



LUCAN



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A Happy and Peaceful New Year to all!



In the Village Green, some very creative people added to the festive scene by building a snowman and a great big armchair for the weary traveller! All the travellers looked weary, from tip toeing and plodding through the snow and ice of the past month. Well done to all of us for managing so well.

Despite the upheaval which heavy snowfall brings, it can also influence us for the better. Did you notice both pedestrians and drivers being very careful on the roads? Did you then notice as soon as the snow was gone, pedestrians and drivers, recommenced the game of Russian Roulette with each other!

Aren't we something else, God help us!

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Tel – 6217930. email

lucan@citinfo.ie

www.citizensinformation.ie

Open Mon Fri 10 am to 4 pm

Closed for lunch 1 - 2 pm

Legal advice on Thursday nights by appointment.



The PC Players present their 2011 Pantomime Captain Hook's Revenge



Thursday 13th January

Friday 14th January

Saturday 15th January

at 8pm (doors open
7.30pm)

Saturday 15th January,
2.30pm

(doors open 2.00pm)

in

The Church of Ireland Parish Centre

Main Street, Lucan.

Tickets on sale from

Parish Office Tel: 01-6240976

Family Ticket €40

(2 adults & 2 children).

Adults €15. Child/Con. €8.



All children must be accompanied
by an adult

Transport Users

Very good news on the road safety front, with deaths down to an all time record of 212. They say this is attributed to all the new safety measures brought in over the past few years. Most of these measures could be brought in many years ago and many thousand of deaths and accidents could be avoided. 212 is still far too high, technology must be used to get this figure down close to single digits.

Technology has advanced so much in recent times since we put forward the S.A.F.E. concept (Suitable Appliance Facilitating Enforcement). This is a great opportunity to finally make our roads safe. There is no point in waiting another twenty or thirty years if technology can play its part now.

Tom Newton 086 3127364



Lost

Small Black Female Dog went missing from Hayden's Park Lucan on Monday the 20th of Dec 2010, She is of mixed breed (similar to spaniel and collie) very friendly, is wearing a black collar, a small grey goaty. Any Dogs meeting this description, please call 0857651911.

Small, 7 month old male neutered Cat strayed from home in Colthurst Rise on 30th December. Brown/black mackerel tabby with white feet wearing black collar and bell. Reward offered for return. Phone Gerry 083-3318440 day or night.



Found

Model Aeroplane found in Tubber Lane area.

Please contact 087-2350806 with details.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Lucan Branch

Traditional Irish Music

Classes resume on the Wednesday 12th Jan 2011. Places available in Tin Whistle, Flute, Bodhrán, Fiddle, Banjo.

Email enquiry to lucan@comhaltas.net or check website <http://www.lucancomhaltas.com> Further classes available soon in guitar/singing, dancing as well as the above.

Slow sessions starting soon in Lucan Sarsfields. All experienced musicians, student musicians and former musicians welcome. This is open to members and non members. Admission Free.

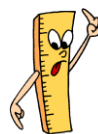


Lucan Community College

Dates to note:

School re-opens on Monday January 10th. 3rd Year Parent/Teacher meeting on Tuesday 11th at 4.15 - 6.45.

On Thursday 13th there will be an information meeting for parents of students who are entering the school in Sept.2011.



Lucan Senior Citizens

Club Re-opens on Wed 12th January, 10.30, St. Mary's Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.

Rota:

Wed 12th; Agnes Kavanagh, Ann Byrne, Ann Beales, Freda Comerford.

Wed 19th: Pat Dwyer, Mary Brophy, Helen Hickey, Carmel Clarke, Pauline Condoron.

Wed 26th: Moira O'Byrne, Peggy McManus, Irene Stafford, Claire McDonald, Rosaleen Flavin.

Committee Meeting Tuesday 11th, 10.30.

Lucan Active Retirement Association

I would like to wish all the members a very Happy New Year. Get well wishes to anyone sick at home or in hospital at this time.

Our Committee Meeting is at 12.00pm on Thursday 13th January 2011, and all the other members who are going for a walk at this time, I would like to remind everyone that the Lunch in the Springfield Hotel (carvery) is from 1.30pm onwards.



The club re-opens on Thursday 20th January 2011, and our **A.G.M.** is the following week, **Thursday 27th January 2011**. If any member wants any changes to the constitution or anything they would like brought up at the A.G.M., please submit in writing to our Chairperson Frances, fourteen days before the A.G.M.
Sheila.

Woodville Downs Residents Assoc.

(Incl. Esker Lane)

Happy New Year to all our residents and to the newsletter team.

Congrats to our Premier county elder statesman J.D. on reaching a new decade in age and still going strong!!

SDCC Traffic Correspondence Meeting have recommended "Additional Pedestrian Ahead signage and on- road SLOW markings" for the ORR/ Woodies junction following representation from our committee regarding safety concerns at this junction.

We would ask residents to continue to be alert for any suspicious activity and to report same to the Gardai promptly.

More later on 'night out' for residents when arrangements made.

Contact: woodvilledowns@hotmail.com



Doddsboro Residents Assoc.

The results of the recent draw are as follows:

- 1st €200 – Joe Maher, Doddsboro Rd.
- 2nd €40 – Ann Byrne, Airlie Heights.
- 3rd 40 – Ann Dagger, Airlie Heights
- 4th €40 – Anne O'Shea, C/o P. Clerkin.
- 5th €40 – Frank Brennan, C/o Ballalley House
- 6th €40 – Liam Hogan, Doddsboro Rd.

Many thanks to all who bought and sold tickets. Get well wishes to all who are sick at home or in hospital.

Happy New Year to all!

P. Clerkin.

Liffey Sound 96.4fm

As we enter the New Year Liffey Sound 96.4fm's wish for all our listeners, volunteers, friends and members of the Lucan Community is that our right hand will always be stretched out in friendship but never in want throughout 2011.



Liffey Sound's Christmas Programming was heard not only throughout homes in Lucan but as far a field as Korea, Riyadh, Toronto, Idaho, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Manchester, Annam (Scotland), Falmouth to name but a few of the far flung places and closer to home Enniscorthy, Ballina, Ballyshannon, Laytown & Bettystown, indeed we had listeners in the four corners of Ireland.

Just a reminder to one and all that Liffey Sound is receptive to all ideas for programmes & Outside Broadcasts. The door is always open for New Volunteers. Liffey Sound 96.4fm can facilitate your group or organisation in getting your message out and about to the wider Lucan audience. So why not contact Liffey Sound on info@liffeysoundfm.ie and we will make the arrangements.

'Athbhliain faoi mhaise doibh' is 'Go mbeire muid beo ar an am seo arís.'

Lucan Planning Council TABLE QUIZ

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club
Friday 14th January 2011
commencing 9pm.

Quizmaster: Joe Byrne
Teams of 4: €30

Everyone Welcome!



Lucan U3A

Warm New Year greetings to all our members, and potential members!

We resume on **Mon 10th**

January at 2.30 pm in

Ballyowen Community Centre, with a talk on 'A New Beginning', a very appropriate topic for this New Year. Then on Thursday 20th Jan. we will have our rescheduled Christmas lunch in Hermitage Golf Club; hopefully the weather will be kinder than on the original date. Our parent organisation, Age Action, has some very interesting ideas for U3A in the near future, and Lucan will be there shaping these developments.



Parish Notes



St. Patrick's, Esker/Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2011

Details of our Parish Pilgrimage for 2011:

Date: Thurs. 21st July to Tues. 26th July

Price: €699. *Single room supplement:* €30 per night.

Accommodation: Hotel Agena (full board).

Deposit to secure a place €100. Limited number of seats available.

Oliver & Breeda Meyler, Tel. 6240510/087 410616.

St. Patrick's Prayer Group

Meet every Monday night from 8.30 to 9.15 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

Confirmations

Scoil Mhuire and St. John the Evangelist,

Thursday 3rd March at 11.00am.

Scoil Aine, Friday 4th March at 11.00am.

First Holy Communions

St. Thomas', Sat 14th May 10.00am and 12.00 noon.

St. John the Evangelist, Sat 21st May 10.00am.

Scoil Mhuire Sat 21st May at 12.00 noon.

Do This in Memory

The next Do This in Memory Mass will be on Sunday 23rd January, at 10.30am. Please assemble in the Church by 10.20am.

St Mary's, Lucan

www.stmarysparishlucan.ie



Christian Meditation

After all the hussle and bustle and hardship of the last few weeks, "Come apart and rest awhile" Meditation sessions re-commence Tuesday at 8pm. All Welcome.

Sr. Geraldine, 6217158.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Bethany Group are available to listen to or just to 'be there' for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost

following the death of a loved one. We meet at the Parish Centre on the Second Monday of each month 10.30am – 11.30am, also Fourth Thursday of each month, 8pm – 9pm.

Sr. Geraldine 6217158. Parish Centre 6217041.

Bible Group

Starts again next Monday at 8pm.

Justice and Peace

Christmas trees are being dismantled and dumped this week, but **the Giving Tree** in the church will

remain in situ just a little longer; if you haven't had a chance to put a card on it, there's still time ...Remember the two deserving charities that will benefit from your action --- the Presentation Sisters work in Pakistan and the Peter McVerry Trust in Dublin's north inner city. When the tinsel and Christmas trappings are just a memory, these works continue.

2011 Church Art Calendars

Now available from the Sacristy and the Parish Office. Price €1.

Parish of Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Baptism

Parents who wish to have their child Baptised, are invited to attend a meeting beforehand. The next meeting will take place in the Church on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7.30pm.

First Communion

Our "Do This in Memory" programme will continue on Sunday 23rd Jan. 10.30am Mass for the children from Archbishop Ryan School and 12.00 Mass for G.V.E.T. & Ghaelscoil Eiscir Riada.

Confirmation

There will be a meeting of all Confirmation candidates and their parents or guardians in the Church on Wed 19th Jan at 7.30pm. The next Mass in the Confirmation programme will take place on Sun 30th Jan at 12 o'clock.

Altar Servers

Training for Altar Servers resumes on Saturday 15th January at 4pm.

Adoration and Prayer

Adoration every Friday 10am – 3pm

Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Mondays 8 – 9pm

Scripture Sharing: Tuesdays 9.45- 10.45am.

Sick and Homebound

Ministers of the Eucharist would be happy to bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. Contact: Fr. Donal or Parish Sisters.

World Youth Day

World Youth Day will take place in Madrid in August 2011. We would like to encourage some of our young people (18yrs – 30yrs) to form a group and represent our Parish at this event. If interested please talk to Fr Donal.

R. C. I. A.

The 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' course, resumes on Tuesday 11th January @ 7.30pm If you are interested in joining please contact Fr. Donal or Fr Francis.

Acknowledgement

Richard (Dick) O'Neill

Mary, Anthony, Michael and Sinéad would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathized with them on the recent unexpected death of Dick R.I.P., loving husband and father. A special thanks to the Doctors, Nurses & Staff of Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown and Cunningham's Funeral Director, Fr. John Hassett and the Clergy St. Patrick's and Esker Folk Group. Thanks to all who attended the funeral, sent flowers, Mass cards, letters and phone calls.

Thanks also to our kind friends and neighbours, especially Mary Rigney for their on-going support and kindness. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation. Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Anniversaries



Joan & Lucy Daly

In loving memory of my dear sister Joan and my loving mother Lucy, whose anniversaries occur on the 10th and 16th January.

Loved and missed always Anne, Dave, family and friends.

Murtagh, Ian

3rd Anniversary on 5th January.

They say that hearts don't really break.

Dear Lord that isn't true

For the day you took our son away

You broke our hearts in two.

We often sit and reminisce

And have a laugh or two

Fondly telling stories

Of the things that brothers used to do.

They always bring a laugh

And often a tear.

But always with a wish

That you were still here.

Sadly missed by your loving Mam and Dad, brothers and sister, sister-in-law, uncles Badger and Spider, and your loving son, Andrew.

R.I.P.

John McNally

9th January - 3rd Anniversary

Those we love we never lose,

for always they will be,

loved, remembered, treasured,

Always in our memory.

With love Sean, Mum, Dad, family and friends.

**Anniversary Mass-St Mary's Church, 11am
20th February.**



Paddy Malone – 26th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband and dad, late of Hillcrest Way. Mass offered on 10th January.

Your memories are our keepsakes,

From these we will never part.

God has you in His keeping

We have you in our hearts.

Sadly missed, Marian and sons Anthony & David, Rachael, Linda and your grandsons Rhys, Scott, Jake and Tristan.

Bernard Williams

5th Anniversary – 28th October

Those we love don't go away

They walk beside us everyday,

Unseen, unheard, always near,

Still loved, still missed, so very dear.

Love and miss you Ben,

Muriel and all the family.

Peace Corps Reunion

Ballyfermot Peace Corps and Cadet Corps Reunion Night in the **Spa Hotel**, Lucan, on **Saturday 29th**

January at 7.00 pm.

Tickets €50/pp Dinner & Dance.

Log on to the Peace Corps Facebook page for details or www.ballyfermotpeacecorps.com

Reunion Mass – Ballyfermot Peace Corps and Cadet Corps are celebrating a reunion Mass in the Assumption Church Ballyfermot at 12.00 pm on Saturday 29th January 2011.

Pilgrimages

Medjugorje 2011

Wednesday 4th May to Saturday 14th May 2011.

10day - €499pps. (Single room supplement applies)

Spiritual Directors: Fr. Tom Gilroy and

Fr. Joe Poole C.S.S.p.

Call Pat or Phil at 087 2238911/01 6281436.

Holyland Pilgrimage 2011

Monday 23rd May to Tuesday 31st May 2011.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Larry White P.P (Queen of Peace, Bray).

Price: €1,150 plus tax and insurance.

Travelling with Map Travel.

For further information and details contact:

Parish Sec. 2745497 or Fr. Larry, 2862346/086 8238353.

Please book as soon as possible.



Birdie's New Year Resolution is to try to be positive about everything! It's all very good news this week!



Tipp got the better of them winning 16 – 14. Like the fellow said – "It's easy when you know the answers!"

A Winter's Tale - If you were at the 10.30am Mass in St. Patrick's on Christmas morning, it is something you'll remember for the rest of your life. Celebrant Fr. John introduced us to John Barr of Woodview Heights, who related a wonderful story.

John started out life in foster homes, and was adopted by a family in Kilkenny at 5 ½ years. Years later between the jigs and the hornpipes, he ended up in Lucan, with his wife Mary. Some months ago he received a letter from an Adoption Agency, only to discover he had a sister whom he was completely unaware of for 50 years.

So delighted was he by this news, he composed a song for his sister – *Bernadette*! He contacted Derek Mooney on radio, related his story, and at the end of the day, it was arranged for John to sing *Bernadette* on the stage at the Grand Canal Theatre.

After his performance, Derek Mooney offered him tickets to the USA where Bernadette now lived, and John jumped at the chance to visit. Mooney, left the stage to get the tickets, but returned instead with Bernadette who had flown all the way from America to meet her brother for the very first time.

On this Christmas morning, John then introduced us to Bernadette, and once again sang his song!

There wasn't a dry eye in the congregation..... and the couple received rapturous applause. It was one of those very special moments in life - a Christmas to remember!

More Great News! The curtain was brought up on Christmas with **John Ryan** of Hillcrest scooping a €40,000 car and €11,600 on Winning Streak, and another Lucan man, **Michael McCarthy** winning €12,500 on the Dream Maker. Congratulations to both of you. Enjoy the winnings!



More Telly Appearances! Hope you all remembered to watch the **Big Bazaar Cook Off** – It was very interesting watching the boys from **Lucan Scouts** and the girls from **Lucan Harriers** go about preparing their meals. Well done to both teams. Following a draw, Harriers were deemed the winners when their colour ball was pulled from the bag.

Not to be outdone, **Archbishop Ryan Senior School** featured on the following programme – **Test the Teachers!** It was ABR v Scoil Iosef Naofa from Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. Balgaddy teachers were Colm and Ciaran, and unfortunately,

Home from the merry old land of Oz were **Robert Fitzgerald** and his lovely fiancée, Michelle. Would you believe it, Dublin Airport obliged and opened the runway just long enough for them to land two days before Christmas. The happy couple have a very big day coming up in soon! It was lovely to meet them again, and we wish them a safe journey back to Melbourne this weekend!



The Don is 80! Just before Christmas, on 23rd December, **Don McDonald**, from our Newsletter Team, celebrated his 80th Birthday, with a surprise cup of tea and cake at St. Mary's Parish Centre. May you have many more of them, Don!

Belated Birthday Greetings to Tom Mullarkey who reached the big 50 over Christmas. Lots of candles to blow out now Tom!

Thank You to all those who took the trouble to pen seasonal stories and poems. Unfortunately, we didn't have the space to carry all, but have them filed away safely for another year.

Social Initiative – Congratulations to Lucan Sarsfields who have been selected for a pilot scheme to get older men more involved in society. No need to have any GAA connections at all for this scheme, which was thought up by President McAleese and her husband.

The launch night will be **Tuesday 11th January** at **7.30pm**, in the **Club House**, 12th Lock. Come along for a chat and perhaps offer some ideas!

Happy 80th Birthday
to Grandad Leo
on 6th January.



Love Emma, Amy, Saoirse, Kian and Eva.

Winter Wonderland! Did you ever see anything like the icicles around the Village on Christmas Eve? Some must have been 3 or 4 feet long, hanging from the buildings and also from the electric wires. It was like walking on a very slippery slope under a ceiling of daggers – hope nobody got speared!!!



And then the frozen mill race on the Liffey made another spectacular photo.



Carols for Simon

A big 2011 Thank You to all the Signers, Musicians and Collectors who helped raise €1,511.15 for the Dublin Simon Community in our annual event. We had a great turnout both nights.

Thanks also to Mary and Dympna for the mulled wine and mince pies, and to Rita and Lorna for the chocs.

Hope to see you all again in Christmas 2011!

Thanks again. *EC*



Found

Silver Ring, engraved, handed in to St. Mary's Church. Contact St. Mary's Sacristy.

Happy 18th Birthday to Lauren

Love Mam, Dad, Jamie and Leah x x x



My Dear Fellow Lucan Dwellers,

I feel I must thank my family and all who helped me celebrate my recent 80th birthday. The celebration and Birthday Cake on Wednesday in the Parish Centre was a complete surprise. I tried to keep my birthday a secret but there are no secrets that the Newsletter Staff cannot uncover.

I thank Fr. Peter and Fr. Tom, the Newsletter Staff, my fellow Sacristans and the Flower Ladies, the Folk Group, my Neighbours and all the Volunteers with whom I work.

Lucan is such a friendly village to live in and I hope that I can continue to play my part in serving God by continuing to work for the good of our parish.

I wish you all a very holy, and happy new year with all God's blessings.

Don McDonald.

Congratulations

to **Kathleen and Willie Kennedy**

who celebrated their

70th Wedding Anniversary

on 30th December 2010, and we hear that **Kathleen** reaches the grand old age of **93 years** this weekend on 8th January.



Happy Birthday Kathleen!

The couple who are resident in Marymount Care Centre have 12 children of their own – 7 boys and 5 girls. Add to that their 42 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren, and you have quite a clan.

2010 Alphabet

A

Anglo Irish Bank upset a lot of people during the year, but the new **Aviva Stadium** put a smile on our faces!

B

Take your pick – **Buses, Bins** of all colours, and **Bankers!** But let us congratulate all the **Bus Drivers** who kept things moving in the snow – take a bow all of you!

Then we had **Bia Blas** in Lucan Community College, and the **Big Bazaar Cook Off**.

C

Best story of the year was that of the **Chilean Miners** – all 33 making their escape.

Chernobyl Children spent another holiday in Lucan.

D

Dublin Year Book makes this page because this year's edition has lots of pictures of Lucan people, involved in GAA.

E

Eyjafjallajokull – Not many of us can say it, but it produced the Ash Cloud which defeated our would-be Camino Walkers, among many others.

Esker – St. Patrick's Church celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Esker Cemetery worried enough people so much that a committee was formed to keep an eye on things.

F

Festival time in Lucan last September – great fun!

Fame the Musical saw Lucan's Sarah O'Connor do very well.

G

Guys and Dolls was a big hit at St. Joseph's College.

Garda Open Day drew the crowds during the festival.

H

Haiti Earthquake – stunned the world

I

I.C.A. - Surely the greatest group of grannies and great-grannies in Lucan!

I.M.F. gave us money!

J

Joan's Book – a wonderful tribute to a great lady!

K

Kayak Raft Challenge – A new record was set with 41 canoes going over the Weir at the same time.

L

Liffey Descent – canoes again with plenty of thrills and spills!

Lucan South celebrated 25 years as a parish.

Lucan DVD was launched.

M

Mamma Mias - Lucan Sarsfields introduced Gaelic Football for Mammies!

N

Nama – Hope they've got it right.

Nagarhope – Doc's dream!

O

Outdoors – At least we have plenty of walkways and parklands in Lucan, the latest being the Grand Canal route from 12th Lock to Inchicore.

P

Pedestrian Crossings – in the village – they're on the way!

Patrick's Day Parade – a great show – look out for the 21st Parade this year!

Politicians – the local ones do their best!

Pilgrims headed for the Holy Land, Lourdes and Medjugorje, as well as Knock, Lock Derg and Cashel.

Q

Queues – significant at dole office, and post offices on Friday mornings.....

R

Ruaille Buaille Music Festival proved a great day in the Village

Radio – Liffey Sound 96.4fm fly the flag for Lucan.

S

Snow – as if we need to remind you.

Sharon's Grave – a great production from Lucan Drama.

Science Week – budding scientists in our local schools.

Soundings – was republished.

St. Vincent de Paul – busier than ever.

T

Tidy Towns – our number one community workers!

U

Uncertainty – a lot of it ahead, but please God, all will be well

V

Volunteers – Well done to all who keep sports clubs, youth groups and all kinds of activities going. Only for them.....

Vuvuzela – Every home should have one!

W

World Cup – Anyone but France! Olé for Spain!

Wells for Zoe – Self help for Africa.

X

X Factor – Jedward are still tops!

Y

Young People – Ireland's future!

Z

Zig Zag – the way you get through the never-ending roadworks in the village.



Greetings from the federal pluralistic democratic communist argumentative anarchic dysfunctional republic of Nepal

Nagarhope Ireland and Nagarhope Nepal have recently concluded their respective agms. A few new faces on the Nepali side and a continuation of the old faces on the Irish side have been talking, planning and budgeting about the past, the present and the future.

Our first annual audit on the Nepali side has also just been completed, our accounts, taxes and finances, projects and progress have been readied for the caretaker government of Nepal (now almost into its sixth month of rule). Many Nepalese individuals are of the opinion that the present exercise into republicanism and full democracy have brought about few changes. Many believe that time will heal wounds inflicted as a result of 250 years of monarchy and corrupt politics. What remains the same is the lack of action of those in power for the oppressed masses, the feudal lords and kings of the past have been replaced by many inept and corrupt politicians fighting ultimately for power as opposed to fighting for the rights of their people / 'subjects'.

The United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) has a mandate that expires in January 2011, the 1 year extended period for constitution writing expires in May 2011 after a futile first 24 month period where little was done to in relation to actually writing the constitution. A case of way too many speeches by way too many people coupled with a lack of action by those orating the same speeches has lead the Nepal of today to a worrisome position. The PLA (People's Liberation Army) which fought a bloody 10 year insurgency against the then Royal Nepal Army (RNA), and numbers about 20,000 men and women soldiers (the child soldiers have since been disqualified) have been confined to UN-monitored cantonments since the ceasefire and signing of the Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA) in early 2006.

All the while, Nagarhope continues to support children and families through education and community based projects. We now have a full-time Nepali staff member working for Nagarhope, visiting schools, dealing with sponsorships, scholarships and our different projects.



Nagarhope's child sponsorship programme has had a good boost this year. Of 110 school going children in our three main schools (Sunrise, Miniland and Kent Public), we have 92 sponsors, mainly thanks to the relentless efforts of our chief of unpaid staff- Niamh. In total, Nagarhope currently sponsors 134 children in 7 primary and secondary schools, both government and private. This is a big commitment for sponsors themselves, a child starting in Nursery Class will go to school for 13 years before they sit their SLC exams. (equivalent of Leaving Certificate).



Nagarhope is still looking for teacher's sponsors. For €30-€40 Euros per month, we can put an experienced teacher or college student into a rural understaffed government school to teach a specialised subject such as English. Many schools we deal with, especially government primary schools have 6 classes (Nursery 1,2,3,4,and 5) and are running classes with only 4 or 5 teachers. By sponsoring a teacher, we can create employment and training as well as provide to the needs of many poor students who are being given a lesser education as a result of staff shortages.

Nagarhope now assists about 15 college going students, all from low-income families who would not be able to support their children fully without our intervention. Many of these students give back time during college holidays by volunteering in their old primary or secondary schools. We also assign extra projects and essays for them to enhance their skills and knowledge, preparing them for either higher studies or the workforce they will have to face some day.

In the Primary Schools especially, we have been assisting schools by providing nursery class facilities and materials. We also plan to have these nursery teachers trained properly in government and foreign-run ECD (early child development) training courses. Many of the schools we deal with have staffs that are rarely trained to deal with young children and have no experience with school and classroom methods.

After the success of our inter-schools Quiz programme in 2009, we have started to plan for our

2010-11 Inter-schools Sports programme. A total of 16 local government and private schools in the Nagarkot area will compete in different events – football, badminton, volleyball, carromboard, and chess as well as racing events for the younger classes. This programme will take 3-4 months to run and will involve over 2000 student competitors both boys and girls. With a small budget, we can introduce many extracurricular events to these schools in the hope that they will carry on after our programme has finished.

Magic in Nepal – A good friend Pat Power is bringing a troupe of 10 magicians, clowns, jugglers and musicians to Nepal for three weeks from December 29th 2010. Pat and his crew have been tirelessly fundraising in Ireland and have been given generous support from Iarnrod Eireann, Colgate and the FAI as well as from many individual sponsors and groups. Through Nagarhope and the Umbrella Foundation Nepal, we have organised an extensive schedule for Pat & Co. They will do two shows a day taking in many schools, orphanages & NGOs as well as shows for HIV children, children with disabilities, deaf children and many others. Their dedication to raise funds for their trip has eclipsed their expectations and in the climate Ireland is in at the moment (NOT THE SNOWY WEATHER), their efforts should be given the highest commendable honour. Many of the kids they will perform for don't even know what a television is. Won't they be surprised when this troupe of oddly dressed 'Americans' start pulling rabbits out of hats and the like!!

Christmas is upon us; unfortunately for me I will not be home this year (No alarms or surprises). My nagarlife takes the front seat on any given day, only after this Christmas nagarmail will I get the time to share my thoughts and joys and feelings and well-wishes with those whom are closest to me. I wish you all, your children and kin, your friends and acquaintances the peace and joy that the festive season deserves. I will take a few days off to enjoy it myself. Otherwise, I'll be engaged with the endless ups and downs, surprises that life has to offer in this, the federal (proposed) pluralistic (opposed) democratic (supposed) communist (exposed) argumentative (debatable) anarchic (imposed) dysfunctional (unopposed) republic (in-waiting) of Nepal.

Signing out, with my best wishes, best love, best hope, and ultimately, best attempt at solving a few of the world's problems. My humble thanks once again for lending me your help, and your support, and your ears for the while that was. Here's to a happy and joyful Christmas and New Year!

Doc 18/12/2010

In next week's issue – Wells for Zoe!

Looking Out

Walking down the street
I see a small sad face looking out at me
I smile and she smiles back
And I say Thank God for that

Then next day I pass her house once more
And see her standing by the door
I greet her with a big Hello
She waves, smiles back
And on I go.

I wonder does she live alone
And how she copes throughout the snow
I wonder is she warm at night
And has she milk and tea alright

So bright and early the following morn
I get a bag with some fruit scones
And knock the knocker - one, two, three
Come on in I hear her say

The door was slightly left ajar
I gingerly push it in and enter
My friend is seated at the table
A photo frame is placed beside her

A family portrait is what I see
With sons and daughters looking back at me
She bids me sit right down beside her
And tells me that *they've gone out foreign*

The tiger cub deserted us
My girls and boys could find no work
So each of them has gone out *foreign*
A brickie, waitress, electrician
An Arts degree the other had
But now they've gone to foreign lands
They write you know and call me weekly
But company is what I'm missing

So there and then I boiled the kettle
And cut the scones, we had a natter
Her smile is bright and mine is too

I'll call on Monday afternoon
Same time says she
As she shows me out
I'll bake the scones just bring the jam.



mgm December 2010

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The Year Ahead: I wish you and your family a very Happy and Healthy 2011. In recent years my work schedules have changed considerably and I have since devoted far more time to helping people and families on a one-to-one basis, especially those who are finding life more difficult owing to changing economic circumstances in Ireland. If I can help you please phone, text or email me.

Email Newsletter: One additional way of keeping in touch is through my long-running Email Newsletter. To subscribe info@derekkeating.net

Recent Issues: Over Christmas and the New Year many people contacted me who were greatly inconvenienced as a result of freezing weather conditions – lack of water, delays in refuse collections etc. If I can assist you please contact me.

Councillor Guss O'Connell (Independent Community)

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Best wishes for the New Year to the Newsletter

Staff and to all readers: I know from the many who contacted me that travel conditions and water issues marred the festive season for many. Some suffered a lot of hardship. In an effort to alleviate where possible, I was in almost daily contact with Council staff. I can vouch for the fact that they did their very best at all times. I do believe they did us proud. Our thanks too to the many neighbours who were so helpful in so many ways. Some introduction to 2011 as the **European Year of Volunteering!** There are many different definitions and traditions concerning volunteering. A common thread is that wherever people come together to help each other and support those in need, both society as a whole and the individual volunteers benefit. **For info** www.europa.eu/volunteering

Cllr. William Lavelle - Fine Gael

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Happy New Year: I hope 2011 proves to be happy and brighter year for all of our community in Lucan.

Grand Canal 'Green Route': I nominated the new 'Green Route' for the prestigious Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) awards 2011 and I am happy to report that it has now been short-listed for two awards. Work is continuing to continue the 'green-route' to Griffeen Avenue including a new footbridge over the canal and a pedestrian crossing for Griffeen Avenue which I secured agreement for last year as an add-on to the scheme

Bin Collections: I know many areas have missed bin collections, in particular green bin collections. If your road/estate is still waiting please contact me.

Christmas Tree Recycling: At Sarsfield Park, Beech Park & Griffeen Valley Park (Hayden's Lane) until 15th January.

Cllr. Eamon Tuffey- Labour Party

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Priorities for 2011: As chairperson of the County Development Board, and the Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee, protecting existing jobs, providing new jobs, and work placement/training places will be one of my main priorities as a councillor. Over coming weeks I will try to provide useful information for Lucan residents, on initiatives by the Council, and new training /education opportunities as they arise with FAS, the VEC and the Institutes of Technology.

Sites to bring your Christmas Trees for

Recycling: Sarsfield Park and Beech Park Open Spaces and Hayden's Lane Car Park, until 15th January.

Water: Restrictions across the County from 7 pm to 7 am until at least 9th or 10th January.

(www.sdcc.ie for information and advice).

Best Wishes for the health and security of Lucan residents in 2011, and special regards to all involved in the production of the Lucan Newsletter.

Paul Gogarty TD

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Dublin Bus: Hopefully the company has enough information this week, away from the bad weather and Christmas season, to be left in no doubt about the difficulties arising from the new service. I have highlighted the problems with the company and am seeking real amendments. It is not feasible to go back to exactly where we were before, as multiple routes across the city are affected, but those elements that were working need to be integrated.

Water Shortages: SDCC has warned residents in areas of low pressure particularly to be aware of the risks of further water shortages at this time. Normal service is being resumed, but levels of drinkable water are still well down to the minimum.

Finnstown Priory Boundary: I have been in touch with the Council regarding the inadequate fencing in Finnstown Priory boundary with Hayden's Lane as better screening and deterrents were promised as part of a plan to construct apartments some years back.



Happy New Year to all our Players, Mentors, Parents, Volunteers.

Social Initiative:

Lucan Sarsfields has been selected by the GAA as one of three Dublin clubs to be involved in a pilot social initiative to get older men more involved in society. The fact that men are not as good as women in arranging activities and meeting up socially has been recognized by the President Mary McAleese and her husband Martin as they've travelled around the Country. Given its unique position in Irish society and culture the President asked the GAA to help create and facilitate an environment where men can meet up regularly to chat and arrange activities of interest to them. This initiative is not just for GAA people or people who have an interest in GAA.

As a first step we have arranged a launch night on Tuesday the 11th of January at 7.30pm. The purpose of the night is to find out the sort of activities people would prefer and to have a chat, a cup of tea or a drink and some food. For the initiative to be successful it will need the support from all in the Club. In particular we would ask you to let us know of any ideas you might have to make this work. We'd especially ask you to think of any family member, friend or neighbour whom you could encourage to come along on Tuesday night - lifts can be arranged.

Lucan Sarsfields Lotto "Easy-Play" and "On Line" Players - The Club Lotto is now in its 20th year, and the "Easy-Play" (Standing Order) option is now 7 years old, with "Local Lott on Line" more recent. Most of those who joined the Standing-Order option back in 2004 and since then are still involved and we greatly appreciate your continued loyal support. The Club Lotto is hugely important for the ongoing funding of the Clubs activities and for keeping our 70+ teams going each year. The Lotto continues to evolve and in 2010 we increased the maximum jackpot from €10,000 to **€20,000**. There was great excitement during the year when the Jackpot reached this new maximum level for many weeks. It was finally won by Ann Greaney, who has been an "Easy-Play" lotto player since it started in January 2004.

It was evident from the experience in 2010 that most of our Lotto players like the opportunity to play for larger Jackpots, and the bigger Jackpot also generates more revenue for the Club through

additional cash sales. Also, a review of similar club lotto's around the country suggests that most operate with 28 or 32 numbers. For those reasons, the Club Executive has decided to change the Lotto numbers you can select from the previous 1 to 24, to a new range of **1 to 28**. This means 4 extra numbers to select from. This change comes into effect from the start of January.

As well as the weekly Jackpot, the 10 weekly €20 prizes will continue along with the Easter and Christmas bonus prizes. In addition, to celebrate 2011 being Lucan Sarsfields 125th Anniversary and the Lotto's 20th Birthday, we will be including some special additional Lotto prizes during this year. This will also ensure that a share of any additional Lotto proceeds are returned through additional prizes.

The numbers you selected on your existing Easy-Play or On Line Lotto entry are still valid and will continue automatically, so you don't need to do anything.

However, if you want to change your selection to include numbers within the new range up to 28 (maybe to include a birthday or a lucky number) then you can do so by replying to this email or call/text to 087-2058572.

Thanks for your continued support of the Club Lotto and best of luck for 2011.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday 8th January 9pm till late – Volunteers night. Food and music. This night is for anyone who has helped out in any way with the running of the club/teams etc.

Tuesday January 11th - Social Inclusion night

Saturday January 15th – Adult Awards Night

Wednesday January 19th 7pm: Official opening of Senior pitch by President Mary McAleese. All members welcome.

Lucan Club Shop
Re-opens Saturday January 15th

Condolences to Laura and Sean Murtagh and family on the death of their grandfather Paul. Also to Tracey, Jackie, and Alan O'Brien and family on the death of their father Jimmy.

May they rest in peace.

Ladies Football: Training commences 10th Jan. Contact Elaine (086 0731170)/ Sinead (086 1052970) if interested.

Last weekend Lotto Numbers: 14-16-19-23. No Winner. This week's jackpot is €8,000. Seamus Clandillion's team will be in charge for this weekend's Lotto draw. Playing the Lotto is an important part of supporting your club. Every €2 counts. Thanks to Lucan Village Pharmacy who are this week's sponsor.



Lucan United 1930s with Little Joe

Top L-R: Jer Kelly, Sean Graham, Tom Giltrap, Tom Dignam, Sonny McGovern, James Graham, Joe Murray, Sam Thornbury, John Moore, Hugh Dignam, Pat Murray, George Behan, Willie Murray, Mick Gannon.

Bottom L-R: John Gannon, Mutt Ennis, John Kane, John McDermott, Pa Hall, and in front is Joe Dignam.

Great picture this week of a Lucan United team from about 80 years ago!

I'm sure all the names will ring a bell with old Lucanians, and who will no doubt recall stories about several of the characters on the team.

One of particular note, right at the front, is Joe Dignam. Probably not politically correct by today's standards, but as a small child, I never knew him by any name other than *Little Joe*! He was a jolly friendly little man, always around the village, making small talk with everyone, and keeping an eye on everyone and everything.

Joe was involved in all aspects of the community. He will be particularly remembered as a great fundraiser for the local schools. Joe would always top the ticket-sellers list no matter what it was. His name appears frequently in old editions of Lucan Newsletters for having winners in the weekly Non-Stop Draw, which raised money for the primary schools, and when it came to raising funds for the new St. Joseph's School, and Coláiste Phádraig, he didn't shy away either, taking part in sponsored walks and the likes.



Above: Mungy (George) Behan, was in goals for the local team at one time. He is in the top picture - third from right at the back.

There are so many pictures and stories around about Lucan United that they could surely publish their own history! Any thoughts on it for 2011?

Big Thank you to Declan Martin and Triona Walsh for putting the team photo our way, and to John Dobbs for the picture of Mungy.

Mary Mulhall

SPORTS

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

Happy New Year to All.

The Winter Leagues sponsored by Pat Toolan are starting this Sunday 9th January. Team group matches and match times, are displayed on the Notice Board.

The Ladies Competition is starting Saturday 8th January @ 1pm. Weather Permitting. Noel is holding his breath, after been seen on the course with a hairdryer during the week.

It's that time of year again, Membership subscriptions are now due. Please see John Carey, or any Committee Member

LUCAN GOLF CLUB

Sat 18th Turkey Singles:

Front 9: C Keogh (24) 20pts; Back 9: J Sheridan (19) 21pts, T Conway (20) 22pts-1pen BB6, S Carney (10) 22pts-1pen

Sun 19th Bottle Singles:

Front 9: P Perry (19) 23pts-1 pen BL6, P Carroll (25) 23pts-1pen; Back 9: M Malone (17) 22pts-1pen, B Byrne (17) 20pts BL6

LUCAN HARRIERS & A.C.

Athletes of Year 2010

Congratulations to Eileen O'Brien & Stephen Rynne on being crowned club persons of the year for 2010. Both athletes receive the David O'Doherty Memorial Shield in recognition of their achievements throughout the year.

Donore Harriers Jingle Bells 5km Road Race – Phoenix Park, Saturday, December 18th

Ann McGee wins her category.

Ann McGee continued her amazing season as she produced another sensational performance to win her category yet again in 2010. Ann produced a magnificent performance as she made light of the arctic conditions to run a season's best time of 29 mins 40 secs. Also in the ladies section Anne McGrane braved the cold and was rewarded with a superb performance as Anne completed the scenic 5km course in a brilliant 24 min 45 secs in Anne's first 5km road race of the year.

For the men Gerry Martin produced an excellent performance in the icy conditions as Gerry raced to an excellent time of 20 mins 30 secs.

Turkey Trot 2010 – Lucan Harriers Track, Tuesday, December 14th

Well done to Freda Comiskey and Gareth Fereday on excellent victories in this year's Turkey Trot race over 1 mile.

WESTON HOCKEY CLUB

Weston Hockey Club Junior Section:

After our extended Hockey Holidays play resumes this weekend as follows;

- Boys & Girls U12 & U14 Friday 7th 6.30pm to 7.30pm on Astro.
- Boys & Girls U6 & U8s Sunday 9th 12.00 to 1.00pm Indoor Hockey in Lucan Leisure Centre.
- Boys & Girls U10s 1.00pm to 2.00pm Indoor Hockey in Lucan Leisure Centre.

New Junior players or beginners most welcome. Contact telephone 0863590763 or e-mail

westonhcj@gmail.com

Alec Birnie.



ST. MARY'S CARDS

Results 19th December.

1st: Prim Dempsey

2nd: Tony Rigney

3rd: John Carey

4th: Tom McDonald.

Cards resume this Sunday January 10th.

Happy New Year to Newsletter Staff & Card Players.



ST. MARY'S LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB

The club will re-open on the 10th January 2011.

Concert

Kevin Doyle & Valley Gospel Singers

Saturday 8th January

Civic Centre,
Ballyfermot.
Tickets €15.



Phone 087-2587590.

Church Notices – 9th January 2011



Sunday: Baptism of Our Lord

St. Mary's Lucan

Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday, 6.30 pm, 8.45am, 9.45am, 11am, 12.15pm & 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 7.30 pm – 9 pm (Nuns Chapel),
Thursday 2 pm – 4 pm (Nuns Chapel)

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday after 10 am Mass, 6-6.20pm & after the
6.30 pm Mass.

Baptisms: 4 weeks notice is required to those living in the Parish and wish to have
their children baptised. For further information contact the Sacristy or Parish Office.

St. Patrick's Esker / Dodsboro / Adamstown



Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday, 7.00 pm, 9 am, 10.30 am & 12 noon

Eucharist Adoration – Saturday from 5.30 pm – 6.45 pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays after 10 am & 7 pm Masses

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 12.45pm & 2nd Saturdays at 12.30pm.

At least four weeks' notice is required to facilitate preparation. Applications between
10 am and 1.00 pm Monday to Friday at Parish Office or after any Mass as Parents
are required to attend a pre-Baptism Meeting. **Bookings cannot be accepted on the
telephone or by email.** Parents are required to attend a pre-Baptism Meeting.

Divine Mercy Lucan South

Sunday Masses: Vigil 6.30 pm, 10.30 am & 12 noon

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 9.15 am

Adoration & Prayer

Adoration takes place every Friday from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Monday nights 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Scripture Sharing

Tuesdays 9.45 am – 10.45 am.

All Welcome.

Baptisms: Parents are asked to attend an information meeting
before making arrangements or booking dates.

Lucan Methodist Church

Sunday: 10.00 am Morning Service

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Sunday: 10.30 am Morning Worship
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Trevor W.J. Morrow
Crèche and Children's Ministry
All Welcome

