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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

## **Change! Love it or hate it! It happens anyway!**

Change is an unavoidable factor of life. Some take it in their stride, some love it, some resist it and some fear it! Personality type and other individual factors effect our disposition and attitude towards change, as with all other experiences. That diversity is good as it protects us as a community from being over-impulsive, from resistance, from unhealthy reactions. It also keeps conversations lively!

Change is very much at large in Lucan currently as we look towards a change in parish leadership in St Mary's and St Patrick's Catholic parishes, in the Presbyterian community and the Methodist community. Change is at large in almost every family where children are changing classes, schools, to colleges, to new jobs..... Change is at large for those who find that personal ability levels are changing, for those who retire at this time of year and for those who are presented with many forms of letting go as family members or friends move on.

Love it or hate it, change is like a train going down a hill – it can't be stopped so the track of a good and positive attitude is the best tool for movement on the tracks! Otherwise, we run around in circles dealing with the lumps and bumps on the track. Change usually brings us into a space where new challenges, opportunities, people, talents, places, etc may be found. However, the aspect of loss of what kept us comfortable up to this point must be acknowledged so that we can give help and take help when needed.

We've all seen cartoon scenes of individuals crossing from one land mass to another: when going back isn't an option, they either take the leap forward to a safe landing or they fall down the space between! What makes the difference is having companionship on the journey and trusting that every experience has a purpose for which we are more than well equipped. What it really looks like on the other side of change can only be realised on sound arrival.

Let us enjoy the journey that life is with its' many twists and turns and trust that there is a new hope around every corner, even if it is difficult to see at the moment for those in motion. We'll look after one another!

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## 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 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.

**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

## Changes to the law on gambling in Ireland

### What is the GRAI?

The Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland (GRAI) is a new body created under the Gambling Regulation Act 2024. The Act replaces old gambling laws and will bring together the licensing and regulation of gambling activities in Ireland.

The GRAI will issue gambling licences, enforce advertising rules (including for websites and apps), protect children and support people affected by gambling addiction. It will also set up a National Gambling Exclusion Register to allow people to exclude themselves from gambling with or being contacted by licensed gambling bodies.

### I'm running a fundraising lottery. Will I need a licence?

When the law comes fully into effect, a licence will be needed for many gambling activities – including betting, gaming, online gambling and many lottery-related events. You will need to apply for a licence to run events like bingos, raffles, or activities involving a guess about future events where there is a monetary prize and entry fee.

*But you don't need a licence if the charitable lottery meets all of these conditions:*

You don't make a personal profit from the lottery.

The total value of the winnings is €2,000 or less.

The cost to enter the lottery is €5 or less.

There aren't more than 1,500 tickets available for sale.

You haven't provided a similar lottery in the last 3 months.

The GRAI website has a list of lotteries that won't need a license.

### What are the advertising rules around gambling?

When the law comes fully into effect, strict limits will be placed on how and when gambling can be advertised.

Gambling adverts will be banned on TV and radio between 5:30am and 9:30pm

Gambling adverts will be banned on social media and on-demand platforms (unless you subscribe to the gambling body's account on social media)

Adverts can't target or appeal to children, or make gambling seem like an attractive activity

Licensed gambling bodies can't sponsor events or organisations involving children

Licensed gambling bodies can't offer free bets or other inducements to encourage gambling

The GRAI won't have power over adverts and sponsorships displayed during events in other countries (for example, adverts that appear on hoardings inside a stadium during a football match happening abroad that is being televised in Ireland).

### Where can I get help for problem gambling?

Support is available through HSE local addiction services and national support organisations, such as Gamblers Anonymous. You can find more information about supports available on the GRAI website.

**You can find out more** about the law on gambling in Ireland at <https://bit.ly/GamblingLawIreland>, or call CIPS on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).





Anam Cara - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting an **Online Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 7pm**

Our guest speaker Bryan Nolan has an M.A. in Healthcare Chaplaincy from DCU, and is a Certified Healthcare Chaplain with specialisations in end-of-life, grief, and loss care. He has worked with the Irish Hospice Foundation for over 13 years.

Bryan's talk will focus on what lies ahead for parents who have experienced the loss of a child, how we can face the challenges ahead, and what can help us to move forward.

To register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/G8oKffLXR9C-6kYWKPglw#/registration>

**43 Beech Grove, Lucan**  
**Garden Open Day**  
**& Art Exhibition**  
**in aid of**



**Date: Sat 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
**Time: 10.30am – 4.30pm**  
**Bring a Friend**  
**Contact: Joe & Áine Clayton 086 0561497**

## Minder & Toddler Group

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



## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

A group from the club will be going to Tina Turner on Saturday 14 June, and from the recent rave reviews it promises to be a great show.

We will be having our Annual Day Trip to Co. Down on 3rd July with a stop on the way for Tea and Cake, a visit to the Linen Museum, a visit to Bangor and Dinner on the way back.

Why not come and join us. We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, Scrabble, Cards, Choir, and the chat. Coffee break at 1pm. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends.

**Lucan Dementia Café**  
**Saturday: 14<sup>th</sup> of June, 2025**  
**2pm – 5pm**  
**St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan**



**Future 2025 dates:** July 12<sup>th</sup>, August closed, September 13<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Kindly sponsored by:*



*Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa*

## Lucan ICA

Monday 16th June: The ladies are back crafting after the June Bank Holiday weekend, finishing their projects before the summer holidays. We all hope for better summer weather.  
**Tea Hostesses:** Patricia and Mary R.

We had a surprise visit from our Community Garda Ann Gabbett on Monday, keeping us on the straight and narrow.



## St Mary's, Lucan

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



**Sunday Mass Times:** 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)

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

On Saturdays after the 10am Mass to 11.30am  
(funerals permitting)

**Confessions:** Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

### Christian Meditation:

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

### Legion of Mary:

Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers.  
*All Welcome.*

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

### Lectio Divina:

Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel.  
*All are welcome.*

### Visits to the housebound:

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

### Baptisms in St Mary's:

Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10.30am Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date.  
Dates bookable on line.

### Divine Mercy Devotion:

Every Wednesday, in after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world, asking God to defeat evil and bring peace to the world in these troubled times.

### Cuppa:

Why not come into the Coffee Dock for a cuppa and a chat after the 10am Weekday Mass and on Sundays after the morning Masses.

### *St. Vincent de Paul*

Church collection at all Masses

**NEXT**

Saturday/ Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> June

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

## Medjugorje Mass



St Mary's Church, Lucan

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**Mass at 6.15pm.**

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)



Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul  
St Mary's Conference,  
Lucan

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022  
or email: [info@svp.ie](mailto:info@svp.ie)

## Workshop on Synodality

Focalare Centre  
at Curryhills, Prosperous,  
Co Kildare

on **June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**

Cost for non residential: €70

Cost for residential: €160

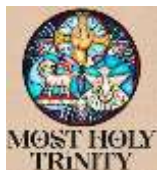
Registration by 15<sup>th</sup> June using the

link: <https://forms.gle/1haKNuZSxX8LpH5t6>



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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



**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6pm.  
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

**Masses livestreamed** [www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

### **Prayers of the Church:**

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm for private prayers.

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

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

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

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

### **Legion of Mary:**

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church.

### **Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: Every Thursday.**

**7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions.

**7.30pm:** Holy Mass. **After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction.

**8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions

**8.50m** Benediction. *All welcome*

### **Vocations Society of St. Joseph:**

We will now be meeting on the last Monday of the month at 9.45am in The Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

The Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan for all the Lucan parishes and are looking for new members. *All welcome.*

### **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.

### **Wednesday tea/coffee morning:**

There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass in the St. John Paul II Room.

### **Bingo:**

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

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

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

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

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

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

### **Baptisms in St Patrick's:**

Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10.30am Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. Dates bookable on line.

### **Adoration:**

Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

### **Confessions:**

Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

### **St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:**

Every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St. Patrick's Church) from 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

### **Tea/Coffee:**

Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome*

### **Communion for the Homebound:**

If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave your name and address, or email us at:

[secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie](mailto:secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie)

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

Church Gate collection before and after all  
Masses **THIS Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

***Thank you for your generosity.***

# Anniversary

Ann Fox

## 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 15<sup>th</sup> June

God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So he put his arms around you  
And whispered come to me  
With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you pass away  
And although we loved you dearly  
We could not make you stay  
A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best

*Dearly loved and sadly missed Joe, Antoinette,  
John, Kayleigh and Seán.*



## Esker Cemetery Lucan

### Annual Mass for the Deceased

will be celebrated on

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

**At 3pm**

(weather permitting)

*Cemetery Collection in aid of St  
Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown*

## Interested in the Big Questions in Life?

Why not consider Post-Graduate studies in Christian Theology at Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin? Scholarships available.

Join us for an online information session on **Weds 18<sup>th</sup> June 7 - 7.45pm**. See more information at [www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute](http://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute)

Secondly, you may already have heard about the Congress being hosted by the Loyola Institute at Trinity College in August. The Congress begins on the 20<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm with a **Public Lecture** (free) by Prof Janet Soskice in the Burke Theatre, Arts Block.

Further information on the rest of the Congress, registration, keynote addresses and almost 90 parallel papers on a variety of issues, is available here <https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/news/news-2025/ad-theologiam-promovendam/>



## Adjudication of National Tidy Towns Competition 2025

This year has been a challenging year for Lucan Tidy Towns. At the start of the year we were optimistic that the major works around the village at the Village Green, the Demesne and the Weir Promenade would have been completed by now. As we all know, this is not the case and we understand that the works will continue into the autumn. In addition, the works at St. Joseph's layby created another challenge.

After some deliberation we decided to go ahead and enter the National Tidy Towns competition as in previous years. We decided to concentrate our efforts away from the areas where the works are ongoing. We created and extended some flowerbeds in various places around Lucan.



The adjudication phase of the competition started this week and runs up to the end of July. This means an adjudicator will visit Lucan unannounced.

We really need the cooperation of everybody to keep Lucan litter free and looking as well as is possible in the circumstances.



We are asking businesses to sweep outside their premises and generally ensure their surrounds are presentable. We thank those businesses who have floral displays already in place and encourage

others to follow their lead. We are also asking residents to ensure their estates maintain their attractive appearance. Can we also appeal to cigarette smokers and vapers not to discard butts on the pavements or stick vape labels to litter bins!

With the very encouraging and welcome development of Lucan House we are hopeful that we can put the challenges of 2025 behind us and showcase a revitalised Lucan in the 2026 competition.



*Kevin O'Loughlin,  
Chair,  
Lucan Tidy Towns.*

## Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, we had our bus trip to the Arboretum Centre in Co. Carlow. On the way, we stopped at Toughers Restaurant for tea and scones.



We all enjoyed the delights of the centre, with fashion and garden shopping, visiting the inspiration gardens, and not forgetting the delicious lunch and cakes. A great day was enjoyed by all.



**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June:** Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30am to 12.30pm.  
New members always welcome!



## Cruinniú na nÓg @ Ruaille Buaille at Lucan House

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June provided a very pleasant experience in the grounds of Lucan House, with all kinds of entertainment, including a Tin Whistle recital from the girls of Scoil Mhuire GNS (*below*).

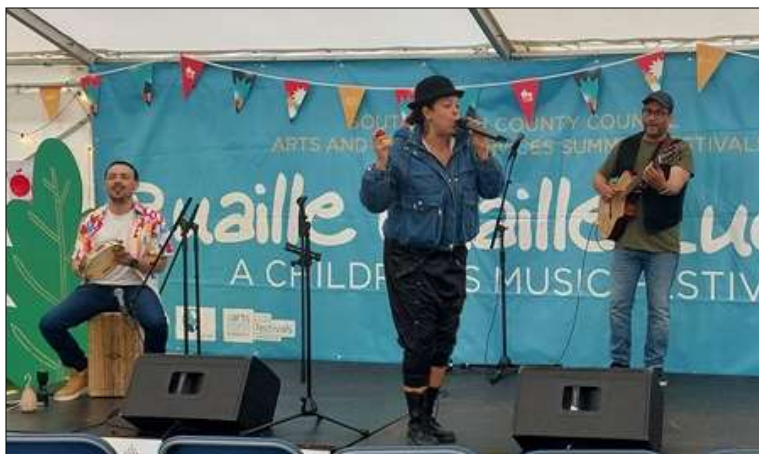


*Left, Amy from Scoil Mhuire gave us a Reel, accompanied by some members of Comhaltas.*

There were performances from several other youth and school groups, over the afternoon, and despite the forecast, the weather didn't disappoint.



The Drumming Workshop (*right*), proved very popular with little people as they learned to beat out a rhythm. I suspect that there will be many requests for noisy presents following this experience.



There was also an international flavour to the afternoon with these performers from Portugal.

The site is certainly a great venue for such events, and hopefully we can expect many exciting happenings in the future.....

We've heard that the Master Plan for Lucan House and Demesne was presented to the Councillors on Monday last. *More anon....*



## **Reply to Lucan Newsletter queries about Village Green works - by Paul Gogarty TD and Cllr Helen Farrell**

### **1. What was the initial costing of the work on the Village Green?**

€3.7 million has been budgeted for the combined Green, Weir and the Demesne entrance with an addition €300,000 for the Demesne car park and €400,000 for a Demesne water sports upgrade. The rolling three-year budget also includes €12.75m for Lucan House purchase and enhancement, €500,000 for "Lucan Destination Town" initiatives, and €1.2 million set aside for the planned purchase and enhancement of Lucan Schoolmaster's House.

### **2. What is expected to be the final costing for this work?**

This won't be available until the next budgetary process, but there's no indication of a substantial overspend. There were some technical delays around the Weir area, but we are not sure if this added significantly to the cost, if at all.

A mini-boardwalk was added into the Demesne plan later which we believe is already budgeted (NB -this is separate to the Council's controversial cycling boardwalk plan between Brookvale and Sarsfield Park/Dispensary Lane, which was supported by all Cllrs (except Paul Gogarty at the time, and Helen Farrell, as she was not a sitting Councillor until December 2024) in 2022, and which now has a non-votable proposal to reduce it in scale.

### **3. We ask the above question as there have been widespread reports of concrete being laid, and abruptly dug up again for some reason - True or False?**

There was some concrete poured for footpath works opposite the area which needed to be re-laid because of weather damage and to avoid it becoming a trip hazard.

### **4. Where is the money coming from?**

It is coming from the Council's Capital budget. SDCC's budget for 2025 is an estimated €391,942,200 and anticipates income of €227,067,200 from a range of services and sources including "rents, fees, charges, loan repayments, grants, and recoupments". The remaining costs are met by €133.5m from commercial rates and €31.5m approx. from Local Property Tax.

### **5. Has a problem arisen? (Progress is very slow on the site, and it has been noticed that workers are in short supply over the past few weeks).**

We've been informed that the workers aren't always necessarily on the site itself as a lot of works are required all around the area, involving under the roadway, footpaths, public lighting, liaising with ESB Networks etc. The only notable delay was for trout spawning, where the contractor could not go near the riverbank area until permission to resume came from Inland Fisheries Ireland.

### **6. Is this water-feature (above) intentional?**

The picture is referring to a culvert integrated into the plaza to avoid the amphitheatre flooding, which will be covered by paving and decorative stone, and not visible on completion.

Bretland have confirmed that they are bagging and re-using all the stone. Visualise this; at the point where the stonework is currently removed from the river-wall will be part of the sunken amphitheatre. This will be a seating / performance space in the centre of the village green. As the amphitheatre dips down to the level of the Griffeen River, a glass balustrade will form the barrier and enable people to get right down to see the river.

Around this, the traditional stonework will rise in a U shape and the wall and masonry will be constructed from the materials that are currently forming the wall. It's a merging of the old and the new. Bretland stonemasons are currently on-site and re-using all masonry from the wall; it is not being got rid of.

We've also been told that any water diversion on the site is "to protect workers from the river and to protect the river from workers".

The current estimates for completion are October for the Village Green area and September for the Weir and Demesne areas.



### Paul and Helen add:

The history of the scheme up to now and the Council's minimalist approach to public consultation is on the record as is their refusal, supported by some Councillors, to allow an additional month within the permitted legal framework for further discussion with local residents.

With over 470 submissions made, the clear wishes of the people in opposing the parking removal plans (7,000 petition signatures also) were reflected in Paul Gogarty and Vicki Casserly motions to scrap this element, which were passed by 20-15 on the day. There was no call in submissions to scrap the plaza plan and as such no other amendments were tabled. It's also the case that a motion to scrap the plan would likely have been defeated and we would

today have the same green plan but with no parking at this location, plus the likelihood of additional trees being cut down the shops side of the riverbank. It is regrettable that the trees supposed to be retained on the green in the plan weren't kept. There is a commitment for significant planting in the area and hopefully when completed it will do the design pictures justice.

For those who want more insight into the history of this plan, design drawings, submissions, discussions etc there is a detailed outline at this link:

<https://www.paulgogarty.com/post/lucan-village-green-works>

Or scan QR code here:



*Photo taken last weekend, of the site referred to in Question/Answer 6.*

Many thanks to Deputy Paul Gogarty T.D., and Cllr. Helen Farrell for this comprehensive reply to last week's questions on the Village Green. It certainly sheds some light on the subject, and should be very helpful to our readers.

## Primrose Hill Gardens is an old-world garden with many different plants in flower

Open 1<sup>st</sup> June – July 4<sup>th</sup>,  
and

Heritage Week 16<sup>th</sup> August – 24<sup>th</sup> August

Open daily from 2pm – 6pm

Adults €6.00. Children Free.

Top of Primrose Land, Lucan.  
Post Code K78L1W9



**PALMERSTOWN CAMERA CLUB 16TH ANNUAL**

# PHOTOGRAPHY

*Exhibition*

**Palmerstown Camera Club**

**14th & 15th  
June 2025  
10am to 4pm**

**PALMERSTOWN PARISH CENTRE  
LOWER KENNELSFORT ROAD  
PALMERSTOWN D20 K732**

**EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Over 100 images to view
- Be in with a chance to win a print
- Raffle €5 entry top prizes to be won

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**Automatic**

**SuperValu**  
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## Older people need your support!



ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support &

Befriending service for older people.

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

Visit [alone.ie/volunteers](http://alone.ie/volunteers) for more information.

## Sacred Ground

Gabriel Davey

When morning's sun burns off the mist  
And lights up the valley below  
The trees on the ridge at the brow of the hill  
Seem dressed up in ribbons and bows

Cattle look rested, at ease with themselves  
Lying there chewing the cud  
On a meadow of luscious manicured sward  
I'd do the same if I could

The gentle sound of water  
As the swallows turn in the air  
A warm summer breeze from the mountain  
A feeling, so pleasant and rare

To all the souls, that passed this way  
The tiller, the miller and co.  
To the valley, the river, you've left behind  
Sleep well, Godspeed as you go.

Tall chimneys rise from the trout stream  
Pointing towards heavens great door  
I'm here, standing on sacred ground  
Like those who stood here before

When morning's sun burns off the mist  
And lights up the valley below  
The trees on the ridge at the brow of the hill  
Seem dressed up in ribbons and bows

## Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2025. The Return to Education Programme 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. This can lead to QQI qualification.

*The following subjects are available this term:*

Spanish for Beginners  
Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets)  
Career Preparation / CV and Interview Skills  
Business English Language Skills  
Data Entry – Improving Keyboard Skills  
Office Skills  
Business Administration  
Word Processing (Advanced)  
Social Studies (Introduction to Sociology)  
Payroll Using Sage Software

**For more details**, contact  
[lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie](mailto:lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie)  
or call (01) 6283557.





## Lucan Library – June Events



**Saturday 21st June, 11am - 12.30pm**

### **Creative Arts: Back to Creating with Varvara Gobash, artist and art teacher.**

This free workshop is designed for anyone who wants to reconnect with their creativity, especially those who may feel hesitant to start drawing again or experience the fear of the blank page. Through simple, expressive exercises, participants will be guided to let go of self-doubt, explore their emotions through art, and rediscover the joy of creative expression in a relaxed and welcoming environment. No previous experience is required. Booking Essential from Saturday 14th June, 11am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/back-to-creating-tickets-1380400558229?aff=oddtcreator>

**Little Wiggles** - Thursday 19th June, 10am  
Sing, dance, move and play helping children develop communication and social skills through music and movement. For pre-school children. Booking essential from Thursday 12th June at 10am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/little-wiggles-for-preschool-tots-tickets-1380379675769?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Lucan Library Knitters Club –**

Every Monday 10am - 12noon – all welcome.



### **Lucan Library Creative Writers Group -**

Thursdays 12th and 26th June, 10am – 12noon.  
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**Lucan Library Classic Film Club:** Tuesday  
24th June 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.

### **Lucan Library Book Clubs:**

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 30th June, 12noon. Wednesday Book Club: 25th June, 7pm. Junior Book Club: Wednesday 25th June, 3pm

**Sensory Play Session** for Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. **Wednesday 25th June, 10am.** Play session for pre-school children led by Rebecca. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Booking essential from Wednesday 18th June at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-play-sessions-for-pre-school-children-tickets-1328440243529?aff=oddtcreator>

**Cuidiu Breastfeeding Support Group** meets monthly. Friday 20th June at 10am. All welcome.

**EIRGRID**  
**KILDARE-DUBLIN GRID**  
**RE-INFORCEMENT**  
**PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Lucan Library  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 12noon - 8pm  
Members of the project team will answer questions  
ALL WELCOME!

**EIRGRID**  
GROUP

### **Exhibition: Library Landing:**

The Proclamation of the Irish Republic:  
A typographical view. Back Walls: Hues to My Muse: An Art Exhibition by Satabdi Deb. A journey through life in colour, emotions and experiences. A collection of Indian Folk art and expressionistic style of work.

**The Civil War and the people of the Inner City;**  
**A talk by historian**  
**Liz Gillis**

Lucan Library  
Thursday 19th June at 6.30pm,  
All Welcome



**Happy Father's Day** to all the Dads of Lucan – hope you all have a good one!

**On a sad note**, we bid farewell to **Jack Crystal**, who is departing our Newsletter Team after many

years delivering the weekly copy to the shops around Lucan.

You will be missed, Jack! Hopefully, you'll drop in for a chat and a cuppa from time to time....

**Exams almost done and dusted!** Get out there all of you, and find your feet – it's a big world out there!



Davide Rivalta's Bronze Sculptures proved a big attraction at Lucan House, on Saturday last – they'd make great pets, wouldn't they!

**The Castletown saga** rattles on this week – and it doesn't look any nearer to being solved – such a pity!



## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto:info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie)

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



**Baby & Toddler:** Our group will be back on Monday 11-12.30

**Active over 55's:** Come join us on Thursdays for some active fun. Physical activity can be fun, social and a little bit competitive. The games are accessible and inclusive for all. Let's celebrate your abilities. The games will include Flisk (Disk throw) Malai(cornhole) and Scidils (Bowling). We may also have some prizes at the end of the 3 weeks. Stay for a cup of tea and a chat. Starting June 12th 1pm-3pm for 3 weeks.

**Volunteer's:** As the centre is growing, we are looking for the help of locals. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at some of our events please get in touch.

**Room Booking:** Would you like to book a room in the centre for a meeting or a group activity?

## Esker Active Retirement Association

We had our usual activities at our club meeting this week, then after tea break our lovely community garda gave us some really useful tips about dealing with on line scams, phone calls etc., also general advice on security at home. During the summer months we have to be extra vigilant about open windows and doors.

**Next Wednesday 18th June** is our final meeting before the summer break. So we will be celebrating with food, wine, music and dancing.

We will be starting our regular meetings mid-September. Date will be published later.

Whether the weather be fine,  
Or whether the weather be not,  
Whether the weather be cold,  
Or whether the weather be hot,  
We'll weather the weather,  
Whatever the weather,  
Whether we like it or not!



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### GAA for All

There was so much excitement at Lucan Stansfield's GAA for All when the Air and Sea Rescue helicopter came to visit! The children couldn't believe their eyes when the helicopter circled over the clubhouse as they gazed skyward, and then eventually came in to land on the pitch. The children then had the opportunity to talk to the crew and have their photographs taken. Alan and his crew explained that if they were called to an emergency they would need to take off at short notice.

Our local community Gardaí Bernie and Tommy were also present and the children got a chance to talk to them, get photos taken and sit in the Garda car.



We are so grateful to the Air and Sea rescue crew and to the Gardaí for helping us to create this unforgettable experience for the children, thanks also to the club for giving us permission to arrange this event.

GAA for All is a Healthy Club initiative, providing coaching for children with additional needs, which runs weekly in our club. This is made possible thanks to the work of our adult volunteers who are supported by our wonderful teen coaches.

### Camogie

Our U14B camogie team secured their league title on Tuesday with a win over Erin's Isle. An incredible season for the girls as they went unbeaten this year. A huge congratulations to the team and management!



Comhghairdeas leis na cailíní i Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada ar a mbua i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. A massive achievement for these girls, some of them who celebrated their fourth time winning in Croker! Great to see the Lucan flag being flown!

### Lotto

There was no winner of our lotto jackpot of €4,200. The Numbers were **6, 10, 26 & 28**.

**Lucky dip's** go to Nina Healy, Rachel Clyne, Dermot Kelly, Yvonne McCarney, John Condon. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €4,600. This draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group.



### Summer Camps

Our summer camps and campa samhraidh trí ghaeilge are open for registration, but spaces are filling up fast. Our July 7th and August 11th

camps are already at 70% capacity. Open to all boys and girls starting primary school in September or just finishing primary school this year. We welcome both members and non-members of all abilities. All our camps are dual football and camogie/hurling, hurls and helmets can be provided if needed. This year alongside our camp jersey each child attending will

also receive a Lucan Sarsfields Camp sliotar! We would like to thank Keane Windows for their continued support of our camps. Bookings can be made via clubzap, the QR code in the poster or the following link;

<https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/categories/camp/products>

### County

Congratulations to Jack Mills, Páidí Murphy and James Duffy on winning the Celtic Challenge All Ireland Final with their Dublin team.

Best of luck to Chris, John and the Dublin Senior Hurlers in their preliminary quarter final against Kildare. They play in Newbridge on Saturday at 4pm. All support Welcome

**Thank You for supporting Lucan Stansfield's GAA Club.**



# POLITICAL NOTES

## Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party Representative.

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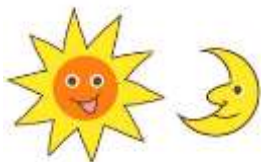
### Lucan House Masterplan:

At the June Council meeting councillors were given a presentation on the masterplan for Lucan House and grounds. This can be watched back at <https://sdcc.public-i.tv/> - it was headed item 11. The power point presentation can be downloaded at <https://meetings.southdublin.ie/> I have put these links on my [linktr.ee](http://linktr.ee) page and will send on a hard copy to any resident of the presentation on request. I will be calling to as many estates as possible over the coming weeks with a newsletter look forward to talking to residents about this and other council matters.

## Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C. (085)2551602.

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**Lucan House Masterplan** presented to the Council this week, potentially transformational for Lucan. It reflects responses to the public survey, 8 workshops and school sessions. It proposes opening a cultural, community, and natural amenity. Plans for the house includes exhibition and event space, community, heritage, wellness, co-working, meeting rooms, and water sport facilities. The Stables are proposed as a cultural and commercial hub with café, retail, studios, media lab, and children's library. The Bath House is proposed for conservation, natural seating, greenway, and picnic areas. The Gate Lodges are proposed for community, visitor, and security functions. A 95-space car park, forest play zone, and riverside trail are included, with walking and cycling links to Main Street and St. Catherine's Park. There will be another opportunity to have your say during the Part 8 consultation. I will keep you updated.



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### Lucan House Master Plan:

The Lucan House Master Plan is now nearing completion, aiming to transform the historic grounds into a vibrant public space. Shaped by local input, proposals include community and cultural use of the main house, a riverside water sports hub, café, children's library, and outdoor play and picnic areas. The plan ensures access for all while protecting the site's heritage. Early works are expected to begin in 2026. Though still being finalised, this project is a major opportunity for Lucan. Further updates and public consultation will follow this year.

### Successful Recycle IT event:

Thanks to everyone who turned up to Tesco, Hillcrest last Monday to recycle their electrical goods. Several truckloads of items were collected, and we'll definitely run another event in the not-so-distant future. It was great to chat with so many people from the area.

## To believe....

*....is to know that every day is a new beginning,  
miracles happen and dreams do come true.*

*To believe is to know that angels dance in the clouds,  
the sky is full of stardust, and the man in the moon is wise.*

*To believe is to know the value of a nurturing heart, the innocence of a child's eyes, and the beauty of an ageing hand, for it is through their teachings that we learn to love.*

*To believe is to find the strength and courage that lies within us for when it is time to pick up the pieces and begin again.*

*To believe is to know we are not alone, that life is a gift and this is our time to cherish it.*

*To believe is to know that wonderful surprises are waiting to happen and all our hopes and dreams are within reach...*

**.....if only we believe.**

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

There are only two more Fridays to go before we take our summer break. We will be back in September all fired up to mount our 13<sup>th</sup> annual photography exhibition in the Parish centre around the end of October. It is incredible to realise that what started out as a basic introduction to photography is still going strong after 12 years.

This Friday members of the Camera Soiree headed off to Celbridge to see the annual photographic exhibition of the Celbridge Camera Club. This exhibition runs in the Celbridge Library from 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday until 20<sup>th</sup> June. So if you are in the area do drop in! The club was founded in 1985 and you can get full details about its activities on their website [www.celbridgecameraclub.net](http://www.celbridgecameraclub.net).

I am afraid that photographs from members of the Soiree were a little thin on the ground this week. However, Anna did submit a photograph of a plant called the "white dead-nettle". The plant appears superficially similar to the stinging nettle but does not sting, hence the common name "dead-nettle".

The holiday season is upon us and one of our members sent in photographs taken in Saint Malo, a historic French port in Brittany, France. In the second world war, during fighting in late August and early September 1944, the historic walled city of Saint-Malo was almost totally destroyed by American shelling and bombing. The city was rebuilt over a 12-year period from 1948 to 1960.



*Until next week stay safe!*