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Sunday 15th May 2022

Darkness into light.....



One of the many things that Lucanians can be proud of is the fact that Lucan was the birthplace of Pieta House. Each year Pieta's profile is brought into sharp focus by the annual Darkness into light walk that has become an established feature of the calendar, not just here in Ireland, but in many places beyond our shores.

The tragedy of suicide is something that touches families and individuals in a deeply devastating way, and perhaps that accounts for the resonance that the Darkness into light walk creates in so many people. Pain and grief channelled into positive action for the good of others is a powerful force

that generate an incredible momentum for good, and the money raised, not to mention that good will generated, has gone a long way to ease the pain and grief of others.

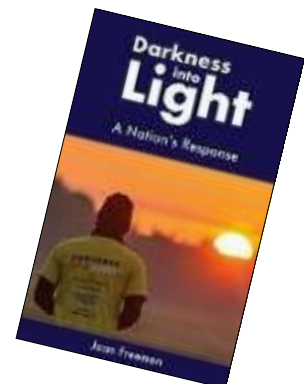
In my own family we suffered the loss of my dear nephew through suicide some 10 years ago, and I know first-hand the grief and sadness that comes in its wake. Each year his parents and siblings take part in the walk, it's a positive expression of a heart ache that will never go away expressed in an action that will contribute towards easing the pain of others.

Joan Freeman, the founder of Pieta House has written a new book entitled **'Darkness into Light. A Nation's Response'**. The book is a lovely reflection on the origins of this annual event and on what it means to people today. To date over 29 million euro has been raised for the cause of suicide prevention though what began with one woman and has since become such a power house for good. What began in 2009 as a walk in the Phoenix Park with 400 people has grown now to some 200,000 participants in 16 countries across 5 continents. The book is an 'homage' to the many volunteers and Pieta staff whose efforts have seen the spread of this annual event all over Ireland and beyond.

'This is the story of how love brought light out of the darkness. It is for us all.' (Dr Harry Barry, GP and bestselling author)

'Intimate, honest, and a beautiful chronicle of the genesis of what is now one of Ireland – and the world's – most important charity events.' (Joe Houghton, former chairperson of Pieta House)

'Darkness into Light. A Nation's Response' published by Veritas Publications is available in bookstores price €16.99



Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email lucan@citinfo.ie

SERVICES AND OPENING HOURS
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(Limited Capacity)

Tuesday mornings 10am to 12pm

Thursday mornings 10am to 12pm

PHONE CALL QUERIES FOR CALL BACK

0818 075090. Tuesday afternoons only

OUR CITIZENS INFORMATION PHONE SERVICE IS OPEN

Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

We are closed on Monday and Friday each week.

Opening and switching a bank account

There are different types of bank accounts that cater for different needs. This document tells you about the main types of accounts and things to consider when choosing an account. It also describes how to open an account and switch your account to another bank. More information is available at www.citizensinformation.ie

How to switch your account to another bank

You should review your needs and preferences from time to time. You might decide to switch your account to another bank because:

Your circumstances have changed and you have different needs from an account

You have found an account that offers you a better deal

You are unhappy with the level of service that your bank is providing

You are unhappy with the fees your bank is charging

If you decide to switch your account you can get information to help you decide and there are rules about the process.

Check the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission's website to help you to see whether you can get a better deal from another bank.

If you decide to switch your account, the Central Bank of Ireland has issued a code of conduct for banks on this matter. All banks, payment institutions and e-money institutions that offer payment accounts in Ireland must comply with the Code. The Switching Code is designed to make switching accounts quick and easy. Under the Code all banks must provide a switching pack to their customers. This contains a description of all of the current accounts currently being offered to new customers, as well as a step-by-step guide to what you need to do when switching.



Your new bank must have your new account up and running within 10 working days of the switching date - this is the date agreed between you and your new bank for the process to start. You will be given the option to keep your old account, or to close it. You must let your new bank know before you switch.

If you keep your old account open you may have to pay charges on this account and stamp duty on your cards, even if you no longer use that account. The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) has information on this matter and the following information is from their website.

Other things to think about if your bank is leaving the market

Central Credit Register: If you plan to apply for a loan, mortgage or other credit in the future, then it is very likely that a provider will run a credit check on you through the Central Credit Register. If you have missed payments or have an unresolved debt with your previous provider or any other provider, then your application may be declined. If your previous provider has left Ireland then it may be difficult to resolve an issue that may not be your fault or inaccuracy on your record. We would recommend that you request a copy of your credit history before you close your account. This will allow you to deal with any issues you may have. You can request a copy of your credit history online, generally for free, for more information log onto the CCPC Money Hub.

Statements: If your bank is leaving Ireland, then it may be difficult to get old statements for previous years. You may need to have a copy for any future credit applications, particularly if you are applying for a mortgage. We would recommend before closing your account that you request a copy of your old statements either online or through your local branch.

Credit cards: If your bank is leaving Ireland, then you will most likely need to transfer your credit card to another provider if you wish to continue availing of this form of credit. If you wish to avoid paying stamp duty twice be sure to request a letter of closure. When you give this letter to your new card issuer, they should ensure that you are not charged stamp duty again for that year. If you close a credit card account mid-year and don't open another one – you will still be liable for the full €30 stamp duty.

More information: Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, Monday-Friday, 9am - 6pm. Tel: (01) 402 5555 and (01) 402 5500
www.ccpc.ie and www.citizensinformation.ie





To Lucan Businesses:

It has been very encouraging to see how the local businesses came together to present a unified response to the proposed plans for Lucan village, Weir and Demesne.

We in Lucan Tidy Towns now request your support in our efforts around presenting Lucan at its best for the upcoming National Tidy Towns Competition 2022.

We have achieved Bronze Medal Awards for 3 consecutive years. We would really like to increase our marks this year and achieve a higher award such as a Silver or even a Gold medal.

The judging takes place anytime between June and July, during which one of adjudicators will pay one or more unannounced visits to Lucan village.

So what can you, the local businesses do to help?

Maintain the outside of your premises: sweeping broken glass, cigarette butts etc., controlling litter, dealing with overflowing bins etc.

Ensuring shop fronts are presented in the best way.

Floral displays, as appropriate, window displays, clean signage etc.

Where lanes/alleyways apply, keep clear and tidy.

Other enhancements, such as painting of shop fronts if possible.

As you can already see, our volunteers are doing our best to enhance the village and surrounds through our ongoing work. Together we can show our village off to greater advantage.

Contact Catherine O'Loughlin 087 9468271 if you need further information.

May 2022.

Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet in St Andrew's Hall, Lucan village on Thursdays from 11.30 am to 2.30pm

There is an open invitation to you to come to one of our meetings.

We have bowls, Scrabble and cards - or you can just have a chat. Light refreshments are served at 1.15 pm.

You are welcome to wear a face covering if you are more comfortable doing so.

Lucan Community Council

Need for further action regarding changes to the C-Spine:

It is almost five months since we had our public meeting in Dodsboro to retain the 25-bus route. Unfortunately, the NTA have fallen short in terms of communication and actual engagement. Lucan Planning Council had an initial positive response from the NTA but subsequently there was a breakdown in communications due to error on their side. LPC have made several suggestions how the 25 route can be addressed at no cost and benefiting those for whom small changes make the difference between travelling by bus or not.

We reached out to Dublin Bus CEO and explained the situation and were very well received, but the responsibility ultimately falls with the NTA. Lack of local knowledge has led to resource errors by the NTA which frustratingly has led to over bussed and duplicated areas that already had a great service while long established bus users are now left short, and with unworkable uncertainty as to whether the bus will take them having had a significant walk to the stop and the failure to extend a bus route to Blanchardstown hospital is an example of unacceptable indifference and disregard in our view.

The aim of Lucan Planning Council is for all areas of Lucan to reach the city centre within approximately thirty minutes by bus. The population of Dodsboro area has more than doubled and the NTA choose to take away our 25 service when the climate change aim is to reduce car movements by making buses a practical alternative. Their biggest disappointment of all is the impact on bus users with a disability, elderly, and women with children. We can't stand by and let this happen as most of us will fall into this category at some stage.

Lucan Planning Council gave the NTA every opportunity to respond, and yet no action or indication of corrective action is in evidence. Lucan must now take action on behalf of those impacted by failure of the NTA to accept that corrections and small changes to the C-Spine are a must. Thank you to those who have engaged in conversation with us and indicated a willingness to engage further.

Caitríona McClean
Secretary Lucan Planning Council
086 3898327

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.

Masses will continue to be live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Best wishes to the boys and girls of **Lucan Educate Together N.S** who will make their Confirmation this 14th May.



Also best wishes to the boys and girls of **Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig N.S.** who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

Please remember them all in your

Holy Hour:

There will be a Holy Hour every Sunday from **4pm to 5pm** to pray for the success of the Synod in Rome in 2023.

Christian Meditation:

Mediation every Tuesday **at new time of 8pm** in the Bungalow.
All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Praying with Scripture:

Praying with Scripture every Monday at **7.30pm** in The Bungalow. (masks optional). **Zoom meetings** will continue on a temporary basis for those uncomfortable meeting in bungalow. Meetings will take place on **Wednesday at 7.30pm.**

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line up to the end of **August 2022**. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet **every 2nd Monday at 10.45am and 4th Thursday at 8pm of the month** in the Bungalow. 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.*

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.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Donal Gleeson**, Laraghcon.
May he rest in peace.



St Vincent De Paul – St Mary's Conference

Church Gate collection at all Masses
NEXT weekend **21st/22nd May.**
Many thanks for your generosity

Rosary

The Legion of Mary will host the Rosary for the month of May in St Mary's Church, Lucan at 5.30pm (Monday to Friday).
Rosary will be offered up for peace in Ukraine and for all your intentions.



All welcome

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](#)

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm



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

Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

The Church will now be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

Visitation team for Holy Communion:

Pastoral care of the Sick is provided for all who suffer in any way in our communities. When a person becomes ill, receives a serious diagnosis or because of frailty is no longer able to attend Mass, our Ministers facilitate visitation of the sick at home or in a care setting when this is requested by families and permitted by public health authorities. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

Bingo night:

Thursdays 7-9pm. In the John Paul II Memorial Hall. Meet up with friends, connect with new people and to assist with fund raising for the Church. All are Welcome!

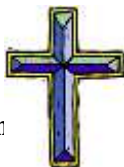
Coffee Morning:

Our Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10am (after the 9.15am Mass) in the John Paul II Memorial Hall. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits/cakes – or just drop in for a chat!

Esker Cemetery Mass

The Annual Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves will take place on

Sunday 4th September at 3pm
(weather permitting)



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday 7pm,
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families; it is an accessible liturgy for children and enables them to participate more fully in the Sunday Mass.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.

Charity Fundraiser Event

in aid of



Garden Open Day

in

43 Beech Grove

Sat. 28th May 2022

10.30am - 4.30pm

Bring a friend

Support a very worthy cause. Stroll around the garden.
Relax and chat over tea/coffee.



Donation on leaving

Contact:

Joe & Aine, 086 0561497

Anniversary

MURRAY (MOLLY)

5th Anniversary - 16th May

Time cannot steal the treasures
That we carry in our hearts
Nor ever dim the shining thoughts
Our cherished past imparts
For the memories of a mother we love
Still casts a gentle glow
To grace our days and light our paths
Wherever we may go.

Loved and remembered always by her loving family



Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi Everyone,

We had a good crowd at our club today, we had two representatives from Dublin Bus who were helping us to download apps and show us how to use them to check timetables etc. We definitely learned a lot from them and some members were able to put their questions to them about bus connections and lack of buses in their area.

This is a reminder that our AGM will take place next Wednesday 18th May and all members should try and attend. It won't take very long and you can all get back to cards, scrabble, indoor bowling or just chat to friends and enjoy refreshments.

Take care everyone and we'll see you all again next week.

Marian Egan, Club Secretary 0861269043



Lucan ICA



Monday 16th May: Craft group working away from 10am until 12.30pm. Beautiful pillow dolls finished to perfection under Carmel's tuition.

Wednesday 18th May: We will celebrate our 56th Birthday with dinner at 6pm in the Spa Hotel followed by the play "The Playboy of the Western World" at 8pm. Meet in the foyer at 6pm.

Tea Hostess's for Monday 16th Craft Morning
Are: Kathleen May and Mary Curley.

Vikings in 800s Ireland – an Irish perspective



Lucan Local History in collaboration with *Dublinia* are delighted to present a talk by **Mark Louth**, here in Lucan Library on **Thursday 2nd June**, at 7pm.

Mark will address a talk on Vikings in Ireland in the 800s, how they were perceived by the Irish, how they mixed with Irish kings and the Church, how they were perceived in relation to their behaviour, and what was deemed acceptable / unacceptable behaviour.

To book a place at this fascinating talk, you can book through Eventbrite at <https://LucanLibraryDublin.eventbrite.ie>

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 18th: Social morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30am-12.30pm. Demonstration and advice on making up patio pots, etc.

VHI Women's Mini Marathon

Sunday 5th June

St Francis Hospice Needs your support!

To register visit www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie

To join team Eileen and raise funds for the hospice Go online www.sfh.ie

Or call 01 8327535 or 01 8294000

Thank you!



Big Book
of

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday Night

St. Patrick's Church, Esker

8.30pm – 9.30pm

Any queries Contact Colette 086 0272002



Surprise visitor in Lucan last weekend!

This lad was found in Lucan – a “yellow corn snake” of all things. The finder took it to the Gardaí who then brought it to the National Exotic Animal Sanctuary in Meath.



Apparently, this species is harmless, and will be looked after well in the sanctuary, who are hoping that the owner turns up soon.

Another out of date poster

Some weeks back we mentioned an out of date Christmas tree poster. We can better that this week!



The above poster is for a meeting on Monday 5th October 2020. Whoever wants to remove it will find it at the edge of Tesco Shopping Centre, in Hillcrest – Hard to believe it’s been there for a year and a half at this stage.

We all have to play our part in keeping Lucan tidy!

Lunar eclipse - Blood Moon coming our way!

We will have the chance to watch a total lunar eclipse on Monday next, 16th May. It is expected to last from 3.32am to 5.11am in the early hours of this coming Monday. David Moore of Astronomy Ireland said: "Everyone should watch as the moon goes down in the west and dawn begins to break."

Booster jabs rolling out again!

There are a lot of things we can give out about in our country, but fair play to all involved in rolling out the Covid vaccines, and now some of us are fortunate enough to be receiving a second booster. *Big Bualadh Bos for all the Jabbers!*



Hillcrest Residents Association

'Meet the Neighbours'




**Coffee Morning
in
The Lord Lucan
on
26th May @ 11am
All Welcome**

Sarsfield Park & District Residents Association

Our next residents meeting will be held on May 16th at 8pm in Kenny’s back lounge. This is to vote on the implementation of the replacement constitution

We are holding an event for our senior members in Kenny’s on 16th June (Bloomsday) with some food and music drinks optional

Family Fun Day and BBQ provisionally set for July 2nd on the main green.

Palmerstown Camera Club



At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting online/in person, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm. People interested in

joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@mail.com

We started back a few weeks ago with in-person sessions in the Parish Hall in Palmerstown and we are now able to offer a hybrid model within the camera club. This is so we can have local/national and international speakers visit the club. The international speakers will be on zoom, and they can be viewed at home or in the parish hall in Palmerstown with other camera club members.

Last week in the club we had a social evening /presentation for the previous year's competition winners. Congratulations to everybody who picked up an award on the evening.

A few weeks ago, we had the judging night for last month's panel competition which is a set of six images. They stand together as a panel with a theme and as separate images.

Noleen Kavanagh won in the advanced section of the panel competition with the below group of images. The title of the panel was "The Misfits", congratulations to Noleen on the win and on a very creative panel.



LUCAN DRAMA PROUDLY PRESENTS

The

PLAYBOY

OF THE WESTERN WORLD

BY J.M SYNGE

@ THE LUCAN SPA HOTEL

WEDS 18TH TO SAT 21ST MAY @8PM

FOR STANDARD TKTS €12/€10
CONTACT 086 066 6626

2 COURSE DINNER & SHOW TKTS €30
CONTACT SPA HOTEL 01 628 0494



ACRE
project

A Community
Rethinking Education

**OUR MAY
PLANT
SALE**

**Saturday May
14th,**

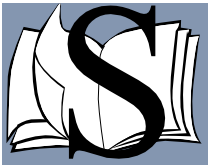
10.00 am – 5.00 pm
And **Sunday May 15th**, 10.00
am- 5.00pm.

We will have
summer bedding,
planters and hanging
baskets for sale.

All very welcome along!

**The Acre Project, Salesian
College
Mynooth Road, Celbridge.**





CHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

3rd Year Home Economics: Our 3rd year Home Economics students began their practicals last week. This is where they demonstrate their cookery, presentation and cleaning skills, they have done a huge amount of practice for this practical in school and at home. We wish them well with the remainder of the practicals.

First Year Gaa Blitz: A group of our 1st year GAA students took part in a first-year blitz which was held at the grounds of Maynooth Community College in Moyglare. The group had a fantastic day and we would like to thank all at Maynooth Community College for hosting this great event.

Under 14 Camogie: Our under 14 Camogie team played against Coláiste Iosagáin in the county semi-final. Unfortunately the girls came out on the wrong side of the result this time but they can be very proud of all that they have achieved this season. Well done to everyone involved.

Transition Year Forensic Workshop: Our Transition Years completed a Forensic Science workshop where they worked together to try to solve the historic case of JFK's assassination. The students used analytical & critical thinking skills. Students explored Ballistics & gunshot residue (GSR), photographic analysis, fingerprints, autopsy & the main theories / links with history. They thoroughly enjoyed this workshop.



SciFest: A group of our students attended SciFest in DCU on Friday last and they had huge success. Agnes Martin (2Yr) won the Intel Awards (This

award is presented to the best project in the Technology category) and Caoimhe Daffy (TY) won the Scifest Chemistry Award (This award is presented to the project with the best chemistry content). Congratulations to the Students and to the Science Department Well done everyone.

5th and 6th Year Geography Trip: Another Fantastic Geography Trip to Co. Clare. We are delighted to be able to continue this long running tradition in our school after a two year absence. The tour included a tour of Bunratty Castle, a visit to the Cliffs of Moher, a surf lesson and finally a trip to Aliwee Caves and the Burren. Not to forget the keenly contested quiz. The group thoroughly enjoyed the trip.



Transition Year Trip to Tayto Park: Our Transition Years are due to go to Tayto Park this Friday on a whole year group end of year trip. This is one of two trips that the whole year group will go on before the end of the school term.

Coding: Congratulations to Agnes Martin and to Mr. Barry who have again been selected for the National Scratch Finals which are due to be judged Wed 18th May - this is the second time they have achieved this!

Wellbeing Trip: 1A1 and 5A1 were the best performing classes over the last term in relation to picking up positive credits, because of this they enjoyed a well-deserved trip to Go Quest escape rooms on Tuesday.

Staff First Aid Training: A group of ten staff completed the first of two nights of training. Staff will be trained in the use of our De-Fib and will also be trained in basic First Aid. Well done to all the staff who have are completing this invaluable training.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Awards: Well done to 1st yr **Noah Dolan** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for April in recognition of his excellent manners, behaviour and application in all of his classes.

Congratulations to **Alex Leonard** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his excellent performance at the recent West Leinster Athletics Championships where he won the gold medal in the u16 200m final.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Patrick Cosgrove** ón dara bliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Márta mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt ach go háirithe agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements.

Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners who each received a 5euro vouchers for the school canteen on Monday in recognition of their excellent application, co-operation and behaviour throughout April.

LCVP: Our three 6th yr LCVP classes sat their Link Module written exam on Wednesday 4th May with students generally very pleased afterwards. The written exam is worth 40% of their overall marks with the remaining 60% going to their Portfolio of Coursework already submitted so the students have now completed all elements of their LCVP exam.

Geography: All 2nd year students visited Causey farm, near Navan in Co. Meath last Friday on a Geography field trip. Before the visit, students studied primary economic activities in the classroom as part of the Junior Cycle. The trip to Causey farm allowed students to gain an understanding of the inputs, outputs and processes of an operational farm. Students got a tour of the farm, met all the animals and took a ride on a tractor. The highlight of the trip was the visit to Girley Bog, where students were allowed to jump in and explore the bog, with they did with relish! In poor weather conditions, it was safe to say that it was a mucky affair!

Open Evening: An Open evening was held in the school on Tuesday for our incoming 1st yrs and their parents/guardians from 4-6pm. These students were denied the opportunity to see the school in recent yrs due to Covid regulations so this was the perfect chance for our soon-to-be new cohort of 1st yrs to familiarise themselves with the school, meet the staff and teachers, visit the classrooms and check out the fantastic array

of modern, state-of-the-art facilities that they will soon get to enjoy.

Most of the classrooms were open throughout the evening so that the students could see the different subjects in action. They got to actively engage with our own students and teachers, with the science labs, art room, wood and metal technology rooms, the classroom-of-the-future and our brand new school canteen proving particularly popular on the night.



It was great to see so many of our current students in attendance and they proved to be excellent ambassadors for the school as they spent time engaging the primary school students in the different subject areas and made sure they felt welcomed and valued. They answered a lot of questions about the school from parents and their children in a mature, positive and informed manner and helped them navigate the corridors and different classrooms on view.

Well done especially to 2nd yrs Rohit Tummala and Cillian Murphy who addressed a packed canteen and outlined some of their own personal experiences of 1st yr in Coláiste Phádraig. They also shared some invaluable tips with the 6th class students that will help them, settle into life at secondary school.

Our Prefects were also a tremendous help throughout as they took attendance rolls, distributed important brochures, guided parents and students around and helped clear up afterwards.

Transition Year: The TY students enjoyed a fun-filled day of adventure at Baysports Hodson Bay, Ireland's largest inflatable waterpark, in Athlone last Wednesday. Baysports containing Ireland's biggest collection of original, award-winning floating slides (including the world's tallest, floating, inflatable slide!), rockers and water challenges so there was something exciting, fun and adventurous for everyone. The students had an exhilarating day of individual and team-building activities under the strict supervision of highly trained lifeguards and safety supervisors.

SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email OldLucan@gmail.com to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.

Facebook group; "*Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*" & Twitter: @Soc4OldLucan. Website: <https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



Sol Work Since March

Good news! SOL were awarded funding from the Community Heritage Grant Scheme from the Heritage Council which means we can engage Historic Graves to give a workshop to people interested in further recording the graves at St. Finian's. We are currently planning these events for the coming months, and we will advertise this in the newsletter and via our mailing list.

Wildflower ID Workshop in the Medieval Graveyard, Lucan Village – Book Now

Booking is now open for a free, 1 hour workshop on Sat 21st May, 12-1pm that will show you how to easily identify wildflowers. We will be using the gated, medieval graveyard in the village which is normally locked, to the rear of O'Neill's bar. Smartphone (Android) essential and 2 free apps need to be downloaded in advance of the workshop.



Book your ticket here:

<https://solnatbiowk22.eventbrite.ie>
SOL followers are also busy logging spring flowers around Lucan as part of Biodiversity Ireland's Spring Flowers recording project. This work is ongoing until end May.

The Historical Houses Project

- Lesley Jenkins Blairsdale

For much of its existence Lucan has been a rural enclave surrounded by fields and farmland. The population numbered only in the hundreds until the end of the 19th century. Outside of its designed village and ancient churches the only punctuations in its landscape where the many country and farmhouses of its residents.

These is where most of my focus has been over the last two years. While researching it has become clear what a detrimental effect the development of Lucan has had on its built

heritage over the last number of decades. Many places such as Viewmount, Glebe House, Willsbrook and the Rectory were demolished to build housing estates. Others such as Woodville were demolished out of convenience and many others are still falling into states of deliberate dereliction.

Somerton and Shackleton estates have claimed the last vestiges of rural Lucan. The Tandy's Lane I remember as a new resident over 20 years ago is now a stretch of road in the middle of a housing estate. As more heritage is eroded it becomes more important to document and record it. The current project involves creating an in-depth database detailing all historic houses in the Lucan area. These include houses both existing and extant with a view to record all history and people associated with them. It is also of vital importance that we collect **images** of the houses as they are and as they were.

One of the most important aspects of this research is the contribution from **you**, the public. The expansion of Lucan is recent enough that many people living in the locality remember what it was like before urbanisation and can recall living in, seeing and visiting these houses.

If you have anything to help with this project, please get in touch to OldLucan@gmail.com. We are interested in information on all types of historic housing in the Lucan area- country houses, farmhouses, and cottages.

For History Fans:

Look at over 1000 projects from Heritage Week 2021 online here, nationwide coverage <https://www.heritageweek.ie/projects>

If you love history talks and walks, online and in-person, sign up for this fantastic Dublin Local History Meetup. There are a few meetups every week, site visits, presentations, online tours and talks and lots of topics. Some events have a site access fee but no fee to join and attend most of the online talks. SOL tend to deliver our talks via the DLHM as we reach a wider audience.

<https://www.meetup.com/Dublin-Local-History-Meetup/>

Committee: Helen Farrell (chair), Elaine Hurley, Darren Tully, Paul Butler, Jonathan Cully, and Lesley Jenkins Blairsdale. Contact us: OldLucan@gmail.com

Report continued next week.....

Political Notes

Emer Higgins - TD

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Kishogue Rail Station:

Last week I had the opportunity to challenge the NTA at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport about the never-ending delays in opening Kishogue Train Station. It was confirmed that because the station was built almost 12 years ago, major remedial works are now required to meet current accessibility codes and building regulations. The works should be complete in 2023 but I put on the Dáil record my utter frustration with hearing the NTA say that the Station will open next year - I've heard this for two years now. I will continue to fight for this station to be open to serve our community and will keep the pressure on the NTA to deliver this.

Dáil Visit:

I was delighted to welcome St Joseph's 5th Year Politics and Society class and their teachers to the Dáil for a visit and tour of Leinster House. If the class is anything to go by the future is bright!

Gino Kenny TD – People Before Profit

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National Maternity Hospital:

This week People Before Profit raised the issue of the ownership of the proposed National Maternity Hospital on the campus of St. Vincent's Hospital. There is ambiguity in regards to the ownership and ethos of the proposed maternity hospital. This is the reason why People Before Profit have consistently called for the land on which the hospital will be built to be either gifted to the state or a compulsory purchase order (CPO) stipulated. Everybody wants the hospital to be built as the present maternity facilities are outdated but they must be free of any outside interference from religious orders or institutions that leave any doubt that medical procedures which are permissible under law can be performed on the grounds of this public hospital.

Paul Gogarty

“Not just at election time”

Tel: 087-2752489. E-mail: info@paulgogarty.com

Free book bag for children starting school in September:

Children and parents/guardians can get a free Book Bag at Lucan library or any library throughout South Dublin County.

Each My Little Library Book Bag contains:

- Three books on starting school, making friends and being comfortable to be yourself
- A story card on going to the library
- A postcard the child can write or draw on and send to their new teacher, or bring to give to the teacher on their first day at school
- Their very own library card and special 'My Little Library' cardholder

Book bags are available in both Irish and English.

Bus Connects meeting update:

C2 extension towards Shackleton delayed - dependent on developer finishing road sections. Absolutely no give on 25 restoration. New local routes gaining users. Cancellations reducing. Full report on my Facebook page.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Lucan Plans:

Lucan recently engaged in a Part 8 public consultation on the Village Green improvements resulting in 7K+ submissions. The plan was approved and amended by removing the proposed car parking changes to the village square. I was glad to support the amendment along with other local councillors. Well done to all those that took on the hard task of initiating the campaign and seeing it through.

Canal Cycle Loop:

This Part 8 will be going out for public consultation soon. I have expressed my concerns on the initial plans at a recent briefing and once again I will work closely with the public on this. Updates to follow.

As always I'm available to assist with **day-to-day issues**: trees, footpath repairs etc.

I can confirm that **The Old School Master House** sale remains ongoing and local councillors will receive updates in due course.

Peace: It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Race Day. A day at the races is a great Queen album but its also a smashing day out enjoyed by our equine fans in the club. Last Sunday we hosted the annual race day a little later than usual and some people thought that it would be a little "flat" because of this, but most were happy to swap the jumps for the glorious day delivered in May. Big thanks to the organising committee who have this event running like clockwork, especially the trojan work carried out behind the scenes by our very own Neds of the Hill, Sara Hickey and Maggie Mulqueen.



Lucan Sarsfield Golf Society - Annual Golf Classic Lucan Golf Club will take place on Friday 17th June 2022. A 4 Person Team is €400 (€320 before 11 am), Goodie Bag, 2's Club, Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, a Meal and Raffle on the night. All proceeds in support of Club Development. Next Outing Saturday 14th May in Moyvalley Tee Time from 14:30. Contact Brian Mahon 0879254126 for Tee Time.



Music Bingo - This Thursday Music Bingo will be in the Club Bar, it promises to be a lot of fun with eyes down and ears open from 9pm, entry is €10.

Team News

A one point win this weekend for our Seniors over St. Brigid's, well done to all involved. Hard luck to the Intermediate and Junior A football teams who lost their games.



Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg

Well done to Siobhan Birnie, Triona Leonard and Dublin U16 LGF on beating Meath to become Leinster champions. Lucan lads Brian Whelan, Bill Donovan & Jack Mills also debuted for the U14 Hurlers Vs Offaly on Sunday morning.



U11 LGF - Over 40 U11 girls travelled out to Malahide on Saturday afternoon to play against St Sylvester's. Once again, the girls played some great football, always trying hard and never giving up. They had to work hard to get their scores but the improvement week to week is very evident. Well done all, keep up the great work.

U15B LGF Lucan 4.5 St Jude's 2.11.

Lucan found themselves up against a tough St Jude's team and went 1.4 down after 15 mins but the Lucan girls rallied and thanks to 2 goals and a point from Aoibhinn Gallagher. One goal from Lucy Lawlor and a cracker from Eva Treacy along with a point from Eabha Fox, Lucan went in at half time ahead. The second half was a different game altogether and Lucan only scored 3 pts in the half thanks to Arianna Burns, Aoibhinn Gallagher and Eabha Fox. It was backs to the wall stuff at times and a big shout out goes out to Megan Earley who pulled off some fantastic saves to keep Lucan in the game. As the game went on St Judes sneaked ahead and it took a fantastic free from Eabha to level the game for Lucan. All in all it was a cracking game and it was played in the right spirit by both teams and a draw was probably a fair result.

Club Lotto: Last week's Lotto Prize of €11,400 was not won. The Numbers were **11, 14, 22, 27.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to Philip Murphy, Jillian Ryan, Keith Ealy, Luke Walsh and Colm Farrell. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €11,800. The draw is sponsored by Matt Reilly Autoparts and will be led by Séamus Clandillon. *Tá €11,800 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine:*

Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook. Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin.

The draw will be held on Thursday 12th May, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse, on our Facebook page.

Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.

féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo:

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin

Thank You for supporting **Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.**



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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



Podcraoladh Na Gaeil Óga

Is é Barra de Búrca, cóitseálaí le foireann na gcaillíní f13 an chéad aoi sa phodcraoladh nua atá againn.

Barra de Búrca, a coach with the girls u13 team, is the first guest on our new podcast.

InGaeilge: https://open.spotify.com/episode/0BLkMg0h1QfPDSRhUgewV9?si=2fRuHHhvRTGwIvgstvCiZw&utm_source=copy-link

In

English: https://open.spotify.com/episode/3j8xHQkVxa11cBy3yQM9VS?si=HIGU912LR9mRXSKc_VeXbQ&utm_source=copy-link

Buachaillí F14

Bhí bua mhaith ag na buachaillí F14 in aghaidh Westmanstown Dé Domhnaigh. Maith sibh!
Well done to the u14 boys who had a good win over Westmanstown on Sunday.



dímhaoin. Bhí sí de shíor ag tabhairt comhairle agus treoir do na himireoirí a bhí os a comhair amach.

Lean an dea-imirt sa dara leath agus leis sin tháinig tuilleadh scóranna. Ar deireadh chríochnaigh an cluiche le bua den scoth, agus bearna mór idir an dá fhoireann.

The under 13 girls had a great win against Na Fianna last Sunday. They led from start to finish with goals from Aoibhe Ní Leanacháin and Anna Nesbitt and a point from Sadhbh Ní Mháirtín giving them an early lead. The girls worked very hard as a team and the backs were excellent, with Leah Nic Giolla Phádráig and Ruby Ní Fhoghlú playing very well.

Caitlin Ní Fhearáil had a great game at midfield and Eve Ní Fhaircheallaigh and Éabha De Búrca were impressive in attack. Despite there not being much play at her end of the pitch due to Na Gaeil Óga's dominance, goalkeeper Caoimhe de Búrca was very active in giving support and advice to her team mates. The impressive performance continued in the second half, with Na Gaeil Óga recording a comfortable victory of 9-05 to 0-01.

Buachaillí F9

Bhí maidin iontach ar an bpáirc dé Sathairn. Bhí na buachaillí F9 go léir ar fheabhas le caighdeán ard peil ar taispeáint.

Ba iad Cillian Ó Donaile & Kieran Shirley laochra na himeartha- maith sibh

There was a great morning at our games on Saturday. The boys were all excellent and played a very high standard of football.

Our players of the matches were are Cillian D and Kieran - well done both of you and all involved!

Cailíní F13

Bhí bua iontach ag na cailíní F13 in aghaidh Na Fianna ar an Domhnach seo caite.

Bhí an lámh in uachtar acu ó thús go deireadh an chluiche. Thosaigh siad an-láidir ar fad le dhá chúl (Aoibhe Ní Leanacháin) agus cúilín (Sadhbh Ní Mháirtín) sa chéad deich nóiméad. Lean an dea-imirt le cúl eile (Anna Nesbitt). D'oibrigh na cailíní go h-iontach le chéile, le sár imirt ó na cúlaíthe, Leah Nic Giolla Phádráig agus Ruby Ní Fhoghlú ach go háirithe.

I lár na páirce d'imir Caitlin Ní Fhearáil sár-chluiche, agus chun tosaigh bhí Eve Ní Fhaircheallaigh agus Éabha De Búrca an-éifeachtach.

Cé go raibh an imirt ar fad ar an taobh eile den pháirc, ní raibh an cúl baire Caoimhe de Búrca



SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.



Congratulations to all the C2-5k (Couch to 5K starters running program) members in Lucan Harriers AC who graduated to their first 5k recently in Griffeen Park, you were all super a great achievement, also a massive well done to all the Fit4life athletes who took part in a timed 5k you are all amazing.

A special Thank you to all our supporters, these events wouldn't happen without you - simply the best



Well done to Josie Dignam and other coaches for organising this wonderful initiative.

Another program will start later in the year, so watch this space.

**DODSBORO GOLFERS
ANNUAL OUTING**

Venue : Lucan Golf Club
Date : Friday 27th May
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00
Entry Fee €40 Per Person (Golf & Food)
Members & Visitors Welcome
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

I am afraid that the weather last Friday did not permit the Camera Soiree to have its first field trip of the season. It was a horrible morning. At the time of writing things are looking better for this Friday.

Kay, Willie and Anna have been busy taking photos of flora which is our subject for this month, while Conor submitted some photos of a pretty ferocious looking bore or pig.



Paddy got to the parklands at Emo Court (the house which was designed by James Gandon, is closed for renovations), Maynooth, and the Rock of Dunamase outside Portlaoise.

According to the Discover Ireland website the Rock of Dunamase was the site of an early Christian settlement pillaged by the Vikings in 842 and became one of the most important Anglo-Norman strongholds in Laois. It was part of the dowry of Aoife, the daughter of Diarmuid Mac Murrrough, King of Leinster, when she was given in marriage to the Norman conqueror Strongbow at Waterford in 1170.

You can view a monumental painting of the marriage by the Irish Artist, Daniel Maclise (who was born in Cork in 1806 and died in London in 1870) in the Shaw Room of the National Gallery of Ireland. The painting, which is from 1855, was originally conceived for the decoration of the Palace of Westminster and was acquired by the Gallery in 1879.

Until next week stay safe!

