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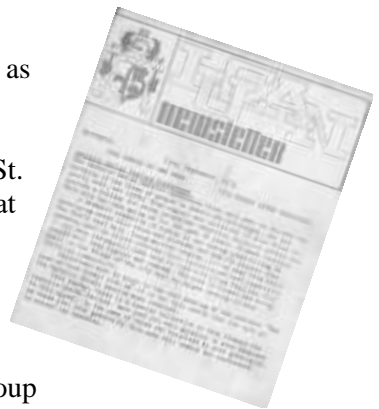
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Sunday 30th July 2023

Lucan Newsletter

The Lucan Newsletter is now in its 56th year of publication. It must rank as one of the oldest community newsletters in the country. The newsletter team consists of 4 office volunteers, Mary Mulhall, Anna Nolan, Rose Fitzgerald and Catherine Hennessy. Each Thursday this team take over St. Mary's Parish Office where the publication is prepared and printed. What began on an old Gestetner duplication machine in black and white, back in 1967, has evolved to a full colour edition, produced and printed entirely in-house. Sales of the newsletter enabled the purchase of a high-end colour printer and each Thursday the presses roll.



There are also post-production volunteers, and this small and faithful group assemble and fold the finished product which is then delivered by other volunteers to the sales outlets around Lucan.

Although produced at St. Mary's Parish Office, the Lucan Newsletter is much broader than just Parish News; indeed, it has an ecumenical dimension, carrying news and notices from the other Christian Churches in Lucan. It also covers a diversity of news and information from local schools, politicians and a range of sporting organisations and community groups. It's always gratifying to see local sporting successes celebrated in the newsletter.

The ever-popular adverts provide a space for local trades and services to lay out their stalls, and many people have found a valuable resource through these pages.



Without the dedicated service of the volunteers, the Newsletter could not be published. So, as they take the customary summer break until September, I take the opportunity to say a sincere word of thanks to them for their dedicated service to the community, week in week out.

If you are part of any local activity group and would like some coverage in the newsletter you can email us on: marylucannewsletter@gmail.com or drop a note into St. Mary's Parish Office marked 'Lucan Newsletter'

The newsletter will be back on **Sunday 27th August!**

*Philip Curran
St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Lucan*

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open*

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Our office will be open as usual during the months of July and August, however, if you require Reception service on Wednesdays, please phone in advance.

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

Voluntary Social Insurance Contributions

Paying social insurance can help you to qualify for social insurance payments, such as the State Pension (Contributory). If you are an employee Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) deductions are made from your earnings each week.

If you are no longer an employee or if you are self-employed and you are no longer making compulsory PRSI contributions, you can opt to make voluntary contributions. If you are getting a social welfare payment or signing for credits you may get credited contributions which will also keep your social insurance record up to date.

Voluntary contributions can help maintain your social insurance record and help you to qualify for social insurance payments in the future. They cover long-term benefits such as pensions. They do not cover short-term benefits for illness, maternity or jobseekers.

You can choose to pay voluntary contributions (if you are under 66 and meet the other conditions) if you:

Are no longer covered by compulsory PRSI in Ireland

Are no longer covered by PRSI on a compulsory or voluntary basis in another EU country

If you are working outside the EU and not subject to Irish or EU social insurance contributions you may also opt to pay voluntary contributions.

If you are taking time off work to care for children under 12 years of age, or a disabled child or adult, the Homemaker's Scheme may be a better option than making voluntary contributions.

Since 6 April 2015 you need 520 paid PRSI contributions (10 years) to be eligible to make voluntary contributions.

Rules apply to the making of voluntary contributions and more information is available on our website including combining social insurance contributions from abroad.

Voluntary social insurance contributions (citizensinformation.ie)

ARC Cancer Support Centres

65 Eccles St, Dublin D07 TD35,

Tel 01 2150250 - Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm, Friday 10 am to 2 pm

Email info@arccancersupport.ie
www.arccancersupport.ie

At ARC our mission is to provide psychological, emotional, practical and educational support to people with cancer and those who care for them, through a warm, welcoming and client centred approach and to ensure that everyone in Ireland is aware of, and able to access these services.

Our three Centres are open for drop in and for Counselling, Acupuncture, Reflexology, and Manual Lymph Drainage appointments.

Remote services include a telephone support service and remote counselling.

We also have a range of online classes, talks and programmes for people with cancer and their families running on a regular basis. These include weekly stress management, relaxation, mindfulness and yoga classes via Zoom.

Useful Resources | ARC Cancer Support Centres
www.arccancersupport.ie

FOUND

A Full Irish Drivers Licence found on the football pitch in Arthur Griffith Park and handed into Lucan Garda Station.

Subliminal Tide

an exhibition by
Leopoldo Ayala

Venezuelan Artist who has been residing
in Lucan, for the past five years

He will be showcasing his abstract art at
Gallery X (11 Hume St, Dublin 2)

in an exhibition from
27th of July at 6 pm until 2nd of August.



MISSING

Our 10 month old male Kitten,

Monty, is missing from the Woodville Downs area of Lucan since Sunday 9th July. Monty is very friendly and affectionate. He was wearing a grey collar with a bell.

He's neutered and microchipped.

Any information that helps bring him home would be greatly appreciated. Ph: 086 8360007.

Lucan Newsletter

Summer Hols!

We are taking our Summer Break from now **until Sunday 27th August.**

All items for that issue should be with us by **Wednesday 23rd August.**

We hope all will have a happy and safe holiday time!



OUR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

I marvel at our local volunteers who give up a lot of their free time to help others; for some it is to stand outside our supermarkets, or our churches, hail or shine, collecting for their chosen charities.



Of Course, there are different types of volunteers. There are many who give up their free time to run different functions in our village throughout the year.

I would like to applaud all of those volunteers if I may. I would like to applaud, especially those wonderful volunteers, that turn out three or four time very week to facilitate our youngster in the amazing world of sport these are the people that spend a lot of their time to teach and train the children in all aspect of sports. I really want to applaud them for the fantastic work they do and to let them know they are appreciated, even if it is in silence.

It is at times a thankless job, I know this, because I too gave up a lot of my free time and to say I am a better person for it. To see young boys or girls walk off a football pitch in victory or defeat, it is something money cannot buy.

So here, s to all our wonderful volunteers, your great work is very much appreciated.

*Anthony Joseph.
(Lucan Writers Group)*

MARYMOUNT
CARE CENTRE

NON-COGNITIVE SYMPTOMS AND PALIATIVE CARE

DEMENTIA EVENING

INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS
Marymount Dementia Team will welcome ANP Edel
Corey and Una Molloy from St Francis Hospice to explain
Non-cognitive symptoms of dementia and Paliative Care.

THURSDAY
3RD AUGUST

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

BOOK
NOW

+353 1 820 4500
rita@mmcc.ie

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



St. Mary's Readers' Roster August

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, the 10.30, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of August 2023 has been sent to all readers by email. If any

reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Christian Meditation: There will be **NO** meditation meeting until September.

Hope everyone has a lovely holiday and stay safe. Keep praying

Sr Geraldine.

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

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



Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Christopher (Christy) Smith**, Beech Park, to the family and friends of **Teresa (Terry) Byrne**, Esker Lawns and to the

family and friends of **Noel O'Neill**, Sarsfield Park.

May they rest in peace.

Volunteers Needed: If you have some free time on your hands, we could do with your help!!!

We are looking for volunteers to help in our coffee Dock; it would mean a commitment to one morning a week from 10am – 12noon
We are also looking for Sunday morning Volunteers, there is already a great team of people doing this, but if a few more came on board it would be wonderful. (It usually works out at 4 Sunday's a year)

If interested please contact Deirdre 01- 6217041 (If the office is closed, please leave your name and number and I will contact you)

Our Parish Centre, Coffee Dock is a wonderful facility where everyone is welcome, you can come have tea/coffee, meet friends old and new and have a chat.

Parish Centre: The Parish Centre will be **closed for the month of August**. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Volunteers and Patrons of the Centre, its being a pleasure working with you all throughout the year.

Have a wonderful August, we reopen on Monday the 4th September. For Groups using the Parish Hall, it will not be available until the Monday 18th September.

Hope to see you all then, Deirdre



Led by Fr Philip Curran P.P.

April 22nd – 29th 2024. €995p.p.s.

Two nights in Assisi in a 3* hotel
Five nights in Montecatini, Tuscany in a 4* hotel
7 breakfasts, 6 dinners
All coaching and tours
Full time accompaniment
Flights with Aer Lingus
10 kg check-in bag included
Visits to the tombs of St Francis, St Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis in Assisi
The Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto
The major sights of Florence and Pisa
Visit the beautiful city of Lucca including the tomb of Irish bishop Frediano
Full religious programme
All taxes included

Bookings are now taking place and there are a limited number of places still available.

The easiest way to book is by telephone:
MYRIAM Tours (057) 93 55050 (Mon to Fri 9am to 3pm).

You will need to have your passport to hand
Pay the non-refundable deposit of 300 euro per person by Debit Card
Alternatively, phone: (057) 93 55050 and request a booking form

Please note: The scheduled departure time of the outbound flight to Rome is 15:40 arriving in Fiumicino Airport, Rome at 19:45 local time.
Therefore, we will arrive quite late in Assisi.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Masses: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: There will be **NO** meeting until September.

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

St Vincent de Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Next date for Church Gate Collection

August - 19th and 20th

Thank you for your generosity



AONTAS CHOIR
would like to thank the following for their sponsorship and spot prizes for the recent Fundraising Ceili for

World Youth Day and group trip to Creeslough in Donegal. A particular word of thanks to the Management and Staff of The Spa Hotel.

Lucan Credit Union, Donation from a Parishioner, MCI Events, Seasons on the Weir, Kennys, Hudson Rooms, Wine Shop Lucan Village, The Jewellers Supervalu, Councillor Shane Moynihan, Aontas Parents, Femme Fatale.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Daire Newcombe for the Dublin Jersey which we are using to raise funds for the Creeslough Memorial Case Presentation and Fund.

Thanks to the community of Lucan for your ongoing support without which we would be unable to travel to WYD or to enable us to make our presentation to the community in Creeslough which will take place on the 19th August in St. Michael's Church.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: **6pm.**

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net



The Pathways Programme offers an opportunity to those who

wish to explore issues of their faith and learn about the issues for ministry and the Church today in an environment which encourages and aids Adult Faith Development. The Course values the fact that each participant brings a wealth of life experience with them and group sharing is an integral part of the process each year. It also offers spiritual and theological formation which will enable participants to explore their faith with greater confidence. The course is open to all. All that is required is a desire to explore faith and be open to listen and participate and hopefully be moved then to respond to the needs of the Church and the community.

Programme takes place Thursdays 7pm to 9:30pm in DCU. Next starting date 28th September 2023. Fee €400 per year. Brochures which include the application Forms are on the parishes notice boards.

Contact details: Sr Eileen Houlahan CHF, PhD, Director Pathways Programme, Diocesan Office for Mission and Ministry Tel: 01 8087594 or e-mail ehoulahan@dublindiocese.ie; pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Birthday Remembrance

Shane Carey

40th Birthday – 2nd August

Late of Beech Park

2nd away from home of our much loved son, brother, dad, partner, uncle, granddad, granduncle

Forever Young

Much loved and missed Shane

They say there is a reason

They say that time will heal

But neither time or reason

Will change the way we feel

For no one knows the heartache

That lies behind our smile Shane

No one knows how many times

We have broken down and cried

I want to tell you something Shane

So there won't be any doubt

You are wonderful to think of

But so hard to do without

Happy 40th Birthday

I hope you are all together having a big party

Shane

Love you forever and missing you so much sweetheart. Until we meet again

Your heartbroken Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters, partner, children, nephews and nieces xxxxxxxx



Anniversaries

Mary Christal

1st Anniversary – 23rd July

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
*Always remembered by your loving husband Jack,
son Mark, daughter-in-law Mary, grandchildren
Jack, Ellen and Hugh. xxxxxx*



Raymond Carey (Rash)

40th Anniversary – 30th July

Late of Beech Park

Forever Young

A weekend we will never forget, just
a start of our long heartbreaking journey of our
children.
It is just like it happened yesterday
A much loved, funny, caring son Ray
If memories keep us close Ray
Then we are never far apart
You are always on our minds
And forever in our hearts
In laughter and in sorrow
In sunshine and in rain
I know you are watching over us
Until we meet again
Today, tomorrow our whole lives through
We will always love and remember you
Forever in our hearts, missing you so much son
*From your heartbroken Mam, Dad, brothers,
sisters, nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and
grand-nieces xxx*
Hope you are all together



Joseph Patrick Fox

1st Anniversary - 5th August

Although you sleep in Heaven now
You're not that far away,
My Heart is full of memories,
And you're with me every day,
You lived your life with meaning,
And with a smile upon your face
A world that was full of happiness
Is now an empty place,
People say that only time,
Will heal a broken heart,
But just like me and you
It has been torn apart,
I know you are at peace now,
And in a place where you are free
Meet me at the Pearly Gates
When Heaven calls for me
Gone, but never forgotten,
From your loving wife Linda and family



Rose Donnelly

6th Anniversary – 26th July

Of all the gifts in life
However big or small
To have you as our mother
Was the greatest gift of all
*Always loved and never forgotten by Paula, Bren,
Andrew, Rachel, Freya and Harry xxx*

Michael Farrelly

5th Anniversary

Those special memories of you
Will always bring a smile
If only I could have you back
For just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
Just like we used to do
You always meant so very much
And always will do too
The fact that you're no longer here
Will always cause me pain
But you're forever in my heart
Until we meet again
Missed so much by your loving wife Beryl xx

Michael Farrelly

May the winds of Heaven blow softly
And whisper in your ear
How much we love and miss you
And wish that you were here
*Missed so much by your loving family, daughter,
sons, grandchildren, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law.*

Michael (Mick) Mahady

51st Anniversary – 2nd August

Dear are the memories, precious they stay
No passing of time can take them away
Always remembered, Malcolm

Jim Mallon

10th Anniversary – 8th August

No matter how life changes
No matter what we do
A special place within our hearts
Is always kept for you
*Loved and remembered by Collette, Colm,
Sínead, Tom and Aoife.*

Sonya Rabbitte

17th Anniversary – 1st August

*Loved and missed always.
Dad, Mam and all the family.*

Fintan McCarthy

17th Anniversary – 1st August

*Loved and remembered always.
Mam and all the family.*

**Anniversary Mass for Sonya and Fintan,
Saturday Aug 19th at 6.30pm.**



We're all going on our summer holidays.....

Thank you to all our regular contributors – you too can have a break!

Thank you also for the kind notes and compliments sent in over the past few weeks.

Our *Dip in the Archives* has proved very popular, it's great to have such a collection of Lucan memories down the years.....

Up the Dubs!

We're all looking forward to the big match on Sunday when Dublin Footballers take on the Kingdom once more. Great to see the bunting and flags out in the various estates. Bring it on!



Future Dubs, Seán and Tadhg were getting a feel for Sam up in Woodies on Wednesday last, where a Children's Charity event was held.

Women's World Cup – sadly our ladies didn't progress, but they did put in a great effort. With one more game to play, let's hope they triumph over Nigeria. No doubt, there will be plenty to look forward to in the coming years.

Can you believe it? We spotted Halloween decorations on the shelves in one local store on Wednesday last.



Mattress Amnesty & WEEE Recycling at AGP 0 (Lucan Harriers Car Park), on **Wednesday 9th August**, from 9.30 to 12pm.



Primrose Hill Garden

is open for

Summer Flowers

and also

Tree Walks

Some 6 acres in all!



Top of Primrose Lane, Lucan.

Adults €6.00. Children free.

Heritage Week

August 12th - 20th



Notes in July 2023

Hearty Greetings and Holiday Wishes to all, and leave "having to do" aside.

Hopscotch chalked on footpath, ending with spiral plus 10 jumps – now washed away – we did try, didn't we!!!

A white Buddleia specimen in Orchard Garden Centre accommodates a profusion of butterflies and bumblebees. Having stood for a moment with nature, we adjourned for a welcome brunch.

Teasles and Wild Buddleia on the ascending path in St. Catherine's provides us with the pleasure of bee- watch at a safe distance.

Unusual visitors to our gardens in the form of a Jackdaw parent and albino youngster – while Swallows embroidered the quiet millrace water with light as they feed on insects (viewed from Weir View wall).

The fabric of our ancient bridge is endangered by the growth of Wild Buddleia rooting in any fissures (a recent BBC Programme showed how the structure of such stonework is damaged).

"The liturgy of dawn signals the wonder of the arriving day" J.O.D.

Brida L.C.



In about 6/7 weeks the Committee will be recovering from this year's Festival. The festival runs from the **5th to the 10th September**.



Sunday 10th we will have our Fun Day in the Village where all those who complain and rightly so about the traffic in the Village will see it disappear so we can enjoy the following:

Garda Station Open Day, Birds of Prey, Puppet Show, Pet Farm, Face Painters, Kiddies Road Train, Main Stage (local groups), International Food Stalls, Local Historical Slide Shows, Model Railway Exhibition, Stage for Local Bands, Bouncy Castles, Monster Slide and not to be forgotten our World Famous Duck Race.

Everything starts from 12.30 and finish is at 6pm.

Village is Closed to Traffic from Ardeevin to Permanent Tsb from 10am to 6 pm!

Lucan Youth Fun

The committee of Lucan Youth Fun wish to thank all parishioners who supported our church gate collection over the weekend of the 25th June.

Your support was a significant help funding our trips. Lucan Youth Fun is a locally managed and funded summer camp, since 1983, for primary and 1st year school kids.

This year the camp had 167 children and 12 teenage mentors involved over a two-week camp.



Women's
Collective
Ireland
LUCAN

As Baines Local, Co-ordinators,
Markham, Longbridge and
Department of Culture, Equality,
Heritage, Innovation and Youth
**8 WEEK PROGRAMME
STARTING OCT 2023**

WOMEN
In Leadership

Want to be a leader in your community or organisation?

Women's Collective Ireland Lucan are running a fully funded 3 hour once a week programme, is now recruiting for October. This is a limited opportunity with a small number of places available. Get in touch to register your Interest

Topics covered include:

Dare to Lead: A model of Personal and Professional Empowerment, Leadership Styles, Public Speaking.

Women's Voices: Feminist Analyses, The Personal Is Political: Invisible Power, Visible Exclusion, Community Structures, Voting Awareness, Local Government Structures, Making Women Visible. PLUS: Incredible Inspirational guest speakers!

Contact us: by phone/text or what's app on 089 611 2018/083 860 7847
or email lucan@womenscollective.ie

Adult Education Service

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 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 in the autumn term:

Spanish for Beginners
Wellbeing
Introduction to Microsoft Excel
Working with Microsoft Word
Digital Presentation Skills
Reception and Frontline Office Skills
Developing Communication Skills
Payroll: Manual & Computerised
Medical Terminology



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

Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email

OldLucan@gmail.com to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.

Facebook group; "*Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*" &

Twitter: @Soc4OldLucan. Website:

<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



Report on Sol School Tour of Medieval Graveyard, Lucan Village

by Elaine Hurley

Last month, Elaine, Niamh and Helen of SOL were delighted to host the fifth-class children from Esker Educate Together school at a workshop at BVM graveyard in Lucan village. Helen showed the group "archaeological finds" from field walking locally and explained the background of the site, including the history mysteries of BVM!

Elaine, assisted by Niamh, led the children in a hands-on activity (using carbon-paper to make a copy of the engravings and decoration on the memorials in a safe and sustainable way) to explore the images and lettering on some of the memorials. The children also went searching for the famed "skull & crossbones" grave marker – a memento mori – the oldest standing marker left in the BVM graveyard.

Everyone got thoroughly stuck into all the activities, including trying on a replica jacket to see what the wealthy people in Lucan House might have worn several hundred years ago.

In feedback, teacher Sarah told us *'The children learned so much about the history of their local area. They really related their learning to their experiences of other local historical sites which was a thrill to see!'*

Helen and Elaine both remarked on how engaged the children were with many asking interesting questions – perhaps there are some budding historians and archaeologists in the making! Thanks to the teachers and SNA who were equally interested, and to the children who were a credit to their school. If your school is interested in a local history tour or workshop, please contact OldLucan@gmail.com

The Bell in the Orchard

by Paul Butler

A few weeks ago, Jonathan Cully and I visited the Orchard apartments in the village for a bit of a guided tour from one of the residents and to see what remains of the old Orchard on the site.

As we walked up the back of the apartments on the left-hand side, you were shown an old bellcote with the bell still intact. This would have been used for letting the workers (in Lucan Demesne) know the start of the day, lunch break and home times. It was said people in the village would hear the bell ring at 8am, 12pm and 6pm every day.



If you take a close at the bell you will notice it was made in Dublin by Murphy Foundry who also made a bell for Christ Church Cathedral, but these were recast around 1979 by another bell marker. He also made eight bells for St. Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne, Australia.



John Murphy was originally a coppersmith started his business in James's Street around 1837 and moved into casting bells in 1843. He was one of many bell founders in Dublin and won many prizes for his bells in Dublin and London and won a first-place prize in Paris.

This fantastic piece of history is a little hidden gem in The Orchard and as you can see is still in good condition and hopefully can be restored to protect it for many more years.

Help Sol by sending us your New and Old Photos of Lucan! *by Paul Butler*

If you have any old photos or any photos from any historic location around Lucan, Please send them into SOL for consideration for the 2024 calendar to help us make it an even bigger success in 2024.



The photos can be of people or places or anything of historic interest and is open to young and old. You can send your photos to us via email at OldLucan@gmail.com Please include as much detail about the photo and your contact details. Closing date for entries is the 6th August 2023. This helps us raise much needed funds to help us keep SOL free for all and run our free tours and events throughout the year. Everyone whose photo is used in the calendar will receive a free copy of the calendar when they are printed.

Upcoming Sol Events in August

by Helen Farrell

You may have seen that Heritage Week is fast approaching: <https://www.heritageweek.ie/> with lots of exciting events around the country from 12-10 August.

We will be holding the following public events in the coming weeks. Please sign up to our SOL mailing list to get full details, advance notice and booking links for these events which are all free (due to fundraising) except where there is a local charge. Most events are very limited in terms of numbers.

Thu 10 Aug: SOL visit to **Marsh's Library** to view the late medieval document on the Royal Court of Esker!

Tues 15 Aug: Talk on **Lucan Memorial Campaign** by Jonathan Cully

Wed 16 Aug: SOL **Lucan Demesne Historical Tour** with Eugene McGrattan, SOL.

Sat 19th Aug: SOL tour of **Leixlip Castle**

Castletown House & Parklands



Bring your imagination and join us in the Biodiversity Garden for this flight of fancy! Unlock the stories of the Enchanted Forest and journey through fairytales! This is an afternoon of storytelling and fun. This is a free event but booking is essential. Email castletown@opw.ie to book your slot.

Dublin Concert Band

Sunday, 13 August at 2pm

Biodiversity Garden

Back by popular demand.... Join us for an afternoon of music with the Dublin Concert Band in the Castletown's Biodiversity Garden. No booking required. Free Event

Clondalkin Round Tower Visitor Centre

Free garden tours are available at the beautiful Clondalkin Round Tower Visitor Centre.

Tours provided by Clann Chrónáin Volunteer Tour Guides, Tuesdays and Sundays 10.30am to 1pm.

Contact: info@theroundtower.ie for bookings.

Heritage Week at Lucan Library

'Lost Lucan and Medieval Renders' a talk by Jon Cully from The Society for Old Lucan.

Date: Tuesday 15th August at 7pm in Lucan Library.

Jon will discuss a series of rendered images that show how many of Lucan's lost architectural buildings may once have looked. For the most part these rendered images focus on Lucan's ruined medieval buildings; Aderrig



Church, St. Finian's Church, the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lucan Castle, Grange Castle, Ballyowen Castle, and Adams Town Castle, and includes lost bridges and other buildings which are later than medieval, such as Lucan Barracks, Lucan House, St Mary's Church, and Woodville House (The latter two of which are works in progress).

Book through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin@eventbrite.ie

'Weaving in the Liberties', a talk by Cathy Scuffil.

Date: Thursday 17th August at 7pm

The Liberties of Dublin has historically been home to an industrial working class. Much of this history related to brewing and distilling, and the associated businesses and trades that came with these industries. However, another industry, which has all but disappeared has left a lasting legacy in terms of place names and also in the social consciousness. Weaving and the textile industry in general has had a long association with the area.



Join Cathy as she explores the many links between The Liberties and weaving, whilst making the case to revive this craft in its historic core.

Book through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin@eventbrite.ie

'Civil War and the Inner City', a talk by Liz Gillis.

Date: Wednesday 16th August at 7pm.

Join our Historian in Residence, Liz Gillis as she discusses the Civil War, what exactly happened in the Inner



City, and the impact it had. The many iconic events that occurred in this period shaped both Dublin and indeed Ireland's future to a large extent. The period has generated intrigue, excitement, inspiration and anger among generations of people and interest in the period shows no sign of waning.

To book a place on this fascinating talk, you can book a place through.

Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin@eventbrite.ie

Irish History Live and the War of Independence

Date: Tuesday 8th August at 3pm.

On at Lucan Library as part of our Heritage Week events. A show for kids, Mike Moylan will regale kids with a brilliant re-enactment of moments from modern Irish History and the violent fight for eventual Independence. This event for 8-12-year-olds.

Book through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin@eventbrite.ie



Introduction to Crochet for Children with Scheider Gwei.

Date: Saturdays 19th and 26th August

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Description: The lovely Scheider Gwei returns to Lucan Library to share her love of Crochet. In these workshops the children will learn the basics needed to get started in the wonderful handcraft of Crochet. Participants must attend BOTH workshops. Age: 9 – 12 years

Booking: Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Saturday 12th August at 1pm

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Newcastle Village Heritage Walk with Tomas Maher. *Wednesday 9th August, 7pm*

Learn about the history of this village that was once Dublin's gateway to the West! Led by Tomás Maher. Meet at St Finian's Church of Ireland at 7pm.

Lucan Library Exhibition

From Royal Irish Constabulary to Garda Síochána

Lucan Library other August Events

1. All events and activities are free of charge.
2. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
3. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.



August Bank Holiday: Please note that library will close on Friday 4th August at 4.30pm and will reopen on Tuesday 8th August at 9.45am.

Events for Children:

Author Visit: Andrew Hughes, writer of the 2023 One Dublin One Book "The Coroner's Daughter". *Wednesday 30th August, 7pm*

At the invitation of the Lucan Library Book Club, author Andrew Hughes will visit Lucan Library and talk about his book, The Coroner's Daughter. This book was chosen for the 2023 One Dublin One Book Initiative in April. All welcome.

Drumming Workshop with Thomas Anang *Thursday 3rd August, 3pm.*



Learn to drum in this hands-on workshop for ages 7+. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 27th July at 3pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/drumming-workshop-for-kids-tickets-680817672987>

My Little Library Bag

My Little Library Bag for Children starting school in Lucan in September 2023 is back! Bring your child to the desk to collect their bag and to join the library for their first Library Card.



Drop-In Chess Club for Children *Tuesdays from 10am*

Chess players of all abilities welcome. Chess sets will be left out in the seminar room for players to use.



Match Attax Card Swop

Monday 14th August, 2.30pm.

Calling all Match Attax fans! Come along, swop your cards and build your collection. All Welcome.



Coder Dojo Club

Wednesday 16th August, 3.30 to 4.30pm.

Learn to code, build a website or create an app or game with our new monthly Coder Dojo group for ages 8 – 17. No previous coding experience needed, just enthusiasm! Those aged 8-12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Heartstopper Season 2 Watch Party for ages 12+ (Young Adults).

Saturday 12th August, 10.30am - 3.30pm.

Join us for a watch party of our favourite YA book-to-screen adaptation, Heartstopper by Alice Oseman! 1 day, 8 episodes, popcorn included! All welcome.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club

Tuesday 22nd August at 5.30pm.

All welcome, enquire at library desk.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday Book Club, 30th August, 6.30pm

Events for Younger

Children: Storytime

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



Lucan Library Scrabble Club

Tuesday 15th August, 11am - all welcome

Lucan Library Knitters Club

Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome



Remember to ask at the library desk for your **Summer Stars Reading Card** and collect rewards for the books you read! Let's get Lucan reading this summer!

You can follow Lucan Library or South Dublin Libraries on Facebook to see all library events across South Dublin County.



Summer

It starts to get to me after a while, the greyness. Summer, says the calendar, but the Irish weather often seems indicates no particular season – not hot or cold, just chilly, often drizzly and sometimes the clichéd “sunny spells and scattered showers”; no extremes of below 40 below or 40 above; no rip-roaring thunderstorms or tornado warnings. That I could handle. What does my head in (to borrow a very Irish phrase) is the endless overcast, cool, windy dampness. I long for a little Canadian meteorological drama (thankful as I am that we rarely get any destructive weather). And at this point – three weeks into the current un-summery spell – I think most of us long for a guaranteed few hours of sun and heat. I wild love to soak a bit of warmth into my bones, and maybe get a few loads of laundry dry. By dinnertime each dull day, I find myself wondering what I’ve done. How could anyone choose to forsake their bright prairie homeland and move to Ireland despite its reputation for rain? Oh, right, I remember – love is more important than weather. Still, there must be limits...!

And then evening comes. Slowly, oh so gradually, the wind eases; the grey ceiling begins to break up into batches of clouds with discernible shapes. The descending sun bursts through and lights up that endless green- there must be at least a thousand shades – with the golden glow of sunset. Blue sky – yes, it really does exist – deepens into dusky purple in the twilight, and the clouds reflect the sunset’s vibrancy. No gusty breeze disturbs my thoughts; all is calm, still, serene the city traffic is finished for the day, and I am left with blackbird calls, pigeon murmurs and, if a stay out late enough, the fluttering of bats. With the wind gone, scents of this month’s growth settle around me – the last of the linden blossoms, a variety of rose that looks like a giant version of the wild roses back home, heavily sweet honeysuckle. Stars begin to appear; the same moon rises over here as it always did there. Peace



descends, and I am reconciled to my adopted home. And if the greyness returns tomorrow. I will smile and wait for evening.

Allison Hudson.

Pen to Paper – Lucan Creative Writers Group.

A Creed to Heed

1. Prayer is not just a spare wheel that you pull out when in trouble but can be a steering wheel that directs the right path throughout the journey.
2. A car’s windshield is large while the rear-view mirror is small. Our past is not as important as our future. So, keep your eyes on the road ahead. Make a turn when necessary.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes years to write, yet a few minutes to burn.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, it will not last forever. If going badly, don’t worry, that won’t last long either.
5. Old friends are like gold! New friends are like diamonds! If you find a diamond, don’t throw out the gold! In a precious ring, the diamond is neatly held in a base of gold.
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end of the road, look up. Good smiles from above to show us it’s merely a bend in the road.
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities. When God doesn’t solve your problems, He has faith in yours,
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: Can there be anything worse than losing your sight? He replies: Yes, losing your vision!
9. Worrying does not take away tomorrow’s troubles, it takes away today’s peace.
10. When you pray for others, God listens to your prayers, and sometimes, when you are feeling blessed, consider someone, somewhere has prayed for you.

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Extra Healthcare Student Places: This week Minister Harris announced an increase in the number of third level places available in healthcare courses, they come on stream from this September. This is encouraging progress and an important step towards addressing access to essential therapies such as Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy and providing a stronger pipeline of professionals to support our disability services.

Cycle for Sophie and Peters Beard Shave: There was a great atmosphere in Lucan last weekend as two great fundraisers took place and raised thousands of euros. Massive well done to everyone involved, Lucan Cycling Club, Staggs Cycle, Kennys, Paddy's Barber and Peter Brady.

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Trees – Elmbrook: In June the local Sinn Féin team were in Elmbrook. Tree pruning was prevalent amongst issues. Pruning works cannot take place between April and October due to the Council's bird nesting policy. However, Elmbrook will be included in the next programme of works with an interim inspection.

Sinn Féin – Lucan Courtesy Canvasses:

As indicated here last week, both myself and my colleague Eoin Ó Broin TD and the local Sinn Féin team spent the afternoon last Friday with residents in Sarsfield Park. We completed our residents survey in respect of the Council's recent proposal for 5 new Age-Friendly units here. Thank you for your input.

Castle Riada and Hillcrest: This week I delivered a news leaflet update to residents in Castle Riada on council led projects for Lucan, together with issues I've worked on behalf of residents. This weekend I will be in Hillcrest to conduct a door knock. Feel free to raise any issues.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Temporary bus stop opposite Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada:

I have asked the NTA to install a temporary bus stop opposite Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada given that existing stop 4610 has been fenced off because of construction at the swimming pool site. Thanks to Ash Park residents for flagging this with me.

Repainting of yellow boxes and lines: Good to see yellow box re-painting taking place. I have requested re-painting of double yellow lines and yellow boxes at a number of locations around our area.

Footpath repairs in Rochfort: While out and about in Rochfort last week, I was delighted to see repairs underway at a very dangerous footpath I reported! As ever, if you are aware of dangerous footpaths, please let me know.

Thanks: Thanks to the Lucan Newsletter for all their work and best wishes to them for a well-deserved summer break!

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Overgrown hedges: I've highlighted a number of areas where there's overgrown hedges along the footpaths with council management. I've noticed while out walking around Lucan many areas where the footpath was unusable, which I have also highlighted with council management. If you would like an area of overgrown hedges or trees reported do get in touch with me.

Lucan Harriers AC 5 Mile Road Race: Our local athletics club 'Lucan Harriers' are delighted to be holding their annual 5 Mile Road Race taking place on Sunday 3rd September at 11am. As someone who has participated in this over the years, I can assure you it's a race you'll enjoy! For more information and to register visit

<https://eventmaster.ie/event/pMlzivyTyv>

Lucan Library: Each month Lucan library publishes their events programme which is a fun filled pack of many events. Check out their Facebook page for more details.

Caroline Brady – Fine Gael

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Traffic Calming: SDCC proposes to install traffic calming measures, subject to available funding at the following locations 1) R835 on section of road near its junction with Tubber Lane – ramp and 2) Esker Meadow – raised table at junction with Castle Road. Submissions may be made to South Dublin County Council via the Public Consultation Portal Website <http://consult.s.dublincoco.ie> by midnight on 15th August 2023.

Free schoolbooks for all primary school pupils:

Easing the burden of back to school costs for all families across Ireland from September 2023, schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for children in recognised primary schools, including special schools, will be provided to every child free by their school. There is no charge to parents/guardians for this, as schools receive funding from Government to cover these costs.

Advice Clinic: Clinic resume this week 2pm every Saturday Online Zoom



From the **City of Dublin Archives**, we came across this photo of the turning of the sod at the new **Lucan Harriers** track back in the day. Along with the young boys and girls, are some old familiar faces, many passed on – Cllr. Micheal Gannon is the man with the spade.

Also in the background are other local representatives Liam Lawlor TD, Cllr. Eamonn Tuffy, and Cllr. Brian Fleming, with other locals looking on.

Wonder where all those young boys and girls are now!!!



The three great mysteries:
air to a bird,
water to a fish,
humankind to itself.

Sophie's Journey

We had a great day last Saturday, a lot of work behind the scenes. A lot of laughs. Guest of honour Sophie joined us. What an amazing young person and why we did this fundraiser.

Thank you people of Lucan. Thank you to Lucan business who donated spot prizes, to Jimmy Stagg, Lucan Cycling Road Club, Kenny's of Lucan and Lucan Gardai. You are magic. You have helped us more than you know.

I will be collecting this Sunday 30th of July at St Patrick's and St Mary's Church morning masses. Stop and say hi if you recognise me now without the beard!

*Thank you,
Peter Brady
Dodsboro Cottages*

St. Mary's Camera Soirée



This week Joe visited the Dublin Zoo which opened its doors on 1st September 1831. Today it attracts over 1 million visitors a year.

Josie submitted some photos of the immaculately manicured gardens of Áras an Uachtaráin the official residence of the President. Since 1938 there have been only 9 Presidents. The gardens date back to the construction of the house in 1751. The Áras was intended as the temporary residence of the President while plans were made to build a new presidential palace on the grounds. The outbreak of the Second World War saved the building from demolition as

plans for its demolition and the design of a new residence were put on hold.

By 1945 it had become too closely identified with the Presidency of Ireland to be demolished.



Michael G submitted some photographs taken at the wonderful Ireland Glass Biennale 2023, an exhibition of work from some of the world's most innovative glass artists in the Dublin Castle Coach House Gallery and which runs until 20th August 2023. The exhibition is organised by the National College of Art and design in association with the Office of Public Works.

Stay safe until September and enjoy the holidays!