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Due to Fr. Joe being on a holiday and time constraint his
regular contribution does not appear in this issue.
A Happy and Holy Christmas from Fr. Joe..

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike
Because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like;
if only once He had sat down and said: "That's it! I'm through:
"I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do:
"I'll give my orders to the sun - cut off the heat supply;
"And to the moon, give no more light, and run the oceans dry.
"Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on:
"Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone."
You know, He would be justified, if fairness was the game,
For no one's been more abused or met with such disdain;
And yet our God carries on supplying you and me
With all the favours of His grace, and everything for free.
Men say they want a better deal and so on strike they go:
But what a deal we've given God, to whom all things we owe.
We don't care whom we hurt and harm to gain the things we like,
But what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike!

(Anonymous)

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Remember the times I'd flirt with other boys
to make you jealous, and you were?

I thought you'd drop me

But you didn't

There were plenty of things you did to put
up with me,

to keep me happy, to love me, and there are
so many things I wanted to tell

you when you returned from

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But you didn't

LINDA NOONAN

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If children live with criticism

They learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility

They learn to fight.

If children live with ridicule

They learn to be shy.

If children live with shame

They learn to feel guilty.

If children live with tolerance

They learn to be patient.

If children live with encouragement

They learn confidence.

If children live with praise

They learn to appreciate.

If children live with fairness

They learn justice.

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If children live with acceptance and friendship

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We also have enough muck around the place which we could all take a mud bath in it. And come out with a complexion like Sophia Loren. Where is it all going to end? We are also gifted with fairy lights for Christmas coming from the lines of trucks along our roads at night.

God help us, residents, old and some blind and feeble.

D. WARREN

ST. FRANCIS AND THE CRIB

St. Francis of Assisi is said to have mad the tradition of the Christmas crib popular.

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WELCOME TO THE CLUB

- TOM DARBY

THE role of a G.A.A. Club in an area is of immense importance to the social and cultural activity of members and supporters with particular emphasis on the youth. When you enter the doorway of Whitehall Colmeille's the games display notice brings it forcibly home to you.

There you will see that the club caters for every age group from under nine upwards. This doesn't happen by accident but as a result of the dedication shown by members who manage these teams. They unstintingly give of their time to train, teach and guide the youth on the road to manhood. As football and hurling is a body contact sport good conduct and discipline are a high priority and stand in good stead to the youth in later years. For this the managers of the teams deserve full praise and credit, for it is rarely if ever you will see youth involved in sport being involved in anti social behaviour. So the club with its various teams and schemes provides a wonderful social benefit to the area.

Of course a club cannot run on dedication alone particularly when kits have to be provided. Here again there are dedicated members who freely give of their time to run various fund raising schemes. Needless to say all players from the youngest to the most senior are well kitted out and are a credit to the club.

Whitehall Colmeille's of course has a proud record of providing talent for the county team. Tommy Drumm captained Dublin in the Eighties and more recently Paddy Moran and Paul Clarke graced Croke Park with distinction for Dublin. It is hoped that the youth coming through will model themselves on these players and if they do a future of satisfaction awaits them. The overall control of the club is in the care of a democratically elected executive committee. Members and associated members who can only talk about the game can relax in the club and can partake in the best of liquor at most reasonable prices. There you will encounter people from every county in Ireland. Everybody speaks to everybody which makes for a superb club atmosphere.

You are also guaranteed that your drink comes from a bottle or a barrel and is served by pleasant bar staff which makes having a drink a pleasure. Stories abound, half of which are likely to be stretched a bit, ranging from the 'Classy Cats' to the ghost of 'Biddy Early'.

When you see Tom O'Connor from Cahirciveen and Jim Fitzmaurice from Roscommon in deep debate you can be assured that they are not talking about the 'Flood' or 'Moriarty' Tribunals but reminiscing about the great games in the Forties between Kerry and Roscommon. My first ever visit to Dublin and Croke Park was to see one of these games.

Every club of course caters for a divergence of views and this is a healthy sign and open debate should be the order of the day. However in the end it's dedication and loyalty that triumphs and Whitehall Colmeille's has both in abundance.

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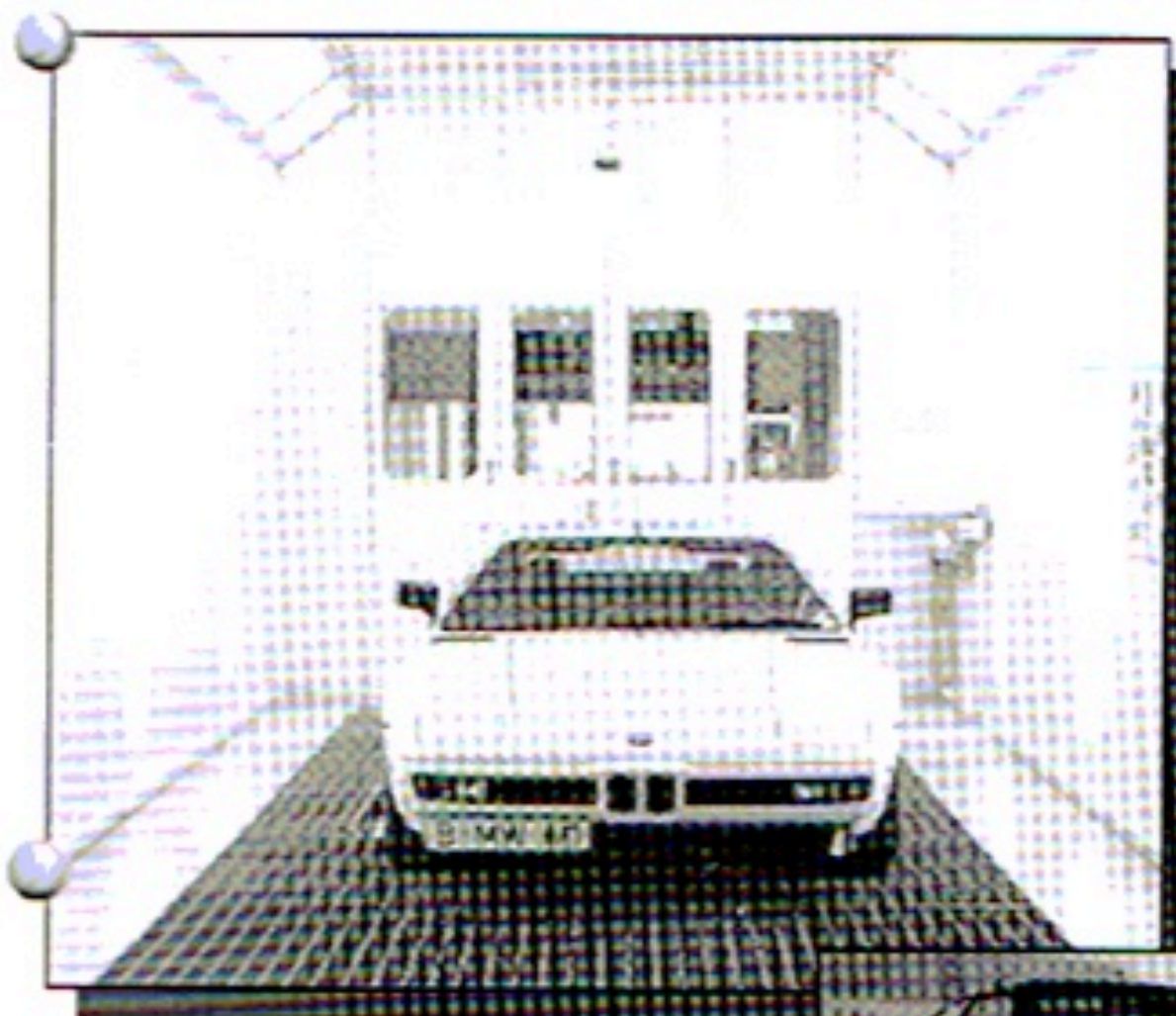
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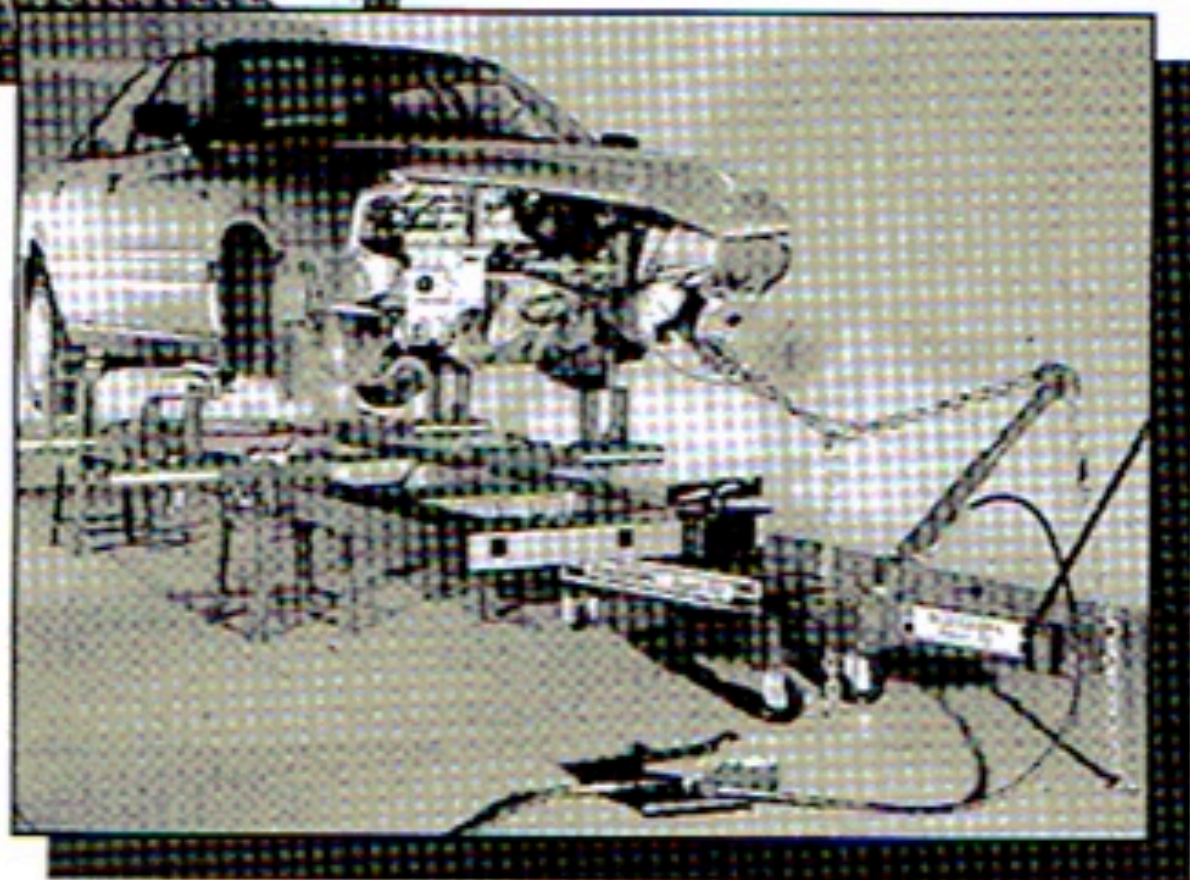


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Did man really walk on the Moon?

Did man really walk on the Moon or was it the ultimate camera trick, asks David Milne? The great lunar lie. In the early hours of May 16, 1990, after a week spent watching old video footage of man on the Moon, a thought was turning into an obsession in the mind of Ralph Rene. "How can the flag be fluttering," the 47 year old American kept asking himself, "when there's no wind on the atmosphere free Moon?"

That moment was to be the beginning of an incredible Space odyssey for the self-taught engineer from New Jersey. He started investigating the Apollo Moon landings, scouring every NASA film, photo and report with a growing sense of wonder, until finally reaching an awesome conclusion: America had never put a man on the Moon.

The giant leap for mankind was fake. It is of course the conspiracy theory to end all conspiracy theories. But Rene has now put all his findings into a startling book entitled *NASA Mooned America*. Published by himself, it's being sold by mail order - and is a compelling read. The story lifts off in 1961 with Russia firing Yuri Gagarin into space, leaving a panicked America trailing in the space race.

At an emergency meeting of Congress, President Kennedy proposed the ultimate face saver, put a man on the Moon. With an impassioned speech he secured the plan an unbelievable 40 billion dollars. And so, says Rene (and a growing number of astrophysicists are beginning to agree with him), the great Moon hoax was born.

Between 1969 and 1972, seven Apollo ships headed to the Moon. Six claim to have made it, with the ill fated Apollo 13 - whose oxygen tanks apparently exploded halfway - being the only casualties. But with the exception of the known rocks, which could have been easily mocked up in a lab, the photographs and film footage are the only proof that the Eagle ever landed. And Rene believes they're fake. For a start, he says, the TV footage was hopeless. The world tuned in to watch what looked like two blurred white ghosts gambol through rocks and dust.

Part of the reason for the low quality was that, strangely, NASA provided no direct link up. So networks actually had to film "man's greatest achievement" from a TV screen in Houston - a deliberate ploy, says Rene, so that nobody could properly examine it. By contrast, the still photos were stunning. Yet that's just the problem. The astronauts took thousands of pictures, each one perfectly exposed and sharply focused. Not one was badly composed or even blurred. As Rene points out, that's not all:

The cameras had no white meters or view finders. So the astronauts achieved this feat without being able to see what they were doing. Their film stock was unaffected by the intense peaks and powerful cosmic radiation on the Moon, conditions that should have made it useless. They managed to adjust their cameras, change film and swap filters in done with magnesium flares,

pressurized cobs. It should have been almost impossible without the use of their fingers. Award winning British photographer David Persey is convinced the pictures are fake. His astonishing findings are explained alongside the pictures in the book, but the basic points are as follows:

The shadows could only have been created with multiple light sources and, in particular, powerful spotlights. But the only light source on the Moon was the sun. The American flag and the words "United States" are always brightly lit, even when everything around is in shadow. Not one still picture matches the film footage, yet NASA claims both were shot at the same time. The pictures are so perfect each one would have taken a slick advertising agency hours to put them together.

But the astronauts managed it repeatedly. David Persey believes the mistakes were deliberate, left there by "whistle blowers", who were keen for the truth to one day get out. If Persey is right and the pictures are fake, then we've only NASA's word that man ever went to the Moon. And, asks Rene, why would anyone fake pictures of an event that actually happened?

The questions don't stop there. Outer space is awash with deadly radiation that emanates from solar flares firing out from the sun. Standard astronauts orbiting Earth in near space, like those who recently fixed the Hubble telescope, are protected by the Earth's

Van Allen belt. But the Moon is 240,000 miles distant, way outside this safe band.

And, during the Apollo flights, astronomical data shows there were no less than 1,485 such flares. John Mauldin, a physicist who works for NASA, once said shielding at least two meters thick would be needed. Yet the walls of the Lunar Landers, which took astronauts from the spaceship to the moon's surface were, said NASA, "about the thickness of heavy duty aluminium foil".

How could that stop this deadly radiation? And if the astronauts were protected by their space suits, why didn't rescue workers use such protective gear

at the Chernobyl meltdown, which released only a fraction of the dose astronauts would encounter? Not one Apollo astronaut ever contracted cancer - not even the Apollo 16 crew who were on their way to the Moon when a big flare started.

"They should have been fried," says Rene. Furthermore, every Apollo mission before number 11 (the first to the Moon) was plagued with around 20,000 defects a-piece. Yet, with the exception of Apollo 13, NASA claims there wasn't one major technical problem on any of their Moon missions.

Just one effect could have blown the whole thing. "The odds against these are so unlikely that God must have been the copilot," says Rene. Several years after NASA claimed its first Moon landing, Buzz Aldrin "the second man on the Moon" - was asked at a banquet what it felt like to step on to the lunar surface. Aldrin staggered to his feet and left the room crying uncontrollably. It would not be the last time he did this. "It strikes me he's suffering from trying to live out a very big lie," says Rene.

Aldrin may also fear for his life. Virgil Grissom, a NASA astronaut who baited the Apollo program, was due to pilot Apollo 1 as part of the landings build up. In January 1967, he hung a lemon on his Apollo capsule (in the U.S. unroadworthy cars are called lemons) and told his wife Betty: "If there is ever a serious accident in the space program, it's likely to be me."

"Nobody knows what fuelled his fears, but by the end of the month he and his two co-pilots were dead, burnt to death during a test run when their capsule, pumped full of high pressure pure oxygen, exploded. Scientists couldn't believe NASA's carelessness - even chemistry students in high school know high pressure oxygen is extremely explosive. In fact, before the first manned Apollo flight even cleared the launch pad, a total of 11 would-be astronauts were dead.

Apart from the three who were incinerated, seven died in plane crashes and one in a car smash. Now this is a spectacular accident rate. "One wonders if these 'accidents' weren't NASA's way

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NOTICEBOARD

JUST A little note to thank you and your committee and the people of Beaumont for your very prompt and generous grant to our appeal on behalf of the "Hospice". The weather was not too kind but the "morning" turned out to be a great success. The amount was very big indeed and exceeded our expectations. The total raised was £1,878. — Connie Butler

THE Beaumont Residents' Association would like to express its sympathy on the death of Brother Gerald A. Cashel of St. Aidan's School who died on November 11th, 2000. He will be remembered for helping to make St. Aidan's the excellent school it is today.

THE Beaumont Residents' Association would also like to express its sympathy to the St Leger family of Coolatree Park on the recent passing away of Des. Our sympathy to his wife and his daughters.

ST. KEVIN'S Boys Club would like to thank Niall Taylor of Contact Video, Shantalla Road for his kind sponsorship of their 15 Premier Team for the coming season.

NTL - On making recent enquiries to NTL about their new proposed TV, Phone and Internet Service the following information was received. All areas of Dublin should have the TV service in March 2001 (approx. 22 channels); The phone line service depends on different individual needs and requirements as to how much you save; And the internet service should be ready by September, 2001.

SINCERE sympathy to Moya O'Toole, Kitty, Terry Wickham and all the Wickham "kids" on the death of dear Larry O'Toole. Larry passed away on November 21st and he will be fondly remembered by all his close neighbours and friends in Beaumont. May he Rest in Peace.

A DUBLIN MEMOIR with Chicken Choker and The Glimmer Man. A short history of an ordinary 'five-eight' and his family, seen through the eyes of a child. Those joyful early years with grandparents and eccentric aunts, who in their own different ways, contributed to making his childhood so wonderful. Those hungry war years, the pain of separation from his father, living conditions that were far from ideal. The unpleasant school days, where everyone suffered the same fate. A strong resilient mother, who in spite of the many ups and downs of life, managed to stay the Course, but only just. The scourge of T.B. that threatened, once again, to rob him of his birthright, that were all part of growing up in Dublin, before, during and after the last war. This book was written by a local man Vincent Flood of Lorecan Villas. Price £7.95. A lovely Christmas Gift. Published by Bobdog Publications.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jacqueline Brennan and Terry O'Connor on their recent engagement. Terry works in Byrne's Butchers so wish him well.

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DID MAN REALLY WALK ON THE MOON?

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of correcting mistakes," says Rene. "I'm not saying that some of these men didn't have the sort of 'right stuff' they were looking for." NASA won't respond to any of these claims, their press office will only say that the Moon landings happened and the pictures are real. But a NASA public affairs officer called Julian Scheer once delighted 200 guests at a private party with footage of astronauts apparently on a landscape. It had been made on a mission film set and was identical to what NASA claimed was their real lunar landscape. "The purpose of this film," Scheer told the enthralled group, "is to indicate that you really can fake things on the ground, almost to the point of deception." He then invited his audience to "come to your own decision about whether or not man actually did walk on the Moon". A sudden attack of honesty? You bet, says Rene, who claims the only real thing about the Apollo missions were the lift offs. The astronauts simply have to be on board, he says, in case the rocket exploded. "It was the easiest way to ensure NASA wasn't left with three astronauts who ought to be dead," he claims, adding that they came down a day or so later, out of the public eye (global surveillance wasn't what it is now) and into the safe hands of NASA officials, who whisked them off to prepare for the big day a week later. And now NASA is planning another



giant step - project Outreach, a 1 trillion dollar manned mission to Mars. "Think what they'll be able to mock up with today's computer graphics," says Rene chillingly. "Special effects was in its infancy in the 60s. This time round we will have no way of determining the truth." Space oddities: Apollo 14 astronaut Allen Shepard played golf on the Moon. In front of a worldwide TV

audience, Mission Control teased him about slicing the ball to the right. Yet a slice is caused by uneven air flow over the ball. The Moon has no atmosphere and no air. A camera panned upwards to catch Apollo 16's Lunar Lander lifting off the Moon. Who did the filming? One NASA picture from Apollo 11 is looking up at Neil Armstrong about to take his giant step for mankind. The photographer must have been lying on the planet surface. If Armstrong was the first man on the Moon, then who took the shot? The pressure inside a space suit was greater than inside a football. The astronauts should have been puffed out like the Michelin Man, but were seen freely bending their joints. The Moon landings took place during the Cold War. Why didn't America make a signal on the moon that could be seen from earth? The PR would have been phenomenal and it could have been easily

CHRISTMAS TREES

The custom of decorating a Christmas tree comes from Germany, where they have been doing it for centuries.

The story goes that St. Boniface had been trying to get the people in Germany to follow the message of Jesus. One winter he cut down a great oak tree that people had been using as a place for pagan sacrifices. When he did, a little green fir tree began to grow in its place. He took this as a sign of hope for the future. Much later the custom spread to other countries.



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TONGE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Geraldine Tonge. For almost 30 yrs now I have been involved in Irish dancing. I remember watching Irish dancing on *Trom agus Eadrom*, (the elders will remember that one!), and thinking I would love to be able to that, and so off I went to the local dancing class, and 30 yrs later I'm now heading off to my own class, and still enjoying it!

During my time as a dancer, I had the privilege of representing Ireland abroad at many folk festivals, in Holland, Denmark, France, Austria, Germany to name a few. It was this aspect of Irish dancing which gave me the greatest of pleasure and made me realise how much Irish dancing was valued and appreciated abroad, this was long before Riverdance, or Lord of the Dance or Spirit of the Dance etc, and made me realise how important our culture is.

As a result I wanted to be part of sharing a small piece of Irish culture with the next generation. Having passed my TCRG (teachers exam) in 1986 and my ADCRG (adjudicators exam) in 1999, I now together, with my sister, Teresa, run the Tonge School of Irish dancing, in Lorcan Community Hall, Lorcan Villas, Santry as well as adjudicating at various Feiseanna. We started classes in October 1992 with 6 pupils, and have steadily progressed since then. We are affiliated to An coimisiun le rince Gaelacha.

Our pupils range in age from 4 yrs to 16 and we meet twice a week in the community hall to practise and practise and practise!

Every year we hold our annual class feis, in the community hall in Lorcan, and this gives the children an opportunity to 'show off' to the grandparents, parents and family, just how much work they have done in the year.

For this occasion we bring in an independent adjudicator and musician. Every year the standard gets higher and higher and it's great for us as teachers, to see the fruits of our labour and to see the children take part and have such fun too.

Apart from the class feis, our dancers have taken part in the annual variety show and Christmas pantomime with the Lorcan variety group. This has proved to be a great success every year, and the dancers really enjoy the change and the challenge!

Only September last, 25 of our dancers, took part in the variety show with Lorcan Drama and Variety group, it was a great success and some of our youngest dancers, 4yrs, made their debut. It was a certainly a couple of nights to remember.

It's not all fun though! Irish dancing takes time, effort, patience, and a lot of hard work. On 4th and 5th of November last, some of our youngest dancers competed in the Leinster championships, which were held in Perrystown, and did extremely well.

We brought home four 1st place medals, three 2nd place medals, one 4th & two 5th place medals as well as two 6th place medals and two 8th place medals in the figure championships. Well done to Caoimhe Harris, aged 6yrs, Sinead Denihan, aged 6 yrs, Aoife Madden, 8 yrs Christine Dorman 7yrs and Margaret Quinn aged 9 yrs. You did us proud!

As a result of so many enquiries for adult classes, we commenced these 2 years ago. Our adults have been progressing so well, that they managed a performance at our last class feis, and won a medal too! We hope to resume these classes again after Christmas, so it's never too late to learn and the more the merrier.



Pictured here are the Tonge School of Irish Dancing at Lorcan Variety & Drama Group Show in Sept. 2000 at Community Hall with teachers Geraldine and Teresa.

We always welcome new children, beginners or otherwise into our class, and adults too!. Our childrens classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 5.00 pm, the adult class takes place on a Tuesday from 7.45 - 9.00 pm approx. For any further information we can be contacted at 8490980 (Geraldine Tonge). New dancers are always welcome.

As part of our ongoing fundraising, we are organising a pub quiz in the Kilmardinny pub, Lorcan, after Christmas on Tuesday 1st February at 8.00 pm. (£12.00 team of 4). Your support would be greatly appreciated and any sponsorship would be most welcome as we hope to compete in the World championships in 2002 in Glasgow.

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Not a child nor a mouse nor a baby were peeping.
The ground was all covered in glistening white snow,
And no 'one was stirring as far as I know,
Till I heard a clattering upon the roof,
That's when I knew it was a reindeer's hoof,
I raced down the stairs as quick as a flash,
And through our small kitchen I started to dash,
I looked round the door and what did I see
There was Father Christmas staring at me,
He was all dressed in red with a round chubby belly,
When he laughed at me it shook like jelly.
With a jolly smile and a wink of an eye,
He was up the chimney waving good-bye.
I was left standing there right by the door,
And all that was left were his footprints on the floor,
There were so many toys you could share them with three,
But my Christmas secret was only for me.

MAIREAD BUTLER (Aged 9)

The Rhyme of the Ancient Cyclist

The straps of me toe clips are fraying,
Me tyres have gone threadbare and thin,
The gear chain is loose on its mounting,
And soon sure its going to give in.
Me front wheel has got quite a wobble,
And the saddle has got a big dip,
But as for meself, I'm no better,
I've got an owl pain in me hip.
Oh, but we were not that way always,
As we sped through the countryside wide,
There was just no end to our journeys,
Me bike, with me self astride,
No hill was too high to be tackled,
To get down and walk was a sin,
But now when I see a rise coming,
I hop off at once and give in!
For now our proud progress is hampered,
We must keep to roads that are level and low,
No more can I peddle up Sally Gap,
Or spin down through sweet Aberlow,
I keep saying that I'll do it some day,
But never get down to say when,
So farewell to the mountains of Wicklow,
Each valley, each peak, and each glen,
Well at least I still have my memories,
Aughavanagh and dear Ballinaclea,
The steep winding stairs down in Foulksrath,
And Arthurstown down by the sea,
Now when I am gone, on my tombstone,
These words you can read if you try,
The old wheeler has gone to new pastures,
He has reached the great hostel on high!

FRED HASLAM

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BURGLARIES IN DUBLIN

THE AMOUNT of Burglaries by Post Code in Dublin are Dublin 22, D14, D6 (35 burglaries), D3 (25), D5, D15, D24 (30), D12 (27), D16, D9 (18), D11 (17), D8, D13 (16), D6W, D7, D4 (15), D18 (11), D1 (7), D2, D20 (5), D17, D10 (2). (Based on a survey between Dec. 98 and Feb. 2000).

More than six out of ten burgled households were occupied at the time of the crime, a new nationwide survey has revealed. Three quarters did not have an alarm system. One in four household crimes occurred during afternoon school runs. Rear doors and windows are the preferred method of entry for the burglar with 40 pc of break-ins through back windows and 18pc through the back door. Always look the back up if you are working at the front of your house.

The times when most burglaries occur are -

- 9 pc - 4.00-8.00 a.m.
- 10 pc - 8.00-12 a.m.
- 15 pc - 20.00-24.00.
- 19 pc - 00.00-04.00;
- 21 pc - 16.00-20.00.
- 26 pc - 12.00-16.00.

A lot of burglaries can be prevented. Most are committed by opportunist thieves, and in two burglaries out of ten the thief does not have to force his way in because a door or window has been left open. Burglars like easy opportunities. They don't like locked windows because breaking glass attracts attention. They don't like security deadlocks on doors because they cannot open them even from the inside and they have to get out through a window. Simple precautions like these do work. So check the security of your home and strengthen the weak spots as soon as possible. A small outlay will, in many cases, make your home much more secure and buy peace of mind into the bargain.

Strangers: Be alert to people loitering in residential streets, if it is no one you recognise, call the gardai.

Burglar Alarms: Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice.

Small Windows: Even small windows like casement windows, skylights or bathroom fanlights need locks. A thief can get in through any gap larger than a human head.

Spare Keys: Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like under a doormat, in a flowerpot or inside the letterbox - a thief will look there first.

Gates and Fences: A high wall or fence at the back of a house can put off a burglar. Check for weak spots where a thief could get in. A thorny hedge along a boundary can also be a useful deterrent. Make sure the front of the house is still visible to passers by, so that a burglar can't work unseen.

Front Door Roof: A thief could reach first floor windows from this roof - so fit window locks.

Garages and Sheds: Never leave a garage or garden shed unlocked, especially if it has a connecting door to the house. Lock tools and ladders away so that a thief cannot use them to break in.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The A.G.M. of the Dublin Neighbourhood Watch took place on Saturday, Nov. 11. We attended a lively and stimulating workshop. The four topical issues for debate were the Internet, the need for civic awareness among teenagers, late night policing and a proposal to make a submission to the National Crime Council. Neighbourhood Watch was established 15 years ago and there are now more than 2,600 schemes in existence nationwide.

NEIGHBOURS WATCH OUT FOR NEIGHBOURS

Phone the Gardai if you notice anything or anybody acting suspiciously! Thanks to Sergeant John O'Driscoll for the lifts to the A.G.M. -- Noreen Maher.

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NURSING HOME CRISIS—*"Families on the Northside are facing increasing distress trying to find nursing home accommodation for relatives who can no longer be cared for at home."*—Said Richard Bruton, TD.

Public nursing homes are extremely scarce on the Northside. Both St Mary's and St Clare's have had to close a substantial number of beds, at least 75, due to nursing shortages. Only acute cases discharged from hospital are in practice being admitted to these homes. St Clare's will not take any new admissions.

If the Minister is to honour his legal obligations, he must immediately: -Double the current rate of nursing home subvention in the Dublin area -Establish a Central Admissions Office, where families could find out information about vacancies in nursing homes and obtain advice and assistance in identifying homes with suitable levels of care for their relative's need. Take whatever steps are necessary to bring the closed public beds back into the service and to develop new public nursing home beds on the Northside.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE 20B SERVICE—*"At long last improvements in the 20B bus service are promised by Dublin Bus"*, reports Richard Bruton, TD. "The last few years have seen a cutback on the number of buses serving the 20B route". The encouraging news is the one of the 30 seater Eurobuses will be devoted to providing additional capacity in the morning and evening peak on the 20B.

PERMISSION GRANTED FOR AVIATION FUEL PIPELINE—The City Manager granted permission for the Aviation Fuel Pipeline. Richard Bruton said "while considerable improvements have been made in this proposal during the course of the planning process, most notably the decision not to run it through Marino and to add new safety precautions, nonetheless, I am still concerned that the government has no agency in place which will monitor the on-going operation of this aviation fuel pipeline.

PROPOSED BRING CENTRE—*"I do not believe that our flagship park on the Northside should be used for a Bring Centre for Cans, batteries and paper"*, said Richard Bruton. I am disappointed that the area committee overrode my objections and are now proceeding to seek planning approval for the idea.

Already this year residents have had trouble with dust and smells from the Green Waste Depot. This will add to problems and bring new traffic. There are at present 14 centres in the North Central Committee's area. Thirteen have facilities to receive glass, 11 to receive cans, 6 to receive clothes, 1 to receive paper and household batteries.

THE GEESE ARE GETTING FAT

—By Rosaleen Cassedy

CHRISTMAS is coming and the geese are getting fat. can you please put a penny in the old mans hat " if I had a penny for everytime I've said that Christmas rhyme I'd be a very rich woman. I heard some children saying this rhyme the other day and it really brought home just how quickly the year has flown in. In looking forward to Christmas I started thinking back to last year.

Then all people seemed to be talking about was not 25th December but New Years Eve. Last years' Christmas seemed to be eclipsed by 31st DECEMBER. Well we all know that when something is hyped up, it can sometimes fall flat on its face. Remember the now infamous Millennium Bug which went back into its cocoon never to be seen again, and as for the words of Princes' song "tonight I'm gonna party like its 1999" most people used common sense and organised their own entertainment. Many people stayed in with friends and family instead of going out and 31st December 1999 will be remembered for these parties for a long time.

Over the past year in Beaumont the road works have been a never-ending topic of conversation. Our famous magical moving yellow box at the junction of Coolgreena/Beaumont Road still gives me a laugh. First it's put into the wrong spot. Then it disappears and as if by divine intervention it reappears, in the place where it should have been at the beginning. It never ceases to amaze me that common sense did not prevail when the roadmarkers were initially marking the box. As I said, it brings a smile to my face everytime I look at the junction, so thank you Dublin Corporation.

On the subject of thanks I would like to mention our Residents Association Committee. At Christmas they organise the special Santa visit to children, and the senior members party. They also prepare this newsletter. They let us know simply what is going on in our small part of the world. I would like to let them know how much their work is appreciated as I personally look forward to the newsletter as there is always something of interest in it. A special mention should be given to Barry Doyle who prepares and edits the Beaumont News. It may on the surface look like a simple task, but the amount of organisation for advertisements, articles, entertaining pieces, and local news all takes time to put together, so I say well done and carry on the good work.

I HAD A MAGIC FLYING RUG

I had a magic flying rug,
But once I had a tummy bug,
I couldn't fly, I couldn't walk,
In fact I couldn't even talk,
My brother knew I had this bug,
So he came and gave me a great big hug,
But then the mischievous little brat,
Yes, that annoying little sprat,
Tried to fly my magic rug,
(At this I laughed despite my bug),
For he went up and he went down,
He looked just like a silly clown,
But then he crashed and the rug was smashed,
So that was the end of my flying rug.
ALAN DOYLE (1995)

AN ALIEN KNOCKED ON MY FRONT DOOR

An alien knocked on my front door,
He said "Hello", and nothing more,
Then he asked for salt, or was it sugar,
I thought, "I'm gonna call my mother",
I thought, "Oh dear, what will I do,
Oh father where on earth are you."
Then I finally managed to slam the door,
He said "Well my", and nothing more.
ALAN DOYLE (1995).



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WANTED—Childminder preferably in Artane/Beaumont area to look after two boys aged 5 years and 1½ years, on a week on week off basis. 1½ year old to be looked after from 9 o'clock Monday to Friday, 5 year old to be collected from St. Fiachra's School and to be minded until 4 o'clock. Phone Karen at 840 9056.

BEAUMONT Residents' Association recently sponsored a hole (for £100) in the Golf Classic for the Zimbabwe AIDS Fund. Unfortunately we hadn't the time to get a team together.



Congratulations to Kevin Lee of Cooleen Avenue whose 80th birthday was held recently. Pictured above Kevin about to blow out the candles at his party, with Angela and his family (not in photo).

BOOK SALE—Catherine's Book and Tape Sale runs weekly (every Saturday and Sunday) in the Old Courthouse, Howth. (A good excuse for a spin).

MOYA O'TOOLE wishes to thank most sincerely all her friends and neighbours who showed such kindness, concern, help and good will to her and Larry during his illness. She also wishes to acknowledge with sincere thanks all those who sympathised with her on Larry's recent sad passing, those who attended the removal, the funeral Mass and burial. A special word of thanks to Fr. Byrne and the priests of Beaumont Parish. Words cannot express her heartfelt sincere thanks to all the staff of St. Francis Hospice, Raheny for all the wonderful care and support and nursing given to Larry and herself. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE

Re: Dromawling Road Traffic Calming Scheme

I refer to your letter dated 31/05/00 in relation to the Dromawling Road Traffic Calming Scheme. I now wish to advise you of the information received from the Traffic Engineer. Elm Mount Traffic Calming Scheme covers an area bounded by the following roads; Beaumont Rd., Skelly's Lane, Kilmore Rd, Malahide Rd., and Collins Avenue. Dromawling Road is within this area. The scheme has been approved for construction with work due to start prior to April 2001. The calming measures proposed for Dromawling Road include 6 pairs of speed cushions and a plateau at the junction with Elm Mount Avenue.

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We received four nominations for this Annual Event kindly sponsored by Christopher in Murphy's Jewellers (This was his idea also to host this event). The nominations were :- Connie Butler of Coolatree Park for all her work with the Hospice in Raheny over the years; Deirdre Higgins of Beaumont Crescent who looks after the older folks of her area so caringly and as they say "they would be lost without her.". Thirdly Michael Hession of Shanglas Road, who has proven himself a wonderful neighbour at all times and regularly answers calls for assistance on local roads, sometimes when he would not be in the best of health himself. Finally Barry Doyle for all his dedicated hard work in compiling and producing the newsletter over the past four years; also being chairperson and secretary. At the monthly meeting of the committee of the Beaumont Residents' Association the committee unanimously decided that Connie Butler should be the winner of this competition. Congratulations to Connie who will soon receive her award from Christopher from Murphy Jewellers.

FEAR

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.
We ask ourselves: "Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?"

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God, Your playing small doesn't serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.
It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Nelson Mandela 1994.

As can be seen by the contributions in the Newsletter this issue the people in Beaumont are a very Poetically minded lot, obviously not the poem above was written by a resident.

LOTTO MADNESS?

Statistically what are the chances of winning the Lotto? The following practical interpretations are of interest and may assist the Lotto Dreamer in future investments.

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LAST REQUEST BEFORE ?????

On a transatlantic flight, a plane passes through a severe storm. The turbulence is awful, and things go from bad to worse when one wing is struck by lightning. One woman in particular loses it. Screaming, she stands up in the front of the plane. "I'm too young to die!" she wails. Then she yells, "Well, if I'm going to die, I want my last minutes on Earth to be memorable! I have known plenty of men in my life, but no one has ever made me really feel like a woman!"

Well I've had it! Is there ANYONE on this plane who can make me feel like a WOMAN??"

For a moment there is silence. Everyone has forgotten their own peril, and they all stare, riveted, at the desperate woman in the front of the plane.

Then, a man stands up in the rear of the plane. "I can make you feel like a woman," he says. He's gorgeous. Tall, built, with long, flowing black hair and jet black eyes, he starts to walk slowly up the aisle, unbuttoning his shirt one button at a time. No one moves. The woman is breathing heavily in anticipation as the stranger approaches.

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ELM PARK LODGE, PUCKSTOWN An address unknown to most of the community. The district was once called Puckstown, we know it as Skelly's Lane, Artane. The Old Lodge was built more than two and a half centuries (1730) approx. as part of the Estate of Elm Park House. It was built in Black stone and red brick and contains four small rooms. It had a Turf fire for cooking in the kitchen which opened onto a yard by a half door. The three front windows were of leaded lights and have plaster decorations over the eath. It faced into a large orchard what is now Beaumont Crescent. The posts of the entrance gates still stand marking the boundary between Beaumont and Artane. It's original use is now redundant and it is home only to the ghosts of yesteryear and part of local history.

Times past and history in the making... We can only wonder about the past tenants as they sat around the open fire with the filly lamps talking about, perhaps, Wolfe Tone, Daniel O'Connell. The Famine and Independence, this was the way things happened then. The Lodge also had the distinction to witness Robert Emmet and the great crowd that gathered when he gave one of his rousing speeches from the balcony of Elm Park House.

Elm Park Lodges can boast its most famous tenant was Northside's highwayman, Collier. He worked the North Road holding up stage coaches and making his daring escape, disappearing up the hidden entrance to Skelly's lane and into the safety and seclusion of the Lodge. There he would count his spoils. (Perhaps its Colliers treasure that the Corporation are digging for.

The house and Puckstowns were outside the pale, a hinterland part of rural Dublin, a farming area and for the price of a pepper of corn (spices being very valuable) the occupant had the right to hunt hawk and shoot on the lands.

In 1966 it was purchased by Brendan Doyle who designed its Tudor appearance and dragged in into modern life by installing plumbing. It was the family home until the neighbouring lands were developed. The family respected and recognised it as an inaugural part of the locality and it was only recently the last remaining Elm Tree in the garden succumbed to old age and disease.

Elm Park Lodge now stands with its rear to the new Skelly's lane, unnoticed by most passers-by. Its 2ft thick walls defy the noise of modern traffic and planes. It is sound proof, heat retaining and secure against the elements. It has all the requirements for living. It's the oldest house in the area, having stood the test of time and survived for four centuries (18th 19th, 20th and 21st) it is a brief reminder of times and people long gone and a credit to the tradesmen of yesteryear, men who knew what might be required in the year 2000.

-NOREEN DOYLE

DUBLIN TRIVIA

Tiny Coliemore Harbour beside the Dalky Island Hotel was the main harbour for Dublin from the fifteenth to the seventeenth century

Dublin is the IT Call Centre capital of Europe with over 100,000 people employed in the industry.

In 1761 a family of itinerants from Navan were refused entry to Dublin. The family settled on the outskirts of the city and created the town of Rush. Two hundred and fifty years later, almost the entire population of Rush can still trace their roots back to this one family.

Ireland's longest running Internet publication was established in Dublin in 1994.

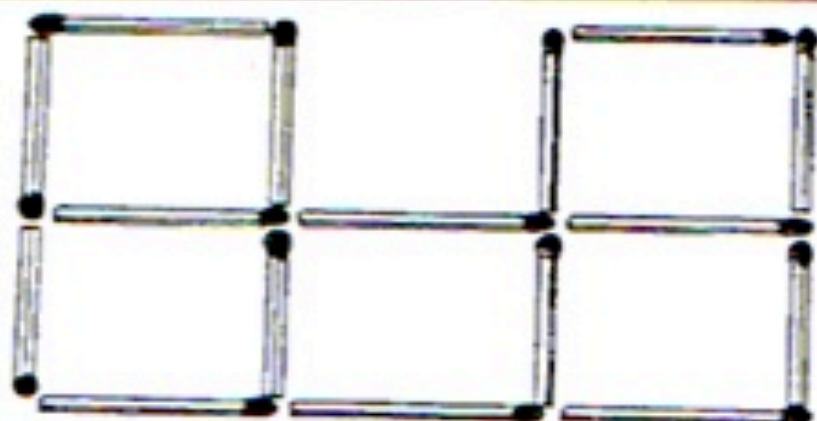
Dubliners drink a total of 9,800 pints an hour between the hours of 5.30 pm on a Friday and 3.00 am the following Monday.

Dublin is Europe's most popular destination with travelling stag and hen parties. There are an estimated six hundred 'pre wedding sessions' every weekend in the capital

Harold's Cross got it's name because a tribe called the Harold's lived in the Wickow Mountains and the Archbishop of Dublin would not let them come any nearer to the city than that point.

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HOW TO MAKE YOUR LIFE HAPPIER

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Live in the present. Stop worrying about the past or the future - regretting what's gone before or getting anxious about what's to come.

How much money you have is not the key to happiness. How you spend it is.

Think happy and banish negativity from your life. Just thinking positively will make you feel better.

Allow yourself "you" time. Spend a night in doing things you enjoy, go for a walk on your own or buy yourself an upbeat book. In your partnership learn to laugh at yourself and with the other. Understand your moods and learn to question your judgment when in a low mood. Simply recognising and acknowledging a low state of mind in yourself and in other people can improve all your relationships.

Accept that everyone is individual and that we can't change others - only ourselves. Then life become less effortful, more interesting and much happier.

Don't waste time focusing on problems, focus on solutions.

Keep a diary for a month listing all the enjoyable things you do and how they make you feel, then do more of them.

Don't postpone your life. It's been said that life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. It should not be - do what you want to now.

Do something creative: creativity is not just about being artistic, it's an approach to life; it's about being imaginative and bringing a spirit of adventure to everyday living.

Be in control of your money and on top of your debts - contact the Citizens Advice Bureau for info.

Work is an important part of our lives - make sure you are putting your talents to good use.

Go on a course or learn a new skill which will give you a feeling of progress and could widen career options.

Leave the office as soon as you get that can't think straight feeling. You will feel refreshed and productive the next day if you go off and do something completely different.



WE NEED NEW BLOOD

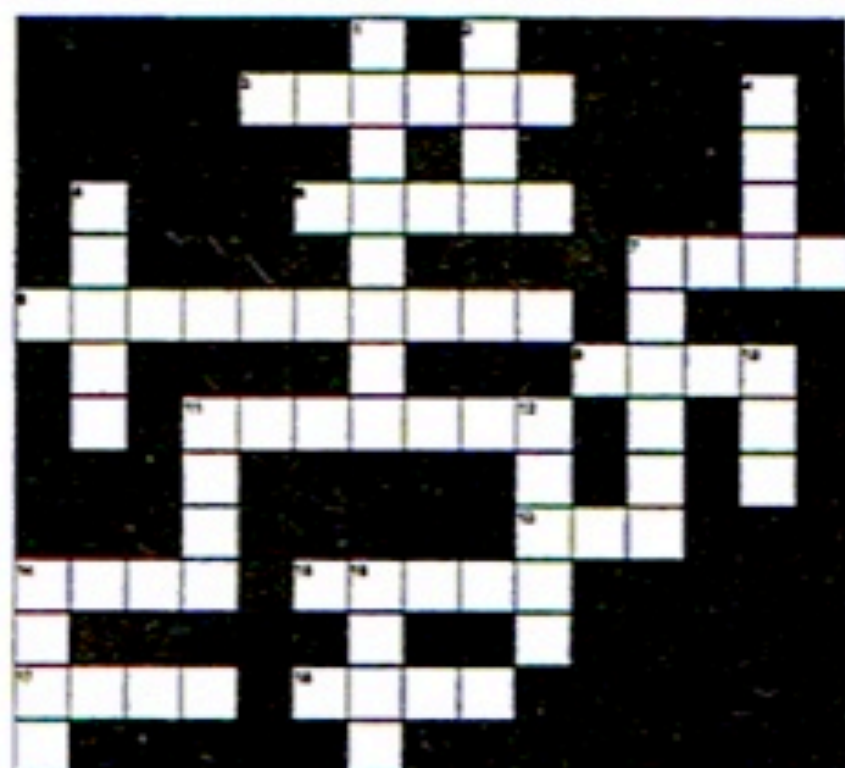
Between now and February when the AGM of the Beaumont Residents' Association will be held, why not think about becoming a member of the committee.

Most if not all of the present committee have served with the Association since it was re-started four years ago. We have lost some valuable committee members in the meantime and we need to replace them.

So why not think about it. It will not take up too much of your time and you might even feel rewarded as a committee member.

A good association cannot run without a good committee, and we need new blood now.

**Beaumont Residents' Association
MEMBERS £ 10 PRIZE CROSSWORD**



ACROSS - 3. Hand coverings; 6 Warm outerwear, 7. A sled run;
8. Child's Sled; 9. Winter precipitation, 11. Slides for a sled;
13. Frozen water; 14. Heavy pulling cord; 15. How fast one goes;
17. Vehicle on runners; 18. Protective bar.

DOWN - 1. Runnerless sled; 2. A place to sit; 4. Tug; 5. Slippery;
7. Part to be grasped; 10. Applied to runners; 11. A trip on sled;
12. Glide, slip; 14. Oxidation, corrosion, 16. Frolic.

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