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The unthinkable



Russian Television this past week ran a scary animated graphic which shows a nuclear missile launched by the Russians exploding in the sea off the north west coast of Ireland. Complete with commentary by one of Putin's henchmen, Dmitry Kiselyov it detailed how this 100 megatonne nuclear weapon would trigger a Tsunami of enormous proportions that would effectively destroy what they described as the 'British Isles'. The consequent radiation would leave a wasteland in its wake that would render the islands uninhabitable for generations. This horrific scenario was carried on the state-owned channel Russia-1 which is the most watched channel in Russia. It seems that Putin didn't appreciate Boris Johnston's utterances on their invasion of Ukraine and this response was intended to intimidate and frighten. For many of us it had the desired effect!

The threat of a nuclear war is a truly horrendous prospect and would unleash a tit-for-tat exchange of missiles that would potentially destroy our planet. In such a nightmare scenario there would be no winners.

Given the horrors we have seen unleashed on the innocents of Mariupol and other Ukrainian towns, it comes as no surprise that the threats extend beyond Ukraine's borders to all of Europe and beyond. The tactic of bullies is always to threaten and intimidate.

The position of the Russian Orthodox church on the conflict is a cause of great disappointment and the many calls for them to be expelled from the world council of churches are gaining momentum. There can be no justification by any church for the aggression of Russia towards the innocent.

Two of our Lucan parishes have welcomed Ukrainian families fleeing from the conflict, and they have found refuge from the horror that they have left behind. We should welcome these people with open arms and offer them a place of safety until the horror in their homeland has ended.

We pray that what we are seeing in Ukraine will come to an early end. May peace prevail.

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

We are closed on Monday and Friday each week

Public Holidays and your Entitlements

Most employees are entitled to paid leave on public holidays. There is an exception for certain part-time employees – read about ‘Part-time employees’ below.

If you qualify for public holiday benefit, you are entitled to one of the following:

A paid day off on the public holiday

An additional day of annual leave

An additional day's pay

A paid day off within a month of the public holiday

You can ask your employer at least 21 days before a public holiday, which of the alternatives will apply. If your employer does not respond at least 14 days before the public holiday, you are entitled to take the actual public holiday as a paid day off.

Your public holiday entitlements are set out in the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997. You can also read about the appropriate rate of daily pay in the Organisation of Working Time (Determination of Pay for Holidays) Regulations (SI 475/1997).

More information is available on the following link:

https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/employment/employment_rights_and_conditions/leave_and_holidays/public_holidays_in_ireland.html

Online Safety

The internet and our computers, smartphones and other devices are crucial to our way of life.

Although the internet has many benefits, it also has some risks. Online safety is essential for both children and adults.



This page explains some of the risks and dangers online, and how you can keep yourself and your child safe.

It also tells you where to get more support and information on online safety and cybercrime.

How to keep your child safe online

If your child spends time online, you should understand the risks that could put them in danger.

Online dangers include:

Loss of privacy: Sharing information in public that should be kept private (after information is posted online, it is outside your child's control)

Inappropriate content: Adult material, hate speech, violence, dangerous dares or challenges

Cyberbullying: Bullying in the form of abusive and threatening texts or emails, messages on social media and chat rooms, or the posting of photos or video clips

Online grooming: Individuals targeting children through sexual coercion or extortion, usually on social media or gaming platforms

The most important thing is to communicate with your children about what they are doing online. Familiarise yourself with the apps and websites they are using.

Talk to your child about the important features and settings they can use, including:

How to adjust the security and privacy settings

How to block or unfriend someone

How to delete their own profile and account

How to deal with inappropriate content (such as: turn off the screen, use the back button, tell a trusted adult, or report the content to the website or app where they found it)

More information on this important topic is available on

Online safety (citizensinformation.ie)

Student Grant Scheme

What is the Student Grant Scheme?

Who qualifies for a student grant?

How much will I get?

How to apply

Where to apply

Approved courses and institutions

Other financial supports for students

Our website on the above has been updated on 3 May 2022 on the following link:

https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/education/third_level_education/fees_and_supports_for_third_level_education/maintenance_grant_schemes_for_students_on_third_level_courses.html

Lucan Drama

The 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st May -
Wednesday through to

Saturday are the dates for our
forthcoming production of 'The
Playboy of the Western World' by John
Millington Synge

*Apologies! I forgot to put the dates in last week -
Oops!!!!*



Tickets are very reasonable at €12 per ticket.
€10 concession; €30 for play and dinner - 2
courses + tea or coffee. Great value!!!

**Theatre /dinner tickets can be booked at Spa
Hotel 01 6282494**

Cast are getting frantic at this stage...and so they
should be...!!! Time is almost up. Director Donail
is under pressure but a happy pressure.

Play starts at 8 pm, so if you are going for the
dinner/ play offer allow yourself time.

What a great play! There have been several and
very varied productions but in every one of them
we experience some comedy, and tragedy mixed
with a touch of fantasy and disbelief.....are these
real people or just caricatures of a poverty ridden
community....?

Enjoy the show!!

Contacts: Jack 0860666626; Bernie 0864015794;
Donal 0879658838.

Sarsfield Park & District Residents Association

Our next residents meeting will be held on **May
9th** at 8pm in Kennys back lounge, could all
collectors past and present please ensure they
have returned their books for Monday please?
Reminder that the annual subs are now due so
please try get to the meeting if you haven't
already paid.

Sincere condolences to O'Sullivan family on the
passing of Brigid. We are sorry for your loss. You
are in our thoughts and prayers.

May she rest in peace.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam

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.



The Dawn Chorus

Birdwatch Ireland – Kildare Branch

Walk event – Dawn Chorus at **Castletown House
Estate, Celbridge.**

Saturday 14th May at 4.30h

Meeting point: The carpark, exit 6 off the M4.

The dawn chorus is an exciting experience in
nature: birds all singing in harmony together at
sunrise.



Birdsong is an activity that is
usually limited to the Spring and
early Summer. It may sound like
beautiful music to our ears, but
to the birds it is something more
than that. It is a means for rival
males to fight and resolve conflicts without
coming to blows.

It also allows them to impress and attract a mate.
Essentially the better the singing is, the more
likely better territory can be claimed and it
increases the chance of female choosing to mate
with the singer.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 11th May 10.30 – 2.15pm: Social
Morning and lunch in Lucan Spa Hotel.



OUR MAY PLANT SALE

Saturday May 14th, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
And **Sunday May 15th**, 10.00 am- 5.00pm
**The Acre Project, Salesian College
Maynooth Road, Celbridge.**



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 **St Andrew's Church of Ireland N.S.** who will make their Confirmation this Saturday 7th May.

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



Please remember them all in your prayers.

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.

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.*

Christian Meditation: Meditation 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

Deepest Sympathy to the husband, family and friends of **Brigid O'Sullivan**, Sarsfield Park. *May she rest in peace.*



St Vincent De Paul – St Mary's Conference

Church Gate collection at all Masses
NEXT weekend **14th/15th May.**

Many thanks for your generosity

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.

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

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!

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](#)

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

You will need a face covering (unless exempt) and your own Bible.

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube



Anam Cara

South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding

its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 9th May at 7:15pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

The Women of Faith Conference 2022

is **LIVE** on Radio Maria Ireland on 7th May from 2pm. We are blessed to have the following speakers. Sister Consilio (Cuan Mhuire), Wendy Grace (Catholic Speaker) Fr. Freddy Warner, SMA, Sister Susan Evangelist (Sister of Mercy) Dr. Edward Sri (Scripture Scholar).

Please join us for this blessed event sponsored by Totus Tuus Magazine.

Radio Maria Ireland is accessible by:

1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie
2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet
3. Listen live via Facebook
4. Call 01 4373277 and listen live
5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

Esker Cemetery Mass

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

Sunday 4th September at 3pm.
(weather permitting)



Acknowledgement

EGAN (NANCY & PADDY)

We, the Egan family wish to convey our deepest gratitude to all who sympathised with us in our recent very sad loss of Mam and of Dad also earlier in 2021.



Our sincere thanks to Dr. Lombard, Dr. Denise Collins and to the staff of the practice. Thank you also to Katie from the local health centre.

Our warmest thanks to Jane and mam's carers. Thank you to Fr. Curran and Fr. Kennedy for their support and kindness and to the funeral team and musicians, all of whom helped to ease our sadness during both funeral Masses.

Thank you also to the staff of Cunningham's for their professional services. A very special thank you to our wonderful relatives, and to friends and neighbours in Lucan Heights and beyond for your kindness and support.

A thank you Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Mam and Dad will be forever in our hearts.
Pat, Maura, Noelle and Julie

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>

Anniversary

CLERKIN (MARIE)

18th Anniversary - 11th May

Will those who think of her today
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Lovingly remembered by her son Gerard and extended family

Our lady of Lourdes pray for us.
St. Bernadette pray for us.



VHI Women's Mini Marathon

Sunday 5th June

St Francis Hospice

Needs your support!

To register visit www.vhiwomensminimarthon.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!



**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)



Birdie can't wait for the Dawn Chorus in Castletown next weekend – will be practicing all week! Hopefully, it will be a fine morning for all visitors.

Best Wishes to all the little Darling Buds of May as they celebrate First Holy Communion this weekend, and we are also thinking of those making their Confirmations.



Getting your priorities right! Was amazed to read an advertisement recently: *“Now offering Communion / Confirmation Big Deep Cleans at a discount price until the end of June!”* Time was when our only concerns were about the kids on their big day.

Spotted this interesting piece on Lucan Library's Facebook Page:

“Unusual Library facts.... Vermont is home to a library that stretches across the U.S. border to Canada. The Haskell Free Library and Opera House sits directly on the border between the United States and Canada. You can walk in from Stanstead, Quebec, and walk out into Derby Line, Vermont.



You don't need a passport to cross the (literal) line running through the building, but you do have to return to your country of origin or risk fines!”

A Senior's Version of Facebook!

For those of my generation who do not, and can not comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street, and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the “thumbs up” and tell them I “like” them. And it works just like Facebook.

I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist

Thank You!



Sarah, Leah and Dylan Archbold with their cousins would like to thank everyone who supported their Cake Sale in Esker Lane on Monday 2nd May.

€420.00 was raised for the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal.

CELBRIDGE MILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

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The Haven for our older members of the Community, Celbridge at the Mill. Tues / Thurs- Home Cooked meals, Tea and Coffee, Bingo, Quiz games, Music, day trips, dancing – Ph Sylvia.01 6275518

Voices of Spring takes place at Celbridge Mill on Wednesdays 11-1pm. Ideal for anyone suffering from Dementia or Alzheimers and their carers.

Walking Soccer for the over 50s – 70s. Supported by the FAI this casual fun session of soccer takes place at The Mill requires new members. If interested please leave name at reception

Arthritis Ireland Seated Exercise Class – Wednesdays Ph. Gita 085 7437312



CHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

6th Year Exam: Well done to our 6th Year Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) students who completed their state exam on Wednesday.

6th Year Trip to Maynooth: On Thursday our 6th Year students went on a trip to Maynooth University, this trip would normally take place in Transition Year but due to Covid it had to be cancelled. The tour allowed students to become familiar with the extensive campus grounds, the location of the various buildings and lecture halls, as well as the sports grounds and student canteens. Students heard about college life from other University students. Importantly, they are now aware of the location of our closest University in relation to Lucan.

Rosie's Garden: Great work taking place last week in Rosie's Garden as part of the students Gaisce Award activities! Delighted to see the arrival of our garden gate today. Between the birds, bees, new blossoms and sunshine, Rosie's Garden is the place to be! Well done to all involved the Garden is looking great.



Soccer: Our Minor team will play again this week in the Leinster Quarter Final against Alexandra College. Best of Luck to all the players and management team.

5th/6th Geography Trip: Our 5th and 6th year Geography students are going on their annual trip

to Lahinch in Co. Clare on Friday. This trip includes a trip to Aliwee Caves, Cliffs of Moher, Bunratty Castle and the students even get a chance to go surfing on Saturday Morning. We wish them the best of luck with this trip.

1st Year Stay Awake: Our Cinnire Team were very busy all week organising the First Year Stay Awake. This was a great evening of fun and games with the theme being TV and movies. The First Year students had a great night, well done to the Cinnire Team for organising this event.



First Year Entrance: Our Entrance Assessment for Incoming First Years 2022 will be held on Saturday 7 May 2022.

SCIFEST: On Friday 4 Students will travel to DCU to take part a SciFest fair. SciFest's main object is: To promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education through the provision of a forum for students at local/regional/national level to present and display their scientific investigations. The SciFest programme consists of a series of one-day STEM fairs for second-level students. SciFest was set up to encourage an interest in, and love of, the STEM subjects.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan
Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Exam news: Our 6th yr Engineering students have completed their Leaving Cert project worth 25% of the overall marks. They had to design a model Formula 1 car and the final projects were all of a very high standard. The students sat their 1-day practical exam worth another 25% last week. This involved a 6-hour exam where they drew on the day from a number of prescribed pieces. They will sit their theory exam in June which is worth the final 50% of the marks.

Transition Year: TY students Conor Kelly and Andrew Duffy took part in a science camp last week, run by the Department of Food Science and Environmental Health on TU Dublin's state-of-the-art Grangegorman Campus in Dublin City Centre. The four-day camp provides students with a hands-on experience of the science of food. The students have attended sensory science workshops as well as laboratory sessions where they got to partake in practical activities such as measuring caffeine in different energy drinks. They also attended a demonstration of 3D printing of food and attended a workshop on science in society.

Open Evening: An Open Evening will take place in the school on Tuesday 10th May from 4-6pm for 6th class students that have already been offered a place in the school for September. These students have not had the chance to see the school yet due to Covid restrictions over the past few years so this is a great opportunity for them to visit us and see the facilities on offer, meet the teachers and staff and interact with some current students in the school. We look forward to meeting our soon-to-be new cohort of 1st yr students and their parents/guardians.

Soccer: Well done to our 1st yr soccer team who advanced to the Leinster Shield semi-finals after defeating Coláiste Pobail Setanta 5-2 in their 1-4 final encounter last Thursday. Lucan began the game on the front foot and they were rewarded for their enterprising play with the opening goal after just two minutes. Ben Lawless raced clear of the Setanta defence after a fine through ball from Vangel Melengu, composed himself at the edge of the box and drilled a powerful right-footed shot low past the advancing keeper into the bottom right hand corner. Lucan went further in front soon after when Derry Ware got on the end of another brilliant ball from out wide by Sean Connell to deftly guide the ball across the keeper into the far corner with his right foot from close range.

The impressive Aidan Doyle added a third 10 mins later when he dropped his shoulder at the

edge of the box to create space for an effort on goal and fired in a precise shot that went in off the near post. Setanta pulled a goal back just before half-time after Lucan failed to clear a loose ball. The 2nd half followed much the same pattern as the 1st with Lucan in the ascendancy and after a sustained period of pressure at the start of the half, Ben Lawless got his second of the afternoon with another clinical right-footed finish from just inside the box to restore the team's 3 goal advantage.

Setanta reduced the deficit with a sweetly struck free-kick from 25yds but the outcome was never really in doubt though and Ben Lawless completed the scoring with another impressive right-footed finish late on following a powerful, direct run past three defenders after a clever quick throw from Brian Whelan. Ben's 2nd hat-trick of the season brought his tally to 12 goals in just 7 games. Lucan now await news of their semi-final opponents with the match to be played within the next two weeks.



Blitz: A fundraising 5-a-side soccer blitz was held in the school on Thursday 29th April which raised over 120 euro for the Memorial Garden in the school which the TY students are currently upgrading.

In total, 10 teams took part and each team played a minimum of 6 matches each. The matches took place in the sports hall and the senior yard. Each team was assigned a Transition Year student who stayed with them for the entire tournament, coaching, managing and supporting them throughout.

The TY students also refereed the games, recorded the scores and updated the group tables after every game. After a long, but enjoyable day of action the winning team consisted of Will Smith, Troy Meade, Glenn Maguire, Dorrán-Davin Aka Cian Devitt and Eoin Maher so well done to them.

Lucan Community College

Transition Year Musical: Little Shop of

Horrors: The Transition Year Musical Class along with their teachers Ms. Conway and Ms. Geraghty, have been working really hard to put on this fantastic show. Students have rehearsed every Friday morning with extra rehearsals taking place over the Easter holidays to make sure this production would be perfect!



The show will take place in the school on **Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm each night**. Tickets, priced at €12/€8 are available from the school. If you have never been to a musical, this is definitely the one you should see. This comedy rock musical is sure to be a sell-out so make sure to get your tickets fast!

Transfer Applications Now Welcome: Lucan Community College now welcomes applications for a place in 2nd to 6th year from September 2022. Details and application form are available on our website:

<https://lucancc.ie/policy/admissions/enrolment/>



Student Enterprise Awards: Congratulations to sisters Niamh and Aisling McGrath who were runners up in the Best Video Senior Category in the South Dublin Enterprise Board Student Awards. Their business is making tote bags in a

sustainable way. All bags are handmade and individually made to suit the needs of each customer. Transition Year students Niamh and Aisling have worked really hard since September on their business "Totes Design". Thanks to teacher Ms. Freeman.

Transition Year Activities: Transition Year students have had a very active time recently! Students were introduced - or perhaps re-introduced!- to the fantastic world of skipping! Just before Easter they took part in a skipping workshop delivered by SKIPNROPE. Students enjoyed practicing this great form of exercise that helps agility, balance and teamwork. Immediately after Easter the students got the chance to get on the water in a Rafting Workshop. Thanks to teachers who accompanied students on these trips and thanks to Ms. Higgins for organising. Transition Year students are now putting putting in the last few rehearsals for "Little Shop of Horrors". They are also getting their boxes ready for their interviews which will take place later this month. These interviews give each student the opportunity to talk about what they learned during Transition Year in the many activities that took place both inside and outside the school. The students are also looking forward to their Graduation Night which will be their final event of the school year.

Gaisce Walk – report by Matthew Fitzgerald

A group of thirty students took part in a walk through and around Lucan last month as part of our Gaisce challenge. The walk took us down to the Lucan Demesne where we walked through St. Catherine's Park and Glendale Estate towards Confey Train Station. We continued along the canal towards Leixlip before returning through Leixlip Village past the Springfield Hotel, down the main road to Lucan Village before crossing the bridge and walking back to the school through Hillcrest! The weather was pleasant enough for most of the time – except when we had to take cover under the canal bridge to avoid the hailstones! This was a thoroughly enjoyable walk – even if it was a bit tiring for some! Thanks to our teachers Ms. Feeney, Inion Ruaidhrí and Mr. O'Donnell who accompanied us on the walk

5th Year Art Trip: Ms. McKeever's fantastic 5th year Art class enjoyed a trip to the Irish Film Institute just before the Easter break. Their Year Head, Mr. Carey joined them for a walking tour of Georgian Dublin and great fun was had by all! As always they represented Lucan Community College with pride. Well done! Thanks to Ms. Mc. Keever and Mr. Carey.

Any Truth in Weather Sayings?

Ne'er cast a clout, Before May is out.

Some people say it refers to the month of May. Others say it refers to the 'May' flower of the Hawthorn Tree. Clout of course means clothing. There is some truth in both interpretations. Keep warm clothes nearby as in May a pleasant warm spell of weather can be followed by a decidedly cool spell. An early 'May' flower means spring is ahead of schedule with the weather warming up. No harm to cast a clout in this case.



Rain before seven, Fine by eleven.

There is some truth in this as a weather front will sometimes Passover the country in less than four hours.



If Candlemas be fair and bright, Winter'll have another fight.

Candlemas Day is February 2. In this month sunny weather can sometimes be associated with a very cold air mass which can last for a few weeks. If course also you can have sunny weather as a break in a mild unsettled spell. This saying cannot be relied on. There is an echo of this in the U.S. In Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on Groundhog Day (February 2) the citizens look out for the behaviour of their groundhog. This animal is a squirrel type rodent. On leaving hibernation if he sees his own shadow he runs back inside his home as he considers that winter has not finished yet.



When clouds appear like rocks or towers, Earth's refreshed by frequent showers.

This one is quite reliable. When we have an unstable atmosphere (low pressure), warm air heated by the sun rises and forms clouds which sometimes can grow to great heights.



Then we have Cumulonimbus Clouds which can produce heavy rain and thunder. Nimbus is a Latin word meaning 'rain'. When we have clouds that are wider than they are tall this is a good sign for fair weather. With high pressure the air is fairly stable with no rain.

Fair weather clouds can be seen which sometimes have flat undersides.

High (heavy) pressure means air pressing down on the earth keeping things stable.

Low (light) pressure means air rising with the consequent rain clouds and possible wind blowing things about.

When the wind is in the East, 'Tis neither good for man or beast

This one has some truth in it. An easterly wind in winter can be very cold affecting the health of humans and animals. In summer an easterly wind can be uncomfortably hot leading to a drought and affecting the quality of life.



If St. Swithin's thou be wet, For forty days it raineth yet.

St. Swithin's Day is July 15. This is a very well-known saying but weather statistics show it cannot be relied upon,

Halo around the sun or moon, Rain or snow is coming soon.

The halo effect is caused by light shining through the ice crystals of high cirrus clouds. These clouds mean a warm front is approaching with its band of rain.

So there's truth in the saying.



Weather References in Conversation. Under the Weather

This phrase means not feeling so well. During a storm at sea passengers with seasickness would go below deck and were 'under the weather' that other passengers were experiencing above!

Taking a Rain Check.

This phrase means declining an offer or suggestion to do something. It originates in American baseball. In the 1880's, if a match had to be postponed because of inclement weather ticketholders were given a ticket, known as a 'rain check', for another match.

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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 in 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 we had Julian Elliott a professional photographer who specializes in travel photography do a talk for the club via zoom. Julian shared with us his photographs based on his visits to, Italy, Mongolia and Vietnam.

A few weeks ago, we had the judging night for last month's themed competition "Water", and below we have an image from Orla Brady titled "Reflection".



Any Truth in Weather Sayings? *Cont'd...*

On Cloud Nine.

In the 1896 International Cloud Atlas the highest cloud, cumulonimbus, was given the number nine for reference.

Happiness is associated with being high up, above the troubles of the world. To be 'on cloud nine' means to be exceptionally happy.



Raining Cats and Dogs.

This means raining very heavily as in a big storm. One theory about its origin is this. During a severe storm some bodies of animals from the



market stalls would be washed through the streets of the town. These animals were associated with the bad weather and were referred to as cats and dogs. Hence 'raining cats and dogs'.

Weather Forecast for Tonight:

Dark with a chance of tomorrow in the morning,

D.T.





Social News & Events

Race Day: The Race day is planned for the 8th May. Prosecco reception at the clubhouse, four course meal with wine, professional tipster, exclusive raffle and complementary bus from the clubhouse. Tickets are €120 each and available from Jim 086 238 7585.



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. 31 Players turned out for the first golf event of the year with results from outing at Killeen 23rd April:

- 1st - Joe O'Sullivan (26) 40 points.
 - 2nd - Joe Byrne (18) 39 points.
 - Class 1 - Jim Walsh (18) 36 points.
 - Class 2 - Dave Whittle (27) 37 points.
 - Class 3 - Phil Cunningham (39) 36 points
- 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.



Thanks: Liam Mulhall is stepping down as Juvenile Game Committee Chair. Liam has served the club for 6 years in the role. It was hard to find a picture of Liam for the post as he did a lot of his work in the background, Go raibh maith agat Liam. We are sure Liam will be back supporting the club in another capacity in the future. We are delighted to announce that Tomás Forde will be taking over the role. Tomás is an U10 hurling mentor and has been involved in the club for the last 4 years. Again a big thanks to Liam and a big welcome to Tomás.

Team News: Our Senior Football take to the field this Wednesday 4th May 19:15 LSF vs Clontarf - 12th Lock, all support welcome

Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg

U11 Camogie: Our group played host to Ballinteer St Johns on a damp Saturday afternoon, but the conditions didn't seem to effect play. We had 4 teams of 9 a side, and every girl put in a

fantastic performance. We had some great strikes, tackles, hooking and blocking and was great to see the girls becoming more confident at rising the ball. Well done to all.

U12 Camogie: Over the past 2 camogie weekends, our U12 girls have fielded teams over the holiday period. We met Cuala on Easter Saturday. Numbers on both sides were depleted but we managed to field 2 teams instead of our usual 3. Lucan came away winning one match and losing one. It was a good opportunity to try players in different positions and the girls learned a lot from the matches. Bank Holiday Saturday, we fielded 3 teams against Erin's Isle. Again, missing some players but all 3 Lucan teams played very well and we came away with 3 out of 3 wins, scoring a combination of goals and points in all 3 matches. We are noticing a particular improvement in some of our newer girls and this is really great to help strengthen our overall squad. Over the next few weeks with the weather improving we will be urging the girls to keep up their skills at home (as well as at training) with focus on key skills like lifting and striking.



Club Lotto: Last week's Lotto Prize of €11,000 was not won. The Numbers were **15, 20, 22, 28**. Lucky Dip prizes go to Madeline Coffey, Smegs, Francis Shanagher, Joe & Alice White and Jim Mulqueen. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €11,400. The draw is sponsored by DJ Engineering and will be led by Josephine Donohue.

Tá €11,400 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 6th 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. *Is 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.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.
NATIONAL ROAD RELAYS



Men's O50 team Colin O' Gara Pat O' Dwyer and Brian Beatty



Anne Whelan, Breda Smyth and Trish Gough. Came home in 3rd position in the Masters O50 to claim their 2nd Championship medal in two weeks.

Sunday 24th April was a wonderful bright Sunny day, with a bit of a breeze along the side of St Annes Park we had a great afternoon of racing at the National Road Relays in Raheny on the Northside of Dublin. For the 2nd weekend in a row the Ladies team of Anne Whelan, Breda Smyth and Trish Gough medalled at a championship race. **Congratulations Ladies.**

In other races the Men's O50 team of Colin O' Gara, Pat O'Dwyer and Brian Beattie finished a very credible 7th out of 15 in their race. The Men's Masters O35 put in a great performance. All the top clubs in the country having teams in the field. Brian Carroll led them out for the 1 mile, before handing over to Patrick Holden on the two- mile leg and a very strong Gary Farrell anchoring the team.

The Young ladies put in a very strong performances, showing all the class of the national individual champions, they are Ashling Fitzpatrick, Aoife Coffey and Maggie Jez such a great performance well done Ladies.

The day finished with the young men of Darragh Donoghue, (2 miles) Benjamin Caullier (1 mile) Dylan Wright (3 mile) and Alex O'Brien (2mile) having to complete a longer course than the others. Again performing strongly in a very very strong field

Ladies 50 team 3rd out of 7. Men's 35 13th out of 20. Mens 50 team 7th out of 15.

Senior Ladies 7th out of 25. Senior Men 15th out of 25.

Well done to everyone on very proud performances for the club. An extra mention to those who travelled to support the teams in great numbers.

Wexford Half Marathon

Also on Sunday 24th at the Pettitts Supervalu Half marathon and 10K we had five Lucan Harriers travelling to the sunny south east and onto a hilly course starting and finishing in the heart of Wexford town. Half Marathon. Robbie Clarke 1.25.52. Derek Tomney 1.38.11.

10K. Emma Broderick 58.10. Elaine Dermody 1.19.22. Well done everyone on fine runs in the Red and Black.

National Duathlon Championships

Lucan Harriers athletes Will Byrne and Gerry Byrne took part in the National Duathlon Championships, in the Phoenix Park on Saturday 23rd April. Will finishing an impressive 3rd in his category in 1:02:29. Gerry finishing in an equally impressive 5th in his category in 1:17:17.

Overall after the series of Duathlons since January it leaves Will 3rd overall in his age category in the national championship. Gerry finished the championship in 4th place in his category after a very consistent series of races.

The distances involved were 5K Run, 20K Cycle and a 2.5 K run in each event.

Now onto the even more testing Triathlons over the summer months.



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.

An Teaghlach is Tréine

Sábháil an data: Beidh An Teaghlach is Tréine ar siúl de domhnaigh 29ú Bealtaine i bPáirc Castróna. Lá mór spraoi a bheas ann don theaghlach ar fad le fáil amach cé hiad 'Na Gaeil Óga's Fittest Family'. Beidh tuilleadh eolais gan mhoill ach déan cinnte é a

chur san fhéilire!

Save the date: An Teaghlach is Tréine will take place on Sunday 29th May in St Catherine's Park. This will be a fun day for all the family where 'Na Gaeil Óga's Fittest Family' will be crowned. More information to follow soon, be certain to put this date in your calendar!

Díolachán Plandaí: Bhí díolachán plandaí don bhFoireann F12 Dé Domhnaigh i bPáirc Naomh Castróna. Fuair an na himreoirí €240 don chlub. Maith sibh!

Well done to the under 12's who had a plant sale in Saint Catherine's Park on Sunday, raising €240.

Campa Samhradh: Is Féidir leat cláraigh do no Campa Samhradh anois ar nagaeiloga.clubzap.com

Registration is now open for Summer Camps at nagaeiloga.clubzap.com



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Canal Cycle Loop Update: The Council is working to develop a cycle route to link the Grand and Royal Canal Greenways through Lucan. The first version of this plan included a cycle bridge alongside the historic Lucan Bridge and a cycle way through Sarsfield estate. In response to public consultation, these elements have now been omitted from the current scheme. The route will now end in Lucan Village and Lucan Bridge will remain as is. The plan has also been amended to include an alternative alignment through Brookvale open space.

Retrofitting: The Government has announced unprecedented grant supports for home energy upgrades and increased numbers of free energy upgrades for those at risk of energy poverty. If you live in a home built before 1993 and are interested in learning more, drop me an email or call my office.

Liona O'Toole - Independent

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Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028: A total of 84 submissions were received during the public consultation which closed on 26th April. Councillors will be issued with the CE Report on 23rd May, councillors can then submit motions to these alterations by 7th June. I will keep all updated on any matters raised regarding the Lucan area or policies that may be related to Lucan (positive and/or negative). Overall, I believe the draft plan is good one, this is a result of individual and joint motions I submitted over the last couple of years.

Kissing Gates: I recently commented on a newly installed kissing gate that was handmade by council staff located on Esker Road leading into Griffeen Park. The design has raised concerns over accessibility. I have raised the matter with council management, I will be seeking further clarification on the council's accessibility policies.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

As a matter of curiosity during the week I looked at the YouTube channel containing our on-line exhibition from last January and was pleasantly surprised to see that there have been 230 viewings. All going well our next exhibition will be back physically in the Parish Centre. In the light of experience with the on-line exhibitions there is probably a case for having the next exhibition on line as well as it exposes the work of the group to a larger audience, including friends and relatives who do not live in Lucan.

This week Josie submitted some photographs of the tulips in her garden after the rain last weekend.

Joe captured the fields of rapeseed that are in full bloom all over the place at the moment. (I didn't know that rapeseed is a member of the cabbage family!) I don't know about you but these sights are as cheering as the daffodils earlier in the year although down the centuries in the western world yellow has apparently been a symbol of exclusion and betrayal.



Conor has submitted photographs of a range of our feathered friends that you can see in Lucan Demesne, including the Goldfinch, the Chaffinch and the Wren.

This Friday, weather permitting, the group is having its first "field trip" of the season and the theme for photographs for the month of May is "Flora".

Until next week stay safe!

