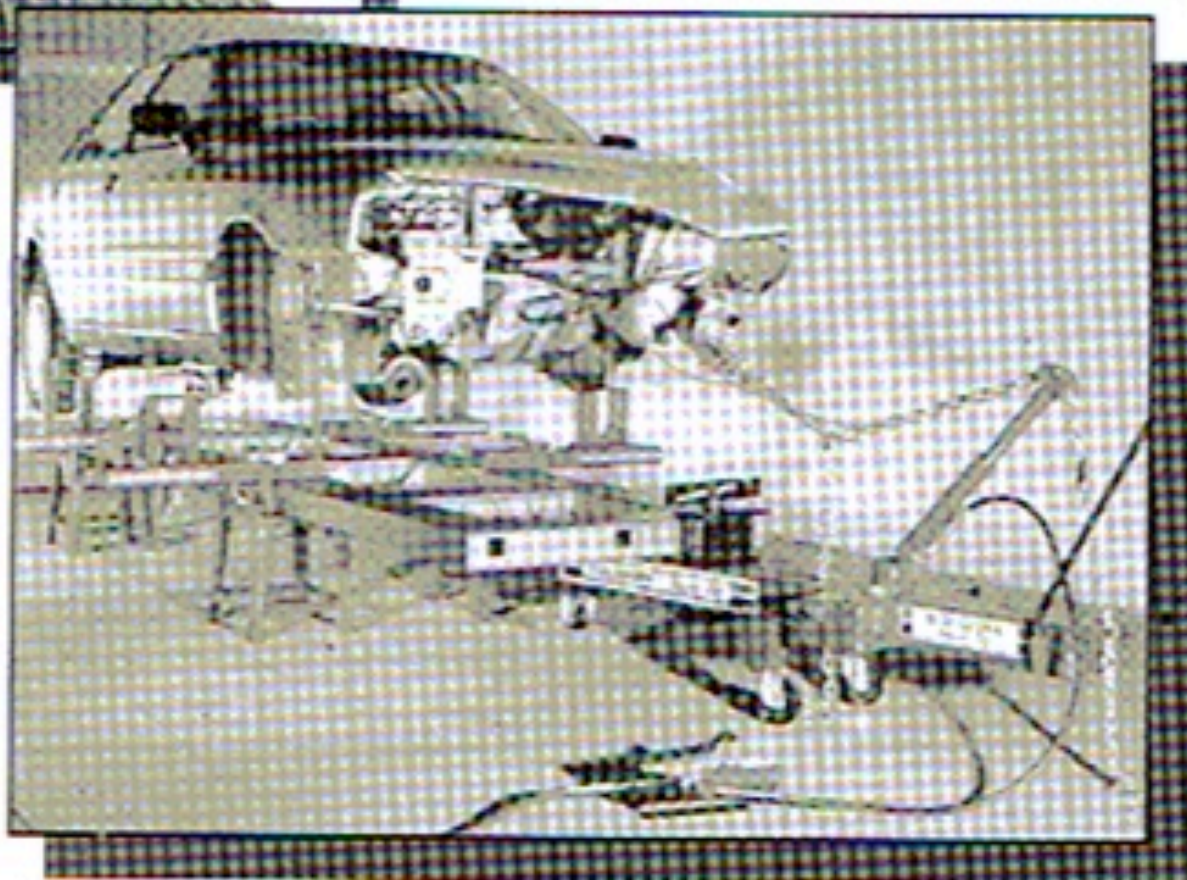


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 My brains are bursting I'm wriggling my toes
 I'm holding my breath cos here she goes
 Brush your teeth each night and day
 Oh! When can I get out to play
 Never cough when eating cream
 That manner makes me want to scream
 Wipe your feet in the doorstep mat
 Is there a rule more dumb than that
 Eat your dinner with your knife and fork
 That's never what I do with pork
 Never run just keep it slow
 I am mad I think I'll blow
 Do not smoke at a lighted candle
 I think I will fly off the handle
 Every day you'll sweep the floor
 I can't hold it one moment more
 You mustn't ever talk of ants
 Oh hurry up I'll wet my pants
 I think I'll scream Oh! God just stop
 That is when I just went . . . POP
 Mum forget the idea of manners and tools
 So that was the last I heard of long rules.
 Mairead Butler (Aged 9)

BEAUMONT OF THE WELCOMES

FOR the past 20 years our sons and daughters have travelled to distant lands to secure employment and to try and make a better life for themselves and their families. While we missed them terribly we were comforted by the fact that they were treated with dignity and respect and were made welcome by their new neighbours. We were also confident that our children behaved in a way that would do credit to their upbringing.

The residents of Beaumont are now facing a new reality. Because people from faraway lands, the sons and daughters of parents from all over the world have now come to Ireland to settle and make a decent living. We welcome our new found friends in the same way as our children were welcomed in England, America Australia and further afield.

As many of us enter the pearly gates our houses are being sold on. A number of our homes are being bought by property developers who are the new landlords of Beaumont. We applaud their enterprise and we ask them to ensure that their tenants, national and international respect the high standards we have built up over the past four decades.

I want to make an appeal to our new residents in Beaumont. We have worked hard to achieve what we have. We have built up our homes over 40 years we pride ourselves on our well tended gardens, our clean windows, our neat curtains, our recently painted doors. Perhaps our new visitors could set an example for their friends and family who will follow them to our shores. Treat our homes and neighbourhood as if it was your own. I hope it is not too much to ask. – P. Butler, June 2000

SPOOKY COINCIDENCES?

Consider this - Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846. John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946. Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860. John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960. The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters.

Both were particularly concerned with human rights. Both wives lost their children while living in the White House. Both Presidents were shot on a Friday. Both were shot in the head. Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy. Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln. Both successors were named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808. Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908. John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy was born in 1939. Both assassins were known by their three names.

Both names comprise fifteen letters. Booth ran from the theatre and was caught in a warehouse. Oswald ran from a warehouse and was caught in a theatre. Booth and Oswald were both assassinated before their trials.

NOTICEBOARD

ON behalf of the senior citizens of the Parish of the Nativity, Beaumont we wish to express our sincere thanks to the Lions Club of Ireland for their sponsorship of the week's holiday from the 10th -17th in Mosney. We had a wonderful time with plenty of fun and entertainment, great companionship and good weather. We would like to in particular give a special thanks to Colette and Larry O'Rourke for all the effort they put into seeing to our every need and making the week so enjoyable. We sang along with Sonny Knowles, Red Hurley, Paddy Cole and a host of other stars and mostly with each other, with songs old and new from all over the country. We came home tired, hoarse, but content in the new friends we had met and made. So thanks to all and hope we all meet again soon. - Rita & Peter Boylan.

IT IS with much regret that we learned of the recent bereavement of Tom Kelly of Beaumont Road. Two issues ago we carried an article on Tom and his wife Rita, who were the longest living residents in Beaumont. Tom will be sadly missed by his loving wife Rita and daughters Marie and Joan and sons Jack and Tommy. We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

THE Beaumont Residents' Association wishes to offer its condolences to the Carew family on the recent death of Mr. Paddy Carew, father of Dermot. May he Rest in Peace.

LORCAN CELTIC football club always welcomes new players. See Christopher in Murphy's Jewellers for details.

THE Carrigan family would like to thank most sincerely their friends and neighbours on Cooleen Avenue and surrounding areas who sympathised with them following Liam's death recently. Their grateful thanks for the wreaths, flowers and Mass cards. Thanks also to those who attended Lanigan's Funeral Home, those who travelled to Kilkenny for the Mass and burial, where he now rests in peace.

THE Residents' Association would like to extend its sympathy to the Dooley family, Carrigan family and Murray family from Cooleen Avenue on their recent sad losses. And also to everybody in Beaumont and elsewhere who have suffered the loss of a loved one recently.

LORCAN SCOUTS start another year soon. Call around to the Hall at Lorcan Green if you are interested in joining.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Bessie) Farrell R.I.P.

I would like to thank all the neighbours and friends who helped my mother Mrs. Elizabeth (Bessie) Farrell while she was sick. She passed away in St. Francis Hospice, Raheny on May 15th, 2000. We had been to Lourdes last February for her 84th birthday and had a beautiful time there together. The last 2 years of her life, which were a great source of joy for her. We would like to thank Fr. Joe who called to visit her regularly; also the St. Francis Home Care Team who called and without whom I would have been lost at sea; also the nurses and staff at St. Francis and Fr. Ronan from there. - Roger Farrell.

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CONFIRMATION WITH A DIFFERENCE

By PEG CUNNINGHAM

THE Confirmation of our grandson took place at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Earl Shilton, England on May 9th 200. Girls and Boys from two churches made up the 20 confirmed by Bishop James McGuinness. Ages ranging from 12 to 14 years.

My daughter Myra (who was Michael's sponsor), her husband Jimmy Desmond and I arrived in England a few days before hand. Preparation for the Sacrament was such a meaningful exercise, based on the life of St. Brendan. Fr. Terry and the Parents involvement inspired the great work which took place over a period of four months. 2 coracles and two banners were made, these were to be seen in the church for some time. Later the boats were tested for water worthiness on Bosworth Water Park. This was a fund day for all with barbecue and watersports. So richly deserved by the girls and boys who did such trogan work. Many congratulations to the parents and all who made the sacrament of Confirmation a most memorable occasion.

Would anyone here be interested in taking up a similar project for young people about to make their Confirmation. More information on this can be had from the Beaumont News.

Coracles are small round boats made of wicker covered with skins. St. Brendan was born in Kerry in 484 on the Fenit Peninsula, North of the Bay of Tralee. He was a direct descendant of Fergus Mac Roy, King of Ireland in the first Century. His parents were Christian. Brendan spent his early years in the magnificent Fenit countryside and then according to the custom of the time he was sent for fosterage to a famous school for boys where he spent 5 years. Next he attended the monastic school of Bishop Ere, a forerunner of Clonmacnoise and Glendalough. Even at this early date Monastic Schools had reached an exceptionally high standard. The activities in the school included weaving, food production and the study of Celtic Art for church adornment. There were Scicproia in which the sacred books were copied and these were well equipped with wax tablets, pens, ink horns, and leather covers for the precious book. Here Brendan learned Latin, history, mathematics and astronomy, and it is probable that Gallic, Greek and Hebrew were also included in the curriculum. His introduction to astronomy and to the construction of boats (which was one of the activities carried

out in Bishop Ere's School) must have been of great assistance to him in the later development of his skill as a Navigator.

When Brendan was a over 90 years of age he returned to his monastic foundation at Clonfert which had become one of the great seats of learning in Ireland. He went to visit his sister Bríd in her Convent in Annaghduin and died there on 16th May 577. He was buried in his own monastic foundation of Clonfert.



Michael in one of the Coracles made by the Confirmation Children

COMMUNION IN FINLAND



Colin and Janet Boylan-Jeritslav both made their Holy Communion together, pictured above is Colin and his grandfather Peter Boylan. They have a beautiful custom with a tree where people attach coins to it.

IMPROVED PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

I am delighted to advise that progress is being made to improve the provision and delivery of health services in our area.

I have a tremendous commitment to improvement of services and a vision to achieve real progress on issues like hospital waiting lists, services for people with a disability and mental handicap services, care and long stay accommodation for the elderly. I am aware certain existing waiting lists and service delays are unacceptable and merit address. I have undertaken a lot of work and effort in obtaining a large increase in health funding for our area. In the course of my work I have adopted an innovative and fresh approach in addressing various health issues. These include planning for the years ahead, setting new standards, support for community groups, active retirement and ladies clubs, the need for a new Northside Dublin hospital and the purchase of facilities that were due to date, such as Verville Retreat and The Meath Hospital. I have also developed action plans to address the needs of our community from our very young to our older people. The new Eastern Regional Health Authority is bringing together for the first time all the service providers under one authority to find, plan and develop health and social services. For information on services telephone Free Phone 1800 520520. I believe the new structure offers exciting new challenges and opportunities. I pledge to do everything I can to build better health and social services in our area.

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AER RIANTA REPLIES

Thank you for your letter about the concerns of some residents about the noise level from overhead aircraft.

In relation to the specific points you raise I can confirm that there has been, as indeed occurs every year at this time, a significant increase in the number of flights generally arriving and departing at Dublin Airport. However, in recent weeks there has been no unusual level of activity for this time of year which would cause an increased number of aircraft in your immediate vicinity.

In relation to the concerns regarding the height of aircraft, in general arriving aircraft will be considerably lower than departing aircraft but will adhere to the very strict minimum height criteria and therefore it is extremely unlikely that any aircraft would be flying at a height less than that which would be normal. I have set out below a general explanation of the behaviour of aircraft and their utilisation of the runway which most affects your area, that is 16/34, and I hope this is of some benefit to you. In addition I would say that we in Aer Rianta are becoming increasingly aware and concerned about all our local communities and particularly those of you who are in such close proximity to our operation. Therefore, if you or your association feel it would be of any benefit I would be delighted to meet with you, either at the airport or in Beaumont, to discuss in greater detail our future plans and what we hope to do to minimise any potential adverse impact of the increasing volume of traffic using Dublin Airport.

Under normal circumstances up to 80% of all aircraft visiting Dublin Airport use runway 10/28 which has an orientation of approximately East West. This means that these aircraft will approach Dublin Airport over a little populated area to the immediate East and towards Portmarnock and will depart the airport to the West in the direction of Mulhuddart.

In these circumstances referred to above you would normally be unaware of these flights as they pass well to the North of you. However, there are some circumstances under which aircraft are required to use runway 16/34, the centerline of which passes through Santry and Donnycarney to the South and the little populated area of Kilsallaghan and Ashbourne to the North.

Circumstances which may require the use of 16/34 would be a significant wind from either the South or South East or from the North or North West or alternatively work being carried out to the main runway, 10/28, necessitating its closure for limited periods.

As the prevailing wind at Dublin is from the South West it is only about 20% of the time that wind conditions require the use of 16/34. However, as part of our ongoing development programme we have carried out extensive modifications to runway 10/28, namely the construction of a new rapid exit taxiway, necessitating its closure at night. This has resulted in all traffic using Dublin Airport at night using 16/34 and some of this traffic either arriving or departing in the direction of Santry. The work which necessitated the closure of runway 10/28 is now completed but by one of those unfortunate coincidences we have now had an unusually high percentage of Northerly winds which of course has resulted in the continued use of 16/34. I would expect that the pattern of flights will now return to normal and that you should therefore by much less inconvenienced by noise than you have been for the last few months.



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