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A DAY IN COURT

MUCH has been written regarding the state of Beaumont Road and the many excavations that took place over the last three years. Living on the main road over this period was a nightmare as no warnings were given when digging would commence either day or night. Having believed in September last that no more heavy work was to take place I naturally got the house painted, only to be confronted by another major road job which meant that a trench was opened the length of Beaumont Road. The machinery used spread dust and dirt everywhere with no attempt made to minimise its effects. You can imagine the effects this had on freshly painted surfaces. This pipe laying job took place just three weeks after painting and its effects were evident. In December I decided to look for some kind of retribution and approached the Small Claims Court at Inns Quay. I got the necessary documentation for the claim and filled them out including the fee of £6. The maximum claim for this court is £1000 which was double my claim. The small claims court registrar sends a copy of the claim to the respondent who in this case was South Midland Construction. The Registrar will attempt to get a settlement but failing to do so will then seek from the parties their intentions. The decision to pursue the claim, which was the decision, meant that it was being submitted for a Court hearing at the District Court (Small Claims Procedure).

There are none of the legal profession involved but if you bring legal representation you pay for it yourself. The case I took was listed for hearing on April 23rd at 2 o'clock. There were quite a number of other small claim cases for hearing and it turned out to be a most interesting experience. When my case was called I took the witness stand and gave my evidence, which included outlining the events of the last three years. I was then open to questioning from the representative of S.M.C. and when I had given answers he then had to take the stand. Having given his assessment of the company's position it was then my turn to cross examine him. For the next few minutes you can be either "Kavanagh QC" or "Rumpole of the Bailey" but it's a great experience. I envy those who get between three and five grand a day for asking questions. The Judge summed up

and in doing so asked the respondent if they believed they would cause disruption with impunity without responsibility and the respondent replied that they had a responsibility where damage was proved. The judge then made an award of cash to the claimant.

Tom Darby (Q.C.?)

FREE VICTIM SUPPORT VIDEO - under 1/2 Hour.

All residents are invited to a video on Victim Support to be shown at the Pastoral Centre on Tuesday, May 15, at 8.30 p.m. Refreshments served.

This video is worthwhile seeing and gives you a good insight into all the good work done by our volunteers. So come along and give us your support by your presence.

VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES

Branch Network -

Branches throughout Ireland provide support and practical help to victims in their own homes.

N.O.T.S.:

The National Office Team Service comprises volunteers who operate from National Office on a daily basis. The primary aim of this service is to offer support to victims who call in person or phone National Office. A co-ordinator supervises the volunteers in their work.

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ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAMME - The development of an anti-bullying programme for secondary schools in conjunction with the National Parents Council (Post Primary).

VICTIM SUPPORT RESEARCH - Research is no longer the career of the small elite of professionals and full-time researchers. It has become a necessity to ensure organisational development, improvement in practice and the implementation of change.

Victim Support through the use of surveys, questionnaires, interviews has highlighted the key issues, problems, concerns and needs of victims of crime in Ireland.

Research creates change. Victim Support, since its foundation in 1985 has undergone fundamental change in its structure and in the provision of its service to victims of crime which is based on research carried out. Research feeds back directly into practice, bringing about change and this process is ongoing reflecting continuous growth, development and improves services for victims of crime.

DO YOUR BIT?

This Summer we have entered the Dublin Tidy Districts Competition again. Last year we managed a Special Merit Award, what can we achieve this year?

DID YOU KNOW— You are responsible for litter on the footpath outside your residence. The Litter Pollution Act makes you responsible for keeping the footpath and gutter free of litter. It must not be swept from the footpath onto the roadway.

REMEMBER— The first impression of your property a visitor makes is from seeing your grass margin and your garden.

AGM Beaumont Residents Association

Tues., 21st Feb., 2001. Parochial Centre

Barry Doyle opened the meeting at 20.10 and welcomed everybody who attended. Barry then read the minutes of the last AGM.

The minutes were taken as correct.

Joyce Moore read the Treasurers report. This was accepted as being correct. Joyce was asked to explain what was meant by bad debts in the report. She explained that they were advertising debts with regard to the Beaumont News. The ratification of the trustees was next on the agenda. Noreen Maher, Ann Maher and Chris Foy agreed to continue in these positions. This was proposed by Des Maguire and seconded by Peter Boylan. Barry Doyle asked for new committee members and for volunteers to deliver the Beaumont News on Shanglas Road and Coolatree Road. Ethel Delaney volunteered to deliver newsletters. Barry thanked Joyce for the Treasurers Report and said it had been another successful year and another good Christmas party. Barry explained that the newsletter would be only coming out 4 times a year from now on. The reason for this was the huge workload experienced by Barry in getting the newsletter out each time. By cutting publication to 4 times a year, hopefully it will be manageable. The surplus money in the Residents Ass. Bank Account needs to be kept in case the Ass. need to fight any community causes.

The committee will decide at the first committee meeting who will hold what positions on the committee.

Barry asked for the subscription to be increased from £5 per year to £6 per year. This should help to cover the shortfall in income from the newsletter advertising. A show of hands was asked for and the vote was passed.

Any other business

Peter Boylan asked was there any update on ramps for Dromawling Road. The corporation had said they would be installed in 2001. Barry said he will write to the Corporation again to find out where it is at. Barry pointed out that while they might not necessarily give the answers we want, the Corporation always reply to queries from the Association. Catherine Connolly asked about the condition of the Beaumont Road. This has been brought up regularly at Committee meetings. The corporation have said the grass verges are to be put right. Barry will keep at the Corporation. Michael Quigley said the drains at the end of Beaumont Grove are blocked. The Corporation say it is

the responsibility of the construction companies to clear them. Violet O'Reilly brought up the subject of St Jude's on the Beaumont Road. She said the owners had not got permission to change the use of the house to a counselling service. This was the second year this concern was raised. Barry said that until this house caused a problem for residents there was nothing we could do about it. Carmel Brady asked could the association ask the Corporation about putting some sort of pedestrian crossing on the Beaumont Road opposite the end of Thatch Road. Mrs Brady expressed concern about the amount of crossings between the Beaumont House and the Schools when there were none on the stretch between Beaumont House and Thatch Road. The Residents Association had never been asked before to ask for a crossing on this stretch of road. Barry will contact the traffic dept regarding this. Tom Darby spoke about the trouble he was having with the contractors who were working on the Beaumont Road. He said that after he had the front of his house painted the roadworks destroyed the paint work. He went to the small claims court and put in a claim against the contractor. The contractor offered to steam clean the house which Tom Darby said was totally unsuitable on a house with mahogany windows and doors. Tom has a letter from the painter stating when the work was done. This is seen by the residents as a test case which will be watched with interest by all the residents on the Beaumont Road whose property has been damaged by the construction work.

The residents on Beaumont Road went to court to stop Mr Carew being granted a dance-licence for the Beaumont House. Mr Carew had to pay the residents costs in that instance. Esther O'Hanlon said the green man on the lights at the junction of Beaumont Road and Dromawling Road does not always come on. Can this be checked as a priority with the Corporation. Peter Boylan asked had a representative of Beaumont Hospital come back with a response to a query that was made about the car parking at the Hospital. Ministers of the Eucharist and others from the parish who go to serve at the Hospital masses are having to pay to park in the car parks. So far there has been no response from the hospital. Noreen Maher complained about the state of the park at Coolgreena Close. The Residents were promised £35,000 to upgrade this park after a lot of work and effort by Des Maguire when he was Chairperson of the Association. Noreen asked that the campaign to get the park upgraded be restarted. Brian Traynor said the green area at the junction of Coolgarniff Road and Lorcan Avenue is being used for dumping beer cans, etc. Could we contact Lorcan Residents Association to see if we could come up with a solution to this problem. Brian Traynor also said that there appears to be a worrying trend of broken glass being spread across footpaths in the neighbourhood. The corporation are to be asked to provide more street cleaning to try to counteract this.

Mrs Clifford of Coolrusa Drive asked were people having a problem with milk being taken from doorsteps. Patricia Doyle said milk is also being taken from her doorstep. Most people are aware of the circumstances of the person who is thought to be taking the milk. Patricia Doyle said none of us should begrudge this person a pint of milk and said she would welcome suggestions on how this person could be persuaded to accept milk without having to take it from peoples doorsteps. Peter Boylan thanked the priests of the parish for allowing the committee to use the parochial centre for their meetings.

Des Maguire talked about drugs in the area. He said it is a huge concern for parents if drugs are being sold in the area. The community guard Stephen Daly said if people have concerns regarding drugs they should speak to him. He said that while he in no way wanted to make light of the drugs problem that drugs and drug use are everywhere, in every neighbourhood and that drugs is a big business. Des asked could a notice be put in the newsletter saying we would not tolerate drugs or drug pushers in our area and that if even one child in the area is at risk then we have to act. Stephen Daly felt that this would be alarmist and advised against blowing the whole thing out of proportion. He again emphasised that drugs are everywhere. Barry Doyle asked could we get the drugs squad to give a talk to residents and parents about the symptoms etc to look out for. Stephen said he would be delighted to organise this. Brian Traynor suggested we have a drugs awareness day similar to the Neighbourhood watch open day we had a few years ago. Stephen Daly said the Crime Prevention Officer in Santry could organise that.

Stephen Daly went on to discuss how teenage drinking is a major concern for the Gardai. At the moment they are targeting off-licences and pubs in the area who sell drink to underage people. He also said prosecutions are pending against adults who buy drink in off-licences for underage teenagers. He said parents have a responsibility to watch their children. He reminded us that drinking in a public place is an offence for everybody. Noreen Maher congratulated Connie Butler on becoming Beaumont Person of the Year. Barry thanked Stephen Daly for being so good and for all his work in the community. Joyce Moore said we would not have the funds for the committee if it were not for all work Barry Doyle puts into the Beaumont News and she thanked him for all his hard work. Barry closed the meeting at 21.20 and tea and biscuits were then served in the kitchen.

EDITOR'S NOTE—On the night of the AGM I intended saying a special thanks to Noreen Maher for all her work on the newsletter and to Patricia Doyle for all her contributions to the newsletter and for her proof-reading skills. It slipped my mind on the night.

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A HAIR-RAISING STORY!

AFTER months of craven procrastination and ever-diminishing hair, I nerved myself to visit a Hair Specialist. Leaving the bus near his house in a London suburb, I glanced guiltily up and down the tree-lined road. Dead leaves scampered dryly before a sharp autumn breeze. Unobserved, I gained the house, snaked furtively through the garden gate and up to the front door. I knocked timidly.

An austere maid conducted me along a wide, handsome hall and into a large, high-ceilinged room. She silently waved me to a chair and withdrew. Surrounded as I was by family portraits, heavy furniture, knick-knacks and what-nots I began to feel even more foolish and minded to make a bolt for it before the matter went further.

I was rising from the chair when approaching footsteps proclaimed the arrival of the Presence. . . . A tall, thin, long-legged man stalked sedately into the room. A suit of parson-grey was topped by a snowy shirt and flowing black hand-tied bow-tie—none of your "clip-ons" here!

Then my eyes were fixed and held in sudden envy and awe. . . . An enormous thatch of thick, black hair crowned a lean lantern-jawed face, curling richly round his ears and down the back of his neck.

The hair was a living testimony to the efficacy of his hair treatment. There was enough of it to sweep several chimneys or stuff a mattress. Despite his thinness, his well-fed, contented look suggested a snug bank balance.

"Excuse delay, please," he cooed suavely, extending a bony hand and showing strong white teeth under a black yard-brush moustache. "Just having a cup of tea." He rolled his tongue round his mouth in quest of elusive cake crumbs, smoothed his middle and smiled meagerly. Sharp blue eyes looked down unsmilingly at me above a long nose. I mumbled something as we shook hands.

The quiet-spoken man became a dogmatic, booming fellow.

"Good hair once!" he shouted, looking carelessly at my head, as he sat down and faced me across the desk. "Yes! Yes! Yes!"

The consultation then began. Or rather the Presence began to declaim. It was my function to listen as his voice boomed on repetitively, extolling the marvellous merits of his secret hair restorer.

"Of course, you've read the literature I sent you." He waved a hand and dismissed that topic. Apparently, when you had read of his hair-growing miracles, further discussion was needless and irrelevant. . . . He could grow hair on billiard-balls. . . . To ask for further proof or to be allowed to inspect the evidence at close quarters would be incredible impudence—almost blasphemy!

"I can do a lot for your hair, friend," he perorated, lighting a cigarette but omitting to ask his chum if he'd like one. "Yes! Yes! Yes!" He exhaled joyously, pointing a thin forefinger at me warningly. "But only on condition that you follow my instructions. First of all, get rid of that hat," he concluded peremptorily.

I nodded meekly, shivering in anticipation as I thought of wintry blasts and frosty nights. "What is your fee, please?"

A pause, and then he named a staggering sum, payable in advance. He saw me wilting, or perhaps I turned pale, because he said sternly:

"I never argue about my fees or give reductions. Never, no, never! A man here the other day grumbled about my price and then agreed to pay. . . ."

But I told him to take himself off and not waste my time. For time is money. . . . His bright blue eyes glared challengingly at me as he boomed the cliché.

I may be balding but I'm not dumb—I can take a broad hint. "I'll have to wait a few weeks"—years I meant—"to scrape up the money," I said, rising weakly, the Presence having clearly intimated that the audience was finished.

He stalked to the door with me. "Cold, cold, cold," he boomed breezily into the sharp night wind. "I can smell snow. Yes, snow."

He stuck his probing nose out of the door to sniff the air and next moment I was staring in shocked consternation at a moon-bald skull. An extra jovial gust had snatched off his wig and whirled it into the garden bushes. . . .

As I sped down the path and out the gate, he was shouting: "Wait, wait, wait. Come back, friend. . . ." The night wind whipped his words away. . . .

Going home in the bus, I enjoyed a malicious relief. Like the fabled fox which had its tail cut off, and wanted its foxy pals to have theirs docked too, so the balding man is consoled when others are as bald or even balder than he is. But when a Hair Specialist is bald. . . .! So although very soon I shall be combing my head with the towel, I am almost reconciled. . . .

A MEMORY OF CHILDHOOD

The fields that surrounded our house were owned by the St. Louis nuns. They were free for us to explore. Many hours of my youth were spent doing just that.

Beautiful wild flowers we gathered in bunches. Fox glove, lady fingers, blue bells, cow slips, buttercups. The well known daisy chains were made then too. Always so popular and first to be picked. Then there was the delicate purple cluster flower of which their stems tasted so sweet as we sucked each petal. Was this the nectar that the bees took back to their hives?

Sugar grass, this had a long stem on which grew several white and brown blobs. The smallest button on your remote would describe their size. Resembling sugar granules this was great for when we played house!!!

The primrose only to be found along the hedgerows. Its delicate yellow petals and a scent the likes of which has never since been experienced. No artificial fertilisers in those days!!

The stream which flowed along the bottom of our fields was home for some huge frogs as they leaped high through the marshy grass, frightening the life out of us. Perhaps in search of the lovely watercress which grew there.

Mirrors were fashioned from strong stems of grass broken into squares well moistened with saliva. This was much like making a bubble, except this time it was flat. Depending on movement of the twig a wide or narrow shape could be made. Mary Ward was the artist and her mirror was always the best. We tried our hardest but no way could we compete with Mary.

Time stood still. We were never bored for want of something to do. A roll down the hill if the day was fine amid hoots of laughter as to who would reach the bottom first. My Mother always had daisies and primroses strewn around outside on the eve of May Day every year. Something to do with an old superstition to ward off evil spirits. I don't think Mother really believed in all that but would justify it with "why quibble over such matters when a few flowers scattered about would take care of all" Better to be safe than sorry.

Cuckoo Salad was a sharp pleasant tasting herb which we sampled often. Hawthorn bushes were next on our minds. We knew that in September their lovely red berries were ready for eating. Autumn was the time for blackberry picking and thoughts of the jam made from this luscious fruit encouraged us to put more in the bucket and less in our mouths.

Small triangular shaped brown shell nuts grew on the trees that formed an arch across our road. Quite edible they were too. We never did know their name but enjoyed eating them. The beautiful multi-coloured autumn leaves, how they rustled as we dashed through them in our anxiety to be first hearing the sound of the driest crunch under our feet. Much pushing and shoving took place before this game ended. When one or two found themselves buried beneath a pile of leaves amid giggles galore.

What a host of good things we had to choose from not costing a penny.

Ah rivers. A spot where one could sit and dream after the day's activities. Thoughts come to mind of a particular river. In my imagination I can still see it. The tranquillity of the dark water accentuated by the earth below, as it flows smoothly towards the great fall over which it tumbles down in gushing torrents. Quickly smoothing out again. Gathering pace as it flows towards a more shallow stream. In fairylike movement it floats along tripping daintily across the earth's colourful stones to repeat the same performance further down stream. What an abundance of good things Mother Nature gave to us. Did we realise that then? Of course not. It takes maturity and all the knowledge gained through life to be able to appreciate that which we took for granted.

In the words of George Bernard Shaw - Youth is wasted on the young.

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Father Joe's Column



IT WAS a great day for the Parish and for the whole community, a once in a lifetime event, something we will never forget. The visit of the relics of St. Therese is certainly something we will never forget. We estimate that as many as 20,000 people visited the church over the two days we had the honour of hosting the relics. Many visitors stopped to comment on how beautifully the church had been decorated, on how welcoming and organised the stewards were and the friendly, family atmosphere they sensed in Beaumont. It certainly made me feel proud to be part of the community here. For several days before and all during the visit, the phone here in the Presbytery never stopped ringing: "How do you get to Beaumont Church?", "What celebrations are on?", "Where can we park?" The questions just kept coming. It would not be possible to thank all the people who made the few days so special, decorating the church, organising liturgies, the choir, the stewards, the Parish Council, our patient neighbours in Montrouse Park and Montrouse Close, the list goes on. As a community we did ourselves proud. A special word of thanks to the Gardaí who were so helpful and gave us such good advice on dealing with large numbers of people and also to the members of Civil Defence who provided constant First Aid cover - Thank you all very much.

Fr. Philip reminded us during his homily at the Sunday evening Mass, that St. Therese had a deep faith in God's love and mercy for each one of us and she sought to live out that love in everything she did. One of the things that stays with me from these few days is the friendly and happy atmosphere surrounding the whole event, no-one complained even when they had to Que. for some time outside the church, people stood quietly in the rain, there was no pushing. Inside the church there was a prayerful silence, people took time to stop and pray and just be there - it was very beautiful. May St. Therese continue to intercede for us before God and may her example inspire us always to trust in God's love and mercy with childlike simplicity. After Easter, priests from the local deaneries, met for a few days. It was a chance for us to get to know each other better and to discuss various matters of common interest. It was a very enjoyable and useful few days. Among the ideas that were discussed was the possibility of greater co-operation between neighbouring parishes. This is already taking place to a small extent for example at the Christmas and Easter Penitential Services and the Jubilee Day of Pilgrimage last year, but with fewer priests and growing demands on time and energy, we were looking for ways of broadening this co-operation. A very successful Golf Classic was held on Thursday, 26th. of April in Forrest Little Golf Club. The Classic was to raise funds for our parish project to help our twinned parish of Triashill, Zimbabwe. Our aim is to help

families who have lost a breadwinner due to the AIDS epidemic. The aim of the project is to enable these families to set up their own 'cottage industries' for example by helping them buy the raw materials to make soap, so enabling them to become self sufficient. The Classic and the Raffle went very well and will provide much needed support to our sisters and brothers in Triashill.

First Communions take place in the Parish on Saturday, 12th. and Saturday, 19th. of May. We wish the girls and boys, their families and their teachers every blessing at this special time. God Bless everyone and once again thank you for all your help and support, Fr. Joe.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST. TERESA OF LISIEUX TO BEAUMONT

For many weeks the parishioners of Beaumont prepared for the coming of the blessed relics of this Saint. We completed our preparations with a triduum of prayer conducted by Fr. Philip. Finally the great day was here Sunday April 22, 2001. Crowds had been gathering since the 12.30 Mass and the church was closed when full at 1.30 p.m. Outside also, many people waited patiently until at last the conveyance could be seen approaching. The reliquary was lifted out carefully and carried through the guard of honour provided by the scouts and preceded by two young girls scattering rose petals. The visit commenced with a prayer of welcome recited by Fr. Staunton followed by a short liturgical ceremony. Veneration of the relics began, firstly by the congregation inside the church and then by those outside. The doors were thrown open wide in welcome and through them came a great stream of humanity - young and old, active and infirm, babes in arms, invalids in wheelchairs. The number of young people was remarked upon. Sacred music was played as we processed to the reliquary where most paused to pray for a while, touch it with roses, or religious objects, or prayer cards. Many people remained in the church to pray or rest peacefully in the tranquil atmosphere. So it continued until Monday 23rd when we said farewell and a prayer of thanks for those blessed two days. We will not forget this saint whose spirit touched us so deeply.

Her life on earth was spent living her "little way" of loving God in all the small things of every day life with humility, confidence and prayer. Let her speak for herself - "Love prove itself by deeds, and how shall I prove mine?... I can prove my love only by scattering flowers, that is to say, by never letting slip a single little sacrifice, a single glance, by making profit of the very smallest actions, by doing them all for love."

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Thanks to Kay Farrell for the Free tickets for the Raffle. A good chance to see "Caught On the Hop".

DON'T YOU BE CAUGHT ON THE HOP AND GET YOUR TICKETS BEFORE JUNE 2nd WHEN IT CLOSSES.

The winners of the Raffle are - Josephine Close, Coolgariff Rd; Mary and Bill Seymour, Cooloon Ave; Kathleen Leslie, Dromoon Avenue; Owen McCarthy, Shantalla Avenue;

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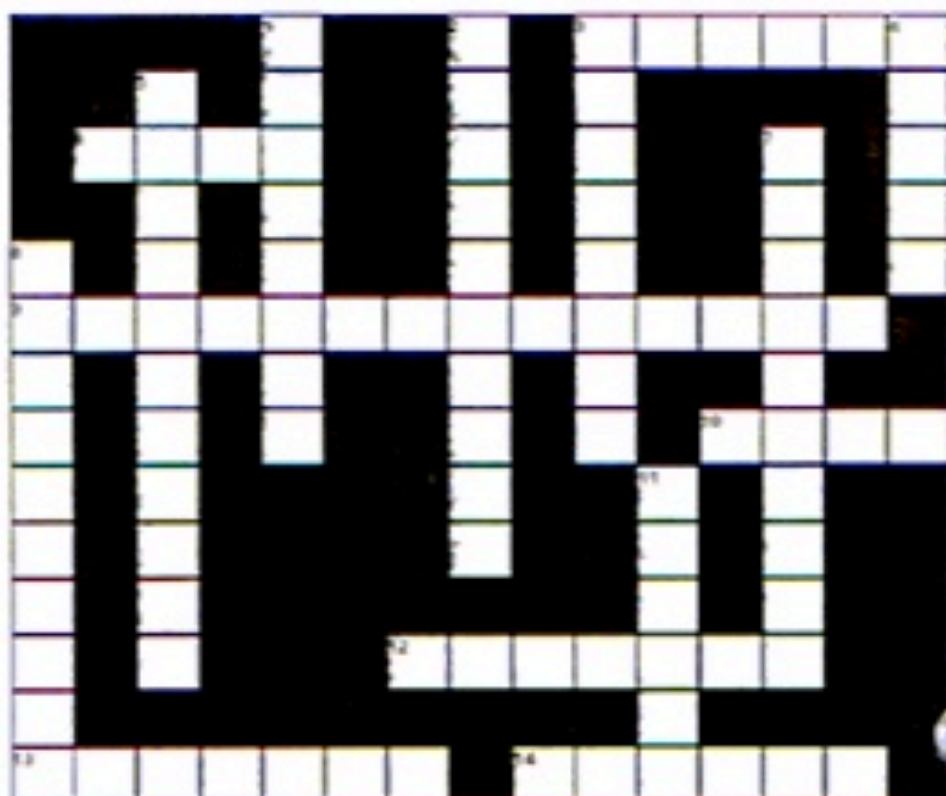
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 cooler. 10. Leisure activity. 12. Live in the outdoors. 13. Free time.
 14. Summer month. DOWN—1. Summer vacation (2 wds). 2. Bik-
 ing. 3. Sun's rays. 4. Rest. 5. Go over water on slats. 7. Windy day
 activity. 8. Hoops. 11. Walking for pleasure.

CONGRATULATIONS to our last winner K. Bolster, your prize
 will be sent shortly.

SOLUTION to last Crossword—Across: 2. Secretary, 4. Filing,
 6. Typewriter, 7. Wordprocessing, 11 Mail, 12. Telephone, 14. Com-
 puter, 15. Chair. Down—1. Dictionary, 3. Appointment, 5. Messy,
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Commencing 11th June for boys and girls 6 to 14 years. Entry forms to be in by 31st May. £2 per player registration fee.

All matches played in Ellenfield Park.

Team trials for season 2001/2002 (All ages) July 1st and 2nd, Ellenfield Park. Ph.: 837 4411.

THE Norris family (Sydney, David, Susan and Marie) of Coolra Drive would like to thank their friends and neighbours following Alice's recent death. To those who attended the Removal and Funeral Mass, who sent a card or said some words of sympathy we appreciate your thoughtfulness. A Mass has been offered for your intentions.

MRS. Angela Young and family would like to thank their friends and neighbours most sincerely for their kind expression of sympathy in their recent bereavement of Mr. Francis J. Young, 19 Coolgreena Road 22/2/ 01 aged 73 years. R.I.P. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

THE Residents' Association would like to extend its sympathy to Mary Connolly on the death of her husband Christy and to all the families in the area who have suffered the loss of a loved one recently. May they rest in Peace.

LORCAN AND BEAUMONT ART GROUP - Invite you to exhibit your painting on 25th, 26th and 27th May in the above exhibition. The exhibition is open at 2 o'clock on Sat and Sunday. A fee of £1 will be charged for every picture entered. Paintings and applications to be handed in on Friday morning from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Paintings to be collected Sunday at 5 o'clock. Children's Art Corner included 50p per picture. Our Club have stands for hire. Other clubs interested contact 842 1115 or 837 0650.

HOST families for Spanish Students from July-17th -17th August (6 weeks inclusive) in areas easily accessible to Channel College, Coolock. Must have their own bedroom. £120 p.w. For more information please telephone K36 9032087 2494334.

WHEN Brian Moore took his job as managing director of NTL two months ago, the cable company was in the midst of grappling with a maelstrom of bad publicity. The Anglo American corporation had decimated its reputation in Ireland. After spending heavily on a colourful advertising campaign to highlight its plans to deliver an array of mouth-watering online services over the Cablelink TV network, it then revealed it would not be able to come up with the goods.

Over the past two months he has been reworking plans. He now maintains the company will be able to deliver services like digital TV, high speed internet access and online shopping in areas where there is sufficient demand. It will be significantly cheaper than conducting the massive overhaul of the entire cable network in Dublin, Galway and Waterford which had been originally envisioned. Moore has redrafted the company's business plan and says it can meet its commitments. Sources say he has secured £40m funding for 2001. He says under the old proposals NTL was to invest heavily in digging up streets to upgrade its network regardless of demand.

Now it will only invest in areas where there is demand. Under the new plan, Moore maintains the company will make savings of £500 for each household it connects up to online services. The company will be able to make a saving of £200 by putting cable modems into a set top box. NTL will also offer telephony in competition to Eircom. But it plans to use the Voice Over Internet Protocol, a system which uses the web to carry a phone call instead of using the conventional system, which had been the old plan.

Moore maintains NTL would still be able to make enough money in the Irish market.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Be on the alert for any unusual or suspicious behaviour. Urgent matters should be always reported immediately to the Gardai. Small less urgent matters can be reported to any neighbour watch committee member. If any suspicious circumstance arise in our neighbourhood write down all details

i.e. registration no. of car or van and a description of a person or persons. Make it difficult for any thief to get inside your house by 1. Installing a 5-level mortice locks on all back and front doors. Please ensure that you always use the mortice locks even if you are going to the local shop for just a few minutes.

2. Installing window locks on all windows.

3. Fit a side gate and keep it locked.

4. Fit a security light.

5. Have a burglar alarm installed.

6. Keep garden tools locked away. Mark your property by either an engraver or ultra violet pen. Print your initials and date of birth on each item i.e. MM-12-2-60

REFUSE BINS WILL COST YOU £95 A YEAR

By now most of you will have received your wheel bins given to you by Dublin Corporation. These bins are not for free. They will cost you €95 a year and you will get your first bill in May. This is part of the annual refuse charges. It was voted for by twenty five councillors to twenty two against. They had other alternative proposals they could have chosen. These were (1) that central government pay the cost of the waste collection, (2) to increase business commercial tax rates and (3) to introduce a new tax on bed and breakfasts and hotels. Regarding the proposal of increasing the commercial tax rate, it is worth knowing that commercial companies here benefit from the lowest tax rates in Europe and they also create the most waste. However the council did vote for the proposal that PAYE workers pay the new tax. Some of the councillors that voted for this are Richard Bruton (Fine Gael), Eamon Ryan (Green Party), Pat Carey, Mary Mooney (Fianna Fail), and Sean Kenny, Anthony Creevy (labour).

The government has responded to criticism from people and parties against the refuse charges by claiming that it's a 'green tax', meaning that it's environmentally friendly. The bins will keep suburban wildlife such as dogs and fox's away from the rubbish bags. There is huge opposition to the refuse charges. Groups have been set up around North Dublin. The Campaign Against Bin Charges, based in Coolock, are one of those main groups and want people to refuse to pay the refuse charges.

YOUR WEALTH—Economists measure wealth in terms of economic output (Gross Domestic Product or GDP), which has been soaring here for a number of reasons. Low tax rates attract large multinationals, which use 'transfer pricing' to take even more advantage of them. They hike prices charged by their subsidiaries here when selling to their subsidiaries abroad in order to maximise Irish profits (which are shipped home) and thereby minimise their tax bills.

This boosts the figures for output and makes Ireland look like the eighth economic wonder of the world. However, it doesn't translate into a bonanza in your pocket because it is economic data not actual money paid to Irish people.

Wages are slightly more important to our standard of living. Irish workers are in the bottom three of the EU pay league with average pay of Euro25,373, almost 28pc lower than the EU average of Euro35,102. And that's a far more relevant figure to the most people than GDP.

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CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

RE: 16/16A service from Shantalla Road to City Centre between 09.35 and 10.30 hours in February 2001.

Having investigated your complaint and having spoken to the Controller for that morning, he assures me that the traffic on that morning was very bad particularly in the Rathfarnham/Terence area between 07.30 and 09.00 hours and this had a disruptive affect on the service later. Buses on this route were operating up to 45 minutes late on this particular morning.

Over the next month, I cannot give any guarantee that on any particular morning traffic may be as bad again.

On a more positive note, this route is being upgraded to QBC standard and this is to happen from 1st March 2001. Fourteen additional buses will be added to the fleet on the route, and with 12 hour bus lanes this will give a more frequent and reliable service.

I have just one reservation and that is as you may be aware the flyover from Santry is to be taken down in the near future, and this will lead to some disruption in the area.

On behalf of Dublin Bus, I apologise again for such a long delay on the morning of 6th February 2001.

Councillor Richard Bruton, T.D. - "Now that the estimates are finalised will the Area Manager confirm that a full resurfacing of Beaumont Road will take place during 2001 and if he will indicate when the work shall commence."

Reply: - It is proposed to reconstruct the section of Beaumont Road from Shantalla Road to Collins Avenue in the current year.

Alderman Haughey—Thank you for your letter of 1st March, concerning financial provision for the upgrading of open space at Coolgreena Close. I have reviewed my file in relation to the preparation of the Estimates for 1999 and can confirm that an approximate sum of £5,000 was to be provided for this work from the 1999 Estimates. I have referred your letter with enclosures to Mr. Frank Murray, Principal Officer, Environment and Cultural Department who will advise you in detail about the proposals for Coolgreena Close. I trust that we will be in position to complete this work as agreed in the near future.

AFTER the summer recess legislation is to come before the Oireachtas regulating digging by telecommunication companies.

The legislation, due in the autumn from Public Enterprise Minister Mary O'Rourke's department, will mean telecommunications companies who want to

dig up roads to lay fibre-optic cable will need to seek permission from local authorities who will properly control access to public highways by these operators, without unduly inhibiting the installation of telecommunications infrastructure around the country.

Ms O'Rourke's department - in conjunction with the Department of the Environment which has responsibility for the country's roads - has also provided in the new legislation for a new, less disruptive means of laying of cables.

When the legislation is introduced, all new road being built will have a special duct built into them so that when telecom companies go to lay their cables, they will no longer need to open or dig up the road but will be able to insert the cable, via a manhole, into the specially designed ducts. There are now some 72 telecom companies operating in Ireland.

BEAUMONT GOLFING SOCIETY

WELCOME everybody to a new Golf season and the first of many reports from your local Golfing Society. The society has recently gone through some changes and has been renamed "The Beaumont House Golf Society" from the old name "Beaumont & District Golf Society". The change of name means a new main sponsor for our society and we would like to thank Mr. Dermot Carew (proprietor of the "Beaumont House") for his generosity.

Our captain for the forthcoming year is Mr. Jimmy Murray, Mr. Joe Taylor as Vice Captain and Mr. Paddy Kelly as President.

The society held its first outing of the year in Naas Golf Club and a number of approx. 55 people participated in this event. The overall prize went to Mr. Jerry Connolly with a staggering score of 47 pts. Jerry will now suffer at the hands of our handicap committee.

The society has also entered a team into "The Daily Star" all Ireland society challenge. This event was open to society Golfers from all over the country and our team was successful in winning their opening two matches, firstly beating St. Mark's of Tallaght and then a great win over Athboy from Co. Meath. The team are now in the last 32 in the country and looking forward to our next match, wherever it may be.

A presentation was made recently to Mr. Richard Scully for his years of outstanding commitment and service to the society. Well-done Sir!! It is much appreciated.

Unfortunately our year started off with great sadness with the loss of the society's Father figure Mr. Jim Bradshaw. Jim ran the society with great vision and efficiency for many years and our prayers and thoughts are with his family. He will be sadly missed by everyone as he walks the great Fairways of Heaven, "May He Rest In Peace".

The society is holding a "Race Nite" in the Beaumont House and everyone is welcome. Keep your eye out for the date.

There is also a chance to join what has become one of the most progressive Golf Societies in the country by sending for an application form and a fixture list. Simply write to "The Beaumont House Golf Society" c/o 4 Shantalla Road, Beaumont, Dublin 9. Also if you are interested in sponsoring an event please forward your details to the above address.

Beaumont House Golf Society—

Results from the outing to Killeen Golf Club on 28/04/01.

Overall - 1st Michael Dungan, 37 points; 2nd. Alan Eglinton, 36 points; 3rd. Jock O'Neill, 36 points

Class 1—1st Dave Fitzgerald, 35 points; 2nd. Jimmy Murray, 34 points.

Class 2—1st. Jim Smith, 34 points; 2nd. Noel Donnelly, 33 points.

Class 3—1st. Colm Dolan, 34 points; 2nd. Paddy Gannon, 34 points. Front nine: Ian Kelly, 19 points Back Nine: John Grealy, 20 points.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is with great pride that I begin my fourth year as President of The Beaumont House Golf Society. (Formerly Beaumont and District Golfing Society).

Following in the footsteps of my predecessors, such Beaumont illuminaries as the late Andy McDyer, Tom Darby and Paddy Gannon is a daunting task but one that I'm enjoying immensely. The fact that I am now the elder lemon, on the society's committee, fills me with trepidation, but I'm hugely impressed with the fresh ideas and commitment of the committee members which augers well for the future of the society.

The society's team has reached the last 32 of The Star's All Ireland Society championship, which is a great achievement, and no matter what happens in the remainder of the competition, we will have fond memories of our matches against St. Mark's GAA Club and Athboy Golf Society. Indeed the boys from County Meath have requested that an annual match takes place between the two societies.

Finally it is with deep regret that I record the sad passing of our long serving Hon. Secretary, Jim Bradshaw. Jim's contribution to the growth of the society has been immense. Our prayers are with his wife Ann and family at this sad time. —Paddy Kelly.

THE BEAUMONT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

will hold a

CHILDRENS' SPORTS DAY

on Saturday June 23rd at 2.00 p.m.
in the Park at Coolgreena Close

We propose to have an Egg & Spoon Race, Slow Bike Race, 3 Legged Race, Sack Rack, Parent & Toddler Race, Wheelbarrow Race etc.

This will be for the children of Residents' up to 12 years of age.

If you would like your child to participate please place your name and address below with the ages of your child/children and post in our post-box.

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