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Heartiest congratulations to Lucan Tidy Towns Group, on their success once again, in this year's competition, when Lucan was awarded a Bronze Medal.

In these difficult times, they have kept Lucan looking lovely, with colourful floral displays all over the place, and their endless quest in keeping the place tidy.



Celebrations were afoot in the Village Green on Saturday morning last, with cake and a cuppa for all, before they got back to the never ending task of keeping Lucan nice and tidy!

Thank you to each and every one of the Lucan Group – your heroic efforts are very much appreciated by all!

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

The old 0761 numbers will remain operational in tandem with 0818 until **31 December 2021**. However, from 1 January 2022, **only the 0818 numbers will connect you to the relevant service.**



COVID-19 has changed the service we offer to the public. Our drop-in service is not currently available, but we are taking phone calls, answering emails, and providing a call back service. Call us on **0818 07 5090**, leave a message with your name and number and an Information Officer will return your call within 2 working days. Or you can email your query to us at dscis@citinfo.ie and someone will reply.

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

MABS: The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over twenty years. MABS Clondalkin phone 0818 07 2270 or email clondalkin@mabs.ie

Personal Injuries Assessment

The Personal Injuries Assessment Board (PIAB) is an independent statutory body that deals with personal injury claims. All personal injury claims in Ireland (except for cases involving medical negligence) must be submitted to PIAB.

PIAB provides an independent assessment of personal injury claims for compensation following road traffic, workplace or public liability accidents. If the person you hold responsible for your injury (the respondent) does not want PIAB to assess your claim for compensation, you can take your claim to court.

On average, claims made to PIAB are assessed in just over 7 months from when the respondent consents to have the claim assessed by PIAB. Personal injury claims taken in the courts can take up to 36 months

Claims are assessed using the medical evidence you provide from your doctor and, if necessary, a report provided by an independent doctor appointed by PIAB. The injuries you sustained and your circumstances are taken into account when assessing the damages due to you. PIAB provides useful FAQs about making a personal injury claim.

Depending on when your claim is assessed, the guideline amounts for compensation for particular

injuries are set out in the Book of Quantum (pdf), or in the Personal Injuries Guidelines (pdf). If your claim is assessed before 24 April 2021, the Book of Quantum will apply and if your claim is assessed on or after 24 April 2021, the Personal Injuries Guidelines will apply. The guidelines for damages for many types of injury are lower in the Personal Injuries Guidelines. PIAB can depart from the Personal Injuries Guidelines but must explain its reasons for doing so. Further guidance on this changeover is provided on PIAB's website (pdf).

If the respondent does not agree to an assessment by PIAB, or if either side rejects PIAB's award, the claim can be referred to the courts.

Under Section 17 of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003, if your injury consists wholly or in part of psychological damage which would be difficult to assess by means of PIAB's assessment procedures, PIAB may give you permission to pursue your claim through the courts without an assessment of your claim.

Under the Recovery of Certain Benefits and Assistance Scheme the Department of Social Protection can recover the value of certain illness-related social welfare payments from compensation awards. The benefits are recovered from the compensator and not from the injured person.

More information is available on our website.

Alcohol Awareness Week 2021

Alcohol Awareness Week is a welcome opportunity for us all to have a conversation about our alcohol use.

As we continue to live with the realities of COVID, concerning trends are emerging about the use of alcohol. The COVID-19 pandemic has shifted much of people's drinking from pubs and restaurants to their own homes, with many reporting an increase in both the amount and frequency of their alcohol use. Increased alcohol use during this time is associated with poorer mental health, suggesting that people are using alcohol to cope with feelings of anxiety, loneliness and isolation. Alcohol deaths have reached a record high during the COVID-19 pandemic with deaths caused by alcohol in England and Wales increasing by 16.4% from January to September 2020 compared to the same time period in 2019 (Holmes & Angus, 2021).

More information is available on EU Alcohol Awareness Week 2021 - healthservice.ie

Well the long awaited results of this year's National Tidy Towns competition have been announced. Lucan increased our points by 10 to 332 and we were awarded a Bronze Medal in our category, being just one or two points short of a Silver Medal.

We want to congratulate our Kildare neighbours in Celbridge who received a Silver Medal, and also neighbours in Leixlip and Maynooth who were each awarded a Gold Medal. Clondalkin received a special endeavour award and Palmerstown's great work was recognised by a significant increase in their marks. We congratulate both of them on their achievements. This year because of Covid 19, the adjudication was virtual, ie purely based on our on line submission. It was very difficult to capture all the work of our volunteers and the resulting impact of their efforts on the ground. We were very appreciative and encouraged by the very positive reaction from the people of Lucan to our work. And so we believe that a visit in person by an adjudicator would have made a greater impact than words or pictures can.

Thank you to all who supported us throughout the year:

Our Spring Clean group who consistently litter pick in and around Lucan village and parks. Also our Instagram lady, Una, who promotes this work. St Joseph's College Junior Tidy Towns Students who do a weekly clean-up on Fridays. Also those who participated in our Griffeen River water quality survey.

Our Transition Year and Gaisce student volunteers from our local schools.

Our residential groups for linking in with us and looking after their areas.

The numerous Lucan residents who donated plants from their own gardens, including many pollinator friendly plants.

Residents who supplied us with tools.

Members of St. Mary's Camera Soirée who provided some striking photographs which enhanced our entry form.

Members of the Society for Old Lucan who have mapped all the graves in our historic village graveyard and raising awareness of Lucan's great heritage.

Local staff of South Dublin County Council who took on specific gardening projects and supported us with materials and organised waste collections.

Local businesses who supported us with refreshments.

The Newsletter team for their constant support and St. Mary's priests and staff for facilitating storage of equipment.

And of course finally, we want to thank our team of volunteers, including those who joined us recently.

As we all know, since March 2020, life has been challenging and different for everyone. Somehow, the resilience of the group resulted in greater enthusiasm, activity and achievements both of and for Lucan.

Míle buíochas le gach éinne!

Kevin O'Loughlin

Lucan ICA

Tuesday 23rd Nov: Craft Morning continuing from 10am until 12.30p.

A lovely morning of craft and chat, great to be seeing old friends again.



We send sincere condolences to Rose Fitzgerald of Lucan Newsletter on the death of her husband, Vincent.

May his soul rest in peace.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 24th November – All our deceased members will be remembered at the 10.00am Mass in St. Mary's Church, Lucan.

The Mass may also be viewed on www.lucanparish.com



Age Action for all older people

Age Action are offering five hours tutoring, remotely, to anyone who needs support using their smartphone, tablet or laptop. Covering topics like how to set up an email, how to download an app, how to use video calling to see your loved ones etc.

For more information, please call 01 4756989 or email gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Congratulations to the pupils of *Scoil Mhuire Girls N.S.* and *St. Andrew's Church of Ireland N.S.* who will receive their First Holy

Communion this Saturday 20th November.

Enjoy your day.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Notice: If you have a Sunday Mass booked please ring Sacristy to confirm time.
Ph. 01 6281487.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Important: We need to remember that Covid is still very much with us. We must continue to **wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.**

For all Masses, please **enter the Church via the Main Door** and **exit via the other 2 doors.**

Those in the **benches** please go out through the **back porch door** and those in the **chairs** please exit via the **side door beside the nuns' chapel.**
No exit via Main Porch Door.

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

Private Prayer: The Church is open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays after the 12pm Mass to 6pm.

Praying with Scripture: Praying with scripture has recommenced via zoom. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

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.

Baptisms: Dates are bookable online to the end of January 2022. Dates will be added as the need arises. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.



Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Sean Clarke*, formerly of Lucan Heights, to the wife, family and friends of *Vincent Fitzgerald*, Meadowview Grove, to the family and friends of *Don MacDonald*, Beech Park and to the family and friends of *Una O'Connor*, Chalet Gardens.
May they rest in peace.



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

We must continue to **wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.**

View the following on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended by Pope Francis

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday 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:

Monday to Friday 9:15am. Saturday 10am

Important: We need to be diligent in continuing with the **wearing of face coverings and hand sanitising upon entering the church.**

All Masses will be livestreamed on
www.lucansouthparish.net

Daily Readings on website: Under our Welcome menu you will find links for the Daily Mass Reading which updates every day as well as Sunday Mass Reading for the following Sunday's Mass. It is a great way to be able to read along during Mass if you so wish or take time to reflect on the passages during the week and see what message they have for you. One quick note is that if it is a Sunday and you want to see the Gospel for today then click on the Daily Mass Reading link as the Sunday listing will be for the following week.

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship: 11am.

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

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube?

Christmas Cards for Sale

In St Mary's Parish Centre

in aid of

The Peter McVerry Trust

Pack (assorted designs) of 12 - €5

NAGARHOPE

€5 for Pack of 12 - Six beautiful designs.

Also available from 191 Beech Park Or contact 087-0666891



Also available

Christmas Novena Masses

€6 - Proceeds go to the Student Priests.

Lucan Library Events

We are delighted to present a Decade of Centenaries Online Talk, "**When will it every end? 1921 a Year in Review**", on the **2nd December at 7pm**. As 1921 dawned, many in Ireland wondered if the War of Independence would ever end. Ambushes, assassinations and executions continued unabated until 11th July. A truce was declared, the war was over.

Our Historian in Residence Liz Gillis will discuss the events of 1921, nationally and locally. It was a year of two halves – one dominated by war, the other by the hope of peace.



You can book your place through Eventbrite at [locallibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/december-glitting-fruit-a-seasonal-workshop-tickets-195097270187)

'December-glitting fruit' - A Seasonal Workshop with writer and Poet Nell Regan
Thursday 25 November 6.30 -8pm in Lucan Library.

Before we head into the busy month of December, take a pause for a creative writing workshop on the themes of mid-winter and Christmas. Join poet and non-fiction writer Nell Regan to read poems including Patrick Kavanagh's 'A Christmas Childhood'. Using these as a springboard we'll write our own poems or prose about the season/ family traditions etc.

Nell Regan's latest book is A Gap in the Clouds: A New Translation of the Ogura Hyakunin Isshu with James Hadley (Dedalus Press, 2021) The Irish Times said 'these delightful translations reveal millennium old voices still fresh and full of yearning'. www.nellregan.com

Limited places, booking through Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/december-glitting-fruit-a-seasonal-workshop-tickets-195097270187>

Exhibition

Do drop in and see our Exhibition of the Dublin Tenements, accompanied by a selection of Books on the subject, for your pleasure...

MacDONALD (DON) R.I.P.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Don MacDonald, who passed away this week.

Don has been a volunteer with **Lucan Newsletter** for many years, turning up every Friday to collate and deliver copies to the local shops. Don will be much missed by all who knew him.

May he rest in peace.



Birthday Remembrance

MORRIS (BILL)

9th Anniversary – 17th November

Sending birthday wishes, hugs and love
To my dear father in Heaven above
We know that you would not want a fuss,
Just to be remembered by all of us.
Happy 98th Birthday Dad.

*Your loving daughter Jean, son-in-law Desie,
sons Billy, Harry, Joseph and Jerry*

Granda Bill

Happy birthday Granda Bill
You're missed by us each day
We'd love to have a chat with you
And see what you would say
This world of ours has changed so much
Since you went away
They shut the shops the church the pub
Children weren't even allowed to play
Here's hoping that you're looking down
And keeping us from harm.
While you celebrate whiskey in hand
Queen Jennie on your arm.
Love always, your grandchildren Karen, Lisa,
Kevin, Breedra, Andy and Rachel and great-
grandchildren Laurajane, Daniel, Nikki, Kelsie
and Craig x



Anniversary

EIFFE (BREDA)

7th Anniversary – 22nd November

We think of you with joy
But also sadness in our heart
Wishing that we'd never had to be apart
But joy for all the happy times
And memories we got to make
Nothing or no one even time can never take
When morning comes we think of you
And night time is the same
Never has a day gone by
When we don't say your name
With love we remember you today.
Sadly missed by your loving son Viv and Joanne
xxx
Also remembering Da (Jimmy) xxx



PLEASE NOTE:

Lucan Newsletter Office is **NOT OPEN** at the **moment**, but leave your ads, queries or notices in the **letter box at St. Mary's Parish Centre, before 10pm on Wednesday night**, and we'll collect and look after them.

Alternately email notices/reports to any of the following:

Community / Schools/ Local History
marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Sport / Politics
roaselucannewsletter@gmail.com

Parish Notes / Fund Raising
annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries
catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

Accord Marriage Care

Relationship and Marriage Counselling

"If you can't talk to one another talk to us"

Accord Marriage Care, Lucan,
Phone 6010844



Senior Line

Do you need someone to talk to?

Senior Line is a confidential listening service for older people by older people anywhere in Ireland -

Free Phone 1800 80 45 91

*Senior Line is open every day from
10am to 10pm*

Acknowledgements

CAREY (SHANE AND ALAN)

A Heartfelt Thankyou

The Carey family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who supported them on their recent tragedies of the untimely and heart-breaking losses of Shane and Alan, Our Sons, Our Little Brothers and Our Uncles.

Thank you to Fr. Philip Curran, Sr. Geraldine, Eileen and all the Funeral Team for your support and prayers both at home for the Lads and at their Funeral Mass. Thank you also to Fr. Joe Coyne (former Lucan Parish Priest) for calling by to offer his support.

Thank you to Nikola Hendy for your beautiful songs and for supporting Shane's daughter to sing for her dad and uncle at their Funeral Mass. Thank you to Michael Cunningham and all of his team for your professionalism, support and advice at our most difficult and sad time, we are most grateful for your assistance throughout these difficult days and also for your help with organising the Lad's Funeral.

Thank you to SuperValu Lucan for your support and the constant supply of food and drinks leading up to and on the Funeral day, we are truly grateful. Thank you also to Kenny's of Lucan for the lovely food on the Funeral day.

To all of our neighbours, former neighbours of Beech Park, friends and colleagues of all family members, former customers of Carey's Newsagents, a huge thank you for your ongoing support since these tragedies knocked on our doors, we are so grateful.

Sincere thanks to the doctors, ambulance staff and guards for your assistance and support.

To the extended Carey and Cummins families near and far, including all that travelled from overseas, a huge heartfelt thank you to you all for your continued presence and support.

To the people of Lucan, we thank you most sincerely from the bottom of our hearts, for the immense love and support you have shown each and all of us, over this truly difficult and heartbreakingly sad time.

To all who attended the Funeral and Month's Mind Mass for Shane and Alan, those who joined us online, including family and friends abroad, to all who called to see us, phoned, text, sent flowers, cards, letters and messages of support, we thank you most sincerely.

As there are so many people to thank, it is impossible to mention all, please know we are

forever grateful for all the love and support shown to each and every one of us over this tragic time for us.

Mass will be offered for your intentions.
*Míle Buíochas, Tony Carey and Family,
Ballydowd, Lucan*



SLEVIN (AIDAN)

Kilkenny. Died 10th May 2021, aged 13.



In remembrance of our darling son Aidan whose 14th birthday is today, 19th November 2021.

To Aidan's, and our friends and neighbours in Lucan where Aidan attended Lucan

Educate Together National School and The Village Montessori; Our sincere thanks for your kindness and sympathy in our bereavement.

We are very grateful to dear friends and neighbours in Esker Lawns who have shown great support to Aidan's grandparents, Mick and Margo.

From his heartbroken family Breeda, Cormac, Eva, Hugo and Rowan, Aidan's loving grandparents Mick and Margo Gallagher (Esker Lawns) and Aidan's loving Lucan family - Auntie Carmel, cousins Grace and Lily, Uncle Bryan and Amelie, Uncle Tony and Nuala, cousins Tadhg and Seán.

Deepest Sympathy

FITZGERALD (VINCENT) R.I.P.

We extend sincere sympathy to our colleague, Rose, and her sons Martin and Robert, and extended family, on the death of Vincent - husband, father and grandfather.

Vincent contributed several articles of historical interest to Lucan Newsletter over the years.

Come January, he headed off to the Curragh where he picked reeds to fashion into St. Brigid Crosses, which he would then distribute to friends and neighbours, including the Lucan Newsletter Team. We'll all treasure that last St. Brigid's Cross!

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm dílis





Big congratulations to our Tidy Town People, following further success in the national competition! With a Bronze Medal, their reward is well earned. Great stuff!

We send greetings to the Presentation Sisters for this Sunday, 21st November, as they celebrate their feast day.

Luas – what Luas??? It's very disappointing to learn that we won't see a Luas in Lucan until sometime after 2031! It might just take us that long to figure out the new bus routes, soon to be introduced.

Lucan from 45 years ago! Aidan Martin, our friendly window cleaner, sent us the following link for RTE archives:

<https://mobile.twitter.com/rtearchives>

"Lucan and its people are the stars of this opening sequence to 'Hall's Pictorial Weekly'. People in Lucan County Dublin go about their daily business with some taking the time to wave for the cameras.

Lucan locals, the Spar shop, pub, Garda Station and weir feature in this look at the west Dublin village."

Work on the fallen road! Something is happening at the site where the path on Main Road fell into the Demesne around two years ago now – perhaps it's just maintenance on the collapsed footpath, but there are temporary traffic lights on site this week.



It strikes me that we shouldn't find it all that strange when there are problems with agreements on Brexit and Climate Change, when this comparatively little job is taking so long to sort out!

Wells for Zoe, in the news?

40 pixels, on a screen for 7 milliseconds, in a speech at the UN Climate Conference, means a lot!!

In a world where we don't exist, it's exciting to pop up somewhere like in this message from one of our donors:

We are delighted to inform you that Wells for Zoe have been selected in the first cohort of 20 organisations at the AFR100 presented here by Wanjira Mathai, the daughter of the first African woman to win a Nobel Prize, speaking at the COP26, in Glasgow

This week we have over 800 day workers digging holes, for planting seedlings after the rains come. The majority are women who have never had paid employment before. In addition everyone gets fed every day. Hard to imagine the difference this makes in a land of so much hunger.



Deforestation in Malawi is mainly caused by the need to use timber for construction, production of charcoal, firewood for cooking, making bricks and tobacco curing. To relieve pressure on forests Wells for Zoë in partnership with One Tree Planted is implementing a reforestation project planting 100% indigenous forest trees in cooperation with local communities. This project targets soil improvement, renaturation with indigenous forest tree species, habitat for flora and fauna, preventing flash-floods and erosion. The project also aims to decrease pressure on mature indigenous forest, and provide firewood. We will also be introducing a continuous management cycle of harvesting and replanting trees from woodlots and reforested areas in a few years, thereby giving local planters ownership of their own forests.

Scoil Mhuire

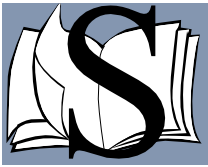
Woodview Hts / Airlie Hts

**Junior Infants
Enrolment for Sept 2022**



Opens from Nov 15 until Dec 3rd, 2021

See www.scoilmhuire.ie for application form



CHOOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Awards: Well done to **Calvin Flood** from Transition Year who won the Mark O' Neill Student of the Month Award for October in recognition of the brilliant job in editing the Virtual Talent Show. Calvin took the responsibility extremely seriously and he committed a huge amount of time and energy into the task over the space of a number of weeks, even staying up very late the night before the Final putting the finishing touches to his final edit. His efforts were greatly appreciated and he should be very proud of his work which was of an exceptional standard. Calvin is also a very pleasant, respectful, polite and enthusiastic student so he thoroughly deserves this important award.

Congratulations to 3rd yr **Jerome Jothibalan** who won the Sports Star of the Month Award. Jerome has greatly impressed Mr. Phelan and Mr. O' Brien with his fitness, athleticism and stamina this year. He recently broke the school 850m record with a hugely impressive time of 2 mins 58 secs to demonstrate his excellent athletic ability. Jerome is fiercely passionate about sport and participates fully (and competitively!) in every activity in PE.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Rory Clarke** ón rang 1 Spirit a bhuaigh an gradam Gaeilgeoir na Míosa do Mheán Fómhair 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 new school canteen.

Transition Year: Our TY groups attended a very interesting hospitality skills workshop over the past two Wednesdays. Fiona, from Hospitality

Skills Ireland, got the students to set up the room as a 5-star restaurant and then put groups of them at various tables while others were given the roles of waiters. Firstly, they learned about the correct way to use the fine cutlery laid out on the tables. They then learned how to greet the customers effectively, take orders, serve food and drink, carry multiple plates at a time and also deal with special requests from customers. There was a big emphasis on the importance of the relationship between a host and a guest so they learned some useful practical, interpersonal skills that help create a positive relationship from the outset. The students also learned about food allergies and the importance of personal hygiene.

The practical situational training learning allowed the students to acquire some of the first-hand basic skills required to work in the area of hospitality. The students will receive a certificate of participation in the workshop which can be put on their CV and used for those looking for part-time employment in hotels, cafes, pubs and restaurants especially. Fiona also kindly informed the students that they can use her as a referee if they are applying for jobs. The students thoroughly enjoyed the interesting, practical workshop and found Fiona to be engaging, patient, helpful and extremely professional.

Guidance: Ten staff members took time from their busy schedules to commit to participating in the year-long *Ubuntu* Programme which started in the school in September. "Ubuntu" is a Zulu word which signifies compassion and humanity. The programme consists of eight self-study modules and bi-monthly evening meetings so there is a big time commitment involved for the participating staff. The group will also meet for three video seminars with Michelle Stowe of Connect RP and the creator of the Ubuntu Learning Platform. The Giraffe is a symbol of the *Ubuntu* Programme as it is the land animal with the largest heart. The short term aim is to develop "conflict literacy" among staff and moving restorative conversations beyond traditional behavioural management. The long term aim is to build a strong foundation for restorative growth, distributed leadership and culture change in the school. It is designed to facilitate collaborative reflective spaces and promote staff well-being. This new initiative offers a framework for transforming educational practice for our students' ultimate short and long term benefit. We commend the staff and Guidance Department for getting involved so enthusiastically in the initiative in their determination to implement effective Restorative Practice in the school.

Lucan Community College

Senior Gaelic Football: Congratulations to our senior Gaelic football team who won their match against Balbriggan last Friday. Lucan CC 3-9 Balbriggan 2-5. Thanks to teacher Mr. Carey.

Camogie – Report by Emily O'Reilly: Well done to the Junior Girls Camogie team for their 7-10 to 0-3 win against Coláiste Chilliain last Friday. All the girls played really well, and it was a great way to kick of the new Camogie season. It was the first school match many of the girls played and they did an amazing job. Thanks to teacher Ms. Sexton.

Athletics is up and running! - Report by Róisín Duddy: Want a way to improve your fitness and make friends in the process? If so, I would highly recommend athletics! Athletics at Lucan CC started up again last Wednesday. It was wonderful to be back running on the track, and to see students pushing themselves in their training. There was a positive atmosphere with everyone cheering each other on. All levels of fitness and ability are welcome! Thank you to Ms. McCormack and Ms. Collins for organising the training.

Under 16 Hurling: Our U-16 hurling team took on Coláiste Pobail Setanta last Tuesday. The final result was Coláiste Pobail Setanta 1-8, Lucan Community College 10-13. This represented a comprehensive victory for our hurlers. The team is now top of the group with a home quarter final to look forward to. Thanks to teachers Mr. Foley and Mr. Callaghan.

Basketball Is Back! On Thursday 11th of November Boys Basketball matches returned. The U-19 boys travelled to Salesians to play their first game in the league. The boys got the opportunity to showcase the new kit recently purchased by the school (Thanks Ms. Birnie!) but unfortunately, they lost by a single point in a highly contested game. Top scorer was Alex Geissel. On Tuesday last the U-16 and U-19 boys played Celbridge Community School. The U-16's won but unfortunately, the U-19's missed out. Thanks to teachers Ms L Quirke, Mr. MacGrianna, Mr. Clancy and Mr. McAnerin.

Girls Senior Soccer- Report by Emily O'Reilly: Well done to the Senior Girls football team for their impressive win against Adamstown. It was a great team performance. Well done to Sarah Winders, Clodagh McDonnell and Amy Green who each scored two goals and to Abbie O' Kelly for scoring a hat trick! A very good match as Adamstown was a very tough side to beat. Thanks to teachers Ms. Dowling and Ms. Collins.

GAEILGE24: Comhgairdeas le gach duine a ghlacadh páirt i ndúshlán Gaeilge24 an tseachtain seo caite. Maith sibh as bhur n-iarracht an Ghaeilge a chuir chun cinn.



Stand Up Week: Monday 15th November marked the beginning of 'Stand Up Week' in Lucan Community College. The occasion was marked by a "Raising the Flag" ceremony. Students raised the pride flag at the front of the school and said a few words. Posters were designed by students and placed around the school showing our support for the LGBTI+ community in the school and around the country, as well as ensuring there is plenty of colour on the walls!

Mock Elections: Well done to 5th and 6th year Politics and Society students who organised and participated in a mock General Election last Monday for the Dublin Mid-West constituency which takes in Lucan. Sixty-six votes were cast between staff and students. Excitement is building as we await the results. The count will get underway on Wednesday 17th at 12:50pm.

COP26: CSPE students learned about COP26, where leaders from around the world met to discuss solutions to climate change. Students heard from young activists such as Greta Thunberg, calling on world leaders and demanding action now. Students discussed small things they can do each day to make a difference.

Geography Club – Report by Rubyrose

O'Hara: For the past few weeks in geography club, we have been studying volcanoes. This week we had a particularly explosive time! Our lovely teacher Ms Flanagan gave us a challenge to construct our very own model volcanoes that would actually erupt. In our groups we used papier-mâché and other recycled materials such as plastic bottles, cans, tissue and paint. We were given two choices of what we would use to make this chemical reaction. The two options were coke and mentos or baking powder and vinegar. They all turned out well we all had a great time out on the football pitch watching them erupt and go everywhere -even if the vinegar was extremely smelly! Thanks to teacher Ms Flanagan.

St. Joseph's College

This week was **Stand Up Week**, where we, as a whole school community made a stand against LGBTQI + bullying. The student council and TY students were busy making multi-coloured lanterns to "shine a light" on the issue of homophobic and transphobic bullying and all SPHE classes focused on the topic this week, learning about the correct terminology etc from a presentation developed by our school 'Skittles' group. We had the school decorated with various LGBT flags throughout and students were invited to wear any of the colours of the pride flag on a 'non-uniform' Tuesday. The result was our whole school was awash with colour, showing our support to all the members of the LGBTI+ community in our school!



Third Year students wearing 'Yellow' underneath the 'Rainbow' Lanterns

Congratulations to the **Junior Gaelic Football** team. They had a fantastic win on Monday against Santa Sabina from Howth. It was a very exciting, high scoring game. The final score was 5-19 to 6-06.



Our fabulous Junior Gaelic Football Team!

Congratulations to our **Senior Concern Debaters** on their excellent win against Blackrock College in last week's debate. We take on Woodbrook College in our next debate in December.

We held our **6th year Parent-Teacher meetings** last Thursday by 'Zoom'. Thank you to all parents and teachers who embraced the new approach with positivity and professionalism - it was a great success!

Presentation Day: Presentation Sisters and friends of Nano Nagle, all over the world, celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple on the 21st November each year. We will have our Presentation Day Mass by 'Zoom' this Friday. Ms Carey's Religion students were busy and creative this week preparing lanterns and other lovely accessories for the event.



Ms Carey's students making Lanterns for Presentation Day

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Enrolment 2022 St. Thomas' J.N.S.

Esker, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Junior Infants (2022)

**Closing date for applications is
January 28th 2022.**



**Please see our website
www.stthomasjns.com
for further information regarding
the registration process.**

The Health Alliance

The Health Alliance is a group of Allied Health Disciplines based in the Heart of Lucan Village providing a range of health services to the Local Community.

It has been formed in response to plans by SDCC which are supported by Local Councillors to reduce on street parking in the centre of Lucan. Its aim is to make the wider community aware of the health consequences of reducing parking in the Village Centre.

Covid 19 continues to have a negative impact on every one of us with no end in sight to the harmful effects it is having on our Community. Hospital Outpatient waiting lists continue to get longer by the day due to cancellation of clinics because of Covid 19.

Elective surgical and day procedures are being repeatedly cancelled as Hospital inpatient and ICU numbers increase day by day. Over 4000 HSE employees are out of work due to Covid and there are 500 unfilled Hospital consultant positions.

The Good News is that Community Health Services based in Lucan currently remain accessible despite rising Covid 19 infections.

To quote Dr. Tony Holohan "There is a Dark Cloud forming on the Horizon".

The Dark Cloud is the proposed reduction of on street parking adjacent to the Village Green.

All residents of Lucan know that a significant issue in Lucan **is the lack of adequate parking**. People attending all the health services in Lucan Village are making Necessary Journeys and in many cases need to travel to their appointments by car.

The question which has to be asked of the Local Councillors is "When hospital services are under such strain and Community health services are currently accessible why are you proposing to reduce parking in the midst of the Covid 19 Pandemic".

None of the Councillors we have spoken to have been able to answer this most important question. We continue to offer our services to the Local community and are very concerned as to your future access to these services if there is a reduction in parking when the SDCC plans are produced for Public Consultation.

There would appear to be no alternative parking being provided by SDCC should parking be removed from the Village Centre.

We have asked SDCC to postpone the Formal Public Consultation until after the Festive Activities so that the Residents of Lucan can give this proposed fundamental change to local parking its full attention.

We support the development of the Village Green as long it does not reduce local parking.

The Health Alliance comprises currently of the following services:

Aspen Counselling, City Physiotherapy, O'Grady Hearing, Kinirons Pharmacy, Lucan Village Pharmacy, Lucan Acupuncture/Chinese Medicine, McAleese/McKeown Dental Clinic, Service Your Body/ Pilates, Main Street Clinic.

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club hosted George Roberston last week from Glasgow, Scotland. He is an award-winning photographer and international mountain leader. He showed some fantastic images from his travels around the world.

Next week we have a judging night for our "People's" themed monthly club competition, and we are all looking forward to seeing images based on that theme for the month.

A few weeks back we had our Nature competition, and we had some super shots from our photographers, here we have two of the winning images. Orla Brady won the colour novice competition for her image titled "I Spy".



And Gerald Phelan won with this image titled "Coolalingo waterfall" in the advanced projected image competition.



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@gmail.com

Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

Today we had a very good crowd attending; we had Deputy Emer Higgins, our local TD for Fine Gael and her lovely Assistant Treasa to take us through the changes that might affect us in Budget 22. We discussed a lot of topics at length with Emer about all matters concerning older people. All of us who have paid our taxes over the years while we all worked hard and should now be in a position to take life a bit slower and easier. Emer discussed the proposed one-way system trial for our village and parking places being done away with – some of us didn't know anything about this happening!

So, as you can imagine, there were lots of questions being asked by our Members today. We all certainly learnt a lot by being there and I for one will make an appointment with Emer or Treasa at their constituency offices in the future to find out a few more things myself.

We had more new members joining us again today and I'm glad to say more men are continuing to join our club which is really good to get a good mix of people.

FYI We are still cleaning chairs and tables before and after we use them, masks are worn except when taking refreshments and hands are well sanitized to keep us all safe.

Again, for next Wednesday could we ask some more members to come down early, around 1.10pm to help set up the tables and chairs and sanitize them all and thank you to all our members who did come early today to help out. If anyone wants to join a fun, lively and friendly club, you can join us, once you're fully vaccinated and have a vaccination certificate with photographic ID.

We meet every Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall in Lucan (close to Stag Cycle shop which is blue and yellow); there is parking inside the Church gates plus a bus stop just outside the Church gates. Don't be afraid to come in, you're very welcome. The long dark days are upon us now so come and join us for the craic so you'll have people to talk to for a few hours each week.

*Till next time,
Marian Egan (Club Secretary)
086 1269 043*



I'm Fine, How are You?

There's nothing the matter with me,

I'm just as healthy as can be,
I have arthritis in both knees,
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.

My pulse is weak, my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

All my teeth have had to come out,
And my diet I hate to think about.
I'm overweight and I can't get thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I need for my feet.
Or I wouldn't be able to go out in the street.

Sleep is denied me night after night,

But every morning I find I'm all right.

My memory's failing, my head's in a spin.

But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral of this as the tale unfolds,

Is that for you and me, who are growing old.

It is better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,

Than to let people know the shape we are in.



I'm fine, how are you?

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 085-7211574. Email: ginokenny@oir.ie

BusConnects C-spine: There are major changes to the buses in Lucan from the 28th November. These changes include:

- 25A/B -changing to C1 and C2
- New local routes including Red Cow to Leixlip via Clondalkin Village and Lucan Village
- Issues affecting Dodsborough/Airlie Heights/Hillcrest/Shackleton:
- Removal of the 25 bus
- No direct bus to city centre during off-peak/weekend hours
- No bus route for Shackleton
- No bus to/from Supervalu

We will be having a public information meeting where residents can raise their issues and we can discuss how we can fight for better buses for the area.

Public Information Meeting (outdoor)
Dodsborough Shops Car Park, Sat. 27th Nov. 1pm

Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

Phone: 087-2136345

Email: dobradaigh@cllr.s.dublincoco.ie

Lucan Village Project Works: As you may know by now, the Council are embarking on project works for Lucan Village. These projects are part of a wider Lucan Masterplan by SDCC following the village's designation as a destination town by Bord Failte.

Public Realm Works – 3 Projects: The detail for three village projects will be brought before the Council for a final decision in early 2022, following a public consultation due to take place in December. More information provided by SDCC on these projects is included in the attachment to help summarise the three project areas of The Weir Side, The Lucan Demesne and The Village Green.

Submissions / observations can be made by members of the public when the consultation opens; <http://consult.sdblincoco.ie>

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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01 401 3416 Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Know Where You Stand Leaflet: This week I visited the Esker Active Retirement Association to provide an update on Budget 2022 and to answer members queries regarding my recent "Know Where You Stand" leaflet which is currently being delivered in Lucan. This "Know Where You Stand" leaflet is a one-stop-shop for necessary information on healthcare, taxation, education, social welfare, housing and other important areas. If you would like me to visit your

local group to discuss the information in "Know Where You Stand" or if you have any queries or would like me to send you a physical or virtual copy you can email me at emer.higgins@oir.ie and I will be happy to help.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan, Fianna Fail

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BusConnects: The new BusConnects routes for Lucan will begin operating from 28th November. You can see the new routes at <https://www.transportforireland.ie/c-spine/>. Contact me if you'd like to know more.

Cluain Rí Park: Great to see clean-up and maintenance works take place in Cluain Rí Park these past few weeks. Thanks to South Dublin County Council for responding to my representations to address the issue.

Castle Road bus stop: I have asked the Council to examine the public lighting near the bus stop outside Earlsfort on Castle Road, as we are now experiencing much darker evenings.

Leaf-sweeping: If you would like the SDCC leaf-sweeping crews to visit your road or estate, please let me know and I will request that the crew schedule a visit.

Voter registration: Make sure your voter registration details are up-to-date by 25th November. Go to: <http://www.checktheregister.ie>

Liona O'Toole – Independent

087-2795274. lotoole@cllr.s.dublincoco.ie

www.lotoole.com

Proposed Village Plans: Thanks to all those that have contacted me on the proposed plans. I will forward all your emails onto the relevant persons, and I will ensure your views are heard. The issue regarding the timing of public consultation period has been raised with me I will work with other colleagues to ensure the dates are carefully considered. I can be contacted for assistance when and where necessary.

National Transport Authority have agreed to my request to arrange a detailed briefing (digitally) on the **Network Redesign and C-Spine**, taking place Tuesday 23 November. Representatives of Dublin Bus and the National Transport will be in attendance. Email me (details above) with any questions you'd like me to raise.

Leaves: Don't forget you can arrange collection of leaves directly with SDCC. Use regular refuse sacks if/when bagging the leaves Call 014149000 or email publicrealm@sdblincoco.ie

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the process of considering suitable candidates to replace Paul and his management team, and anyone expressing an interest in the role can make contact to Lucansarsfieldslfc@gmail.com or Billy Egan.



Congratulations to Lucan Sarsfields Junior B Hurlers, who are the 2021 Go Ahead Dublin Junior Hurling C Champions. They held their nerve despite a spirited Ballyboden challenge in the last quarter to earn the three point win to capture their third championship in a row.



Congratulations also to the Minor Footballers who are 2021 Minor A/B Shield winners following the 2 point win over Na Fianna.

Following the announcement by Paul Quinn of his intention to stand down as Ladies Football Intermediate manager, the LSLF section, the club executive and all in Lucan Sarsfields will be forever grateful to Paul for his dedication, commitment, and contribution as a first team manager since 2016 and before that with various juvenile teams throughout the years. While his departure is regrettable, we all appreciate the huge sacrifices he has made over this period but have no doubt that Paul and the others will continue to contribute from the side-lines for many days to come. We acknowledge the valuable and lasting contribution Paul and his team of Niall McKelvey and Cormac Gordon have made to Lucan Adult Ladies Football having brought the team to back-to-back junior championship finals, promotion to Intermediate grade and to the brink of moving up to Senior Division One level. We wish all involved and their families every future success. The Ladies football committee have commenced

Golf Society: The Golf Society will hold its AGM on Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 8.00pm in the clubhouse. All welcome. Please bring facemasks. Regards, Golf Society Committee

Lucan Sarsfields Junior C Footballers in conjunction with Lucan Healthy Clubs are hosting a **Quiz Night on Friday 26th**

November at 8pm; the quizmaster will be Tommy Flannery. All proceeds go to Lucan Homeless Donations. Entry is €5 per person or €20 for team of 4. For more info and to purchase tickets, please contact Michaela Caseley on 086 850 8553. Tickets also available from behind the bar, and at the door on the night.

The LDCU Academy takes place on Saturdays for boys and girls aged between 4 and 7. See our website for booking details.

12th Lock Café is open from 6pm-8pm weekdays and Saturday 9am-2pm when training is taking place.

The Club Shop is open Thursdays 7-9pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm.

Lucan Sarsfields Club Lotto

There was no winner of the €1,400 Jackpot held on Thursday 11th November 2021 sponsored by: John Ryan, Accountant.

The numbers drawn were: **4, 7, 8, 17.**

Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: **Don Dardis, John Condon, Seaghan O'Lanagain, Ita O'Connor, Marian Flynn.**

The Jackpot for the next draw is €1,800, and is sponsored by: **O'Grady Hearing Care Services.** The draw will be held on Thursday 18th November, at 9pm, managed by Shay Hurson and live 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.

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

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

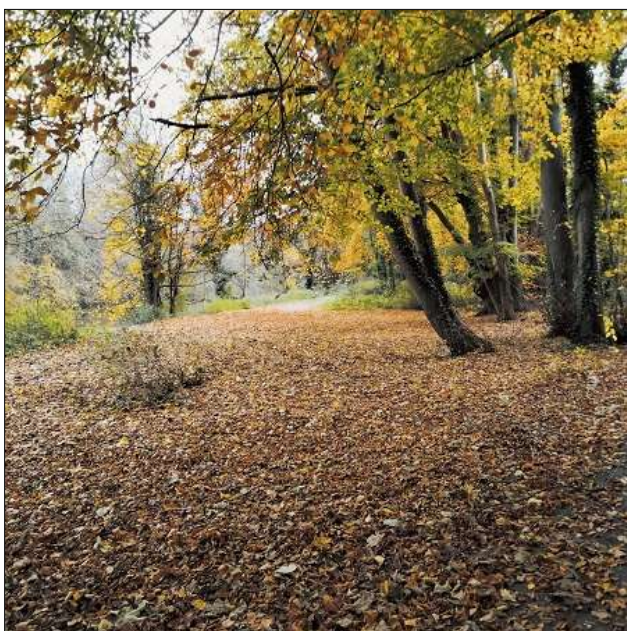


St. Mary's Camera Soirée

As promised, this week we have some of Conor's nature shots that arrived too late for sending to the editor of the newsletter, including one of the Curlew and another of the Godwit which he describes as a visitor to our shores. This little bird has apparently come all the way from Russia or Finland to enjoy our balmy weather.



Both Anna and Conor have been spying some more of those artistically painted junction boxes including a delightful one in homage to our president's dogs on Parkgate Street. In addition, various members of the group have been recording the last glorious days of this year's autumn leaves, although it has to be admitted that they are not so appealing when they begin to rot on our footpaths and to block the drains.



The calendar for 2022 has at long last been finalised and has been sent for printing. Members should have their copies next week. More in hope than with any great confidence, given the trajectory of the virus at the moment, we are starting to work on those photographs that might form the basis of a physical Photography exhibition in the Parish Centre early next year. The aim is to present photographs that have been taken with cameras rather than with mobile phones! *Stay safe until next week!*