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Lucan Disability Action Group LDAG

Serving the needs of West Dublin

Based in Lucan, LDAG serves the needs of its members across West Dublin. We have seven accessible transport vehicles on the road at present and our drivers ensure that access barriers do not prevent individuals from living independent lives. In addition to our transport service LDAG also provide personnel assistants and note takers to students attending college.

It has for a long time been acknowledged that education is extremely important to ensure successful employment. As approximately 70% of people with a disability are unemployed, we believe that equal access to education can give people with disabilities the opportunity to become financially independent and allow them to truly live independently.

Lucan disability group is now into its 11th year and begins this new era with a new Manager. Aoife Flynn has taken on this role and comes with a wealth of experience in both the public and private sector. Having worked for the last three years as the Access & Equality Officer for Wicklow County Council, Aoife hopes to bring the skills she has developed from this role to LDAG.

As with many charities in these current times, fundraising is crucial to ensuring that our services continue. With in excess of 500 members, it is clear that the services LDAG provide are very much in demand. In LDAG we have been extremely lucky to have had the support of the Lucan Lions Club and many other local business and we would like to thank everyone for their support over the years.

Unique to LDAG is our private hire vehicles. For a minimal cost members can hire these vehicles by the day so that they can travel independently around the Country. This service is extremely popular and we hope to increase the number of vehicles available.

A core principle of LDAG is to serve the needs of our member to live independently. We continue to be guided by our members to identify what their needs are. LDAG membership is free and we would welcome anyone in the Lucan and West Dublin area to become a member and avail of our services.

You can contact LDAG by phone at 01-6100475 or by email at info@ldag.ie , or check our our facebook page and website www.ldag.ie

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre
Tel – 6217930. email lucan@citinfo.ie
www.citizensinformation.ie



Open Mon Fri 10 am to 4 pm
Closed for lunch 1 - 2 pm

FLAC free legal advice on Thursday nights,
please ring during office hours to check.

The Warmer Homes Scheme is a free house insulation scheme which applies to persons who receive the "National Fuel Scheme", who own their homes and whose houses were built before 2002. To apply phone 1800 250 204 – no application form is required. Terms and conditions apply.
www.seai.ie

Brick o' Brack Sale

Saturday 22nd October
Leixlip Parish Centre
from 9am to 5pm

All proceeds in aid of the **North Star Swimming Club**, a voluntary swimming club for people with disabilities.

Attention Lucan Women!

Women are invited to a feel good event to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The event, being organised in conjunction with the Marie Keating Foundation, will take place on Thursday 13th October at 11.30am in Kenny's. Expert advice will be on hand from the Marie Keating Foundation's Breast Health Nurse, well known life coach Brian Colburt and RTE nutritionist Aveen Bannon. All local women welcome, please dig out something pink to wear! Hope to see you there, Frances Fitzgerald T.D.



NAGARHOPE

The 4th

Annual Fancy Dress

will take place
on **Sunday 30th October**
at **Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club**



This Year's Theme is "*Looney Tunes*".
Dress up as your favourite cartoon character in support of Doc Clandillon's work in Nepal.
Always a Great Night! See you all there!

Info / Tickets from
Niamh 087 0666891 or **Tadhg 087 9225103**

Lucan Senior Citizens

12th Oct: Agnes Kavanagh, Freda Comerford, Ann Byrne, Carmel Clarke.

19th Oct: Pat Dwyer, Helen Hickey, Mary Brophy, Pauline Condron.

26th Oct: **Hallowe'en Party:** Moira O'Byrne, Peggy McManus, Claire McDonald, Irene Stafford, Rose Flavin.

We meet in St. Mary's Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings 10.30 – 12.30.

New members are always welcome.

St. Thomas' Junior National School Parents Association

TABLE QUIZ

Friday 21st October 2011

at 8.30 p.m.

in **The Lord Lucan Finnstown**

*Top Prize of Individual Hampers
Raffle Prizes*

€40 for a table of 4

*Come along on Friday 21st for what is always
a very enjoyable social night!*



Woodville Downs Residents' Assoc. (Inc Esker Lane)

Our Autumn clean-up did not occur due to heavy rain last weekend. However weather permitting we plan to go ahead this weekend. If available please give a little of your time to help tidy up.

Contact: woodvilledowns@hotmail.com

Dodsboro Residents Assoc.

The Holy Rosary is being recited at the Statue of Our Lady, Dodsboro, each evening at 7.30pm. All are welcome Monday to Friday for the month of October.

Get well to all who are sick at home or in hospital.
P. Clerkin.

Sarsfield Park & District Residents Assoc.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th October at 8.15pm.

Deepest sympathy to the Watchorn and Gannon families on their recent bereavements.

Get well wishes to all who are ill in hospital or at home. *Helen.*

Lucan Lions Club

It was with deep regret that we have learned of the sudden and untimely death of our dear colleague Martin Lanigan. Martin was held in the highest esteem by his fellow Lions Club members. We will treasure his contribution to the Club and we are honoured to have known him as a colleague and friend.

Sometimes we wonder if the world has lost its sense of value but we are certain of one thing,, Martin Lanigan stood out as a gentleman. He was gentle of character, caring and kind. He was a man of honesty and integrity and a valued member of our Club and this community. He was a dedicated and loyal family man. Martin was a passionate GAA man and in particular a proud Kilkenny man. He was 'our' man and now he is Gods man.

Our sympathy goes out to his devoted wife Pauline and his sons Donal, Brian and Philip.
Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Our Autumn Trip to The Newpark Hotel in Kilkenny from 6th – 10th November is now fully booked out. White Christmas Musical at the Grand Canal Theatre on Saturday 17th December money is now due. If you don't want to miss this show, next Thursday 20th October is the latest day to pay Joyce for it.

For the next four weeks, we will be alternating the Bowls and the Whist. Next Thursday 13th October, there will be Whist from 12.00 – 1.00pm in St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Tea / Coffee Break from 1.00pm – 1.30pm. Our Fit for life Classes will take place from 1.30pm – 2.30pm. We open at 11.30am. Do come early so that all the members will get the benefit from the morning.

Eddie Farrell.

LUCAN I.C.A.

Tues 11th Arts/Crafts morning 10am-12am. We would like to welcome our new members Maura, Mary and Evelyn. It is lovely to see so many new members.

Wed 12th The Canal Amenities Group are giving a presentation at 8pm. Mr Noel Spain will be visiting our group to give a talk on same. A full attendance is expected.

Fri 14th Senior Citizens Social at 11am. Hostesses are Miriam Gavin and Josie Carey.

A very big thank you to everybody who helped out with the Lucan Festival Committee teas and the craft display, which was really fantastic.



Liffey Sound 96.4fm

Liffey Sound 96.4fm brings you all that is best in community radio. This week sees the commencement of our Winter Schedule and the welcome return of *Lucan Today* on Wednesday evenings 7/8pm, the panellists will discuss the topics of the day, how these issues affect us and what in their opinion is the best way forward. The panel will include Caroline Egan, Colm Grogan, Brendan Hackett, Brendan Baker, Ross Elwood & Maria Murphy. You too can contribute by texting your comments to 0870627138 or email studio@liffeysoundfm.ie. Liffey Sound's full schedule is available on www.liffeysoundfm.ie. Fáilte go craoltóir nua Tomás Dubhghlas le Ogtreachas as seo amach 6/7pm gach Máirt.



It was great to meet the parishioners of Esker Doddsboro Adamstown last Sunday and we thank you most sincerely for your generous contribution to Liffey Sound 96.4fm which realised €368.56c.

Maria Meets Saturday 8 Oct at 6pm the **Dublin 10 Autistic Spectrum Support Group**. The ASD Support Group has been in operation since February 2011 when a group of local parents got together after attending a workshop in Blackrock Education Centre run by the Middletown Centre for Autism based in County Armagh. The group meet every month and have now formalised a constitution which sets out their short, medium and long term goals and objectives. In addition they have recently been successful in getting funding from the Dublin Bus Community Support Programme which they plan to channel into a social club for their children and young teens with ASD.

Liffey Sound 96.4fm will once again showcase local talent at its best with their **Spectacular Variety Show** on Saturday 29 October in the Spa Hotel. Full details in next week's newsletter. Liffey Sound 96.4fm broadcasting throughout Lucan and on the world wide web at www.liffeysoundfm.ie, Liffey Sound 96.4fm *your radio, your voice*.

Lucan Flower & Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday 24 Oct. at 8pm.in St Mary's Parish Centre Lucan.

Mr Jimi Blake, RHSI, of Hunting Brook Gardens will present an illustrated talk on "Exciting new perennials".

All welcome, non-members €5.
Info: 6282403



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.stmarysparishlucan.ie

Facebook: St Mary's Parish Lucan



Bible Group

There will be **NO** Bible Group meeting this Monday.

St. Vincent de Paul
Collection at all Masses next weekend
15th / 16th October.
Please be as generous as possible

St. Mary's Prayer Group

We meet every Wednesday night in Room 3 in the Parish Centre. Would love to see new faces join us. Everyone welcome.

Rosary 7.45 – meeting 8pm sharp.

Christian Meditation

This Tuesday the meditation will take place in the **Convent** at 8pm.

All welcome. *Sr. Geraldine 6217158.*

Breavement Support Group

Bethany Group are available to listen to or just to 'be there' for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. We meet at the Parish Centre on the Second Monday of each month 10.30am – 11.30am, also Fourth Thursday of each month, 8pm – 9pm.

Sr. Geraldine 6217158. Parish Centre 6217041.

Parish of Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

First Communion

Our "Do This in Memory" programme in preparation for next year's First Holy Communion continues on Sun. 30th Oct. -

10.30am Mass for the children from Archbishop Ryan School.

12 noon for the children from G.V.E.T. and Ghaelscoil Eiscir Riada.

Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptised are invited to attend a meeting beforehand. The next meeting will take place in the Church on **Wed. 2nd November at 7.30pm.**

Adoration and Prayer

Adoration every Friday 10am – 3pm

Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Monday 8 – 9pm

Scripture Sharing: Tuesdays 9.45am – 10.45am.

Sick and Homebound

Ministers of the Eucharist would be happy to bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.

Contact: Fr Donal or Parish Sisters.

St Patrick's,

Esker/Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

St Patrick's Prayer Group

We meet every Monday night from 8.30 to 9.15pm in the Pastoral Centre.

All welcome.

Pieta House Notices

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Cake, Plant and Book Sale in Our Lady's Nativity Church in Leixlip on 2nd October.

Pennies for Pieta Collection Boxes: Many thanks to all the Parishioners who took boxes for the month of September. Boxes can be returned to Pieta House, Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

Table Quiz: John Carroll is organising a Table Quiz in Lucan Sarsfield on Friday **14th October 2011** in aid of Pieta House. Quiz starts at 9pm. 4 people per team at €30.00 a table. John will also be participating in the Dublin City Marathon in aid of Pieta House. For further information contact John on 086 3543110.

Ladies Night Out: Friday 21st October 2011.
Venue Ballroom, Lucan Spa Hotel. Start 7.30pm.

Music by the Wise Guys.

Tickets €50.00 per person are available from: Marie Peelo - Pieta House

01-6010000 or Joan Minihane 086 8270729



Volunteer Open Information Day

Welcome to all new Volunteers –

A little bit of your precious time can make all the difference.

St. John of God Kildare Services would like to welcome members of the public to a Volunteer Open Information Day and Evening on Wednesday **19th October from 9am to 9pm** in Oakley Park House, St. Raphael's, Celbridge. Interested applicants are invited to drop in anytime during the day to discuss volunteering and see what options are available to them. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions they may have. For further information contact: Volunteer Co-ordinator at 01-6012451 or email admin.kildare@sjog.ie



Another gem from the past...

This photo was probably taken in the mid to late 1930s, and shows **Agnes Graham** from Watery Lane, and **Rosie Eiffe** from Dodsboro, outside O'Neill's Shop in the Village.

O'Neill's Grocery Shop was actually at two different sites over time – at one time beside Carey's Newsagents, and at another date roughly where Lynch's Supermarket stands today. At the latter, the village telephone exchange was a feature for some time. We're not sure which is the site of this picture.

The 'Lucan Ices' and 'Gold Flake' signs can be seen in the background.

Agnes would marry Pat Dignam and settle in Dodsboro – she only passed away recently.

Rosie married John Nolan (*my own parents*), from Mill Lane in Leixlip and they settled in Westmanstown for a couple of years before moving to the Village, and then to Sarsfield Park. Rosie passed away in 2006.

Big thank you to Patricia Kavanagh (*Agnes' daughter*) for the picture.

Mary Mulhall

Morning Soirées in the Parish Bungalow - (St. Mary's)

Starting Monday 10th October



Monday – French Conversation

10.30 - 11.30 am.

Tea & Coffee for like minded people who want to engage in conversation en Français. Whether you know the basics or you are advanced. All are welcome to join and take part in our morning of parler Français.

Wednesday - Irish Conversation

10.30 – 11.30am

Tea & Coffee for like minded people who want to engage in conversation as gaeilge. All are welcome to join in for a cupán tae and cúpla focail.



Thursday – Genealogy

10.30 – 11.30am

Are you interested in finding your heritage? We will put you on the right path to finding your families past and tracing your roots over a cup of tea or coffee.

Friday – Photography

10.30 – 11.30am

Picture this – a morning of tea, coffee and tips on how to capture the right image.



Lucan Youth Centre at Griffeen

01 6217640. lucanyouthservice@gmail.com

Active Youth Challenge

Come on around to the Youth Centre in Griffeen, where we have an Active Youth Challenge group on a Thursday evening between 6 - 7.30pm.

It is for young girls and boys in first year and up. Here you will learn new skills such as canoeing, Dodge ball and lots more fun sports and games.

It is in a safe and supervised environment where you can come along with your friends and you can also socialise and get to know other young people from your area and from different schools and this is all at a very cheap price of just 2 euro per week.

It also includes trips throughout the 12 weeks of the programme, you are then awarded with a certificate at the end of these exciting and fun filled 12 weeks!

The Youth Café Committee

The Youth Café Committee is on a Friday evening for teenagers from 15+ at 6.30-8pm. It is an interactive programme to develop teamwork and leadership skills for young people involved in the running of the Youth Café. We are recruiting a new Committee and are looking to recruit 16 transition year students four each from St Josephs College, Coláiste Phádraig, Lucan Community College and Coláiste Cóis Life. The student will attend leadership training to develop or improve teamwork skills, they will also be going on a trip to Wicklow. This programme can also be of help if you are going for your Gaisce Awards.

Drop in Classes

The Youth Centre also has Preteen Drop In Classes, which are held twice a week. These classes are on a Tuesday and Wednesday and are both at a very cheap price of only 2 euro. For 10-12 year olds the time is from 3 -4.30pm. it is in a safe and supervised environment where Preteens can meet up and socialise. There are a lot of games to enjoy including air hockey, Wii, foosball, Ps3, computer and lots more. Refreshments included. Then on a Thursday we also have a Drop in class for teens from the age of 13+ at 8-9.30pm also at a very good price of 2 euro with the same games and activities as the Tuesday and Wednesday drop in classes.

By Transition Year
Students Sophie Finlay
and Clare Downes.



Congratulations to local woodturner, Chris Lawlor who has reached the final of the **RTE programme Craft Master**. He will represent his craft, woodturning when he lines out against four other crafts people who represent metal,

ceramics, glass and textile for the title of Craft Master 2011. The final will be shown on **RTE 1, Tuesday 11th at 7pm**.

Chris's winning piece can be seen on his website, www.chrislawlorwooddesigns.com Readers may remember we carried a photo of one of his pieces – *Vettel's Helmet* – over the summer. Good Luck in the final, Chris!

Talk about coincidence! Regarding

our 'baby pictures' in last week's issue, we mentioned that Chinese baby, Alister Zhao Barlow's great grandmother May McNally was a resident in Griffeen Valley Nursing Home. It turns out that Majorcan baby, Dylan Murphy Prieto's great granny, Marcella Kenny, is also a resident of the same nursing home.

We send special greetings to May and Marcella and congratulate them on being Great Grannies!



Liffey Descent this **Saturday 8th**! Do your best to get down to the Weir and cheer all the competitors on. Bring the kids! You're guaranteed a great afternoon's entertainment!



Before the Liffey Descent, we have to be up early to watch **Brian O'Driscoll** and the **Irish Rugby Team** take on Wales. We might be on a roll here! Fingers crossed!



Autumn in Lucan – Isn't it magical with all the colours of the trees, and the sunshine and warm winds of the early part of this week giving a peculiar feel to October! The sharp turn to the cold towards the end of the week is a bit more the norm.



Falling Leaves – Do take care with the fallen leaves, especially when wet. If everyone looks after their own patch, it will make a big difference

Hard luck to the girls from **Peamount Utd** who's run came to an end this week. Still, they are a team to watch!

Anniversaries

BRENNAN (DENIS)

4th Anniversary - 4th October

We miss him and we mourn in sorrow
And dwell on memories of days that have been
Love one another for my sake.
*Love as always, Noeline & all the family,
especially adored grandchildren*

LALLY (MAUREEN)

1st Anniversary - 8th October

Life to us is not the same
If the world would be like Heaven
We could have you back again
What you suffered, you told but few
You did not deserve what you went through
Tired and weary, you made no fuss
But tried so hard to stay with us.
*From your loving daughter, Debbie & son-in-law,
Peter & grandchildren, Niamh, Karla & Aine xxx*

LALLY (MAUREEN)

1st Anniversary - 8th October

The hands of time keep turning
A year has slipped away
But memories of you, Mam
Are with us every day.
*Sadly missed by your loving daughter, Joyce &
son-in-law, Mark, grandsons, Jonathon, Ciaran &
Matthew xxx*



LALLY (MAUREEN)

1st Anniversary - 8th October

We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again
So rest in peace dear loved one
And thanks for all you've done
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won.
*Always loved & never forgotten, Alison, Andy,
Ruth & Alisha xxx*

MARTIN (BILL)

30th Anniversary - 6th October

In loving memory of my dear husband, Bill. R.I.P.
Mass offered.
Time unfolds another year
Memories of you are always dear
Simple words but very true
We will always love and remember you.
Always remembered by his loving wife & family

O'SULLIVAN (MARY - QUEENIE)

4th Anniversary - 11th October

No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts you will always be there.
Also remembering our dear Dad, **Richard** and
brother **Joey O'Sullivan**.
Sadly missed by your loving sons & daughters.
R.I.P.

RANKIN (NORA)

8th Anniversary - 9th October

Happy memories we keep forever
Of days when we were all together
Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you today.
Marie, lads & families

ROGERS (KILLIAN)

9th Anniversary

Remembered with love
Today and every day.
Mum, Dad, Oisin, Conor, Fionnuala & Ailin
**Anniversary Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday 9th
October at 12:15.**

PLEASE NOTE:

There is **no charge** for
Acknowledgements and
In Memoriam notices.

BAPTISMAL CANDLES

On Sale

St. Mary's Parish Centre
€5



St. Mary's Parish

Coffee Dock



Now open
10am - 12 noon & 2pm - 4pm

Monday to Friday each week.

POLITICAL NOTES

Minister Frances Fitzgerald – Fine Gael. 01 457 7712.

Frances.fitzgerald@oireachtas.ie

www.francesfitzgerald.ie

Breast Cancer Awareness Event THIS

THURSDAY: I am organising an event for Lucan women, in conjunction with the Marie Keating Foundation, to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Feel Good Morning will take place this Thursday (13th) in Kenny's Lounge at 11.30am. Expert advice will be on hand from the Marie Keating Foundations' Breast Health Nurse, well known life coach Brian Colburt and RTE nutritionist Aveen Bannon. All local women welcome, please dig out something pink to wear. Hope to see you there!

New Service for Lucan Children: I am pleased to confirm that Barnardos and One Family have officially opened a referral service for their new Child Contact Centre Service, which will serve children throughout Lucan. This child-centred service is available to children of separated parents and children in state care. Referrals can be made by e-mail childcontact@barnardos.ie, letter or by phone on Tuesdays between 9.30am and 1pm – 01 403 2085.

Derek Keating TD, Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner. 66 Beech Park

Tel/Text: 087 285 7435 (m). 01 618 4014 (o)

Email: info@derekkeating.net

Web: www.derekkeating.net

Greyhound Bin Charges: I thank the many people have contacted me since last week. I regret the Greyhound CEO, Mr. Brian Buckley, replied to my letter saying that he was too busy to meet me. I continue to seek a solution. Residents can make direct contact with Greyhound:

brianb@greyhoundrecycling.com – phone number: 01-4675766.

Presidential Election Information: People with physical disabilities who have difficulty gaining access to their local polling station may apply to have their vote transferred to a more accessible station in their constituency. To avail of this service, please apply in writing to: The Returning Officer John Fitzpatrick, Unit 17, Tolka Valley Business Park, Ballyboggan Road, Finglas, Dublin 11, or to info@dublincountyreturningofficer.com by Thursday 20th October at the latest.

Email Newsletter: To receive my free Email Newsletter, send me an email marked 'Subscribe'.

Mayor Caitriona Jones – Labour Party

Office: (01)4149031. Mobile: 087 2034427

Email: mayor@sdblincoco.ie

Google's 75 million investment in South Dublin.

South Dublin County Council has been working hard to secure business in the county. Strategic planning and investment in infrastructure has led to South Dublin being chosen as the venue for the planned new Google data centre. It is expected that up to 200 jobs will be created in the construction sector during the development of the centre.

Greyhound Update: Greyhound Recycling refused the Council's calls to meet with us to discuss their new pricing. Many Councillors' have joined with me in expressing our utter disapproval of Greyhound's stance.

Cllr. Emer Higgins – Fine Gael

087 921 7741. ehiggins@sdblincoco.ie

Halloween: Halloween falls on a Bank Holiday this year but even though Council offices will be closed, Council staff and emergency staff will be working through the night on any issues that arise. As part of the 'Bulbs Not Bonfires' campaign there will be a FREE recycling day in Ballymount Amenity Centre on Sunday 29th October. Over €77,000 was spent cleaning up after illegal bonfires last year. This year please report any potential bonfires to the Council on 414 9000 as a preventative measure.

Pink It Up for Breast Cancer Awareness:

Minister Frances Fitzgerald and the Marie Keating Foundation have organised a women's event to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The event takes place on Thursday 13th at 11.30 in Kenny's. With special celebrity guests, a qualified breast health nurse and taster massages on offer the event promises to brighten up your day.

Cllr. William Lavelle - Fine Gael

16 Lána Na bPáirce, Ballyowen Lane

0874107885. wavelle@sdblincoco.ie

Care & Repair: On foot of contact from numerous residents in Lucan, I am working with Age Action Ireland on the possible establishment of a Care & Repair initiative in Lucan which would involve a pool of volunteer tradesman providing a household maintenance service for elderly residents in the community. If you would like to get involved please contact me

Problems with Rental Accommodation: In recent weeks I have met with many local resident groups. A recurring theme has been residents' concerns over noisy or troublesome rented houses. The Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) offers a disputes resolution service. If I can assist or advise residents with problem with rented accommodation in your area please contact me.



St Joseph's College

Thursday 22 September saw all 150 Second Year students heading to Knock. This is an annual event and the girls had a great day visiting the museum, having mass and enjoying the new cafe facilities.

The Botanic Gardens was the venue for senior art students who visited the 'Sculpture in Context' exhibition.

Transition Years students enjoyed an orienteering event in Donadee Forest Park while sixth years headed to Castletown for an Ecology field trip.

A very busy week saw the First Years spending a day in glorious sunshine last Wednesday trying out various sports.

Adamstown Community College Your Local School

An open evening and information session will take place in the college for students who are in 5th class and their parents on **Wednesday October 12th starting at 7pm.**

The enrolment period for students who wish to apply to the college for September 2013 will open on that night and will remain open until March 30th 2012.

Enrolment forms and application details are available from the college or can be downloaded from the college website.
www.adamstowncc.ie



Palmerstown Community School

Palmerstown Community School's annual Open Evening was held this week. On the night a special presentation was made to three Transition Year students; **Sneha Antony, Laura Kane** and **Deon Calawen** in recognition of their excellent Junior Certificate results. Between them they achieved 16 A grades in Higher Level subjects.

Thank you to everyone who supported our 6th Year LINK class Coffee Morning in aid of The Irish Hospice Foundation which was held during the week.

A group of Transition Year students took part in a field trip to Newgrange during the week as part of their History course.



Lucan Community College

European Languages: Well done to all the teachers and students who organised a range of activities as part of the European Languages day. Posters were displayed and students and teachers participated in a school quiz. Our morning announcements included greetings by our students in a number of different European languages.

Camogie: Our senior team got off to a winning start against St. Wolstan's, Celbridge on a 5-7 to 2-8 scoreline. The girls created history for the school as this is our first time ever playing in the "A" championship. We're optimistic about their chances as most of the team played on last year's "B" championship winning team. Best players on the day were Kate Whyte, Orla Beagan, Laura Murtagh and Clare Rigney.

Anti-Bullying Week: This week's particular focus for the school and especially our First Years was on the theme of anti-bullying. Our first years were treated to an excellent play based on this topic. A poster competition was run in conjunction with the week's activities. A follow on to the anti-bullying week will feature a talk by David Coleman ("Teens in the wild" broadcaster) on Thursday 27th October. This will take place in Lucan CC at 7pm.

Admission is free but tickets will be issued in advance on a first come, first served basis. Tickets will be available from the college office. The talk is being run jointly with St. Joseph's and Colaiste Phadraig so a great demand for tickets is expected.

Hurling: Our senior team had a 10-14 to 4-4 win over Coolmine CS in the championship and have now qualified for the quarter-finals. Sean McClelland was outstanding, and was well supported by Daire Hassett, Ciaran Carbery, John Bellew and David Parsons.

Basketball: Well done to our U-16 Boys who beat Tallaght CC in their first match of this year's championship. Our star players were Scott Murray and Michael Vu.

Ballyfermot Senior College 1980s-1990s Grand Reunion

The Red Cow Hotel, Saturday 22nd October.

Leaving Cert, Secretarial, Community Care,

Preparation for Work. No matter what course you attended come along and meet all the old gang and the teachers again.

Tickets are available from Sarsfield Tyre Centre Ballyfermot or by phoning 087 098 9253 to arrange purchase. Tickets €12

Log on to our Facebook page "Ballyfermot Senior College 1980 - 1990's" and see photos from the infamous hikes and the Debs.

The Three Year Strategic Plan!

In this jargon filled world of the NGO, we have been forced to change our poor vision into a three year Strategic Plan. All it means of course is that we will keep doing what we're doing but package all elements of what we do now into a bundle and attach them to already established Self Help Savings groups (like 20 member credit unions of women already achieving what I consider to be *the impossible*).

Even after less than a year of success, these women have, regained their lives, grown in confidence, grabbed their voice, can verbalise what they need, like clean drinking water, preschools and adult education: we throw in a community garden, to grow and demonstrate the possibilities for alternative foods and the final piece of the jigsaw is, a new cash crop Paprika, to replace the failing tobacco business.

We call it our PPP: a **P**ermanently out of **P**overty **P**roject and it certainly has all the ingredients needed to achieve this amazing turnaround in the lives of some of the world's poorest, but amazingly spirited women.

It will operate it in the Mzimba District, an area with 850,000 remote rural people, barely scratching out a subsistence existence. There we will work with the traditional authorities and hope to engage with up to 100,000 villagers.

The plan includes:

100,000 more people with access to clean, safe drinking water, Hygiene Education and sanitation
50 buildings with equipment and training for preschools, supporting communities to break the cycle of absenteeism and dire poverty, encouraging attendance by supplying one meal every day and facilitating transfer to primary school.

50 Adult Education groups linked up with the Social Care Ministry, enabling women's groups to attend courses for trainers. These women have already begun cracking their financial problems and now want to learn in a formal setting, (maybe for the first time). The course and books available are good and cover Chichewa and English, while we add simple business mathematics, nutrition and health education. We pay for supervision and monitoring of the courses.

50 community gardens develop by getting the chiefs to give an acre of land to women's groups. We mark the boundaries with acacia trees for firewood, tephrosias and dahalia for pest control and fertilizer. We plant a third with the green manure plants, for the following year's sowing, a third with citrus seedlings and other fruit trees and the rest with open pollinated vegetable seeds from our farm. This becomes a teaching and demonstration hub for the local farmers.

6 acres of Paprika is the final and vital piece of the jigsaw. It becomes the cash crop, bringing in money for school fees, medicine, salt, cooking oil, matches and soap (most of what they buy). We have partnered a tenant in part of our pump factory complex who exports the paprika powder to South Africa. There is an added bonus of honey from the bees needed for pollination. The prices are set in advance, giving great security to the farmers, while profits are over four times that made on tobacco. Also on the plan is 500 Bee Colonies, 100,000 acacia trees, 20,000 citrus seedlings which we propagate and a variety of Mango, Avocado, Passion fruit and apples all from our farm, we also send girls to secondary school, which gives real hope for the future. Of course some will be married off, become pregnant or drop out, but, in the long term, the future of Malawi will be determined by the education of its girls.

By starting with motivated and successful women's groups, putting all this in place is possible and gives a village choices for how to become self sufficient.

Will it be easy? Of course not!

Will it be worth it? Certainly!

We leave again for Malawi on October 20, with two more volunteers to add to the five Canadian university students doing their three month placement with us. Mick is from Clondalkin and a horticulturalist while Eithne is from Clonakilty and an engineer. Anyone can volunteer and make a real difference. There is no charge. Just talk to us, pay your way and go for it.

John Coyne wellsforzoe@gmail.com or 0868512285

Lucan Dramatic Society

..... have chosen 'The Country Boy' for their next production which will be staged in the Spa Hotel from Tuesday 1st November to Friday 4th inclusively.



Described as a bittersweet family drama of life, love and leaving home, set in Co. Mayo, it tells of Eddie Maher and his American wife, Julia, coming home from New York on holiday – Eddie has not been home in fifteen years and his younger brother wants to go back with him leaving their elderly parents Tom and Mary Kate to face old age alone. The play is set in the fifties and it is remarkable how close much of the play is relevant to the present day. The story is a successful mixture of pure comedy, strong drama, nostalgia and of love lost and found.

Written by John Murphy, it was first performed by Lucan Dramatic Society in 1974. In that production also by Ewan O'Flynn, the role of Eddie was played by Simon Ryan who died this year, and the play is staged in his memory.

SPORTS

ST. MARY'S LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB

The Handicap Competition will be played on the 10th Oct. and all members are asked to attend at 9.30 a.m.

There will be a Committee Meeting after the Competition at 1 p.m.

Results: 3.10.11.

N/S: 1st J.McKelvey/M.Cunningham
2nd K.Collery/B.Stanley
3rd B.Clarke/M.Gorman
E/W: 1st A.Kelly/A.Harte
2nd N.Brennan/C.McHugh
3rd K.Cullen/C.Shanley



A Note for your Diary: The Central Remedial Clinic in Clontarf are holding a Bridge fundraising morning on Thursday 3rd Nov. at 10.30 a.m. Tickets cost €15 each or €50 per team of four. To reserve your ticket/s please contact the CRC Fundraising Department by calling freephone 1800 612 612 or emailing jlaughton@crc.ie with the number of tickets required and your contact details.

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

What a washout last weekend was, and even the few lunatics (oops I mean Hardy souls) who braved the elements, gave up before long. The Course had to be closed and The Memorial Competition cancelled. As a result, both The Memorial Competition and the first week of the Turkey Comps will be held this weekend Friday 7th - Sunday 9th Oct. Rounds cost €2 as usual, and cards will be entered into both competitions, with winners in all grades in both competitions. The Memorial is a 36 Stableford & Turkey Comp is 18 Gross. Normal Sat & Sun only comp. applies after this weekend.

Presentation night for The Memorial & Player of the Year is Sat 29th October, the long weekend and the house committee are running a fundraiser for Peamount the same weekend. Details to follow.

Next weekend 15-16 Oct sees The Kevin Blackburn Memorial Shield Open "The Grip" being played with Lucan being one of the 4 courses involved. There are over 130 teams taking part, so the course is closed and there will be no competition these 2 days.

The presentations to winners of "The Grip" and the Leagues will be held in R.G.S.C., Saturday 22nd Oct; the Ladies weekend away to Krakow also takes place this weekend so reluctantly we have cancelled music for the night. However, members are welcome to support the Clubs various League



winners in R.G.S.C.

Congratulations to the Lucan Community College team who progress to the next round at Seapoint in the P&P Secondary Schools Competition.

Last Wednesday saw the final day of Juvenile comps for the year, and congratulations to Sean Gallagher who won Player of the Year.

Music this Saturday 8th is by Julian. [No more cover charge Saturday nights].

Golden Ticket winners on 1st October were; 1st €100 Carol Hynes # 49 & 2nd €30. Belle Dillon #82. (Woof woof).

GARDA GAA CLUB & WESTMANSTOWN GAELS



A group of 55 club members led by Garda Assistant Commissioner Fintan Fanning made the journey to New York last Wednesday and undertook a hectic schedule including visits to Ground Zero and the Police Museum as well as a reception hosted by Irish Consul Mr Noel Kilkenny. The opening games of the Tom Langan Cup were played in Gaelic Park on Friday with Garda GAA beating the PSNI in the first game and NYPD overcoming the London Met in the second. The action switched to Randalls Island on Saturday for the finals with the PSNI getting the better of London Met in the opener and Garda beating the NYPD in a tough encounter. All four teams were entertained at a banquet on Saturday night by our wonderful hosts in the NYPD. Normal duties resume next week with a championship outing against Kilmacud Crokes on Tuesday 11th at Kiltipper with a 7:45pm throw-in.

Westmanstown Gaels were busy too with all of the teams from U/8 to U/12 taking to the field. The U/10s and U/11s lost to St James Gaels and Kilmacud Crokes respectively at Westmanstown. The U/12s were beaten for the first time this season in a top of the table clash away to St Jude's. The U/9s fought and won their fixture against Naomh Olaf to remain the only unbeaten team in the CCC1 section at the club this season.

Well done to club GPO Michael Ahern who represented Dunshaughlin in the Meath County Final and good luck in the replay against Summerhill on October 16. The club is running its sponsored solo day on Saturday 22nd October. Sponsorship cards have been distributed to the coaches and mentors of each team. Please support this important fund-raising event.

The juvenile club is currently **recruiting new members** for all of its teams. If you are interested in joining us, please visit us any Saturday morning at 10am in the Garda GAA grounds in Westmanstown. For the latest information, visit <http://www.westmanstowngael.ie>.



LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB

- NS: 1 Marguerite Cunningham & Jacinta McKelvey
2 Barbara Clarke & Sue Streek
3 Hilda Hodson & Ann Bolger
- EW: 1 Angela Hugh & Nancy O'Connell
2 Angela Doran O'Reilly & Brid Whelan
3 Chris McHugh & Olive Sands.

WESTON JUNIOR HOCKEY

Please ring the club on 0863590763 or email westonhcj@gmail.com for registration details.

All members **must wear gum shields** and the appropriate **shin guards**.

Training times:

Fridays Under 12, 14, 16 Girls 6.30-7.30
Fridays Under 12,14,16 Boys 7.30-8.30
Sundays Under 8,10 Girls & Boys 11.00-12.00
(Training will always take place unless cancelled via teamer.net)

Matches will take place Sunday mornings.



LUCAN GOLF CLUB

Saturday 24th September 2011 Singles S/F.

Winner J Hickey H/C 33 39 Points
2nd J Mullane H/C 23 39 Points

Thursday 29th September 18 Hole Stableford.

Winner	J Powell	H/C 31	41 Pts
2nd	P Lacey	H/C 19	38 Pts
Class 1	A Dunne	H/C 21	37 Pts
Class 2	S Collins	H/C 26	32 Pts
Class 3	P Strong	H/C 31	33 Pts
Class 4	M Bresnan	H/C 36	28 Pts.

Sunday 2nd Oct: 1st Michael Downes (3) Enda Downes (4) Michael M Downes (11) John Dowling (13) 96, 2nd Alan Burke (5) Owen Meade (7) Sean Dowling (7) Matt Burke (19) 94.

ST. MARY'S WHIST

Results 04/10/2011

Top Score: Joe Kinsella
1st Lady: Ethna McDonald and Marie Rafferty
2nd Lady: Tina Adamson
1st Gent: Tom McDonald
2nd Gent: Vincent O'Brien and Niall Morrow.
Whist Tuesday 11th October at 8pm, Parish Centre,
New Players Welcome.



ST. MARY'S CARDS

1st: Peggy Blackburne. 2nd: Tom Roche
3rd: Joe McPartland. 4th: Rita Doolan.

LUCAN HARRIERS & A.C.

Juvenile Results

Dublin Cross Country League Round 3 – Phoenix Park, Sunday, October 2nd

Seven Lucan athletes braved adverse weather conditions and made the short trip to the Phoenix Park to compete in the third round of the juvenile league.

U12 Boys

Ciaran Cooney competed in his third race of the league and Ciaran continued his impressive campaign. On the day in tough underfoot conditions following the torrential rain of Saturday, Ciaran demonstrated tremendous strength to place 5th in the penultimate race of the series. This is truly great running and no doubt is only the start of things to come from Ciaran over the course of the season.

Niall Larkin was Lucan's second finisher in the U12 race as Niall produced another terrific run in his second outing of the season in placing 20th in soft underfoot conditions and in a quality field. This performance from Niall suggests that Niall is hitting top form early in the season and with a number of big cross country races to come over the winter we can expect to see Niall continuing to excel.

Adam Doran had his first outing of the campaign and can be more than please with his day's work as Adam made little of the slippy underfoot conditions to produce a brilliant cross country opener to place 25th in a very strong, competitive field. This excellent performance from Adam will benefit him as the season progresses and without a shadow of a doubt; Adam will kick on from this.

U13 Girls

Saoirse Reihill building on her first two exceptional performances of the cross country season added a third outstanding run to the mix to place an excellent 15th in her competitive category. Making light of the soggy underfoot conditions prevailing on the day, Saoirse took off like a lady on a mission from the gun and managed to maintain her strong pace all the way to the finish. Saoirse is getting more confident all the time and this is manifesting itself in quality displays in her races.

U15 Girls

Sarah Reihill looks to be back in top form as a consistent run of races as seen Sarah get stronger and stronger with each outing. In the third race of the league Sarah used her tremendous strength and endurance to run a very even paced and intelligent race to place 5th in yet another high quality race. This performance set Sarah up for a league win as Sarah's consistent top quality performances has seen her jump to the top of the league standings.

U15 Boys

Glenn Cooney making his 3rd appearance of the league continued his remarkable show of form in this Dublin series. Glenn's great dedication to training and racing continues to be rewarded with more and more impressive performances each time out. On this occasion, Glenn's eye-catching finish saw him place in an impressive 15th overall in his category. Glenn continues to get fitter and stronger all the time and we will see the benefit of this over the coming months.

U16 Boys

In the U16 boys race Daniel Byrne secured his second victory of the series at the weekend. As ever Daniel's natural talent shone through as a fantastic strong cross country display from Daniel saw him sprint clear of a number of quality athletes. Daniel has shown a great level of consistency over the last two years and we can now safely say that Daniel is one of the top juvenile athletes in the country and in a week's time we expect Daniel to finish top in the U16 boy's category.

Ladies Results

Galway Bay Half Marathon – Saturday, October 1st

In what can only be described as a top quality ladies race, two of our own quality athletes headed west of the Shannon to compete in the 2011 Galway Bay Half Marathon race. Myra Nolan led the Lucan challenge on the day as Myra continued her exceptional season to post another personal best time. Over the half marathon 13.1 miles Myra used the great fitness attained from her triathlon training and performances to race home in an outstanding time of 1 hour 41 minutes 38 seconds - a personal best. Closely following Myra was another extremely fit Lucan athlete, Lorraine Heffernan. Lorraine has had a season made of dreams as Lorraine continued her series of successful performances to produce a terrific time of 1 hour 44 minutes 55 seconds. This run comes hot on the heels of Lorraine's 3rd place finish in her last triathlon of the season Tri an Mhi - just three weeks ago.



Clones 10k for 1k - Clones, Monaghan, Sunday October 2nd

Freda Comiskey, on home soil, produced an amazing display to come out on top in the ladies race. Freda is well and truly on top form once more after her return from travelling as her outstanding time of 44 minutes 24 seconds (on this undulating 10km course) is testament to. This fantastic run gave Freda a winning margin of 30 seconds from the 2nd placed runner and cements Freda's place as one of the top distance runners in Ireland. This

achievement has been well earned by Freda for her consistent hard work in training.

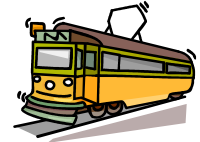
Men's Results

Liz McDonnell 5km Road Race - Castletown House, Sunday, October 2011

Tommy Buggle continued his preparation for the upcoming Dublin marathon with a blow-out over 5km on the Castletown cross country course. Tommy produced another sensational display as a fantastic run saw Tommy place a brilliant 5th overall and 1st in his class in a brilliant 18 minutes 11 seconds. Tommy looks good to go for the marathon and has already broken 3 hour barrier on his marathon debut two years ago. Jim Dwyer too was competing in his first cross country outing of the autumn and took up where her left off on the roads as Jim produced an impressive time of 32 minutes 44 seconds to get his cross country campaign off to an excellent start..

Transport Users

Public transport should not be designed to push up property values. This happened with Luas and was also happening in advance with the Metro plans. By pushing up costs in any form makes the country less competitive and creates waste the scourge of society. Waste is not free it has to be paid for usually by the weak in society. Planning new infrastructures must also avoid operating waste; this also has to be paid for by someone. In our new transport plan the MET ONE plan waste is avoided in all sections. We are launching this plan this Saturday 8th October in Wynn's Hotel at 11 AM you can see it on website www.dublinbus.org.



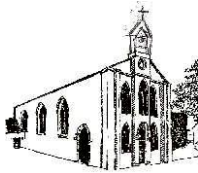
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Difficult Things To Do

To love an enemy
To admit ignorance
To grow old gracefully
To wait without impatience
To know when to keep silent
To concentrate in the midst of strife
To fraternize without losing individuality
To serve without compensation,
commendation or recognition.

Church Notices –9th October 2011

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary's Lucan

Sunday Masses:
Vigil Saturday, 6.30 pm,
8.45am, 9.45am, 11am,
12.15pm & 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10 am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday
7.30 pm – 9 pm (Nuns Chapel), Thursday 2 pm – 4
pm (Nuns Chapel)

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday after 10
am Mass, 6-6.20pm & after the 6.30 pm Mass.

Baptisms: 4 weeks notice is required to those
living in the Parish and wish to have their children
baptised. For further information contact the
Sacristy or Parish Office.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife and family of
Martin Lanigan, late of Beech Park.
May he rest in peace.

St. Patrick's Esler / Dodsboro / Adamstown

Sunday Masses: Vigil
Saturday, 7.00 pm, 9 am,
10.30 am & 12 noon

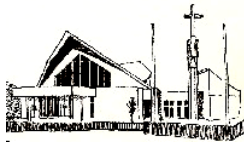
Eucharist Adoration – Saturday from 5.00 pm –
6.20 pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays after 10
am & 7 pm Masses

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 12.45pm & 2nd
Saturdays at 12.30pm.

At least four weeks' notice is required to facilitate
preparation. Applications between 10 am and 1.00
pm Monday to Friday at Parish Office or after any
Mass as Parents are required to attend a pre-
Baptism Meeting. **Bookings cannot be accepted
on the telephone or by email.** Parents are required
to attend a pre-Baptism Meeting.



Lucan Methodist Church

Sunday: 10.00 am
Morning Service



Divine Mercy Lucan South

Sunday Masses:
Vigil 6.30 pm, 10.30
am & 12 noon

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday 9.15 am



Adoration & Prayer:

Adoration – Friday 10 am – 3 pm

Prayer Group – Monday 8pm – 9 pm

Scripture Sharing – Tuesday 9.45 am – 10.45 am

Baptisms: Parents are asked to attend an
information meeting before making arrangements
or booking dates.

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Sunday: 10.30 am
Morning Worship

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Trevor W.J. Morrow

Crèche and Children's Ministry

All Welcome



St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

Sunday: *St. Andrew's* - 9am &
10 am

St. Mary's Leixlip 11.30 am

