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I've Lost My Mother! AGAIN!

I lose my mother on a regular basis! My mother is tiny, cute looking, endearing, beguiling, non-compliant, all-there and very charming. She has honed and enjoyed these qualities in latter years! She will proudly put her hand up to claim any of those adjectives. As I said, I lose her on a regular basis largely because of those qualities and more importantly because of the deficit of provision of and signage for blue badge parking!

I lose weight, feel a strong rush of adrenaline, start to sweat and shine glowingly when I open an envelope and realise that I am destined to bring my mother to an appointment in hospital outpatients. Her appointments work to great effect to keep her array of ailments under control. When the letter quivers in my hand I know that *Hide and Seek* will be involved.



The level of excitement that I feel, at the prospect of such an event, is greater if the appointment is in a hospital setting that is less familiar to me. The receptionists in Castlebar hospital probably think that my name is *I've Lost My Mother*. They usually shout to point me in the direction of my mother who might be in the neurology waiting area instead of the rumbling tummy area if a Dr Murphy or Dr Singh happen to work in both sites! I have speed date interviews with various people at entry in other hospitals before I'm pointed in a possible right direction.

Finding where the blue badge parking is, how many places are there and if I can acquire a place in a pre-drive aspect is like a treasure hunt with no guarantee of finding a clue. On most occasions, there are no spaces which necessitates stopping to dispatch my mother into the foyer with the command **DO. NOT. MOVE.** She will smile at me with eyebrows raised in clear indication that instructions will not be observed! During the time that I run at speed, with no respect for dignity, to drive my car to the car park she will smile very sweetly and connivingly to inveigle some innocent passer-by to deliver her to **ANY** consultants waiting area.

On other occasions, when it not either possible to find a blue badge space or to dispatch my mother I must wheel her from the car park, usually up a hill, down from footpaths and over speed ramps with gut bursting effort. My mother's osteoporosis is put through a challenge in the bone shaking journey which could not be survived without the safety belt being firmly fastened. On all occasions when I have pushed a wheelchair from the carpark, I have stood at the entrance of the hospital and looked back to see that directions to aid such a journey are clearly delivered to get one **from the hospital, not to it!** I feel like a bit piece actor in Mr Bean!

I would cry with sheer delight and have a Carlsberg moment if I could find my way, with clear directions, to the hospital as well as from it, knowing where to go, how to attain suitable parking without needing to abandon my mother and be able to focus on the purpose of the appointment, by which time I'm usually fit to crumble and melt on the floor. **This could all be made so much easier for everyone! HELP!**

Cathy Burke, Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

Flexible Working

Since 7 March 2024, you have a new right to request a flexible working arrangement if you are a parent or carer.

You have the right to request remote working from your first day in a new job but you must have 6 months of continuous service with your employer before the arrangement can start.

Code of practice on flexible working

The law on the right to request flexible working is set out in Part 2 of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023.

The Workplace Relations Commission's (WRC) Code of Practice for Employers and Employees on the Right to Request Flexible Working and Right to Request Remote Working sets out practical guidance for employers and employees on how to make and handle requests for flexible working arrangements.

Our website has information on the duties and responsibilities set out in the code of practice. You and your employer can agree on more favourable arrangements than what is set out in the legislation.

Who has the right to request flexible working?

To request flexible working you must be either: A parent or acting 'in loco parentis' (acting as a parent to the child) of a child under 12, or under

16 if your child has a disability or long-term illness

A carer providing personal care or support to a specified person living in the same household, needing significant care for a serious medical reason.

A specified person is your:

Child (including an adopted child); Spouse or civil partner; Cohabitant; Parent or grandparent
Brother or sister; Housemate (any other person to those listed above who lives in the same house as you)

Length of service

You have the right to request remote working from your first day in a new job but you must have 6 months of continuous service (continuous employment) with your employer before the arrangement can start.

If you left your job and came back to the same employer within 26 weeks, this gap does not count towards the 6-month requirement.

What is flexible working?

Flexible working is an arrangement where your normal working hours or pattern is adjusted, including through remote working, flexible schedules, or reduced hours.

Depending on the role or business, flexible working can take various forms. You and your employer can agree a more favourable arrangement than what's set out in the legislation.

Types of flexible working Description

Part-time work - Fewer hours than full-time employees.

Term-time work - Unpaid leave for a specific period, often during summer.

Job-sharing - Full-time role split between two employees who share duties and benefits proportionally.

Flexitime - Varying start and finish times outside core hours, meeting required work hours per week or month.

Compressed working hours - Full-time hours condensed into fewer days, for example a five-day week compressed into four days.

Remote Working - Working part or all of the week away from the employer's location, such as working from home.

More information is available from:

Workplace Relations Commission - Information and Customer Service, O'Brien Road, Carlow, R93 E920.

Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9.30am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm.

Tel: (059) 917 8990. Locall: 0818 80 80 90

Homepage: <https://www.workplacerelations.ie/en/>

Lucan Lions Club

We were delighted to join SuperValu Lucan for the Lucan St Patricks Day Parade last Sunday. It demonstrated the long standing partnership that has been established between Lucan Lions Club and SuperValu. Thanks to Assistant Manager Kevin Aylward for his support and to Rachel and the SV team who looked after us very well on the day.



Easter Raffle at SuperValu

Thanks to the sponsorship of SuperValu we will have an Easter Raffle in the SV store over the Easter period. Tickets for 6 luxurious Easter Hampers will be on sale in the store from 28 to 30 March. The draw will take place on 30 March and winners will be notified on the day. As usual, we look forward to the support of loyal SV customers over this period.

New Members

If you are interested in joining the Lucan Lions Club, a registered Charity for over 35 years in Lucan, we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 8.00pm in the Lucan Spa Hotel. If interested, potential new members can contact the undersigned.

Mattie McCabe, PRO
087 9006999.

www.lucanlionsclub.ie

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

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.

Below, some photos from our St. Patrick's Day Party.



In Aid of The Daughters of Charity Mission Fund

Percy French Troubadours
Present

The Songs and Poems of Percy French

WED, 10 APR 2024, 8PM
DRAIOCHT, BLANCHARDSTOWN
TICKETS €20

Book online on www.draiocht.ie or via the Box Office on 01 8852622

LUCAN LIBRARY

DROP-IN CHESS FOR CHILDREN

(LUCAN LIBRARY)

WEDNESDAY
3RD APRIL
10AM

Drop-in to play chess with friends or new players
Chess sets will be set out in the seminar room

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Palm Sunday 24th March:

This day commemorates the triumphal entry of the Lord into Jerusalem and sets the scene for the coming days. **Blessing of Palms at all Masses.**

Masses: Vigil Saturday, 6.30pm.

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

Weekday Masses: Monday - Wednesday: 10am

Confessions: Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
10.30am to 11.15am. (Funerals excepted)

Holy Saturday: 11am to 12 pm and 2pm to 4pm

Holy Thursday 28th March:

No morning Mass today.

On this day we celebrate the institution of the Blessed Eucharist at the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

This ceremony incorporates the washing of feet, reminding us of our call to service of others.



Followed by a guided 'Watch and Pray' hour is celebrated from 10pm to 11pm.

Good Friday 29th March:

3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion; this includes Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

8pm: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 30th March:

9pm: Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil celebrates the triumph of Christ over death and His victorious resurrection to new life. We light the outdoor fire, distribute the light from the Easter Candle, renew our Baptismal promises and join in the Easter Alleluia!

Do come and join us for this joyous celebration.

Easter Sunday 31st March:

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

There is NO Evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

All Services will be live-streamed on

www.lucanparish.com

Divine Mercy Novena: In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy Novena will commence on Good Friday and continue until the first Sunday after Easter Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday).

The novena is prayed as a preparation for the Feast of Mercy. The intentions to be prayed for each day were given by Our Lord to St. Faustina. Novena leaflets will be available in the porches of St Mary's parish church from Wednesday. The novena is prayed by individuals and families in their homes.

Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina): Meetings are held in the bungalow every **Monday night (excluding bank holidays) between 7.30 and 8.30pm** when we reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. All are welcome.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Maura Stones**, Sarsfield Park and to the family and friends of **Joseph (Jody) Beck**, Sarsfield Park.
May they rest in peace.



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

THIS Saturday/ Sunday 23rd/24th March.

Many thanks for your generosity.

**Ecumenical Way
of the Cross**

**Good Friday
29th March: 12pm:**



**Departing St Mary's processing to
Lucan Methodist, Presbyterian and
Church of Ireland Churches.**

Do Join Us!

**Volunteers Needed
Cystic Fibrosis Ireland**

Our 65 Roses Day (National Awareness Day)
is coming up on **April 12th 2024.**

We are looking for volunteers for our collection point at Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, on that day selling our roses, pins and pens etc...

Morning and afternoon slots need to be filled.

We would really appreciate any help.

Bernie Murphy, 0872353319

**St. Patrick's
Esker/Doddsboro/
Adamstown**
www.stpatrickslucan.ie



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This day commemorates the triumphal entry of the Lord into Jerusalem and sets the scene for the coming days. **Blessing of Palms at all Masses.**
Masses: Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

Weekday Masses: Mon. - Wed.: 10am.

Confessions: Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
10.30am to 11am. (Funerals excepted)
Holy Saturday: 11am to 12 noon and 2 to 4pm

Holy Thursday 28th March:

No morning Mass today.

On this day we celebrate the institution of the Blessed Eucharist at the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper at **8pm**.
This ceremony incorporates the washing of feet, reminding us of our call to service of others.

Good Friday 29th March:

12pm: Stations of the Cross for Children
3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, including the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.
8pm: Stations of the Cross with guided meditations.



Holy Saturday 30th March:

9pm: Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday is a sombre day, recalling the Lord in the tomb. The Sacraments are not celebrated today until the **Easter Vigil at 9pm**.

The Easter Vigil celebrates the triumph of Christ over death and His victorious resurrection to new life. We light the outdoor fire, distribute the light from the Easter Candle, renew our Baptismal promises and join in the Easter Alleluia!
Do come and join us for this joyous celebration.

Easter Sunday 31st March:

Masses: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon

All Services will be live-streamed at
stpatrickslucan.ie

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Palm Sunday 24th March:

Saturday Vigil 6pm,
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

Weekday Masses: Mon - Wed. 9.15am

Holy Thursday 28th March:

5pm: Children's Mass of the Lord's Supper
8pm: Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 29th March:

12 noon: Stations of the Cross
3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
8pm: Reading of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 30th March:

9pm: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 31st March:

Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

Easter Monday: Mass 10.00am

All services will be live-streamed on
www.lucansouthparish.net



Anniversaries

MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE

5th Anniversary – 20th March

To have you for a wife was cause enough for pride
No-one could be your equal, however much they tried
I lost a wife in a million; I loved her to the end
I lost two precious things that day
My wife and my best friend.

*Always remembered by her loving husband
Michael*

MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE

If roses grow in Heaven Lord
Please pick a bunch for us
Place them in our Mother's arms
And tell her they are from us
Tell her we love and miss her
And when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for a while
Because remembering her is easy
We do it every day
But there is an ache within our hearts
That will never go away.

*Always remembered by her loving daughters
Michelle and Marion, sons-in-law Ronan and
Gary, grandchildren Barry and his wife Faye,
Andrew, Hannah, and Lucy, great-
grandchildren Sophia, Ben and Elora Rose*



MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE

We can picture you like a photograph
We can see your smile and hear your laugh
We don't need to look back, we remember you
You can ask the sun, the moon, the stars
Every day that goes by, we remember you.
*Always remembered by her loving sisters and
brothers, Patty, Margaret, Vera, Phil, John,
Christy, George and Martin*

BETTY DUNNE

1st Anniversary - 22nd March

Late Dodsboro Cottages.
Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near
Still loved still missed and very dear.

*Loved and missed every day from all your family
and friends xxx*



ANNA CARTON

3rd Anniversary - 27th March

Late of Hillcrest View.
Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure.
*Sadly missed by her loving husband Liam, sons
Mark and Shane, daughter Tara, family and friends*
**Anniversary Mass for Anna on 24th March at
12:00 in St. Patrick's, Esker.**

Birthday Remembrance

DECLAN KANE

59th Birthday – 28th March

Late Sarsfield Park.
Your special day we cannot share
Our gift to you must be a prayer
With broken hearts we whisper low
Happy Birthday Declan, we miss you so.
*Never forgotten by Mam, Susan, Aideen, Eóin, Sarah,
Jack, Max, Lucy, Ryan and brother-in-law Philip*

DRINK TEA FOR MND

**Thank you to all who supported the tea
morning and raffle for the Irish Motor Neuron
Disease Association.**


Thank you to those who sponsored it and donated
the raffle prizes.

€2,000 was raised. Thank you.

"Until there's a cure, there's care".

St. Mary's & St. Patrick's

Growing our
Parishes together



Fr. Brian Grogan S.J. is a renowned author and speaker on Spirituality and Ministry. He will be the main speaker at our Day celebrating the Service of our parishes by all our willing volunteers.

The day offers an opportunity to pray, reflect, and share on the challenges posed by the changing circumstances of the church in Ireland.

All Parish Volunteers are invited.

WHERE? - THE SPA HOTEL, LUCAN
WHEN? - SATURDAY APRIL 13TH 11:00AM-2:00PM
(CONCLUDING WITH LIGHT LUNCH)
PRE-REGISTER ON: WWW.LUCANPARISH.COM

Lucan Senior Citizens

It was with great sadness we said goodbye to our club member, Maura Stones on Wednesday 20th. Maura was a talented and creative lady who enjoyed all the club activities, outings and holidays. Maura loved to sing and was always ready for a sing song.



Sincere sympathy to all her family. Maura is now reunited with her beloved Bobby. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

The club is now closed for Easter Holidays.



Congratulations to the Parade Committee for putting on yet another great St. Patrick's Day Parade in Lucan. The weather obliged, and we were all out in the Spring sunshine enjoying the big occasion.



Great to see Lucan woman, Abby Shiels as Grand Marshall, but people were wondering who the lady alongside her in the car was. We can tell you that Abby was accompanied by her proud Granny! *Go Granny, Go!*

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Follow us on Facebook (Ballyowen Castle Community Centre) or on Instagram ([ballyowen_community_centre](https://www.instagram.com/ballyowen_community_centre))

Location: We are located beside Centric Health Ballyowen and Giraffe Childcare Ballyowen, behind Lidl in Ballyowen Shopping Centre (as you come in from Castle Road).

Volunteer Sessions:

Do you have a passion which you would love to share? Are you interested in teaching a course, organising a group, or lending a helping hand in the work of the Centre? We are looking for people interested in getting involved in different capacities and are hosting volunteer information sessions in the Centre during April.

Come along to learn more:

Tuesday, April 9th, 2pm-3pm

Thursday, April 11th, 10am-11am

Tuesday, April 16th, 7pm-8pm

We'd love to meet you! Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference in your community!

Room Booking:

We will be moving to an online room booking system in the coming weeks. Watch this space for further details! In the meantime, if you would like to book the main meeting hall, call us on the numbers above, or send us an email.



And this Grandad gave those Vikings a run for their money!

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part and looked simply brilliant on the day.



Please Note: Some items have been held over from this week's issue, due to pressure of space!



LUCAN LIBRARY

Registration
Wed 27 Mar
10am

LEARN ENGLISH at Lucan Library

- Classes begin Mon 8 April, 6-8pm
- FREE 8 Week Course
- Students **MUST** register at the library and be assessed before the course starts

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Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade

It takes a village to organise a successful event on this scale, and we are very grateful to everyone who made the day a success.



Thank you to the local groups who participated in the parade this year and to the people who came out to watch the parade. We were very lucky with the weather and the children, the reason why we organise the parade, had a fantastic time.

Thank you very much to Lucan Tidy Towns and South Dublin County Council who did a great job cleaning up the village in advance of the parade, Lucan really looked lovely on Sunday. Thanks to Patrice for use of the Muintir na Tire building during the day for refreshments for our volunteers and ably managed by Lucan ICA and the TY students in St Joseph's College.

Thank you to Liam Cullen and the Lucan Red cross for providing first aid and ambulances for the day.

Thank you to Paul Butler from Society for Old Lucan who did a great job taking photos.

Thank you to the brilliant Ladies in the Lucan Newsletter for always giving us loads of space in the Lucan Newsletter.



over 60 volunteers from all areas of our community, the South Dublin Volunteer Centre, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Ireland, Lucan Men's Shed, Lucan Tidy Towns, and the TY year in St. Josephs College.

The parade is made possible by financial support from South Dublin County Council and local business in and around Lucan, the use of a truck for the review stand from Toner Transport, and operational support from Lucan An Garda Síochána, thank you very much for these supports.

The parade committee are volunteers, thank you to Sanjeeb Barik, Caroline Brady, Peter Brady, Declan Brady, Joe Brady, Richie Casley, Samantha Cummins, Denise Edwards, Gerry Kenny (Treasurer), Emma Kirwan, Aedan O'Duil, Ronan Smith (St. Patrick), Lieghann Spollen, Marcin Witowski, the Community Guards Lucan Garda Station, and Amy Hughes (South Dublin County Council).





SCHOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Table Quiz: Coláiste Phádraig's Parents Association are holding a table quiz fundraiser in Kenny's Pub in Lucan Village on **Wednesday 17th April @ 9pm**. Tickets cost **40e** for a table of four and they can be purchased on the night. All funds raised on the night will go towards the funding of school facilities and the new school library. There will be a raffle with plenty of spot-prizes on the night. The PA would be very grateful for any sponsorship or prize donations from the wider parent group and local businesses. If any parent, or company that they work for, would like to donate or sponsor a prize, they can drop into the school office in the weeks ahead and the Parents Association will gratefully collect them and have them ready for the night. We hope that as many people as possible can attend on the night for what we hope will be a fun and successful event.

Basketball: Our 2nd yr basketball team were eliminated from the East Boys Plate competition last Wednesday after a 31-20 loss to Belvedere College in their semi-final encounter. Daniel

Godson (2), Justin Mariner (3), Nabil Wan Rozini (3), Hasan Al Maini (8) and Conor Linnane (4) got Lucan's scores

Cross Country: Huge congratulations to 2nd yr Conor Abbott who has been selected to represent the Irish Schools' Cross Country team in the SIAB International Championships to be held at the Sport Ireland Campus, Abbotstown on Saturday 23rd March. They will be competing against their counterparts from England, Scotland and Wales at the most prestigious schools' cross country event in the calendar. Conor will be competing in the Mixed Junior Relay race and he was selected based on his impressive runs at the recent All Ireland Schools Cross Country Championships.

Soccer: Our TY soccer team advanced to the semi-finals of the Transition Year Leinster Cup last Friday after a superb 4-2 victory against Gorey CS. Dara Garrigan (2) and Sam Deegan scored for Lucan with an own goal also being scored. They will now face the winners of St. Fintan's HS, Sutton/ Gaelcholáiste Reachrann for a place in the Final.

Easter Service: Our 3rd yr and TY students gathered together in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday for a multi-faith Easter Service. Fr. Ubalde led a beautiful reflection of unity and inclusivity and provided an opportunity for the students to assemble together in reverence and contemplation, regardless of their individual religious beliefs. We extend our gratitude to Fr. Ubalde and to all who participated in and helped organise this special occasion that truly exemplified the spirit and togetherness that we strive to cultivate in our school.

Gaeilge: Our 3rd yr students have been completing their Tasc Cumarsáide (Communication task) Classroom Based Assessment over the past few weeks. The students were tasked with selecting a topic of interest to them and then researching information about their chosen topic over a period of two weeks. They then had to do a live oral presentation, by themselves, in pairs or groups, in front of their classmates. The students selected a wide variety of interesting topics for their presentation such as their favourite football player, hobbies, the GAA, sport stars, famous figures from history, music etc. Two students even demonstrated how to bake a cookie dough! Another group demonstrated some golf techniques that might help keen golfers improve their game. There were presentations on Malaysia, the Philippines and India. Well done to all involved.

St. Joseph's College

Under 14 Gaelic football: Our under gaelic football team has two games in the last week. They were beaten by Colaiste Pobail Setanta early in the week. But they bounced back with a great victory over Luttrellstown Community College. The team still have a great chance to qualify from their group into the championship semi-final.

Minor camogie team: Last Tuesday, the minor camogie team had a brilliant victory over Mountsackville. It was a must win game for the team which now means they have qualified out of their group for the semi-finals of the championship. This game will be played after the mid-term break.

Sixth years at Hamlet: Last Tuesday, sixth year students and their teachers had a great afternoon at The Helix in DCU. They took in a production of their Leaving Cert play, Hamlet. The students had a great afternoon and seeing their studied play on stage can only help them understand the characters and plots involved in more detail, improving their knowledge of the play.

First year hockey: The first year hockey team had two games this week both of which they won. In their first game they beat St. Marys Holy Faith followed by a victory over Loreto Balbriggan. This has qualified them for the North Side League final to be played on Wednesday 20th March. Best of luck girls!

Careers night: There was a big crowd in the school last Wednesday night for a very successful career night in organised by the Guidance Department and the Parents Council. There was lots of great speakers on the night and information from the 3rd level Institutions and Universities for our students and their parents / guardians.

Fifth years at the Gaiety: On Thursday, fifth year students enjoyed a wonderful performance of 'Sive' by John B. Keane in The Gaiety Theatre. The students had a fantastic afternoon seeing a play they are studying in class on stage and the characters they have read about coming to life.

Regional maths quiz: Well done to our four teams who competed in the Irish Maths Teachers Association regional Pi Quiz 2024. Two of our four teams secured joint third place which was a great result considering the large number of schools and teams competing.

Music students at Emmanuel: On Thursday evening, music students attended and took part in a concert called Emmanuel. The concert was held in The Helix in front of a large crowd. It was

fantastic to see the students on stage performing and each of them were fantastic on the night.



Transition year crocheting: We were delighted to have the Lucan ICA ladies visit once again for the crocheting workshop on Friday 8th March. Now in its 13th year, the ICA ladies have taught the TY students to crochet while spending the day sharing stories chatting also! Students will be set the task of completing their baby blankets for 10 weeks' time! Thank you to Pauline and all the ladies for joining us once again.

Flag day: What a fantastic day we had on Flag Day 2024 – Friday 15th March was a day of great colour, music, baked treats & most importantly, a celebration of the symbolism and importance of the Irish Flag today. We celebrated the 73 different nationalities in St. Joseph's by organising a full day of Fashion Shows, Bakes Sales, presentations on the Irish Flag. It was wonderful to see everyone in their own traditional dress and sampling the delights of all the countries from Algeria, Burma, France, India, Nepal to Ukraine, Sudan & the USA among many more! As part of the celebration, students engaged in active citizenship by fundraising for the Gaza Crisis Emergency Appeal with Unicef. A massive €2,340.75 has been raised so far. Thank to everyone involved!



Italian Embassy Development

The purchase of the Italian Embassy has proven to be a very prudent decision by SDCC to develop and enhance recreational facilities in the heart of the village. The Village Green, the Weir and Lucan Demesne are soon to receive their long overdue and much needed upgrades.

It is envisaged that the Embassy grounds will be made available by SDCC to everyone in Lucan and beyond to be used as a leisure facility providing outdoor spaces for cycling, walking, playing, picnicking as well as the house being opened after redevelopment as a Tourist Centre.

The Grounds of the Italian Ambassador Residence will provide a continuous park walk and cycle link from the Centre of Lucan Village to Leixlip, the Royal Canal, Park, Arthur Griffith Park, Griffeen Valley Parks and the Grand Canal.

In the future the former Italian Ambassador grounds will be the focal point of the Liffey Valley greenway linking Celbridge to the Silver Bridge at Farmleigh and the Phoenix Park. SDCC and the community of Lucan need to develop a vision for this fantastic network of parks and amenities.

The development of the former Ambassador's Residence and ground needs to incorporate Lucan Demesne and St Catherines Park. Just look at the fantastic development at Avondale House and other similar historic sites and the positive impact they have had on their local community's wellbeing. The embassy grounds will be accessible by bike, car, bus, running and walking.

The population of Lucan has grown from 15000 (1991 census) to over 60,000 presently. In 3 years, time the development of Adamstown and Clonburris will push these numbers over 70000. Active travel promotes accessing leisure facilities and services by cycling, running, and walking. The reality is there are many situations where using active travel is not realistic. Elderly people, those with significant health issues, people with disabilities and young children would need to access the Embassy grounds via an alternative means such as car. It would be discriminatory not to provide people in the aforementioned groups, alternative access to this planned recreational development.

A Community car park is an essential and necessary component of the development of the embassy grounds. In the village, there is currently 1 car space for every 300 persons living in Lucan. In 1991 the ratio was 1 in 75. This means whilst the population of Lucan has increased over 4-fold

and growing whilst parking provision has remained at 1991 levels.

The Community car park will have to provide for a much greater number of car spaces than are provided by the 1991 car spaces that currently exist.

The Community carpark, which is long overdue, would have the potential to lead to Village enhancement by removing some on street parking to a less visible location within the Embassy grounds.

The proposed development of the Embassy grounds will provide a much-needed leisure facility in our wonderful village.

It is important that the Local Community contact their local SDCC Councillors and Politicians with their ideas, thoughts, and views in relation to developing these grounds to maximize the potential benefit of this unique opportunity to make a real positive difference to our community.

Lucan Active Travel



A poster for 'The Helix Music Theatre' production of 'MESSIAH FOR "JUBILEE 2024"'. The poster features the title in large, bold, red and white letters. Below the title, it says '147 APRIL PM'. There is a ticket information box with prices: €20, €30, and €35, with a note '*plus booking fee'. Logos for 'TALLANT ONRAL SOCIETY' and the 'DOMINICAN ORDER' are visible. At the bottom, there are portraits of the cast members: SHARON GARTY (SOPRANO), CLAUDIA BOWLE (SOPRANO), ANDREW GAIN (TENOR), JOHN KELLY (BASS), and LUCY GALLAGHAN (CONDUCTOR). The bottom of the poster has a red banner with the text: "JUBILEE 2024 - 500 YEARS OF THE DOMINICAN ORDER IN IRELAND".

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Resurfacing in Foxborough: I have requested the resurfacing of Balgaddy Road between Foxborough Gardens and the R136 junction. The frequency of potholes on this stretch of road is more frequent than ever and work is urgently needed to resurface the road.

St Patrick's Day Parade: What a fantastic buzz there was during the Lucan St Patricks Day Parade! Great to see so much colour and hear such a buzz in the village, and to see great support for all the different groups taking part! Ard-mholadh tuillte ag an lucht eagraithe!

St Loman's Road: I have asked to complete the cycle path from the entrance of St Kevin's Community College to the entrance of Larkfield estate, on both sides of the road to enable full connectivity. The Council is to seek allocation from the NTA to fund this as part of the Cycle South Dublin scheme.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty P.C.

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

Web: www.paulgogarty.com

12th Lock development: SDCC have started the consultation process on the 12th Lock Masterplan with an unexpected proposal for a film studio opposite Lucan Golf Club, an area we were told would be an enterprise hub, to be followed adjoining by a restaurant and water based leisure services. I'm not sure this proposal meets the best community need with Grange Castle business park nearby. Have a look yourself. Go to my website and search '12th Lock masterplan'.

Bus User Survey: Keep the survey responses coming! Getting qualitative data over several months makes it harder for the NTA to give the usual excuses. I am going to keep this going for a few weeks more. Over 1,200 responses to date. Have your say via www.bit.ly/BusCorrect. Can do over phone if anyone prefers, just text me.

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

- 085 2551602 info@CarolineBrady.com

Lucan Demesne: With the assistance of Emer Higgins TD I've been highlighting the issue of the barriers and safety on the Leixlip Road opposite Maxol since the storm in January to the council. I am pleased to report that the barriers securing the wall were made safe and secured last week.

Finnstown Fairways: Excess water ponding on pavement close to the Fairways is reported to the council.

Castle Riada: Overgrown hedge was reported to the council and is now referred for inspection. Please

note, however, hedge cutting is now prohibited until the Autumn due to the Wildlife Act.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Recycle Event: Do you have any electrical waste you need to dispose of? Caroline Brady and I have organised a FREE community collection of electrical waste and electronic equipment in the car park in front of St Joseph's on the Lucan Road from 9.30am-12.30am. Drop down with any electrical items such as kettles, lamps and toasters. This initiative is part of our commitment to helping encourage recycling in our community.

Drink Tea for MND: Well done to Michèle, Claire and team who held a very successful fundraiser for Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association last week. Thanks to everyone who supported, it was a lovely morning.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Recommendations by Joint Committee on Assisted Dying: The Joint Committee on Assisted Dying has published its final report. It has made 38 recommendations. The committee met for over a nine-month period and deliberated over twenty-five public meetings. It heard from a broad spectrum of witnesses from legal, medical, civic, and international experts. The conclusions of the committee were to recommend legislative change in certain circumstances. It was an enormous privilege to be elected Vice-Chair of the committee and oversee the evolution of the committee in its final recommendations. The report is hugely significant in terms of the debate going forward. I intend to submit a new assisted dying bill in April to reflect the committee's report.

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

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St Patricks Day Parade: As Chair of the Lucan Area Committee, I was delighted to deputise for the Mayor at this year's parade. Congratulations to the many organisers, volunteers and participants. As always, another very fun day out.

Finnstown: Following on from some recent concerns raised over the trees growing in Rockwood, Finnstown Abbey, an independent Arborist was engaged to conduct a survey of all trees in the immediate area.

This inspection has found that, out of a total of 17 trees surveyed, 9 require removal and 8 of these listed for urgent removal due to safety concerns. While trees are a vital resource on a number of fronts, the health and wellbeing of homeowners and constituents is of utmost importance and therefore SDCC will seek to have these trees felled as soon as possible.

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



St Patricks Day

We had a very successful St Patricks Day this year with many of our juvenile players representing the club in the Lucan parade. This was followed by an enjoyable evening back at the clubhouse with children's entertainment, live music and pub food.

We also had three representatives at the Madrid Harps St Patricks Day family outing. Pictured Jamie Lavin, Daire Shanahan and Ciaran McHugh.



County

Congratulations to Rian Doherty, Senan Bolger, Cian Gavin and Killian Costello on being selected for the 2024 Dublin Minor Football Championship squad. Best of luck to the lad in the upcoming Leinster campaign.



Well done to Jack Mills (2:01) and Bill Donovan who represented the Dublin U16 Hurling team in their win against Clare!



Well done to Caoimhe Buckley who represent the Dublin U14 Ladies footballers in matches against Kildare and Meath.



Academy

Our Academy is on every Saturday morning from 9-11am and provides a great opportunity to get involved in Gaelic, Hurling and Camogie. It is open to children born in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Training times are age dependent, please contact our club Games Promotion Officer, Alan O'Neill – 0871213587.

Easter Camp

Our Easter camp will take place next week from the 25th – 28th of March from 10am – 2pm daily. All children, both members and non-members, are welcome. Hurls and helmets can be provided if needed Registration is open and spaces are limited so make sure to sign up via ClubZap or the link below.

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

Social

Our Annual Golf Classic will take place on the 21st of June 2024 in Lucan Golf Club. The cost of a four-person team is €450. This event books up quickly and we had an unprecedented demand for tee times last year so make sure to register early. Invitations are also open for sponsorship opportunities for both companies and personal support. Please contact any member of our committee for registration, sponsorship enquiries and any other information. Maggie Mulqueen 087 2866581, Sara Hickey 086 8187070, Ruth Langton 086 8231139

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1,400. The Numbers were **1, 3, 16, 17.**

The lucky dip prizes go to Maaiké Quinn, Therez Quinn, Colm Farrell, Catherine Dardis & Martin Mockler. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,800. The draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services and will be led Edel Mooney.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Leinster Senior and Masters Indoors

The Leinster Senior and Masters Indoors took place in Athlone on Saturday 9th March. Plenty of medals and PB's on display.



Results as follows:

Katriona Power O50 9.07m Silver in Shot Putt
Colin O Gara O55 800m silver 2.45 and 1500m bronze 5.33
Breda Smyth O50 800m gold 2.54 1500m gold 5.42
Laura Mc Ateer O45 Long Jump PB 3.96m Gold, 200m Silver 30.28
Sorcha Dineen O35 200m Gold 29.29, 400m Gold 1.06.09
Dervila Hennelly O50 200m bronze 30.39
Carol Kearney O55 200m Silver 29.71 400m Gold 1.08.09
Kate O Connell 55.61 Leinster senior champion 400m
4*200 Carol, Dervila, Laura and Sorcha. Gold



Bohermeen Half Marathon

The Bohermeen 50th Half Marathon took place Sunday 10th March with an 11am start. There were 1,486 finishers including 7 ladies from Lucan Harriers. Conditions were cold, wet & miserable. A two loop course finishing on the track at Bohermeen Community Centre where

there was lots of welcome goodies & a medal. It was then a case of quick change & get home to the heat!

5k Run for Raphael's Leprechaun Run

The 5k Run for Raphael's Leprechaun Run took place on March 16th. The fun run was the first of its kind organised by St Raphael's Parents & Friends Association as part of their fundraising efforts. St Raphael's Parents & Friends Association advocates for and support the individuals attending St. John of God Liffey Services.

The day started off with some showers but we had the luck of the Irish as it cleared up an hour before the race.

14 members from Lucan Harriers turned up at the starting point at the beautiful Cliff at Lyons to a sea of green. Even the dogs turned up in their luckiest gear! At registration we were handed our green snoods and off we went to warm up along the canal.

The race started at 11am and a total of 280 runners and walkers went along the scenic Grand Canal passing swans and kayakers. It was a flat route 2.5k out and back again.

The red and black jackets of Lucan Harriers were a welcome sight as members who came to support cheered us on as we reached the 5k mark. There was no pot of gold at the finish line but there was bottled water galore!

First home for Lucan Harriers was Eleanor O Neill in 27:41, First male home was Ian Mc Lean 40.44. Congratulations to those who came age category firsts

Eileen O Brien F70 in 28:08 and Jean Murtagh F60 in 34:01.

No PB news to report on but we did have 2 wonderful PCs (Personal Challenges). Trish had a hip replacement in September 2023 and this was her first race since then. This is also Jean's first race since an injury in October 2023. Such amazing progress from the two ladies.

The race was a fantastic way to kick start the St Patrick's weekend. Well done to everyone and thanks to those who supported on the side-lines.





Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Fáilte chuig Nuachtlitir Na Gaeil Óga, áit a bhfaighidh tú an t-eolas is déanaí faoi gach rud atá ag tarlú inár bpobal bríomhar.



Lá Fhéile Pádraig

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh go léir. Lá iontach ag ceiliúradh ár gelub iontach! Bhí craic agus spraoi againn sa pharáid. Bhuamar gradam Best Turned Out Group!



LUCAN PITCH & PUTT

Drive in 23rd March 2024

Due to the weather conditions last weekend our drive in was postponed to this Saturday 23rd March. The committee and members would like to wish our President Michael Purcell and our Captains Una Ronan and John McDermott the very best of luck in their year ahead. We hope you have a most memorable year.



Membership Fees

Membership Fees are now due and can be paid over this weekend at the club house to any committee member or you can pay on line ensuring you quote your registration number.

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 on a Sunday from 10am



St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Thank you to the Lee Byrne Academy of dancers who paid respect to our heritage by the wonderful Irish dancing routines in our Clubhouse on the afternoon of St Patrick's Day. It was greatly enjoyed by all present and delighted to see the

young dancers who are so professional. It was great to see our two former Captains Anna McCrory and Seve McGrath enjoying the festivities in the club on Sunday evening. Good to have you both back and looking so well again.

Saturday 23rd March 2024

We are holding our Fund Raiser for Michael Monahan on Saturday 23rd March. We have a race night at 9pm followed by music and our raffle. If you cannot attend on the night you can purchase your raffle tickets from any of the house committee or alternatively you can give a donation to the fund. If you wish to sell some tickets – we have books of tickets available from any of the House Committee.

6th April 2024 - New Members – Adults and Juveniles

We are hosting a welcome afternoon on Saturday 6th April at 2pm for all our new members, adults and juveniles. We hope you can join us and get an overview of our club and how our competitions are run together with meeting up with our coaches. It will also be an opportunity for you to meet some of our committee.

Full Zip Tops / Jackets / T-Shirts

Members please note that Dora Keane is the contact for the stock of our club zip tops / jackets and t-shirts.

Function Room for Hire

Please note that we have a function room for hire in the evenings from circa 5pm. Contact the secretary or email info@lucanpitchandputt.com for details of same – T&C apply

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last week a number of members of the group made great progress in designing and ordering their photographic albums. We await seeing the finished products.

This week pride of place must go to Joe's photograph taken last Friday in Chalet Gardens of a cherry blossom tree in full bloom. Many cherry species bloom between March and April in the Northern Hemisphere. It has been established that the flowering time of cherry trees has been affected by global warming. According to the records in Kyoto, Japan, records which have been kept for about 1200 years, the time of full bloom was relatively stable from 812 to the 1800s. The average peak bloom day in the 1850s was around April 17 but by the 2020s it was April 5.



Kay's cat featured this week and Anna sent us some photos taken in Achill including stained glass in a church and evidence of St. Patrick's Day celebrations there! The English land agent, Charles Cunningham Boycott, who worked for Lord Erne, the absentee landowner, and who lived in Co. Mayo gave the English language the term "boycott".



From our own St. Patrick's Day Parade both Joe and Frances took photos of a lovely vintage car with a ZV registration, one of only two pre 1987 registration codes still issued. SV registrations are reserved for vintage cars, i.e. vehicles that are proved to be more than 30 years old.

Until next week stay safe!

