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## The Strangest Dream

People meeting with people, discussions held round tables decorated with flowers, microphones adjusted for clarity of sound and a fine meal together in the evening. The formal setting of the art of the diplomatist. Ed McCurdy's song, first recorded in 1950 and since covered by many well-known singers including Joan Baez, Simon and Garfunkel and Johnny Cash reflects on this theme. The song became the anthem of the late 20th Century peace movement.

Last night I had the strangest dream I ever dreamed before  
I dreamed the world had all agreed to put an end to war  
I dreamed I saw a mighty room, the room was filled with men  
And the paper they were signing said they'd never fight again  
And when the papers all were signed and a million copies made  
They all joined hands and bowed their heads and grateful prayers were prayed  
And the people in the streets below were dancing round and round  
And guns and swords and uniforms were scattered on the ground  
Last night I had the strangest dream I ever dreamed before  
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We all have dreams and aspirations, and these five verses reflect on our long sought-after dream of peace among the people of our common planetary home. Promises are made, treaties and agreements signed, hands shaken and elbows grasped against a background of national flags, ready made for television news. Until the next time. Promises made, promises ignored, distrust sown. The never-ending request for more sophisticated weaponry echoes round our houses as the international insecurity is spoken of again and again. Alliances are made, only to be broken with the first light of dawn. It is somewhat ironic that on arrival in a foreign country the Pope is often greeted with an armed guard. Since 1945 there has scarcely been a week go by when war was not being waged somewhere on this earth. Our respect for the prince of peace wears thin with the passing years. The current G7 talks have taken place at the rebuilt city of Hiroshima in Japan, the site in August 1945 of mankind's first nuclear outrage. We can only hope and pray that our strangest dream is reality as the build-up continues on the plains of Eastern Europe threatening further conflict and loss of life.



*Continued over.....*

## The Strangest Dream *continued....*

### Peace Prayer

*St. Francis of Assisi, Peace Prayer*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:*

*where there is hatred, let me sow love;*

*where there is injury, pardon;*

*where there is doubt, faith;*

*where there is despair, hope;*

*where there is darkness, light;*

*where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek*

*to be consoled as to console,*

*to be understood as to understand,*

*to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive, it is in*

*pardoning that we are pardoned,*

*and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

*Amen.*

**Fr. Paddy Byrne – P.P. Abbeyleix, Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin**

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## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Email – [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto:lucan@citinfo.ie)

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



### Opening hours:

*Walk-ins to see an Information Officer*

Tuesday: 10am - 12pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

*Reception open*

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

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

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

**We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.**

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

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

## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

**(WEAAD)** takes place each year on 15 June.

This year the theme for the day is "Hear Me, Support Me, Challenge Elder Abuse."

Abuse can take place in any situation and any person is at risk. A vulnerable person is someone who may be restricted in capacity to guard themselves against harm or exploitation or to report such harm or exploitation.

Abuse can be perpetrated (carried out) by a range of people, such as strangers, institutions, or family members. It may happen when an older person or a person with a disability lives alone or with a relative. It may also happen in residential or day-care settings, in hospitals, home support services and other places assumed to be safe, or in public places.

Elder abuse is the abuse of someone aged 65 or over and it happens in a relationship where there is an expectation of trust. Elder abuse can be a single or repeated act, or a lack of action, which causes harm or distress to the older person, or that violates their human and civil rights.

The HSE has Safeguarding and Protection Teams in place in every region of the country. These teams are responsible for adult safeguarding within services for older persons and services for people with disabilities.

If you suspect someone you know may be a victim of abuse, or if you are a victim of abuse yourself, you should contact your local health centre, your GP, public health nurse or the Garda Síochána.

You can also contact the HSE Live Information Line or National Safeguarding office on 1800 700700 or 01 2408787

[SafeguardingIreland.org](http://SafeguardingIreland.org) has valuable information on this topic.

## Dealing with Debt

If you're struggling to meet your mortgage or other loan repayments, know that your bank or financial services provider is ready to help your situation.

The first step is to talk to your provider as soon as possible. Their experienced teams will explain all your options and work with you to find a way forward, whatever your situation.

**More information** is available on The Banking & Payments Federation Ireland website <https://BPFI.ie/dealing-with-debt>

**\*MABS** - the Money Advice and Budgeting Service [mabs.ie](http://mabs.ie)  
MABS helpline 0818 07 2000  
MABS service is free of charge

## Hillcrest Residents Association

*Dear Neighbour,*

In view of the many complaints raised by residents regarding the volume of sap shed by all of the sycamore trees through your neighbourhood, the following letter has been forwarded this week to SDCC Chief Executive and Councillor members of Lucan/Palmerstown /North Clondalkin Area Committee.

"Within Hillcrest estate, Lucan, bounded by Newcastle Road and Dodsboro Road, there are more than 200 sycamore trees which have grown to heights exceeding 10 metres, towering over adjacent houses and all growing within 2 metres of property boundaries, the vast majority of which are constructed of cement block.

Your estate management records should confirm the extent to which footpaths throughout our neighbourhood have required, and continue to require, total replacement in order to address serious defects which have contributed to significant injuries suffered by pedestrians over a number of years. Some residents have also reported the need to replace front boundary walls more than once since they moved into the estate.

Most of our residents are the original first-time purchasers of homes in Hillcrest and are now aged in their late 60s and upwards, a sizeable number of whom are experiencing mobility difficulties and other age related health issues. They have been finding it increasingly burdensome and costly to deal with the negative impacts of such inappropriately large trees having been planted outside their homes: seedlings have taken root in back gardens as far as 25-30 metres distance from the actual trees, fallen leaves take weeks to be raked and bagged for collection - otherwise they present a serious hazard to pedestrians of all ages - and, as evidenced very recently, footpaths, driveways, vehicles, wheelchair and buggy wheels are regularly coated in increasingly thick layers of sap which adheres stubbornly to footwear and, when dried out, can be treacherous on hard surfaces indoors.

It is a cause of concern to all residents that underground infrastructure is reported to be adversely affected by the extent of root spread encountered by utilities contractors. Many householders have also expressed serious anxiety at the possibility of one of

these trees being felled during a severe weather event, particularly as they have not been subject to regular pruning or inspection for damage or defects. It is noted that SDCC's current tree management plan precludes the planting of trees such as sycamores which have an aggressive root system and the potential to grow to more than 30 metres. As a street tree, it has proven to be wholly inappropriate for a housing development such as ours.

In consideration of all of the above, we ask SDCC to proceed, as a priority, with the removal of all sycamore trees throughout Hillcrest Estate and their replacement with suitable alternative specimens."

We will update you all as soon as we receive responses.

*Maria Murphy, Chairperson  
Rita O'Brien, Secretary  
Hillcrest Residents Association*

## LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

**Do you want to finally conquer your fear of public speaking?**

*Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?*



Do you want to make new friends?

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

This **Thursday June 15th** is the final meeting before our Summer break.

We meet in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak!

So come along on Thursday, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, checkout our Facebook 'Lucan Toastmasters' our website at [www.lucant Toastmasters.com](http://www.lucant Toastmasters.com) or email us at [vpmlucant Toastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucant Toastmasters@gmail.com)

## Parent & Toddler Group

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



# Parish Notes



## St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://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](http://www.lucanparish.com)

### Christian Meditation:

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

*All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

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

*Sr Geraldine.*

### Scriptural Readings:

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

### Legion of Mary:

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

*All Welcome.*

### Divine Mercy Devotion:

During exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy with devotions, is prayed every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's parish church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral).

*Divine Mercy Lucan devotion St Mary's Parish Lucan.*

### Visits to the housebound:

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

### Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

### Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel email: [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

### Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon.

*All Welcome.*



### St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

**NEXT Saturday/ Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

## St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

### Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday at 10am.

**All Masses livestreamed at** [stpatrickslucan.ie](http://stpatrickslucan.ie)

### St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

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

### Confessions:

Confessions after Saturday 10am and 7pm Masses.

### Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*



### St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **NEXT Saturday/Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June.**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)



### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm.

(From July, Saturday Evening Vigil Mass will be at 6.00pm. This is to co-ordinate Mass times in the Lucan Partnership).

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](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Mon:** 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

**Fri:** 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

### Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

### Legion of Mary:

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

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

The aim is to pray for vocations and also try to help seminarians financially. We also assist seminarians throughout the world spiritually. We would gladly welcome new members. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month for 1 hour.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.

### Home Visits Holy Communion:

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

### Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

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

### Catholic Faith Formation for Children:

Would you like your children to know more about God and the Catholic Faith? We are thrilled to invite your children to a programme that would help them to understand and appreciate their faith. They will explore their faith through age appropriate, interactive activities, discussions etc.

**When:** Starting from September 2023

**Where:** Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan

**Age groups:** Between 6-12 years and 13-17 years.

**Also open to all children of neighbouring parishes and there is no fee.**

If you are interested, please contact the Office 01 457 2900 or E: [catechism-lucansouth@gmail.com](mailto:catechism-lucansouth@gmail.com)

### Bingo:

Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome to play for big prizes.



## Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan

**CHANGE OF DATE**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**Mass at 6.15pm**

(Rosary and Confessions at 5.45pm)

Music by Mark

Facebook Medjugorje mass lucan



Anam Cara  
South Dublin

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

## Anniversaries

**ANTHONY (SID) KENNEDY**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

*From Chris and family*



**JOSEPHINE POCKNELL (VENA)**

**nee TIMONEY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Chapel Hill.

May the winds of Heaven blow softly

And whisper in your ear

How much we love and miss you

And wish that you are here.

*Sadly missed by her loving children,  
grandchildren, brother Michael, family and  
friends*

## Birthday Remembrance

**DAN ROGERS**

**79<sup>th</sup> Birthday - 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**2<sup>nd</sup> away from home**

A loving and caring husband, Dan.

I miss you more than ever Dan today

Your guidance and your love

But I know you're watching over me

Silently from above

The love you gave still warms me

The way it always did

But leaving me left an empty space

That time can never fill

Happy Birthday Sweetheart

Sending all my love to you forever

Until I get there

And we will never ever part

Look after my kids for me Dan

The way you did here.

*Love and miss you forever, your heartbroken  
wife Mary xxx*



## Lucan Senior Citizens

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Social morning and lunch in Spa Hotel.

10.30am – 2.30pm.

## "I Was Just Thinking"

It's a phrase I often used as himself and I sat in the shade in our lovely back garden.

His first reaction was always "what do you want now?"

Of course I wanted to move this, try this or get rid of this. Happily we could both come together to combine vegetable growing with flowers.

Now four years on, he has departed this life and our back garden. I still sit and think and wonder what he would say about the alterations.

In his border of cabbage, I have buxus. Gone are the tubs of runner beans, peppers and tomatoes. I just grow flowers from seed and enjoy the wonders of nature at work.

In this heatwave I took to putting out a tray of water for the birds on the lawn. What a joy to watch them duckin' and divin' from the smallest to the greatest is fascinating.



But I have a faithful pigeon each day who comes to my trough.

Don't know if it's a he or she. I

want to say it's a she for no other reason only that she's there around

11 o'clock each morning, meaning she may have been up all night with the babies and himself tells her to go off and have a make-over in Mary's garden!

While she's sitting there wallowing, splashing and preening, other birds approach seeking a beak full of water or to refresh their feathers.

Her reaction is not to deny them access but to say there's room for two more. Some take the risk like the blackbird and the starling but not the thrush. When the crows swoop down she's gone home refreshed to see to lunch!

There's so much joy in observing nature. It's all around us. It creates thought, silence, memories, wonder, hope and it's free.

There is Heaven in your own back garden.

*Mary M*



**Exam students** are in the thick of it at the moment! We hope all cope well, and by this time next week, they will all be over the worst of it, and can begin relaxing again! It will all be over before they know it!

**Those sticky trees .....**

We note Hillcrest Residents' report on the situation with the Sycamore trees on the estate in this issue, and wonder if the problem occurs in any other Lucan estates.



Above, the evidence! The soles of people's shoes, and also the wheels of baby buggies, pick up the sticky substance, and particularly in the case of older people, could cause an accident. We've heard many reports of the paintwork on cars parked in close proximity to these trees, being destroyed over the years.

We hope that it won't be a case of waiting to see if someone is hurt, before something can be done to get rid of this problem.

**How time flies!** We had non-stop rain on **Friday 11th June 1993** which saw much flooding all around Lucan on the Saturday. The Griffen breached its bank and broke through the wall at Vesey Park before charging down the Lock Road and into the Village.



**Lucan and the Special Olympics 2003**

We *'shared the feeling'* 20 years ago this week, when Lucan co-hosted the Irish Team for the World Special Olympics. On the 16<sup>th</sup> June, Team Ireland arrived to a great welcome in Lucan. *More next week.....*



**Flood Alleviation Works!** Following further flooding in 2000, major work was carried out along the River Griffen in 2003, and the job done is working so far.....

**Some thoughts on the Elderly!**

We were born in the 40s, 50s, and 60s.

We grew up in the 50s, 60s, and 70s.

We studied in the 60s, 70s, and 80s.

We were dating in the 70s, 80s, and 90s.

We got married and discovered the world in the 70s, 80s, and 90.

We ventured into the world in the 80s and 90s.

We stabilised in the 2000s.

We got wiser in the 2010s

And we are going firmly through the 2020s.

Turns out, we've lived through

EIGHT different decades

TWO different centuries

TWO different millennia

***How about that!!!***

## Palmerstown Camera Club

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

Recently in Palmerstown Camera Club, we had the judging night for the “Packy Maguire Memorial” and the winner was Katherine O’Boyle with her image of the month – *Fungai*.



Advanced Colour – Gerald Phelan - *Eilean Dunan Castle*

## Palmerstown Camera Club

Are hosting their

### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Exhibition

at Palmerstown Parish Hall,  
Lr Kennelsfort Road, Palmerstown,  
Dublin D20 K732

on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
from 10 – 5pm

*Why not visit us over the weekend*

## Outreach Officer Job Opportunity



Liffey Sound 96.4FM is seeking applicants for a Part-time Outreach Officer, 17.5 hours per week with a 23 month contract. If interested in this role, please email [stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie](mailto:stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie) for a full job description or visit our website <http://liffeysoundfm.ie/careers/>

This position is funded by Coimisiún na Meán through Round 41 Social Benefit Sound & Vision 4 Scheme.

### Liffey Sound is Lucan's Community Radio Station

[www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie) or check out our Facebook page.

## Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am.

New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

30 of our members enjoyed a day at the races at Fairyhouse last week whilst others enjoyed themselves in Lanzarote.

## 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.

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup> and Heritage  
Week August 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**



# SCHOOL NEWS



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Hurling:** Well done to our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr hurlers who won the Dublin Schools Juvenile “C” Final after an emphatic 6-15 to 2-06 victory over St. Paul’s Raheny. The match was held on the immaculate 3G pitch at the National Sports Campus in Abbotstown on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Two early goals and two well-taken points from the influential Páidí Murphy gave Lucan the perfect start as they led 2:04 to 0:00 after 10mins with the impressive Derry Ware grabbing the two other points from midfield.



*Lucan's top scorer Páidí Murphy (4-04) goes for goal in the Dublin final.*

Cian Kelly added another goal soon after with a beautiful, crisp, precise finish after a driving run from the half-forward line. Lucan opened up an unassailable 5-10 to 0:01 lead by half-time thanks to further scores from Páidí (1-0), Derry (0-2), Aidan Doyle (1-01) and Henry Greene (0-2).

In a more evenly contested 2<sup>nd</sup> half, Páidí scored another 1-02 while Jack Sheridan and Henry added further points as Lucan claimed in title in style to make it 4 hurling titles this year for the school.



## St. Joseph's College

**Kiera Radford** in 6<sup>th</sup> Year deservedly won the overall Student of the Year award.

**Marli Bah** is the new Student Council Leader and we wish them and the New Student Council all the best for the Year ahead.

Congratulations to both!



## Lucan Community College

### Student of the College

Congratulations to 6th Year student Clodagh McDonnell who was awarded Student of the College 2023 at the 6th Year Graduation Ceremony. Here she is pictured with Inion Ní Chonaola.



### 6<sup>th</sup> Year Graduation

Our 6th Years enjoyed a lovely send off from Lucan Community College last week with the breakfast morning and their graduation ceremony as they closed the chapter on their time in Lucan Community College. Many thanks to Year Head Mr Carey and his team of tutors. More photographs can be found on [www.lucancc.ie](http://www.lucancc.ie)



### School Extension

The tender process for contractors for our extension and refurbishment work has begun and we expect that building will begin in the coming school year. This will be an exciting time for our students and staff as the original building from 1987 is updated to meet the needs of our growing student numbers and updated technological advances. We are lucky to have the building team from DDLETB coordinating and managing this process for us and we appreciate their support and expertise.

### Farewell Katharina

A hearty 'warmherzig Danke' to our fabulous Austrian Assistant who arrived at our school last September and has worked so well with all our students studying German in Lucan CC. It has been a pleasure working with Katharina who brought so many wonderful ideas to the classroom.

She had the opportunity to visit each of our German class groups for one period a week. Each class began with culture which was followed by a lesson filled with fun and learning. Students immersed themselves into the German language and Austrian culture.

Our First years had the opportunity to learn how to Waltz during the week – the Viennese Waltz – which was a lot of fun.



Katharina worked enthusiastically with our 6th year students and aided in the preparation for their German Oral exams last April.

Our 5th years enjoyed some 'Kaffee und Kuchen' last week while they participated in a quiz in German.

Our students sang a song to her as they are sad to see her go. Thanks so much for everything. We have enjoyed every minute with you.

We also enjoyed seeing Katharina on stage playing the part of Susan in our play 'Our Day Out' – in April. A great performance. So from all of us at Lucan CC and all our German students, we wish you well and hope to see you soon again.

**Slán go fóill. Auf Wiedersehen. Until we meet again**



## Sophie's Cycle

Saturday 22nd July 2023 | 9:00am

Lucan Village Green

in aid of

Sophie's Journey

Quadruple Amputee after Sepsis

The Cycle will take place on Saturday 22nd July at 09:00am. The 40km & 80km cycles will set off from Lucan Village and finish at Kenny's of Lucan, where all involved will enjoy a BBQ and live music, post cycle.



For further information and queries please see the Kennys\_of\_Lucan Instagram page.

Registration link coming soon will be available online via Kennys\_of\_Lucan.

For all donations <https://bit.ly/41n5He3>

## Alzheimer Social Club



Every Wednesday

1.30pm - 3.30 pm

JOIN US!



St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan road, Lucan

Contact - Adrienne Mc Avinue

phone number- 086 838 1215

email address -amcavinue@alzheimer.ie

Our Club is a social gathering where people can access information and support, meet other people as well as to exchange ideas and experiences.

## Castletown House Celbridge

### Irish Wolfhounds

Front Lawn: Sunday, 11 June @ 5-6pm

Come meet these gentle giants at Castletown.

In honour of the arrival of the Irish wolfhounds, we are running a house tour with a special focus on our faithful friends at 3pm.

To book your slot email at [castletown@opw.ie](mailto:castletown@opw.ie) (normal tour rates apply)

### Diana Conolly Carew and the Aga Khan Exhibition

Stable Wing, open daily from 10:15am-4pm

Sixty years ago Diana Conolly-Carew became the first woman to win an Aga Khan for Ireland on the first team to feature non-military riders. She and her horse Barrymore became firm favourites with the Irish public.



Come and see the posters, TV footage, pictures and newspaper articles from the 1960's in the newly dressed stables at Castletown House.

No booking required.

## Celbridge Camera Club Present Their Annual Exhibition



IN THE HUNTING ROOM AT  
CASTLETOWN HOUSE

FROM 3RD - 11TH JUNE 2023 FROM 11 AM - 5 PM  
DAILY

ADMISSION IS FREE

# LUCAN FESTIVAL

10 years ago as part of the Festival we organized a Public Forum in which primary school children could ask Lucan's senior citizens about their school days. This was usually held on a Wednesday morning of the week. Last year there was such a demand from schools that we ran it for 2 mornings and over 400 children attended. There was lots of jaw dropping moments even with the teachers when participants told of head banging from knuckles and rulers, chalk throwing and other corporal punishment. The Forum wasn't just about those bad moments there was also cheerful times. We will once again be running this event and we would remind teachers to put the 7th and 9th September in their diaries. It's not that long ago that Corporal Punishment was outlawed by Legislation. It happened in 1982 in this country and the UK followed in 1986. Believe it or not it was not until 2003 that Northern Ireland followed.



*Photo above is from one of the first sessions.*

## POLITICAL NOTES

**Cllr. Derren Ó Brádaigh- Sinn Féin**

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**Woodville / Woodies Junction – Pedestrian**

**Safety:** Some residents had raised concerns with me regarding the existing pedestrian crossing / junction between Woodville and Woodies. Ongoing reports of cars coming into the bend too fast, coupled with the bending wall so close to the lights has given rise to pedestrian concerns, and highlighted as particularly dangerous for older persons and children. The junction is marked for inclusion for consideration for extensive

reconfiguration works as part of the NTA's BusConnect rollout. In the meantime, council officials have given me a commitment to introduce a new yield sign on approach, change the flashing green arrow to amber and to extend to pedestrian crossing time.

**Westbury:** During a recent courtesy door knock, some residents in Westbury Court highlighted the difficulty exiting the estate, and some related nearby road concerns along the Newcastle Road. I have raised these issues with the Council.

### Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Ruaille Buaille:** Congratulations to all those that organised, performed at and attended this year's Ruaille Buaille - Lucan Children's Music Festival, a fantastic four day event across schools, libraries which finished in Griffeen Park for a children's music festival as part of [Cruinniú na nÓg South Dublin](#). Event funded by South Dublin County Council Arts Office.

**Public Parks:** Given the recent fine weather, the public parks in and around Lucan are busier than ever. Increased use leads to more rubbish. I have asked the council to empty the bins more often to prevent overflowing.

**Child Benefit:** This week an additional €100 per child in Child Benefit Payments was paid to support 650,000 families with the Cost of Living. The additional support means that €240 per child will be paid this month in respect of over 1.2 million children.

### Cllr. Joanna Tuffy – Labour

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I am a member of the Council's Housing Strategic Policy Committee. At our recent meeting we were given the following updates.

**Housing Grants Online:** There are 3 grants for private housing: The Housing Adaptation Grant; Housing Aid for Older People; and the Mobility Aid Grant. Amounts available to eligible applicants are based on a household income assessment. The Council will soon go live with an online application system for these grants.

**Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant:** The amount that can be applied for under the Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant has been increased since 1 May 2023. There have been other changes since the 1st May which expand the scope of this grant.

**Tenant in Situ Scheme:** The Council's target aims to acquire at least 150 properties this year that have tenants in situ that are at risk of homelessness.



### Football

A big congratulations to the Dublin Minors and our own Adam Rock who secured the Murray Cup against Kildare in the Leinster Championship.

### AFL 6 T Davis 1-11 Lucan 5-11 Kiltipper



Lucan started well, and a couple of early goals meant Davis's were always chasing the game. Can't beat a nice plump cushion between us and them! Dean started like he finished the last day with a neatly executed point. Unfortunately he was to be disappointed thereafter. It was one of those days where the ball went wherever Dean wasn't! Chin up. Next day we go again.

Marc was on the 40, much further from goal than usual. He may not have brought his best scoring boots, but his runs from deep were creating havoc. 9 mins in he found himself top of the Davis defensive menu. In a real meaty sandwich. Ref did airplane impersonation, and Jordan buried the penalty. He then got on the end of a great ball in from Brendan. A Davis's fingertip only taking it away from his own man and on to Jordan. Goal #2. And then a point! Oscar slotted a neat point, and 2-3 without reply, at quarter time was a dreamy start. Davis's had had their chances, but some serious wides, had them looking pretty deflated. They finally worked a decent point. From Shane's pinpoint kick out to Michael, a quick hand-pass to Brendan, who made ground and laid it off for Louis. A smart one-two with Marc, and Louis didn't allow the keeper to get a touch. Less than a minute. End to end. No Davis player got so much as a sniff. Super goal. Where was RTE outside broadcast when you needed them? Second quarter was a quieter affair, and chances went a begging at both ends. Aaron managed to slot a point. Personally I wouldn't have noticed, if he hadn't gone on and on and on about it, in the car home!

Davis's had second half elements, wind and hill; and despite an 11 point deficit they gave it a rattle. Over the first 25 mins they outscored Lucan 1-7 v 0-4, and advantage was down to 5. With just 5 mins to go. Getting into squeaky bum territory.

Lucan had been profligate in second period. Final passes going astray or worse not being attempted at all, due to some poor decision making. Sam had opened matters with a point. Tony replied when Davis's worked a neat goal. Peter had come on and powered through two would be tacklers for a much needed score, but Lucan had lost momentum. It's small things that turn the tide. Lucan had collected a short kick out, and multiple passes had retained the ball, but not made any progress up the field. Davis's lost patience, and Niall won a free when his man

tried to get a piggy back. Niall went short to Brian and set off a 2 minute period of possession. Some pundits don't like it, but from the Technical Area on Lucan side line it looked awesome! Eventually the ball was worked through to Sam, and he burned the corner back, and left keeper flailing. Wind went out of the home team. You could almost hear it. A poor kick out was worked goal wards by Tim, and Sam was on the back post to repeat the dose!

Shane had a stormer between the posts. Mostly kicked short. We didn't lose one! at least 2 top drawer saves. One at a critical stage in second half. Niall at full back, was the opposite of Dean today.....he always seemed to be in the right place to break up attacks. Cian gave a super display of defending. I've no doubt his man will have trouble sleeping tonight! He'll expect to find Cian in his pyjamas!! James stepped into the centre back role. I've no stats for it, but he was frequently the link between defence, and releasing our runners. Brian, Declan and Gareth added fresh legs when it was needed.

Did I say goals win games? Scored 5, but being a grumpy young reporter, I can't help but play over in my head, the hatful we left behind. Train. Train. Train. And I'm not talking about Thomas The Tank Engine!

**Team:** S Kerins, M Young, N Moran, C Gaire, A Garrigan (0-1), J Finn, T Mulqueen (0-1), T Bradley, O Nolan (0-1), L Butler (0-1), M Sharkey, S Noctor (0-1), D Walsh (0-1), J Delmar (2-5), B Kavanagh.

**Subs:** P Carroll (0-1), B Tracey, D Lawlor, G Lenehan, D Brosnan, D Coogan.

### Coiste na nÓg/ Juvenile

**Summer Camps.** The Summer Camps are filling up, but we still have some spaces for those looking forward to meeting up with your friends again now that the schools have ended we may even arrange a surprise water fight so everyone can soak Alan, weather permitting or course! You can book Club Camps here

[https://member.clubforce.com/memberships\\_cart\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=480&intMF\\_ID=12372#topp](https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=480&intMF_ID=12372#topp)

and the Cúl Camp here

<https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/>

and Camp Samhradh here

[https://member.clubforce.com/memberships\\_cart\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=480&intMF\\_ID=12560#Anchor](https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=480&intMF_ID=12560#Anchor)



### Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €20,000.

The Numbers were **2, 10, 24, 26.**

**The 5 lucky dip prizes go to,** Cormac Gordon, Paul McGann, Pdraig O'Driscoll, SMEGS and Brendan Wright. The Bank Holiday extra draw winners were Pat Skully, Columba Elliot, Mary Freeman, Estelle Carr and Siobhan Stanley.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€20,000.**

The draw is sponsored by John Ryan Accountant and will be led by Shay Hurson.



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

**Oíche Rásaíochta**  
An bhfuil tú réidh i  
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agus spraoi leis an  
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ClubZap.

An Bhfuil Do Chapall  
Ceannaithe Go Fóill?

Have You Bought Your Horse Yet?

Teigh ar Clubzap, Nó Labhair le do  
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NA GAEL ÓGA

Oíche Rásaíochta  
The Pennyhill, Lucan  
Aoine/Friday 23.06.2023

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## Imreoirí Baile Átha Cliath

Ba phribhléid mhór é don bheirt  
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le Baile Átha Cliath. Seo an chéad uair a d'imir  
cailíní de chuid Na Gaeil Óga le foireann Átha  
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## Céad Chomaoineach

Roinnt d'ár gcailíní agus buachaillí faoi aois ag  
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Nach bhfuil siad gleoite ar fad...  
Todhchaí ár gClub... Na Gaeil Óga



DODSBORO GOLFERS  
ANNUAL OUTING

Venue : Lucan Golf Club  
Date : Friday 25th August  
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00  
Entry Fee €40 Per Person (Golf & food)  
Members & Visitors Welcome  
\*Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

## Lucan Library



### Please note:

1. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
2. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required. If the event is being delivered online, South Dublin Libraries will forward the email address you use to register to the event facilitator who will then send an access code to your email address to enable you to attend the workshop. The contact details (name, email address and phone number) you supply to South Dublin Libraries via Eventbrite will be accessible by the event facilitator on the day of the event.

**All events and activities are free of charge.**

**Celebrating Pride 2023:** Wednesday 21st June, 6pm. Pride on Screen: *Handsome Devil (film showing, suitable for over 15yrs)*

Handsome Devil is a 2016 Irish comedy-drama film written and directed by John Butler. It centres around Ned (Fionn O'Shea), an ostracised teenager at an elite, rugby-obsessed, all-boys boarding school in Ireland. Ned's unlikely friendship with his new roommate Conor (Nicholas Galitzine), the school's star rugby player, is tested by those around them. The film features themes of homosexuality, while examining hypocrisy and snobbery in the Irish private school system. All Welcome.

**Saturday 24th June, 3pm.** Young Adult Book Club Meeting. This month, the YA members have chosen two books *The Art of Being Normal* by Lisa Williamson and *Solitaire* by Alice Osemann. Any young adults (12–17-year-olds) are welcome to come along and join the book discussion.

**Pin Your Pride.** Our popular Pride badges return! Running for the month of June, this initiative celebrates the principles of diversity, inclusion and representation at the heart of the public library service. Issued each Thursday from June 1 – 22, these specially-designed Library Pride Pins are bound to become collector's items of the future! Badges can be collected at the library desk.

**Rare at South Dublin Libraries is a series of talks aimed at those with Rare Diseases and their families.** Thursday 22nd June, 7pm Rights and Entitlements for Family Carers with Clare Duffy of Family Carers Ireland (ONLINE event). It can be tricky to navigate and understand the supports, payments and schemes that you may be entitled to as a family carer. In this session,

Clare Duffy from Family Carers Ireland will help explain the main payments available to carers and their eligibility criteria. The session will focus on Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit, Domiciliary Care Allowance and the annual Carer Support Grant. The session will include the opportunity for attendees to ask questions.

Booking via

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/rights-and-entitlements-for-family-carers-online-event-tickets-608708462397?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



### Events for Babies and Toddlers:

Thursday 29th June at 10am. Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles

Booking Essential from Thursday 22nd June at 10am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-with-sarah-sparkles-tickets-619093193407>

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



### Cuidiu Breastfeeding Support

**Group,** new members welcome. Tuesday 20th June, 10am - 12noon.

### Lucan Library Classic Film Club

Tuesday 20th June at 5.30pm.

All welcome, enquire at library desk.

### Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday 28th June, 7pm, reading *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

Monday 26th June, 12 noon, reading *The Shepherd's Hut* by Tim Winton

Junior Book Club, Wednesday 28th June 3.30pm, reading *Iron Giant* by Ted Hughes

YA Book Club, Saturday 24th June, 3pm, reading *The Art of Being Normal* by Lisa Williamson & *Solitaire* by Alice Osemann

### Lucan Library Knitters Club

Every Monday 10am - 12noon – new members welcome



### Exhibitions:

Moments with Nature, by local artist Valerie Dunne - From Hedge School to CAO Points: A History of the Irish Education System

### Summer Stars Reading Programme starts soon!

It won't be long now until we're kicking off our Summer Stars Reading Programme! Look out for information about this during late June. The Summer Stars Reading Programme rewards children for the books they read during the summer school break.

We will have a programme of activities in July with lots of fun events for all ages.

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Well there are plenty of bridges this week as members of the group respond to the theme of Bridges and Waterfalls for the month of June. Joe found some in the National Botanical Gardens of Ireland. In 1790, the Irish Parliament granted funds to the Dublin Society (now the Royal Dublin Society), to establish a public botanic garden and in 1795 the Gardens were founded on lands at Glasnevin. The Gardens came into State care in 1878 and the magnificent restoration of the Turner Curvilinear Range of glasshouses was completed for the bicentenary of the Garden in 1995.



Anna supplied photos of bridges in county Mayo, some of them built around 1910 and one from Claregalway built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century over the old course of the river Clare. The full bridge, which was restored in 2001 comprises 9 stone arches which are above the level of the current road.



Apropos of nothing at all I could not resist submitting a photograph of a rose bush with a beautiful delicate shade of pink.



Because two of our members are still recovering from medical interventions and three others are currently on holidays abroad our numbers are a bit down at the moment. However, this Friday the first of our summer “field trips” was due to take place. Those interested were due to take themselves off to Castletown House to view the annual photography exhibition of the Celbridge Camera Club which was founded in 1985. The exhibition runs until 11<sup>th</sup> June and is open from 11am to 5pm. There are 95 images on display.  
*Stay safe until next week!*