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Sunday 14th April 2024

Search and you will be found!

Last week I googled ‘green paint for small living room’ as I need to paint my house and am starting with the living room. I also googled ‘mother-of-the-bride dress’ as a friend has engaged me to help her find something for her daughter’s wedding and as I’m not a fashion browser I needed to look up what is currently available!

As a consequence, I’m receiving constant pop-ups in my emails, on my Facebook page and Instagram regarding green paint products and elegant dresses in expensive boutiques. Some of the feeds were actually helpful but the unfortunate part of tapping into the feeds is that the feeds concerning related topics and information increase and become more diverse with each click! Now, that’s not a problem for me as I have already moved on from the research with both items – closer to current dormancy re the painting task while the mother-of-the-bride is now sorted (not by me)! I’m now blocking anything which pops up re green paint and dresses, so it will fade away.

We are all people of habit. Physically we generally go for walks in a few of the same places, read from particular genres, eat the same selection of foods each month, meet friends in the same places, pray in a particular way, etc. We have healthy and unhealthy habits which we are trying to constantly reinforce and break respectively. Often, we are not even aware of particular habits unless someone points out the pattern or asks us to do something a different way. Such habits which are clearly observable to others are readily open to question and challenge or affirmation.

Our use of social media and search engines is clearly observable to the commercial and influencing world which is linked directly to the search engines but not to our friends. No search is free! The cost of every search is that we can be found by thousands of organisations with one click on a search engine and fed a media diet of their deliberate choice. It can lead to a habitual pattern of searches and receipt of a bombardment of particular feeds, all of which occurs in the rooms of our own houses.

Organisations feeding links, have a purpose to draw us towards their products or influence with a gain which is in some way material. The material purpose may be subliminal or overt with any moment spent clicking or viewing being akin to keeping the door open on an unwanted door-to-door salesperson. Unlike the door-to-door salesperson who presents as a sole person, the online salespersons multiply by the second so it is more difficult to close the door the longer it is held open!

Activity on social media and search engines occurs behind closed doors so any filtering of feeds is freely chosen by ourselves. Every decision to search outside that which is for a functional purpose needs a **STOP** at junction sign before proceeding because whatever we read, see or hear cannot be unread, unseen or unheard! We have all seen images which we would like to unsee! The pop-up ads arrive in our pockets every minute and on every opening of a page on the internet appealing to click-expressed, one-time interest in a related product or topic. I prefer to be in control of my clicks rather than the clicks being in control of me! I’ll continue my blocking pattern!

Cathy Burke

Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

Food Safety Authority of Ireland

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) is an independent statutory organisation. It was established by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998.

The FSAI protects consumers by ensuring that standards for food safety and hygiene are met when food is consumed, produced, distributed or marketed in Ireland. It works with other official agencies, including the Health Service Executive (HSE), to enforce food safety legislation in Ireland.

What does the FSAI do?

The FSAI is responsible for:

Sending food safety inspectors to test food samples for contamination

Referring complaints about food safety from the public to the relevant Environmental Health Office

Training food safety inspectors and other food industry workers about food law

Telling the public when there is a food safety issue, such as a product recall or restaurant closure

Investigating food labels and fraudulent food

Developing food safety guidelines

Advising on national nutrition policy

The FSAI also works with other state agencies to ensure that food law is enforced, including the

Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority and the Health Service Executive (HSE).

Enforcement of food safety laws

The FSAI has service contracts with other official agencies, including the HSE and the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority, to make sure all food premises comply with food safety laws.

The FSAI is responsible for:

Co-ordinating the enforcement of food safety legislation in Ireland

Supporting Ireland's food safety regulators (such as Environmental Health Officers) to implement a fair, consistent and effective system of enforcement

Managing risks in the food chain and responding to any national or international food incidents

Ensuring the safety of the food chain by detecting, deterring and preventing breaches of food law

Researching food safety through coordinated studies and scientific collaboration

The FSAI can also seek reports from any state body on matters affecting food safety. It reports to the Minister for Health.

Environmental Health Officers

The FSAI works with Environmental Health Officers from the HSE to inspect food premises.

Environmental Health Officers can:

Enter and inspect food premises

Secure a food premises for later inspection

Inspect and, if necessary, remove records

Take samples of food or related materials, and have these samples analysed

It is an offence to obstruct an officer carrying out this duty.

You can find contact details for your local Environmental Health Officer on the HSE website.

Improvement notices

If the Environmental Health Officer finds that a premises or a practice (such as food handling or preparation) is likely to be a risk to public health, they may give the owner an improvement notice.

This includes:

The cause of the risk to public health

The remedial action that needs to be taken

The time limit for the owner to take remedial action

Information about Improvement Notices and Improvement Orders is on our website.

You can also ring the FSAI advice line on 0818 33 66 77 or email info@fsai.ie

Food Safety Authority of Ireland, The Exchange, George's Dock, IFSC, Dublin 1, D01 P2V6.

Tel: +353 1 8171300. www.fsai.ie

Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is on Thursday 18th April at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest.



Thursday 18th April 2024
7:45pm
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280

- Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?
- Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?
- Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, April 18th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, check out Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com

Esker Active Retirement Association

Lovely meeting on Wednesday, good attendance in spite of rain. Usual activities enjoyed, as well as plenty of friendly chats over a cuppa.

We meet every Wednesday at 1.30 in St Andrews Parish Hall, all welcome.



Make Plantable Seed Paper from Recycled Materials
Tuesday 16th April, 11am
Workshop for Adults at Lucan Library
Contact the library to book your place
Celebrating Eco Week 15-19 April

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 17th April: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 - 12.30.



All welcome!

Climate Change: what we need to know & why!
A talk by Dr Darren Clarke, Assistant Professor DCU
Thursday 18th April 7pm, Lucan Library
All Welcome

May the Lord support us all day long
Till the shadows lengthen
And the evening comes
And the busy world is hushed
And the fever of life is over
And our work is done ...
Amen

Parish Notes

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Adoration: Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Meeting every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St Patrick's Church) from 7.30pm to 8.15pm.

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

Communion for the Homebound: If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave you name and address, or email us at: secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie

Tea/Coffee: Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all
Masses **NEXT**
Sunday 21st April

Thank you for your aenerosity.

Training for all St Patrick's Volunteers

Most people who are volunteers or employees in our parish have been vetted for engagement on other organisations also. Along with the necessity for vetting for the various organisations, as according to the particular requirements, each organisation has its' own procedures with which each person must be familiar and compliant.

The church has built strong protections for children, vulnerable people, volunteers and staff so that safety for all is as high as possible. However, while the standard is high, it is vital that we all continue to build the best possible practice to ensure that safe-guarding is always a foundational priority.

The diocese has an appointed safe guarding training service:

The Designated Liaison Person (Parish Priest), all clergy, safe guarding representatives and **ALL** volunteers and employees **MUST** avail of initial training and ongoing training every three years in order to remain engaged in service.

The appointed Diocesan Safe Guarding Trainer, Mr Garry Keogh, is providing a training input for

ALL VOLUNTEERS on

Wednesday 17th April at 7.00p.m.
in St Mary's Church.

If you cannot attend, please let us know via child.safeguarding@stpatrickslucan.ie so that you may be informed of training in another venue as soon as possible.

We are holding this in St Mary's to allow for all volunteers in the partnership to avail of this training.



Pilgrimage to Knock

AONTAS Youth Choir are singing during the Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage Mass in Knock on Saturday 27 April. A few seats remain on the bus from Lucan. Cost €25. Leave your name and phone number in the sacristy or parish office in St Mary's or St Patrick's parishes as soon as possible.

WHEN THE SEATS ARE GONE, THEY'RE GONE!



St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.



Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Saturdays. (funerals permitting) from 10.30am to 11.30am. *All welcome.*

Christian Meditation: We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow. *All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sr. Geraldine.*

Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina): Meetings are held in the bungalow every **Monday night (excluding bank holidays) between 7.30 and 8.30pm** when we reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord, is necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world and for our journey to eternal life.

Baptisms in St. Mary's: Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. This is a return to the practice we had before Covid restrictions.

Dates are bookable on line.

If you need to cancel email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Visits to the housebound: If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041), we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Coffee Dock Open: Every Sunday Morning and weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All Welcome.*

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Barbara Clarke*, Lucan Heights.
May she rest in peace.



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses
NEXT Saturday/ Sunday 20th/21st April.
Many thanks for your generosity.



Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
St Mary's Conference, Lucan

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022
or email: info@svp.ie

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm.
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Fri.9:15am. Sat.10am

All Masses will be livestreamed on
www.lucansouthparish.net

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: Every Thursday, in the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All welcome*

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.
The Church is open Monday to Friday from **10am to 1pm** for private prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Anniversaries

DEREK FINN

45th Anniversary - 14th April

In loving memory of a dear son and brother
Derek, also his pals **Declan**, **Victor** and **David**.

Time cannot steal the treasures
That we carry in our hearts
Nor ever dim the shining thoughts
Our cherished past imparts
For the memories of the ones we loved
Still cast a gentle glow
To grace our days and light our ways
Wherever we may go

*Always loved and sadly missed by Dad, Angela,
Edward, Les, Ken and their families xx*



DECLAN KANE

45th Anniversary - 14th April

In loving memory of Declan, also his
friends **Victor**, **Derek** and **David**.

We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again

*Never forgotten by his Mam, sisters Susan and
Aideen, nephews, nieces and brother-in-law*

**'Glen of Imaal' Anniversary Mass at 6.30pm
on Saturday 13th April**



JOE MURRAY

40th Anniversary - 16th April

(Late of of Sarsfield Park)

There's a special kind of feeling
When we think about you, Dad
It's a pleasure to remember
All the happy times we've had
There's a special kind of caring
That is meant for you alone
There's a place somewhere
Within our hearts

That only you can own
Missing you always.

Loved and remembered by all your family

**Anniversary Mass 14th April 12pm St Mary's
Church**



Birthday Remembrance

JOHN LALLY

84th Birthday - 12th April

Your book of life stands open,
at its most important page,

May good look be by your side
on this coming of age.

We cannot send a birthday card,
Your hand we cannot touch,
But God will take our greetings
to the Dad we love so much.

*Greatly missed by your loving daughter
Debbie, son in law Peter and granddaughters -
Niamh, Karla and Aine*

JOHN LALLY

Birthday remembrance of my dear dad
John Lally, Arthur Griffith Park, Lucan.

Happy heavenly birthday dear dad.
Hope you are going to have a heavenly pint in
heaven,

*Love and miss you dearly, your daughter Joyce,
Mark, Jonathan, Ciaran, Matthew, Trina, Ollie,
Makayla*

JOHN LALLY

A special smile, A special face
Of a special Dad we can't replace.

You gave your love your whole life through,
God bless you Dad we miss and love you too.

Our loving Dad is now at rest
For each of us he did his best.

His love was great, his heart was kind
What wonderful memories he left behind.

Happy heavenly Birthday Dad

*Greatly missed and dearly loved
From your daughter Alison and family*



Walking the Camino

Have you ever
dreamed of walking

the Camino. Join the MSC Missions as we walk
the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino
Ingles** walking from Ferrol to Santiago in
Northern Spain. The temperature in this part of
northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like
a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details
of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at
021 454 6691 or
email mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie



Storm Kathleen visited last weekend – it was rough enough coming and going on foot, against the high winds. What’s next?

There are ten names still on the list: *Lilian,*



Minnie, Nicholas, Olga, Piet, Regina, Stuart, Tamiko, Vincent and Walid. Hopefully, they will all pass us by, and we’ll be able to enjoy some warm Summer weather!

Dodsboro ‘refurbishment’ underway! The diggers were in this week getting the work underway, on what should be a welcome change for this stretch.



Massive Congratulations to Lucan Harriers on their recent achievements on the international stage. It’s nothing short of brilliant to see all the local names up there with the best of them.

Open the door to a possible you.
Leave behind the stress and woe.
Be sure to invite the wonder in,
And let the worries go.

Think of each day as a treasured gift,
And give that gift to yourself.
Accomplish those things that are in your reach,
And leave the rest on the shelf.

Do a world of good in a world that needs,
All the good it can get.
In the course of a day, in every way,
Coming closer to goals and challenges set.

Take or make the time to do,
Those things you’ve always wanted to.
Choose the path that will gladden your heart,
And live the life that’s true to you.

So hold on to your dreams, your hopes to achieve,
All the joys in life you’ve yet to receive.
Keep the spirit that says “it’s only until”,
“I know that I am, I can and I will”.

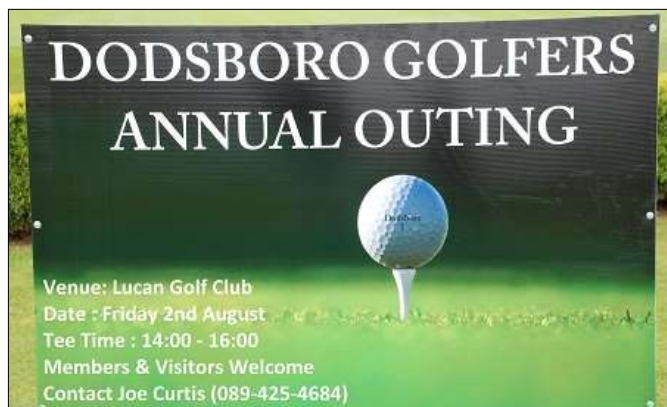
The road ahead may appear uphill,
And that’s the direction your dreams to fulfil.
Anything really is possible to do,
When who you are is true to you.

St. Francis Hospice Walk Your Own 5K Spring Memorial Walk

Supported by Eileen Dunne

Any time, any place in the month of April! Raise funds for Hospice Registration Fee €25

Call 01-8327535 or visit www.sfh.ie for T-shirt / Bookmark / Poem / Sponsor Cards Thank you!



I want to live every day like it's my last and some day I'll be right!

JP McManus on highs and lows, and looking to the future.



Elizabeth Mc Nicholas is a young person from Lucan living with severe brain and spinal injuries. She is a full-time wheelchair user with complex medical needs and severe neuropathic pain. Elizabeth was a camogie player before her illness, and now struggles to get some normality back into her life. She was first diagnosed with her illness in her Leaving Cert year in Coláiste Cois Life. She went on to do Domestic Science teacher-training in St. Angela's College, Sligo, but unfortunately she had to pull out of that course.

In 2018, Elizabeth spent three months in a hospital in Istanbul, to undergo a series of extremely major life-saving and life-changing surgeries. These surgeries gave Elizabeth some hope to get her life back to normal, and since then, she has been working hard to adapt to her new life and to regain some of the functions and abilities that she lost over the years.

Due to the complex nature of Elizabeth's condition, she requires ongoing specialist neurorehabilitation which is not available to her in Ireland. During the past two Summers, Elizabeth has undergone neurorehabilitation at Neurokinex Gatwick in the UK, making significant strides in her recovery, such as learning to sit upright unaided and regaining better function in her right arm.

Elizabeth hopes to return to Neurokinex Gatwick for further intensive neurorehabilitation over the coming months, but this therapy does not come cheap. Fundraising continues to facilitate access to this vital treatment for Elizabeth, to give her the chance she deserves.

Please support Elizabeth's cause by donating online at: www.gofundme.com/u4wpzkjz You can also visit the Team Elizabeth Page on Facebook for full updates on the campaign: www.facebook.com/TEAMELIZABETH. Thank you for your continued support.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Follow us on Facebook (Ballyowen Castle Community Centre) or on Instagram ([ballyowen_community_centre](https://www.instagram.com/ballyowen_community_centre))

Location: We are located beside Centric Health Ballyowen and Giraffe Childcare Ballyowen, behind Lidl in Ballyowen Shopping Centre (as you come in from Castle Road).

Volunteer sessions:



Thanks to everybody who has taken the time to attend our volunteer sessions this week. We have one final session on Tuesday at 7pm so please come along if you're free. We've had some great ideas for new initiatives and groups and are excited to see them take off! If you're unable to attend those sessions, send us an email at info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

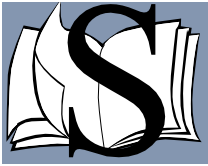
What is missing in our area?

Would you like to see a bridge club? Quiz nights? Training courses? We're looking to hear from people about what activities they would like to see take place in Ballyowen Community Centre. Send us your ideas at info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Room booking:

We will be moving to an online room booking system in the coming weeks. Watch this space for further details! In the meantime, if you would like to book the main meeting hall, call us on the numbers above, or send us an email.

Did you know? Ballyowen Castle Community Centre is home to Women's Collective Ireland (Lucan), Liffey Sound FM, Lucan Citizens Information and Crosscare Lucan. If you'd like to learn more about what those groups do, feel free to reach out and get in touch!



SCHOOL NEWS



Voice of poetry: On Thursday 21st March we celebrated World Poetry Day. On the day our fantastic first years competed in a Voice of Poetry competition in front of their English teachers and the watchful eye of Mr Andrew Deacon, who acted as guest judge

St. Joseph's College

TY Amsterdam tour: Before the Easter break students travelled to Amsterdam. As part of the trip they visited Anne Frank's house, the Nemo Science Centre, Rembrandt's house museum and captured and the renowned Tulip Fields.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com



Local enterprise office regional finals: TY students "Animal Alert" represented St. Joseph's College in the SEPLEO, Student Regional Finals earlier in the month. The business marketed crocheted animals with the aim to raise awareness of endangered species. Team "Animal Alert" comprised of Agnes Martin, Sreya Santosh and Fariba Ahmed.



The students enjoyed a wonderful day and gained valuable tips from the judges about their business. Students had attended a crochet workshop given by Lucan ICA and skills learned were used to create their product. Animal Alert proved to be a profitable business following the collaboration and hard work shared between the group.

Dublin minor football: Well done to 5th year students Chloe O'Shea and Rachel Johnson who were part of the Dublin team who defeated Westmeath in the Leinster semi-final over the weekend.

ReLove fashion: A massive congratulations to Maram Zaiouche, 2nd year who was selected for the final of the ReLove Fashion competition. ReLove fashion aims to take old clothes and bring them back to life with the aim to promote the recycling and reuse of materials in a world being dominated more and more by fast fashion. Well done Maram!



Daffodil day bake sale: Well done to 5th year students who hosted a bake sale before the Easter break. The bake sale was in aid of the Irish Cancer society and the students raised over €300.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

All funds raised on the night will go towards the funding of school facilities and the new school library. The PA would be very grateful for any sponsorship or prize donations from local businesses. If anyone would like to donate or sponsor a prize, they can drop into the school office.



Easter Raffle: Our Easter Raffle was held on Friday 22nd March with members of our Student Council conducting the draw. 3rd yr Morgan Gladney won 1st prize (300e), 6th yr Sam Knowles won 2nd prize (200e) while 1st yr Thomas McNeill won 3rd prize of 100e. The students of 1 Lambay won on a half day for the most money raised in a class. Many thanks to everyone who supported this fundraising event.

TY: Out three Transition Year classes attended workshops run by Sport Against Racism Ireland in the Sports Hall on Monday 8th April. The workshops involved soccer training games and exercises, run by SARI youth coaches from Ethnic Minority backgrounds, with built-in awareness of what it means to discriminate both on and off the pitch.

The students had a follow-up exercise in class where they had to complete questionnaires reflecting on what they had learnt from the workshops.

It was a really enjoyable and educational experience for the students and they are to be commended for their excellent participation and maturity throughout. They took the workshops extremely seriously and it was evident in the depth and quality of their personal reflections that they really gained a lot from the experience.

Football: Congratulations to Mr. O' Carroll on his fine achievement in captaining Laois to victory in the Allianz Football League Division 4 Final against Leitrim in Croke Park on Sunday 31st March. Mr. O' Carroll, playing as an inside forward, scored six points and assisted two goals in an impressive display that earned him the man-of-the-match award from TG4. He also made a

great speech upon receiving the trophy and even began by speaking as Gaelige which was great for our students to hear!

Well done to Killian Costello from Transition Year who represented Dublin in their opening two Group Stage matches in the Leinster Minor Football Championship recently. Dublin beat Laois in their 1st game before suffering a defeat to Longford in their 2nd match. Killian, who plays for Lucan Sarsfields, featured in both games and he impressed in midfield with his athleticism, strength in the air and intelligent use of the ball. Dublin play Offaly on Saturday in their final group game so we wish Killian and the team well in their attempts to qualify for the knock-out stages of the competition. Killian is also on the Dublin Minor Hurling panel with team preparing to face Galway, Kilkenny and Wexford in the Leinster Minor Hurling Championship later on this month.

Well done also to 5th yr Conor Dillon who represented Dublin in their opening two games of the Leinster u19 Development League. Dublin lost to Kilkenny in their 1st game before defeating Wexford in round 2 of the competition. Their final match is against Offaly this week. Conor, who plays for Westmanstown Gaels, has been representing for 3 years now at various age levels.

Soccer: Our **u17 team** advanced to the 1-4 finals of the Leinster Junior Shield after a thrilling and dramatic 3rd rnd victory against Clonkeen College on Wednesday 20th April. The game finished 1-1 after extra time with Kai Keogh equalising for Lucan in the 2nd half of normal time so penalties were required to separate two well-matched teams. Lucan converted all 5 of their penalties and leading 5-4, Niall Ryan Doyle saved the last penalty to send Lucan into the 1-4 finals.

Our **senior soccer team** advanced to the Leinster Senior Shield semi-finals after a facile 9-2 victory against Scoil Mhuire, Clane just before the Easter holidays. Troy O' Dowd (2), Tyler Doherty, Will Smith, Lennox Omoruyi, Callum Casey, Eoin Maher and Sam Knowles got the goals, with an own goal from Clane rounding off a bad day for their defence.

The team then faced Templeogue College on Tuesday for a place in the final. Lucan opened up a commanding 3-0 lead at half-time thanks to two goals from Eoin Maher and one from Tyler Doherty. Templeogue fought back in the 2nd half and reduced the deficit to 3-2 before Troy O' Dowd settled Lucan nerves with a clinical finish from just inside the box. Tyler grabbed his 2nd, and 16th of a prolific season, in the final minute to seal the team's place in the final, where they will play Castleknock Community College.

Lucan Community College

Music for Schools Competition

Congratulations to Mr Murphy and the group of 3rd to 6th year music students who are finalists in the Waltons RTÉ Lyric FM Music for Schools Competition on Monday in the National Concert Hall. It is a great achievement to have reached the final of this national competition!

Students travel to Rome!

Over 200 Second and Fifth Year students along with their teachers travelled to Rome before the Easter break. The two year trips coincided separately but all students thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Italy where they immersed themselves in Italian culture, history, and gelato. Students were commended on their good behaviour throughout the two trips.



A huge thank you to the teachers who travelled with the students to provide them with the trip of a lifetime. Thanks in particular to Ms Gallagher who led the Second Year trip, and to Mr Callaghan who led the Fifth Year trip.

5th Year Students receive awards

Some of our 5th year students went to a Human Resource Masterclass in ICON in Leopardstown where they all received certs for their hard work and dedication to the programme. Congratulations to the students involved!



Saoirse is 5th in the world!

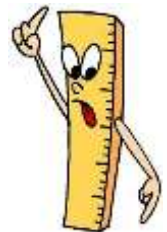
A huge congratulations to athlete Saoirse Fitzgerald who has been ranked 5th in the world in the u20 category after this year's indoor season. Well done Saoirse!

Minder & Toddler Group



Thursdays
in St. Mary's Parish Centre,
from 9.30am to 11.30am.

All Welcome!



Cllr. Paul Gogarty P.C.

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Grand Canal Urban Greenway delay:

Unfortunately, the first phase of this project has had to be retendered so it will be October before any works commence.

Tenant-in-situ purchase scheme delays:

I again highlighted the problems with this Government-funded scheme where the Council agrees to purchase properties already rented out to tenants. The long delays and lack of transparency are impacting on many purchases going through.

Sports Pavilions: At long last after serious delays, SDCC has revamped its sports pavilion programme in Lucan and elsewhere with new modular builds due to commence shortly adjacent to a number of locations. For more information search ‘pavilions’ on my website. **Bus User Survey:**

Have your say. www.bit.ly/BusCorrect.

Peace Commissioner: A reminder that I am available to sign documents and take statutory declarations if required. Affidavits will require a solicitor, however.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Pavilions for Lucan clubs: At this week’s Council meeting, we received an update on the Council’s Pavilion Programme. I have consistently been pushing for progress on this since being elected given how crucial they are to our local clubs. The pavilions will now be delivered as a modular build programme to avoid the delays that were seen with the previous tendering process. I am very pleased to see new locations added such as Willsbrook Park and am happy to see that installation of the new units in Griffeen will be completed by Spring 2025.

Hermitage/Ballyowen Boundary: I have requested repair works to take place on the boundary fence on Hermitage and Ballyowen estates, alongside the R136. I secured the inclusion of the trees behind Hermitage Valley and Way on the current tree maintenance programme and am keen to see the boundary maintained correctly.

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

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Cybercrime: In July’s newsletter I highlighted how criminals are tricking people into willingly transferring money to them. Following my recent public meeting on cyberfraud I brought a motion to highlight to ministers what this crime means to people in our community. I’m very pleased that the motion was overwhelmingly supported and adopted on Saturday at the Ard Fheis in Galway.

Dodsboro Cottages; Blocked mains reported to

SDCC. Pleased to see the council on site this week.

Coldrinagh: Footpath water ponding and accumulating debris making it difficult for pedestrians to navigate the overpass. This issue is reported to the council.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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I am honoured to take up the role of Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail. I want to thank our Taoiseach Simon Harris for placing his trust in me. I came into politics from a business background and have used my platform as a TD since my election in 2020 to champion businesses and women in business. I’ve worked closely with chambers of commerce, employer representative groups, trade unions as well as so many SMEs across Dublin Mid-West. I would be delighted to hear from Lucan business owners with your ideas and feedback.

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party Representative.

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All social media links at linktr.ee/joannatuffy

12th Lock site proposals for film studios, artist’s studios and other facilities:

There are currently 2 sets of plans for Council owned buildings at the 12th Lock on public display - one is for a film production studio with associated facilities and the other is for a mixed-use development which includes a childcare facility, café, events space, artist’s studios, shop, and clubhouse. These plans are on display online at the website

consult.sdublincoco.ie under the headings 'Part 8 Site at 12th Lock, Grand Canal Lucan, Co. Dublin' and 'Part 8 at Site at Grange Cottage, Grand Canal Lucan, Co. Dublin'. If you want to make a submission about the plans make sure to do so in accordance with the timeframes and requirements set out at consult.sdublincoco.ie.

Cllr. Liona O’Toole –Independent

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Darkness Into Light Lucan: I’m thrilled to announce that Lucan has been selected as a new venue for the esteemed Darkness into Light Remembrance Walk. It is with great joy that I share this news with you, having been personally involved in these walks in Lucan for several years. Through the incredible support of dedicated volunteers, we are excited to extend this meaningful event to our community. On May the 11th at 4:15 am, we invite you to join us as we embark on this profound journey together. It’s an opportunity for us all to come together and be part of something truly special. For further details and updates, please visit our Facebook and Instagram pages at Darkness into Light Lucan or our website at darknessintolight.ie **voter.ie** don’t forget you can now register online the deadline is **Monday 20th May**.

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



June Bank Holiday Draw

We will be holding a special draw for the June Bank Holiday weekend. This will take place directly after the lotto on Thursday 31st May. 1st Prize €1,000 cash. 2nd Prize €500 cash To Enter this draw please renew or sign up for a Lucan Sarsfields Recurrent Lotto Subscription via ClubZap.

The following will be entered into the draw:

- 1) All current direct debits get 1 Entry per Direct Debit line
- 2) All memberships paid with an Annual Lotto Subscription
- 3) All full year Lotto Subscriptions paid on ClubZap
- 4) Any Recurrent Clubzap Lotto subscription e.g. 3 for a fiver (Recurrent) equates to 3 entries, Catherine's Special (Recurrent) has 11 entries all other Recurrent options equate to one draw entry. This is a great opportunity to win a guaranteed cash prize while also supporting the club's weekly lotto. Sign up via ClubZap or the link:

<https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/categories/lotto/products>

White Collar Boxing: Due to unprecedented demand, we are once again taking over the big top on the 4th of May 2024 for another White-Collar Boxing Showdown. We are looking for sponsorship for this event with several different packages available. If you have a business, work for a business or know someone who does, that might like to sponsor or advertise at our event, please contact

lucansarsfields.fundraising@gmail.com

We are also looking for volunteers to help run this event smoothly, for example assistance with car parking, stewarding, grounds set up and bar work. Your support in this would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Gerry McAndrew on 0851744627.



Lotto: We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €2,600.

The Numbers were **2, 15, 17, 25.**

The lucky dip prizes go to Jim Mulqueen, Mary Freeman, Sinead Sealy, Brian Mahon, Maggie O'Flynn.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,000. The draw is sponsored by Dual Printing and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.

Hurling

All our six adult teams managed to get league games played this weekend despite the ongoing challenges of the weather and the closure of pitches. The seniors got the action going on Thursday night with a comfortable win over Faughs at the 12th Lock. Then on Saturday evening the Intermediates travelled to St Peregrines and brought home the two league points. Sunday morning saw the Junior As claim a draw away to Kilmacud Crokes in Division 6. Then in the afternoon our other three Junior teams were in action with wins for the Junior Bs away to O'Toole's and the Junior C South team at home to Wanderers. Our Junior C North team made the long trip to Howth where they lost out to Beann Eadair. See selection of match details below.

Juvenile

Despite the conditions, our juvenile teams were out in force over the weekend, both home and away. They battled through the blustery conditions and put on a great display of skills. Well done everyone!

Academy

Our Academy is on every Saturday morning from 9-11am and provides a great opportunity to get involved in Gaelic, Hurling and Camogie. It is open to children born in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Training times are age dependent, please contact our club Games Promotion Officer, Alan O'Neill – 0871213587.

County

Well done to Siobhán Birnie, Chloe O'Shea and Rachel Johnston in their Leinster Semi Final win against Westmeath with the Dublin Minor Ladies Footballers. Best of luck to the girls who will now face Wexford in the Leinster final this Sunday the 14th of April.

Congratulations to Mia Farrell and the Dublin Minor Camogie team in their quarter final win over Clare. A great result for the team and a clean sheet for Mia, well done!

Hard luck to Cian Gavin, Killian Costello, Rian Doherty and Senan Bolger in their defeat to Longford in the Minor Football Championship. We also had several juvenile players representing Dublin over the weekend which is great to see. Well done to the following: Réka Kiss Kallo, Cara Coffey, Eva Collis (U16A Camogie), Sadhbh Lynch, Juliette Harford (U16B Camogie), Niamh O'Brien, Ciara Hylands (U16C Camogie), Caoimhe Buckley (U14 Ladies Football)

*Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields
GAA Club.*

SPORTS



LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Wicklow Gaol Break 10K: Brian Haverty and Dave Kelly represented Lucan Harriers at the Wicklow Gaol Break 10K on March 24th. The race started from the fantastic venue of Wicklow's Harbour and finished in the Courtyard of Wicklow's Historic Gaol. It was a tough course with lots of hills.



Dave Kelly and Brian Haverty

European Masters Athletics Indoors

Championships: The European Masters Athletics Indoors Championships took place from 17th to 23rd March 2024 in Torun, Poland. Ireland was well represented with 108 Masters athletes - the 7th largest team out of a total of 3,443 athletes from 38 countries.

Pearse Carberry competed in the javelin-throwing a season's best and making it through to a European final, finishing 7th.

Aine Power competed in the shot putt and like Pearse, made it through to the Final - finishing a fabulous 6th.

Katriona Power competed in the weight throw - narrowly missing qualification for the final by 2cms with a best throw of 11.39m

On the final day of the competition, we had Leanne Wellings and Carol Kearney in action for Ireland.

Leanne ran in the 4x 200m women's (45) final and also in the 4x 200m (45) mixed final. Both were highly competitive races and Ireland narrowly missed out on some bling.

Carol also had two races, competing in the mixed (50) category relays, coming third in their heat and qualifying for an extremely fast final! In the highlight of the day, Carol brought home the bronze in the W55 relay, powering home to less than 1.5 seconds behind Germany in 2nd position.



Leanne Wellings, Carol Kearney, Katriona Power, Pearse Carberry, Aine Power

All our athletes have done the red and black of Lucan Harriers proud while wearing the green of Ireland.

Dunboyne 53RD Road Race 10K 2024: Lucan Harriers turned out in force for the Dunboyne 10k on Sunday March 24th. The weather conditions were calm and mild. Over 1,500 runners signed up and there were also 914 athletes entered as part of the National race.

First male home for Lucan Harriers was Ciaran Hughs in 34:18. First female home was Breda Smyth in 42:19. National F65 Silver Mary Browne in 44:23. Eileen O'Brien F70 Silver in 53:56.

The Men's 050 team Will Byrne, Gary Farrell and Rob Brannigan came 8th in their category. It was the top half of the teams in a very strong field.

Lucan Harriers F50+ Team Silver. Breda Smyth, Mary Browne and Lorraine Heffernan. Well done to all our teams.





Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Fáilte chuig Nuachtlitir Na Gaeil Óga, áit a bhfaighidh tú an t-eolas is déanaí faoi gach rud atá ag tarlú inár bpobal bríomhar.



Buachaillí 2014 - Peil

Níor stop Stoirm Caitlín Buachaillí 2014 ar an Satharn. Bhí cluiche peile den scoth againn in aghaidh Croí R6 Naofa - maith sibh go léir!

Cailíní F13 - Peil

D'imir na cailíní faoi 13 ar fheabhas ar an Domhnach in aghaidh Ballymun Kickhams. Taispeántas suntasach eile agus spiorad iontach foirne le feiceáil ó thús go deireadh.

Cailíní F9

Sár-imir ó na cailíní F9 ar fad. Bhí cumhacht agus spiorad iontach le feiceáil iontu ar fad. Lean siad ar aghaidh go cróga agus na scileanna ag dul chun cinn an t-am ar fad, fiú leis an mbáisteach. Obair foirne den scoth an t-am ar fad Ar aghaidh linn le chéile!



Buachaillí F9 - Peil

Grma gach buachaill as an iarracht iontach sa ghaoth láidir! Níor stop Stoirm Kathleen buachaillí



na Gaeil Óga F9

Dhá chluiche dheasa in aghaidh Bray Emmets, scilleanna deasa, scóranna iontacha. Chaill muid an cúl féin sa ghaoth cúpla uair agus grma do na tuismitheoirí a sheas air!

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

18 Strokeplay (Gross)

6-7 April 2024

Gents Class 1 Winner - Junior Smith – 46

Gents Class 2 Winner - Ted Flynn Ted Flynn – 52

Gents Class 3 Winner - Stephen Needham - 56

[B9]

Ladies Class 1 Winner - Glenda Hoey – 50

Ladies Class 2 Winner - Fionna Langan - 71 [B9].

New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles

Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please download an application form from the website and fill in the relevant details and return same – or email the secretary at info@lucanpitchandputt.com.

Indeed, you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is on a Sunday from 10am

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New Members – Adults and Under 16

We hosted a welcome afternoon on Saturday 6th April last for our new members, adults and under 16. It was a great success and then on Sunday we commenced our Under 16 induction afternoon. This was a huge success with a fantastic turnout. Well done to all who helped make both the Saturday and Sunday such a success.

Full Zip Tops / Jackets / T-Shirts

Members please note that Dora Keane is the contact for the stock of our club zip tops / jackets and t-shirts.

Function Room for Hire

Please note that we have a function room for hire in the evenings from circa 5pm. Contact the secretary or email info@lucanpitchandputt.com for details of same – T&C apply.

Competition Date

Members please note that our Annual Remembrance Competition for our deceased members will be held this year on Saturday 20th April. This is a major competition, and a time sheet will be in operation.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last week a number of the members of the Soiree brought in the albums that they had created from their photographs and we admired the results. We look forward to seeing the results from other members in the coming weeks.

The theme chosen for photographs during the month of April – “windows” - continues to attract novel and imaginative pictures with Conor submitting one entitled “*48 windows*” which is a light house lantern at Howth and one entitled “*concrete windows*” which I think is part of the old St. Ita’s Hospital in Portrane.



He also introduced us to a new bird resident in Ireland, migrating from central and eastern Europe – *the Blackcap* – which he found in Lucan Demesne.



Donal has been up around the northwest and has sent in beautiful photographs of the landscape there. One in particular taken in Kincasslagh, Co. Donegal (the birth place of Daniel O’Donnell) includes in the distance a Napoleonic signal tower.



These towers were an early-19th-century communication system constructed in response to the threat of a French invasion. Sited in remote coastal locations, most of these signal towers were constructed between 1804 and 1806. The signalling system required that each signal station be visible to its counterparts on either side. The process of sending a message involved raising and lowering a large rectangular flag, a smaller blue pendant and four black balls or hoops in various combinations along a system centred on a tall wooden mast. The threat of invasion was significantly diminished following Napoleon’s defeat at Waterloo in 1815 and, as maintenance of the structures was costly, given their remote locations, many were abandoned.

Until next week stay safe!