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Midsummer thanks.....



This week we celebrated the summer solstice. The past few weeks we have all enjoyed magnificent weather. The summer brightness awakens within us a deep sense of gratitude and hope, we smile more frequently, and we all live better in the light.

Hope Horton, a great spiritual writer shared her summer solstice reflections:

“The Summer Solstice reveals the sun in all her glory in the northern hemisphere. She will never be higher in the sky nor grant more daylight than at the moment she stills above the Tropic of

Cancer, just before earth’s angling pushes her south to her winter rendezvous with the Tropic of Capricorn. This is the range of expression of life on earth. Everything that has evolved over billions of years comes alive, creates, and expires within this measured frame. Without the sun (at its precise distance from us) there would be no life on earth. Without the tilt of our axis, there would be no seasons. These are the cosmic truths within which we have our life, our breath, our being. All that occurs within the course of a year is but an outworking of this relationship with the light of life. Her waxing warms the leaf out of its winter home in spring, her fullness swells the fruits of summer, and her waning drains the grass of its green in the fall. July’s melon becomes January’s frozen turf, light gone dark by its dying only to shape-shift as spring disposes come March or May.”

Before reading any further I knew I needed to be outside in order to fully connect to the meaning of the words being shared. I needed to sit in the morning light, with my bare feet on the surface of the earth, and allow myself to appreciate the sacred relationship that all life has with the light of the sun. In the past weeks there has been so much darkness, fear, and pain cast upon humanities morally righteous paths that we have been getting through each day with heavy hearts, often not sure of what occurrence will bring the next sorrow. I think especially of war in Ukraine and the devastation caused recently, by exploding a public dam. It is our faith that guides us through these times, grounded in love and hope, and today, especially today, we must practice our call to Care for Creation by honouring the summer solstice, a highly spiritual time.

As I grounded myself in my backyard to finish reading the rest, I thought about Jesus as the divine Son, born in the winter solstice, died and resurrected at the spring equinox, and how the summer solstice represents the ascension. This brought me comfort and healing to my life, knowing that God loves us and that the summer solstice is a time to celebrate the light of consciousness within ourselves and to reflect upon the potential for consciousness to awaken.

My skin began to warm as I sat on my back garden with my feet touching the earth and my spirit grew stronger as I read the last paragraph of Hope’s message:

“The sun deserves our most profound and total gratitude for the fact of our continued existence on this blue dot. But life does not come with a promise or a guarantee for more. Whatever matters most to you this Solstice season, start now by saying thank you for this day. Then feel it all light up.”

Fr. Paddy Byrne, Parish Priest – Abbeyleix. Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours:

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am - 12pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

World Refugee Day

Tuesday 20th June 2023 was World Refugee Day

Control of Dogs

Local authorities are responsible for the control of dogs under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. They can appoint dog wardens, provide dog shelters, seize dogs, impose on-the-spot fines and take court proceedings against dog owners.



If you are a dog owner, you must have a dog licence and get your dog microchipped. See 'Do I have to get my dog microchipped?' below for more information.

Your dog must be under your control, or the control of another responsible person, if it is outside your home or premises. You are liable for any injury or damage your dog causes to people or livestock.

You can be disqualified from keeping a dog if you have been convicted of cruelty to a dog under the Protection of Animals Acts 1911 and 1965.

Licences and Dog Control

All dogs over 4 months of age must have a licence. Puppies aged under 4 months who are still with their mothers don't need a licence, but once they leave their mothers they must have a licence.

Do I have to get my dog microchipped?

All dogs must be microchipped by a vet and registered on an authorised database by the time they

are 12 weeks. This also applies if a dog leaves the property where they were born before they are 12 weeks. The regulations are set out in the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015. From 1 February 2020, if you are advertising a dog for sale, the advertisement must have the dog's microchip code.

Does my dog have to wear a collar?

A dog must wear a collar at all times. A collar must have the name and the address of the owner. If your dog doesn't have this identification a dog warden can give you an on-the-spot fine (See 'Penalties' on our website). If you don't pay this fine within the specified period you can be prosecuted by the local authority.

What powers does a dog warden have?

Dog wardens have the power to:
Request the name and address of anyone suspected of an offence under the Control of Dogs Act.
Seize and detain any dog.
Enter any premises (other than a residence) to seize and detain a dog.

You can be arrested by a Garda if you do any of the following:

Obstruct a dog warden in the course of their work.
Refuse to give your name and address to a dog warden.
Give a false name and address to a dog warden.
A dog warden can ask you to produce evidence of your dog licence and if you can't do this, they can issue an on-the-spot fine (see 'Penalties' on our website).

Rules relating to certain types of dogs

Additional rules apply to the following breeds (and strains/cross-breeds):

American pit bull terrier, English bull terrier
Staffordshire bull terrier, Bull mastiff
Dobermann pinscher, German shepherd (Alsatian)
Rhodesian ridgeback, Rottweiler
Japanese akita, Japanese tosa, Bandog

These dogs (or strains and crosses of them) must:

Be kept on a short strong lead by someone over the age of 16, who is capable of controlling them.
Be muzzled whenever they are in a public place
Wear a collar with the name and address of their owner, at all times.

The rules on muzzling and leashing do not apply to dogs used by the Gardaí, the Dublin Harbour Police, State Airport Police and bona fide rescue teams in rescue operations. The rules on muzzling do not apply to guide dogs for the blind.

More information is available on our website including information on barking, fouling or stray dogs:

<https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/environment/pets-and-wildlife/control-of-dogs/>

Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

We had our end of term/summer party today. Great attendance, over sixty members attended. The food was excellent as usual and a very big thanks to all our members who baked the gorgeous cakes and tray bakes for us all. The wine flowed and the craic was mighty. Some lovely prizes were won by many of us in our raffle!

Ann and Hilda handed out information on our summer trips and on our trip to Spain next June 2024 so loads to save up for guys.

Today was our last day for our club, we will return in September please God. A big thank you to all on our Committee for their hard work throughout the year.

Take care and enjoy your summer everyone.

Marian Egan, Vice-Chair Esker ARA

Lucan Library

Saturday 1st July, 2.30pm

A Little History of Dublin

– a talk by Trevor White

Author of a new book, “A Little History of Dublin”, Trevor White takes us through this speedy history which highlights the humour and humanity that make up Dublin’s past.

Suitable for Adults and Children 12+.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking essential:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/red-line-presents-a-little-history-of-dublin-with-trevor-white-tickets-629898993847>

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.

Lucan ICA

Monday 26th June: This will be our last Craft group meeting until the 1st Monday in September, 4th September. We will have a fun day on the 26th with lots of treats for tea.

Hostesses are: Pauline Bligh and Mary Curley.

We ask members to wear their best summer outfits. We will have prizes for the best 3. There will also be a raffle.

Some members are going on a day trip to Athlone on Thursday 29th June, with a boat trip on the Shannon included. We wish everyone a great day out.

President Pauline wishes all our members a very enjoyable and safe summer holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all back on Monday 4th September.



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 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

ASSISTED DECISION-MAKING (CAPACITY) DEMENTIA EVENING
INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS

Marymount Dementia Team will welcome Marymount Care Centre Director of Nursing Catherine Tighe to explain Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015.

THURSDAY
6TH JULY 2023

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

BOOK NOW

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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 July:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, the 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of July 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:

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet every 2nd Monday at 10.45am and 4th

Thursday at 8pm of the month in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one.

Sr Geraldine.

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.



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.

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.

Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon.

All Welcome.



Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Jim Burns**, Hermitage Valley, and to the wife, family and friends of **Steven Myerscough**, Esker Wood Drive.

May they rest in peace.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

(Saturday Vigil Mass will **NOT** take place for the months of July, August and September)

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

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

Confessions:

Confessions after Saturday 10am and 7pm Masses.

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome.



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm.

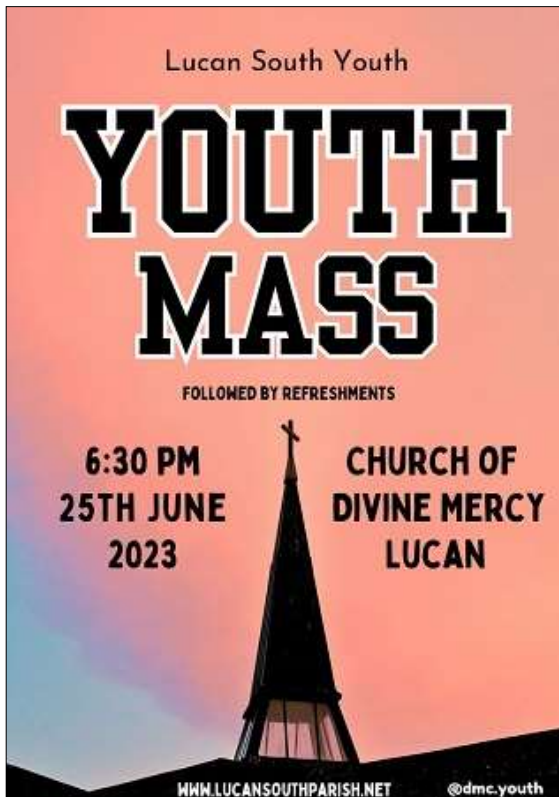
(From July, Saturday Evening Vigil Mass will be at 6.00pm.

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



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.



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.

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 1st Wednesday of each month for 1 hour.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.

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.

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.

Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

Contact: email: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com

St Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday: 9am and 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday: 11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

Anniversary

Mícheál Ó Doibhilín

1st Anniversary – 4th July

Your Story

Goodbyes hurt the most when the story is not finished but the book has been closed forever.

Yet, death is a part of life
not the end, nor the final word
but the end of a chapter,
not the book.

Your life,
an unfinished story I desperately
wanted to keep reading,
with every page turned,
a lesson learned.
Your words, your story,
have made a difference.

With so much left unwritten,
your absence continues to tell a
story – never to be forgotten,
always to be told.

You have passed the pen.
It is up to us to fill the remaining
blank pages with our memories,
as memories cheat death
allowing us to read your story
again and again.

*Loved and remembered by Milla, Aisling, Jenny,
Neasa, Paul, Dave, Colm and grandchildren,
Cian, Henry, Luke, Emmet, Will and Emma.*

**Anniversary Mass in St Mary's at 6.30pm on
1st July.**

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.



The Annual Cemetery Mass with the Blessing of Graves

Will take place on
Sunday September 3rd at 3pm

As parking can be a problem, those living within walking distance are asked to come on foot if at all possible.

As September weather can be unpredictable we advise coming prepared.

The collection taken at this Mass (after the sound hire costs have been paid) will be donated to our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross.

LUCAN FESTIVAL

As in previous years you can stroll through 26 acres of parkland and river walks this September 9th when through the courtesy of the Italian Ambassador, his wife and family the grounds of Lucan House will be open to all.

Visit the historic family graveyard of the Veseys and Colthursts, with the earliest headstone dated 1738 and the last burial in 1917. The photo shows the area inside the very first Lucan Church where they are buried.



You can see the magnificent stables where the coach horses were fed and watered, Sarsfield's Monument, the bathhouse and the outline of the tunnel which gave access from the house to the Orchard gardens (now the Orchard Apartments) under the main road.

Entertainment will be provided for young and old.

Grounds open from 1pm to 4.45pm.

As this is our main fund raising event admission will be €6 per adult with children 12 and under free.

Admission on the day (no prepaid tickets)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Joe Byrne, Chairman

**Those who wait upon God
get fresh strength.**

**They spread their wings
and soar like eagles.**

Isaiah 40.31

(From Divine Word Missionaries Calendar)

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.



Well, Midsummer has come and gone!

17 hours of daytime we had on Wednesday 21st June, with temperatures hitting 23C here in Lucan.

What a mixture of weather we've had even from the day

before when we were hit with thunder showers, flooding some spots for a short time.

No doubt gardeners were glad to have their plants watered with it.....



Lucan Demesne is up there with all its pretty colours – above is a nice spot to sit and just admire the beauty around us.....

Litter – We've seen reports of litter being strewn around bottle banks in the area, and even worse, people are still dumping rubbish in Esker Cemetery.

You have to wonder about such people!

Old Celbridge Road - We've heard reports of several instances where rocks and boulders have been thrown from the high ground on the left hand side as you approach Lucan, down on to passing cars below. In at least one case a car windscreen was shattered and an accident narrowly avoided.

Also there are regular instances of cars coming up the wrong way on the one way stretch from Lucan. We're told that these matters have been reported to the Gardaí in Lucan.

Hopefully those responsible will see the error of their ways.

85 years ago.....

This Sunday 25th June will be the 85th anniversary of Douglas Hyde becoming the first President of Ireland. The year was 1938. A member of the Church of Ireland, he was deemed the most suitable candidate, and was unopposed. All later Presidents would be directly elected by voters.



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

https://eventmaster.ie/event/rp3muPmS9y?fbclid=IwAR2fV-pl-7VuXDAGEK105lhpCjqAOAU7TobkID2xrOIFUuy0Req_DZvCTbY

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

Congratulations!

The family and friends of **ENDA TUCKER**, Lucan, wish to shout out a big **CONGRATULATIONS** to him on playing for Ireland in the 4-Nations Hockey Masters Tournament in Southgate, England over the weekend of 9th, 10th and 11th June.



On Friday Ireland beat Scotland 9-2; on Saturday they had another great win over Wales beating them 7-3 and on Sunday they drew with England 3-3 making them overall winners over the 3 days. Enda was nominated Player of the Tournament.

Great achievement, Enda. Well done!

Dear Editors,

A letter published recently in the Lucan Newsletter from the Hillcrest Residents Association suggests that trees should be removed from the estate. It did not mention any attempt to obtain the opinion of Hillcrest residents.



Apart from the aesthetic value of our trees, the idea that they – one of our main assets in combating climate change – should be cut down is very narrow-sighted, given how far we are behind reaching the climate goals set for 2030. Ireland is particularly lagging in this respect. Our trees should remain.

The South Dublin County Council website states as follows:

‘Trees make a major contribution to the character, appearance and well-being of South Dublin County. They provide significant economic, social, environmental, ecological and aesthetic benefits to our communities and to our urban and residential streets, parks and open spaces. They also enhance biodiversity and play a crucial role in mitigating climate change. The Council recognises trees as a living asset that requires ongoing maintenance, renewal and management for their long-term sustainability and community benefit’

Hillcrest Resident

(Contact details with Lucan Newsletter)

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PRESENTS

FUNDRAISING CÉILÍ

JUL 1st	LUCAN SPA HOTEL DUBLIN - DOORS 8PM
	BAR & LIVE MUSIC BY CEILI BAND
	ADMISSION €5 BOOK IN ADVANCE OR PAY AT DOOR

ALL FUNDS GOING TO
WORLD YOUTH DAY & CREESLOUGH
MEMORIAL PRESENTATION

Contact aontaschoir@gmail.com

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 1st – July 7th and Heritage
Week August 12th – 20th**

Parent & Toddler Group

Thursdays

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



1973 – Lucan 50 years ago

A delve in the archives.....

St. Mary's Parish

In the first week of January 1973, the Planned Giving envelopes amounted to £226.33. Appeals for increases were made regularly in preparation for the new church extension. Sunday night Bingo in the old Boys School was a further fundraiser at the time.

Work began on the church extension in February 1973. The contract price was £51,000 which included all access routes and the overall structure work. It was pointed out that in an effort to support local workers, all blocks used in the building would come from CPI.

The job was completed in early 1975, and it was expected that while it was the first major job in the church since its foundation almost 140 years ago, such a big job would not be warranted for that length of time again.

Lucan Schools

Lucan BNS: Mr. Noel Noonan became Principal of Lucan BNS – he had been teaching there since 1963.

By May, work had begun on the boys' school extension – a 12 room x 3 storey block.

St. Joseph's Post Primary School: The school was officially opened and blessed in May, by Minister for Education, Mr. Dick Burke, and Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Dermot Ryan.

(Archbishop J.C. McQuaid had died in April).

Coláiste Phádraig: The school organised a '10 Mile Mystery Walk' to raise funds for the school – it's still a mystery where the walk went! There were no follow-up reports on this one.

St. Mary's GNS: The weekly non-stop draws were very popular. At 1/- per ticket, there were seven prizes – one for each day of the week:

Sunday £10

Monday £1

Tuesday £1



Wednesday £1

Thursday £2

Friday £3

Saturday £5

You could do a lot with just £1 back then! Tickets were sold all over Lucan – from a kiosk after all the Sunday Masses, and from pubs and shops around the village.

The Annual Sale of Work was a big event for the girls' school – from September on, the nuns and many locals would be going mad knitting and crocheting, baking Christmas Cakes and doing lots of various things to help out. When the great day came, there was a great buzz about the place with wheel of fortune and bottle stalls etc.

Community School: In April, the idea of a Community School for Lucan was completely dropped.



The New Estates

Hillcrest was the biggest estate being built in Lucan at this time – work had begun around 1969, and it would not be complete until the late 1970s. Planning permission had been granted for 999 houses.

There were concerns that there were no proper amenities such as shops for the new residents. Roads were unfinished and people often had to trudge through muddy patches to make their way out of the estate. Throughout that year planning applications appeared for development at Esker Glebe, Woodview, Esker North and Beech Park.

Lucan Community Council

The group had been formed a year earlier, and tried to keep people abreast of things in some very fast moving developments with lands and schools.

They were also concerned about our Tidy Towns status. In 1973, Lucan was entered in the 3,000 – 5,000 population group. We scored a lowly 91 out of 150. Discussions were held on how best to increase our score.



Changes in Lucan Village

The first set of Traffic Lights appeared – at the junction of the Methodist Church/ Courtneys corner. By the end of the year, there were proposals for a second set – at the top of Chapel Hill beside the present Canon Despard Centre.

Bank of Ireland were seeking permission to build a new bank in Giltraps yard (beside Kennys).

AIB had purchased the ruined Kangaroo site, and were planning on turning it into a car park for the bank.

A new Post Office appeared at the bottom of Chapel Hill – Mrs. Tansey was the Post Mistress.

Lucan's first Travel Agent, Gerry Cosgrave, set up business at Crowe's Corner – on the corner of the old Leixlip/Celbridge Road junction.

Great Foresight!

A Compulsory Purchase Order was made for 115 acres at Esker. 42 acres would be used for amenities. This was actually the start of Griffeen Valley Park. Such foresight 50 years back!

Politics

Ireland joined the EEC – European Economic Community in 1973.

A General Election took place in February, and it was lamented that none of the TD's representing us actually lived in Lucan. Our constituency then was Dublin County North, and seats were taken by Ray Bourke FF, Mark Clinton FG, Justin Keating Lab and Sean Walsh FF.

A Presidential Election was held in May. Eamon De Valera had completed his second term, and Fianna Fáil's Erskine Childers won the election over Fine Gael's Tom O'Higgins, to become our next President.

Local Groups

Lucan Drama produced *The Plough* and *the Stars*, and later in the year, *Sive*. Both plays were held in *The Hitching Post* in Leixlip – there must not have been any suitable local venue at the time.

A Macra Na Tuaithe Club and **St. Mary's Youth Club** catered for many of the youth.

The Kinclare School of Music – Mrs. Handibode was the music teacher, and apart from her individual pupils, she had a percussion band which many little boys and girls aspired to.

The local I.C.A. was still a young organisation and busy with all kinds of crafts and ventures.

In sports, we had weekly reports from:

Lucan Sarsfields
Grade Ten Canoe Club
Lucan Golf
Lucan Celtic AFC
Dodsboro AFC
Lucan Pitch & Putt
and Darts.



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All Ireland Finals

In Hurling it was Limerick 1.21 – Kilkenny 1.14.

In Football it was Cork 3.17 – Galway 2.13.
(They were the days before gum shields and hurling helmets!)

We were used to seeing cars passing through, flying their county colours on All Ireland Final days – many stopped off for Mass in St. Mary's on their way to Croke Park.

The 1970's saw big changes

People from all over Ireland took up residence in Lucan and within no time at all, we must have had 32 county representation amongst us.

Northern Ireland

The troubles rumbled on in Northern Ireland, and a fund was set up to enable children from the troubled area to spend a holiday down in the south.

Some things never change.....

We were worrying that oil was becoming scarce, and also about the depreciation of the dollar and sterling on the world stock exchange. In three months the value of the Irish £ dropped by 1/7. There was much speculation about inflation and political instability worldwide.

A piece of advice.....

Think of a Postage Stamp –
Its usefulness is in its ability to stick to one thing 'till it gets there!

Lucan Newsletter

Lucan Newsletter was just 6 years old, and due to the increase in costs, the weekly issue was raised from 2p to 3p. At this time it was sold only outside St. Mary's after Sunday Masses. The circulation was about 500 copies per week.

These pages contain a sample of some of our advertisers back then – some thankfully still on the go today!

We hope you enjoy the memories – you wonder can it really be fifty years ago since all this happened!

Mary Mulhall

Dublin's Outdoors

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.

Palmerstown Camera Club

Are hosting their

14th Annual Photo Exhibition

at Palmerstown Parish Hall,

Lr Kennelsfort Road, Palmerstown,

Dublin D20 K732

on **Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th June 2023**

from 10 – 5pm

Why not visit us over the weekend

Reminder.....

Lucan Newsletter Annual Block Ads

Renewal Notices have been issued for our Annual Block Advertisements.
(pages 8 and 13)



Thank you to those who have replied so far. Please remember the cut-off date for renewal is **Thursday 13th July 2023**



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



ALL AGES  JULY AND AUGUST

LUCAN SARSFIELDS SUMMER CAMPS

HURLING CAMOGIE
LADIES FOOTBALL FOOTBALL
CAMPA SAMHRAIDH ADVANCED CAMP

Register now at
bit.ly/2023SarsCamp




Well done to Holly Armstrong, Erin Hynes and Grace Birchwho travelled with Dublin on Saturday to the Leinster U14 Camogie Development Blitz in Portlaoise.

Lotto

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

The Numbers were **2, 13, 22, 24.**

The lucky dip prizes go to,

Mick Casey Jr., Greg O'Neill,

Laura Murtagh, Lisa Roche and Adam Rooney.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of

€20,000. The draw is sponsored by Henley

Forklift Group and will be led by Cormac

Gordon.

Tá €20,000 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo

chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine:

Tickets can be purchased online at the following

link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>,

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Coiste na nÓg / Juvenile Summer Camps

Advanced Camp 21st-23rd June for those on U13 to U16 teams

Time - 10am - 12.30pm

Location - Lucan Sarsfields

Camp covers hurling/camogie and football/ladies football. Price - €40. Payment via Revolut to the following link revolut.me/alandh14

(Please reference the player's name when making payment).



Our U15 Camogie

are representing Dublin Camogie in the Division 1 National Feile in the Connacht Centre of Excellence, Began, Co Mayo, this weekend, we hope the girls can repeat the success of the tough Dublin challenges to qualify.

Please travel and support the girls.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Busy week at Lucan Harriers

Dublin relay championships on the Lucan Harriers track. A great night of athletics at the track on Wednesday and Friday.



Well done to our U13 boys Dublin champions, U16 boys silver medal and girls U15 silver medal. Great teamwork.



We also had The Dublin Juvenile Championships finish up this weekend in Tallaght AC track. There were super performances from our young Lucan Harriers athletes with loads of battling performances, pbs and medals over the last two weekends. Well done to all athletes and best of luck to those who now move on to compete at nationals in July. Well done to Saoirse Fitzgerald selected today as Dublin Juvenile Female Athlete of the year for 2022 at the Leinster Star Awards Ceremony in Tullamore this afternoon.

Fantastic achievement for this young lady and the club. Huge congratulations also to Eve Noctor who has been selected on the Irish U20 4x400m team who travel to Mannheim on the 23rd of June to compete in the Mannheim Junior Competition! A fantastic achievement and honour.



PB 200m for Carol Kearney in w55 at DSD games on Sunday. Also, a national record W55, in a time of 29.35 sec.



Elle O Neill ran the Portumna Forest 50km on Saturday 10th June in a time of 05.41:42. "Not my finest race. It rained throughout and the tank felt a bit empty. Still got the head down and ploughed on. 10 loops of a 5km forest trail. An incredible achievement.

Well done, Elle.

The Wicklow 200 cycle took place on Sunday 11th June. Congratulations to Barry Aherne and Will Byrne who both completed the 200k on a very hot day. Also doing it was someone many of us know and has helped us get back training after various strains, also sponsor of our 5-mile race, Andy Tully. Andy was doing it for Charity Build it for the boys.

Great running by all Lucan Harriers last Sunday in the Irish Runner 5 Miles. The Ladies 050 Team of Breda Smyth, Mary Browne and Lorraine Heffernan got National Bronze, Eileen O'Brien Silver 070. Mary Browne Silver 065 and Liz Arkins Bronze 065. Lots of other fantastic performances from across different sections of the club. Emma Broderick getting a PB of 45.58. Ruth French, Men's captain Damien O'Sullivan showing the way, Kathleen Trunk, Tricia Gough, Ann Marie Lavin and Josephine Dignam all out in the Red and Black vest.

Well done to Catherine Dunne on her time of 35.18 at the Thoroughbred 5K in the Curragh on Sunday.

Super running again in very hot conditions.

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

18 Strokeplay (Nett) 16-18 June 2023

Gents Class 1 Winner Philip Sweeney 44
Gents Class 2 Winner Michael Morris 46
Gents Class 3 Winner Paul Brady 42
Ladies Class 1 Winner Tracy Needham 46 [B6]
Ladies Class 2 Winner Trish Anderson 41

Congratulations

This week's congratulations must go to the Lucan Ladies in RGSC Pitch & Putt Club last Saturday playing in the Dublin Strokeplay. In the Senior Grade we had Glenda Hoey in runner up position. In the Intermediate Grade we had a double – Sandra Keogh winning the grade and Kathleen Croke as runner up. In the Junior Grade we had Martina Tierney as runner up. Well done ladies – keep up the great pitch and putt.

On Sunday we it was our Gents turn in the Dublin Strokeplay and Chris Gallagher secured runner up position in the Gents Senior Grade.



From left to right - Secretary of the Dublin Board Maria Kohlmann, Winner of the Dublin Stroke Play Intermediate Grade, Sandra Keogh and presenting the Cup is Peg Smith.

Club Week

Our Club Week commences on Monday 26th June through to Thursday 29th June. We have competitions each day commencing with singles, scramble, secret holes and rumble. We are asking all of our members to come along and support our Club Week.

New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles:

Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please download an application form from the website and fill in the relevant details and return same – or email the secretary at info@lucanpitchandputt.com. Indeed you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member

who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is at the weekend

Full Zip Tops / Jackets / T-Shirts

Members please note that Dora Keane has plenty of stock of our club zip tops / jackets and t-shirts. No excuse for not sporting your club colours – well done Dora.

60th Diamond Jubilee – of Lucan Pitch & Putt Club

We will be hosting our Club's 60th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary on Saturday 1st July 2023. This is a great honour for our Club and we are inviting all past and present members to participate in the events during the day and evening.

On the Saturday we are holding three 18 hole scrambles – 1pm, 3pm and 5pm – members, past members, family and friends are all welcome. Timesheet will be in operation and will be in the clubhouse during the month of June. If you cannot get to the club to put your name on the timesheet you can email the secretary info@lucanpitchandputt.com with the names/times or ask any member of committee to add your name to the time sheet.

We will be having the presentation of prizes for the scrambles that evening at circa 8pm followed by a groovy 60's themed night with live music. We hope you can participate in the day/evening events and celebrate this wonderful milestone in our club.

Dates for your Diary

1st July, 60th Diamond Jubilee Celebration
22nd July, Captains' Day/Night
26th August, President's Day/Night
2nd /3rd September, Inter-County weekend.



Oíche Rásaíochta - Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Tá oíche rásaíochta á reáchtáil ag CLG Na Gaeil Óga ar an 23ú Meitheamh sa Pennyhill i Leamhcán. Tar amach agus bígi linn le haghaidh an oíche chun

tacaíocht a tabhairt dúinn, beidh craic agus spraoi ann.

Na Gaeil Óga G.A.A club have organised a race night this Friday June 23rd at 8pm in the Pennyhill in Lucan.



Come along to support the club in what promises to be an enjoyable night.

Politicians Please Note:

Canvassing in any form is not allowed in Lucan Newsletter.

Each candidate in the upcoming 2024 Local Elections will be permitted to announce their candidature just once in their notes on this page.

Political Notes should not exceed 150 words, including name and contact details.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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SDCC Oireachtas Members Briefing:

This week Oireachtas members received a briefing from senior management of SDCC regarding a host of civic projects, housing developments and ongoing future initiatives. There have been significant delays in the completion of the Lucan Swimming Pool. The council stated that the project will be completed by the end of the year. There is an agreement in principle to purchase Lucan House. A feasibility study is under way to best utilise the house and grounds for Lucan and the county.

The Grand Canal Greenway from the 12th Lock has been delayed due to a retendering. Work has commenced on the Lucan Urban Greenway.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Lucan House following several queries on the future of Lucan House, I sought clarification from the Acting Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council. He confirmed that subject to a successful purchase agreement, it is intended to develop the house and the grounds into a public amenity. This is fantastic news for Lucan.

Pedestrian Safety has been one of my priorities. I was very pleased to see the pedestrian crossing lights switched on at Hermitage Park last week, this along with the new pedestrian lights at the entrances to Griffeen Valley Park and Lucan Demesne, will make our parks and roads safer for all.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty - Independent

“Not just at election time” Tel: 087-2752489.

Web: www.paulgogarty.com

Litter and dumping: The noticeable increase in illegal dumping and litter in recent weeks has been exacerbated by a slow response from the Council in relation to some (but not all) incidents. I have motion tabled on this; the wider problem is systemic.

Swimming Pool Delay: It's now clear that the last target given for completion, at the end of August, is unlikely to be met. The Council has put off giving us an update on the pool construction work until the full Council meeting on July 10th, meaning that we won't have any further follow up until mid-September. It's hugely frustrating for everyone, but it's difficult to see any real accountability so far. Right now, I'm more interested in seeing the construction over the line, as we still need to discuss operational issues with the new management company.

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner. Tel: 0858317982.

vcasserly@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

I recently requested the reinstallation of a water font near the skatepark in Griffeen

Park: Located by the pitches and playground, it would be useful for park users.

I have made a request regarding the phone boxes in Lucan Village adjacent to village green. I have asked SDCC to explore the possibility of altering this and replacing with old phone box with a defibrillator as a community location beside the village green in conjunction with the village green initiative or work with appropriate stakeholders to achieve this, i.e., Eircom.

Caroline Brady – Fine Gael Candidate

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Recycling: A record amount of WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) was collected in 2020, but it fell slightly short of the EU target of 65%. To improve collection rates, Ireland is developing a national awareness campaign aimed at reaching the EU target. We are doing our bit here in Lucan to help reach the targets and organised a very successful recycle in Dodsboro and Airlie this week. It is Free of charge to remove anything from a toaster to a fridge. If you need help organising a free recycle, please contact me.

SDCC Housing Maintenance Repair moves to online requests for service: I've received some enquiries expressing concern from those who use this service about the exclusive use of online reporting for maintenance, please be assured that alternative options are available.

Political notes continued *over.....*

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Cllr Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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W4 Bus starts this Sunday: The W4 Route connecting estates in Lucan along the R136 with Tallaght and Blanchardstown will start operating on Sunday, 25 June. This is something I have campaigned for since first running for election. Buses at peak times are supposed to run every 15 minutes, and then every 30 minutes at other times. Full information is available here:

<https://www.transportforireland.ie/.../Phase-5a-FA-WEB.pdf>.

Esker Educate Together Visit: It was a real privilege to join the students, staff and school community at Esker Educate Together National School today for their flag-raising ceremony, marking all their achievements and values, alongside Mayor Emma Murphy and Barry Andrews MEP.

Mayor's Community Hero Awards:

Congratulations to Women's Collective Ireland - Lucan on their recent Mayor's Award. I was proud to nominate them. Congratulations also to great local groups Lucan Tidy Towns, Lucan Festival Ireland and Adamstown Cricket Club.

Liona O'Toole – P.C. Independent

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Hedge Trimming: A number of residents have raised the issue of overgrown hedges with me, some areas have been identified along footpaths and cycle lanes. I've requested council management to cut them back. Do get in touch if you have an area that needs attention.

Utility Lids: Many have noticed the number of loose utility lids along the Newcastle Road and some have sunk into the road. Council management have since repaired some of these damaged/lose lids. I will keep monitoring the road surface.

New W4 route: I attended an online presentation this week where I had the opportunity to ask questions on the W4 route connecting Blanchardstown, Lucan to Tallaght along the R136. I have raised the need for this route 2014, finally its coming and I can confirm that the bus route includes an interchange with the Kishoge Train station.

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.



**Older people need
your support!**

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

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

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Recovery Meeting Reopened

Do you have?
Anxiety, Panic,
Anger, Depression



**Recovery Self -Help Method Ireland
CAN HELP YOU!**

Local Meeting:

**St Marys Parish Centre Lucan
Thursday 7.30 p.m.**

Tel: 00353 062 60 775 /

www.recoveryireland.ie

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Sticking with our theme for the month of June bridges and waterfalls continue to feature in the photographs submitted by the members of the group. Donal has “flooded” the group’s WhatsApp channel with photographs of bridges, some of which were built in the time of the Roman Empire and are still in use today. He sent photographs from the city of Noirt in the west of France, Ceret, at the foot of the Pyrenees where Pablo Picasso lived in the early part of the 20th century and from Besalu in Catalonia in the north of Spain. Besalu’s most significant feature is its 12th-century Romanesque bridge over the Fluvia River.



At home Kay submitted photos from her garden including some cheerful daisies.



Michael G was in St. Raphael on the Cote d’Azur in the south of France. He submitted photographs taken in the neighbouring town of Frejus of a quaint square and of an interesting church building which actually comprises two churches in the one building – the church of St. Etienne which is the parish church and the Eglise Notre-Dame which is the bishop’s church. The baptistry of the church, which still functions today, dates back to the 5th century and the font is large enough to allow total immersion. The present form of the church building dates from around the 13th century.



Frejus goes back to Roman times and the town itself contains the richest collection of Roman remains in France after Arles.

Stay safe until next week!