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Some story.....

A couple of years ago, I came across an article which suggested that if Baby Jesus was born in the 21st century, the birth most likely would have been announced on Twitter or Facebook, and the Three Wise Men could have ‘liked’ it, rather than make the arduous journey to Bethlehem. Some Christmas Story that would have been!

It’s not so long ago, in pre-internet days, that Lucan Newsletter received all notices and reports in longhand – the various P.R.Os worked very hard at their job, one lady recalling how she sometimes, had to write the report up to three times, making sure all the details, times etc were correct. Then winter or summer, that report was always delivered by the deadline. Back then, we could put a face on most contributors – not so today!



I’m not suggesting for one minute that we go back to the longhand reports – it’s a long time since the Newsletter Staff were putting the weekly edition to bed at 1am the next morning - but am wondering about the contacts and special friendships lost to us through modern technology.

Emails and the Internet are great assets; social media can be brilliant – many unfortunate situations have been brought to an end quickly with help from the latter.

The pandemic aside, it strikes me that we could be in danger of losing some social skills – those of actually speaking with others, visiting the lonely, keeping a friendly look-out for our neighbour. Life, like the Christmas Story, should consist of layers of happenings and contacts, not just texts and emails. Being friends on facebook is not quite the same as a real presence.

We need to get out and fulfil our lives with our own stories – layers and layers of them. Put down the iPhone or Smartphone for a while, and get out – join a group or perhaps become a volunteer in some organisation. Make a difference to something, rather than just ‘like’ it!

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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

Statutory sick pay scheme

In the past, you had no legal right to be paid while you were on sick leave from work.

From 1 January 2023, you have a right to 3 days' sick pay a year. This is called statutory sick pay (that means the legal minimum). Sick pay is paid by your employer at 70% of your normal pay up to a maximum of €110 a day.

You must be an employee and be working at least 13 weeks with your employer before you can get statutory sick pay.

Your employer can have a more generous sick pay scheme, but they can't give you less than the statutory amount.

What is the new Statutory Sick Pay scheme (SSP)?

The Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) is the legal minimum sick pay.

The entitlement to paid sick leave is being phased in over 4 years:

2023 - 3 days covered; 2024 - 5 days covered;

2025 - 7 days covered; 2026 - 10 days covered;

Sick days can be taken as consecutive days or non-consecutive days.

The sick pay year is the calendar year, so it runs from 1 January to 31 December.

You can get sick pay of 70% of normal weekly pay, up to a maximum €110 a day – see more about how your sick pay is calculated below.

The rules on the SSP are set out in the Sick Leave Act 2022. The entitlement to sick pay starts on 1 January 2023, once the law is commenced (or 'takes effect').

Am I entitled to sick pay?

To qualify for statutory sick pay you must:

Be an employee

Have worked for your employer for at least 13 continuous weeks before you are sick

Be certified by a GP as unable to work

You can get sick pay if you are:

On probation, Undergoing training (interns),

An apprentice, An agency worker.

Do I need a medical cert to get sick pay?

Under the sick leave legislation, you must be certified by a GP as unable to work to qualify for statutory sick pay. You should be certified from day 1 of your sick leave.

You have a right to SSP from the first day you are off sick. Your employer cannot apply 'waiting days' before you get sick pay.

How is my sick pay calculated?

Your statutory sick leave payment must be paid at your normal daily rate. You are entitled to 70% of your normal pay, up to a maximum €110 a day.

What is normal daily pay?

Your normal daily pay includes any regular bonus or allowance which do not change from week to week (but excludes overtime or commission).

If your pay changes from week-to-week (for example, because of regular bonus payments or allowance), your sick pay is the average of your pay over the 13 weeks before you are on sick leave.

Remember that sick pay is capped at a maximum of €110 a day.

If my employer already has a sick pay scheme

Your employer may offer you more generous sick pay arrangements. However, any company sick leave scheme can't be less than the statutory amount.

You have a right to SSP from the first day you are off sick. Your employer cannot apply 'waiting days' before you get sick pay.

If I am off sick for more than 3 days

If you are off work sick for more than 3 days, and you have enough PRSI contributions, you can apply to the Department of Social Protection (DSP) for a payment called Illness Benefit.

If you do not have enough PRSI contributions, you should contact the DSP's representative at your local health centre. They will assess your situation.

More information is available on our website on Sick leave and sick pay (citizensinformation.ie)

HSE Drugs and Alcohol helpline

Call our confidential freephone helpline on 1800 459 459 from Monday to Friday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm. Email any time on helpline@hse.ie

Lucan Active Retirement Association

The club reopened on Thursday 5th January and we look forward to a new year.

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.

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



In aid of Nagarhope Ireland


Lucan SPA Hotel
Friday 10th February 2023
@ 8pm

Tickets: €35

ELVIS

and
The Way It Was Orchestra
with
KEVIN DOYLE

Contact: 087 0666891 / 087 9225103

**Anam Cara** South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 9th January at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.



Liffey Sound 96.4FM, Lucan's Community Radio station, is inviting **applicants for the position of Full-time Technical Support Officer** (39 hours per week).

This position is funded under the Pobal Community Services Programme. Please email stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie for details

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre AGM

Wednesday 11th January 2023
7.30pm

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

ALL WELCOME!

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.

Happy New Year!



Older people need your support!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

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 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

Note for parishioners with the KBC or Ulster Bank

Just a gentle reminder, ahead of the banks' withdrawal from the Irish market, to update your new account details for your Family Offering by way of Standing Order.

Please contact Deirdre Dowling, Parish Secretary, [(01) 6217041 or secretary@lucanparish.com for the relevant authorisation form or with any queries you may have, in this regard.

Many thanks for your continued support of the parish. It is much appreciated.

Property and Finance Council

Christian Meditation:

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

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.



Parish Centre:

The centre will reopen from **Monday 9th January 2023**

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel a booking contact: 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 **Anthony (Noel) Callaghan**, Sarsfield Park and to the husband, family and friends of **Phyllis Fox**, Lucan Heights. **May they rest in peace.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL THANK YOU

Happy New Year to all our loyal supporters. Throughout 2022, you continued your financial support of our work through the parish website, to the sacristy or parish office, and to individual committee members. For this, we thank you all sincerely.

Reduced numbers at masses didn't seem to lessen our Christmas appeal, as you all went out of your way to continue your support. Because of this, we were able to make Christmas less stressful for many families in our area.

Sincere thanks to the Newsletter staff for their continuous coverage.

Thanks to Fr. Philip, Fr. Ubaldo, sacristan Mary and parish secretary Deirdre for their encouragement and extra help in taking in donations; special thanks to several of our local schools—principals, staff, parents and students, who ran fundraisers for us.

Thanks to various local organisations who also ran fundraisers for us during the year.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

May you all have God's blessings throughout 2023.

St. Mary's Conference, Lucan.

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

First Saturday Devotions for Our Lady

Saturday 7th January Mass at 12.30pm

Followed by 15 Decades of the Holy Rosary
and Benediction at 2.00pm

Confessions Available

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.

Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/coffee 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.

Bingo:

Bingo returns on **Wednesday 11th
January at 7.30pm** in the St. John
Paul Room Divine Mercy Church.
Doors open at 7.00pm. *All 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.



Ecumenical Reading of the Nativity - Christmas Eve on the Village Green

The people gathered in the
hope that the rain would
subside. But it wasn't to be.
It was very kind of Rev.
Richard, of Lucan
Presbyterian Church to open
the doors and we all took
refuge. Members of Lucan
Concert Band as usual
added to the occasion, the
first since 2019.
*Thanks to everyone who
took part.*

Acknowledgement



MICK MULHALL R.I.P.

The family of the late Mick Mulhall thank everyone who reached out to them on their recent sad bereavement, the support being overwhelming.

We thank those who attended the funeral, sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy. Special thanks to our wonderful neighbours and friends and to all his pals at Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

Thank you to Fr. Philip Curran, Sr. Geraldine from the funeral team, and sacristan Mary Douglas for all their help and guidance.

Thanks also to Cunningham's Funeral Directors for all their help.

Special thanks to the wonderful medical staff at Richmond ICU, Beaumont Hospital, and also to the staff at Connolly Memorial Hospital where Mick was initially cared for. All are forever in our prayers.

The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Anniversaries

DENIS McNAMARA (DJ)

6th Anniversary - January 14th

Your life was a blessing
Your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure

By your loving wife Phyllis and family

Anniversary mass will be held in St. Mary's on Sunday January 15th 2023 at 1200.



NANCY BIRNIE (nee McGRATH)

12th Anniversary - 16th January

A robin appears
When a loved one is near
Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day.

With love from Billy, Diane, Mark, family and friends



Christmas Appeal: Citywest Refugee Transit Hub



Once again I want to thank you all for supporting this appeal. Your generous donations of clothes, vouchers, cash, sweets etc, along with that of others has ensured that each person in the Transit Hub, as well as those being temporarily accommodated locally while awaiting processing, received a present on Christmas Day. Santa Claus himself paid a special visit as did Mayor Emma Murphy, South Dublin County Council. Additionally, children arriving into Citywest since Christmas have each received a small gift. While it is not possible for me to include photographs of families receiving their gifts, please know that you have played your part in putting smiles on faces and maybe given a small bit of hope to people, at a time in their lives that is so unspeakably sad and traumatic for them.



Catherine O'Loughlin

Quote:

A New Year Prayer

God, grant us this year a wider view, so we see others' faults through eyes of you.

From Divine Word Missionaries Calendar



Happy New Year to all!

Let's hope 2023 will be kind to everyone.

There certainly was a 'burr' in the month of December, with still a bit of it about.

Never mind, as the saying goes: *When Winter comes,*

can Spring be far behind!

Really looking forward to the brighter evenings and those little pops of colour breaking through the ground!

Lucan's Eva Norton had a good Christmas, featuring on *The Voice – Kids*, on Virgin Media.



Eva sang her heart out with *Jealous*, and was picked for *Pixie Lott's Team*, going through to the next round, along with three other contestants. She put up another brilliant performance in that section, but unfortunately didn't make the overall final. The talent was phenomenal, and Eva was up there with the best – a Star of the future, our Eva!



Just as well we didn't have snow, as this lad would have been hard to spot down in Lucan Demesne!

A wise old tale.....

Its late Autumn and the native Americans on a remote reservation in South Dakota ask their new Chief if the coming winter is going to be cold or mild.

Sadly the new leader has never been taught the old secrets of how to read the sky so when he looks up he can find no answer. But he thinks it wise to be prepared just in case so he tells his tribe it will indeed be a cold winter and they should start collecting firewood immediately.

A few days later he decides to check the weather forecast and it tells him "Yes, it's gonna be a pretty cold winter." So he goes back to his people and tells them "Collect even more firewood". A week later he makes another phone call. This time he's told it's going to be a VERY COLD WINTER. The Chief goes back to his people yet again and orders them to collect every scrap of firewood they can find.

By now the winter is almost upon South Dakota so the chief makes one last phone call. "Are you absolutely sure this winter is going to be really cold?" "Absolutely", the Weatherman replies. It's looking like it's gonna be one of the coldest winters we've ever seen" How can you be so sure the Chief asks." The Weatherman replies "All the Indians are collecting loads and loads of firewood".

The saying "The blind leading the blind" comes to mind!

Christmas Tree Recycling 2023

Lucan

Beech Park Open Space
Sarsfield Park Open Space
Haydens Lane Car Park in Griffeen Valley Park
Foxborough Open Space

Arrangements will be in place at the above sites **until January 14th 2023.**

The service is free and for domestic household trees only. One tree per household/vehicle will be accepted.



The above notice is from South Dublin County Council. We could not find any local tree recycling spots for the Fingal area of Lucan.

Rescuing the Iron Bridge

Fingal County Council recently announced that work will commence this January to protect what is left of the old Guinness Iron Bridge which spans the Liffey and the roadway at the Strawberry Beds, linking Palmerstown to the Farmleigh estate.

Dating back to the 1870s, many a workman and woman, took this way to their day's work on the estate on the northern side of the Liffey.

At 54 metres long, this old structure is *battered and scarred like the old violin*, it has not been possible to walk across for many years now. A huge effort in conservation is required to make the structure safe, and preserve in so far as is possible. The iconic bridge features in many photos from the early 1900s, when the Strawberry Beds was a popular spot for visitors.

The work is expected to take five months with scaffolding etc being put in place during that time, and it is also expected that traffic restrictions on the Lower Road.

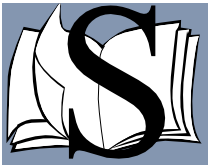
We look forward to seeing the completed work!

While rummaging through our archives, we found these two seasonal photos which were actually taken from the old bridge, way back in the middle of the last century.



All three pictures were given to Lucan Newsletter by the late Peter Brady, courtesy of a friend of his – Bob.
(Unfortunately, we do not know Bob's surname).

Photos from this era are always welcome at Lucan Newsletter.



SCHOOL NEWS



As you know, we have moved to notification based communication using our VSware platform.

This will replace our text messaging system in 2023 and will enable us to communicate more efficiently with you about your children. To ensure you continue to receive all communications and important messages from the school, we are asking all parents/guardians to download the VSware parental app from the Google Playstore or the Apple App Store to your mobile phone. More information about the

VSware app and how to download it can be found here:

<https://support.vsware.ie/en/parent-app-downloading-and-logging-in>
New notification based messaging through the VSware

Lucan Community College

Following are a couple of photos which regrettably, we did not have space for in our Christmas issue.



Above: Ellen Birnie's winning entry in our **Diversity Team Competition**. This wonderful entry by Ellen represents what 'Care' looks like in Lucan Community College.

Adult Education – Lucan Community College

Lucan Community College Adult Education programme is back with our Spring Term starting 16th & 17th January. We have a wide variety of evening courses. All of the information and online enrolment is available on our website

www.lucancc.ie

We will be hosting an in-person enrolment 9th and 10th January in the college from 7-9pm.

Come and join us on Monday and Tuesday evenings for Fitness Class, Cookery, Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates, Spanish, Italian, Irish, French, Guitar, Ukulele, Gardening, Sewing for Beginners, Film Studies, Ballet for adults, Irish, Crochet, Beauty Therapy, Creative Writing, Knitting, Art - Drawing, Water colours and Acrylics, First Aid (PHECC) and Theatre and Acting Skills.



Well done to all the students who did great work in aid of **St. Vincent de Paul**, raising a brilliant €2,300 through a secret bag collection, and also putting hampers together.



'Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school'

Albert Einstein

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Some photos held over from the school's Christmas notes.....

Our 1st yr Science students were given a CBA (Classroom Based Assessment) task as part of their Christmas exams.



While the majority of students did a PowerPoint presentation in front of their class, Jack McCarthy decided to build a cell model, a 3 dimensional structure showing the different parts of the plant and animal cell. Jack spent many weeks diligently and painstakingly building his model, showing parts such as the nucleus, vacuole, cytoplasm, cell membrane, mitochondrion, cytoplasm and chloroplast.



His model made such extremely complex material much easier to understand. Jack's science teacher Mr. Dunne was hugely impressed with the finished model while the principal Mr. Brady described it as one of the best projects he has ever seen in the school so high praise indeed. He is sure to get a very high mark anyway so well done to Jack on his fantastic work.

Mr. Sweetman's 6th Year English class,

also accompanied by Ms. O'Brien, braved the elements last week to undertake a Patrick Kavanagh walking tour of Dublin. The group visited Kavanagh's former house on Pembroke Road, where he lived for 15 yrs and where he wrote a lot of his most beloved poetry. The highlight of the tour was a stroll down a leafy Raglan Road, (culminating in a bag of delicious Beshoffs!) while sitting on the various benches, commemorating Kavanagh, along the banks of the canal. Kavanagh famously found tremendous solace beside the Grand Canal and he often sat there

contemplating his life. The bench with a bronze life-sized statue of Kavanagh sitting on one side, almost beckoning for someone to sit down beside him was inspired by Kavanagh's well known and much loved poem "Lines written on a Seat on the Grand Canal, Dublin".



Lucan Library

Online Event: Author and Laureate for Irish Fiction Colm Toibin joins author Eimear McBride to discuss her book *The Girl is a Half-Formed Thing*.



- Natural Skincare with Barbara McAteer -caring for our skin in the winter months.
- STEAM Saturday for Children ages 8-12 years,
- Children's Art and Creativity Sessions with Elena Buttner
- Origami Workshop for Children with Aoife Munn – particularly useful for developing fine motor skills
- Events for Babies and Toddlers – Toddler Time
- Lucan Library Film Club
- Lucan Library Book Clubs
- **All events and activities are free of charge.**

If you would like to participate you can collect a copy of *The Girl is A Half Formed Thing* from the library desk. As the number of copies is limited, we ask that only those who intend to join this online event on the night of 11th January borrow a copy.

If you have already read the book in the past or have an interest in the speakers, you are welcome to join in on the night. Please email Lucan@sdblincoco.ie with your email address so that we can send you the Zoom link for the event.

Wednesday 18th January, 7pm Natural Skincare for the Winter Months with Barbara McAteer

Barbara returns to Lucan Library to share the benefits of natural skin and bodycare during the winter months. Also, you will learn how to create not only a good skincare regime but lots of tips on creating home



healing skincare using easily found ingredients. You will also learn some wonderful face-lift massage techniques. Booking via Eventbrite from Wednesday 11 January at 3pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/natural-skincare-with-barbara-mcateer-tickets-493672627117>

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>

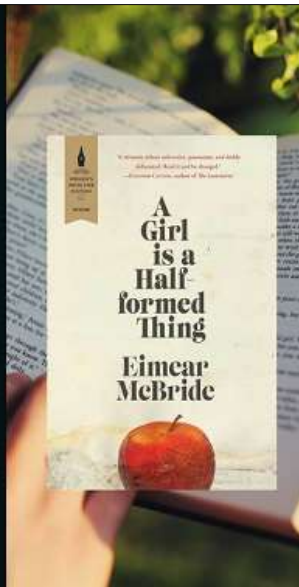
South Dublin Libraries

Lucan Library is thrilled to host

The Art of Reading with Colm Tóibín and Eimear McBride

Join us online on Wednesday 11 Jan at 7pm

Contact Lucan for more info and a log-in link: 01 621 6422 / lucan@sdblincoco.ie



Wednesday 11th January, 7pm-8pm

The Art of Reading - Online Book Club event hosted by Colm Toibin, Laureate for Irish Fiction Authors Colm Toibin and Eimear McBride will discuss Eimear's Book, *The Girl is a Half Formed Thing*. Following this discussion, those who are attending online can participate in a Q&A session with Colm and Eimear.

Lucan Library is delighted to have been chosen to host this month's online Art of Reading Book Club event led by the Laureate for Irish Fiction Colm Toibin. Readers, book lovers and book club members are welcome to join in.

Children's Art and Creativity Sessions with Elena Buttner

For 6-8 years: Thursday 19th January at 3.30pm, booking essential from Thursday 12th January at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-creativity-for-children-age-6-8-years-tickets-491787007177>

For 9 - 11 years: Thursday 26th January at 3.30pm, booking essential from Thursday 19th January at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-creativity-for-children-age-9-11-years-tickets-491884739497>

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Lucan Library *continued.....*

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>

Events for Babies and Toddlers:

Thursday 26th

January at 10am

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles.

Booking Essential

from Thursday 19th January at

10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-with-sarah-sparkles-january-2023-tickets-487298291307>



Storytime

Our regular Story-Time continues on Wednesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday 25th January, 7pm

Monday 30th January, 12 noon

Junior Book Club, Wednesday 25 January, 3.30pm

YA Book Club, Saturday 14 January, 3pm



Lucan Library Scrabble Club

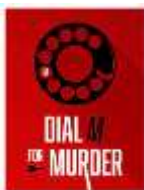
Tuesday 10th January
12 Noon - all welcome.

Please note the later start time of 12noon.

Lucan Library Film Club

Tuesday 17th January at 5.30pm.

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



Blast from the past.....



We recently came across this charming summer-time picture taken at the end of Weir View in the middle of the last century.

The boys are (L-R): Jimmy and Stephen Byrne and Tom Harris – all Lucan legends!

Standing in the background are Billy Murray, who lived in number 20 (*the last house*), with Joe Dignam, the local taxi man, who also had an electrical and cycle shop on Main Street in the former Carey's premises. Many's the radio and television were purchased from Joe's shop!

Recipe for Happiness

Two cups of patience.

One heart full of love.

Two handfuls of generosity.

A dash of laughter.

A heaped spoonful of understanding.

Sprinkle liberally with kindness.

Add a little faith and mix well.

Serve to everyone you meet.

Spread over a period of a lifetime.

Oh, and if it seems a wee bit under cooked occasionally.

Remember to apply forgiveness!

Author unknown.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Team News

Football

Fantastic to see some Lucan representatives on the Dublin Panel to play Wicklow in the O'Byrne Cup on Wednesday evening last – Well done to Dara Newcombe, CJ Smith and Mark Lavin, on helping the Dubs to a great win.



Social News & Events

Ireland Lights Up

We are delighted to announce that for the 1st time Lucan Sarsfields Healthy Club 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.



So set a New Year's Resolution and get walking and make new friends!!! Watch this space for more details.

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.



Lotto Team

Mary Flannery who has been our dedicated lead in the Lotto for the last 10 years has decided to step down, during this time the lotto has grown to be one of the most important fundraisers in the club. Mary would like to thank all the dedicated lotto team members who support every week throughout the year to make it a success. We would like to thank Edel Mooney who will be taking over from Mary and wish her the best in her new role.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €11,400. The Numbers were **11, 12, 14, 20.**

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Sean Walsh, Columbia Ellior, Peter Hickey, Avril Mullins and Derek Quilligan.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€11,800.** The draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group and will be led by Edel Mooney.



Tá €11,800 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine:

Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh 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 5th 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>.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



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.



Oíche na nGradam

Ócáid speisialta ag an deireadh seachtaine ag an Oíche na nGradam! Tá comhghairdeas tuillte ag gach duine a d'oibrigh chun go mbeadh rath ar an oíche agus na himreoirí a bhuaigh duaiseanna!



Buachaillí F14

Bhí cóisir dheireadh na bliana ag na buachaillí F14. Seo iad ag breathnú snasta agus iad ag caitheamh a bhfeisteas Féile den chéad uair!



Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha - Bonn Óir

Pat Carey, Cathaoirleach Ghlór na nGael, agus Paul Conroy, Ambasadóir Gaeilge CLG, ag bronnadh bonn óir ar Freda de Brún, Barra de Búrca agus Doimínic Ó Conchobhair ó CLG Na Gaeil Óga, Baile Átha Cliath.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

What started off as a damp morning turned out to be a lovely bright morning by the time the Annual Goal Mile kicked off at 10am on the Lucan Harriers Track. This year was the 40th staging of the Goal fundraiser and the 21st time it's been held on the Lucan Track.

Young and Old turned out with plenty of Christmas spirit on show and the usual generosity, over €4000 was collected on the day in buckets with the final figure not yet known online contributions have yet to be credited to Lucan Harriers.

We had many walkers, some walked/jogged, others raced it; there was something for all abilities that morning.

Many members of Lucan Harriers and neighbouring clubs took part on the day. Other local sports Clubs such as Lucan Sarsfields and Weston Hockey also turned up in their club colours. Plenty of Goal Green Tee Shirts on display as well as the Red and Black of Lucan Harriers.

A big thank you to all who helped in the organising of the event, for those on the start/finish line, to those manning the buckets and to everyone in the Lucan community who support this event this year and every year.



Abbie and Conor Walsh



The Wright Family Chris, Chloe, Liam and Declan Home from Hong Kong or Christmas



Josie Dignam and Fanchea Gibson



Patricia Gough, Kathleen Trunk and David Wright

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

To begin with may I wish all readers of the Lucan Newsletter all the best for 2023. The Camera Soiree will resume in the Parish Centre on **Friday 13th January at 10.30am**. We are looking forward to our first meeting after the Christmas break and we will begin the New Year with a revision of the methods of processing our photographs in Photoshop.

This week we have some lovely photographs taken during the brief cold snap last month. It never ceases to amaze me how beautiful and orderly the sparkling crystals of frost are in their construction. To prove the point we have photos taken through a bedroom window and photos of frost on spiders' webs taken by Michael G, Joe and Angela.



The National Geographic website states that there are four common types of frost – **radiation frost** which is in the form of tiny ice crystals (this is the type of frost that occurs in freezers), **advection frost** which is a collection of small ice spikes that form when a cold wind blows over the branches of trees, poles, and other surfaces, **window frost** which, as the name suggests, forms when a glass window is exposed to cold air outside and moist air inside and **rime frost** which forms quickly, usually in very cold, wet climates. **Rime** sometimes looks like solid ice.

To end 2022 Anna sent in a photograph which she entitled "*Last sunset of 2022 from the edge of Europe (Achill)*".

Until next week stay safe!

