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THE MODERN TIR NA nÓG

HAS it ever crossed your mind what our elected politicians get up to when they visit the various cities stretching from Australia to America and the Far East for St. Patrick's Day Celebrations? Do they meet the ordinary emigrant for a chat or do they address a small hand-picked audience of the well to do. What do they tell our emigrants about back home. Do they spin the web of make believe that all the old customs and practice are alive and well. No doubt they will inform them of how well off this country has become. They will go so far as to try and encourage them to return to the land of "Tir na nÓg". We have now become the land of full and plenty and we have everything. We are also urging emigrant workers from European countries to come here and take up the jobs that we don't want. The country is awash with money so we are told. It's only a matter of putting out your hand for it. It must give our political ambassadors who junket their way around the world for St. Patrick's Day a shiver of excitement when they reveal all these "goodies". No doubt an odd tear is shed at this stage as loneliness sets in. However, the best organised gathering can always be infiltrated by an awkward customer who asks awkward questions.

For instance:-

If I were to return to Ireland could I fund housing accommodation?

Well, you can at a price you see it costs lots of money to re-zone land, but a quarter of a million should see you alright.

What about schools?

We have had a few problems mainly in second level education over the last year or more but we are hopeful it will peter out.

What about your Medical Scheme?

I am glad you asked that, we have marvelous plans for the future. It's true that nurses went on strike over pay and again over accident and emergency cover. Operations had to be postponed along with the provision of other necessary facilities, but apart from that everything is alright. We did have to ground some ambulances so that we could use the trolleys in hospitals. That what you would call an emergency.

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TO PASTURES NEW



Chairman Barry Doyle presented Stephen Daly with a token of our appreciation for his help with the Association. Stephen was promoted to Sergeant and will move to the Southside of Dublin. Stephen held a farewell party in the Beaumont House which was attended by many Residents Associations and his colleagues. A good night was had by all.

GARDA STEPHEN DALY — Farewell to our Local Community Garda Stephen Daly, he will be missed by all of us, as he was always friendly, courteous and very attentive. -N. Maher

Still Nifty at Fifty

When you look at his boyish appearance and slim good looks you will find it hard to believe but yes folks its true!!!

The Editor of the Beaumont News and Chairperson of the Beaumont Resident's Association has reached the **BIG 50**.

Barry has survived the Hippie Era of the '60s, when he could sing along to any Bob Dylan song and had long hair that was the envy of many a young lady in the Blind on a Saturday evening. The heady days of the '70s on Hill 16 as part of the Marino battalion of Heffon Army.

The sensible '80's when he settled down to marriage, mortgage and babies. The exciting '90's when he spent many a happy afternoon in the local hostelry cheering on Ireland in Italia '90 and USA '94. He will never forget what Schilloei did to his blood pressure. Barry as many of you know is in the printing business and is lucky to have been employed in a business that he loves since he was a mere 16 years old in 1968. He is justifiably proud of his "baby" The Beaumont News and that is why it is

fitting to use the Beaumont News to wish Barry a very Happy 50th Birthday and a long and healthy life. Good wishes come to Barry from his wife Patricia, his three sons Stephen, Alan and David, his fellow committee members and all his neighbours and friends in Beaumont.



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AGM FEBRUARY 2002

Chaired by Barry Doyle

Treasurer Joyce Moore

Meeting was called to order by Barry Doyle at 20.15

Barry read the minutes of last years AGM and they were taken to be correct.

Joyce Moore read the treasurers report and it was taken to be correct. Joyce pointed out that the Beaumont News and the huge effort and time put into it by Barry generated the surplus revenue of the association

The ratification of Trustees took place with Chris Foy, Anne Maher and Noreen Maher staying on as trustees.

In the minutes of 2001 it had been proposed that a drugs information seminar be set up by Community Garda Stephen Daly. In view of the very low turnout at Victim Support meetings it was decided not to have a seminar but for Stephen Daly to write in the newsletter about the subject.

Barry asked for members to come forward to join the committee. As it stands at the moment the minimum amount of people required to serve is 15 and that is the amount of committee members at the moment.

Barry also appealed for people to volunteer to be helpers at events like the sports day and the senior citizens Christmas party. Noreen Maher proposed increasing the subs from €7.62 (£6) per household to €10 per household. This was seconded by Eugene Reilly and passed unanimously. Anne Maher proposed that the time allocated for collection of subs is increased to 4 months as collectors were finding the task very time consuming. This was seconded by Eugene Reilly and passed unanimously. The community guard Stephen Daly has been promoted to Sergeant and will be moving on to other duties. Barry thanked Stephen for all his hard work on

behalf of the people of Beaumont and wished him well in his career. Stephen Daly said it had been a pleasure working both with the present and past committee members and that it was a very strong committee.

Some residents had expressed a wish to have a tree planted at Beaumont Grove in memory of Zhao Liu Tao who so tragically lost his life there. Barry will talk to the Parks Dept re same

Tom Darby announced he would like to step down from the committee but was willing to stay until a replacement could be found for him. Barry asked him would he continue to write his articles for the Newsletter. Tom said he would. (Thankfully Tom changed his mind and is staying on).

Planning permission has been submitted for shops and apartments in McLean's coal yard at the corner of Shantalla Road and Shantalla Drive. Residents in that area are unhappy about this as the apartments will overlook their apartments and there will be increased parking problems. Tom Darby suggested that not only should the Association lodge an objection to the development but that householders should also object on an individual basis as this would carry more weight.

Eugene Reilly asked if the committee could find out if the lane at the back of no's 41 to 72 Shantalla Drive and Beaumont Grove could be closed. He doesn't know if the request to have the lane closed is unanimous but between 10-15 residents have expressed their desire to have the lane closed.

Eugene Reilly also stated that he would stay as a committee member until he could be replaced. Noreen Maher said that the way things were going there would soon be no members on the committee.

Frank Gurry of Cooleen Avenue and Annette Hopper of Beaumont Grove volunteered to be helpers.

Peter Boylan complained that the trees on Dromleen Crescent are still blocking the light from the houses and that the drains are full. Barry said that he had written to all the relevant Corporation departments concerning these issues.

A resident of Beaumont Grove complained about the amount of parked cars in Beaumont Grove. Quite a lot of these cars are parked by a person running a business from Beaumont Grove. Stephen Daly said the Guards cannot be selective about the cars they put parking tickets on. If they go to ticket cars in Beaumont Grove they would have to ticket the residents cars also.

Catherine Connolly said residents of Beaumont Road wanted the bicycle lanes removed from the Beaumont Road.

The feeling of most of the people present at the meeting was that the bicycle lanes were a good thing and should be left in place.

Pat Arnold asked could the committee contact the Corporation again regarding the issue of the grass verges. People would like the option of cementing in the grass verges as they are being destroyed by people parking cars on them. The last time this issue was raised the Corporation said it was not allowed and cited insurance problems as the reason.

Mattie Lambe said the grass verges near 143 Beaumont Road had been cemented in but it was still impossible to get parking.

Stephen Daly said the law is that if you park on a footpath you can receive a parking ticket.

The footpaths on Dromawling Road and Beaumont Road are cracked and need to be fixed as soon as possible. They are a danger to people.

Tom Darby spoke about the bin charges. He said that the charge was a double taxation and people should not pay it. He felt the Association should be more forceful against the charge. Barry said it was not an issue for the Association because we could not afford the cost of taking up the fight against bin charges. He said it was a matter for each householder to decide for themselves and that there are organisations set up to oppose bin charges and people could join those if they so wished.

A vote of thanks to all the committee members for their hard work was passed and the meeting was closed at 21.30. Tea and biscuits were then served.

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CATHERINE CONNOLLY (836 0676) - Beaumont Road Veg. Mkt. To Collins Ave. and Collins Ave. up to Pumping station.

DEIRDRE HIGGINS (837 8680) (*Neighbourhood Watch*) - Beaumont Crescent and from Hatch to Beaumont Hospital Gate.

ANNETTE HOPPER Delivering to Beaumont Grove and from 21 to 72 on Shantalla Drive.

MRS. E LYNCH, Shantalla Drive 1-20.

JACKIE BARRON (836 9648) Shanglas Road.

NOREEN MAHER (IN CHARGE OF ADVERTISING) (*Neighbourhood Watch*) (837 4590) - Coolgreena Close and Coolgreena Rd. 1-33.

JOYCE MOORE (TREASURER) (837 5767) - Coolgreena Rd. - 34 - 101, Coolatree Close, Coolatree Road.

CINDY McDONNELL Delivering to Coolatree Park 1-30

JEAN SWAN - Coolatree Park 31-63

ANNE MAHER (837 3616), **CHRIS FOY** (837 5301) - Coolrua Drive 1-70 and Drombawn Avenue

LORRAINE O'TOOLE (836 8868), Cooleen Ave. **FRANK GURRY**, Coolgarraff Rd.

SAM BOLTON (837 4293) - Shantalla Rd. (Beaumont House side).

BREDA BUCKLEY Shantalla Road (Alex's to Beaumont Windows) and Shantalla Park.

FRANK O'DRISCOLL (837 5919) and **PETER BOYLAN** (ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE) (837 3564) - Dromawling Road, Dromleen Crescent, Drommanane Pk., Drommanane Rd.

MARGARET DOYLE (837 3058) and **PHYLLIS REDMOND** (837 5857) (*Neighbourhood Watch*) - Shanboley Road and Shantalla Ave.

BARRY DOYLE (837 8558), Chairman, Editor and Compiler and Publisher of Beaumont News.

DES MAGUIRE (837 9453), Secretary

Victim Support — Many members of the Committee are also involved in Victim Support.

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He was a man who greeted solitude as a thing of grace. A time during which he thought about the wonders of the world all around us. He cared for his flowers like you would care for a newborn infant. His garden was a rainbow of colour and beauty. The dainty daisy was just as sacred to him as the erect sunflower and its bristle-like centre. He wouldn't have dared set foot in the moist soil for fear of destroying the tiny seeds nestled underneath.

He enjoyed the company of the birds. The swift swallow soaring and swooping in the sky, the robin's glinting eyes, as he boasted about his fine scarlet chest, and a fluffy chick, the colour of hazy sunlight bursting out of its fragile shell.

He had the wisdom of the world in his palm and that knowledge did not come from hard-backed books. He found it in the dewy meadow as the sun awoke and stretched his glowing ray. He found it in the Autumn breeze as it nipped at his ears and lifted his top hat from his head. He found it in a crystal stream giggling playfully as it bounced along.

Sadly he was taken away with the winter winds on December 13th, 2001. Where he is now he will never feel the stinging drops of the rain. But I will always remember him as not only a wonderful man, but as a one of a kind Grandad.

— Mairead Butler (Aged 11)

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1. Have you ever been so angry at someone that you've thrown things or slammed a door?
2. Do you tend to remember irritating incidents and get mad all over again?
3. Do little annoyances have a way of adding up during the day leaving you frustrated and impatient?
4. If you're waiting in a queue at the supermarket at the express checkout, do you often count to see if anyone ahead of you has more than the permitted number of items?
5. If the person who cuts your hair trims more than you want, do you fume about it for days?
6. When someone cuts you off in traffic do you flash your lights or honk your horn?
7. Over the past few years have you dropped any close friends because they just didn't live up to your expectations?
8. Do you find yourself getting annoyed at little things your spouse does which get under your skin?
9. Do you feel your pulse climb when you get into an argument?
10. Are you irritated by other people's incompetence?
11. If a cashier gives you the wrong change, do you assume he or she is trying to cheat you?
12. If someone doesn't show up on time do you find yourself planning the angry words you're going to say?

To gauge how angry you are add up your yes responses. If you scored 3 or fewer you're as cool as a cucumber. A score of 4 to 8 is a warning that anger may be raising your risk of heart disease. A score of 9 or more puts you squarely in the hostility hot zone, significantly increasing your risk of dying prematurely. Don't blame me, I'm only the messenger.

Tir na nÓg

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What about Law and Order?

Oh Yes! while serious crime has increased, petty crime has decreased even though old people and some not so old are afraid to go out at night. We are getting on top of it by putting cameras in parts of Kerry and Clare.

Sporting facilities?

We are building a beauty of a full swimming pool. To show no hard feeling we gave the contract to an English firm with assets of four pounds. Our generosity knows no bounds.

Aren't there Tribunals?

Now that's where we started when I said you would need a quarter of a million to get a house. You see there is a big inquiry into large sums of money changing hands for re-zoning. The logo sign being used is "no favours asked none were given". Apart from offshore accounts by well heeled crooks, who can well afford the legal expenses to protect them and the misdemeanors of some elected politicians everything else is in excellent condition. So as a visiting dignitary I tell you we've come a long way since *The Dancing at the Crossroads* and *The Ballroom of Romance*. So with the help of the electorate I will be back next St. Patrick's Day to bring you further good news of our progress.

- Tom Darby

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FEAR AND A LOSS OF FAITH ARE THE BLEAK MESSAGES FROM A SURVEY OF CRIME ON THE NORTHSIDE

IN THE week that official Garda figures confirmed that violent attacks more than doubled in the year 2000, a Northside Survey reveals that four out of every five people believe that the risk of being a victim of crime is greater now than it was five years ago. Over 60% believe it is not safe to walk at night in their own neighbourhood and a staggering 91% believe it is not safe to walk at night in the city centre.

A survey by Richard Bruton T.D. and Cllr. Gerry Breen on the Northside has found that almost one in every three of respondent households have been a victim of crime within the last 12 months. Two-thirds of these respondents say the crime committed was either serious or very serious. The survey confirms an emerging picture across the city that one in every four crimes is not reported to the Gardai.

This Survey, was conducted right across the area covering Clontarf, Raheny, Killester, Marino, Artane, Beaumont, Coolock and Kilmore. It reveals a picture of acute public concern and fear about crime. Almost 90% believe that the government has failed to implement their policy of "Zero Tolerance" towards crime.

The survey reveals a chronically low level of confidence in the criminal justice system as it now operates. Only 15% of those surveyed believe that available Garda resources in Dublin are well deployed and managed to reduce the likelihood of crime. Just under half of those who report crimes to the Gardai are satisfied with the response which they receive. They overwhelmingly want to see more Gardai on the beat and more than two in every three would be willing to pay more taxation for additional resources and equipment for the Gardai.

Reacting to the survey Richard Bruton TD said people are frightened behind their locked doors. Even in their own neighbourhood two in every three feel it is unsafe to go out at night. Public confidence in the



adequacy of crime policy has collapsed. Public Order offences, random violence on the streets and the plague of drug addiction are not being brought under control. We must bring the Garda back into the community and rebuild confidence from street level upwards."

Reacting to the findings, Cllr. Gerry Breen said "The government are totally unaware of the real fear of parents for the safety of family members from wanton crime. The Minister and the courts are out of touch. There needs to be more resources and better deployment of our Gardai. It is vital that we urgently start a process of reform to rebuild public confidence."

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CRIME SURVEY

The following questions and answers were the result of the crime survey

Have you been a Victim of Crime in the last 12 months

31.8% (Yes) 67.3% (No) 0.8% (Don't Know)

Description of crime 14.3% Very Serious 31.9% Serious 33.7% Minor

Victims reported crime to Gardai? 74.0% 26.0% 0%

Satisfied with Garda response 47.4% 40.4% 12.2%

Do you believe that the available Gardai in Dublin are well managed &

deployed to prevent crimes occurring? 14.8% 82.9% 3.3%

Would you like to see more Gardai on beat? 97.6% 2.0% 0.4%

Would you be willing to pay higher tax for more Gardai and improved equipment 68.2% 26.1% 5.7%

Public attitudes towards the Justice System

Do you believe that the Court system is fair and effective in dealing with crime? 11.0% 82.9% 6.1%

Do you think that Prison deters the likelihood of re-offending?

30.5% 60.1% 9.5%

Do you think crime would be reduced by

Tougher sentences 68.7% 31.3% 0%

Alternatives to prison 80.8% 19.2% 0%

Requiring criminals to make restitution to victims 93.1% 6.9% 0%

Public safety

Do you feel safe walking in your own neighbourhood at night?

33.5% 62.4% 4.1%

Do you feel safe walking in city at night? 5.3% 91.4% 3.3%

Have you made home modifications due to the risk of crime

(i) Home security 63.7%

(ii) Change travel arrangements 11.0%

(iii) Stop going out alone 22.0%

Do you believe that the risk of a member of your household being a victim is greater/less than 5 years ago? 80.0% Greater 1.2% Less 16.3%

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XMAS PARTY 2001

Our Senior Citizens Christmas Party took place on Sat. Dec. 2, 2001 at 8 p.m. The hall and all the tables were tastefully decorated. When the buses arrived with our Party people Mr. Corcoran our wonderful musician started the ball rolling and it was not long before we had the floor full of dancing and happy people. Our catering team led by Phyllis Redmond were Ann Maher, Lorraine O'Toole, Chris Foy and Margaret Doyle, they did a marvellous job in preparing all those beautiful sandwiches and cakes etc. etc. and making endless pots of tea on the night.

Also helping on the night with the teas were Roi Lacey, Ann McNulty, Margaret Peel and her sister Dymphna. Our lounge staff on the night were Aisling Grace and Andrew Maher who looked after anyone who required a drink and helped in many other ways. Barry Doyle, Des Maguire, Michael, Paul and Susan Maher, the McNulty family, Sam Bolton and his son helped with the setting up of the tables etc. We also had the assistance of the Girl Guides from Beaumont under their leader captain McNulty who helped with the decorations and general setting up for the night.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks our car drivers: Noel Ellis, Joyce Moore, Des Maguire, Breda Buckley and Ciaran Redmond who brought and collected some of our senior citizens. Joyce Moore cooked and delivered the delicious cocktail sausages. Deirdre Higgins, Ann Maher and Margaret Doyle were our hostesses on the buses caring and looking after all our senior citizens.



Santa and his helpers wishing everyone a Happy Christmas.

Small birds in decline

SMALL birds are disappearing from Dublin's parklands and landscapes at an alarming rate, it has been claimed.

People are alarmed at the noticeable drop in numbers of small birds in the city. Every day the smaller birds seem to disappear. Even when bread is left out in the garden it is left uneaten.

But there are thousands of magpies around which it is said prey on the smaller birds. But the claims that the slump is due to killer magpies has been refuted by a wildlife expert.

A spokesman for Birdwatch Ireland said the greatest threat to small birds in the city comes from cats. They are silent killers and really effective hunters. They kill far more birds than magpies. In 20 years of bird-watching he has never seen a magpie catch an adult bird, although they will destroy a nest.

He said in rural areas changes in farming techniques and the destruction of hedgerows posed a major threat to birdlife.

Birds such as the yellow hammer have found it difficult to survive because of the change away from cereal farming," he said.

Surprisingly, he added, it is possible to spot far more birds in some parts of the city, especially in the leafy suburbs such as Ballsbridge. So if you are going to leave food out for the birds try to put it in a place that a cat cannot get to. Up high on a specially built table where the birds will be able to see if there are any cats lurking about. There is no greater pleasure than watching all the different types of birds that will come into your garden during the course of the summer if you leave out the type of food and seeds that they eat. Watching them in the great outdoors is far better than seeing them cooped up in a birdcage.

Santa and both his helpers put the icing on the cake when they arrived and shook hands with everyone present informing them that their gifts were ready for collection at the door on the way home. A great atmosphere was present on the night with fun, laughing and dancing, etc. We wish to say a big THANK YOU to all our wonderful helpers, without whose help it would be impossible to run this great event. Our Community Garda Stephen Daly was recovering from an operation on the night, so unfortunately we had no Garda Community Bus. There was also some panic at such short notice but thank God we were saved on the day by a very kind, obliging Mini Bus Driver Dave O'Neill who did over and above what he was supposed to do—so many thanks Dave for all your help. So folks if you are going out and you don't want to drive you won't go wrong with Dave O'Neill, Ph: 864 0646. He looked after everyone on the night and brought them to their own door.

Thanks also to the Artane Beaumont Recreation Centre for allowing us to use their hall; also to Priests of Beaumont Parish, Mr. Barrett, St. Fiachras Senior School for all their help. Also a sincere thanks to all the local and not so local businesses and shops who supported us and gave us encouragement and support to run our Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2001 so successfully.

Ardcourt Builders working in St. Paul's Special School, Beaumont Electrical Services Ltd., Byrnes Butchers, Pick of the Crop, Frans Men's Hairdressers, Flowers Unlimited, Kitty's Party Hire, Karazi, Kilmardinny Pub, SuperValu Supermarket, Murphy's Jewellers, Crumlin Birds, Hairdresser (beside SuperValue), Jason of McLaughlin's Chemist, Alan's Hairdresser, Alex's Chipper, Northside Denture Services, Beaumont Travel, Beaumont Filling Station, Devines Chemist, Collins Ave., Paper Shop, E.B.S. Building Society, Shays Costcutter Supermarket, Spar, Pats Barber Shop, Omni Tesco, Book Shop, Dry Cleaners, Ladies Boutique, Blind Shop, Insight Opticians, Omniplex Cinema, Vera Moda, Chemist, Car Accessory Shop, Personal Travel, Golf Shop, Duff's Cycle Shop, Comet Pub, O'Sullivan's Pharmacy, John Conroy of Esit and Sky, A. I.H. Swords Road, Whitehall, Goose Pub, Beaumont Vegetable Market, and Lanigans Funeral Directors, Roches Stores, Arnotts and Guineys, Nth. Earl St. and Local milkman, Superquinn, Northside Shopping Centre, Girvan Butterkrust, Tolka Egg Stores, Paper Pieces, The Hatch, Artane Castle, Londis of Shantalla Road, Larkhill and



Everyone loves to see Santa at Christmas time.



Not accepting Christmas lists from this age group.

District Credit Union Limited. If we have omitted anyone we apologise but sincerely thank them for their help.
 Thank you on behalf of Noreen Maher, Phyllis Redmond, Deirdre Higgins, Neighbourhood Watch Committee and all the committee of the Beaumont Residents' Association.



The best of luck in the big raffle.



Presents for everyone as you are leaving the hall.



Mrs. Annie McGrath being congratulated on her 90th Birthday by An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern.

OUR MOST IMPORTANT ASSET?

We were saddened to learn of the departure of the Committee's most valuable member, Someone Else. His departure creates a vacancy that will be hard to fill.

Someone Else has been with the Committee from the beginning, and did far more than the normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a helping hand needed, or just an ear required, these words were on everybody's lips. Let Someone Else do it.

Whenever there was a need for volunteers, everybody just assumed that "Someone Else" would volunteer.

Whenever there was work to be done it was left to "Someone Else" to do it. If the work wasn't done "Someone Else" always got the blame for not having done it.

Someone Else was a wonderful person. Sometimes appearing super human. But a person can do only so much.

Were the truth known everyone expected too much of Someone Else. We wish Someone Else the best of luck for the future.

The above piece was given to me by a workmate but in case any of the committee present or past took offence I was afraid to publish it. But it in no way refers to the work of any of those hard working people who have helped to make our Association what it is today.

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BIN CHARGES UPDATE

Only 4,385 householders have paid the refuse charges out of a total of 70,000 who received the legal letters of final warning in February. At a recent anti-bin charges meeting in Kilmore, campaigner and Socialist Workers Party candidate for Dublin North Central, Ritchie Brown, promised reluctant residents that those who join the campaign at a cost of €6 will receive full backing and legal costs if they find themselves in court.

IRISH AREN'T CELTIC RACE

THE Irish aren't Celtic after all, a new study revealed recently. A genetics team at Trinity College studying the make-up of Irish people has disproved the notion the Irish descended from the Celts. Dr. Dan Bradley said: "The idea the population we have now is descended from a Celt invasion around 500BC isn't likely. Our lineage can be traced to various cultures and peoples."

MILLIONS IN OLD MONEY STILL MISSING

Tourists may have walked away with millions of old Irish Coins and notes, still missing from Central Bank coffers four months after the launch of the euro. £180m worth, are missing never to return say the Central Bank. So check under your mattress now, you never know!

BEAUMONT HOUSE GOLF SOCIETY

Well, here we are again at the beginning of a new Golfing Society season. We would like to start by welcoming all new and old (and not so old) members back to the Society for the 2002 season. Your Captain for this year is Joe Taylor.

We have a good selection of venues planned during the course of the year and are also introducing a new fourball matchplay competition in memory of our former Hon. Sec. Jim Bradshaw to complement the existing singles matchplay competition in honour of the memory of Paddy Breslin.

We are still open for 2002 membership and so if you can recommend a friend please collect an application form for them from one of the committee members. Sponsors for the outings are always welcome and if you can sponsor or part sponsor an outing please let one of the committee know. All sponsors will get good publicity at the outing in question and will be gratefully remembered by all.

Finally, we would like to wish all our members the best of luck in their golf for the year as we try to make this season our most successful ever.—Best regards, The Committee

VENUES FOR 2002

Mar 30 Arklow	July 26/28 Ballinamore
Apr 27 Killeen	Aug 24 Trim
May 18 Donabate	Sept 6/7 Tullamore (President's)
June 22 Blackbush (Captain's prize and dinner dance)	Oct 19 Curragh
July 5 Clontarf	Nov 8 St. Anne's (Turkeys)

2002 Committee

This year each committee member will have a particular duty for the year in addition to their other roles. Paddy Kelly Pres. Fundraising & Star team. Joe Taylor Captain Fundraising & Star team.

Colm Dolan, Hon. Sec.; Gerry Connolly, Hon. Treasurer; Jim Murray Handicaps and Scores; Noel Kelly Matchplay Comps.; Dave Fitzgerald, Matchplay Comps.; Ian Kelly Sponsorships & Prizes; Charlie Elston, Outing starters; Paul Fitzsimons Handicaps and Scores; John Greally, Handicaps and Scores; Sean Darby, Transport.

2002 Matchplay Competitions

As already mentioned earlier, this year we will have a brand new matchplay competition. The Jim Bradshaw Memorial, in memory of our long serving Hon. Sec. who passed away last year. The format will be fourball with an open draw to pair a low with a high handicapper in each team. We hope that this competition will be as well supported as the existing singles competition, the Paddy Breslin Memorial. Entry fees for both of these competitions will be €10 each and more details will be available from the committee at the first outing in Arklow.

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CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

Re grass margins - From Richard Bruton, T.D.

I have tabled a motion to the Area Committee on your request. Unfortunately the past attitude to filling in grass verges has been extremely negative.

Re: grass margins and upgrading of Park at Coolgreena Close and bollards into park. —Sean Haughey T.D.

I will contact the Roads and Streets Dept, regarding your request for bollards at the openings to this park.

In addition, I will renew my enquiries with the Parks Superintendent regarding the allocation of funds to up-grade the park at Coolgreena Close and will keep you informed of developments in this connection.

Q. Will the City Manager please outline the legal position regarding cars parking on grass verges/margins. —S. Haughey.

City Manager's Reply—The Dublin Area Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws 1986 state that a vehicle shall not, at any time, be parked either wholly or partly on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip. Enforcement of these Bye-Laws is a matter for the Gardai.

Q. To ask the City Manager if he will alter Corporation policy which has universally sought to block the replacement of grass verges with hard surfaces, so that in the case of particular roads such as those outlined herewith a scheme could be approved where the corporation and residents would jointly fund the laying of a suitably designed hard surface.

City Manager's Reply—It is the general policy of the Roads Maintenance Division to retain grass verges whenever possible. It is appreciated that the above locations are exceptional and consideration will be given to addressing the best way to deal with the effects of illegal parking of vehicles etc. on the verges in these areas. It would not be considered good practice to provide parking bays close to junctions but these may be feasible further away from busy road junctions. In some instances at the above locations, residents park their cars on the footpath side of grass verges and in such cases even if parking lay-bys were provided, it is unlikely that they would be used. In summary there are several different reasons why grass verges are being destroyed at these locations varying from traffic driving on its verges to parking by local residents.

Consideration can only be given to improving the situation at these locations if there is a financial contribution from the people who derive benefit from such works.

Review of Bus Lane on Beaumont Road— Sean Haughey T.D.

You will recall that I wrote to you last December to advise you that part of the bus lane on Beaumont Road was to be removed (i.e. from the junction with Thatch Road to the junction with Collins Avenue) and that both an inbound and an outbound cycle lane would be installed over that stretch. This work has now been completed.

In my letter I indicated that the operation of the bus lane on the balance of the Beaumont Road would be reviewed to see if there was a case for its modification/removal. This review has now been completed and I wish to advise you we are now proposing to remove the remaining portion of the bus lane and to replace it with both an inbound and an outbound cycle lane. The new cycle lanes will stretch from the junction with Thatch Road to the junction with Shantalla Road. The cycle lanes will operate from 7 am to 10 am and from 12 (midday) to 7 pm. (These operating hours may be reviewed depending on the pattern of usage of the cycle lanes.)

This change will undoubtedly improve the position for cyclists on this stretch of Beaumont Road. It will also facilitate residents who will be able to park on-street outside the proposed operating hours for the cycle lanes. Finally, it will be easier for residents to drive into and out of their properties. The City Council may revisit the issue of providing an inbound bus lane at some future stage but it will only be provided if additional road width is created by cutting back on the footpaths.

The proposed changes were on the Agenda for the meeting of the North Central Area Committee on 18 February 2002.

Owen Keegan, Director of Traffic & Assistant City Manager

NOTICEBOARD

ROSS ART Annual Exhibition of Paintings on the 27th and 28th April 2002 in Pobalscoil Rosmini, Gracepark Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. Entries closed on March 29th. For more information 842 0381. Admission Free to Exhibition.

Connie Butler and her family would like to thank all the doctors and nurses of Beaumont Hospital and also all her very kind, supportive neighbours who were so good to her on the sudden death of her dear husband Pat.

The Beaumont Residents Association wishes to express our sincere sympathy to Connie Butler and her family of Cooltree Park on the sudden death of her husband Pat. May he Rest in Peace. A gentleman to his finger-tips! So caring, so helpful!

Also sincere sympathy to Ann Maher whose dear sister Jean Coyle died recently, so young, so suddenly. May she Rest in Peace.

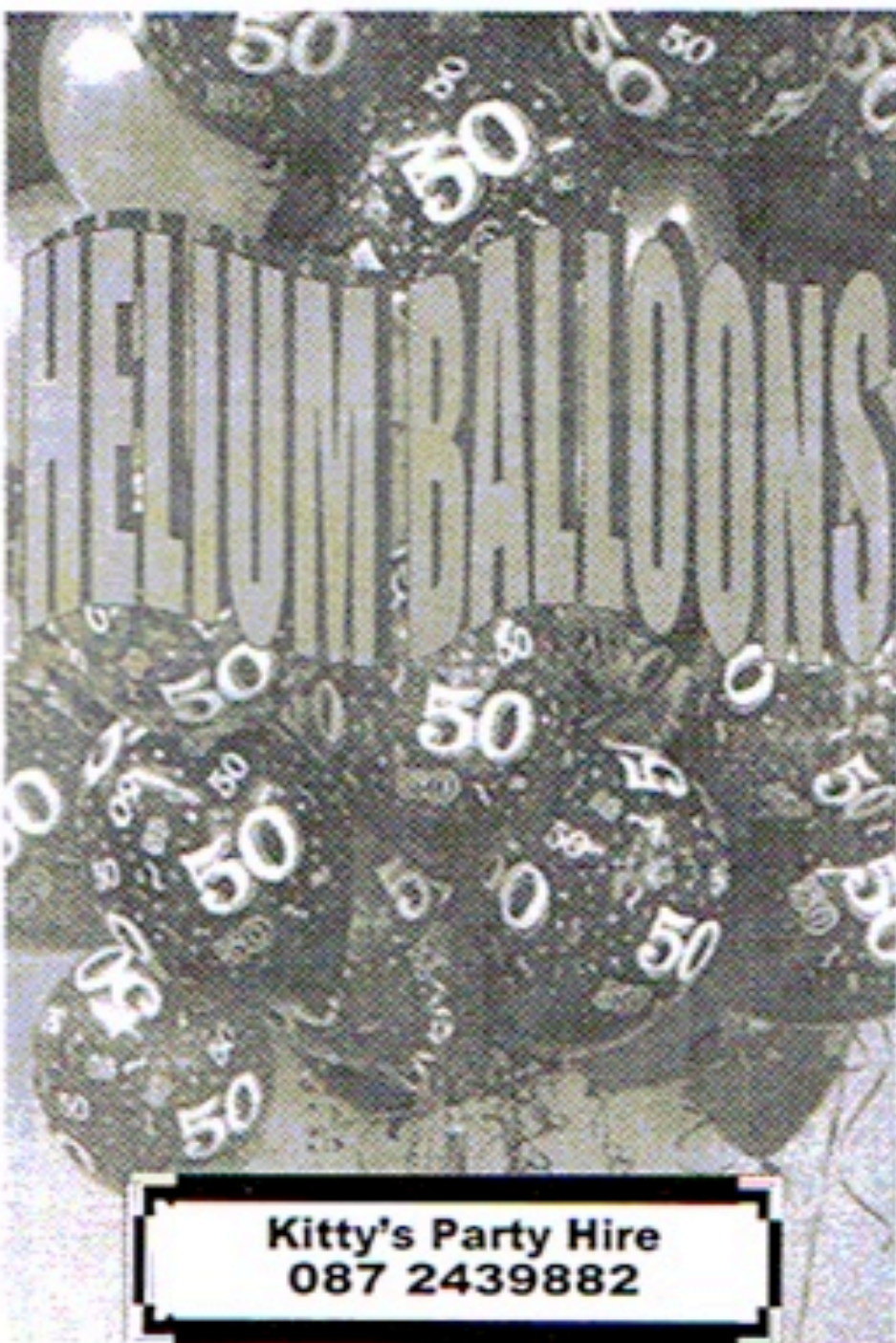
Sincere sympathy to Irene Molly and family on the death of her Uncle Gerry Nolan, R.I.P. of Cooltree Park. Sincere sympathy to the Denihan Family of Coolgreena Road on the death of their dear mother Eithne Denihan who died on Christmas Eve. May she Rest in Peace.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH—Meetings take

place bi-monthly at Santry Garda Station. There has been a few burglaries in "pockets" around the area since Christmas. Also badges etc have been removed from cars all over the area—this has upset a lot of car owners—so be on the look out. There is also a problem with dogs being left off leads. There are by-laws that the corporation is responsible for enforcing.

VICTIM SUPPORT— This a voluntary organisation

which helps a person to come to terms with the experience of being a victim of crime. Do you have time on your hands? Interested in trying something new? Why not consider becoming a volunteer with Victim Support. Trained volunteers offer emotional support and information to victims as soon as possible after a crime has occurred. Victim Support are looking for new volunteers to help them carry out this important work. Full training will be provided.



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- There are 5 houses horizontally in 5 different colours. In each house lives one person, each with a different nationality.
- The 5 owners each drink a certain type of beverage, smoke a certain brand of cigar, and keep a certain pet.
- No owners have the same pet, smoke the same brand of cigar or drink the same beverage.

The question is "Who owns the fish?"

Clues: — The Brit lives in the red house.
 The Swede keeps dogs as pets.
 The Dane drinks tea.
 The green house is on the left of the white house.
 The green house's owner drinks coffee.
 The person who smokes Pall Mall rears birds.
 The owner of the yellow house smokes Dunhill.
 The man living in the centre house drinks milk.
 The Norwegian lives in the first house.
 The man who smokes Blends lives next to the one who keeps cats.
 The man who keeps the horse lives next to the man who smokes Dunhill.
 The owner who smokes Bluemasters drinks beer.
 The German smokes Prince.
 The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.
 The man who smokes Blends has a neighbour who drinks water.

HOUSE	1	2	3	4	5	
						COLOUR
						COUNTRY
						DRINK
						CIGAR
						PET

You will have to make rough copies of this on paper to work it out.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER — Cepta Ryan, 42 Shangan Road, D9 A.I.B. will contact you soon with your prize.

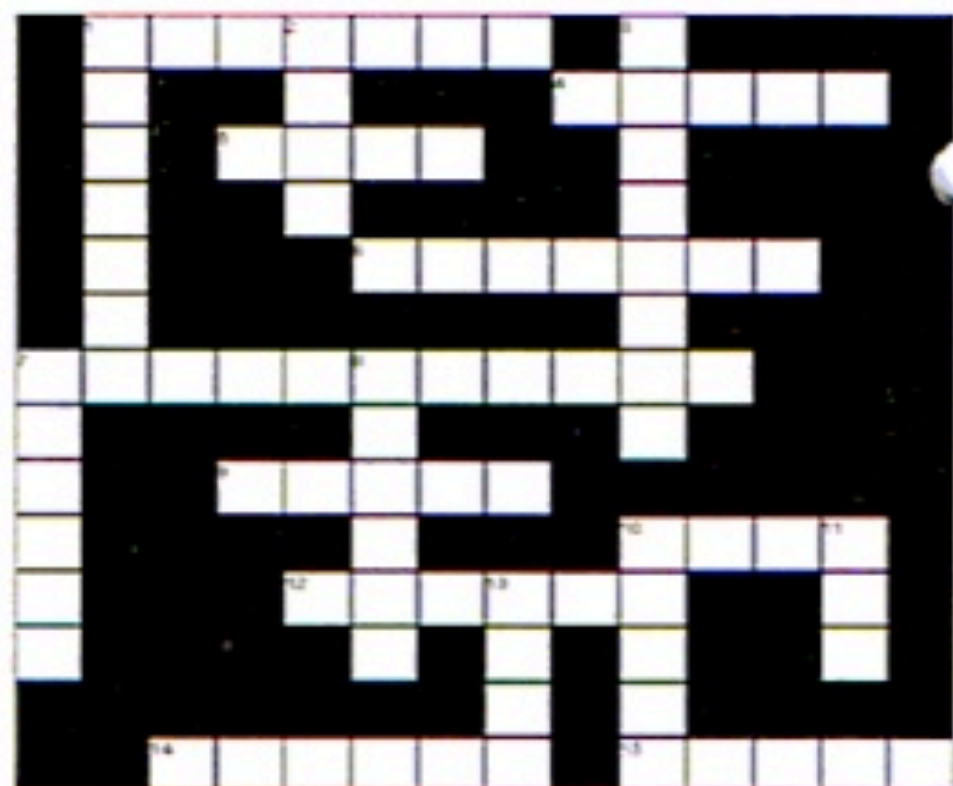
SOLUTION TO A.I.B. QUIZ—€1337.

FR. JOE'S COLUMN—Due to the lateness of my notification to Fr. Joe of the publication date and because he was away in Lourdes when he received my message, sadly we have not got his column this issue. But we will have next time.

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CLUES ACROSS— 1. Fine Linen. 4. Gathering of friends. 5. Cup. 6. Server to the guests. 7. Invigorating. 9. Pekoe type tea. 10. Permeable pouches. 12. Caffeine free. 14. Tea party city. 15. Sip. **DOWN**— 1. Unsweetened cake. 2. Evaporate. 3. Stimulant. 7. Robust. 8. Grown on bushes. 10. Mix. 11. Drink. 13. Sear the tongue.

CONGRATULATIONS to H. V. Kiernan, 24 Shantalla Road our last winner your prize will be sent shortly.

SOLUTION to last Crossword—Across: 1. Conceal. 4. Windy. 5. Dormant. 6. Muskrat. 8. Nest. 9. Blizzard. 12. Beast. 14. Disengage. 17. Hills. 18. Rest. 19. Nuts. Down: 2. Camouflage. 3. Snow. 4. Windy. 7. Pelts. 10. Shield. 11. Rabbit. 12. Bears. 13. Trees. 15. Thaw.

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