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Sunday 15th January 2023

Lucan Dramatic Society – Bringing Drama to your Doorstep since 1957

“All the worlds a stage...”

At 65 most people are thinking of retirement, if they haven't already retired!
Not Lucan Dramatic Society.



We were established in 1957 and since then we have worked to bring dramatic entertainment (works by O'Casey, Synge, Keane, Friel etc.) to the people of Lucan. Each year we stage a number of events including dinner theatre, 1 act plays through to full length productions. In November of this year, we staged an evening of 4 one act plays which proved to be very popular.

Over the last 65 years that amounts to hundreds of events performed by hosts of actors, scores of directors and countless front of house, stage management, make-up and light/sound operators. All of our efforts and everything we do is based on the idea of offering the Lucan public an opportunity to gather together and, as a community, engage with and, hopefully, enjoy the productions on stage.

Our commitment to you is to give our very best in making each show as professional as we possibly can. Through the countless hours of rehearsal to the setting up of the stage itself all minds are focused on providing you with a memorable evening of drama.

Of course, playing to an empty theatre space does not make sense, so what you can do to ensure that Lucan continues to have a thriving community drama group for another 65 years is simple – just turn up! The interaction between audience members and the performers on stage is fundamental to the very idea of theatre. Without your laughter and tears, without your engagement there would not be a Lucan Dramatic Society.

Every community group needs support in order to thrive and we have been very lucky to have had such tremendous help along the way. As well as loyal and ongoing support from the people of Lucan we remain truly grateful to the Lucan Newsletter, Liffey Sound FM and of course, the home of drama in Lucan, the Lucan Spa Hotel.

For 2023 we have plans for drama workshops, dinner theatre and a full-length production in mid-May. Keep your eyes peeled for our upcoming events – we will continue in our efforts to bring you engaging and entertaining drama.

“...and all the men and women merely players” (As You Like It – William Shakespeare)

David Doyle, PRO, Lucan Dramatic Society

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

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

Gift Vouchers

A gift voucher is a voucher, usually given as a present, which you can exchange for goods or services. There are many benefits to gift vouchers but there are also some risks, for example, if you lose the voucher, it expires before you use it, or if you're unable to spend the remaining balance. It is important you know the conditions and rules that apply before buying a gift voucher. Irish law introduced extra protections for gift vouchers sold on or after 2 December 2019, under the Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Act 2019 (pdf). See 'Gift vouchers legislation' below.

What is a gift voucher? Gift vouchers are any voucher, coupon or other document (including an electronic document) that can be used instead of money to pay (or pay in part) for goods and services. Gift vouchers come in different forms, such as paper gift certificates, electronic cards or gift cards. They can be issued by a single business or for a group of shops (such as a shopping centre).

When you buy a gift voucher, you enter into a contract with the trader. The voucher is like cash that you hand over in exchange for goods and services.

Gift vouchers legislation: The rules for gift vouchers sold after 2 December 2019 are set out in the Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Act 2019.

The rules state:

Gift vouchers must have no expiry date or be valid for at least 5 years - see 'Expiry dates on gift vouchers'*below

Traders cannot specify that a gift voucher is spent in one transaction

Traders cannot charge a fee to change the name on a gift voucher (if you have to register a name on the voucher)

If the balance remaining on a gift voucher is more than €1 after you buy something with it, a trader must reimburse the balance to you. They can give you cash, make an electronic transfer or give you another gift voucher

Exceptions to the rules:

Vouchers you can only use to buy specified goods and services at a discounted price, from a specified trader on a specified date, or for a specified period of 3 months or less. For example, vouchers from deal websites such as Groupon or Pigsback

Vouchers issued as part of a customer loyalty or promotion scheme

Vouchers issued as a refund for goods you returned to a trader

Vouchers and gift cards sold before 2 December 2019.

The expiry period and the terms and conditions that applied at the time of purchase still apply to these vouchers

The rules do not apply to electronic money gift cards.

What is an electronic money gift card? In general, electronic money gift cards (for example, One4all gift cards), are cards that can be used in a number of different shops.

Electronic money gift cards are regulated under the European Communities (Electronic Money)

Regulations 2011. The Central Bank is responsible for enforcing these regulations.

Under the Regulations:

You must be informed of the conditions for using the e-money card, including any fees before you buy the card. Fees must be proportionate and in line with the costs actually incurred by the e-money issuer (that is, the business who issues the card to you)

Know the terms before you buy

You have the right to be told about the terms of the voucher before you buy.

Check the small print for:

The expiry date*: Is there one stated? If so, when is it? If the voucher was bought after 2 December 2019, it must comply with the rules on expiry dates.

Requirement to book or reserve by a certain date:

Vouchers for some services may have a deadline by which you must book or make a reservation. For example, it may say you must book the service within 1 month of purchase.

Only valid during certain dates or times: There may be restrictions on when you can use a voucher, for example, Monday to Friday or between 5pm and 7pm.

Exactly what the voucher entitles you to: This is what the trader promises to provide when the voucher is used (for example, a one-night stay in a hotel with breakfast included) or that the voucher can only be used in certain stores or for certain items.

Information about how the voucher can be

redeemed: For example, the voucher may only be redeemable by phoning a number or by email.

More information is available on our website at Gift vouchers (citizensinformation.ie)

Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30 and we play bowls, Scrabble and cards, with light refreshments at 1pm approx.

Last Thursday we had a talk about the grants available to older people for bathroom adaptations and how to go about applying for these grants.

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 19th January 2023 - all members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Lucan Lions Club

Lucan Lions Club operates a recycling process for prescription spectacles for use in 3rd world countries. We can accept adults and children's spectacles, including sunglasses - in any condition, no need to include cases - collection bins available in following opticians.



SpecSavers - Liffey Valley, Blanchardstown SC, Tallaght Town Centre, Clondalkin/Dunnes Stores SC and City West SC

Vision Express - Liffey Valley, Blanchardstown SC, Tallaght Town Centre

Mullins & Henry - SuperValu SC Lucan.

All donated spectacles are checked and repaired by qualified opticians and shipped to 3rd World countries to be distributed free to needy individuals. In 2022 over one thousand pairs of glasses were processed by Lucan Lions Club.

Lucan Planning Council

Best wishes to all for 2023.

Following on from our public meeting in December, the petition regarding the 25 and hospital bus is now available for those who volunteered to go door to door in their own areas. There is a lot of sickness about, and we suggest taking steps to avoid risking spreading anything further in the community in particular with elderly and vulnerable.

For copies of the petition, please make contact with Tom or me.

Caitríona McClean: cmaemcclean@hotmail.com
or telephone 086 -3898327
Tom Newton: 086 -3127364



LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Is 2023 the year 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, January 19th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, checkout our Facebook 'Lucan Toastmasters' our website at www.lucantoastmasters.com or email us at vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com

ACRA Bus Connects

The upgrading of the road for Bus Connects from Woodies to Heuston Station is welcome. We are thankful to Councillor Shane Moynihan for highlighting these proposed changes at a recent zoom meeting. The proposed improvements will have little benefit as road structure is already quite good. Reducing general traffic to one lane crossing the M50 at Liffey Valley would be a disaster for the whole area, this can be put right quite easily. There is no need to build an extra pedestrian bridge across the N4 at Liffey Valley. This bridge should be built at the oval in Palmerstown, as so many take chances to cross the road to catch the bus, an accident waiting to happen. There is no need to divert route 26 onto the Old Lucan Road at Palmerstown as these users have a very high bus frequency beside them. New bus stop connections are needed on the Chapelizod By-pass at the low bridge to serve Chapelizod and Ballyfermot. The Quays from Heuston in and out is where the real delays are, ignored in the present plans.

Tom Newton (086 3127364) Transport Officer ACRA.

The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.
Albert Einstein

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Annual Blessing of Babies This Sunday

This year we are happy to announce that once again there will be a special blessing for children baptised in St Mary's in 2022. Because of Covid we were unable to have this annual event in the last two years.

The blessing will be given during the **12 noon Mass on Sunday 15th January** and all of these children and their families have been invited to attend.

Baptism Faith Friends

Christian Meditation:

We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Scriptural Readings:

We meet from **7.30-8.30pm** every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord.

All are welcome.

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.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

On Wednesdays after 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.

St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel secretary@lucanparish.com

Legion of Mary:

We meet every Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet **every 2nd Monday at 10.45am and 4th Thursday at 8pm of the month** in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *Sr Geraldine.*



Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Pauline Cannon O'Rourke**, Hermitage Road, to the wife, family and friends of **Peter Doyne**, Beech Park, to the family and friends of

Kathleen (Kay) Lalor, Vesey Park and to the husband, family and friends of **Catriona (Rena) McDonagh**, Arthur Griffith Park.

May they rest in peace.

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

Contact: email: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com

St Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday: 9am and 10am.

Wednesday: 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday: 11.30am.

Tuesday: 10am

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church,](#)

[Lucan or St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

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

Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

The Church will now be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

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.

Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include visitation of homes, nursing homes, prisons and outreach to the poor. All are welcome.



The Divine Mercy Family Choir:

Are looking for new members/families to join them singing or playing instruments.

There are no age limitations for the choirs so all are most welcome to join in with a very welcoming and supportive group.

They rehearse on: **Fridays 5pm – 6:30pm.**

And sing at the: 12 noon Sunday Mass each week.

Anyone who is interested can come along to rehearsal or talk to them after Sunday Mass. You can also contact Mike/Tina on 086 8608406 or the parish office.

Divine Mercy Food Bank:

Divine Mercy Food Bank provides parcels of non-perishable food items to people who need the service. Food parcels can be collected from 11.00am—12 noon on Mondays (excluding public holidays) from the Balgaddy Road entrance to the church. Donations of non-perishable food items are requested from parishioners, and can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

A new branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society has opened in our parish the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South Parish.

We meet once a month here in the parish.

The aim of the society is to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. All are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you all.

The Parish office can be contacted at 01 4572900.

Home Visits Holy Communion:

If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Bingo:

Bingo every **Wednesday** at **7.30pm** in the St. John Paul Room Divine Mercy Church.

Doors open at 7.00pm. *All welcome.*

Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/ and a slice of cake **after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday** in the St. John Paul II Room (room with tables and chairs to the right of the porch at the main Church entrance. All are most welcome.



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 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

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.

Acknowledgement

ADRIENNE MOLLOY R.I.P.

On behalf of Noel, Paul and Jacqui and our extended families we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who sympathised with us on Adrienne's sudden passing.



We wish to thank the Medical staff at James Connolly Hospital who cared for Adrienne, Cunningham's Funeral Home for their help with all the arrangements, Fr. Philip Curran and the entire Parish Team for all their help.

Special thanks to Eithne Donnelly and Bernie Martin for the lovely music and singing for the Mass.

Thanks to all the neighbours, friends and work colleagues who called, sent Mass and Sympathy cards, sustenance and all who attended the Funeral Home and the Mass.

We thank you all very much for all your kindness throughout. You are in our prayers and Mass will be offered as a mark of our appreciation.

The Molloy Family

Anniversaries

JOHN FITZGERALD

2nd Anniversary

A smile for all
A heart of gold

The very best this world could hold
Never selfish, always kind

Those are the memories you left behind.

*Loved and sadly missed by Ann, Caitríona,
Niamh, Seán and all the family*



VINCENT O'BRIEN

3rd Anniversary

Caught in an abyss of loneliness
Cast your eyes upwards
Focus on the myriad
Of tiny twinkling stars
There in their midst
You will find me
Watching over you.

In loving memory from the family. R.I.P.

RAY ROTHERY

6th Anniversary – 16th January

Late of Hillcrest, Lucan.

Your life was a blessing

Your memory a treasure

You are loved beyond words

And missed beyond measure.

*Loved and missed always by Val, Keith, Ian, Gary
and all family and friends*



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marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

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Parish Notes / Fund Raising

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Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries

catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

Reports and Ads. etc. may also

be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

**Remember 10pm, Wednesday
night is the weekly deadline.**



Recovery Meeting Reopened

Do you have?

Anxiety

Panic

Anger

Depression



**Recovery Self -Help Method Ireland
CAN HELP YOU!**

Local Meeting:

St Mary's Parish Centre Lucan

Thursday 7.30 p.m.



Young Scientists!

Good Luck to all the locals students taking part in the Young Scientist competition this

week. There were some very impressive projects from boys and girls on the news programmes over the past day or so. We'll be rooting for all you.



Watch out for Lucan on the telly once again!

This Sunday night, Dermot Bannon's *Room to Improve* on RTE 1, will feature a project in Sarsfield Park. Filmed last summer, we can hardly wait to see what great changes have taken place in the sixty year old building.

Lucan's Swimming Pool: It must be said that the latest news or 'no news' on this long awaited facility is very unsatisfactory (*see political notes in this issue*).

Beginning to think that Birdie will never get to have a dip in it!

WHAT IS DEMENTIA?

DEMENTIA CARE
INFORMATION & SUPPORT

Our monthly sessions are intended for all people Interested in or Affected by Dementia

**THURSDAY
2ND FEBRUARY 2023**

EDUCATION CENTRE
MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

BOOK NOW

+353 1 820 4500
Westmanstown, Lucan, Co. Dublin
rita@mmcc.ie

Tennis Celbridge Club - Memorabilia

As the club is celebrating its Centenary Year we are gathering up some photographs, documents and memories from the early years of the club which was founded in 1923.

Please contact

tenniscelbridge@gmail.com as soon as possible if you have anything to share with us. Details of our upcoming events can be followed on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/celbridgelawntennisclub>



An Garda Síochána Bike Safety



Free bike Engraving

Affix your Eircode for easy identification.



Saturday 21st of January 2023

Public Office, Lucan Garda Station 3pm -6pm

Make sure to bring identification with you

For details contact Lucan Community Policing at

Lucan.community@garda.ie

Lucan Social Club



**Every Wednesday
1.30pm - 3.30 pm**



St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan road, Lucan

Contact - Adrienne Mc Avinue

phone number- 086 838 1215

email address -amcavinue@alzheimer.ie

Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting in person, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm in the Palmerstown Parish Hall. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@mail.com

Recently in Palmerstown Camera Club, we had the judging night for a themed competition "Leading Lines", and below we have three of the winning images:



Advanced. "Elaine Butler - Among the Pillars.
It was also chosen as Image of the month"

Intermediate. "Angela Dennis - Tower of London Bridge".

Novice. "Caroline Fowler - Preflight Check".



Nagarhope

As you see, Nagarhope is having a fundraiser night on February 10th at the Spa Hotel. Kevin Doyle as Elvis, along with the Way It Was Orchestra are an amazing group, consisting mainly of Lucan lads and girls. Many of you have heard them before. For those of you who haven't, you don't know what you are missing!! You are guaranteed a truly entertaining evening.

Nagarhope is Fachtna "Doc" Clandillon's charity, educating children in Nepal for the past 15 years. Nagarhope Basic School has gone from strength to strength, with 130 children now attending classes there.

In early 2022, the school received a grant to build a new school building. This was necessary, following the earthquake of 2015, and also due to growing numbers. The building works are almost fully completed at this stage. The grant covered half of the project, the rest has to be funded by Nagarhope.

Much of Nagarhope's funds comes from Lucan people, but also from friends and contacts around the globe, our thanks to all.

So come along to the Spa and enjoy a super night. Tickets are limited, so buy early. Contact numbers are on the poster above. Also available from 191 Beech Park.

On a lighter note, there will be a raffle on the night for several hampers. Maybe you have bottles of wine, boxes of chocolate or biscuits, jars of chutneys etc. etc. left over from Christmas, that you would be willing to donate for these hampers---all will be gratefully received at 191 Beech Park.

*Many thanks,
Niamh Clandillon*





SCHOOL NEWS

Lucan Community College

Welcome back! We would like to wish our school and wider community a very Happy New Year as look forward beginning a new term here in Lucan Community College. We have a busy term ahead preparing students for extra-curricular activities, mock exams and TY Work Experience. Make sure to follow our school social media pages on

Twitter (@Lucancc1) and Instagram (@Lucancommcollege) to stay up to date with all the action here in Lucan Community College.

Lift Programme: A huge congratulations to the TY LIFT Facilitators who earned their certificates today. They were the first group to undertake LIFT leadership training here at the school and they led a wonderful 12 Days of Christmas Festival as well as training 2nd year students in leadership themes before Christmas. Their dedication and generosity of spirit make them true leaders. Many thanks to Ms McKeever for supporting the initiative.



Dates for Junior Cycle Practical Examinations: The JC Home Economics Practical Exams will take place on the following dates: March 20th – 21st and April 17th – 21st.

Adult Education in Lucan Education Centre

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in January/February 2023.

These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week.

The following subjects are available this term:

Spanish for Beginners
Introduction to Microsoft Word
Improving English and Communication Skills
Understanding Other Cultures
Developing your Business English Language Skills
Working with Microsoft Excel
Improving Everyday Maths
Work Experience
Marketing - Principles, planning & Practice
Bookkeeping: Manual & Computerised
Medical Terminology

For more details, contact alimccann@ddletbaes.ie or call (01) 6283557.

Lucan Senior Citizens

The club re-opens on
Wednesday 18th January,
10.30am to 12.30pm,
at St. Mary's Parish Centre.



New members are always welcome.

Looking forward to seeing all our old members back.

St. Joseph's College

Transition Year Trip to Dublin Zoo: On

Monday our Transition Year group travelled to the Phoenix Park in Dublin and enjoyed a day in Dublin Zoo. Dublin Zoo is home to over 400 animals from all over the globe. Many of the animals living at Dublin Zoo are extremely rare species whose very survival is under threat in the wild. The group had a fantastic day learning about all the different animals with the chimpanzee, elephants and meerkats the clear favourites with this group. Some of the groups were lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time and hear some of the zoo keeper talks which was very informative.



Dublin Barista: On Tuesday morning the halls of St Joseph's College were filled with the beautiful aroma of Coffee as a number of Transition Years took part in the Barista workshop with the Dublin Barista School. A great experience for all and something that will look great on their CV.

Public Speaking Workshop: On Tuesday 4A1 had a public speaking workshop with Alan Divine from Drama club. Alan is a prominent actor who has starred in everything from From Glenroe to King Arthur, Hamlet, Veronica Guerin, The Tudors, Vikings and Fair City, Alan has over twenty years' experience. Public speaking is an important personal skill that anyone can develop through confidence, preparation and technique. Drama club's introduction to public speaking is a series of fun workshops designed to get all your students up on their feet and talking.



Senior Gaelic Football: On Tuesday our Senior Gaelic team took to the field to play in the Leinster quarter final against St Marys. After a tough game in bad conditions our team narrowly won and they now move on to the Leinster semi-final. Well done to all involved.

Senior Soccer: Our senior soccer team are in action this week against Skerries Community College in the last 16 of the Leinster A competition. We wish them the best of luck in this game.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Building update: The Department of Education (DES) funded project to provide additional accommodation for the school has progressed well in recent weeks. The modular units, which will result in 10 extra classrooms for the school, were put in place before the school reopened after Christmas. The project is currently slightly ahead of schedule and will be completed well in advance of the end of the current school year. This means that the building will be available for use at the start of the 2023/24 school year. The project is part of the DES response to ensure that there is an adequate number of school places available for all students in the Lucan area in the coming years. We wish to thank our neighbours and the wider school community for their support of the project to date.



Enrolment assessments: The incoming First Years Entrance Assessment will take place on **Saturday 28th January 2023**. On the day, students will sit a computerised CAT4 test which assesses how well a student can think about tasks and solve problems using a range of different questions. The advantage of this form of assessment is that it produces an individual report for Parents/Guardians, giving a summary of their son's strengths and weaknesses and how he learns best. This is very useful information for Parents/Guardians as their sons transition from primary to post-primary school. We look forward to meeting our future students on the day.

Awards: Well done to 2nd yr **Bryan Pajzos** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month Award* for November in recognition of his excellent behaviour, impeccable manners and cheerful, positive demeanour in class and around the school. Bryan is a very pleasant, considerate and good-natured student and he was a tremendous help to one of his classmates who was on crutches for a number of months. He carried his books and bags for him every day and guided him around the corridors making sure that he had time and space to move safely at all times.

Congratulations to 3rd yr **Gabriel Sales** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his brilliant displays for the school's basketball teams, including an MVP display in the u16 Eastern League Plate Final.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Aaron Kelly** ón rang 1 Shannon a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí na Nollag mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

Soccer: Hard luck to our u17 soccer team who were beaten 6-0 by local rivals Lucan Community College in their Dublin West League 1-4 final encounter last Friday. Although the score-line was emphatic, the game was actually quite competitive and hard-

fought with both sides creating plenty of chances. Nikolas Pach was the team's stand-out performer on the day with his pace, quick-feet and skill causing the LCC defence trouble throughout.

Science: Good luck to our seven participants in this year's BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition which returns, in-person, to its spiritual home at the RDS this week after the frustrating Covid-19 disruptions. The students, Joel Emmanuel, Rohit Tummala, Eamon Jaber, Hazem Ahmed, Bilal Khan, Taha Farooqi and Jevin Joy, have been busy putting the final touches to their projects over the past few days and they are all really looking forward to showcasing their work over four days to the general public and to the judges at the Exhibition. They will be interviewed by the judges before the winners will be announced at a ceremony on Friday evening.

Football: Hard luck to our senior football team who were beaten 6-09 to 3-07 by an impressive Oatlands College on Monday in their Dublin Colleges League 1-4 final. Oatlands had a very strong forward line who took their scores well, especially in the 1st half when they had the benefit of a strong wind, and they built up a commanding half-time lead. Lucan were the better team in the 2nd half with Eoin Kilduff, Conor Dillon and Conor Dolan scoring fine goals while Liam Garrigan (0-4) impressed with a lively display, full of energy, commitment and skill.



Chess: Our chess club is going from strength to strength with almost 30 students attending every lunchtime session to pit their wits against fellow chess lovers. The club is on 4 times a week and the students were delighted to use the 10 new chess sets this week which were kindly purchased by the Parents Council. The club is open to all and it provides students with the opportunity to have some fun, make some friends and develop skills such as problem solving, abstract reasoning, patience, sportsmanship, pattern recognition, strategic thinking and calmness under pressure. At the moment, the students are playing each other in friendly, yet competitive matches! Later on in the year there will be a tournament to determine who really is the most talented chess player in the school. Watch this space!

Political Notes

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Athbhlian faoi mhaise! Happy New Year to the Lucan Newsletter team and readers! 2022 was a busy year, thank you to everyone who was in touch with feedback, queries and suggestion. Please contact my office by phone or email for any queries you might have on local or national issues.

BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition:

I was delighted to visit the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition at the RDS to see some of our budding local scientists in action, after a three year hiatus. Congratulations to the students from Coláiste Phádraig, Kishoge Community College and Lucan Community College who all had projects on display. Some really interesting work on the housing market, ADHD, smart disability supports, machine learning and an exploration of sound. Congrats to all our local students on their hard work.

Paul Gogarty

“Not just at election time”

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Lucan swimming pool and refurbished leisure centre: There has been little movement on this since I last reported before Christmas. The management company appointed a new facility has been named now. It is as AURA Leisure and at the last council meeting, I again raised the need to facilitate previous groups using the leisure centre, as well as Esker Boxing Club. These issues have yet to be firmed up. In relation to when the overall swimming pool and leisure centre facility will be open, there is still no certainty on the original revised deadline of April of this year, but the chief executive expressed confidence that it would be open by the summer latest. We have had many delays until now, so I cannot provide that timescale with any real certainty. I will continue to raise whenever I can.

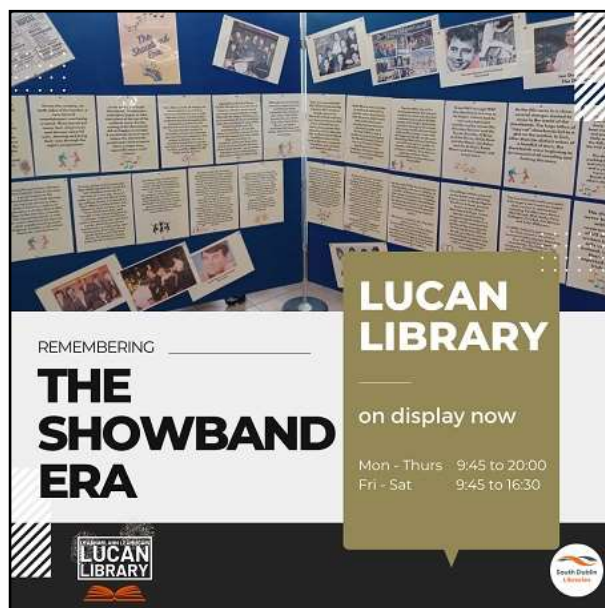
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Esker Permeability plans Castle Riada/Moy Glas: I continue to work on this issue since I brought it back onto the agenda, see latest response to my question raised: “As outlined in the briefing given to councillors on November 24th, for the Esker permeability scheme, a

concept design will be prepared and informal consultation will be carried out in an effort to find a workable solution which will meet the scheme objectives and secure funding from the NTA” I believe a workable solution can be achieved and I will work alongside residents on this matter as I have done for some time. Updates will be provided as I receive them.

Griffen Park/sports and amenities: Delighted to assist various clubs and groups in this area, Weston Hockey will have their newly laid pitch, Lucan Harriers continued works ongoing and the teenspace continues to grow!



Lucan Library

Origami Workshop for Children aged 8+ with Aoife Munn. Tuesday 24th January 3.30pm

This workshop is particularly useful for children struggling with handwriting or fine motor skills, but fun for everyone who takes part!

Booking essential from Friday 17 January at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/origami-for-children-tickets-495216023457>

STEAM Saturday for Children ages 8-12 years

STEAM Saturday returns on Saturday 28th January, from 10am to 12noon.

Booking essential from Saturday 21st January at 11am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-saturday-tickets-493978120857>



Lucan Library Film Club

Tuesday 17th January at 5.30pm.

This month's choice is 'Dial M for Murder'.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Hurling

Dublin had a fine result 3-26 vs 2-22 against Antrim in the first round of the Walsh Cup. Great to see representation of Lucan in the panel this week, well done John Bellew, Ciarán Dowling, Chris O'Leary and Paul Crummey.

LGFA U18 and U16 Aussie Rules

This week Lucan hosted Wanderers a group of ladies footballers from a selection of Australian football clubs.



A warm welcome was arranged by the Lucan hosts. The matches took place on Saturday in Abbottstown with 3 intervals of Gaelic football, Australian football and a final round of compromise rules that concluded under lights. The teams then returned to the clubhouse for some presentations, food and refreshments. It was great to see both sides having to make adjustments to their skills for each segment, catching, hand passing and kicking was adopted with ease by this talented group of ladies. Lucan Players of the Match were Zara Casey Lancaster (U16) and Niamh Roche (U18). Lucan Captains Rachel Johnson (U16) and Teagan Kelleher (U18) presented a signed match ball to their counterparts



Social News & Events

Healthy Clubs - Ireland Lights Up

Reminder that Lucan Sarsfield's will be participating in "Ireland Lights Up" - the country's biggest community walking initiative. The initiative encourages GAA clubs to bring communities together to walk and talk in a safe environment during the dark winter evenings. We will be meeting at the 12th Lock Clubhouse at 7pm on Wednesday nights from 11th January for 6 weeks. We will walk from our clubhouse to



Adamstown and back for 1 hour in total. Just sign in on each night.

Irish Life Healthy Clubs Every Step Counts challenge is still open for entry. Our club can be in with a chance to win vouchers for new kit from O'Neill's, please download the MyLife app in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and search MyLife by Irish Life.

Club Awards

Nominations are being sought for Club Person of the Year for 2022. Please complete the form to propose a club member.

Nominations should be submitted by Monday 30th January.

The award will be presented at the Annual Adult Awards Night in the club on Saturday 4th February.

Kili 3 Charity night

Three club members Stephen Murphy, Tommy Somers and Andrew Duff are climbing Kilimanjaro in late January. They have covered the full cost of the trip themselves, but are fundraising for two great charities as part of this - DSI - Down Syndrome Ireland and the Make a Wish foundation Ireland. We wish them a successful and safe trip.

Membership

Membership for 2023 is now open.

Lotto. No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €11,800. The Numbers were **3, 6, 10, 16.**

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Sarah Power, Brendan Freeman, Emma & Donal Flannery, Teddy O'Connor and Willie Coogan.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€12,200.** The draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors and will be led by Josephine Donohue.

Tá €12,200 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Beidh sé beo ón Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.

Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin.

The draw will be held on Thursday 12th January, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfield's Clubhouse, on our Facebook page. Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.

féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo:

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfield's GAA Club.



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Improvers Class (Wednesdays):

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Ardrang (Wednesdays):

<https://nagaeiloga.clubzap.com/products/10410/purchases/new>



Every Step Counts

Join us for the challenge, become healthier and help the club at the same time.

To register, download the 'my life' app, go to the social tab, select Leinster and then pick Na Gaeil Óga.

We will be meeting together every Monday night at 6.30pm at Kings Hospital for a walk together as a club, the first of these will be on the 16th January (this Monday).

Post le líonadh arís - Oifigeach Rannpháirtíochta Pobail

An bhfuil suim agat/cara leat teacht ag obair go lánaimseartha ar son Na Gaeil Óga? Oifigeach Rannpháirtíochta Pobail le fostú go luath. €30,000 - €45,000 an scála pá. Tuilleadh eolais ag an nasc. Scaipigí an scéal a chairde!

Tá duine fuinniúil spreagúil ag teastáil ó Na Gaeil Óga mar Oifigeach Rannpháirtíochta Pobail. An cúram a bheidh ar an duine seo ná clár uailmhianach de thacaíochtaí scoileanna agus tacaíochtaí teanga a ullmhú agus a chur i bhfeidhm a chinntíonn

rannpháirtíocht ard leis an gcumann, go háirithe ó thuismitheoirí.

Tá an post seo á mhaoiniú i gcomhpháirt leis an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán, agus ag Straitéis 20 bliana don Ghaeilge agus an Crannchur Náisiúnta.

Tuilleadh eolais ó

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Is Fiú Gach Céim

Bí linn don dúshlán, éirí níos sláintiúla agus cuidigh leis an chlub ag an am chéanna. Le clárú, íoslódáil an aip 'my life', teigh ar an 'social tab', roghnaigh 'Leinster' agus ansin roghnaigh Na Gaeil Óga

Beidh muid ag bualadh le chéile gach oíche Luain ar 6.30 ar ospidéal an Rí do shiúlóid chlub, an chéad cheann ar 16ú Eanáir (Dé Luain seo)





LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

On Sunday we had a great turn out from the club at the Dublin Masters cross country in St Annes Park Raheny. Hosted by Raheny Shamrocks. This is a must do event to start the year off. Well done to everyone who got out on a Sunday afternoon in January to wear the red and Black with pride

A huge number of athletes entered this with a total of 460 crossing the finishing line. This year the races were broken up into 4 separate events to give runners a more comfortable race and allow them to manage the course better. The event is so popular that the sheer numbers that were turning up required the format to change. We had the Women's 50+ & Men's 65+ race start at 12.30 over a 3k distance. The overall winner was Annette Kealy of Raheny Shamrock AC The Team winners were Raheny Shamrock A.C. with Rathfarnham WSAF A.C and our Lucan Harriers team of Breda Smyth, Lorraine Heffernan and Mary Browne coming in 3rd. Mary Browne also getting an individual gold in her category. Also in this race were Anne Whelan, Lhyne Ganadin and Eileen O' Brien. Lhyne running her first Masters event



Breda Smyth, Anne Whelan, Lhyne Ganadin, Lorraine Heffernan, Eileen O'Brien and Mary Browne.

The Men's 50+ 6k then followed. This was a fiercely contested race with many clubs battling it out. Representing our Club are in this race were Colin O Gara and Rob Brannigan, both running

very solid races and placed very well in their perspective categories

Then came the **Women's 35+** was 4k and another tough race Raheny's Kate Purcell won the race overall. We were treated to a cracking finish to see who would win the team event. Raheny looked good but Sportsworld who are always in the hunt packed well finishing 4, 6, 8, and 11 positions and took the title away from the host club Raheny. Congratulations to Sinead Farrell also in her Debut Dublin Masters Cross Country.

The Men's 35+ was 6k and the last race of the day. Even with all the previous races the ground held up well for the athletes. This was extremely competitive with some fine athletes on show. Mick Clohissey of Raheny did take the crown for the 2nd year running. Raheny and Clonliffe, 2 great local rival clubs kept us all excited for the entirety of the race to see which club would come out on top. For Lucan Harrier we had very strong performances from our teams. The team of Derek Taylor, Gary Farrell, Patrick Holden and Brian Salter, making his cross country debut placed strongly in 9th place in a very competitive race. Emmet Quinn also making his debut along with club stalwarts Brian Lamon and Damien O' Sullivan also represented the club with fantastic performances

The Pat Hooper Cup was retained by Raheny after having strong performances across all 6 race categories, well done to the host club. It really is a fantastic event and one for the 2024 calendar. Thanks for the Club Support also. On the side line cheering us all on was Colm O Connor, Derek Lynch, Niamh Lamon, Hilary Mc Gee and Gerry Martin, sorry if I left anyone out.



Rob Brannigan, Colin O'Gara and Damien O'Sullivan.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The first meeting of the camera soiree for 2023 took place on Friday and we refreshed our skills in the use of the Adobe Photoshop editing tool. The trouble with all these tools is that unless you use them regularly you can forget how to use them. An issue around Photoshop for anybody other than a professional is that according to the Adobe website the latest versions of the software are only available on subscription that you pay for either monthly or annually. You never own it!

This week I was tidying up our WhatsApp group on my phone and realised that the group was set up in April 2020 at the start of the first lockdown. Almost three years later the virus is still very much with us. During the tidy up I was reminded that in 2022 members of the group submitted photographs from the four corners of Ireland, and from other countries including France, the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, mainland Italy and Sicily.



This week we had photos from Madrid, the second largest city in the European Union, submitted by Irene, and Conor was out again photographing our beautiful wildlife, in particular the Jay, (Scrúachóg choille).

This bird, a member of the crow family, is a year-round local resident. The plumage of the bird is spectacular. According to Birdwatch Ireland the bird is unmistakable and probably is one of the most colourful and striking birds breeding in Ireland.

Until next week stay safe!

